



April Newsletter

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Palm Sunday & Holy Week by Pastor Maxwell Whitehead

Depending on when you are reading this, we will either be just about to enter into Holy Week, amidst it, or perhaps the newsletter got to you late and you are reading this after the entire Easter celebration. Regardless, Holy Week is a deep and meaningful week. It is jam-packed with the feels of excitement with the Triumphal Entry all the way to the deep seated sorrow of the horrific death of our Lord.

It is really easy to avoid that rollercoaster of emotions. It is easy for us as people to enjoy the waving of palm branches and skip right over to the hiding of the eggs, filling Easter baskets, and casually showing up to Easter morning worship to a full sanctuary proclaiming that Jesus Christ is risen indeed.

But if we skip past the entire narrative of the Passion of Christ, we miss out on the understanding and realization of just how deeply we have betrayed Christ, betrayed God's only Son. And if we do not understand the depth of our sin, the relief from the mercy, grace, and forgiveness that comes with the resurrection surely cannot be as effective. We must hear and feel the convictions of our sins. As Paul writes in his letter to the Romans, "...You also must consider yourselves dead to sin..." for that is the consequence of sin.

How is it that we betrayed Jesus? That we denied Him; crucified Him? You don't have to look that far to answer the question. Constantly we do not treat our neighbors as we ought. "Truly, I say to you, as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me (Matt. 25:45)."

How often do you shy away from a strong, firm confession of faith when asked about Jesus to avoid judgment or hate? The list can go on and on. Are you feeling guilty yet? If not, open up the 10 Commandments, google them if you must. Then merely think about the last day or two. This is why Christ died. Because we are a fallen humanity, incapable of coming anywhere close to saving itself - not as a society, and not even as individuals. To understand the importance of the resurrection and Easter Sunday, we must feel all these feelings.

But Paul's verse in Romans 6 has a second half! "So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin.... and ALIVE TO GOD IN JESUS CHRIST." While it is important to grasp the depth of our sin and death to truly understand the mercy and forgiveness of Christ, we are not meant to be left there! After the darkness of Good Friday, the Son (or sun) comes up 3 days later to shine brighter than ever before! When Jesus says "It is finished" on the cross, it is your sin, your death, that is finished. He has taken it all. So that when He comes again to new life, you may rise with Him in a resurrection like His. Forgiven and made new all in His glorious name. May this be the joy and peace that you revel in not only on Easter Sunday, but each and every day and time you hear His Word proclaimed to you. You are His child made holy in His sight, now and forevermore.

This is most certainly true.

Pastor Maxwell Whitehead



Sunday, Apr 2 (Palm Sunday)

9:15 AM Sunday School
 9:30AM Sunday Brunch
10:30 AM Worship Service (Communion)

Wednesday, Apr 5

8:30 AM Bible Study
 3:45 PM Jr VCIS
 7:00 PM VCIS
 7:00 PM Council Meeting

Thursday, Apr 6 (Maundy Thursday)

7:00 PM Worship Service @ SVLC

Friday, Apr 7 (Good Friday)

7:00PM Worship Service @ OSLC

Sunday, Apr 9 (Easter Sunday)

No Sunday School
10:30 AM Worship Service (Communion)

Wedsday, Apr 12

8:30 AM Bible Study
 3:45 PM Jr VCIS
 5:30 PM Confirmation (meal @ 6:00PM)
 7:00 PM VCIS

Sunday, Apr 16

9:15 AM Sunday School
10:30 AM Worship Service (Communion)

Wednesday, Apr 19

8:30 AM Bible Study
 3:45 PM Jr VCIS
 5:30 PM Confirmation (meal @ 6:00PM)
 7:00 PM VCIS

Sunday, Apr 23

9:15 AM Sunday School
10:30 AM Worship Service (contemporary)

