



Ruth
July 16

Time Period Era of the Judges

Who was she?
A Moabite woman blessed by God.

Did you know?

- When she was widowed, Ruth made a stirring promise of devotion to her mother-in-law Naomi and to the God of Israel.
- After Ruth arrived in Bethlehem, Boaz, a close relative of Elimelech, agreed to be Ruth's "redeemer" and married her (Ruth 4:13-17).
- She was the great-grandmother of King David and is therefore also a part of Jesus' family tree.
- She is honoured for her selfless loyalty toward Naomi and her faith in God.

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2025 GOAL OF BEREA & ZION

COME AND SEE!

"Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen." Hebrews 11:1

Come and experience the faith that ties us together and keeps us at Berea and Zion. In a world of increasing uncertainty, you and I are encouraged to live and share the basics of our faith that keeps us here. It is vital, life and eternal life changing, to know Jesus, our Saviour who lived, suffered, died, and rose, for us, to set us free from the control of evil.

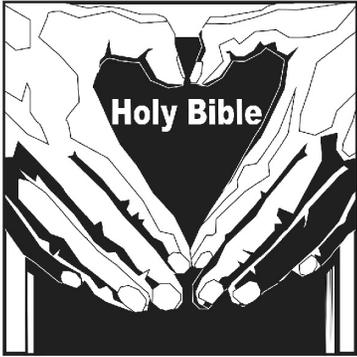
Our faith is grounded in the Good News that Jesus lives... the victory is won. Living the victorious life means that Jesus is an ever-present source of peace, comfort and hope in our lives. This year let's open doors for the Holy Spirit to work in the hearts and minds of our families, friends and community by warmly inviting them to... "COME AND SEE"!

BEREA & ZION GUESTS

At the end of worship we would like to invite you to please take a moment to sign our guest book in the foyer.

WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS

Welcome in the name of Jesus, our Lord and Saviour! It's great to have you with us today! If you're here because you're looking for a church family to be a part of, we're always excited to unite brothers and sisters in Christ. Talk to Pastor John today.



*"You shall love the Lord your God
with all your heart and with all
your soul and with all your
strength and with all your mind,
and your neighbour as yourself."
Luke 10:27*

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As We Gather

Today's Old Testament Reading is full of what God demands that someone should or should not do; it sounds almost scary. But it is only His putting us in our place and telling us how He wants to work through us and share His love, already poured out on us: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself" (Leviticus 19:18). But we try to limit the definition of "neighbor." We don't have to! Today we thank God for giving us, for Jesus' sake, "the inheritance of the saints in light," as Paul writes in the Epistle (Colossians 1:12). It is time to set aside our daily activities to let God put us in our place as His friends, followers, and family.

+ WELCOME AND SHARING OF PEACE +

Opening Hymn

851 Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us

1 *Lord of glory, You have bought us
With Your lifeblood as the price,
Never grudging for the lost ones
That tremendous sacrifice;
And with that have freely given
Blessings countless as the sand
To the_unthankful and the evil
With Your own unsparing hand.*

2 *Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to give You
Gladly, freely of Your own.
With the sunshine of Your goodness
Melt our thankless hearts of stone
Till our cold and selfish natures,
Warmed by You, at length believe
That more happy and more blessed
'Tis to give than to receive.*

3 *Wondrous honour You have given
To our humblest charity
In Your own mysterious sentence,
"You have done it all to Me."
Can it be, O gracious Master,
That You deign for alms to sue,
Saying by Your poor and needy,
"Give as I have giv'n to you"?*

4 *Lord of glory, You have bought us
With Your lifeblood as the price,
Never grudging for the lost ones
That tremendous sacrifice.
Give us faith to trust You boldly,
Hope, to stay our souls on You;
But, oh, best of all Your graces,
With Your love our love renew.*

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Opening Versicles

L: O Lord, open my lips,

C: and my mouth will declare Your praise.

L: Make haste, O God, to deliver me;

C: make haste to help me, O Lord, Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. AMEN.

Responsive Psalm

Psalm 41

L: Blessèd is the one who considers the poor! In the day of trouble the Lord delivers him;

C: the Lord protects him and keeps him alive; he is called blessèd in the land; you do not give him up to the will of his enemies.

