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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!

Try to put yourself in the shoes of those Jews living in slavery during the first Passover. All they had known for generations was working for others. They laid the bricks for other men's legacies. Then they lay down in hovels exhausted.

Day in and day out, they knew the mud, the straw, the whip, the bricks. Then there was word of one who challenged the Pharaoh to set them free. But did it give them hope? Moses' hand performed mighty signs. But what did it change for the Jew? The anger of their Egyptian captors grew. They went from slaves beneath notice to hated blights. Pharaoh even doubled their workload.

Though the plagues did not touch the Jews, the land about them groaned and the people about them raged. Nine plagues seemed to offer no hope to the Jews. The Lord proved powerful, yes, but the God who ruled the land, the water, the sun, the sky, did not seem to rule Pharaoh's heart.

Then the tenth plague was heralded by a new ritual. They were to celebrate a meal as families in their homes. They were to sacrifice one spotless lamb. The blood of the lamb marked their doors before they shut them tight.

Imagine the sounds creeping in under the door, the first wisps of weeping, growing, louder and louder. Egyptians mourned their firstborn dead, dead in every house- every Egyptian house. But where the lamb had stood substitute, the Jews were preserved from death.

Finally, cutting through the chorus of grief, word reached house after house. Open the doors! Pharaoh has relented. The Lord has set us free! We're free!

Now imagine the power that Passover meal held for those generations of Jews as they repeated it, year after year. Imagine reliving that night through roasted lamb, bitter herbs, and sweet wine. How sudden was that move from hopelessness and death to freedom and life!

All of that, brothers and sisters, is prophecy. It is all a picture of the work of Jesus. It shows what the Lamb of God has done and is doing for us.

And so we gather to experience the thrill of the freedom He has won for us. We gather, most affectingly of all weeks, in Holy Week, remembering the powerful mix of fear turning to freedom, death swallowed by life, darkness pierced by glorious light.

On Maundy Thursday, April 18, at 7 pm, we celebrate the night Jesus was betrayed, the

ultimate Passover. On Good Friday, April 19, at 7 pm, we return in silence to hear the seven last words of the Creator on the cross. On Easter Sunday, April 21, at 11 am, the Good News breaks the chorus of grief: “He is risen!”

Don’t just imagine it. Relive it with your brothers and sisters in Christ.

Your servant in Christ,

Pastor Daniel Guagenti

THE LUTHERAN CHURCH—MISSOURI SYNOD

LCMS Stewardship Ministry

Newsletter Article – April 2019

“Blessed shall you be in the city, and blessed shall you be in the field. Blessed shall be the fruit of your womb and the fruit of your ground and the fruit of your cattle, the increase of your herds and the young of your flock. Blessed shall be your basket and your kneading bowl. Blessed shall you be when you come in, and blessed shall you be when you go out” (Deut 28:3-6).

This is God’s promise to the Israelites as they stood beyond the Jordan outside of the Promised Land. He promises blessing to His people. He will make them prosper, whether they are in the city or the field. He will make their fruit of their work to prosper, whether from the ground or their wombs, their flocks or their herds. He will make them to prosper in all things, whether upon their coming in or their going out.

But there’s a catch. He would do this for Israel only “if you obey the voice of the Lord your God” (Deut 28:2b). If they did that, He would cause that “all these blessings shall come upon you and overtake you” (Deut 28:2a).

If they didn’t obey the voice of the Lord, if they didn’t keep the commandments of the Lord and walk in His ways (Deut 28:9), they would be met with curse and woe. The blessings would be replaced with curses. Everything that the Lord promised to prosper and bless would be cursed and fail.

Thanks be to God that our Lord Jesus Christ has come into our flesh, fulfilled the law for us – in our place and for our benefit; died for us – in our place and for our benefit; and is risen from the dead for us – in our place and for our benefit.

By this we have justification before God. We are forgiven, clean, holy, and righteous. The blessing of God is promised to us in Christ Jesus. It depends upon His work and not ours.

