



1Thessalonians 5:13-15

Rise and Shine

13 and that you esteem them very highly in love because of their work. Live in peace with one another. 14 We urge you, brethren, admonish the unruly, encourage the fainthearted, help the weak, be patient with everyone. 15 See that no one repays another with evil for evil, but always seek after that which is good for one another and for all people.

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From the Pastor's Office

John 14:1-6

“Do not let your heart be troubled; believe in God, believe also in Me. In My Father’s house are many dwelling places; if it were not so, I would have told you; for I go to prepare a place for you. If I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself, that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way where I am going.” Thomas said to Him, “Lord, we do not know where You are going, how do we know the way?” Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me.”

Some of our saints are being promoted to their heavenly home. Many of our saints are currently struggling both physically and otherwise. The stage has been set, as those who are standing for righteousness, honesty, truthfulness, and life itself, for attacks upon those individuals and soon the Church itself. The boldness of the enemy/the ungodly has been unleashed. Yet we need not have a spirit of fear nor be intimidated as we walk with Jesus. He promises to prevail against the gates of hell and that the Holy Spirit within us will assist us in doing so also.

So what are we to do?

- 1) Have hope-Jesus has prepared a place for each of us who believe in and trust in Him. Those who are being promoted into His presence and can see and experience that place are being blessed.
- 2) Comfort and encourage the widows, widowers, friends, and family who are grieving and missing loved ones now with the Lord.
- 3) Give generously to groups who uphold God’s Word and bring it into the public square on your behalf, as well as our missionary partners and Foreign Missions-and who are financially accountable to an oversight group.
- 4) Pray, Pray, and Pray some more for Jesus’ intervention to set things right according to His will.
- 5) There have been some outstanding examples of people helping others in need in our own congregation-use their examples as role models. Call people you haven’t seen for a while and check on how they’re doing and what kind of prayers and/or help they need.
- 6) Immerse yourself in God’s Word and take notes. Attend the men or women’s Bible Study at Plymouth or at a Bible believing Church near your home.
- 7) Resist the pressure to conform to the values of this world knowing there may be a cost for doing so. Whatever you do, do so in love and respect as much as it depends upon you. This type of resistance may look different for each of us.
- 8) Share your hope in the Lord whenever and wherever you are able and how that hope is available to all people.

I’m sure you will think of ways or the Lord will lead you into ways along with these suggestions.

Shalom2u/God’s Peace. Pastor Joel. Deuteronomy 6:4-9.

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March at PLC



Sundays:

- 7, 14, 21, 28** **9:15am Sunday School & Bible study**
10:30am Worship Service
 also via YouTube & FB live
11:30am Coffee Fellowship
- 21** **10:30am** Worship service with
 Communion
- 12:15am** Baby Shower for
 Alaura(Walters) & Josh Hansen
- 28** **PALM SUNDAY**
11:40am Abbreviated Communion

Tuesdays:

- 9** **5:45pm** Mission Committee Meeting
6:30pm Board of Trustees meeting

Wednesdays:

- 3, 10, 17, 24** **9:30am** Men's & Ladies Bible Study @
 the church
7:00pm Lent Service
- 31** **9:30am** Men's Bible Study @ church

Fridays:

- 5** **7:00pm** Game Night @ the church

Saturdays:

- 13** **9:30am** Ladies Bible study @ church

Celebrate Our Congregation

March Birthdays:

Floyd	Niskanen	3/2
Bill	Krumholz	3/13
Ann	Pelto	3/17
Myrna	Maikkula	3/18
Isabella	Serazzi	3/18
Stacey	Wempen	3/19
Lyman	Burns	3/27
Anders	Hendrickson	3/28
Lulu	Puumala	3/30

March Anniversaries:

Josh & Alaura	Hansen	3/5
Rodger & Aila	Foltz	3/20

Save The Date

Palm Sunday is March 28th
Maundy Thursday is April 1st
Good Friday is April 2nd
Easter Sunday is April 4th

Baby Shower Luncheon for
Alaura(Walters) & Josh Hansen
Sunday, March 21st @ 12:15pm
following the service.
They are registered @ Babylist.com & Target



Game night here at the
 church on
Friday, March 5th at
7:00pm.



Bring your favorite game,
 your favorite game-playing person(s) and your own
 snacks.

Come join in the fun and fellowship.

April 4, 2021

Easter

*It is
Finished!*

**Lenten Schedule
7pm**

Feb. 17 Ash Wednesday
Gen. 3:19
Feb. 24 Mark 11: 15-19
Mar 3 Mark 12: 28-37
Mar 10 Matt 23:1-12
Mar 17 John 12:23-36
Mar 24 Luke 22:1-6
Mar 31 No service
Apr 1 Maundy Thursday
Service
Apr 2 Good Friday Tenebrae
Service
Apr 4 Easter Morning Service
@ 10:30am



Spring is on its way, and that means March Minnesota Food Share campaign.



Once again the church will be collecting non-perishable food and money.

