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Making peace by the blood of his cross — Colossians 1:15-20

Grace, peace, and mercy to you from our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

In the fourth chapter of the book of Jonah, a grown man, a prophet of God, literally pouts. Why is he so upset? He had hoped to see Nineveh destroyed, but God saved that city. Jonah himself had been saved from his mistakes, risen from the dead in a way, after spending three days and nights in the belly of a great fish. But, enjoying mercy himself, he wasn't ready to extend it to others.

Jonah was an Israelite. The Ninevites were once and future enemies of Israel. You know people who can't hear "Duke" without spitting, people who actually enjoy watching Duke lose. Jonah was like this, only in a "game" where the stakes were much higher. Ninevites enslaved, murdered, and pillaged Israel.

When you think about it like that, our own tribal tensions seem petty. But when you care about something, feelings run deep. "Tribal lines" run deeper in our culture today than just collegiate basketball. It's not just that we identify with people like us; we also withdraw from people with whom we don't identify. Other Americans have drawn those tribal lines as Republican v. Democrat, Whole Foods v. Cracker Barrel, Establishment v. Outsider. Commercials play to these tribal lines, from the old Mac v. PC ads to Budweiser mocking people who drink craft beer. Mac and Bud want their customers on their tribe because tribal loyalty is powerful.

That may seem strange to us in the church, because for so long the church had acted as a counter to the natural tribal gravity. It's natural for human beings to collect into tribes. What happens in the church is *supernatural*. Christ's church is for "all tribes and nations" (Revelation 7:9). The church gathered people from all kinds of people and told them they didn't have to stop being Ninevites or Romans to be Christians.

Jesus died and rose again for all people. So we become brothers and sisters with all kinds of people (Matthew 28:19).

As the Bible's influence has waned in our culture, that drive to find brotherhood across tribal lines has also waned. That makes it harder to feel at home in our tribe(s) and still be fully committed to the mission of the church. Jonah was willing to throw out the mission of his God. But God didn't give up on Jonah any more than He gave up on Nineveh.

I invite you to join us at 7 p.m. on April 11 and 25 for a special class looking at Jonah and tribalism. After all, Jesus died for Mike Krzyzewski, too. Can I get an "Amen"? If not, you definitely need to come to this class!

Your servant in Christ,

Pastor Daniel Guagenti



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CELEBRATIONS IN APRIL

BIRTHDAYS

- 2- Bill Adams
- 9- Monica Yaroma
- 10- Abby Gehrman
- 10- Brady Gehrman
- 10- Caitlin Gehrman
- 11- Kelsey Shreve
- 12- Allen Whitehouse
- 12- Shelah Shreve
- 18- Charlie Adams
- 18- Emily Crawhorn
- 21- Bill Heeg
- 24- Joshua Lancaster
- 24- Jonathon Lancaster
- 25- Adam Runner
- 25- Alex Shreve
- 30- Delores Brooks

ANNIVERSARIES

29- (1989) Stan & Terri Frerking

NEW MEMBERS

On March 25, Holy Cross welcomed new members Karen Hite, Dave & Roxana Pontius, Carl Clark and Steven & Lorie Rusch. We thank the Lord for them and pray that they will be blessed here at Holy Cross.

SPECIAL VOTERS' MEETING: APRIL 8

There will be a special voters' meeting on Sunday, April 8 immediately following the Divine service. We will be voting on plans for the flooring at the back of the sanctuary. A sample of the proposed flooring is located on the table across from the kitchen. All members are asked to attend.



ADULT BIBLE STUDY: SUNDAYS 9:45

Adult Sunday morning Bible class will be covering Exodus as we continue reading through the Bible. If you want an overview study of Exodus that doesn't get bogged down but gives you the big picture, come and join us. In the book of Exodus, we see God bring His people out of slavery in Egypt, give them the Law of Moses, and set up the first religious rituals including the Passover. Join us at 9:45 AM.

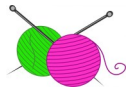
DEEP ROOTS: APRIL 11 & 25

In April, a special Deep Roots will look at the book of Jonah through the lens of tribalism. Why did Jonah want to see Nineveh destroyed? God saved evil Nineveh, but for how long? Was Israel's God "on the wrong side of history"? We'll find the themes of Jonah are very relevant to life as we experience it today. This special class will meet both April 11 and 25 at 7 PM.



THREADS OF GRACE CLASS: APRIL 17

Threads of Grace is now meeting in Frankfurt. Whether you knit, crochet, cross-stitch, needlepoint or just want to socialize - all are welcome. The next class will be held Tuesday, April 17, beginning at 7pm. Please see Anita Themer for more information.