All this is ours in Holy Baptism. For in Holy Baptism, God claims us as His own, makes us His children, His heirs, His holy people. And so it is that the work of our hands and its fruit is holy because we are holy in Christ. It is pressed into His service, and thereby it becomes a blessing to us and to our neighbor.

For this great gift, our reception of the blessings of God because of Christ Jesus our Lord, it is our duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him. This is not in order to receive blessings but because in Christ we already have.

It is with this in mind that we sit down on the first day of the week and set aside as He has prospered us to give to His church for His work of blessing in our midst (1 Cor. 16:2).



Celebrations in April

BIRTHDAYS

- 2- Bill Adams
- 4- Karen Hite
- 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

ANNIVERSARIES

- 20- Steve and Lorie Rusch
- 29- (1989) Stan & Terri Frerking

SAFETY PRESENTATION : APRIL 9

The seniors will meet on Tuesday April 9th at noon. Kelly Cable from the Shelbyville police department will be doing a presentation on safety. The date has been changed to the second Tuesday of April. For more information please see Rita Whitehouse.

LADIES NIGHT OUT: APRIL 9

Ladies Night Out will be on April 9 and will they will be going to Milano's Italian restaurant on Shelbyville Road for dinner. They will meet there at 6:30. Please let Rita Whitehouse know if you will be there so can make reservations.

LENT & HOLY WEEK 2019

APRIL 3

7pm Lenten Service

APRIL 10

7pm Lenten Service

APRIL 14

11am Palm Sunday Service

APRIL 18

7pm Maundy Thursday Service

APRIL 19

7pm Good Friday Service

APRIL 21

11am Easter Day Service

CLEAN UP DAY: APRIL 13

Mark Your Calendar! Saturday, April 13 is Clean Up Day at Holy Cross. Come help clean the inside and outside of the church in preparation for Easter. We will meet here at 10am. All help is appreciated. See Kathy Vetter for more information.

MEN'S TIME OUT: APRIL 13

Men's Time Out will be on Saturday, April 13. They will meet at La Cocina de Mama's Restaurant in Shelbyville at noon. Please let Rod Shreve know if you will be attending.

THREADS OF GRACE: APRIL 16

Threads of Grace will meet on Tuesday, April 16 at 7pm. Whether you knit, crochet, cross-stitch, needlepoint or just want to socialize all are welcome. See Anita Themer for more information.

EASTER EGG HUNT : APRIL 20

Mark Your Calendar! The date for the Easter Egg Hunt has been set for April 20. Time to be determined. Donations of plastic eggs and individually wrapped candy are needed. A box has been placed at the back of the church for your donations.

BOOK CLUB: MAY 5

The Book Club will meet on Sunday, April 5 following the Divine Service. They are currently reading Kate McCord's *In the Land of the Blue Burqas* and will be having a Cinco de Mayo feast. See Shelah Shreve for more information.

SIGN LANGUAGE CLASS: FRIDAYS

The Sign Language Class meets on Fridays, at 10am. For more information please see Nancy Guagenti.

NEW MEMBERS CLASS: SATURDAYS

The New Members Class meets on Saturdays at 10am. For more information please see Pastor Guagenti.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY: SUNDAYS 9:45AM

Join us for the Sunday morning Bible class on Kings. This book is always looking ahead to Christ and His kingdom, while showing with blunt honesty both the heroics and foibles of Israel's kings. How did they seek first the kingdom of God? How will we?

THRIVENT EVENT: APRIL 11

It's Thrivent Financial's mission to help you on your Wise With Money Journey, so Thursday, April 11 from 6 to 9 p.m. we invite you to celebrate Financial Literacy Month. Be inspired by John Busacker, founder and president of Life-Worth, through his sharing of personal stories and practical tools to live a Wise With Money life. Dinner will be served, and a Thrivent Action Team will be done to support cancer research and patients. Don't miss your chance to join us at the historic Seelbach Hilton Louisville. Register online by Monday, April 8, at www.spring19lou.eventbrite.com.

