

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost - August 25, 2019

MORNING WORSHIP - 10:00 A.M.

WATCHWORD FOR THE WEEK: *The steadfast love of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear him.* Psalm 103:17

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTSThe Rev. Andrew Heil

PRELUDE - *Fugue in C Major*Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1707)

CALL TO WORSHIP

LITURGY: *Discipleship*, pages 37-42

SCRIPTURE LESSONS: Psalm 103:1-8

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless God's holy name.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all the benefits of the Lord,

who forgives all your sins and heals all your infirmities;

who redeems your life from the grave and crowns you with mercy and loving-kindness;

who satisfies you with good things, and your youth is renewed like an eagle's.

The Lord executes righteousness and judgment for all who are oppressed.

To Moses were made known God's ways and to the children of Israel the works of the Lord.

The Lord is full of compassion and mercy, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

Luke 13:10-13, page 848

(At this time, children age 4 and up are invited to go quietly with the Godly Play leaders to continue their worship in RB 227. At 11:00, children will be guided to Comenius Corridor and then to CE 101.)

HYMN 599 - *As Water to the Thirsty*.....T. Oasis

SCRIPTURE LESSON: Acts 27:1-20

Acts 27:1-20 (CEB Translation)

When it was determined that we were to sail to Italy, Paul and some other prisoners were placed in the custody of a centurion named Julius of the Imperial Company. We boarded a ship from Adramyttium that was about to sail for ports along the coast of the province of Asia. So we put out to sea. Aristarchus, a Macedonian from Thessalonica, came with us.

The next day we landed in Sidon. Julius treated Paul kindly and permitted him to go to some friends so they could take care of him. From there we sailed off. We passed Cyprus, using the island to shelter us from the headwinds. We sailed across the open sea off the coast of Cilicia and Pamphylia, and landed in Myra in Lycia. There the centurion found an Alexandrian ship headed for Italy and put us on board. After many days of slow and difficult sailing, we arrived off the coast of Cnidus. The wind wouldn't allow us to go farther, so we sailed under the shelter of Crete off Salmone. We sailed along the coast only with difficulty until we came to a place called Good Harbors, near the city of Lasea.

Much time had been lost, and the voyage was now dangerous since the Day of Reconciliation* had already passed. Paul warned them, "Men, I see that our voyage will suffer damage and great loss, not only for the cargo and ship but also for our lives." But the centurion was persuaded more by the ship's pilot and captain than by Paul's advice. Since the harbor was unsuitable for spending the winter, the majority supported a plan to put out to sea from there. They thought they might reach Phoenix in Crete and spend the winter in its harbor, which faced southwest and northwest.

When a gentle south wind began to blow, they thought they could carry out their plan. They pulled up anchor and sailed closely along the coast of Crete. Before long, a hurricane-strength wind known as a northeaster swept down from Crete. The ship was caught in the storm and couldn't be turned into the wind. So we gave in to it, and it carried us along.

After sailing under the shelter of an island called Cauda, we were able to control the lifeboat only with difficulty. They brought the lifeboat aboard, then began to wrap the ship with cables to hold it together. Fearing they might run aground on the sandbars of the Gulf of Syrtis, they lowered the anchor and let the ship be carried along. We were so battered by the violent storm that the next day the men began throwing cargo overboard. On the third day, they picked up the ship's gear and hurled it into the sea. When neither the sun nor the moon appeared for many days and the raging storm continued to pound us, all hope of our being saved from this peril faded.

**The Day of Reconciliation refers to Yom Kippur, the annual Jewish festival of forgiveness. The festival occurs in late September/early October after which weather conditions often become more treacherous.*

SERMON - *Boat Stories: Abandon Ship!*

HYMN 796 - *Lord, As a Pilgrim*T. *Oi Herra, Jos Mä Matkamies Maan*

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY INVITATION

ANTHEM - *God of Grace and God of Power*John Hughes
arr. J. Harold Moyer (1982)

Men's Chorus

DOXOLOGYT. *Old Hundredth*

OFFERTORY PRAYER

PRAYERS FOR THE CHURCH AND THE WORLD

HYMN 644 - *How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord* T. *Repton*

BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE

POSTLUDE - *Grand Choeur*Théodore Dubois (1837-1924)

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(10 a.m. Morning Worship is broadcast on WSJS-AM 600)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We extend a cordial welcome to all of our visitors this morning, and we invite you to join us again whenever possible. Ushers always are available to answer questions and to direct the way to Sunday School classes or Coffee Fellowship. Please take a moment to sign the Friendship Register, pass it both ways in your pew, and greet those near you after the service. Visitors, members and friends are invited for Coffee Fellowship in the Parlor immediately following the morning worship service.

