



Dear Friends in Christ:

PROCLAIM the Good News of God In Christ Through Word and Deed-Part 2.

“And every day in the temple and at home they did not cease to teach and proclaim Jesus as the Messiah.” (Acts 5:43)

Think about proclaiming the good news. It's easy to envision a pastor in the pulpit on Sunday morning bringing the Word of God to the gathered people. But through our baptismal covenant, we all are called to proclaim the good news of God in Christ. Not just the pastor but also every one of us. And not just once, or once in a while. We are called to proclaim the good news day after day, never ceasing, just as the disciples did in the passage above.

What does it mean to proclaim the good news of God in Christ? As the Church, acting together and as individuals, we have a story to tell. We have the story of God's movement in our lives through the saving actions of Jesus Christ. The life, death and resurrection of Jesus is not simply a story in the Bible. Rather it's the story of our lives and the story of what brings us life. We simply share with others how God is working in our lives. We share the story that shapes our story.

**We are living out the story of Christ in us.
We are proclaiming the story of God's saving grace in our lives when we:**

- Invite others to the church where Christ is proclaimed
- Confess our faith through song and word in worship
- Offer encouragement to a friend and others who are ill or in need

- Show Christ through our daily lives and work, which express thanks to God and care for the common good
- Talk about our faith in our homes and with others
- Live prepared to give a reason for the hope within us

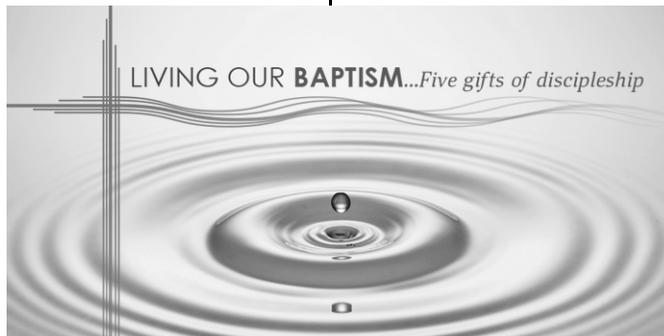
In these days of Covid-19, unrest, turmoil, and divisions racially, politically, and socially Christian have a challenge perhaps unprecedented thus far in most of our lifetimes. The first two become difficult when we are just first beginning to meet again for in person worship. It has not always been easy to invite others to church for worship. Now even as we are cautious going ourselves practicing protocols set forth by state and CDC guidelines asking someone to join is challenging.

Confessing our faith in song, at least for now, is not happening except through the voices of

others not in our immediate presence. In some places participation by parishioners is limited to being only spectators while the pastor is the only one speaking.

As for the other three ways to live out our story, listed at the top of this page, the one I think is most disconcerting is “show Christ through our daily lives”. If you follow social media and even if your don't the toxic atmosphere in our nation, even among and particularly among those who profess to be Christian is staggering. Is it possible to be people who can be self-examining or are we so absorbed in the trends and attitudes of others that we are unable to assess ourselves. I have said it before, I will say it again and I admit my own personal struggle regarding it. When I think, react, say or writes something I need to ask, and we all need to ask, “What would Jesus do?”

Pastor Hal





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If you are hospitalized, know someone who is, need pastoral assistance, a prayer request, home visit, private communion or other pastoral service contact Pastor Hal at any of the above. With limited access and social distancing please keep in mind that not pastoral request can be granted. Email me, text or call me I will be glad to chat with you!

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**Greetings
Confirmands, parents
and parish members:**

We have scheduled at this time Confirmation Sunday for September

27, 2020 during the regularly scheduled worship times. Not knowing what the protocols will be our plan is to move forward and monitor the things as they unfold. Be prepared if we should need to limit this to family and relatives of the Confirmands only. This is a heads up only, nothing set in stone.

Therefore our practice with pictures will happen the Wednesday prior to that Sunday, September 23, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. Please pick up a gown before that and be able to pay \$ 12 for the group picture at that time. Also remember to have chosen a special confirmation bible verse to be read by the student during The Affirmation of Baptism Service on the 27th.

Should you have question or concerns contact me by text or email or call at the number at the top of this page.



FALL IN PERSON CLASSES

We are planning to resume fall in person classes for 7th and 8th Grade students beginning on September 09, 2020, 6:30 at Barum Lutheran. Our class size is small enough we believe to follow the current guidelines and we are hopeful that will only improve.

ORIENTATION will be held on September 02, 2020, 6:30 p.m. at Barum Lutheran. All returning students who are now 8th grade and incoming 7th grade students with a parent or adult are required to attend.

Watch for details or changes in upcoming newsletters!

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July 05, 2002
Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
Matthew 11: 16-19, 25-30
“True Refreshment”

July 12, 2020
Sixth Sunday after Pentecost
Matthew 13: 1-9, 18-23
“Sowers of Seed”

July 19, 2020
Seventh Sunday after Pentecost
Matthew 13: 24-30, 36-43
“Weeds and Wheat Co-exist; Why Not People”

July 26, 2020
Eighth Sunday after Pentecost
Matthew 13: 31-33, 44-52
“What ‘the kingdom of heaven’ Means”

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Despotism may govern without faith, but liberty cannot. Religion is much more necessary in the republic which they set forth in glowing colors than in the monarchy which they attack; it is more needed in democratic republics than in any others.

How is it possible that society should escape destruction if the moral tie is not strengthened in proportion as the political tie is relaxed? And what can be done with a people who are their own masters if they are not submissive to the Deity?

—Alexis de Tocqueville (1805-1859)