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Mission: To Make Jesus Known To All In Our Words and Actions

Southeastern Minnesota Synod Worship

May 24, 2020

In this time of world-wide crisis, congregations throughout this church are not able to gather for worship in our sanctuaries. We will gather as an online community for prayer and worship at 9:00 a.m., when our service is livestreamed on Zion's Facebook page.

Today, we join brothers and sisters in our Southeastern Minnesota Synod in worship. Leaders throughout the synod have collaborated on the production of this worship service, with the sermon delivered by Bishop Regina Hassanally. Worshipping together is a reminder that our congregation journeys with many other ELCA congregations in our region in carrying out God's mission in the world!

Greeting

Prayer of the Day

Lord God, your Son came among us to serve and not to be served, and to give his life for the world. Lead us by his love to serve those to whom the world offers no comfort and little help. Through us give hope to the hopeless, love to the unloved, peace to the troubled, and rest to the weary; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Music: Credo Credum (I Believe, We Believe) composed by Nick Fisher-Broin

Refrain: We believe in God the Father,
We believe in God the Son,
We believe in God the Holy Spirit (2x)

I believe in God the Creator of All,
Maker of the universe;
Author of all life, composer of me,
Writing songs, still yet to be sung. **Refrain**

I believe in Jesus, Redeemer of All,
Born in the usual way;
God in the flesh, gave his life on the tree,
Bringing Easter Victory. **Refrain**

I believe the Holy Spirit calls out to me,
Gathering all who believe;
Lighten our way, through all ages we'll pray,
Serving one human family. **Refrain**

First Reading: Exodus 20:1-6

Then God spoke all these words: I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12: 14-27

Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot were to say, 'Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body', that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear were to say, 'Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body', that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many members, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, 'I have no need of you', nor again the head to the feet, 'I have no need of you.' On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it. Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it.

Children's Message

Gospel: Luke 10:25-37

Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. 'Teacher,' he said, 'what must I do to inherit eternal life?' He said to him, 'What is written in the law? What do you read there?' He answered, 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself.' And he said to him, 'You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live.' But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, 'And who is my neighbor?' Jesus replied, 'A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan while traveling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, "Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend." Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell

into the hands of the robbers?’ He said, ‘The one who showed him mercy.’ Jesus said to him, ‘Go and do likewise.’

Sermon: Bishop Regina Hassanally

Music: *Make Us One* composed by Robert Tewes

Refrain: *Where race, where class, or age divides us,
Come, O Lord, and make us one.
Help us celebrate diversity:
Let us live the life you’ve won!*

*Jesus came into our broken world,
Bringing light and hope to all.
Jesus came and died upon the cross,
Rose again, for great and small. **Refrain***

*Jesus talked and ate with outsiders,
Showed true hospitality.
He brought healing to Samaritans,
Showed impartiality. **Refrain***

*Jesus taught us true humility,
Jesus calls us all by name.
Jesus prays for our community,
Jesus sees us all the same. **Refrain***

*Let us work to foster unity,
Seeking peace from what divides.
Let us live as true community,
Where true charity abides. **Refrain***

Offering

Prayers of Intercession

Lord’s Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

Music: Mungu Baba, Mungu Mwana, Mungu Roho From 'Tumshangilie Mungu' hymnal (1968)

*Mungu Baba, Mungu Mwana, Mungu Roho
twakusifu twakushangilia sote
Umejifunua kwetu kwa upendo
Kwamba wanadamu wakujue wote*

*Mugu wetu - Anapenda tuwe wake
Dhambi zetu - tuache, tumfuate*

*God the father, this whole world you have created
Heav'n and earth your might and love are manifesting
Birds and beasts, all living things to you related,
Even sun and moon and stars your skill attesting.*

*This loving God - wants us all to be his children
Blots out our sin - and declares we are forgiven*

*Mungu Roho uliye kiungo chetu
Wakusanya na kuita watu wote
Tufundishe kumjua bwana wetu
na utukfu wake hat milele*

*This caring God - wants us all to be his children
Blots out our sin - and declares we are forgiven*

Blessing

Dismissal

Go in peace. Share the good news.

Thanks be to God.

Thanks to all those who contributed to this
worship service.

Grace and peace to the people of the
Southeastern Minnesota Synod!

<http://semnsynod.org>



You are invited to join us at 10:00 am for our Virtual Coffee Hour! We will meet via Zoom, and you can join us by clicking this link: [Virtual Coffee Hour](#). (Note: If you will be connecting from a smartphone or tablet, you will need to download the Zoom Client app from www.zoom.us/downloads)

