



Our Saviour's Good News

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Ascension OF THE LORD

Take a look at the calendar on your wall. You may find something on Thursday, May 13, 2021 that says "Ascension Day." And just maybe you're wondering, "What on earth is that?"

Ascension Day marks the day when Jesus Christ ascended up into Heaven. It was 40 days after his resurrection from the dead, which was on Easter Sunday (in A.D. 30). If you begin with Easter Sunday (April 4, 2021) and count 40 days, you end up on Thursday, May 13.

The Biblical account of the Ascension appears in the book of Acts, chapter one: After his suffering, he (Jesus) showed himself to these men (the apostles) and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God. On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command:

"Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit."

So when they met together, they asked him, "Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?"

He said to them: "It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight.

They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. "Men of Galilee," they said, "why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven." *Acts 1:3-11, NIV*

The most *awesome* thing about this account is not that he ascended up into heaven (which was certainly amazing), but that he *will come back* in the same way! We who know Jesus as our Lord and Savior will meet him in the clouds (1 Thessalonians 4:17). And that day is coming soon... possibly much sooner than we think, considering that 2,018 years have already passed since His Ascension!

Ascension Day is one of the earliest Christian festivals dating back to the year 68. According to the New Testament in the Bible, Jesus Christ met several times with his disciples during the 40 days after his resurrection to instruct them on how to carry out his teachings. It is believed that on the 40th day he took them to the Mount of Olives, where they watched as he ascended to heaven.

Ascension Day marks the end of the Easter season and occurs ten days before **Pentecost**. Depending upon the phases of the moon in a particular year, Ascension Day is celebrated on a Thursday. However, some churches, particularly in the United States, celebrate it on the following Sunday.

Pentecost

WHAT IS PENTECOST?

Pentecost is the great festival that marks the birth of the Christian church by the power of the Holy Spirit. Pentecost means "fiftieth day" and is celebrated fifty days after Easter.

WHAT HAPPENED ON PENTECOST?

Ten days after Jesus ascended into heaven, the twelve apostles, Jesus' mother and family, and many other of His disciples gathered together in Jerusalem for the Jewish harvest festival that was celebrated on the fiftieth day of Passover. While they were indoors praying, a sound like that of a rushing wind filled the house and tongues of fire descended and rested over each of their heads. This was the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on human flesh promised by God through the prophet Joel (Joel 2:28-29). The disciples were suddenly empowered to proclaim the gospel of the risen Christ. They went out into the streets of Jerusalem and began preaching to the crowds gathered for the festival. Not only did the disciples preach with boldness and vigor, but by a miracle of the Holy Spirit they spoke in the native languages of the people present, many who had come from all corners of the Roman Empire. This created a sensation. The apostle Peter seized the moment and addressed the crowd, preaching to them about Jesus' death and resurrection for the forgiveness of sins. The result was that about three thousand converts were baptized that day. (You can read the Biblical account of Pentecost in [Acts 2:1-41](#)).

WHAT IS THE LITURGICAL COLOR FOR PENTECOST?

Red is the liturgical color for this day. Red recalls the tongues of flame in which the Holy Spirit descended on the first Pentecost. The color red also reminds us of the blood of the martyrs. These are the believers of every generation who by the power of the Holy Spirit hold firm to the true faith even at the cost of their lives.

WHY IS PENTECOST SOMETIMES CALLED "WHIT SUNDAY"?

A tradition of some churches in ancient times was to baptize adult converts to the faith on Pentecost. The newly baptized catechumens would wear white robes on that day, so Pentecost was often called "Whitsunday" or "White Sunday" after these white baptismal garments. Many Christian calendars, liturgies, and hymnals (particularly those from the Episcopal/Anglican tradition) still use this term.

WHY IS THE RITE OF CONFIRMATION OFTEN CELEBRATED ON PENTECOST?

