

Family Information

Sermon Series Title

Hallelujah, What a Savior!

Sermon Passage

Mark 2:1-12

Thoughts to Consider This Week:

- 1) Which impresses you more: Christ's authority over the physical or the spiritual?
- 2) What would you do for someone in need?
- 3) How private do you consider your private thoughts?

Fall Festival

Sunday Oct. 20th 2019 6-7:30 pm at the Northland Church. Invite your friends! Kids and Families Welcome! Games, Candy, Food, Costumes and more! Come and please bring plenty of candy to pass out! Volunteers needed to assist with games and serving food. Please help us serve our community! If you have any questions please see Emily Kruse or Megan Stover.

Thanks to all!

Food Pantry

Please note, the Food Pantry will be closed on the following days:

Wednesday October 23rd
 Wednesday November 27th
 Wednesday December 18th
 Wednesday December 25th
 Wednesday January 1st ,2020

Calendar

October

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| 13 | Single Sisters Lunch |
| 18 | TGIF At Church |
| 20 | Fall Festival, 6-7:30 pm |
| 23 | Food Pantry Closed |
| 30 | Singing At Willow Brook Village 10:30 am |

For The Month of October

Invitation/ Responses:

Foyer Duty: Michael Evans

Greeters: Frank and Nancy Rynearson

Announcements: Mike Evans

Communion Servers

Franklin Agyei	Patrick Boateng
Lynn Champney	Tim McVicker
Leon Norwood	Phil Stafa
Nick Strawser	Randy Yates

Contribution

Last Week	Average YTD
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General:	\$6206	\$5102
Designated:	\$125	\$161

Services

Sunday Bible Study	9:30 am
Sunday Ghana Bible Study	9:30 am
Sunday Worship Service	10:30 am
Sunday Ghana Worship Service	10:30 am
Sunday Spanish Worship	3:00 pm
Wednesday Evening	7:00 pm

Minister: Caleb Dillinger

Elders: Roy Estep, Mike Evans, Jeff McVicker, Jim Robbins

Deacons: Lynn Champney, Perry Coate, Glenn Culler, Darrell Estep, Jack Evans, John Lindsay, Don Milnor, Art Silva

Spanish Ministry: Elmer Renderos

Jesus Of Nazareth

Jesus of Nazareth was a man accredited by God to you by miracles, wonders and signs. - Acts 2:22

Jesus of Nazareth did many wonders and miracles, and he gave us the sure sign of the cross, to show us the depths of God's compassion and his desire to give us the grace we need. Jesus endured the pains of the cross to reconcile us with God, and then God raised him from the grave. Jesus did things for us that human strength and human effort and human wisdom never could have done - *This man was handed over to you by God's deliberate plan and foreknowledge; and you . . . put him to death by nailing him to the cross. But God raised him from the dead . . . because it was impossible for death to keep its hold on him. - Acts 2:23-24*

In mythology, Hercules was renowned for his amazing strength. Once he was ordered to perform a series of 12 labors, seemingly impossible feats that strength alone couldn't have accomplished. So he consulted Athena, the goddess of wisdom, for advice. Like most of the ancient myths, these labors weren't to be taken literally; rather, many of them were metaphors for life and its problems.

As one of these, Hercules had to defeat the Lernean Hydra, a multi-headed beast that lurked in swamps and devoured passers-by. When one of its heads was cut off, the Hydra would grow two more, making it apparently invincible. This was a metaphor for the times when our troubles seem to multiply in spite of our efforts to overcome them. Athena advised Hercules to go to the root of the problem, and have his nephew take a torch to cauterize the stump as he cut off each head.

In a much greater way, Jesus has gone to the root of our deepest problems, for with the cross and his resurrection he has reconciled us with God, and he gives eternal life and pours out his Spirit on those who open our hearts to him - *God has raised this Jesus to life . . . Exalted to the right hand of God, he has received from the Father the promised Holy Spirit and has poured out what you now see and hear. - Acts 2:32-33*

Another of the labors was to clean the Augean stables in a single day. They housed thousands of animals, and no one had been able to clean them. So Athena advised Hercules to dig a channel to divert a nearby river, so that it flowed through the stables to clean them all at once. Likewise, in a much greater way, when we turn to Jesus he washes away all our sins and stains - *Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off. - Acts 2:38-39*

Jesus of Nazareth is much wiser than even Athena and much mightier than even Hercules, yet he uses these and his unfailing compassion for our sake. It is good to follow Jesus all day long.

- Mark Garner



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O Savior, Precious Savior

O Savior, precious Savior,
Whom yet unseen we love!
O name of might and favor,
All other names above!
We worship Thee, we bless Thee,
To Thee, O Christ, we sing;
We praise Thee, and confess Thee
Our holy Lord and king.

O bringer of salvation,
Who wondrously hast wrought,
Thyself the revelation
Of love beyond our thought;
We worship Thee, we bless Thee,
To Thee, O Christ, we sing;
We praise Thee, and confess Thee
Our gracious Lord and king.

In Thee all fullness dwelleth,
All grace and power divine;
The glory that excelleth,
O Son of God, is Thine;
We worship Thee, we bless Thee,
To Thee, O Christ, we sing;
We praise Thee, and confess Thee
Our glorious Lord and king.

- Frances Havergal, 1870

This Immense Light

It seems to me very appropriate to pause for a time in contemplation of (the) all-perfect God, to ponder at leisure his marvelous attributes, to consider, admire and adore the incomparable beauty of this immense light, as far, at least, as the strength of my mind, which is, so to speak, dazzled by it, will permit.

For, just as faith teaches us that the sovereign felicity of the other life consists in the contemplation of the divine Majesty alone, so even now we can learn from experience that a similar meditation, although incomparably less perfect, allows us to enjoy the greatest happiness we are capable of feeling in this life.

- René Descartes
(1596-1650)

The Gift of Friendship

My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends, if you do what I command. I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from My Father I have made known to you. - John 15:12-15

If I asked you who is your “BFF” or your “Bestie”, I believe most people could name that person with little hesitation. Why? Because that person has shown loyalty, love and faithfulness over time as a true friend.

1. I believe friendship is one of the most amazing gifts God has given this church, because we get to practice His love on one another. But how do we tap into this gift of friendship? Jesus has set into place a perfect model for building friendships. Unlike the world, it starts with love. Each of us are to love one another as he has loved us. You see His love holds it together.
2. He states that friends demonstrate love by laying down their life for one another, just as He did for us. Often, we will celebrate baby showers, graduations, etc. with our church family. But are we really willing to say “No” to our wants and passions for them?
3. Jesus said” ...Instead I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from My Father I have made known to you. Jesus has shared His life and EVERYTHING He knows about the Father with us. Are we willing to share our lives and all that we have learned about God with His church and those who have not accepted Him yet?

God’s gift of friendship transcends all cultures, ethnicity, socio-economic status, nation or country, because Jesus has removed the barrier giving everyone access to His friendship. He is the common thread and He states “Instead I have called you friends.....” We are His friends, if we emulate Him.

- Dot Duncan