P: The Lord sustains him on his sickbed; in his illness you restore him to full health.

C: As for me, I said, "O Lord, be gracious to me; heal me, for I have sinned against you!"

P: My enemies say of me in malice, "When will he die and his name perish?"

C: And when one comes to see me, he utters empty words, while his heart gathers iniquity; when he goes out, he tells it abroad.

P: All who hate me whisper together about me; they imagine the worst for me.

C: They say, "A deadly thing is poured out on him; he will not rise again from where he lies."

P: Even my close friend in whom I trusted, who ate my bread, has lifted his heel against me.

C: But you, O Lord, be gracious to me, and raise me up, that I may repay them!

P: By this I know that you delight in me: my enemy will not shout in triumph over me.

C: But you have upheld me because of my integrity, and set me in your presence forever.

P: Blessèd be the Lord, the God of Israel, from everlasting to everlasting! AMEN and AMEN.

All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning is now, and will be forever. AMEN

Readings

Old Testament Lesson

Leviticus 19:9-18

(God tells Moses to explain what it means to love one's neighbour as oneself.)

"When you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not reap your field right up to its edge, neither shall you gather the gleanings after your harvest. And you shall not strip your vineyard bare, neither shall you gather the fallen grapes of your vineyard. You shall leave them for the poor and for the sojourner: I am the Lord your God. "You shall not steal; you shall not deal falsely; you shall not lie to one another. You shall not swear by my name falsely, and so profane the name of your God: I am the Lord. "You shall not oppress your neighbour or rob him. The wages of a hired servant shall not remain with you all night until the morning. You shall not curse the deaf or put a stumbling block before the blind, but you shall fear your God: I am the Lord. "You shall do no injustice in court. You shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great, but in righteousness shall you judge your neighbour. You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not stand up against the life of your neighbour: I am the Lord. "You shall not hate your brother in your heart, but you shall reason frankly with your neighbour, lest you incur sin because of him. You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against the sons of your own people, but you shall love your neighbour as yourself: I am the Lord."

L: This is the Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God**

Epistle

Colossians 1:1-14

(Paul rejoices with the Colossians and tells them of his prayers.)

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, To the saints and faithful brothers in Christ at Colossae: Grace to you and peace from God our Father. We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, since we

heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. Of this you have heard before in the word of the truth, the gospel, which has come to you, as indeed in the whole world it is bearing fruit and growing—as it also does among you, since the day you heard it and understood the grace of God in truth, just as you learned it from Epaphras our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf and has made known to us your love in the Spirit. And so, from the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God. May you be strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy, giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

L: This is the Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God**

Gospel

Luke 10:25-37

(The Good Samaritan shows us how to love our neighbour.)

Behold, a lawyer stood up to put [Jesus] to the test, saying, “Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?” He said to him, “What is written in the Law? How do you read it?” And he answered, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbour as yourself.” And he said to him, “You have answered correctly; do this, and you will live.”

But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, “And who is my neighbour?” Jesus replied, “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him and departed, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other

side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was, and when he saw him, he had compassion. He went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he set him on his own animal and brought him to an inn and took care of him. And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, ‘Take care of him, and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.’ Which of these three, do you think, proved to be a neighbour to the man who fell among the robbers?” He said, “The one who showed him mercy.” And Jesus said to him, “You go, and do likewise.”

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God**

Hymn of the Day

845 Where Charity and Love Prevail

- 1 Where charity and love prevail There God is ever found;
Brought here together by Christ's love
By love are we thus bound.***
- 2 With grateful joy and holy fear His charity we learn;
Let us with heart and mind and soul
Now love Him in return.***
- 3 Forgive we now each other's faults As we our faults confess,
And let us love each other well
In Christian holiness.***
- 4 Let strife among us be unknown; Let all contention cease;
Be God's the glory that we seek;
Be ours His holy peace.***
- 5 Let us recall that in our midst Dwells Christ, His only Son;
As members of His body joined
We are in Him made one.***

**6 For love excludes no race or clan That names the Saviour's
name;**

**His family embraces all
Whose Father is the same.**

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Sermon

The Offerings Are Gathered

(The Offertory Prayer is sung as the offerings are brought forward)

**We give Thee but Thine own, Whate'er the gift may be;
All that we have is Thine alone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.**

**May we Thy bounties thus As stewards true receive
And gladly, as Thou blessest us, To Thee our firstfruits give!**

Kyrie

L: O Lord, **C: have mercy.**

L: O Christ, **C: have mercy.**

L: O Lord, **C: have mercy.**

Lord's Prayer

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy
kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give
us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we
forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into
temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory forever and ever. AMEN**

Apostles Creed

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and
earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was
conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered
under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He
descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the
Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living
and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the
communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of
the body, and the life everlasting. AMEN**

Versicles

L: Hear my prayer, O Lord;

C: let my cry come to You.

