

Sunday, February 2, 2020

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany



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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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Jairus' Daughter Healed

INTRODUCTION

Jesus' life, along with his death, grants life-changing healing. It is a healing authority that crosses boundaries, both ethnic and gender. Can the Christian community alter the conditions of people's lives? Can it, too, bring healing into troubled circumstances? May God grant us the courage to do so!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN:

“In the Garden”

(Please Stand on the Last Verse)



1. I come to the gar-den a-lone, While the
2. He speaks, and the sound of His voice Is so
3. I'd stay in the gar-den with Him Tho' the



dew is still on the ros-es; And the voice I hear, fall-ing
sweet the birds hush their sing-ing; And the mel-o-o-dy that He
night a-round me be fall-ing; But He bids me go; thro' the



on my ear, The Son of God dis-clos-es.
gave to me With-in my heart is ring-ing.
voice of woe, His voice to me is call-ing.



And He walks with me, and He talks with me, And He



tells me I am His own, And the joy we share as we



tar-ry there, None oth-er has ev-er known.

CONFESSION and FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the eternal voice from heaven, the anointed and beloved one, the Spirit moving over the waters.

Amen.

As we approach the mystery of God, let us come in confession, trusting the love of Christ crucified and risen.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God who searches us and knows us,

you have shown us what is good, but we have looked to other lights to find our way. We have not been just in our dealings with others. We have chosen revenge over mercy. We have promoted ourselves instead of walking humbly with you. With what shall we come before you? Forgive us our sin, and show us your salvation in the face of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Beloved of God, you have not received the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, poured out for you in the faithfulness of Jesus Christ. Receive the promise of baptism: You are God's child; † your sins are forgiven. Rejoice and be glad, for yours is the reign of heaven.

Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of healing,

When someone in your world suffers, you suffer as well. Restore your world and heal your children so that no one needs to suffer any longer. Amen.

Please be seated

PSALM: Psalm 131

¹O LORD, my heart is not lifted up, my eyes are not raised too high;
I do not occupy myself with things too great and too marvelous for me.

²**But I have calmed and quieted my soul, like a weaned child with its mother; my soul is like the weaned child that is with me.**

³O Israel, hope in the LORD from this time on and forevermore.

Please Stand for the Gospel

GOSPEL Mark 5:21-43

Glory to you, O Lord

²¹When Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered around him; and he was by the sea. ²²Then one of the leaders of the

synagogue named Jairus came and, when he saw him, fell at his feet ²³and begged him repeatedly, "My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well, and live." ²⁴So he went with him. And a large crowd followed him and pressed in on him. ²⁵Now there was a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years. ²⁶She had endured much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had; and she was no better, but rather grew worse. ²⁷She had heard about Jesus, and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, ²⁸for she said, "If I but touch his clothes, I will be made well." ²⁹Immediately her hemorrhage stopped; and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. ³⁰Immediately aware that power had gone forth from him, Jesus turned about in the crowd and said, "Who touched my clothes?" ³¹And his disciples said to him, "You see the crowd pressing in on you; how can you say, 'Who touched me?'" ³²He looked all around to see who had done it. ³³But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling, fell down before him, and told him the whole truth. ³⁴He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease."

³⁵While he was still speaking, some people came from the leader's house to say, "Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the teacher any further?" ³⁶But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the leader of the synagogue, "Do not fear, only believe." ³⁷He allowed no one to follow him except Peter, James, and John, the brother of James. ³⁸When they came to the house of the leader of the synagogue, he saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. ³⁹When he had entered, he said to them, "Why do you make a commotion and weep? The child is not dead but sleeping." ⁴⁰And they laughed at him. Then he put them all outside, and took the child's father and mother and those who were with him, and went in where the child was. ⁴¹He took her by the hand and said to her, "Talitha cum," which means, "Little girl, get up!" ⁴²And immediately the girl got up and began to walk about (she was twelve years of age). At this they were overcome with amazement. ⁴³He strictly ordered them that no one should know this, and told them to give her something to eat.

The Gospel of the Lord
Praise to You, O Christ

Please be seated

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: **“Amazing Grace”** **#779 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

Trusting that God hears us, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

A brief silence.