BOOK CLUB: APRIL 22

Book Club will be reading *Mission at Nuremberg* by Tim Townsend. We will meet April 22 after church. Brenda Moody will be making a savory main dish and we will provide sides.

PLANT SWAP: APRIL 28

Plant Swap will be Saturday, April 28, from 8 to 10am. Please pray for our "growers". Please think of plant swap when getting your flower beds ready this spring. We can use any plant you want to share. This year we are having a variety of plants...herbs, flowers and vegetables. Thank you to Brenda Moody for her help and the multiple people who are growing plants. Contact Debbie Nelson with any questions.



PROJECT OUTREACH DINNERS

Project Outreach uses Styrofoam plates and cups, plastic utensils, tea, and desserts every month and those items are always appreciated. A donation box has been set up at the back of the church. They also need volunteers!

GLUTEN-FREE COMMUNION

We will have gluten-free communion hosts available. Let Pastor know before church if you want one.

LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES

"The Lutheran Hour" is every Sun. morning at 6:30am on Louisville radio WHAS-840AM and at 7am on Cincinnati radio WLW-700 AM. Delivering the messages is the Rev. Ken Klaus. "On Main Street", sponsored by Lutheran Hour Ministries, is a TV program with Dr. Dale Meyer as host. It is broadcast each Sunday afternoon on Louisville Television Channel 24, at 5pm.

PORTAL OF PRAYERS

The April-June Portals of Prayer are now available on the credenza at the front entrance of the church.

COLLECTING USED EYEGLASSES

Concordia Lutheran is collecting used eye glasses for Honduras. A box has been set at the back of the church for your donations.



TREASURER'S NOTE

If you use Thrivent cards or pay for any item used by the church but do not want reimbursement please let the treasurer know. Thank you, Bob Myers.

THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who donated eggs, candy and their time to help stuff the Easter eggs for the hunt!

Thank
you!

You Might be a Lutheran If...

- You think lime Jell-O with cottage cheese and pineapple is a gourmet salad.
- The only mealtime prayer you know is "come Lord Jesus".
- You and your family of six squeeze into the last pew along with the 50 members already sitting there.

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(See John 20:1-18)

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WELL PLAYED

Therefore choose life, that you and your offspring may live, ²⁰ loving the LORD your God, obeying his voice and holding fast to him – **Deuteronomy 30: 19a-20b**



Support Life

LWML Spring Rally 2018
April 14
Divine Savior, Shepherdsville, KY
9-10am registration and fellowship
10am call to order

Speaker – Angela Davis, Director

A New Hope Pregnancy Resource Center - Shepherdsville

Ingathering - *A New Hope*

- Gerber Good Start Gentle formula
- Gerber Good Start Soothe formula
- Infant Bath Tubs for Girls and Boys
- Baby Laundry Detergent
- Men's Hygiene Items
- Women's Hygiene Items
- Gift Cards from Kroger, Walmart, or Local Restaurants (\$10 increments)



LIFE QUOTES

"Jesus has really, truly, physically been raised from the dead! And God stakes His entire reputation on these historical Easter facts! Luke was no liar, the women were not delusional, and the angels are no myth. God proclaims His Easter truth to us so that we may know and believe that in Jesus all our sin is forgiven, death has gone to die, the devil has been defeated, and life lasts forever!"

Pastor Jonathan Kruschel, St. John Lutheran church, Redwood Falls, Minnesota

A "Life Quote" from Lutherans For Life

www.lutheransforlife.org



KNOW YOUR BIBLE

**PAY YOUR
TAXES
HERE**



Former Tax Collector

What disciple was a tax collector before becoming a disciple of Jesus?

Look for the answer in the May Newsletter
March's Answer: Stephen (see Acts 6:7-7:60)

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

SUNDAY	ACOLYTE	READER	USHER	USHER	CLEAN	NURSERY
April 1	Gracie McKinley	Madeline Botkins	Harlan Joseph	Aaron Franke	Botkins family	Alena Guagenti
April 8	Kameron McKinley	Dave Themer	Charlie Moody	Rita Whitehouse	Franke family	Josh Botkins
April 15	Zoe Shreve	Charlie Moody	Don Williams	Bob Myers	Kathy Vetter	Shelah Shreve
April 22	Eden Guagenti	Nancy Kovach	Alex VanPelt	Charlie Adams	Harlan Joseph	Jennie Shreve
April 29	Elijah Smith	David Franke	Harlan Joseph	Joel Franke	Brooks / Runner	Alena Guagenti
May 6	Isaac Guagenti	Jeff Wilson	Rod Shreve	John Feole	Botkins family	Josh Botkins
May 13	Gracie McKinley	Madeline Botkins	Harlan Joseph	Aaron Franke	Franke family	Shelah Shreve

If you cannot serve on the appointed day, please call someone to serve in your place.