+Prayer Requests +

- *For those who mourn: the family and friends of Ginny Midthun; the family and friends of Jerry Hillesheim (brother-in-law to Al & Mary Hutchens, Barb & Bob McDonald, and Todd & Terry Hutchens); Michele Langer and her children (Derek, Emilee & Alexis Cloyd) on the death of their father/grandfather, Marvin Langer.*
- *For those in need of help and healing: Janet Atkinson, Norma Ellanson, Dee Firchau (mother of Kelly Karels), Warner Beckmann, Barry Jacques, Tim Anderson, Taylor Antony, Sadie and Elsie Sorensen, Tiana Iverson, John Greenough, Jan Barnick (daughter-in-law of Dorothy Barnick), Lonnie Honstad, Jeff Dunker, Cole Barden, Erin Visker, Donald Schmidt, Maddie Teigen, and Jed Visker.*
- *For those who are deployed: Evan Masters (brother of Chelsea Copeland).*
- *For all those impacted by the coronavirus pandemic, especially those who are sick or recovering, for the dying and those who grieve, and for those working in essential services who are weary from these weeks of continued service. May God grant respite to nurses, physicians, and other healthcare workers, as well as those in grocery stores and distribution centers who bring food to our table. For those who are struggling to pay for rent or other basic expenses due to a change of income. For elders living in long-term care facilities suffering from loneliness and isolation, and for the staff who care for them. For leaders of government, community, and industry navigating difficult decisions in a complex and unpredictable situation. May God bring reconciliation and healing to relationships under strain because of disagreement or too much time together, help us to treat one another with love and grace, and build within us a willingness to offer one another the benefit of the doubt.*

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday, May 24	Service of the Word (Facebook)	9:00 am
	Music from Sheldon Meyer (Facebook)	9:45 am
	Virtual Coffee Hour (Click this Zoom Link)	10:00 am
Monday, May 25	Memorial Day Holiday	
	Office closed; no Bible Study	
Tuesday, May 26	Newsletter information due to Mary	12:00 noon
Wednesday, May 27	Confirmation Student Gathering (Zoom Link)	6:00 pm
Sunday, May 31	Service of the Word (Facebook)	9:00 am

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Please give us your input regarding Online Worship and Fellowship.** The Worship, Music, and Adult Education Team invites you to complete a brief online survey to help us gather feedback and suggestions regarding our current online offerings for worship and fellowship. Your participation will help our efforts to meet members where they are, and keep them engaged in congregational life during the present disruptions. The survey will be open until June 1 and can be found at: <https://forms.gle/5ratSt22aDLMWNsX6>
- **Caring Coins donations** will be received throughout the month of May and will be divided between *Partners for Affordable Housing* (April's designee for which gifts were not collected) and *Committee Against Domestic Abuse* (May's designee). Gifts can be given by check, cash or through regular eGiving options (online or the Give+ app). If paying by check or with cash, be sure to indicate that your gift is for Caring Coins so our weekly counters are aware. Thank you for your kindness and generosity during these challenging times!
- **Thank you for your faithful financial support of Zion's ministries** during this challenging time. It's been wonderful to see how many of you have continued to share your offerings as you'd planned for 2020. Offering can be mailed to the Church Office (PO Box 236, Lake Crystal). Please consider our eGiving options for making one-time or recurring donations electronically. Details available at: <https://www.zionluthlakecrystal.org/giving>.
- **Church Office Update:** If you are picking up or dropping off materials for the Church Office, please use the table in the Narthex provided for that purpose, in order to limit traffic in the Church Office and protect our staff. Visitors in the church building are expected to wear masks or other face coverings. Office hours: 8-4pm Mon, Wed and Thursday, 8-noon Tuesday, closed on Fridays.
- **In-Person worship services continue to be suspended until further notice.** Worship services are being streamed via Facebook so that we can gather as a virtual community for prayer, reflection, and praise.

Plans are being developed for the time when we are able to resume in-person worship services. We will need to plan for sufficient physical distancing as well as mitigate the risks of virus spread through the aerosols that are an inevitable part of breathing, speaking, and singing as we usually do in worship. One possibility under consideration is to hold smaller, possibly outdoor services while continuing to gather online on Sundays mornings.

As future plans come together, Zion leaders will be guided by public health recommendations from our synod, the ELCA, and our state officials. If you have questions or concerns, please contact a member of our Worship, Music, & Adult Education team (Mackenzie Jones, Mary Goodrich, and Jan Becker), our current Zion president (Dan Lowis), or Pastor Andrea.

- **In-Person Zion activities for small groups may now resume**, and the Congregation Council has approved the following guidelines so that these groups can meet safely.
 - No more than 10 people, including leaders, will meeting in the building at any time.

- Only certain places of the building should be occupied (for cleaning purposes): Narthex, Fellowship Hall, New Bathrooms.
- Groups should contact the church office (507-276-2849) to reserve the building.
- Visitors will register at the front door with sign in and sign out.
- Social distancing must be observed (6+ feet).
- Wearing masked is expected.
- No singing or unison speaking/praying (Lord's Prayer).
- No communal food or beverages, and no use of the kitchen (may bring your own, but no sharing).

Zion groups should observe these guidelines whether they're meeting in the building or elsewhere. Phone or video conferencing options should continue to be used when appropriate, particularly for individuals over 65 and those with underlying health conditions (such as heart or lung disease or diabetes) who are at greater risk of severe illness or death from Covid-19. If your group would like assistance with setting up a Zoom video conference, please reach out to Pastor Andrea.

- **News and updates** are being shared primarily through the church website and Facebook and, when appropriate, by mail. The May newsletter will be mailed May 27.
- **Pastor Andrea is available for conversation and prayer!** Please reach out to her by phone or text at 507-402-1114. She's also happy to schedule one-on-one pastoral visits via Zoom video conferencing.
- **The Monday "Dwelling on the Word" study will not meet on Memorial Day (May 24).** You're invited to join us next on June 1 for a time of prayer, reflection and conversation as we consider the gospel reading for the upcoming Sunday. To join us on Monday at 11:00, please go to: <https://zoom.us/j/322134420>.

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