

**Sunday, May 19, 2019**

**Fifth 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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## Gospel as Salvation

### INTRODUCTION

*Our faith makes us righteous, not because we have been good enough to believe in the gospel, but because the righteousness of God surrounds us as we exercise the faith that God gives us.*

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**OPENING HYMN: “Immortal, Invisible God only Wise” #834 ELW**  
*(Please Stand 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 humanity,

**you welcomed all -- sinners and saints -- into your kingdom. Help us to be as welcoming and accepting as you. We pray these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

*Please be seated*

## **CHOIR ANTHEM            “His Love Remains”**

### **FIRST READING: Romans 1:1-17**

<sup>1</sup>Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, <sup>2</sup>which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures, <sup>3</sup>the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh <sup>4</sup>and was declared to be Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, <sup>5</sup>through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for the sake of his name, <sup>6</sup>including yourselves who are called to belong to Jesus Christ, <sup>7</sup>To all God's beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>8</sup>First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for all of you, because your faith is proclaimed throughout the world. <sup>9</sup>For God, whom I serve with my spirit by announcing the gospel of his Son, is my witness that without ceasing I remember you always in my prayers, <sup>10</sup>asking that by God's will I may somehow at last succeed in coming to you. <sup>11</sup>For I am longing to see you so that I may share with you some spiritual gift to strengthen you — <sup>12</sup>or rather so that we may be mutually encouraged by each other's faith, both yours and mine. <sup>13</sup>I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that I have often intended to come to you (but thus far have been prevented), in order that I may reap some harvest among you as I have among the rest of the Gentiles. <sup>14</sup>I am a debtor both to Greeks and to barbarians, both to the wise and to the foolish <sup>15</sup>— hence my eagerness to proclaim the gospel to you also who are in Rome.

<sup>16</sup>For I am not ashamed of the gospel; it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who has faith, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. <sup>17</sup>For in it the righteousness of God is revealed through faith for faith; as it is written, "The one who is righteous will live by faith."

Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

### **GOSPEL READING: Matthew 9:10-13**

**Glory to you, O Lord**

<sup>10</sup>And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples. <sup>11</sup>When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?"

<sup>12</sup>But when he heard this, he said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. <sup>13</sup>Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners."

Word of the Lord

## Thanks be to God

### SERMON

**HYMN OF THE DAY: “Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me” #767 ELW**

*Please stand if able*

### 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.**

### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*The prayers are prepared locally for each occasion. The following examples may be adapted or used as appropriate.*

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

*A brief silence.*

Send your Holy Spirit upon your church. Awaken in us renewed commitment to our baptismal promises: to build community, to worship together, to share our faith, to serve others, and to work for justice and peace. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Forgive us for the ways we have caused creation to suffer. Inspire creativity as we explore new ways of reducing our consumption of earth’s resources. Restore forests and waterways. Replenish the habitats of all endangered and threatened species. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Call all nations to the repentance that leads to life. Empower legislators to craft laws reflecting your commandments to love and serve. Bless police officers, firefighters, paramedics, and first responders who put themselves at risk to care for others. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Make your home among us and shelter us from storms of death, mourning, crying, and pain. Draw near to those who weep and to those who are lonely. Restore health and wholeness to those who suffer (*especially*). Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

We give you thanks for those who carry out the ministry of hospitality: greeters, ushers, those who make coffee and bake cookies, all who welcome newcomers and care for children, and all who extend a hand of peace to neighbors. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

You promise new life for all the faithful departed (*especially*). Renew us in faith and hope until the day death is no more, when you will dwell with us in the new heaven and earth. 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.**

**PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*Please be seated*

**OFFERING**

*Ushers will begin passing the offering plate and Blessing Box.*

*Please stand 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**

**Invitation to Communion**

Come to the table. Feast on God's abundant life for you.

