

Fifth Sunday of Easter ~ May 10, 2020

THEME: Christ builds up his people like living stones into a spiritual house.

HYMN 382: *“My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”*

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PRAYER OF THE DAY: O God, you form the minds of your faithful people into a single will. Make us love what you command and desire what you promise, that among the many changes of this world, our hearts may ever yearn for the lasting joys of heaven; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

FIRST LESSON: Acts 17:1-12 (EHV)

In Thessalonica, the Word is met with joy by some, but stirs up the Jews who become jealous of its progress. Paul moves on to Berea where he preaches to people “of more noble character.” They compared the message with the written Word and so find Christ, who is the heart of both the Old and New Testament.

17:1 When Paul and Silas had traveled through Amphipolis and Apollonia, they came to Thessalonica, where there was a Jewish synagogue. As was his custom, Paul went to the Jews, and on three Sabbath days he led them in a discussion from the Scriptures, explaining and proving that the Christ had to suffer and rise from the dead. He also said, “This Jesus I am proclaiming to you is the Christ.” Some of them were persuaded and joined Paul and Silas, as did a great number of God-fearing Greeks and more than a few of the prominent women. But the Jews became jealous and gathered from the marketplace some wicked men, who formed a mob and started a riot in the city. They rushed to Jason’s house and searched for Paul and Silas in order to bring them out to the mob. When they did not find them, they dragged Jason and some of the brothers before the city officials, shouting, “These men, who have stirred up trouble all over the world, have come here too, and Jason has welcomed them as guests! They are all acting contrary to Caesar’s decrees, saying that there is another king, Jesus!” The crowd and the city officials were stirred up when they heard these things. They took a security bond from Jason and the others and then let them go. That same night, the brothers sent Paul and Silas away to Berea. When they arrived, they went into the Jewish synagogue. Now the Bereans were more noble-minded than the Thessalonians. They received the word very eagerly and examined the Scriptures every day to see if these things were so. Many of them believed, along with more than a few prominent Greek women and men.

PSALM OF THE DAY: Psalm 33 (p.79) (spoken / sung in unison)

THE HOLY GOSPEL: John 14:1-12 (EHV)

As Jesus speaks words of farewell to his disciples on Maundy Thursday evening, he comforts and assures them of his continuing care. He is the way, the truth, and the life. Knowing and trusting in him, his disciples have every spiritual blessing and have seen the Father.

14:1 “Do not let your heart be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. In my Father’s house are many mansions. If it were not so, I would have told you. I am going to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and take you to be with me, so that you may also be where I am. You know where I am going, and you know the way.” “Lord, we don’t know where you are going,” Thomas replied, “so how can we know the way?”

Jesus said to him, “I am the Way and the Truth and the Life. No one comes to the Father, except through me. If you know me, you would also know my Father. From now on you do know him and have seen him.” “Lord,” said Philip, “show us the Father, and that is enough for us.”

“Have I been with you so long,” Jesus answered, “and you still do not know me, Philip? The one who has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? Don’t you believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I am telling you I am not speaking on my own, but the Father who remains in me is doing his works. Believe me that I am in the Father, and the Father is in me. Or else believe because of the works themselves.

“Amen, Amen, I tell you: The one who believes in me will do the works that I am doing. And he will do even greater works than these, because I am going to the Father.”

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HYMN 416: *“How Firm a Foundation”*

SERMON TEXT: 1 Peter 2:4-10 (EHV)

4 As you come to him, the Living Stone, rejected by men but chosen by God and precious, 5 you also, like living stones, are being built as a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, in order to bring spiritual sacrifices that are acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

6 For it says in Scripture: See, I lay a stone in Zion, a chosen and precious cornerstone, and the one who believes in him will certainly not be put to shame. 7 Therefore, for you who believe, this is an honor. But for those who do not believe: The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone,

8 and, a stone over which they stumble and a rock over which they fall. Because they continue to disobey the word, they stumble over it. And that is the consequence appointed for them.

9 But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, the people who are God’s own possession, so that you may proclaim the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. 10 At one time you were not a people, but now you are the people of God. At one time you were not shown mercy, but now you have been shown mercy.

SERMON THEME: Christ Is Our Rock

1. We build the church on him alone (4,6,7,8)

2. We live our life for him alone (5,9,10)

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PRAYER (Amen) & BLESSING

HYMN 436: *“Jesus, Shepherd of the Sheep”*

SILENT PRAYER & ANNOUNCEMENTS & DISMISSAL

May 10, 2020 Announcements

During Our Worship Service this morning we will be celebrating the Lord's Supper. Communion will be served to you in your pew.

Mini Sunday Worship Continues: Sunday Worship is offered as a sign-up of 10 members maximum for two mini-services at 9:00 a.m. OR 10:00 a.m. YOU MUST SIGN-UP TO ATTEND. We cannot have more than 10 people here at a time. Please do not arrive more than 10 minutes before Worship is scheduled to begin. Please leave church immediately after Worship has concluded and kindly take your Worship bulletin with you.

To sign-up for Worship: Sign-up sheet is on the table at the back of church or call (920) 233-1379. (There are several pencils to use to sign-up. Please feel free to use a pencil and take it with you.) *We intend to hold to this worship process unless our Government changes rules and/or guidelines for gatherings.*

Prayer for Mother's Day Heavenly Father, you are the source of life, wisdom, and all good things. Look with favor on all mothers who have given life to their children and who have nurtured them with loving concern and faithful instruction. May their children honor them and call them blessed. When they become weary, sustain them with physical and spiritual rest. Hear us for the sake of your Son, Jesus, who cared for his earthly mother and in whom you are will pleased. (NPH)

Thanksgiving: We celebrate the birth of Ellevive Marie Stokes Weber, born April 27, 5 lbs 10 oz, granddaughter of our member Pam Schidivy.

Northwestern Publishing is allowing a "free" download of their periodicals *Forward in Christ* and *Meditations*. If you do not have a paper copy, please consider going on-line to view. www.nph.net

Cinco de Junio (Fifth of June) Celebration (Tentatively, of Course): Potluck Mexican food night! Think up your favorite Mexican recipe and bring it to share! Starting at 5:00 p.m.—till ? Watch our weekly bulletins for updates on this event. Please call the church office with inquiries.

Pastor is available for personal counseling and/or individual communion. Call directly (920) 495-3259 to set-up a day and time that is convenient.

Immanuel Is Exploring the idea of a Saturday 5:00 p.m. Worship (Memorial Weekend through Labor Day Weekend) to accommodate member's diverse summer schedules. What do you think?

OUR STEWARDSHIP OF GIFTS		Office Hours this week:	
Budgeted Need per week	\$3,120.00	Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 8:00 a.m. - Noon	
Budgeted Received 05-03-20	\$2,269.00	This week at Immanuel:	
Budgeted Need to date	\$56,160.00	Today	Mother's Day! Thanks for all you do Mom!
Budgeted Received to date	\$64,204.01	Saturday	5:00 p.m. Worship Service (10) ?
Worship Attendance 05-03-20	20	Sunday	9:00 a.m. Worship Service (10)
		Sunday	10:00 a.m. Worship Service (10)
		Any Day	Call for private communion (920) 495-3259

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