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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!

Agatha Christie's *Death on the Nile* is one of her most famous murder mysteries. It has been adapted for the screen at least three times, including most recently by Kenneth Branagh. Although the book is now 85 years old, I hope not to spoil it for people who may be coming to the mystery anew. In this story, there are multiple crimes, again and again the perpetrators claiming they are motivated by love.

In the newest film, a line is added by the screenwriter complaining about what love drives people to do. (It's been a while since I read the book and I am fairly sure the line is not written by Agatha Christie.) The speaker claims 1 Corinthians got it wrong, "Love is not patient or kind; love envies and boasts...." The film gives space for the entire 1 Corinthians 13:4-8 passage, declaring the opposite of what the Apostle taught. In the Bible we hear:

Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends.

Indeed, if you believe the characters in *Death on the Nile*, love made them do the opposite. Love was entangled in arrogance, in suspicion, in fear, and in selfishness. It was striking to hear a modern film give such space to a Bible quote, and then striking again to hear the quote turned on its head.

I do not think the filmmakers intended to be critical of the Bible. The character who speaks the line is unsympathetic. Rather, there is mourning for the ideals of love being used as a cover for crimes which are clearly not love. Love itself is under assault. In sinners' hands, love is as ripped and broken as the bodies of the murder mystery. In that way, the line speaks to the ongoing crusade in our world to re-write love.

This not a new phenomenon of the 2000s. Even before Agatha Christie's day, the popularity of romances tended to shift how we first think of the word "love." Christie's original writing puts this idea on the table with the character Salome Otterbourne, who was once a popular romance novelist. By the time we meet Salome in *Death on the Nile*, her works had descended into tawdriness and irrelevance. In that vein, "love" is a consuming passion, driving the lover to melodramatic lengths to attain his or her beloved. That kind of "love" is certainly not patient, certainly not rejoicing in truth.

Within the Bible, love is revealed in Jesus; we even read, "God is love" (1 John 4:8). This love is not blustery, not brash. This is the love that has fully taken up the good of the beloved and is willing to sacrifice for another. This is the love that keeps one person at the bedside of another who is no longer able to care for himself. This is the love that rouses mothers in the middle of the night to care for their babies. This is the love that weeps at gravesides and holds its tongue while being insulted and takes up a basin and a towel to wash feet.

This is the love that silently endures when arrested, when slandered at trial, when beaten. For Jesus took on those burdens to pay for our sins. He loves us. Jesus truly is patient and kind. He does not boast or envy. Jesus is not arrogant or rude. He does not insist on His own way; is not irritable or resentful. Jesus does not rejoice at wrongdoing but in truth. Jesus bore all things, believed all things, hoped all things, endured all things. And now, risen from the dead, Jesus' life and love never ends.

Brothers and sisters, the battered and bruised picture of love is all around us. Samuel Johnson once said that patriotism, love of country, is the last refuge of a scoundrel. But amongst people who have poorly understood love, it is not only love of country, which scoundrels claim for self-justification. All kinds of "love" are paraded to defend impatience, arrogance, and rejoicing in falsehood and wrongdoing.

A careful reading of Christie's book shows that the murderer, while deeply motivated by a love, was turning away from love when turning to crime. There were other motivations which the murderer tried to clothe in love; those motivations ended up undoing love.

So, as we come to Holy Week, we refresh our minds and our hearts by remembering an act of pure love, a life given over in love, but that same life renewed and restored in love. Jesus' final week in Jerusalem before His death and resurrection shows us what love amidst sin looks like and how love is stronger even than death. "In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him" (1 John 4:9). Remembering Jesus' final week is not just a matter of getting our definitions right. Our attention to Jesus' love transforms us "so that we might live through him."

Join us this upcoming Holy Week, Maundy Thursday, April 14, Good Friday, April 15, and Easter, April 17.

Your servant in Christ,

Pastor Daniel Guagenti

Easter Schedule

April 10	11:00am Palm Sunday Service
April 14	7:00pm Maundy Thursday Service w/ Holy Communion
April 15	3:00pm Child Friendly Good Friday Service 7:00pm Good Friday Candlelight Vespers
April 16	1:00pm Easter Egg Hunt
April 17	No Sunday School or Adult Bible Class 10:00am Easter Breakfast 11:00am Divine Service



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 Carton
- 12- Allen Whitehouse
- 12- Shelah Shreve
- 12- Donna Saltzman
- 18- Charlie Adams
- 18- Emily Crawhorn
- 21- Bill Heeg
- 24- Joshua Lancaster
- 24- Jonathon Lancaster
- 25- Adam Runner
- 25- Alex Shreve

ANNIVERSARIES

- 19- Mark & Marilyn Murray (1985)
- 20- Steve and Lorie Rusch (2002)

THANK YOU

Thank you to Frankfort Tire Discounters for changing the John Deere riding mower tire at no charge. It was very kind of you and much appreciated. Thank you.



ZOOM BIBLE STUDY

There will be no Zoom Bible Study on April 5.

DAY-TIMER'S: APRIL 6

The Day-Timer's group will meet on April 6, 2022 at 9:30 am. For information please see Charlie Moody.