Rev. Tobiassen is on retreat with our youth fellowship today.

We are pleased to have organist Reid Gilliam assisting in worship today.

The flowers are placed in the Sanctuary today in loving memory of *Jeannine M. Smith* by Jane and Dee Smith, Dee Ann Smith, Elizabeth and Nathan Smith, and Rachel and Mason Fletcher.

Coffee Fellowship has moved this summer! Enjoy food and beverages in the Parlor (CE-102). Members, please guide those less familiar with the church to this summer location.

Bible inserts for the rising 1st and rising 4th graders' Bibles for September 8 will be in the Parlor during Coffee Fellowship. Between now and September 8, we encourage members and friends to inscribe these inserts with messages or favorite Bible verses to support these children in their spiritual walk.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Intergenerational Summer Sunday School

All God's Children: Designed by God, so I Must be Special; Gather, Learn, Play, and Pray together, CE-101

Bible Discussion Class: Matthew 23, Club Room

CALENDAR

- Today - 10:00 a.m. - Morning Worship
11:00 a.m. - Coffee Fellowship (Church Interpretation), Parlor
11:15 a.m. - Sunday School
- Tuesday - 4:30 p.m. - Buildings & Grounds, RB-225
5:30 p.m. - Albania Task Force, Club Room
5:30 p.m. - Congregational Care Visitation Meeting, Parlor
6:00 p.m. - Candle Tea Committee, Library
- Wednesday - 7:00 a.m. - Breakfast, Lighthouse Restaurant
11:15 a.m. - Stewardship Committee, Club Room
5:00 p.m. - Interfaith Meeting, Club Room
6:30 p.m. - Inquirers' Class, Parlor
- Thursday - 6:30 p.m. - Choir, RB-5
- Next Sunday - 10:00 a.m. - Morning Worship (Prayer Day for Youth)
11:00 a.m. - Coffee Fellowship
11:15 a.m. - Sunday School

ADDITIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Interested in joining our congregation? Home Church will hold a series of inquirers' classes in the coming weeks for those interested in becoming members or learning more about the church. Classes will be held in the church parlor on Wednesday nights, August 28, September 4, and September 11, from 6:30 to 8:30. We plan to receive new members in worship on Sunday, September 22.

Sunday, September 1 will be a prayer day for youth. We hope to see many of our youth in worship that day, and we will enjoy the presence of the Salem Academy students as well. Please be aware that because of scheduling problems that day, we will NOT be hosting a luncheon for the academy students as we often do; however, they will be working in the Wachovia Garden after worship and could use some refreshment, so if you feel like baking a batch of cookies the Home Mission team will happily distribute them to the students as they head for the garden. Please contact Mary Lou Stott (mlstott@triad.rr.com) if you would like more details.

The Moravian Prison Ministry is hosting its 3rd annual "Bold & Beautifully Made" fundraiser on Friday, September 6 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. to support the important work they do for incarcerated people in our community. It will be held at Hampton House Art & Framing (720 Coliseum Drive NW, Winston-Salem). \$25 General Admission tickets and \$50 VIP tickets are available. All ticket holders will enjoy hors d'oeuvres, refreshments, and a silent auction. VIP holders will receive a piece of pottery made with the help of inmates and raku-fired onsite. You do NOT have to be present to win. To reserve your ticket, call or email the Moravian Prison Ministry at 336-416-5801 or fmprisonministry@gmail.com

SAVE THE DATES!

Women's Retreat - September 13-15 at Higgins Lodge at Laurel Ridge.

Moravian Day of Service - September 15; Worship in the Fellowship Hall and take part in service opportunities during worship!

Congregational Retreat - September 20-22 at Laurel Ridge.

Men's Retreat - October 4-6 at Higgins Lodge at Laurel Ridge.

PERSONALS

Recovering at Salemtowne: Ann Williams

Recovering at home: Ralph Cates, Jack Desley

At Trinity Elms Health & Rehab in Clemmons: George Boss