Confirmation Sunday is the day when young people who have been instructed in basic Christian doctrine confess their faith in the presence of the church. The key to understanding confirmation is to recognize that the faith the confirmands confess is not of their own making; it is the gift of God that He gives through His means of grace. The Holy Spirit who empowered the disciples to preach the risen Christ two thousand years ago is the same Spirit who empowers the confirmands to make their confession. This is why many churches celebrate the rite of confirmation on Pentecost.

WHAT IS THE SEASON AFTER PENTECOST?

Because Pentecost is the day that God poured out His Holy Spirit on Christ's disciples, the Season after Pentecost is centered on sanctification, the work of the Holy Spirit in the day to day life of the Christian. This is reflected in the liturgical color for this season: green, the color of life and growth. Through the gift of faith that comes only from the Holy Spirit, Christians are enabled to trust in Christ and proclaim Him in their daily lives by service to their neighbors. The season after Pentecost is the longest season of the church year -- it lasts from [Trinity Sunday](#) until the first Sunday of [Advent](#). This is the non-festival portion of the liturgical calendar during which the church stresses vocation, evangelism, missions, stewardship, almsgiving, and other works of mercy and charity as ways in which Christ empowers us by His grace to share the Gospel with others.

WHY DO WE CELEBRATE PENTECOST?

There are three "mega-festivals" commemorated in the Christian calendar. The first two, Christmas and Easter, are well known to both believers and non-believers. But it's possible that even liturgical Christians may not be as familiar with the third, the festival of Pentecost. God the Father's wonderful Christmas gift of His one and only Son, and Christ's [Easter](#) triumph over the power of sin, death, and the devil would be of no benefit to us if the Holy Spirit did not give us the gift of saving faith. Through the Word and Sacraments, the Holy Spirit gives us the power to believe and trust in Christ as our Savior. This precious gift of faith in the saving work of our Lord Jesus Christ is the reason Pentecost is the third "mega-festival" of the church and why we celebrate it with such joy and thanksgiving.



National Day of Prayer



10 Things You Should Know about the Trinity

The Trinity is something God wants us to know. The doctrine of the Trinity is not illogical. You should give up on looking for an illustration of the Trinity. The Father sent the Son and the Holy Spirit to save us; that is why we know about the Trinity. God would have been the Trinity even if nothing existed but God.

1. The Trinity is something God wants us to know.

If you believe the Bible reveals that God is Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, then you ought to believe that God made this known because he wants us to know it. "The secret things belong to the LORD," but God's triunity is not among those secret things, or he wouldn't be talking about it and neither would we. "The things that are revealed belong to us" ([Deut 29:29](#)).

2. The doctrine of the Trinity is not illogical.

It doesn't teach that God is three persons in one person, or three beings in one being, or three in one in some abstract sense. It teaches that God is three persons in one being. Partly because there are no other examples of such a thing, God's triunity transcends our rational comprehension. But it doesn't violate logic or make a claim that it nonsensical.

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God's triunity is one of those divine realities that have no parallel, like "being the creator of everything from nothing," or "being omnipotent." Any illustration you think of for such realities is vastly more unlike God than like God.

4. The Father sent the Son and the Holy Spirit to save us; that is why we know about the Trinity.

God didn't make his triunity known to us by informing us of facts about it. Instead, he made it known through the incarnation of the Son and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. The revelation of the Trinity took place in those acts, which God then explained.

5. God would have been the Trinity even if nothing existed but God.

The doctrine of the Trinity is a teaching about God's eternal, essential being. So even if everything we know about the Trinity is derived from God's outward works as creator and (especially) redeemer, the Trinity would have been itself even without having done these things.

6. The Trinity is always bundled with the gospel.

It's the doctrine of who God must be if salvation is what we think it is. The Father who gave his Son and Spirit to save us must be a Father who always had a Son and Spirit. If you describe the Trinity and then have to tack on the fact that the Trinity saves, you probably described it too abstractly in the first place. The Bible bundles Trinity and gospel, and so should we.