LADIES LUNCH OUT: APRIL 8

The ladies will lunch at the Farm Table, April 8. It is located on 60 past Heritage school. They will there at 11:30am. Please let Rita Whitehouse know if you will be attending.

BOOK CLUB: APRIL 24

Our next book club meeting will take place on April 24th, the Sunday following Easter. As such, we will be having an Easter-themed meal. Whatever dishes you and your family typically eat for your Easter dinner/dessert (aside from candy!) are welcome. Book to be determined. Thank you all! Shelah Shreve.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND ADULT BIBLE CLASS

Sundays, 9:45am. We have resumed in-person Sunday School for all ages. Pastor's Sunday adult Bible class takes up the book of Leviticus. We won't be reading every verse of Leviticus, but we will see how Jesus fulfills all the Law of Moses. From descriptions of sacrifices, to laws of cleanliness, to moral imperatives, Leviticus says, "You must be holy, for the Lord, your God, is holy." How does that apply to us today in Christ, who is our Lord, our God, and our holiness?

LENTEN SUPPERS

On Wednesday evenings during Lent, we will be offering a light supper from 5:45 to 6:30 pm, between the two vespers services. We will be asking for volunteers to bring some food items for these meals. Be on the lookout for sign-up sheets on the bulletin board during the upcoming weeks. Please feel free to talk to Alena Guagenti with any questions

JR CONFIRMATION

There will be no Jr. Confirmation classes on April 13 and 20. Classes will resume on April 27.

EASTER EGG HUNT: APRIL 16

There will be an Easter Egg Hunt April 16 at 1:00pm. Volunteers are needed to hide eggs and help during and after the hunt. Donations of individually wrapped candies are also needed. For more information please see Don Saltzman.



EASTER BREAKFAST: APRIL 17

There will be an Easter breakfast at 10:00am. There will be no Sunday School or Adult Bible Class on that day. Please let Corrie Brian know if you any food allergies and / or dietary restrictions. Menu will planned this week. Volunteers are needed. Please see Corrie if you would like to help.

EASTER BONNET CONTEST

Ladies— Dust off those Easter bonnets! There will be an Easter bonnet contest on Easter Sunday, April 17th. Please wear your favorite bonnet to church that morning and good luck to all the ladies.



EASTER EGG DECORATION CONTEST

This is open to everyone in the congregation. A prize will be given to the best decorated egg. Bring your egg in on Easter morning, April 17. For more information on the contests please see Don Saltzman.

EASTER LILIES

Orders are now being taken for lilies to decorate our church for the Easter Service. To place your order, please fill out this order form. There are extra forms in the magazine rack at the back of the church. Flowers may be ordered in memory of someone or in honor of someone. The last day to order is April 10. Please turn in the order form with your money to the church office. Make checks payable to Holy Cross Lutheran Church. The price is \$9 each.



YOU MIGHT BE A LUTHERAN IF...

- you wish MTV, VH1, and CMT had hymns
- you only serve Jell-O in the proper liturgical color for the season.
- You didn't know chow mein noodles were a Chinese food.

HOLY CROSS RUMMAGE SALE: JUNE 25

Because of Covid we had to cancel the fall rummage sale. Now that everything seems to be getting back to normal we are planning a rummage sale for Saturday, June 25.

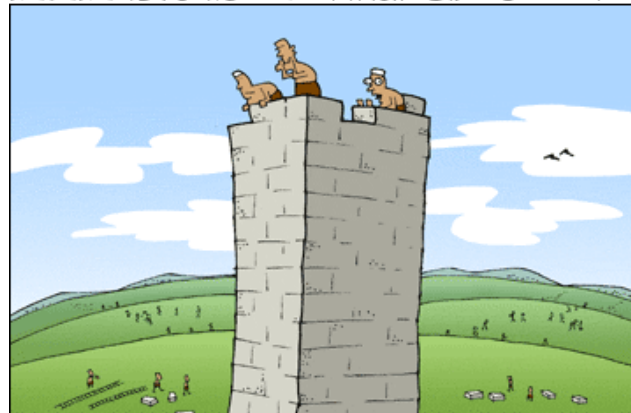


We will need help the week prior for setting up and pricing, working the day of the rummage sale, and afterwards with cleaning and boxing up the unsold items. A sign up sheet will be posted on the bulletin board at the back of the church prior to the sale. If we do not get enough volunteers the rummage sale will be canceled. We appreciate any donations for the sale! Proceeds from the sale will go towards a new storage building. For more information please see Kathy Adams or Merrie Feole.

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 or call 1-800-876-9880.

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(See Genesis 11:1-9)

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UNFORTUNATELY, THE BABEL ROOF CREW WAS UNAWARE THAT "SEND THE LADDERS" NOW MEANT "YOU GOAT SANDAL" TO THE LADDER CREW

LIFE QUOTES

"The temptation among Christians is to take the temperature of the chaotic and dysfunctional culture and to imbue ourselves with a sense of despair and discouragement. But despair and discouragement, we know from Scripture, is a sin because it negates the hope of Jesus Christ. We are not seeking an earthly victory; as Christians, we know that the most important victory of all of history has already been won by our Lord and Savior."