Wednesday, Apr 26

8:30 AM Bible Study
 3:45 PM Jr VCIS
 5:30 PM Confirmation (meal @ 6:00PM)
 7:00 PM VCIS

Sunday, Apr 30

9:15 AM Sunday School
10:30 AM Worship Service (Communion)

April Scripture Readings

Apr 2 - Isaiah 50:4-9a, Psalm 31:9-16, Philippians 2:5-11, Matthew 26:14-27:66 or Matthew 27:11-54

Apr 9 - Acts 10:34-43 or Jeremiah 31:1-6, Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24, Colossians 3:1-4,
 John 20:1-18 or Matthew 28:1-10

Apr 16 - Acts 2:14a, 22-32, Psalm 16, 1 Peter 1:3-9, John 20:19-31

Apr 23 - Acts 2:14a, 36-41, Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19, 1 Peter 1:17-23, Luke 24:13-35

Apr 30 - Acts 2:42-47, Psalm 23, 1 Peter 2:19-25, John 10:1-10

Committee's of the Month

Each month's committee members are responsible for reading the Scriptures on Sundays. Confirmed youth of committee members are included in the month in which the parent serves. A full list of duties is on the bulletin board and in the committee of the month binder.

April

Mike & Lisa McIlvenna
 Derrick & Kayla Mehlhaf
 Neal & Jenny Hanson
 Troy & Amy Lee
 Les Sampson

May

Matt & Denise Graves
 Steven & Linda Holmberg
 Joe & Teddy Schafer
 Jon & Krista Schaeffer

June

Mike & Lisa McIlvenna
 Derrick & Kayla Mehlhaf
 Neal & Jenny Hanson
 Troy & Amy Lee
 Les Sampson



Sunday, Apr 2

Reader Jenny Hanson
 Acolyte/Communion Helper Curtis
 Live Stream Maxx
 Organist/Pianist Melanie Parsons

Sunday, Apr 9

Reader VCIS Youth
 Acolyte/Communion Helper Olivia
 Live Stream Maxx
 Organist/Pianist Melanie Parsons

Sunday, Apr 16

Reader Kayla Mehlhaf
 Acolyte/Communion Helper Westin
 Live Stream Maxx
 Organist/Pianist Melanie Parsons

Sunday, Apr 23

Reader Troy or Amy Lee
 Acolyte Godwin
 Live Stream Maxx
 Organist/Pianist Kayla Mehlhaf

Sunday, Apr 30

Reader Laura Stevens
 Acolyte/Communion Helper Jazmyne
 Live Stream Maxx
 Organist/Pianist Melanie Parsons



Wednesday, May 3

8:30 AM Bible Study
 3:45 PM Jr VCIS
 7:00 PM VCIS
 7:00 PM Council Meeting

Sunday, May 7

9:15 AM Sunday School
10:30 AM Worship Service (Communion)
 11:30 AM Brunch following worship

Wednesday, May 10

8:30 AM Bible Study
 3:45 PM Jr VCIS
 7:00 PM VCIS
 7:00 PM Council Meeting

Sunday, May 14

No Sunday School
10:30 AM Worship Service

Wednesday, May 17

8:30 AM Bible Study
 3:45 PM Jr VCIS
 5:30 PM Confirmation (meal @ 6:00PM)
 7:00 PM VCIS

Please Lift in Prayer

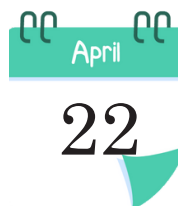
- ✚ Art Wirth
- ✚ Beverly Andersen
- ✚ Marin Bultena
- ✚ Pastor Carol Marohl
- ✚ Family & Friends of Ralph Johansen
- ✚ Family & Friends of Jordan Mogck
 (Lisa M's niece)



Holy Week Happenings



The next council meeting is Wednesday April 5th at 7:00PM. Please plan to attend!



May Newsletter Deadline is April 22, 2023. Please submit all articles and information by days end! Thank You!