Our donations will go to our local food shelf **Interfaith Outreach**. Non-perishable food can be dropped off in the narthex. For money, please make your donation out to the church and in the memo line put **food share**.

Some results from the 2020 campaign-

- Over 21.5 million dollars raised by the food shelves
- Over 7.4 million pounds of food collected

The campaign will run March 1-April 11.
If you any questions contact Roy Saari 763-561-5413.



FOOD SHELF NEEDS LIST

NEW THIS YEAR! We need very specific, targeted items for the food shelf right now. While this list of items is smaller than in the past, it is no less important!

MOST NEEDED ITEMS

- **shampoo, conditioner, body wash**
- **cooking oils (vegetable, coconut, olive, canola, avocado, sesame, etc.)**
- **cereal**

OTHER NEEDED ITEMS

- **infant formula**
- **canned meat**
- **paper towels and toilet paper**

Minnesota Food Share Month



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Suffering Is Not the Whole Story

As recently as 25 years ago, many parts of India were essentially unreached by the gospel. Since then, VOM has responded to thousands of anti-Christian persecution incidents, which have become more frequent, widespread and severe as the gospel has spread throughout the country.

But Christian suffering is not the whole story! The persecution that our Indian Christian brothers and sisters are facing is the enemy's reaction to his great failure — a tremendous move of God in which hundreds of thousands of Hindus have come to Christ in India's most hostile areas. One such region is northern India, which is home to the Ganges River. Millions of Hindus travel there each year in the belief that washing in the river will cleanse them from

their sins. Yet independent studies show that more than 300,000 Hindus in northern India have turned to Christ in recent years.

This mighty work of God throughout India has caused a corresponding growth in opposition to Christian faith and witness. Under Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the Hindu nationalist organization Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) has seen a 20 percent increase in membership. The political-religious ideology of Hindu nationalism is institutionalizing hostility toward Christians and considers them enemies of the state. Former RSS leader M. S. Golwakar explained it this way: “So long as the Christians here indulge in such activities and consider themselves as agents of the international movement for the spread of Christianity, and refuse to offer their first loyalty to the land of their birth and behave as true children of the heritage and culture of their ancestors, they will remain here as hostiles and will have to be treated as such.”

While Hindu nationalists seek to eradicate all Christian witness from India, the gospel cannot be silenced or stopped. Our Christian brothers and sisters in India continue to live boldly for Christ, joyfully paying any price for the sake of the gospel.

Remember Them in Prayer

Humiliation and Exultation of Jesus Christ

Lent, the 40 weekdays between Ash Wednesday and Resurrection Day, is observed as a time of reflection on our sin nature and a time of repentance. The Apostles Creed's second article, Redemption, which deals with the life and work of Jesus Christ, is a guide to things we should meditate on and think about during Lent.

The first part of the second article is thought of as the humiliation of Jesus. God sent His Son to Earth to reconcile man to God, to give man the gift of everlasting life by allowing Himself to be sacrificed on a cross.

God became man, born of woman (John 1:14, Col 2:9)

Circumstances of His birth were very humble (Luke 2:7)

Bore infirmities and weakness of human nature (Matt 3:15, Gal 4:4, Gal 3:13)

Though He was God, He became as a servant (Phil 2:6-7)

Rejected by his brothers and many from Nazareth (John 7:5)

Then He was betrayed by one of his companions (Mark 14:43-46)

Abandoned by the rest of the Disciples (John 18:25-27, John 20:19)

Suffered Humiliation at Pilot's hand by being sentenced, beaten and mocked (Mark 15:9-20)

Crucified as a common criminal yet innocent (Luke 23:26-49)

Buried in a stone tomb (Luke 23:50-56)

What manner of humiliation could be added to what was done to Jesus while He was here on Earth? Satan thought the he had eliminated God in the life of mankind when Jesus was sentenced to death. Satan thought he had obtained a victory of God.

The Second Article of the Creed goes on to summarize that at the end, Jesus was exalted beyond human imagination:

He went to prison (hell) to declare He was victorious over death and evil. (1Peter 3:19)

Arose on the 3rd Day (Luke 24:1-8)

Ascended into Heaven (Acts 1:1-9)

Sits at the power point – "right hand of God" (Romans 8:34)

Judge over all mankind (John 5:19-30)

Few, if any of us, would be willing to put ourselves through such a humiliation as Jesus did. I am unwilling to go to less desirable circumstances voluntarily. Only the Love of Christ can make us do so.

We have an awe inspiring God, truly much beyond false gods worshipped by most of mankind. What other god lived among us, taught us a most remarkable ethic based on love for one another and then, while we were yet sinners, He died to redeem us from the bondage of sin. None!

The difference is very clear when new compare Jehovah/Jesus Christ with Allah, god of the second largest religion in the world. Muslims send their sons (and daughters) as suicide bombers to die for them, whereas our LORD sent His Son to die for us.

This part of the Church Year emphasizes our need to look at ourselves, recognize our sin, turn from it by repentance and trusting that our sins are covered in God's own Blood! Such is the Love of God. We need to pass on some of this love as we deal with others be they loveable or not.