All are welcome! (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.**

## CLOSING HYMN:

**“Go Now with God”**

**Dakota Road**

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## 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!**

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

## THOSE SERVING THIS WEEK

Music: Adult Choir & Digital Hymnal

Greeters: Chuck & Elsa Carlson

Ushers: 8:30am Nancy Hansen, Paula Spetz 10:00am Marilyn Andrews

Hospitality: Lee & Barb Forrester

*Thank you for your service!*

Response to God's Word Last Week

Attendance: Sunday, May 12, 2019: 8:30 am 75

10:30 pm 33

## THIS WEEK AT Bethesda

May 20, 2019 – May 26, 2019

Monday	5/20	9:00 am	Women's Devotions
		9:30 am	Council Meeting
		1:00 pm	Pinochle
		7:00 pm	AA/Alanon
Tuesday	5/21	9:00 am	Crafters
		12:-2:00 pm	Pastor Text Study
Wednesday	5/22	9:00 am	Bible Study
		10:00 am	Stitchers
		6:00 pm	Choir
		7:00 pm	Praise Team
Thursday	5/23	8:00 am	ROMEOS
		12:30 pm	Funtimers-Card Players
Friday	5/24	10:00 am	Bone builders
Saturday	5/25	8:00 am	Veggie Stand Opens!

**THIS WEEK AT Bethesda (continued)****May 20, 2019 – May 26, 2019**

Sunday	5/26	8:30 am	Worship (May drawing between services)
		10:00 am	Worship
		10:15 am	Sunday School (last day until fall)
		1:00 pm	Malmo Cemetery-Graveside Service
		2:00 pm	Lakeside Cemetery-Graveside Service

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRAYER & CARE** Jerry Becker, Jerry Morris, Patty Smith's sister.

**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.

**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. Thank you for your support. *Need not be present to win.*

**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOX MINISTRY** During the month of May will be collecting school supplies: pens, pencils, crayons, colored pencils, sharpeners, erasers, scissors, pencil pouches, small tablets, and construction paper. Plastic shoe boxes with covers are also needed. These items will be packed in shoeboxes by VBS kids in June. The collection basket is in the Narthex.

**SPRING CLEAN UP** Wednesday, June 5, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. We will be cleaning yard, trimming trees, washing windows. Put on your calendar. We can use your help!

**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.

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

**CENTENNIAL T-SHIRTS** Order your summer Centennial T-shirts today! See display in Fellowship Hall. Today is your last day to order. Wear your Centennial T-shirt at the Glen 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade!

**THANK YOU!** To all the help we had on Monday for our Annual Jelly Making day. We made 440 jars to sell at the Veggie Stand and Annual Bazaar. Great Job All!

**MEMORIAL DAY SERVICES** Pastor Muske will be doing the graveside services at the cemeteries on Sunday, May 26<sup>th</sup>. Malmo at 1:00pm and Lakeside at 2:00pm



# GO NOW WITH GOD

Hans Peterson  
Larry Olson



vs. 1 Filled with the Ho - ly Spir - it  
 vs. 1 *Lleno del Es - pi - ri - tu San - to* go now with God,  
 vs. 2 Of - fer - ing a hand to a stran - ger *va - mos con Dios,*  
 vs. 3 Wa - ters of mer - cy have found us  
 vs. 4 Cross - ing ev' - ry bound'ry, ev' - ry na - tion



go now with God. *In - to the world as a serv - ant*  
*En - tran - do al mun - do pa - ra ser - vir*  
*va - mos con Dios.* Trust - ing in the ris - en sav - ior  
 Grace on the jour - ney sur - rounds us  
 Danc - ing in the gift of lib - er - a - tion



go now with God, go now with God. Go now,  
*va - mos con Dios,* *va - mos con Dios.* *Va - mos,*



go now, go now with God.  
*va - mos,* *va - mos con Dios.*



Go now, go now, go now with God.  
*Va - mos, va - mos, va - mos con Dios.*

alt. *Las aguas de piedad nos acogen*  
 vs. 3 *La gracia del Senor nos acompaña*

Spanish translation  
Jim Trelstad-Porter