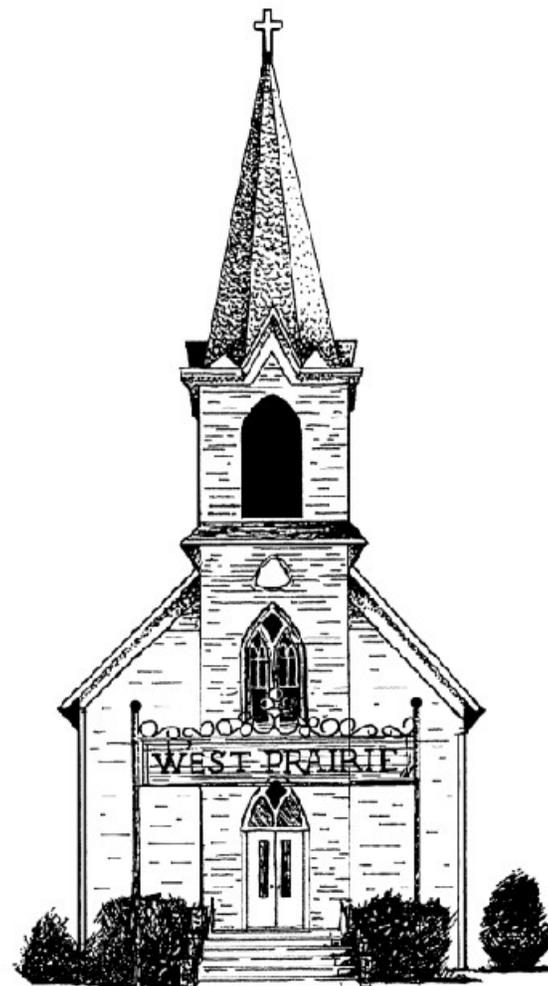


SERMON NOTES . . .

“Live Your Faith” Acts 5:29

1. In Acts 5, the High Priest and the Sanhedrin are _____. There’s something about the apostles that is unpleasant for them.
2. “We gave you strict orders not to _____ in this name. Yet you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and are determined to make us guilty of this man’s blood.” (Acts 5:28)
3. There were several things about the arrest and trial of Jesus that were _____.
4. Jesus was tried, convicted, sentenced, and executed on the same _____. This was all illegal.
5. Jesus died for our sins. Jesus paid a terrible price for our sins. And his sacrifice demands a response from _____.
6. “If the world hates you, keep in mind that it hated _____ first. If you belonged to the world, it would love you as its own....”
7. You’ve heard the phrase: “Be _____ the world but not _____ the world.” Live your life to the glory of God.
8. If you love Jesus, your life will show it. And because of that, the world can get nasty. But it also may lead someone to _____.
9. The world doesn’t care what church you go to. But they will pay attention if you _____ them what your Jesus means to you.
10. When we truly live our _____, when we truly love Jesus with all our hearts, we are going to suffer.
11. Peter and the apostles were told never to speak about Jesus. They replied: “We must obey _____ rather than men!”
12. Apostle Paul was torn between continuing to live or departing this life & being with Jesus. Essentially, he was saying, “I can’t _____!”



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Please sign the attendance sheet provided in each pew. If you are a visitor, please include your mailing address, and we invite you to join us again.

Worship Service for the 2nd Sunday of Easter

8:30 a.m., April 23, 2017

Prelude

Pastoral Greeting

Please stand if you are able.

Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness page 77

Opening Hymn, Christ Is Alive! Let Christians SingLBW #363

Kyrie page 78

Hymn of Praise page 79

Prayer of the Day

(All) Almighty God, we have celebrated with joy the festival of our Lord's resurrection. Graciously help us to show the power of the resurrection in all that we say and do; through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

You may be seated.

FIRST LESSON: Acts 5:29-42

Peter and the other apostles replied: "We must obey God rather than human beings! The God of our ancestors raised Jesus from the dead—whom you killed by hanging Him on a cross. God exalted Him to His own right hand as Prince and Savior that He might bring Israel to repentance and forgive their sins. We are witnesses of these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey Him."

When they heard this, they were furious and wanted to put them to death. But a Pharisee named Gamaliel, a teacher of the law, who was honored by all the people, stood up in the Sanhedrin and ordered that the men be put outside for a little while. Then he addressed the Sanhedrin: "Men of Israel, consider carefully what you intend to do to these men. Some

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today...