L: In the day of my trouble I call upon You;

C: for You answer me.

L: Hide Your face from my sins,

C: and blot out all my iniquities.

L: Create in me a clean heart, O God,

C: and renew a right spirit within me.

L: Cast me not away from Your presence,

C: and take not Your Holy Spirit from me.

L: Restore to me the joy of Your salvation,

C: and uphold me with a willing spirit.

L: Because Your steadfast love is better than life,

C: my lips will praise You.

L: For You have been my help,

C: and in the shadow of Your wings I will sing for joy.

L: Teach me Your way, O Lord, that I may walk in Your truth;

C: unite my heart to fear Your name.

L: I give thanks to You, O Lord my God, with my whole heart,

C: and I will glorify Your name forever.

L: May all who seek You rejoice and be glad in You.
C: May those who love Your salvation say evermore, "God is great!"
L: Save Your people and bless Your heritage!
C: Be their shepherd and carry them forever.
L: Give ear, O Lord, to my prayer;
C: listen to my plea for grace.

Collect of the Day and Additional Collects

L: *Let us pray:* Lord Jesus Christ, in Your deep compassion You rescue us from whatever may hurt us. Teach us to love You above all things and to love our neighbours as ourselves; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C: AMEN

L: Lord, we pray that You would guide and protect the leaders of this world, that conflict and warfare might cease, and peace and harmony break out for all people. Lord, in Your mercy,
C: hear our prayer.

L: Heavenly Father, we pray that You would so order the sun and the rain so that crops would grow for the benefit of all who need nourishment and strength. Lord, in Your mercy,
C: hear our prayer.

L: Lord, guide and defend Your whole Church. Bless our Synod President Rev. Teuscher and our Regional Pastor Rev. Bublitz. Grant wisdom and grace to all pastors, teachers, and congregation members. Send the light of Your truth into all the earth that many would come to receive Your grace and salvation. Lord, in Your mercy,
C: hear our prayer.

L: Lord, You bore our griefs and shared in our sorrows. Bring Your comfort to all those who are suffering in any way. Bring healing as You know is best. Uplift them with Your strength to bear in these moments. Point them to the hope that is ours now and the assurance of the resurrection to eternal life with Jesus on our last day. Lord, in Your mercy,
C: hear our prayer.

L: Lord, we pray for the those financially less fortunate and the sojourner, those oppressed and denied justice. We pray that You would raise up leaders in all segments of society to meet their needs compassionately, increasing prosperity, decent habitations, and human dignity. Lord, in Your mercy
C: hear our prayer.

L: Lord, we rejoice with those celebrating birthdays, baptismal birthdays, and anniversaries this week. We thank you for the blessings of the past, and entrust them to your future care. Lord, in Your mercy,
C: hear our prayer. AMEN

Morning Prayer

All: I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. AMEN

Benedicamus and Blessing

L: Let us bless the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God.

L: The Lord bless us, defend us from all evil, and bring us to everlasting life.

C: AMEN

Closing Hymn 722 Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me

*1 Lord, take my hand and lead me Upon life's way;
Direct, protect, and feed me From day to day.
Without Your grace and favour I go astray;
So take my hand, O Saviour, And lead the way.*

*2 Lord, when the tempest rages, I need not fear,
For You, the Rock of Ages, Are always near.
Close by Your side abiding, I fear no foe,
For when Your hand is guiding, In peace I go.*

*3 Lord, when the shadows lengthen And night has come,
I know that You will strengthen My steps toward home.
Then nothing can impede me, O blessed Friend;
So take my hand and lead me Unto the end.*

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Announcements and Dismissal

P: Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God.

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