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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.

The Hebrew word *shalom* translates into English as “peace.” *Shalom* indicates something broader than absence of conflict. More than “peace,” there is also a sense of harmony and fullness. It is not far from what God intends commanding Sabbath, a restfulness that can appreciate a world that is very good. *Shalom* used as a greeting among Hebrew speakers is so much better than “How are you doing?” It hopes and prays that in fact you are doing very well, at peace and fulfilled.

Jesus blesses peacemakers in His first major sermon in the first Gospel: “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God” (Mt 5:9). The epistle of James, which is often taking cues from the Sermon on the Mount in Matthew 5-7, reaffirms and widens the promise. “A harvest of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace” (Ja 3:18). This quotable verse comes in the context of James defining wisdom. Wisdom is “first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere” (3:17). In some ways, you can hear James’ definition of wisdom as a twin for *shalom*.

This contrasts with James’ complaint earlier in his epistle that some might claim Christian faith, yet when they see someone in need, they just say *Shalom*, without doing anything about it (Ja 2:16). Because true *shalom* appreciates the harmony around us, *shalom* needs to extend that harmony to those who are broken and at a loss.

There’s a commercial making the rounds of a mom, huddled in her closet (a nice, walk-in closet), unwrapping expensive chocolates. Outside the closet, the kids are making a racket. She says dad can handle that one and backs in deeper to her closet and chocolate. James would not be amused by this kind of peacemaking. While sometimes a peacemaker needs to take a time out to regain composure to go back out and sow more peace, our world needs a lot more engagement by peacemakers. Peace longs to expand and encompass more, not hide and retract.

If you respond, “I don’t feel like I even have a closet’s worth of peace right now, let alone even a nice, neat walk-in closet’s worth,” well, I have good news. Our peace begins with God. He wasn’t content to stay hidden in the heavenly realms. Jesus descended to earth to carry peace with Him everywhere. In His last discourse with His disciples before His arrest and passion, He said, “Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid” (Jn 14:27). Later, He added, “I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world, you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world” (Jn 16:33). In Jesus, our peace starts. In Jesus, that peace continues throughout the world.

Brothers and sisters, I have so much more to say about this peace. In June, we’ll be talking about how we can be peacemakers. This is simultaneously a lesson that deepens our knowledge about God, about the Bible, while also being intensely practical and a certain blessing. Join us in our upcoming peacemaker classes. Peace be with you!

Your servant in Christ,

Pastor Daniel Guagenti



Celebrations in June

Birthdays

- 4- CHARLIE SCHUFER
- 8- BRITTANY FRERKING
- 9- TODD WIGGEN
- 11- CHARLIE MOODY
- 11- MERRIE FEOLE
- 16- JESSICA ASH
- 16- LORIE RUSCH
- 18- KATHY ADAMS
- 18- DEBORA LEE
- 22- ELLIOTT GARRETT
- 24- THERESA TIPPETT
- 26- ANDY GUAGENTI
- 28- NATHANIEL SEMENIUK
- 28- ZACHARY SEMENIUK
- 30- JEFF HILBERT

Anniversaries

- 1- DAVE & ANITA THEMER (1991)
- 15- KELSEY & TYLER CARTON (2019)
- 19- JEREMY & DANIELLE BOTKINS (2010)

VICTORIOUS IN THE LORD

Nicole Chesher Brown, daughter of Tammy Chesher, passed away on April 3, 2022. May our risen Lord comfort those who mourn.



"I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live." John 11:25



Celebrations in July

Birthdays

- 3- BILL CHAPMAN
- 3- MATTHEW RUTLEDGE
- 4- AMYE GARRETT
- 6- SANDY RUNNER
- 8- CASEY JAGER
- 10- TIMMOTHY MCCARTY
- 13- AARON FRANKE
- 14- CHARLES MOODY III
- 15- MAELYN BOTKINS
- 15- JEREMY BOTKINS
- 15- JOSHUA BOTKINS
- 15- DAVE THEMER
- 21- BRENNY BOTKINS
- 21- COLESYN BOTKINS
- 22- FRED WILBUR
- 25- SHONTELLE ADAMS
- 28- LETHA BUTTS
- 29- SERENE LOPPNOW

Anniversaries

- 15- DAVID & DEBRA CONDER (1995)
- 20- PASTOR DANIEL & ALENA GUAGENTI (2002)
- 25- PASTOR HENRY & SERENE LOPPNOW (1959)
- 27- ALEX & JANINE SHREVE (2002)

PRAISE TO GOD

We give thanks and praise to God that Kathy's husband, Craig Rice, was recently baptized and confirmed as a member at Grace Lutheran in New Albany, IN.