7 p.m. Youth Group

Wednesday, April 26 ...

3 p.m. Confirmation Class

7 p.m. Adult Bible Study

Next Sunday, April 30 ...

8:30 a.m. Worship Service

9:30 a.m. Fellowship

9:45 a.m. Sunday School for all ages

11 a.m. (or thereabouts) Bible Study Club meets for potluck dinner

Prayer List — Health concerns for Jonie Bang, Denise Holst, Elaine Ritz, Carver Moffat, Marlys Haugen, Mike Haack, Dale Zingg, Dorothy Kall, Ben Charlson, Monte Branstad, Blanche Durby, Eldora Reil; Angela Haugen serving in the military. All prayer requests can be submitted to Pastor Steve @641-590-7894; or leave a message on the church answering system @641-567-3733.

Congregational Response: Hear my prayer.

Sharing of the peace.

You may be seated.

Offering

Please stand.

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Pastor: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

Closing Hymn: *Lift High the Cross*LBW #377

Postlude

Pastor: Steve Bang

Pianist: Melissa Phillips

Lectionary: Julie Reimann

Usher: Gene and Jodi Fjeld

Acolyte: Madison Branstad

time ago Theudas appeared, claiming to be somebody, and about four hundred men rallied to him. He was killed, all his followers were dispersed, and it all came to nothing. After him, Judas the Galilean appeared in the days of the census and led a band of people in revolt. He too was killed, and all his followers were scattered. Therefore, in the present case I advise you: Leave these men alone! Let them go! For if their purpose or activity is of human origin, it will fail. But if it is from God, you will not be able to stop these men; you will only find yourselves fighting against God.”

His speech persuaded them. They called the apostles in and had them flogged. Then they ordered them not to speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go.

The apostles left the Sanhedrin, rejoicing because they had been counted worthy of suffering disgrace for the Name. Day after day, in the temple courts and from house to house, they never stopped teaching and proclaiming the good news that Jesus is the Messiah.

Here ends the reading.

Psalm 148 (responsively)

L: Hallelujah! Praise the Lord from the heavens;

C: praise Him in the heights.

L: Praise Hi, all you angels of His;

C: praise Him, all His host.

L: Praise Hi, sun and moon;

C: praise Him, all you shining stars.

L: Praise Him, heaven of heavens,

C: and you waters above the heavens.

L: Let them praise the name of the Lord;

C: for He commanded, and they were created.

L: He made them stand fast forever and ever;

C: He gave them a law which shall not pass away.

L: Praise the Lord from the earth,

C: you sea monsters and all deeps;

L: fire and hail, snow and fog,

C: tempestuous wind, doing His will;

L: mountains and all hills,

C: fruit trees and all cedars;

L: wild beasts and all cattle,
C: creeping things and winged birds;
 L: kings of the earth and all peoples,
C: princes and all rulers of the world;
 L: young men and maidens,
C: old and young together.
 L: Let them praise the name of the Lord,
C: for His name only is exalted, His splendor is over earth and heaven.

L: He has raised up strength for His people and praise for all His loyal servants,

C: the children of Israel, a people who are near Him. Hallelujah!

SECOND LESSON: I Peter 1:3-9

Praise to God for a Living Hope

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In His great mercy He has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you, who through faith are shielded by God’s power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time. In all this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. These have come so that the proven genuineness of your faith—of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire—may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. Though you have not seen Him, you love Him; and even though you do not see Him now, you believe in Him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, for you are receiving the end result of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

Here ends the lesson.

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THE GOSPEL: John 20:19-31

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On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the

Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you!” After He said this, He showed them His hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.

Again Jesus said, “Peace be with you! As the Father has sent Me, I am sending you.” And with that He breathed on them and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone’s sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.”

Now Thomas (also known as Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord!”

But he said to them, “Unless I see the nail marks in His hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into His side, I will not believe.”

A week later His disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you!” Then He said to Thomas, “Put your finger here; see My hands. Reach out your hand and put it into My side. Stop doubting and believe.”

Thomas said to Him, “My Lord and my God!”

Then Jesus told him, “Because you have seen Me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”

Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not recorded in this book. But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in His name.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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Hymn: *A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing*LBW #157

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Hymn, *I Love to Tell the Story*LBW #390

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Prayer