Timothy S. Goeglein, vice president of government and external relations at Focus on the Family in Washington, D.C. –

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KNOW YOUR BIBLE



Costly Look

What happened to Lot's wife when she looked at the burning cities of Sodom and Gomorrah?

Look for the answer in the May Newsletter
March's Answer: Esau (see Gen 25:30-34)

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

SUNDAY	ACOLYTE	READER	USHERS	CLEAN	NURSERY	ALTAR GUILD
April 3	Eden Guagenti	Dave Themer	Don Saltzman Bob Myers	Sandy Runner	Anita Themer	Jennifer Harrod Cindy Alvano
April 10	Brenyn Botkins	Charlie Moody	Charlie Moody Rita Whitehouse	Don Williams Bob Myers	Suzanne Rutledge	No Communion
April 17	Gabriel Guagenti	Nancy Kovach	Alex VanPelt Charlie Adams	Theresa Tippet Jennifer Harrod	Danielle Themer	Rita Whitehouse Cindy Alvano
April 24	Zachary Semeniuk	David Franke	Corrie Brian Greg Rutledge	Roxanna Pontius Guagenti family	Brenda Moody	No Communion
May 1	Nathaniel Guagenti	Charlie Moody	Cindy Alvano John Feole	Don Saltzman	Merrie Feole	Brenda Moody Karen Hite
May 8	Masyn Botkins	Dave Themer	Don Saltzman Bob Myers	Charlie Adams	Anita Themer	No Communion
May 15	Zoe Shreve	Nancy Kovach	Charlie Moody Rita Whitehouse	Franke family	Suzanne Rutledge	Jennifer Harrod Karen Hite

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

2022 MEN'S GATHERING



TYRANNY AND RESISTANCE

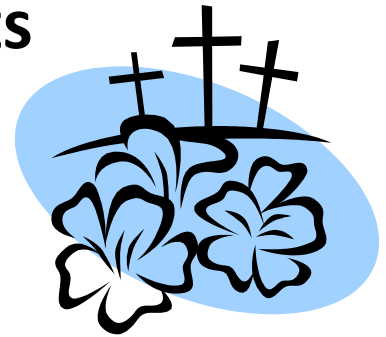
JOIN US ON **APRIL 22 - 24** AT
LAKEVIEW VILLAGES TO HEAR
REV. DR. ADAM KOONTZ PRESENT ON THE TOPIC:
TYRANNY AND RESISTANCE

ONE GREAT GOD
150 CHRISTIAN MEN
ONE UNFORGETTABLE WEEKEND

VISIT **WWW.MENSGATHERING.US**
FOR INFO AND REGISTRATION.



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 2021

BLESSED SHALL YOU BE

“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.” (Deuteronomy 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, 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 and fulfilled the law for us – in our place and for our benefit. Our Lord Jesus Christ died for us – in our place and for our benefit. Our Lord Jesus Christ 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, 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, and 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 it thereby 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 the blessings but because in Christ we already have. With this in mind, 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).

- LCMS Stewardship Ministry: lcms.org/stewardship



Ladies Lunch at Milano’s
and
Celebrate Barb Eaton’s 89th Birthday.

2022 Golf Scramble
Save the Date

Shelbyville
Monday, May 9th
Weissinger Hills Golf Course
2240 Mt. Eden Road
Shelbyville, KY

Shepherdsville
Monday, May 23rd
Heritage Hill Golf Club
1050 Valley View Drive
Shepherdsville, KY

More information to come!

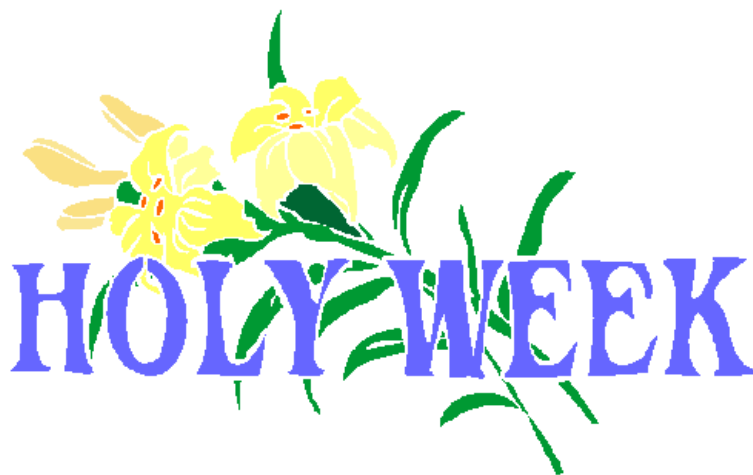


SHARING THE POWERFUL GOSPEL!

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

APRIL NEWSLETTER 2022



PALM SUNDAY SERVICE - APRIL 10, 11AM

MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE - APRIL 14, 7PM

GOOD FRIDAY CHILD FRIENDLY- APRIL 15, 3PM

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE - APRIL 15, 7PM

RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD - APRIL 17, 11AM