Resurrection Cookies



To be made the evening before Easter.

You need: 1c. whole pecans, 1 tsp. vinegar, 3 egg whites, pinch salt, 1c. sugar, zipper baggie, wooden spoon, tape, Bible.

Preheat oven to 300 BEFORE BEGINNING.

Place pecans in zipper baggie and let children beat them with the wooden spoon to break into small pieces.

Explain that after Jesus was arrested He was beaten by the Roman soldiers. Read John 19:1-3.

Let each child smell the vinegar. Put 1 tsp. vinegar into mixing bowl.

Explain that when Jesus was thirsty on the cross he was given vinegar to drink. Read John 19:28-30.

Add egg whites to vinegar. Eggs represent life.

Explain that Jesus gave His life to give us life. Read John 10:10-11.

Sprinkle a little salt into each child's hand. Let them taste it and brush the rest into the bowl.

Explain that this represents the salty tears shed by Jesus' followers, and the bitterness of our own sin.

Read Luke 23:27.

So far the ingredients are not very appetizing.

Add 1 c. sugar.

Explain that the sweetest part of the story is that Jesus died because He loves us. He wants us to know this and how to belong to Him. Read Ps. 34:8 and John 3:16.

Beat with a mixer on high speed for 12 to 15 minutes until stiff peaks are formed.

Explain that the color white represents the purity in God's eyes of those whose sins have been cleansed by Jesus. Read Isaiah 1:18 and John 3:1-3.

Fold in broken nuts. Drop by teaspoons onto wax paper covered cookie sheet.

Explain that each mound represents the rocky tomb where Jesus' body was laid. Read Matt. 27:57-60.

Put the cookie sheet in the oven, close the door and turn the oven OFF.

Give each child a piece of tape and seal the oven door.

Explain that Jesus' tomb was sealed. Read Matt. 27:65-66.

GO TO BED!

Explain that they may feel sad to leave the cookies in the oven overnight Jesus' followers were in despair when the tomb was sealed. Read John 16:20 and 22.

On Easter morning, open the oven and give everyone a cookie.

Notice the cracked surface and take a bite. The cookies are hollow! On the first Easter Jesus' followers were amazed to find the tomb open and empty! Read Matt. 28:1-9

THE LUTHERAN CHURCH—MISSOURI SYNOD

LCMS STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY

NEWSLETTER ARTICLE – APRIL 2018

Our Father in heaven sent His Son, Jesus, to be our savior. His atoning sacrifice is the firstfruits of all the dead, a pleasing aroma to His Father – and ours – so that His perfect life and death count for all who believe in Him.

He claimed us as His own children in Holy Baptism. He sustains and strengthens our faith with His Holy Word and His Body and Blood. As new creatures, who have put on Christ, we bear good fruit. We do the good works prepared for us, which He makes known to us in His Word.

By faith then, trusting in the Word of God, we do what he says because He does not lie and always keeps His promises. For “without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him” (Heb. 11:6).

And so the Lord promises: “Honor the Lord with your wealth and with the firstfruits of all your produce; then your barns will be filled with plenty, and your vats will be bursting with wine” (Prov. 3:9-10).

How do we honor the Lord with the wealth that God has given us in His generosity? By giving it generously to those whom the Lord has called us to love and support: your family, your society, and your church. And His promise is that in so doing, you will never lack.

I can almost hear it now: “But that’s from the Old Testament!” But our Lord Jesus Himself gives us similar promises in the New Testament. He says, at the conclusion of the parable of the talents, “For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have an abundance” (Matt. 25:29).

And then at the end of the parable of the dishonest manager, he says: “One who is faithful in a very little is also faithful in much, and one who is dishonest in a very little is also dishonest in much. If then you have not been faithful in the unrighteous wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful in that which is another’s, who will give you that which is your own? No servant can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money” (Luke 16:10–13).

And in His sermon on the mount, he says: “Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also” (Matt. 6:19–21).

We have become conditioned against these promises because of their misuse by the peddlers of the prosperity gospel – the guys on TV who say you get rich by putting God in your debt. And thus, we miss out on the fact that God does reward temporal faithfulness in temporal matters with temporal blessings.