God of liberation, you set your people free to serve others. Embolden your church, that we seek justice for the oppressed, share generously your lovingkindness, and live humbly together. Unite us as one people under the foolishness of the cross. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of the universe, your care is evident everywhere—from the foundations of the earth to the summit of the tallest mountains. Reconcile all of creation to itself and repair the environmental destruction caused by human carelessness and greed. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of the nations, you desire peace and justice among all people. Deliver us from systems of fear that seek to divide us. Guide our local and national leaders (*especially*). May their decisions empower and serve the needs of the poor and the disenfranchised. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of the oppressed, you raise up the lowly and comfort those in despair. We lift up to you all who are victims of exploitation, discrimination, and greed. We pray for those who are suffering in any way this day (*especially*). Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of love, you sent your Son, Jesus Christ, to earth in the form of a baby, whose presentation in the temple we celebrate today. Fill our own house of worship with your presence, that all who enter may encounter Christ. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

God of life, we give you thanks for all those who have died in the faith (*especially*). Thank you for the examples of our ancestors and the saints who have gone before us. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Confident that you are able to accomplish more than we even dare to ask, we bring these prayers before you, believing in your saving grace revealed in Jesus Christ our 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

God of wonder,

you formed us in our mother's womb, and from mother earth you bring forth this bread and wine. We place them on your table, together with our lives and all that you have made. Open the heavens to us and pour out your Spirit. We wait for your mercy; we long for your peace; we hunger and thirst for Jesus Christ, our banquet of life. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BLESSING

May Christ, the wisdom and power of God, and the source of our life together, keep you united in mind and purpose. And the blessing of almighty God, the Father, the † Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with you always.

Amen.

CLOSING HYMN:

“Blessed Assurance”

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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Let your light shine.

Thanks be to God.

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

THOSE SERVING THIS WEEK

Music: Digital Hymnal

Greeters: Dennis & Lynne Meidlinger

Ushers: Wayne & Janice Olson

Hospitality: Don & Donna Myhre

Thank you for your service!

Response to God’s Word Last Week

Attendance: Sunday, January 26, 2020: 9:00 am 80

THIS WEEK AT Bethesda

February 3 – February 9, 2020

Monday	2/3	11:30 am	Pinochle
		7:00 pm	AA/Alanon
Tuesday	2/4	12-2:00pm	Pastor Text Study
		1:00 pm	Crafting Brain Storming Meeting
Wednesday	2/5	9:00 am	Bible Study
		10:00 am	Stitchers
Thursday	2/6	8:00 am	ROMEOb
		11:30 pm	Funtimers: Card Players
Friday	2/7	10:00 am	Bones
Sunday	2/9	9:00 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!

WANTED: Good, used flannel shirts – all sizes – to be used for a repurposing project for the Bazaar. Please drop off at church or with Judie Birk.

STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE COMMITTEE We invite new members to join the Stewardship & Finance Committee. Copies of the committee’s description are available in the office. The task of this committee is the care, conservancy, planning, attention, upkeep, and management of the church’s financial resources and distribution. Contact Donna Ansell, Barb Forrester, or Mary Vukelich if interested.

SWEETHEART DINNER Malmo Area Lions would like to invite you to a “Sweetheart Dinner” on Saturday, Feb. 15th. 2020 to be held at Bethesda Lutheran Church of Malmo. Doors open at 3:30pm with dinner at 4:00pm. Cost \$15. Reservations can be called into the church office, deadline is Feb. 10th

ISLE COMMUNITY LENTEN CANTATA Singers are cordially invited to participate in the performance of “**SACRED PLACES: A Pilgrimage of Promise**”. Rehearsals: Sundays in Lent from 3:00-4:30pm on Feb. 23, March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, April 5 at Faith Lutheran Church, Isle, with performance on Good Friday, April 10, 7:30 pm.

HOLIDAY BAZAAR CRAFTS There will be a meeting on Tuesday, February 4th at 1:00pm to brainstorm ideas for new craft items for our annual Holiday Bazaar in October.

BIBLE & BREW Camp Onomia is hosting “Faith Conversations with Bishop Tom” on Friday March 20 – March 21. One-night lodging, 3 meals with program and bible study led by Bishop Tom Aitken and Pastor Dean Olfke. See flyer on bulletin board in the Narthex if interested.