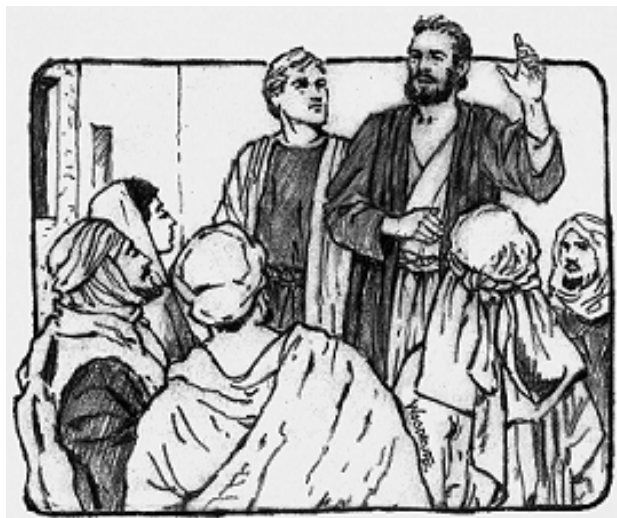


Sunday, May 5, 2019

Third Sunday in 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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Peter's Vision

INTRODUCTION

Like Peter, we are called to be missionaries to others and we should also be open to be missionized by others. God's creation through invitation of outsiders should be a welcoming message to those who are afraid of 'others.' With good news, comes diversity and that is the Good News we read in the book of Acts.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN: "Just a Closer Walk with Thee" #697 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 nations,

you made it clear that all people are invited to partake of the glory of your salvation. Help us to invite all people to your goodness, so that no one might be forgotten in your saving grace. We pray these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Please be seated

CHOIR ANTHEM: "Jesus Messiah"

FIRST READING: Acts 10:1-17,34-48

Glory to you, O Lord

¹In Caesarea there was a man named Cornelius, a centurion of the Italian Cohort, as it was called.²He was a devout man who feared God with all his household; he gave alms generously to the people and prayed constantly to God. ³One afternoon at about three o'clock he had a vision in which he clearly saw an angel of God coming in and saying to him, "Cornelius." ⁴He stared at him in terror and said, "What is it, Lord?" He answered, "Your prayers and your alms have ascended as a memorial before God. ⁵Now send men to Joppa for a certain Simon who is called Peter; ⁶he is lodging with Simon, a tanner, whose house is by the seaside." ⁷When the angel who spoke to him had left, he called two of his slaves and a devout soldier from the ranks of those who served him, ⁸and after telling them everything, he sent them to Joppa.

⁹About noon the next day, as they were on their journey and approaching the city, Peter went up on the roof to pray. ¹⁰He became hungry and wanted something to eat; and while it was being prepared, he fell into a trance. ¹¹He saw the heaven opened and something like a large sheet coming down, being lowered to the ground by its four corners. ¹²In it were all kinds of four-footed creatures and reptiles and birds of the air. ¹³Then he heard a voice saying, "Get up, Peter; kill and eat." ¹⁴But Peter said, "By no means, Lord; for I have never eaten anything that is profane or unclean." ¹⁵The voice said to him again, a second time, "What God has made clean, you must not call profane." ¹⁶This happened three times, and the thing was suddenly taken up to heaven.

¹⁷Now while Peter was greatly puzzled about what to make of the vision that he had seen; suddenly the men sent by Cornelius appeared. They were asking for Simon's house and were standing by the gate. ³⁴Then Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ — he is Lord of all. ³⁷That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴²He commanded us to preach to the

people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

⁴⁴While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. ⁴⁵The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, ⁴⁶for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, ⁴⁷Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have? ⁴⁸So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks Be to God

GOSPEL Matthew 9:36-37

Glory to you, O Lord

³⁶When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. ³⁷Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few;

Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY:

“Rock of Ages”

#623 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.

You call your disciples to follow the way of the cross by their words and works of love. Make your church a place of welcome and empathy for all people. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Every creature in heaven and on earth sings your praise. Give us deep appreciation for the vibrant diversity of creation—flowers and streams, animals and bugs, sunsets and stormy skies. Help us to conserve the beauty around us. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Come to the aid of those who are persecuted, oppressed, or imprisoned by hostile governments (*especially*). Walk with refugees and immigrants as they seek safe homes. Raise up leaders who are generous and hospitable to migrant families. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Bring relief to bodies weary with pain or sickness. Bless doctors, nurses, hospice workers, home health care providers, therapists, social workers, and all caregivers who demonstrate your love in acts of healing and tenderness toward those in need (*especially*). Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You feed us at your holy table and send us out to feed others. Bless those who fish, bake, and cook, restaurant servers, grocery store workers, and food pantry volunteers. Open our eyes to your grace present in every meal that we share. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

All honor and glory and blessing belong to you. We praise you for the faith of the saints (*especially*). Be near us as we await the day when we will feast with the risen Christ forever. 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

THIS WEEK AT Bethesda**May 6, 2019 – May 12, 2019**

Monday	5/6	8:00 am	Jelly Making (postponed until May 13 th)
		11:00 am	Funeral Ron Hass in Milaca-visitation 9:00am
		1:00 pm	Pinochle
		7:00 pm	AA/Alanon
Tuesday	5/7	9:00 am	Crafters
		12:-2:00 pm	Pastor Text Study
Wednesday	5/8	9:00 am	Bible Study
		10:00 am	Stitchers
		6:00 pm	Choir Practice
		7:00 pm	Praise Team
Thursday	5/9	8:00 am	ROMEOS
		12:30 pm	Funtimers-Card Players
Friday	5/10	10:00 am	Bone builders
Sunday	5/12	8:30 am	Worship
		10:00 am	Worship
		10:15 am	Sunday School

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 The first Sunday of every month we pass the “Blessing Box”. If you feel blessed, please contribute to the Blessing Box today to help others. All donations will go to local area benevolences. 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.

MALMO AREA LIONS are looking for gently used stuffed animals for the annual community picnic on June 19th, 2019.

BLESSING OF THE BIKES May 18th - 10:00am at Castaways. All bikes peddle or motorized.

ANNOUNCEMENTS (continued)

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.

STEWARDSHIP MEETING has been rescheduled to Monday, May 13th.

MEMORY GARDEN we are taking paver orders until Mother's Day. 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.

INGRIAN LUTHERAN CHURCH OF RUSSIA There is a letter from the Ingrian Lutheran Church of Russia on the church's web site:

<http://blcmalmo.org/2019/04/24/ingrian-lutheran-church-of-russia/>

It tells both of the struggles and joys that the Lutheran church is facing. Please keep them in your prayers.

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/2019/04/26/vacation-bible-school-2019/>. Please consider joining the fun that week by volunteering to help in any way you feel comfortable. Contact Joanne Stueven or Dianne Jones.

RON HASS – Ron passed away on Thursday, May 2nd. The funeral will be Monday, May 6th at Trinity Lutheran Church in Milaca. Visitation at 9:00am, service 11:00 with lunch to follow.

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