On May 22, 2022, Zoe Elayne Shreve made public confession of her faith, reaffirmed her baptismal vows through the rite of confirmation and became a communicant member of Holy Cross.



Keep Zoe in your prayers that she and we remain faithful to the vows she made and to the Lord who has blessed her with the gift of eternal life.

BAPTISM CELEBRATION: JUNE 5

Donna Saltzman, Nancy Kovach, Jennie Shreve and Brenda Moody invite the brothers and sisters of Holy Cross to a celebration on Sunday, June 5, here at Holy Cross following the Divine Service. Everyone is invited to attend lunch to celebrate the baptism of Malachi Atticus OKelly, to include meeting and greeting the family. Gifts and cards are welcome for Malachi. Please RSVP Brenda Moody or Nancy Kovach if you plan on attending lunch.

DAY-TIMERS: JUNE 8

Day-Timers will meet on Wednesday, June 8 at 9:30AM. Please see Charlie Moody for more information.

LADIES LUNCH OUT: JUNE 13

The ladies are getting together at the pavilion in Selbyville on Monday, June 13, at 11:30am. They may bring a bag lunch or purchase lunch from McKinley's across the street from the pavilion. For more information please see Rita Whitehouse.

MEN'S DAY OUT: JUNE 11

Men's Day Out will meet at 1pm on Saturday, June 11, at Jim's Seafood Restaurant in Frankfort. Please let Greg Rutledge know if you will be attending.

LUTHERAN DAY AT THE BALLPARK: AUGUST 21

Concordia is inviting all the circuit congregations to enjoy an afternoon at the ballpark as the Louisville Bats face the Omaha Storm on August 21st at 1:05 PM. We have 75 seats on reserve so all of our attendees will sit in the same section. The section is in the shade.



RSVP Cara Joynt at cara.joynt@gmail.com by June 30th. The cost is \$11 per ticket. Payments will go directly to Cara as she is handling the reservations and tickets.

ZOOM BIBLE STUDY

Our Zoom Bible study on 1 John, led by Pastor Andy Guagenti, is on Wednesday nights at 7 PM.

LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES

LHM 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. **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.

ALC BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN:

MAY 8– JUNE 19

The ALC Pregnancy Resource Center, Inc. in Shelbyville has begun their annual Baby Bottle Boomerang fundraising campaign beginning on Mother's Day May 8, and will conclude on Father's Day, June 19, 2022. During this campaign baby bottles are located at the back of our church for members / friends of our congregation. Please consider taking one or more bottles and filling them with loose change (cash or checks if you prefer). Monies raised will fund the ministry of ALC which is a 501c3 nonprofit offering services free of charge to anyone experiencing an unplanned pregnancy and / or who needs peer counseling, pregnancy tests, baby clothing and items, food and formula, diapers, classes in Parenting, Bible Study and Homemaking, Abstinence information, Adoption referrals, Male Mentoring or Post Abortion Recovery. Please take as many bottles as you like, fill them, and return them to the church on Father's Day, June 19. You may also drop them off at ALC if you'd prefer. They are located at: 7121 Henry Clay Street in the back of the same building as Operation Care and also in Shepherdsville, 368 Buckman St.

ABOUT ALC

ALC is a community resource that serves to protect the lives of unborn children, and support and empower women and families facing or having experienced a crisis pregnancy by sharing the hope, love, and grace of Jesus Christ.

HELP US REACH OUR \$80,000 GOAL!



ALC
pregnancy resource center

BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN
MOTHER'S DAY TO FATHER'S DAY

OUR LOCATIONS

SHELBYVILLE
711 HENRY CLAY ST.
502.647.0300

SHEPHERDSTVILLE
368 N. BUCKMAN ST.
502.212.2535

HOW TO DONATE

ONLINE AT
ALCKENTUCKY.COM/
SUPPORT-US

TEXT "BABY" TO
502.443.1288

MAIL TO
PO BOX 1575
SHELBYVILLE, KY
40066

OR SCAN THE CODE BELOW



EDUCATION REPORT

Summer break for Children's and Youth Sunday School has begun, after a great semester. Many thanks to each of our teachers, helpers, parents, and students. Have a fun and safe summer and we'll see you at VBS!!

