



**Sirs, what must I do
to be saved? Acts 16:30**

**Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ,
and thou shalt be saved. Acts 16:31**

Lorraine Avenue Mennonite Church
Wichita, Kansas

Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 8, 2016

9:30 a.m.

Worship

10:30 a.m.

Fellowship

10:45 a.m.

Sunday School

*He brought them up into the house and set food before them;
and he and his entire household rejoiced
that he had become a believer in God.*

Acts 16:34

Prelude

Galen Shriner, keyboard

Introit

Brethren, We Have Met to Worship
Chancel Choir

*Call to Worship

Sylvia Epp

Leader: Let all who are thirsty, come!

People: Let them drink of the water that has no price.

Leader: Let all who are hungry, come!

People: Let them eat of the bread that has no cost.

Leader: All without money, come, buy, and eat!

All: Drink what is good, and delight in the Lord!

*Hymn

O let all who thirst (vs. 1-3)

HWB 495

Litany

Leader: Blessed are they who seek living water—

People: The river that flows from the presence of God.

Leader: They shall find on its banks the tree of life,

People: Yielding its fruits of the Spirit.

Leader: The fruits of faithfulness and love,

People: Of kindness and peace,

Leader: Of goodness and patience,

People: Of gentleness and mercy,

Leader: Of self-discipline and truth,

People: Of righteousness and joy.

Leader: The Lord invites all to eat from this tree.

People: No guardian angel will forbid it—

We welcome you to this service of worship! Please write your name on the welcome pad at the end of your pew, and then return it to learn who is sitting near you. Please include your address if you are a visitor or new attender. A nursery for children up to 5 years of age is available in Room 204.

For those with hearing difficulties, assistive listening equipment (which includes headphones and a small, pocket-sized receiver) is available. Please ask one of the ushers for assistance.

Greeters this morning are Carrie and Daryl Dicke. **Nursery workers during worship** are Kelly Cleary and Kristina Everingham; **during Sunday School**, Aimee Leisy. **Fellowship workers** are Delores and Gordon Funk.

Following the worship service, you are all invited downstairs to the Fellowship Hall for coffee and casual conversation until the bell rings for Sunday School to begin.

Among our friends:

Welcome to **Kathy Wiens**, Ruth Lehman Wien's mom, who will be sharing her life story and her book with us this morning in the Faith and Issues class.

The Lorraine Avenue Mennonite Pantry (LAMP) is 18 years old and we'll celebrate this morning, during Fellowship time. Seventeen years of partnership with Youth Development Services and our new collaboration with International Rescue Committee. A list of suggested birthday gifts is on the table under the office window (and money is always welcome!).

The library has subscribed to TIMBREL: Women in Conversation Together with God. It's published by Mennonite Women, USA. The library has received its first copy of this title.

A "don't miss" opportunity! Meals for 8 (more or less) The deacons are organizing folks into groups to meet in homes for food and fellowship. You can sign up be **a guest** or **a host** or **both**. If you sign up to be a host, there will be a slot to enter the number of guests you are comfortable hosting. The host will be responsible for coordinating the food for the meal and setting the time and date; guests may be asked to bring food. If you sign up to be a guest, you will be assigned to a host's home by the deacons for your get-together. Sign-up sheets will be in the south lobby starting **TODAY** and will remain until May 24.

You will be notified in June as to who your guests are if you are hosting or who your host will be if you are a guest. Please feel free to contact any of the deacons if you have questions. They are Mike Fetters, Adella Ozor, Myra Swartz, Sylvia Schmidt, Cheryl Schmidt, Miles Thompson, and Susan Unruh.

Needed! A few more sound system operators for Sunday morning church services. Do you like to play with knobs and switches? Enjoy being “in control”? You could be a sound system operator for our Sunday morning church services! Benefits: Excellent view of the sanctuary, and the only reserved seat in the house! No experience necessary... we will train you! Contact Ron Glanzer or Roger Kaufman

Prayer Request from Aposento Alto: Pray for discerning God’s missional direction for Aposento Alto and for its pastoral transition and its various ministries. Also, pray for the newly formed/forming pastoral search committee. Amber Schroeder is LAMC’s rep.

Prayer Request from Western District Conference: Pray for new WDC Associate Conference Minister (TX-based) Byron Pellecer as he and his wife, Hilda, move this week to Dallas TX, where he will begin his work May 15.

Prayer Request from Mennonite Mission Network: Praise God for the new Centre for Anabaptist Studies in Bristol, United Kingdom, that has grown out of the ministry of the (now closed) London Mennonite Centre. Pray for the students as they learn about mission, theology, and Bible interpretation from an Anabaptist perspective.