7. You're already soaking in it.

Whether you have been attending to it or not, everything about the Christian life works only because there is a Trinitarian reality underlying it. If you got saved, you got picked up by the Trinity and brought into God's own fellowship. Learning about the Trinity is a matter of learning the deeper reasons why this Christian life works.

8. Prayer and worship have a Trinitarian structure.

Every time Christians approach God, they come before God (the Father) in the name of Jesus (not in their own name) by the power of the Spirit (not by their own power). Again, this is true even if they're not consciously thinking about it.

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9. You don't have to choose between being Christ-centered or being Trinity-centered.

The simple reason for this is that Christ is Trinity-centered, right in the middle of the Trinity as the Son sent by the Father and filled with the Spirit. If you focus on Jesus properly, you will find yourself necessarily focusing on the Trinity—as long as you don't focus on Jesus in a Father-forgetful or Spirit-ignoring way.

10. You can be a good Trinitarian without talking about the Trinity all the time.

The doctrine of the Trinity is the vast, deep background behind all our theology, and when we explicitly talk about it we make a comprehensive claim about who God is if the gospel is true. But often the background stays in the background, and enables us to say particular things about Jesus, discipleship, the cross, the Holy Spirit, and so on, without making the big picture explicit. That's how the New Testament mostly does it, so you're in good company. Go ahead and talk about the Trinity sometimes and think about it deeply sometimes. Praise the Trinity at all times, and when necessary, use the word "Trinity." But don't feel like you have to focus mentally on this gigantic doctrine at all times in order to be a good Trinitarian.

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Michael Brown: The Radical Left Wants to Eliminate Competing Ideas.

The progressive left's attempt to stifle competing viewpoints seems to be everywhere today.

We have seen the rise of the campus thought police, as our colleges and universities are replete with trigger warnings and safe spaces. We have seen Big Tech's attempts to censor and control. We have seen activists seek to ruin the careers and livelihoods of people who express support for Biblical truth.

President Dwight Eisenhower once wrote that "in a democracy, debate is the breath of life." Today, it seems as if the left wants to snuff that breath out. Competing ideas must be censored and even canceled. Only PC groupthink will be tolerated.

The left wants people to believe that if you voted for Donald Trump, you, too, stormed the Capitol. If you supported his policies, you are, by default, xenophobic. If you preferred him to Hillary or Biden, you present a real threat to America and you must be either purged or reeducated. Your words are dangerous. Your views are dangerous. You are dangerous.

And the net is being cast even wider, in particular when it comes to shutting down opposing views. During a recent segment on "CNN with Brian Stelter," Alex Stamos, a former Facebook chief security officer, said, "We are going to have to figure out the OANN [One America News Network] and Newsmax problem."

Indeed, he noted, "These companies have freedom of speech, but I'm not sure we need Verizon, AT&T, Comcast and such bringing them into tens of millions of homes."

And so, Stamos concluded, "We have to turn down the capability of these conservative influencers to reach these huge audiences."

In other words, they must be stopped in their tracks. Freedom only goes so far.

These efforts have been increasing for years. Back in 2012, GLAAD, one of the largest LGBTQ advocacy groups, launched its so-called "Commentator Accountability Project."

It started with a list of 36 "anti-gay" commentators, people whom GLAAD urged the mainstream media to keep off the air. Why? The views of these commentators were considered dangerous and could hurt people. Plus, GLAAD alleged, they really weren't experts in their fields.

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Among the first names listed were the late Chuck Colson (founder of Prison Fellowship), Tony Perkins (president of the Family Research Council) and Jim Daly (president of Focus on the Family). The list has expanded considerably.

As GLAAD explained at the time, "Audiences need to be aware that when [Christian leaders] are not talking to the mainstream media, these voices are comparing LGBTQ people to Nazi Germany, predicting that equal treatment of LGBTQ people will lead to the total collapse of society, and even making accusations of satanic influence."

So, these conservative leaders, presented in the most misleading fashion possible, needed to be kept off the major networks, GLAAD said. Their ideas—actually, our ideas, since I was on that list as well—were too toxic to be entertained. Only the pro-gay side could be presented.