VBS

This year's Vacation Bible School will be held in morning. We are looking at either the 3rd or 4th week in July to be held on Tuesday, Wednesday, & Thursday. Date to be determined.

Kids prepare for a great time of learning and fun as we explore how Jesus leads the way, and don't forget to invite your friends too!

This is a true "All Hands on deck" event, and we need everybody's help. Our biggest needs are for leaders and helpers for the following:

Registration
Storytelling
Bible/Challenge Activities
Crafts
Games
Snacks/food

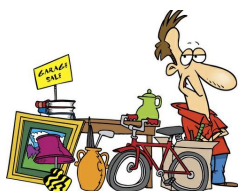
There will be a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board, or talk to Marilyn or Mark if you have questions.



Happy Father's Day

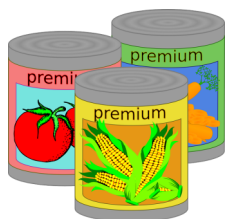
HOLY CROSS RUMMAGE SALE: JUNE 25

We will have a rummage sale on 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 has been posted on the bulletin board prior to the sale. We appreciate any donations for the sale! Proceeds from the sale will go towards a new storage building. For information please see Kathy or Merrie



HOLY CROSS FOOD BOX

The food box in our driveway is the result of an idea from the Day-Timers group. This is an outreach to the community that all the members of Holy Cross can share and participate in.



Several have been very generous in stocking the box but we continue to need help. There is a list of items on the kitchen door that are suggestions for donations. Money donations, or if those of you who have the Thrivent card would like to share, that too would be appreciated.

Canned foods, cereal, mac & cheese, ramen noodles, puddings, etc. are all needed. As well as household items like dish detergent, and personal hygiene items such as soap tooth brushes, etc. This ministry is helping someone to eat better than they might have otherwise been able to do.

Thanks to all who are helping and we look forward to future donations.

Day-Timers Group

YOU MIGHT BE A LUTHERAN IF...

- You have your wedding reception in the fellowship hall and feel guilty about not staying to help clean up.
- A midlife crisis means switching from the old hymnbook to the new one.
- You forget to put water in the baptismal font but never forget to put water in the coffee pot.

PRAYER REQUESTS

We are looking for quarterly updates for prayer requests. We want to know when prayers are answered, when prayers need a new direction, and even when things are just going on as before. To keep any name that is on the prayer request list on for June, please send in a prayer request or update.

You can email our church secretary Merrie at secretary@holycrosslutheran-ky.org or Alena running the prayer chain at prayers@holycrosslutheran-ky.org or pastor for any private prayer requests. There are also prayer request cards on the credenza that can be returned in the basket in the secretary's office.

SUMMER TITHING

Dear friends! As we move in to Summer, we are currently running behind our projected giving and budget. Please remember your tithing to Holy Cross this Summer Season. God Bless us and keep us safe! Suzanne Rutledge, Stewardship Chair

KENTUCKYANA LUTHERAN YOUTH

Kentucky Lutheran Youth are invited to a Compline on the banks of the Ohio River, 3730 River Road, June 10, 2022 at 7pm.

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Thanks to Stephen Illich (See Genesis 6-8)

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NOBODY IS LEAVING THIS ARK UNTIL YOU
TWO TELL ME WHAT YOU DID WITH THOSE
CATERPILLARS

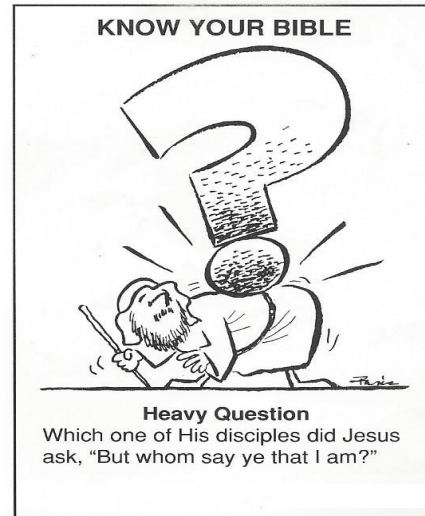
LIFE QUOTES

"Abortion advocates have no fear asserting what they imagine the Scriptures say or don't say about the sanctity of life. Why shouldn't our enthusiasm overshadow theirs? If Satan's grown comfortable convoluting our truth, doesn't the certainty and sensitivity our Savior has given welcome and even compel us eagerly to call out the devil's lies?"