KENTUCKIANA LWML SPRING RALLY: APRIL 13

The Kentuckiana Spring Rally will be held on April 13 at Epiphany Lutheran Church in New Salisbury, IN. Registration is at 9am. Call to at Order is at 10am. Speaker is John Ater (Nile Orpah Care in South Sudan). In-Gathering is Freed from Within (toilet paper, Paper towels, detergent, new towels, washcloths and bathroom cleaning supplies.) Special guest is IN LWML President Marge Gruber.

YOU MIGHT BE A LUTHERAN IF...

- The third service each Sunday is coffee hour.
- During the entire service you hold your hymnal open but never look down at it.

2ND YOUTH VIOLENCE PREVENTION SYMPOSIUM, *Uprooting Violence: Stepping Up for Our Community* will be held on Saturday, April 6th, 2019 at the Louisville Central Community Center, 1300 W. Muhammad Ali Blvd. from 9:30-3:30. This year's focus will be on the role of Community in Youth Violence Prevention. The keynote speaker will be Cedric Merlin Powell, J.D., B.A. speaking on *Systematic Equality vs. Systemic Racism*. There will also be many other large and small group presentations, a youth track, continental breakfast and lunch, and many community resources. We invite you to pray for and attend this event. Call or email Jon-Aaron at 502-852-7159 or jamod01@louisville.edu or register online at <https://bit.ly/2Ev0Kaz>.

LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES

Lutheran Hour Ministries is a Christian outreach ministry supporting churches worldwide in its mission of *Bringing Christ to the Nation—and the Nations to Church*. Lutheran Hour Ministries produces Christian radio and TV programming for broadcast, as well as Internet and print communications, dramas, music, and outreach materials, to reach the unchurched in more than 30 countries. LHM's flagship program **The Lutheran Hour**, is the world's longest-running Christian outreach radio program. It airs Sundays at 9am on 102.7FM. For more information, visit www.lhm.org (<http://www.lhm.org>) or call 1-800-876-9880.

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(See Genesis 6-8)

IN THAT BRIEF MOMENT, NOAH WATCHED AN UNFORTUNATE SPECIES ACHIEVE THE STATUSES OF THREATENED, ENDANGERED, AND EXTINCT

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 forgive, 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

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KNOW YOUR BIBLE



First High Priest

Who was appointed the first high priest of the Israelites?



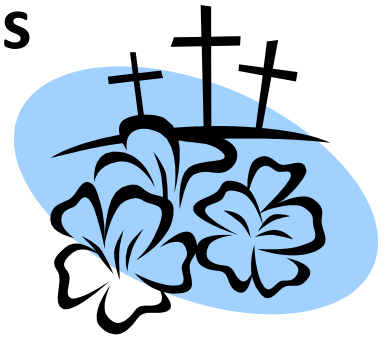
Look for the answer in the May Newsletter
March's Answer: "Sons of thunder" (see Mark 3:17)

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

SUNDAY	ACOLYTE	READER	USHER	USHER	CLEAN	NURSERY
April 7	Gabriel Guagenti	Charlie Moody	Rod Shreve	John Feole	Harlan Joseph	Jennie Shreve
April 14	Zoe Shreve	Dave Themer	Harlan Joseph	Aaron Franke	Sandy Runner	Alena Guagenti
April 21	Eden Guagenti	Nancy Kovach	Charlie Moody	Rita Whitehouse	Botkins family	Kathy Vetter
April 28	Elijah Smith	David Franke	Don Williams	Bob Myers	Franke family	Josh Botkins
May 5	Max Semeniuk	Jeff Wilson	Alex VanPelt	Charlie Adams	Kathy Vetter	Shelah Shreve
May 12	Brenyn Botkins	Charlie Moody	Joel Franke	Harlan Joseph	Harlan Joseph	Jennie Shreve
May 19	Isaac Guagenti	David Themer	Rod Shreve	John Feole	Botkins family	Alena Guagenti

If you cannot serve on the appointed day, please call someone to serve

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.