It’s no quid pro quo. It’s all from God’s grace, His fatherly divine goodness and mercy. But those Bible passages just quoted do in fact say what they say! It’s not the Old Testament’s problem. It’s ours. It is almost as if we have become so jaded against this that we think it a virtue to be stingy with our offerings.

But our Father in heaven still loves to bless those who bless others. He loves to give to those who give freely and generously. In fact, he challenges us to challenge Him: “Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. And thereby put me to the test, says the Lord of hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you a blessing until there is no more need” (Mal. 3:10).

And so, while we don’t give so that we would get, we do receive from the Lord in order to give, and He will bless your giving with more receiving. For “He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things” (Rom. 8:32)?

Easter Lilies

Given to the glory and praise of God by...

Dillard family– 2 lilies

Bob Myers– 10 lilies in memory of my grandparents Leslie and Josephine and wife Joy.

Kathy Adams– 3 lilies in memory of loved ones and in honor of my sons and my church family.

Rutledge family– 2 lilies in memory of Mother Rutledge and in honor of our blessings.

Kathy Vetter– 2 lilies in memory of Helen Shelburne and in honor of Emily, Liam, and Ellie.

Dave & Anita Themer– 1 lily in honor of Eleanor Grace Themer.

Charlie & Brenda Moody– 2 lilies in honor of our son and our church family

John & Merrie Feole– 2 lilies in memory of our grandparents and in honor of our parents and children.

Shreve family– 1 lily in honor of our grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

APRIL 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
EASTER CHRIST IS RISEN! ■ Ex. 15:1-11; ■ Ps. 118; ■ 1 Cor. 5:6-8; ■ John 20:1-18	■ Ex. 16:17-36; ■ Ps. 83; ■ Rom. 12:1-21	■ Ex. 17; ■ Ps. 84; ■ Rom. 13:1-14	■ Ex. 18; ■ Ps. 85; ■ Rom. 14:1-12	■ Ex. 19; ■ Ps. 86; ■ Rom. 14:13-15:7	■ Ex. 20:1-17; ■ Ps. 87; ■ Rom. 15:8-21	■ Ex. 20:18-21:11; ■ Ps. 88; ■ Rom. 15:22-33
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■ Ex. 21:12-36; ■ Ps. 89; ■ Rom. 16:1-16	■ Ex. 22:1-15; ■ Ps. 90; ■ Rom. 16:17-27	■ Ex. 22:16-23:9; ■ Ps. 91; ■ Mark 1:1-15	■ Ex. 23:10-26; ■ Ps. 92; ■ Mark 1:16-34	■ Ex. 23:27-24:17; ■ Ps. 93; ■ Mark 1:35-2:12	■ Ex. 25:1-22; ■ Ps. 94; ■ Mark 2:13-28	■ Ex. 25:23-40; ■ Ps. 95; ■ Mark 3:1-21
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■ Ex. 26; ■ Ps. 96; ■ Mark 3:22-35	■ Ex. 27; ■ Ps. 97; ■ Mark 4:1-25	■ Ex. 28:1-13; ■ Ps. 98; ■ Mark 4:26-41	■ Ex. 28:14-43; ■ Ps. 99; ■ Mark 5:1-20	■ Ex. 29:1-34; ■ Ps. 100; ■ Mark 5:21-43	■ Ex. 29:35-30:10; ■ Ps. 101; ■ Mark 6:1-13	■ Ex. 30:11-38; ■ Ps. 102; ■ Mark 6:14-29
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■ Ex. 31; ■ Ps. 103; ■ Mark 6:30-44	■ Ex. 32:1-16; ■ Ps. 104; ■ Mark 6:45-56	■ Ex. 32:17-33:6; ■ Ps. 105; ■ Mark 7:1-13	■ Ex. 33:7-23; ■ Ps. 106; ■ Mark 7:14-30	■ Ex. 34:1-28; ■ Ps. 107; ■ Mark 7:31-8:10	■ Ex. 34:29-35:29; ■ Ps. 108; ■ Mark 8:11-21	■ Ex. 35:30-36:30; ■ Ps. 109; ■ Mark 8:22-9:1
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■ Ex. 36:31-37:29; ■ Ps. 110; 9:2-13	■ Ex. 38:1-20; ■ Ps. 111; ■ Mark 9:14-29					
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SHARING THE POWERFUL GOSPEL!

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EVERY SUNDAY
BIBLE STUDY AND SUNDAY SCHOOL-9:45AM
DIVINE SERVICE-11:00AM

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Easter Sunday Service, April 1, 11:00am