In light of that, I suggested that GLAAD really stood for the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Disagreement. Dissenting positions must be banned. The left wants to cast us all in the same light—all of us should be viewed as brainwashed cultists. As for the notion that those on the left have a cultlike devotion to their own ideologies, they seem oblivious even to the possibility.

It's true that some on the right are worked up into a lather, their fears exaggerated beyond measure, like the person who said, "In four years, under Biden, we will be lucky if we are still allowed to have a Bible in our homes. After four years of Biden, the U.S. will look more like China than America."

But just the fact that some conservatives have become almost hysterical in their fears does not mean that we should take the threats of the left lightly.

The examples of cancel culture run amok remain an ever-present danger. I encourage every reader, yet again, to keep speaking up and standing up for what is true and right, using every platform at your disposal and carefully guarding the freedoms we still have.

In Acts 26:26, the authorities had sought to silence the Apostle Paul, with Festus even accusing him of being out of his mind. Yet Paul vowed to speak the truth respectfully but clearly: "For the king knows about these things, and to him I speak boldly. For I am persuaded that none of these things has escaped his notice, for this has not been done in a corner" (ESV).

Likewise, cancel culture is not being carried out under wraps but in the open. So when the sanctity of human life is raised as an issue, speak God's truth boldly. When human sexuality or racism is being debated, speak God's truth boldly. When the Word of God is suppressed, speak God's truth boldly and faithfully.

It really is a matter of use it or lose it. ©2021 Michael L. Brown

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Mother's Day Proclamation

This powerful Proclamation was made by Julia Ward Howe in the advocacy for the need of official celebration of Mother's Day in Boston, United States of America in 1870. Miss Howe was the first person in US to recognize the need for Mother's Day holiday. She was successful in raising awareness amongst the masses and pushing her plead to the upper echelons of power.

Following this very potent Proclamation made in 1870, the Mothers' Peace Day Observance was held on the second Sunday in June, 1872. Such observances began to take place each year thereafter and paved the way for Mothers' Day Holiday in US on the second Sunday of May.

Though Ms Howe could not herself get the day recognized as the official holiday, she is revered for her significant contributions towards the celebration of the day and for bestowing honor on mothers.

Julia Ward Howe is also famous as the writer of the Civil War song, 'The Battle Hymn of the Republic'.

Mother's Day Proclamation

Arise, then, women of this day! Arise all women who have hearts, whether your baptism be of water or of tears! Say firmly: "We will not have questions decided by irrelevant agencies. Our husbands shall not come to us reeking of carnage for caresses and applause. Our sons shall not be taken from us to unlearn all that we have been able to teach them of charity, mercy, and patience. We women of one country will be too tender to those of another country to allow our sons to be trained to injure theirs."

From the bosom of a devastated Earth a voice goes up with our own. It says "Disarm! Disarm!" The sword of murder is not the balance of justice. Blood does not wipe out dishonor, nor violence indicate possession.

As men have forsaken the plow and the anvil at the summons of war, let women now leave all that may be left of home for a great and earnest day of counsel. Let them meet first as women, to bewail and commemorate the dead. Let them solemnly take counsel with each other as to the means whereby the great human family can live in peace, each bearing after his time the sacred impress not of Caesar, but of God.

In the name of womanhood and humanity, I earnestly ask that a general congress of women without limit of nationality be appointed and held at some place deemed most convenient and at the earliest period consistent with its objects, to promote the alliance of the different nationalities, the amicable settlement of international questions, the great and general interests of peace.

Julia Ward Howe
Boston 1870

MOTHER'S DAY PRAYER

Most Gracious Heavenly Father,

We thank You for our mothers to whom You have entrusted the care of every precious human life from its very beginning in the womb.

You have given to woman the capacity of participating with You in the creation of new life. Grant that every woman may come to understand the full meaning of that blessing, which gives her an unlimited capacity for selfless love for every child she may be privileged to bear, and for all Your children.

