

Sunday, May 12, 2019
Fourth Sunday of Easter



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MISSION STATEMENT

We will LIVE and SERVE through FAITH

we will ACT with LOVE and KINDNESS

we will GIVE hope and SUPPORT to all.

Hearing Assistance is available during the service.

Please notify usher if you would like assistance

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Paul's Mission

INTRODUCTION

Paul and Barnabas did not shy away from proclaiming the gospel in Lystra, but they were eager to teach religious communities about the faith as a condition of salvation. Evangelism at its best is not only to those in the elite societies but those in rural and ghetto settings must also be taught the faith in God.

CALL TO WORSHIP: "God of the Women"

(Sung to the tune of "Be Thou My Vision")

God Of the Women

God of the women who answered your call,
Trusting your promises, giving their all,
Women like Sarah and Hannah and Ruth —
Give us their courage to live in your truth.

God of the women who walked Jesus' Way,
Giving their resources, learning to pray,
Mary, Joanna, Susanna, and more —
May we give freely as they did before.

God of the women long put to the test,
Left out of stories, forgotten, oppressed,
Quietly asking: "Who smiled at my birth?" —
In Jesus' dying you show us our worth.

God of the women who ran from the tomb,
Prayed with the others in that upper room,
Then felt your Spirit on Pentecost Day —
May we so gladly proclaim you today.

O God of Phoebe and ministers all,
May we be joyful in answering your call.
Give us the strength of your Spirit so near
That we may share in your ministry here.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN: “For All the Faithful Women”

#419 ELW

(Vs. 1, 4, 6, Last)

Please rise on the last verse

Thanksgiving for Baptism

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

Amen.

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God’s mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister gives thanks.

We give you thanks, O God, O Living One, for you have created all, and you water the earth abundantly. Oceans and aquifers praise you. Rivers and streams bless you.

Here local bodies of water may be named.

All life is sustained by you, our Source. We praise you for Christ, the firstborn from the dead, who frees us from sin and raises us up to new life. Here at this font we touch the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing through the city of God. Here, death is washed away forever. Here, we are grafted into the tree of life, with leaves for the healing of the world. Pour out your Holy Spirit on this assembly, into this community, and throughout all creation. Cleanse us from our fears and drown our divisions. Grant that all may drink of your mercy and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

God of all,

you opened your gates wide to receive all your children into the heavenly kingdom. Help us to be vehicles of promise and proclamation for all who will listen, so that every soul might live in your grace. We pray these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Please be seated

SCRIPTURE ACCLAMATION:

“Thy Word”

FIRST READING: Acts 13:1-3; 14:8-18

Glory to you, O Lord

Chapter 13

¹Now in the church at Antioch there were prophets and teachers: Barnabas, Simeon who was called Niger, Lucius of Cyrene, Manaen a member of the court

of Herod the ruler, and Saul. ²While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, "Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them." ³Then after fasting and praying they laid their hands on them and sent them off.

Chapter 14

⁸In Lystra there was a man sitting who could not use his feet and had never walked, for he had been crippled from birth. ⁹He listened to Paul as he was speaking. And Paul, looking at him intently and seeing that he had faith to be healed, ¹⁰said in a loud voice, "Stand upright on your feet." And the man sprang up and began to walk. ¹¹When the crowds saw what Paul had done, they shouted in the Lycaonian language, "The gods have come down to us in human form!" ¹²Barnabas they called Zeus, and Paul they called Hermes, because he was the chief speaker. ¹³The priest of Zeus, whose temple was just outside the city, brought oxen and garlands to the gates; he and the crowds wanted to offer sacrifice. ¹⁴When the apostles Barnabas and Paul heard of it, they tore their clothes and rushed out into the crowd, shouting, ¹⁵"Friends, why are you doing this? We are mortals just like you, and we bring you good news, that you should turn from these worthless things to the living God, who made the heaven and the earth and the sea and all that is in them. ¹⁶In past generations he allowed all the nations to follow their own ways; ¹⁷yet he has not left himself without a witness in doing good — giving you rains from heaven and fruitful seasons, and filling you with food and your hearts with joy." ¹⁸Even with these words, they scarcely restrained the crowds from offering sacrifice to them.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

GOSPEL READING Matthew 10:40-42

Glory to you, O Lord

⁴⁰Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. ⁴¹Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; ⁴²and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple — truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward."

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: "O Lord, Now Let You Servant"

#313 ELW

Please Stand

APOSTLE'S CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Trusting God's promise of new life, we pray for the renewal of the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

Shine your light through this and every congregation. Reveal to us the light of your salvation in places of hopelessness and decay. Anoint us and make us overflow with goodness and mercy. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We give thanks for gentle rains that nourish green pastures and rejuvenate rivers and streams. Provide clean water for thirsty people, animals, and crops. Heal places suffering destruction caused by floods, typhoons, storms, and mudslides. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Empower authorities to be faithful shepherds who lead nations in pathways of righteousness and peace (*especially*). Disrupt and deter the work of terrorists, religious and political extremists, and all who would choose the way of violence over the way of mercy. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Give strength and perseverance to those facing struggles of hunger or thirst, unemployment or homelessness, chronic illness or anxiety (*especially*). Be our never-failing voice of comfort through all the trials of this life. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Raise up faithful women as witnesses to your strength and compassion. Bless mothers and all who offer mothering care. Protect victims of sexism, abuse, and gender-based violence. Restore dignity to those marginalized because of their gender identity or sexual orientation. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Salvation belongs to you, O God. You promise to wipe away every tear. Give us the assurance that all who live and die in you (*especially*) will rest forever beside the river of life. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God. Come near to us with your saving help, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. **Amen.**

Please be seated

OFFERTORY

Ushers will begin passing the offering plate.

