

August 13, 2017

Knowing Jesus

10:00 am

Order of Worship

Prelude
Welcome
"Go Make of All Disciples"
"Hosanna"
"Christ is Enough"
Message: "It's A Boy" Pastor Adam Grill
Offering (please sign and pass the Friendship Pad)
"All to Jesus, I Surrender"
Prayer Time
"O Master Let Me Walk with Thee"

Prayer Life

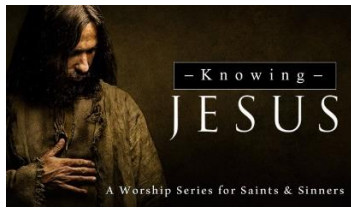
- The Grace Family would like to extend its prayers and deepest sympathy to the VandenBosch Family on the home going of their beloved Jim.
- Ken Michmerhuizen, scheduled for open heart surgery tomorrow, August 14.
- Rosemary Riedsma, struggling with pain management.
- Jack DeWitt, Jean Brink, and Mindy Koert, battling cancer.
- Glenn Stielau, continued prayers for health and strength.

Church Life

- **KEY DATES:**
 - August 17: Women's Prayer Time, 10:00 a.m.
 - August 19: Men's Ministry Breakfast, 7:30 a.m.
 - August 20: Pastor Adam Preaching
 - September 10: Baptism Sunday/Bill Crowder Preaching
- If you are a guest with us today, WELCOME! If you haven't done so already, we invite you to stop by our Guest Reception in the lobby following the service. Someone will be there to greet you, answer your questions and give you a gift as a thank you for worshipping with us today!
- A service to honor the faith and life of Jim VandenBosch will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, August 14, here at Grace Chapel, with a luncheon to follow. A time of visitation will be held tonight from 5:00-7:30 p.m. at Yntema Funeral Home.
- Sunday, September 10, will be our Believer's Baptism Service. If you are interested in participating, or simply learning more about what Baptism at Grace Chapel looks like, please see Pastor Adam or Pastor Z, or sign-up at the Information Desk today.
- Our QUEST Teen Group will be heading to Tunnel Park on Sunday, August 20, around 5:00 p.m. There will be food, games, and hopefully swimming. Invite your friends! See Tom TenHarmsel for additional details.
- Our Daily Bread Devotionals are available on the table in the back of the sanctuary. Feel free to take one!
- **GREETERS: SUNDAY, AUGUST 20**
 - Main: Bill and Deb Shannon, Ron and Ruth Telgenhof
 - Lower: Mary Lou Fonte-Sciscoe
- **THE LORD'S BUSINESS:**
 - Attendance: 217
 - Giving: Weekly Budget: \$5,728; Received: \$10,433; YTD Budget: \$183,296; YTD Received: \$234,311
 - Weekly Faith Promise Giving: \$750; YTD FPG: \$24,900

Get Involved

- Serving is a great way to grow, meet others, and discover your calling. Get engaged! Come Alive! Make a Difference! Contact Pastor Adam, Pastor Z, or Lisa Cook to learn about all of our current serving opportunities.



Luke 1: The Birth of John the Baptist Foretold

⁵ In the time of Herod king of Judea there was a priest named Zechariah, who belonged to the priestly division of Abijah; his wife Elizabeth was also a descendant of Aaron. ⁶ Both of them were righteous in the sight of God, observing all the Lord's commands and decrees blamelessly. ⁷ But they were childless because Elizabeth was not able to conceive, and they were both very old. ⁸ Once when Zechariah's division was on duty and he was serving as priest before God, ⁹ he was chosen by lot, according to the custom of the priesthood, to go into the temple of the Lord and burn incense. ¹⁰ And when the time for the burning of incense came, all the assembled worshipers were praying outside. ¹¹ Then an angel of the Lord appeared to him, standing at the right side of the altar of incense. ¹² When Zechariah saw him, he was startled and was gripped with fear. ¹³ But the angel said to him: "Do not be afraid, Zechariah; your prayer has been heard. Your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you are to call him John. ¹⁴ He will be a joy and delight to you, and many will rejoice because of his birth, ¹⁵ for he will be great in the sight of the Lord. He is never to take wine or other fermented drink, and he will be filled with the Holy Spirit even before he is born. ¹⁶ He will bring back many of the people of Israel to the Lord their God. ¹⁷ And he will go on before the Lord, in the spirit and power of Elijah, to turn the hearts of the parents to their children and the disobedient to the wisdom of the righteous—to make ready a people prepared for the Lord." ¹⁸ Zechariah asked the angel, "How can I be sure of this? I am an old man and my wife is well along in years." ¹⁹ The angel said to him, "I am Gabriel. I stand in the presence of God, and I have been sent to speak to you and to tell you this good news. ²⁰ And now you will be silent and not able to speak until the day this happens, because you did not believe my words, which will come true at their appointed time." ²¹ Meanwhile, the people were waiting for Zechariah and wondering why he stayed so long in the temple. ²² When he came out, he could not speak to them. They realized he had seen a vision in the temple, for he kept making signs to them but remained unable to speak. ²³ When his time of service was completed, he returned home. ²⁴ After this his wife Elizabeth became pregnant and for five months remained in seclusion. ²⁵ "The Lord has done this for me," she said. "In these days he has shown his favor and taken away my disgrace among the people."

The Birth of Jesus Foretold

²⁶ In the sixth month of Elizabeth's pregnancy, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, ²⁷ to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸ The angel went to her and said, "Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you." ²⁹ Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be. ³⁰ But the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary; you have found favor with God. ³¹ You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus. ³² He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, ³³ and he will reign over Jacob's descendants forever; his kingdom will never end." ³⁴ "How will this be," Mary asked the angel, "since I am a virgin?" ³⁵ The angel answered, "The Holy Spirit will come on you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God. ³⁶ Even Elizabeth your relative is going to have a child in her old age, and she who was said to be unable to conceive is in her sixth month. ³⁷ For no word from God will ever fail." ³⁸ "I am the Lord's servant," Mary answered. "May your word to me be fulfilled." Then the angel left her. ³⁹ At that time Mary got ready and hurried to a town in the hill country of Judea, ⁴⁰ where she entered Zechariah's home and greeted Elizabeth. ⁴¹ When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the baby leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. ⁴² In a loud voice she exclaimed: "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the child you will bear! ⁴³ But why am I so favored, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? ⁴⁴ As soon as the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. ⁴⁵ Blessed is she who has believed that the Lord would fulfill his promises to her!"

Life Application:

Read Mary's song in Luke 46-56 & Zechariah's Song in 67-79. Both Mary & Zechariah experienced miracles and praise God for them in song. Look at your life and this week write out a song to praise God for the miracles in your life.