

Peace Thru Christ

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Missionaries of Christ

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

Lutheran Hymnal p. 5-6

HYMN 283: "God's Word is Our Great Heritage"

I: Paul—Acts 9:1-22

How do you become a missionary?

A. Conversion

B. Call

9 Then Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest 2 and asked letters from him to the synagogues of Damascus, so that if he found any who were of the Way, whether men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. 3 As he journeyed he came near Damascus, and suddenly a light shone around him from heaven. 4 Then he fell to the ground, and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me?" 5 And he said, "Who are You, Lord?" Then the Lord said, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. It is hard for you to kick against the goads." 6 So he, trembling and astonished, said, "Lord, what do You want me to do?"

Then the Lord said to him, "Arise and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do." 7 And the men who journeyed with him stood speechless, hearing a voice but seeing no one. **8 Then Saul arose from the ground, and when his eyes were opened he saw no one. But they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus.** 9 And he was three days without sight, and neither ate nor drank. 10 Now there was a certain disciple at Damascus named Ananias; and to him the Lord said in a vision, "Ananias." And he said, "Here I am, Lord." 11 So the Lord said to him, "Arise and go to the street called Straight, and inquire at the house of Judas for one called Saul of Tarsus, for behold, he is praying. 12 And in a vision he has seen a man named Ananias coming in and putting his hand on him, so that he might receive his sight." 13 Then Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much harm he has done to Your saints in Jerusalem. 14 And here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who call on Your name." 15 But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is a chosen vessel of Mine to bear My name before Gentiles, kings, and the children of Israel. 16 For I will show him how many things he must suffer for My name's sake." 17 And Ananias went his way and entered the house; and laying his hands on him he said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on the road as you came, has sent me that you may receive your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit." 18 Immediately there fell from his eyes something like scales, and he received his sight at once; and he arose and was baptized. 19 So when he had received food, he was strengthened. Then Saul spent some days with the disciples at Damascus. 20 Immediately he preached the Christ in the synagogues, that He is the Son of God. 21 Then all who heard were amazed, and said, "Is this not he who destroyed those who called on this name in Jerusalem, and has come here for that purpose, so that he might bring them bound to the chief priests?" 22 But Saul increased all the more in strength, and confounded the Jews who dwelt in Damascus, proving that this Jesus is the Christ.

Hymn 37: "Lord, Tis Not that I Did Choose Thee"

II: Philip—Acts 8:26-40

What does a missionary say?

Instructed by God to speak His Word

26 Now an angel of the Lord spoke to Philip, saying, "Arise and go toward the south along the road which goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." This is desert. 27 So he arose and went. And behold, a man of Ethiopia, a eunuch of great authority under Candace the queen of the Ethiopians, who had charge of all her treasury, and had come to Jerusalem to worship, 28 was returning. And sitting in his chariot, he was reading Isaiah the prophet. 29 Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go near and overtake this chariot." **30 So Philip ran to him, and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah, and said, "Do you understand what you are reading?"** 31 And he said, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he asked Philip to come up and sit with him. 32 The place in the Scripture which he read was this: "He was led as a sheep to the slaughter; And as a lamb before its shearer is silent, So He opened not His mouth. 33 In His humiliation His justice was taken away, And who will declare His generation? For His life is taken from the earth." 34 **So the eunuch answered Philip and said, "I ask you, of whom does the prophet say this, of himself or of some other man?"** 35 Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning at this Scripture, preached Jesus to him. 36 Now as they went down the road, they came to some water. And the eunuch said, "See, here is water. What hinders me from being baptized?" 37 Then Philip said, "If you believe with all your heart, you may." And he answered and said, "I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God." 38 So he commanded the chariot to stand still. And both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water, and he baptized him. 39 Now when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord caught Philip away, so that the eunuch saw him no more; and he went on his way rejoicing. 40 But Philip was found at Azotus. And passing through, he preached in all the cities till he came to Caesarea.

Hymn 771: "Listen, God is Calling"

Confession of faith from the Apostles' Creed, p. 12

III: Stephen—Acts 6:8, 7:51-60

Being a missionary may not be easy.