Pastor Michael Salemink – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org

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Look for the answer in the August Newsletter
May's Answer: Ten (see Exodus 7-11)

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

Week of	Acolyte	Reader	Ushers	Cleaning	Nursery	Altar Guild	Mowing
June 5	Brenyn Botkins	David Themer	Cindy Alvano John Feole	Theresa Tippet Jennifer Harrod	Merrie Feole	Brenda Moody Roxanna Pontius	Brian Gehrman Pastor Guagenti (Jun 8-11)
June 12	Gabriel Guagenti	Nancy Kovach	Don Saltzman Bob Myers	Roxanna Pontius Guagenti family	Anita Themer	No Communion	Greg Rutledge Mike Boardman (Jun 15-18)
June 19	Zachary Semeniuk	David Franke	Charlie Moody Rita Whitehouse	Don Saltzman	Suzanne Rutledge	Rita Whitehouse Roxanna Pontius	Dave Themer Jeremy Botkins (Jun 22-25)
June 26	Nathaniel Guagenti	Charlie Moody	Alex VanPelt Charlie Adams	Charlie Adams	Danielle Themer	No Communion	John Feole Anthony Ewers (Jun 29– Jul 2)
July 3	Masyn Botkins	David Themer	Corrie Brian Greg Rutledge	Franke family	Brenda Moody		Dave Themer Brian Gehrman (Jul 6-9)
July 10	Nathaniel Semeniuk	Nancy Kovach	Cindy Alvano John Feole	Sandy Runner	Anita Themer	No Communion	Greg Rutledge Mike Boardman (Jul 13-16)
July 17	Eden Guagenti	David Franke	Don Saltzman Bob Myers	Don Williams Bob Myers	Merrie Feole		Dave Themer Pastor Guagenti (Jul 20-23)
July 24	Brenyn Botkins	Charlie Moody	Charlie Moody Rita Whitehouse	Theresa Tippet Jennifer Harrod	Suzanne Rutledge	No Communion	Greg Rutledge Mike Boardman (Jul 27-30)
July 31	Gabriel Guagenti	David Themer	Alex VanPelt Charlie Adams	Roxanna Pontius Guagenti family	Danielle Themer		Mike Semeniuk Max Semeniuk (Aug 3-6)

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

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod
LCMS Stewardship Ministry
Newsletter Article – June 2022

What Do You Have That You Have Not Received?

Some of the disciples of John the Baptist were questioning him about the baptism and preaching of Jesus. John the Baptist replies to their questions in this way: “A person cannot receive even one thing unless it is given him from heaven” (John 3:27).

Now, John the Baptist says this to show that Jesus, His teaching, and His baptism are from heaven. But this statement is true of everything – everything that we have and are in body and soul. In fact, this is what we are taught in the meaning of the Apostles’ Creed in *Luther’s Small Catechism*.

In the explanation of the Creed’s First Article, we learn that God has made us and everything in the universe. Luther says:

“He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them. He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals, and all I have. He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life. He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil. All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me. For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him.”

In the Second Article of the Creed, we learn that God sent His Son, Jesus, to humble Himself, taking the form of a servant. Luther writes:

“(Jesus) has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death, that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity.”

In the Third Article of the Creed, we learn that the fruits of what Jesus Christ, the Son of God, did are given to us through the work of the Holy Spirit in the Church. Luther explains:

“That I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith. In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith. In this Christian church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers. On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ.”

Indeed, a person cannot receive even one thing unless it is given him from heaven. But how easy is this for us to forget about this?

How easy is it for us to think that what we have in this life is because we have earned it? How easy is it for us to forget that even all our skills, the abilities of our hands and minds – the very ethic to work diligently and to seek to get better at these skills – is given to us from heaven, just as John the Baptist said? How easy is it for us to forget that it is Christ alone – and the work of the Holy Spirit – that reveals His salvation to us, delivers it to us, and not our doing?

Sure, we have responsibility for coming to church, for delving into God’s Holy Word, and for praying without ceasing. But even these responsibilities are given to us from heaven, not to earn anything but in response to what He has accomplished for us.

A person cannot receive one thing unless it is given to him from heaven. Everything we have, and everything we are – in both body and soul – are gifts from God in heaven. Let us then respond in thanksgiving and give back to Him as He asks us to – with a first-fruits, generous proportion offering of what He has given to us.

– LCMS Stewardship Ministry: lcms.org/stewardship



SHARING THE POWERFUL GOSPEL!

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DIVINE SERVICE-11:00AM

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