Prayer Request from Mennonite Education Agency: Pray that as campers build skills and have fun at Sarasota FL Christian School Camp Program, they will experience Christ’s love in new ways.

Prayer for Peacemakers: Christian Peacemaker Teams Colombia is asking for your prayers and action in support of Alvaro Garcia, arrested as part of the ongoing persecution of the farming communities of El Guayabo and Bella Unión. At 10:00 a.m. on Thursday 5 May, members of El Guayabo and Bella Unión are gathering in front of the courthouse in Barrancabermeja alongside their supporting organizations to demand transparency and fairness from authorities and to insist on an end to the stigmatization of small farmers as guerilla supporters. The action will include testimonies, prayer, and lighting candles as a symbol of truth and hope. Afterwards, members of the communities will travel to the jail where the authorities are imprisoning Alvaro Garcia for a liturgical ceremony in hope that Alvaro will hear

them. On Thursday, take action by lighting a candle to stand in solidarity with Alvaro Garcia. Post your image on Facebook, Twitter, or email it to us. Use the hashtag **#LibertadparaAlvaro**.

Prayer Request from Sabeel: This week, The Palestinian Authority declared the Christian Easter Holiday a nationally recognized holiday in Palestine. The declaration came as the fruit of lobbying by local grassroots clergy in Ramallah. Palestinian Christians constitute less than 1.5% of the entire Palestinian population. In previous years only Christmas and Muslim Holidays were considered a Palestinian National Holiday. *Lord, we thank you for the tolerance and understanding among our Palestinian community. Actions such as this lord bring hope and emphasize the beauty of unity. When many around the world tend to construct walls of security we are thankful for your people who are engaged in building bridges. Lord in your mercy...*

A Palestinian woman, Maram Abu Ismayil, 23, and her brother Ibrahim Salah Taha, 16, were shot dead by Israeli security forces at the Qalandia checkpoint in the West Bank last Wednesday morning prompting clashes in the area. Maram, a mother of two and pregnant, was crossing into Jerusalem for the first time, on her way to a Jerusalem hospital. The police refuse to release the video that record the senseless killings accusing them of wielding knives. *Lord we walk on our streets in fear and without protection. The Palestinians living under occupation have long been asking for international protection against the Israeli security forces and the wild settlers who constantly attack them. Lord, we pray that our cries for protection be answered and that the 49-year-old occupation will come to an end. Lord in your mercy...*

Visitors from last Sunday: Twila and Lowell Pottenger, Minneola, KS

This Week at Church

Monday	Yoga	5:30 p.m.
	Wellness Group	6:45 p.m.
Tuesday	Lifestyle Strategies – Fellowship Hall	11:30 a.m.
Wednesday	Yoga	4:45 p.m.
	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	7:00 p.m.
Thursday	Lifestyle Strategies – Fellowship Hall	5:00 p.m.
Friday	Yoga	12:00 p.m.

Elementary and Youth Sunday School Classes

Early Childhood (3- 4 year olds) Shine! Curriculum **Room 206**
Teachers: Linda Doll, Ellen Ebersole

Kindergarten - First Grade Shine! **Room 201**
Teachers: Kelly Cleary, Jill Robinson, and Alison Wenzel

Second - Fourth Grades Shine! **Room 202**
Teachers: Julie Dunkelberger and Beth Lichty

Fifth - Tenth Grades Shine! – L.E.D. **B4**
Teacher: Catherine Everingham and Ann Fetters

Fifth - Tenth Grades **B5**
Faith Formation through Games
Teachers: Beverly Baumgartner, Joel Ewy, Kristina Everingham

Adult Sunday School Classes

Empowerers **Book Study** **Lois' Office (Basement)**
Between the World and Me
Ta-Nehisi Coates

The Seekers **Book Study** **Room 208**
Living More with Less
Doris Janzen Longacre

Uniform Bible Study Series **Gathering Room**
Led by Rose Moyer

Faith & Issues **Fellowship Hall**
Bars, Dumps, and Other Childhood Hangouts
Guest presenter/author: Kathy Wiens

Mission Statement*

We are called to be followers of Christ
seeking God's will through the Holy Spirit
sharing the good news of love, peace,
healing, and hope
through worship, fellowship, and service
in our community, our city, and beyond.



**Foundational Scripture passages: Micah 6:8; Matthew 5-7; Mark 12:29-31; John 3:16; John 13:34-35; John 20:31; Romans 12:1-2; 1 Corinthians 3:11; 1 Peter 4:7-11; 1 John 4:16.*

We welcome all persons without regard to their race, ethnicity, gender, age, sexual orientation, social status, education, ability, or any other factor subject to discrimination and exclusion in our world. *“There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus” (Galatians 3:28)*

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Fri. 11:00-1:00

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