Strengthened by God to Confess unto Death

8 And Stephen, full of faith and power, did great wonders and signs among the people.

51 "You stiff-necked and uncircumcised in heart and ears! You always resist the Holy Spirit; as your fathers did, so do you. 52 Which of the prophets did your fathers not persecute? And they killed those who foretold the coming of the Just One, of whom you now have become the betrayers and murderers, 53 who have received the law by the direction of angels and have not kept it." 54 When they heard these things they were cut to the heart, and they gnashed at him with their teeth. 55 But he, being full of the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God, 56 and said, "Look! I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" 57 Then they cried out with a loud voice, stopped their ears, and ran at him with one accord; 58 and they cast him out of the city and stoned him. And the witnesses laid down their clothes at the feet of a young man named Saul. 59 And they stoned Stephen as he was calling on God and saying, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." 60 Then he knelt down and cried out with a loud voice, "Lord, do not charge them with this sin." And when he had said this, he fell asleep.

Hymn 496 (1 & 3):

"Hark! The Voice of Jesus Crying"

The Offering of Thankful Hearts to our Lord

IV: Peter—Acts 10:1-16; 34-43

Why a missionary talks to ALL people.

Sent by God to Witness to ALL

10 There was a certain man in Caesarea called Cornelius, a centurion of what was called the Italian Regiment, 2 a devout man and one who feared God with all his household, who gave alms generously to the people, and prayed to God always. 3 About the ninth hour of the day he saw clearly in a vision an angel of God coming in and saying to him, "Cornelius!" 4 And when he observed him, he was afraid, and said, "What is it, lord?" So he said to him, "Your prayers and your alms have come up for a memorial before God. 5 Now send men to Joppa, and send for Simon whose surname is Peter. 6 He is lodging with Simon, a tanner, whose house is by the sea. He will tell you what you must do." 7 And when the angel who spoke to him had departed, Cornelius called two of his household servants and a devout soldier from among those who waited on him continually. 8 So when he had explained all these things to them, he sent them to Joppa. **9 The next day, as they went on their journey and drew near the city, Peter went up on the housetop to pray, about the sixth hour. 10 Then he became very hungry and wanted to eat; but while they made ready, he fell into a trance 11 and saw heaven opened and an object like a great sheet bound at the four corners, descending to him and let down to the earth. 12 In it were all kinds of four-footed animals of the earth, wild beasts, creeping things, and birds of the air. 13 And a voice came to him, "Rise, Peter; kill and eat." 14 But Peter said, "Not so, Lord! For I have never eaten anything common or unclean." 15 And a voice spoke to him again the second time, "What God has cleansed you must not call common." 16 This was done three times. And the object was taken up into heaven again.**

34 Then Peter opened his mouth and said: "In truth I perceive that God shows no partiality. 35 But in every nation whoever fears Him and works righteousness is accepted by Him. 36 The word which God sent to the children of Israel, preaching peace through Jesus Christ—He is Lord of all— 37 that word you know, which was proclaimed throughout all Judea, and began from Galilee after the baptism which John preached:

38 how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power, who went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him. 39 And we are witnesses of all things which He did both in the land of the Jews and in Jerusalem, whom they killed by hanging on a tree. 40 Him God raised up on the third day, and showed Him openly, 41 not to all the people, but to witnesses chosen before by God, even to us who ate and drank with Him after He arose from the dead. 42 And He commanded us to preach to the people, and to testify that it is He who was ordained by God to be Judge of the living and the dead. 43 To Him all the prophets witness that, through His name, whoever believes in Him will receive remission of sins."

Hymn 770: "I Hear the Savior Calling"

V: Lydia—Acts 16:9-15

What does a missionary do?

Prepared by God to Live His Word

9 And a vision appeared to Paul in the night. A man of Macedonia stood and pleaded with him, saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." 10 Now after he had seen the vision, immediately we sought to go to Macedonia, concluding that the Lord had called us to preach the gospel to them. 11 Therefore, sailing from Troas, we ran a straight course to Samothrace, and the next day came to Neapolis, 12 and from there to Philippi, which is the foremost city of that part of Macedonia, a colony. And we were staying in that city for some days. 13 And on the Sabbath day we went out of the city to the riverside, where prayer was customarily made; and we sat down and spoke to the women who met there. 14 Now a certain woman named Lydia heard us. She was a seller of purple from the city of Thyatira, who worshiped God. The Lord opened her heart to heed the things spoken by Paul. 15 And when she and her household were baptized, she begged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come to my house and stay." So she persuaded us.

Prayer

Lord's Prayer

Benediction

Hymn: "Shine, Jesus, Shine"

Lord, the light of Your love is shining,
in the midst of the darkness shining.
Jesus light of the world shine upon us;
set us free by the truth You now bring us.
Shine on me, shine on me.

