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## Church on Sunday?

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Today I went to church three times, without ever really going to church. ?

The Apostle Paul went to the synagogues throughout his missionary journeys in order to evangelize his people. Protestant (and Catholic) churches today are somewhat similar for us as were the synagogues to Paul.

First, I went to the Laksevag church about a 5 minute walk from my bnb. They had told me earlier this week that they would have services today since they did not last Sunday. This is the 14th of April. I arrived in Bergen on Wednesday the 3rd. Service were supposed to begin at 11am. When I arrived this morning at 10 minutes to 11:00, the doors were all locked tight. Not a soul in sight. To be 'fair", I decided to wait at least until 11:00 before returning home, so I took a seat in the small park just across the street, with a view through the leafless hedge toward the church on the left, and a nice view of the boats, ships and beautiful fjord on the right. It was somewhat sunny and about 42 degrees, so I waited. At 2 minutes to 11:00 a couple showed up at the front door of the church and also seemed to wonder what was happening. I went over to introduce myself thinking that maybe they were members, but no, it turns out they were also visiting, were from India, spoke French in addition to English, and were glad that I spoke English, too. As it turned out, neither of them were saved, so I spent the next several minutes explaining the Gospel to them. They said they needed to go, and we parted. I gathered that they really did not "need" to go time-wise since they were planning to stay for a church service, but they did not really want to "hear" any more of the Gospel. They believed that the important thing was to respect everybody's religion and then everyone would be happy. So that was my 2nd church service. When I got back to the bnb I decided to tune in by zoom to what was left of our church service at Maisons-Laffitte, and, voila, they were still going on. So I joined them for the tail end of that service, enjoyed a brief conversation with some of them, and then we all said au revoir. So that was my Sunday of 3 almost church services today. Hope yours was somewhat more complete and edifying in the Lord. Ahh...the life of a missionary.

Well, god ettermiddag,

And blessings to you all in Jesus Christ from Norway,

Bill Hansen

"Call unto me and I will answer thee,  
and show thee great and mighty things  
which thou knowest not." Jer. 33:3

The Laksevag church



The fjord



and more fjord

