

Acts 17:1-9

The Uproar in Thessalonica

After Paul and Silas had passed through Amphipolis and Apollonia, they came to Thessalonica, where there was a synagogue of the Jews. And Paul went in, as was his custom, and on three Sabbath days argued with them from the scriptures, explaining and proving that it was necessary for the Messiah to suffer and to rise from the dead, and saying, 'This is the Messiah, Jesus whom I am proclaiming to you.' Some of them were persuaded and joined Paul and Silas, as did a great many of the devout Greeks and not a few of the leading women. But the Jews became jealous, and with the help of some ruffians in the market-places they formed a mob and set the city in an uproar. While they were searching for Paul and Silas to bring them out to the assembly, they attacked Jason's house. When they could not find them, they dragged Jason and some believers before the city authorities, shouting, 'These people who have been turning the world upside down have come here also, and Jason has entertained them as guests. They are all acting contrary to the decrees of the emperor, saying that there is another king named Jesus.' The people and the city officials were disturbed when they heard this, and after they had taken bail from Jason and the others, they let them go.

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

THE FIRST LETTER OF PAUL TO THE Thessalonians

Salutation

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,
To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:
Grace to you and peace.

The Thessalonians' Faith and Example

We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labour of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of people we proved to be among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place where your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.



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**Sunday April 17, 2016
11:00am**

Sunday, April 17 Bucks for our Building

8:45am Traditional Worship
9:45am Kitchen Training
10:00am Creation Stations, Middle School SS
11:00am Contemporary Worship
12:00pm Kitchen Training
1:00pm Spring of Eternal Life Church

Monday, April 18

Tuesday, April 19

1:00pm Staff Meeting
7:00pm SEL (S), Church Board (F)

Wednesday, April 20

9:30am Bible Study
6:00pm Confirmation, Bell choir
7:00pm Sanctuary Choir

Thursday, April 21

6:45am Men's Bible Study
9:00am Widows Group
6:00pm Girl Scouts
6:30pm Knitting & Crochet Group offsite

Friday, April 22

6-8:00pm Girl Scouts (FH)

Saturday, April 23

5-9pm SEL (S)

Sunday, April 24

8:45am Traditional Worship
10:00am Creation Stations, Middle School SS
11:00am Contemporary Worship
1:00pm Spring of Eternal Life Church

Welcome to worship! If you are visiting, thank you so much for joining us in worship! If this is your first time here or if you have been here before and would like to know more about this church, please fill out a Visitor Information Card (located in the card racks in front of you on the pew) and place it in the offering plate. Please feel free to join us after service for conversation and fellowship. Thank you for visiting and experiencing the power of God and hearing the promise of His Word with us!

Holy Communion This morning we celebrate the sacrament of Holy Communion. All baptized believers who profess Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior are welcome to participate. To accommodate those participating in communion that would prefer to have a gluten-free wafer (instead of bread), they are available for you to take in the silver bowl on the baptismal font. There is also white grape juice (instead of wine) available from the inner circle of the communion tray. Please fill out a communion participation card and hand it to the usher as you come forward.

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Sunday April 17, 2016
11:00 am

We welcome you to worship today and trust that God will meet us here and send us out to be his servants in the world.

Gathering

Welcome & Announcements

Worship Songs

Children's Message

Lesson of the Day Acts 17:1-9, 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10
P: Word of God, Word of life **C: Thanks be to God**

Message Pastor Karsten Nelson

Response Song/Offering

Prayers

Communion/Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Benediction

Sending Song

Sending

P: Go in peace to serve the Lord by loving God. **C: Thanks be to God**

Photo Directory- We are doing another church directory with pictures being taken May 4 –7. Please sign up in the Narthex on Sundays for an available time slot or check out our website for a link to online sign ups. Each family that is photographed will receive one free 8x10 picture and a free church directory. If you can't make that week-end of pictures, alternative locations will be available—please ask at the table.

Automated Call—You may have received an automated call from Pastor Karsten. This was a recorded message that was done for the church directory as a reminder. Thanks for understanding!

Youth Plant Sale! - Need a hanging basket for mom? Looking to purchase paks/pots of your summer flowers (annuals and perennials)? Need vegetable plants, herbs and more? Pick up a Youth Plant Sale form at the Welcome Desk at church and turn in forms/payment by Sunday, April 24. Plants will be available for pick-up Friday, May 6 - Sunday, May 8. Plants are from Pletscher's Greenhouses. All proceeds support the Youth Ministry! For more information contact Intern Pastor Anne.

Women's Luncheon—Don't miss out on the plans for a lovely luncheon and A FLASH TO THE PAST 1920's Style Show on Saturday, May 7 from 10:30am to 2:00pm. There will be raffles, a money hat and prizes. Tickets not sold at the door so quick arrange for your friends, relatives to join you in this special day. The cost is \$15. Tickets available by phone or between services beginning April 10. Wear your 1920's hat or costume if you have one. Funds go to tablecloths, décor and special items for the church.

Mission Appeal—You recently received a letter on the back of your quarterly contribution statement regarding our Mission Appeal process. At that time, we had received \$245,494. We are happy to say that we have received an additional \$13,000 from you since this letter. Our final loan draw has to occur prior to the first week of May. If you are able to donate any of your pledged amount early, we hope to receive these donations by May 1.

Widows Group—Our next meeting will be on Thursday, April 21 at 9am at the church. We'll meet to draw on the experiences of others that are "Left Without". Please feel welcome to decide last minute or call Kathi Kirchoff to RSVP.

Consider being a delegate for Our Redeemer Once a year in May the congregations of this St Paul Area Synod gather for a business meeting that includes election, resolutions and worship. The theme this year, "Bold & Hopeful" is about claiming our past, but more importantly, our future, as people shaped by God's grace. God's reforming Spirit has been at work in us and we will go forward inspired by the same Spirit. If you want more information about his invitation for May 20 and 21 talk to Pastor Karsten.

Thrivent Action Team Event Serving at Dorothy Day Monday April 25th—Please join us by participating in a Thrivent Action Team Event serving a meal at Dorothy Day on April 25th. We need preparers at 2:00PM until 4:00PM and we need servers from 4:00PM to 5:30PM. Thrivent has approved an Action Team grant to help fund this meal. Thank you Thrivent! We continue to need volunteers and appreciate the many hours people have contributed to fill this important ministry to the homeless and low income in our community. New volunteers are welcome and no experience is required. The signup sheets can be found in the Narthex at the Information Desk. We would like to encourage Thrivent Members to participate but the event is open to all. Volunteers will receive the new Thrivent Action Team T-shirt. Thank you.

Kitchen Training—Come learn about our new kitchen; now that our kitchen is finished we want to help people learn how to use the new kitchen and understand new practices for this space. If you are interested in helping in the kitchen or just knowing more about this space join us after each worship service on April 17 for a 20 minute introduction.

Upcoming Readings

April 24: Church at Corinth
Acts 18:1-4, 1 Corinthians 1:10-18
May 1: Faith, Hope, and Love
1 Corinthians 13:1-3