Please rise as the ushers bring the offering to the altar.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Risen One,

as you broke bread with the disciples on the shore, meet us now in this meal.

Nourish us to follow you, using our gifts to feed the hungry and tend the weary, and all for your love's sake. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER – LED BY THE PRAISE TEAM

Invitation to Communion

Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, gives everyone a place at the welcome table. Alleluia! Come to the feast. (Communion by intinction - red wine; white apple juice)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Living God,

you have greeted us in our brokenness and nourished us with the body of Christ, broken for us. Risen to new life with you, send us now to bear your healing love into the wounded world, in the name of our risen Savior and Lord. Amen.

BLESSING

The blessing of the living God, Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit, surround and sustain you, keep you from harm, and fill you with courage.

Amen.

DISMISSAL

You are the body of Christ raised up for the world. Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

CLOSING HYMN: “Lord, Dismiss Us With Your Blessing” #545 ELW

**Visitors! It has been great having you join us for worship!
Please come again.**

THOSE SERVING THIS WEEK

Music: The Praise Team

Greeters: Lee & Barb Forrester

Ushers: 8:30am: Lynn Hansen, Diane Sandberg 10:00am: Dick & Sue Stebbins

Thank you for your service!

Response to God’s Word Last Week

Attendance: Sunday, May 5, 2019: 8:30am 69 10:0am 19 _

THIS WEEK AT Bethesda

May 13 through May 19, 2019

Monday	5/13	8:00 am	Jelly Making
		11:15 am	Stewardship Meeting
		1:00 pm	Double Deck Pinochle
		7:00 pm	AA/Alanon
Tuesday	5/14	9:00 am	Quilters
		12 – 2 pm	Pastor’s Text Study
Wednesday	5/15	8 – 12	WIC
		9:00 am	Bible Study
		9:30 am	WELCA
		10:00 am	Stitchers
		6:00 pm	Choir
		7:00 pm	Praise Team
Thursday	5/16	8:00 am	ROMEOS
		12:30 pm	Funtimers
Friday	5/17	10:00 am	Bone Builders
Sunday	5/19	8:30 am	Worship
		10:00 am	Worship
		10:15 am	Sunday School

PRAYER & CARE LIST: Anna Berry, Marlyn Eklund (Broken Hip/Acoita Health Care).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ATTENDANCE REGISTRY *Please* sign and pass the attendance registry which you will find in the pew. This information is gathered for annual reports to the Synod.

BLESSING BOX We received \$151.62 in the Blessing Box last Sunday. Donations will go to Local Benevolence. Thank you! What a Blessing!

JOIN IN THE FUN! Support our Centennial activities in 2019. Our theme for May will be “Butterflies”. Purchase a \$1 “Butterfly” decoration to win, among other things, a hanging plant basket. The winner will be drawn the last Sunday of the month during Fellowship hour between services. All donations go towards our 100 Year Celebration on August 11, 2019. Thank you for your support. *Need not be present to win.*

MEMORY GARDEN we are taking paver orders through today. You may order an engraved paver to honor anyone special (living or deceased.) A large paver is \$35; a small paver \$25. Order forms can be found in the narthex. Return completed forms to Val Benton or place in the office Memory Garden mailbox.

JELLY MAKING The date for our annual jelly making has been rescheduled to this Monday, May 13th at 8 AM. Please come and join in the fun. No experience needed. Signup sheets are in the fellowship hall. The jelly will be sold at the veggie stand this summer. All proceeds go to the Benevolence fund.

BUDGET REQUEST FORMS Each committee will receive the 2019-2020 Budget Request forms in their In Boxes in the office by the end of next week. The Stewardship committee is requesting that all committee’s have these forms fill out and returned by June 13th.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST Today! Sunday, May 12th at Wealthwood Rod & Gun Club. 8:00am-1:00pm. See poster on bulletin board for more info.

VBS INVITES KIDS to discover that God is good even when life gets wild. They will learn about animals and life in Africa. Vacation Bible School will be held **June 17-21, 2019** for ages 4-12. 6th graders and older are welcome as helpers. Please invite your grand, great grand or neighbor kids to join us for the week. If they have attended in the past the registration form will be mailed to them. On line registration will also be available at <http://blcmalmo.org> or pick up a copy in the office. Please consider joining the fun that week by volunteering to help in any way you feel comfortable. Contact Joanne Stueven or Dianne Jones.

CENTENNIAL T-SHIRTS Order your summer Centennial T-shirts now. See display in Fellowship Hall.

RECYCLE Plastic grocery bags can be recycled. This also includes newspaper, dry cleaning, and bread product bags. They CANNOT go with other recycling! Clean and dry plastic bags must be brought to Target, Kohls or Wal Mart to be dropped in their containers. For more information go to: <https://www.plasticfilmrecycling.org/>