Watch over every mother who is with child, strengthen her faith in Your fatherly care and love for her and for her unborn baby. Give her courage in times of fear or pain, understanding in times of uncertainty and doubt, and hope in times of trouble. Grant her joy in the birth of her child.

To mothers You have given the great privilege and responsibility of being a child's first teacher and spiritual guide. Grant that all mothers may worthily foster the faith of their children, following the example of Mary, Elizabeth, and other holy women who follow Christ. Help mothers to grow daily in knowledge and understanding of Your Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, and grant them the wisdom to impart this knowledge faithfully to their children, and to all who depend upon them.

Assist all "spiritual mothers", those who, though they may have no children of their own, nevertheless selflessly care for the children of others -- of every age and state in life. Grant that they may know the joy of fulfilling this motherly calling of women, whether in teaching, nursing, religious life, or in other work which recognizes and fosters the true dignity of every human being created in Your image and likeness.

We beseech You to send Your Holy Spirit, the Comforter, to all mothers who sorrow for children that have died, are ill or estranged from their families, or who are in trouble or danger of any kind. Help grieving mothers to rely on Your tender mercy and fatherly love for all your children.

We ask your blessing on all those to whom You have entrusted motherhood. May Your Holy Spirit constantly inspire and strengthen them. May they ever follow the example of Mary, mother of Our Lord, and imitate her fidelity, her humility, and her self-giving love. May all mothers receive Your Grace abundantly in this earthly life, and may they look forward to eternal joy in Your presence in the life to come.

We ask this through our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end.

AMEN.



Armed Forces Day
 "United in Strength"
 Saturday, May 16, 2020

On August 31, 1949, Secretary of Defense Louis Johnson announced the creation of an Armed Forces Day to replace separate Army, Navy and Air Force Days. The single-day celebration stemmed from the unification of the Armed Forces under one department -- the Department of Defense. On May 16, 2020, we honor all our men and women who are servicing in the Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Navy and Marines. Below are some quotes from some of our notable leaders:

"It is fitting and proper that we devote one day each year to paying special tribute to those whose constancy and courage constitute one of the bulwarks guarding the freedom of this nation and the peace of the free world."

President Dwight D. Eisenhower

"Our Armed Forces and our national defense system represent a judicious investment of the nation's resources in the cause of peace. The return on this investment, in terms of national strength, shows the determination of the American people to preserve our way of life and to give hope to all who seek peace with freedom and justice. "

The Honorable Neil McElroy
 Former Secretary of Defense

"...Word to the Nation: Guard zealously your right to serve in the Armed Forces, for without them, there will be no other rights to guard."

President John F. Kennedy



What civilian should know about Armed Forces Day?

It's the United States' only holiday celebrating every branch of the U.S. military. Armed Forces Day is the day every one of those groups shares the spotlight. It was founded in 1949 to commemorate the unification of the military branches under a single umbrella: the Department of Defense. Unity is at the heart of this holiday.

How do people celebrate Armed Forces Day?

How to Celebrate US Armed Forces Day

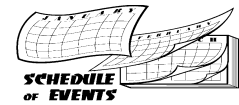
1. Attend a military air show.
2. Check the US Department of Defense's Armed Forces Day page to find local celebrations.
3. Attend a parade.
4. Start a new tradition by sending a care package to overseas military personnel.
5. Fly the flag on Armed Forces Day.
6. Involve children in celebrations:



May 2021



Sunday School: 9:45 pm
Church Service: 11:00 pm



- **May 2**— 5th Sunday of Easter
- **May 3**— Team Meeting 7:00 pm
- **May 5**— 94th Annual Lutheran Men in Mission—Grace Lutheran, Hendersonville
- **May 6**— National Day of Prayer (p13)
- **May 9**— Mother's Day
6th Sunday of Easter
- **May 13**— Ascension of our Lord (p 1)
- **May 15**— **Armed Forces Day**
- **May 16**— 7th Sunday of Easter
- **May 17**— Council Meeting 7:00 pm
- **May 18**— "Prayer Group" will meet at the home of Shirlee Marazza at 1:00 p
- **May 23**— Pentecost Sunday (wear Red)
- **May 25**— CLW/Rachel Group at the home TBA
- **May 30**— Trinity Sunday
- **May 31**— Memorial Day (see p 10 & 11)

