

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Schaller, Iowa
May 1, 2022

10:00 A. M.

Third Sunday of Easter

Rev. Michael Sydnor

PRELUDE

Judy Fells, Organist

CANDLELIGHTING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Elder

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Elder

Elder: Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain.

People: **Blessing and honor and glory to God!**¹

Elder: Let us worship God!

***HYMN** "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" #2

INVOCATION (Please be seated) Pastor

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON) Elder

When we disagree with other people, we look for evidence that we are right and ignore any detail that might show that we are wrong. Like Paul, we get angry in our self-righteousness and insist that others follow our ways. Lord, forgive us and remind us that our opponents are your children and some of them are your disciples. Show us where we are wrong so that we might show the same love to our rivals as you have shown to us. (Time of silent prayer) Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON Pastor

***GLORIA PATRI** #623

SCRIPTURE LESSON

First Reading: Acts 9:1-20

Elder

Meanwhile, Saul was still breathing out murderous threats against the Lord's disciples. He went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues in Damascus, so that if he found any there who belonged to the Way, whether men or women, he might take them as prisoners to Jerusalem. As he neared Damascus on his journey, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice say to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" "Who are you, Lord?" Saul asked. "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting," he replied. "Now get up and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do." The men traveling with Saul stood there speechless; they heard the sound but did not see anyone. Saul got up from the ground, but when he opened his eyes he could see nothing. So they led him by the hand into Damascus. For three days he was blind, and did not eat or drink anything. In Damascus there was a disciple named Ananias. The Lord called to him in a vision, "Ananias!" "Yes, Lord," he answered. The Lord told him, "Go to the house of Judas on Straight Street and ask for a man from Tarsus named Saul, for he is praying. In a vision he has seen a man named Ananias come and place his hands on him to restore his sight." "Lord," Ananias answered, "I have heard many reports about this man and all the harm he has done to your holy people in Jerusalem. And he has come here with authority from the chief priests to arrest all who call on your name." But the Lord said to Ananias, "Go! This man is my chosen instrument to proclaim my name to the Gentiles and their kings and to the people of Israel. I will show him how much he must suffer for my name." Then Ananias went to the house and entered it. Placing his hands on Saul, he said, "Brother Saul, the Lord—Jesus, who appeared to you on the

¹ Presbyterian Church. Book of Common Worship (p. 331).
Presbyterian Publishing. Kindle Edition.

road as you were coming here—has sent me so that you may see again and be filled with the Holy Spirit.” Immediately, something like scales fell from Saul’s eyes, and he could see again. He got up and was baptized, and after taking some food, he regained his strength. Saul spent several days with the disciples in Damascus. At once he began to preach in the synagogues that Jesus is the Son of God.

Leader:

The Word of the Lord:

People:

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Lesson: John 21:1-19

21 Afterward Jesus appeared again to his disciples, by the Sea of Galilee. It happened this way: **2** Simon Peter, Thomas (also known as Didymus), Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two other disciples were together. **3** “I’m going out to fish,” Simon Peter told them, and they said, “We’ll go with you.” So they went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. **4** Early in the morning, Jesus stood on the shore, but the disciples did not realize that it was Jesus. **5** He called out to them, “Friends, haven’t you any fish?” “No,” they answered. **6** He said, “Throw your net on the right side of the boat and you will find some.” When they did, they were unable to haul the net in because of the large number of fish. **7** Then the disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, “It is the Lord!” As soon as Simon Peter heard him say, “It is the Lord,” he wrapped his outer garment around him (for he had taken it off) and jumped into the water. **8** The other disciples followed in the boat, towing the net full of fish, for they were not far from shore, about a hundred yards. **9** When they landed, they saw a fire of burning coals there with fish on it, and some bread. **10** Jesus said to them, “Bring some of the fish you have just caught.” **11** So Simon Peter climbed back into the boat and dragged the net ashore. It was full of large fish, **153**, but even with so many the net was not torn. **12** Jesus said to them, “Come and have breakfast.” None of the

Synod School

You are invited to participate in Synod School's 68th year July 24-29, 2022. "Experiencing Belonging" is the theme. You can register for classes online beginning March 15 at <https://lakesandprairies.org/engaging-leaders/synod-school/> and click on the registration link. The catalog is available online now. Registration forms may also be submitted by mail or email to the Synod office. There is a catalog in the Narthex with the classes and activities that will be offered.



This year the Presbytery of Prospect Hill will be offering scholarships to [Synod School](#). Synod School is an annual event for all ages that combines worship, education, fellowship, and fun. More details about the scholarships, including application forms, will be available soon.

BIRTHDAY WISHES

Beth Bailey (4th)
Marilyn King (12th)
Dorothy Ploeger (15th)
Dee Gosch (17th)
Theresa Bailey (22nd)
Jason Currie (23rd)
Lauren Franken (29th)

disciples dared ask him, "Who are you?" They knew it was the Lord. 13 Jesus came, took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. 14 This was now the third time Jesus appeared to his disciples after he was raised from the dead. 15 When they had finished eating, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" "Yes, Lord," he said, "you know that I love you." Jesus said, "Feed my lambs." 16 Again Jesus said, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He answered, "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you." Jesus said, "Take care of my sheep." 17 The third time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter was hurt because Jesus asked him the third time, "Do you love me?" He said, "Lord, you know all things; you know that I love you." Jesus said, "Feed my sheep. 18 Very truly I tell you, when you were younger you dressed yourself and went where you wanted; but when you are old you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will dress you and lead you where you do not want to go." 19 Jesus said this to indicate the kind of death by which Peter would glorify God. Then he said to him, "Follow me!"

Leader: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

CHILDRENS TIME

HYMN "Amazing Grace" #202
SERMON "When Blinded by the Light"

*APOSTLE'S CREED

MINUTE FOR MISSION

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

Prayers of Intercession
The Lord's Prayer
Congregational Response #421 (Verse 1)

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY #625

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN “Love Lifted Me ” #505

*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION SONG “Freely, Freely” (V. 1) #447

*POSTLUDE

(*Those who are able please stand.)

2022 PER CAPITA

2022 Per Capita amount is \$42.48. It is a very important way we can contribute to the operation and mission of the Presbyterian Church. Session encourages all members to contribute. Please mark your check “Per Capita”.

FOOD PANTRY

Reminder: When bringing food items for the food pantry, please check the expiration dates.

TAKE NOTE

The church is no longer able to have water delivered. So please be mindful that you will need to provide water for coffee and drinks when serving/having an event. Gallons of drinking water are easily purchased from Sparky’s, Hy Vee, Fareway, Walmart or other places.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

May 2022

01 Sunday

9:00 am Sunday School

10:00 am In-Person Worship in Sanctuary
(Masks are optional)

04 Wednesday

5:30 pm Christian Growth Meeting

05 Thursday

7:00 pm Online Bible Devotional and
Community Prayers

08 Sunday (Mother’s Day)

9:00 am Sunday School

10:00 am In-Person
Worship in Sanctuary & Baptism
(Masks are optional)

ELDERS FOR MAY

Julie Langner
Kirk Langner

NEW JOYS & CONCERN

Diane Overmohle

(Metastatic Melanoma running tests to see if it has spread)

Jesse Peterson

(will be having foot surgery)

The Nick Langner Family

CONTINUING JOYS AND CONCERNS:

Anna Hereen

Andy Beckord

(taking treatments)

Laurie Huss

(She has started her oral treatment)

Phyllis Thayer

Diane King

Beth Langner

Aaron Jacobson and his family

(Safe Deployment)

Dexter Meseck and Shannon & Justin

Tasha King (Safe Deployment)

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