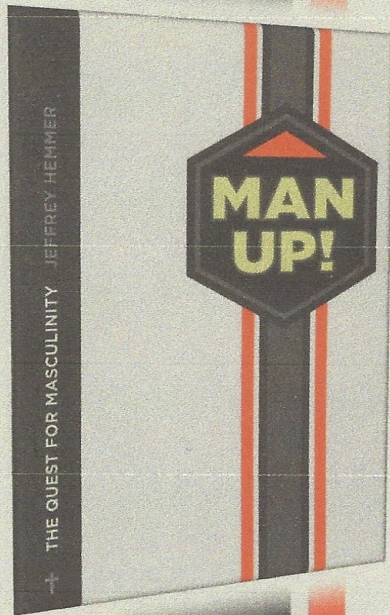
GO TO BED!

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

2019 MEN'S GATHERING



BE A *REAL* MAN.

*No Free Weights or
Cologne Required.*

Join us on **APRIL 5-7** at Lakeview Villages to hear
Rev. Jeffrey Hemmer talk about his book:
"MAN UP! THE QUEST FOR MASCULINITY."

Fellowship with over 100 Christian Men

Get away and enjoy God's great creation

Eat like a king at our Hog Roast and Special Saturday Dinner

Join in the Medieval Challenge, Archery Tag, and much more

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FOR INFO AND REGISTRATION.**



APRIL 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 2 Sam. 18:8-33; Ps. 86; Titus 3:1-15	2 2 Sam. 19:1-23; Ps. 87; Philemon 1-25	3 2 Sam. 19:24-43; Ps. 88; Heb. 1:1-7	4 2 Sam. 20; Ps. 89; Heb. 1:8-14	5 2 Sam. 21; Ps. 90; Heb. 2:1-9	6 2 Sam. 22:1-25; Ps. 91; Heb. 2:10-18
7 2 Sam. 22:26-51; Ps. 92; Heb. 3:1-11	8 2 Sam. 23:1-12; Ps. 93; Heb. 3:12-19	9 2 Sam. 23:13-38; Ps. 94; Heb. 4:1-13	10 2 Sam. 24; Ps. 95; Heb. 4:14-5:10	11 Prov. 1:1-19; Ps. 96; Heb. 5:11-6:8	12 Prov. 1:20-33; Ps. 97; Heb. 6:9-20	13 Prov. 2; Ps. 98; Heb. 7:1-10
14 PASSION SUNDAY Deut. 32:36-39; Ps. 31; Phil. 2:5-11; Luke 23:1-56	15 Prov. 3:1-18; Ps. 99; Heb. 7:11-28	16 Prov. 3:19-35; Ps. 100; Heb. 8:1-13	17 Prov. 4; Ps. 101; Heb. 9:1-10	18 MAUNDY THURSDAY Ex. 12:1-14; Ps. 116; 1 Cor. 11:23-32; John 13:1-17	19 GOOD FRIDAY Is. 53; Ps. 22; Heb. 4:14-16, 5:7-9; John 19:17-30	20 Prov. 5; Ps. 102; Heb. 9:11-28
21 EASTER CHRIST IS RISEN! Is. 65:17-25; Ps. 16; 1 Cor. 15:19-26; Luke 24:1-12	22 Prov. 6:1-19; Ps. 103; Heb. 10:1-10	23 Prov. 6:20-35; Ps. 104; Heb. 10:11-18	24 Prov. 7; Ps. 105; Heb. 10:19-31	25 Prov. 8:1-21; Ps. 106; Heb. 10:32-39	26 Prov. 8:22-36; Ps. 107; Heb. 11:1-12	27 Prov. 9; Ps. 108; Heb. 11:13-28
28 Prov. 10:1-17; Ps. 109; Heb. 11:29-40	29 Prov. 10:18-32; Ps. 110; Heb. 12:1-6	30 Prov. 11:1-15; Ps. 111; Heb. 12:7-17				



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

APRIL NEWSLETTER 2019



Palm Sunday Service April 14, 11:00am

Easter Sunday Service April 21; 11:00am