Refrain: Shine, Jesus, Shine! Fill this land with the Father's glory.
Blaze, Spirit, blaze! Set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow. Flood the nations with grace and mercy.
Send forth Your Word, Lord, and let there be light.

Lord, I come to Your awesome presence.
From the shadows into Your radiance.
By the blood I may enter Your brightness;
search me, try me, consume all my darkness.
Shine on me, shine on me.

Refrain: Shine, Jesus, Shine! Fill this land with the Father's glory.
Blaze, Spirit, blaze! Set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow. Flood the nations with grace and mercy.
Send forth Your Word, Lord, and let there be light.

As we gaze on Your kingly brightness,
so our faces display Your likeness.
Ever changing from glory to glory.
Mirrored here, may our lives tell Your story.
Shine on me, shine of me.

Refrain: Shine, Jesus, Shine! Fill this land with the Father's glory.
Blaze, Spirit, blaze! Set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow. Flood the nations with grace and mercy.
Send forth Your Word, Lord, and let there be light.

Silent Prayer • Announcements

Peace Thru Christ Lutheran Church & School • Announcements

PEACE THRU CHRIST LUTHERAN WELCOMES YOU!

We are glad you could join us this morning in worshipping our Savior. One of the purposes God puts His children on earth is to be missionaries—to tell others about Jesus and what He has done for them. We are ready to do just that. If you are interested in learning more about Jesus and His Word, please speak to Pastor Bernthal. Please also sign our guest register.

We, of Peace Thru Christ, are a confessional Lutheran Church which believes in the verbally inspired and inerrant Scriptures as the only source of truth for faith and life. If any of you are interested in learning more about our church or interested in our Christian Day School, please also feel free to speak with Pastor Bernthal.

This Week:

Tuesday

10:30 a.m. Bible Class at Artisan

Wednesday

1-3 p. m. Skype meeting with
Pastoral study club

7:00 p. m. Church Council

Thursday

10:45 a.m. Bible Class at
Heritage

Friday

Hannah Gerbitz/Jared Barthels
Wedding

Saturday-Tuesday

Pastor's vacation

Next Sunday

9:00 a.m. Family Worship/Prof.
Sullivan

LAST WEEK: Worship 42

OFFERINGS 8/2 for Unified
Budget: \$2,519

IN SERVICE TO OUR LORD:

Cleaners this week: Church---
Gbedey/Lentz

Counters today: Ruth Bernthal &
Rachel Schaser

IN YOUR MAILBOX: August
Calendar & Newsletter

THANKS:

to all who have been mowing
this summer. The grounds look
great! We are still in need of
mowers for the rest of the
summer.

Peace Thru Christ Lutheran Church & School • Announcements

CLC NEWS: Trinity Lutheran, Millston WI has called Pastor Richard Kanzenbach, pastor of Morning Star Lutheran, Fairchild WI, and Peace with God Lutheran, Onalaska WI, to be Pastor/Coordinator for scheduling pastors, professors and seminary students to conduct Sunday services and himself being responsible to fulfill other congregation needs. Becky McKenney, Fort Atkinson, WI, has returned the call to teach at Trinity Lutheran School, Watertown SD.

ILC Student Aid Fund (SAF): Recently it was reported that the SAF has nearly a \$7,000 negative balance. This is the Fund that supports Immanuel students through loans, grants, and scholarships. Please consider this in your offerings to support the Lord's work. In our day where faithfulness to God's Word is a dear treasure, our current students can be greatly helped as the Immanuel experience is a springboard to their faith journey. Those former students

who have received help from the SAF in the past might consider how current students could also use assistance.

VBS REPORT:

13 registered; 8 non-members and 5 members. We thank the Lord for the children and the people who helped with teaching, crafts, singing, refreshments, recess and clean-up. Listed below are those volunteers who helped this past week. Pre-K: Miss Claire Abbas; 1st-3rd. Mr. Matt Schaser/Mr. James Schaser; 3rd-5th: Pastor Bernthal. Craft helpers: Mrs. Katie Heberlein, Miss Pam Schulz. Singing: Mrs. Gail Schaefer, Miss Claire Abbas.

PASTOR'S VACATION:

Pastor & Ruth will be camping from this Sat. thru next Tuesday. Lord willing they will be returning home Tuesday evening. If pastoral assistance is needed, please contact President Dan Schaefer. Prof. Paul Sullivan will be conducting the worship service next Sunday.