FOOD FOR THE MONTH: **Spaghetti, Spaghetti Sauce, Blackeyes Peas.**



Choir practice each
Wednesday at 5:00 pm unless otherwise
announced the bulletin



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 5th Sunday of Easter	3 Team Meeting	4	5	National Day of Prayer	7	8
Mother's Day	10	11	12	13 HE ASCENDED INTO HEAVEN	14	15 Armed Forces Day CMD Conv.
16 7th Sunday of Easter	17 Council Meeting	18 "Prayer Group"	19	20	21	22
23 Pentecost	24	25 CLW Meeting	26	27	28	29
30 TRINITY SUNDAY	31 Memorial Day					

Holy Communion Schedule:
All Sundays



Worship Service Assistance:

Lay Reader Yvonne Finger
Worship Ass't Yvonne Finger
Greeters: Members of OSLC
Ushers: Members of OSLC

Devotions: Jeff White
Collections: Steve Digh



Birthdays



Emma Dease
Jean Huffstetler
Jeff White
Allison Wooten
Carson Dease
Bailey Messick

- 12 Garrett Lowery
- 15 Marie Robinson
- 18 Bo Messick
- Nancy Wilson
- 20 Marilyn Finger
- 24 Jack Lowery
- 28 Caleb Dease
- 30 Raygan Digh
- 31 Bryten Cole



ANNIVERSARIES

- 2nd**Joe & Yvonne Finger**
- 5th**Scott & Ashley Finger**
- 9th**Christian & Kara Clemmer**

FLOWERS

Flower Schedule:

- May 2 OPEN
- May 9 Nick Vlaservich
- May 16 Becky Messick
- May 23 OPEN
- May 30 OPEN

Thank you for signing up to place flowers on the altar to the glory of God and in honor or memory of your love ones.

TWENTY-FOUR (24) OPEN
DATES
REMAIN



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OUTREACH MISSION

SHUT-INS
NURSING HOME RESIDENTS

Please remember our church members who are shut-ins and visit them. (Due to virus—give them a call or send a card_

Marilyn Finger
2701 Jackson Square
Anderson, S.C. 29625

(If others, please let the church office know)



Help fill the pantry
at the
Dallas-High Shoals Christian Ministry.

Check and see what food item they need for the month (on page 8 —our calendar) and let us over fill that basket in the hallway. This is a great outreach program.

God will bless you in your generosity.

I asked the Lord to bless you. As I prayed for you today. To guide you and protect you. As you go along your way....His love is always with you, His promises are true, And when we give Him all our cares, You know He will see us through.



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GO OUT ON A LIMB
GET INVOLVED
BE A WORSHIP ASSISTANT

A positions are still open. Participate in the service of the Lord and sign up.

Sign up sheets for the 2021 calendar year are in BLUE BOOK in holder on the TABLE.

THANK YOU!

EVENTS
for
Agrape/Kure Beach

Contact Camp Agapé:
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Contact Kure Beach Lutheran:
Telephone 910-458-0783
e-mail: kurebeach@agapekurebeach.org

Web site: www.agapekurebeach.org

Directions to Camp Agapé are on the web site.

Please go on-line for information or pull up the Church's website and use our link.

Events For
Lutheridge -
Lutherock-
Lutherspring-
Lutheranch

Web site: www.NovusWay.com



Bring
a
Friend

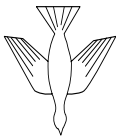
A Stewardship Minute

There was a woman who tells about how challenging sermons, family devotions, and a visit from Every Member Canvassers challenged her to reconsider her family's priorities regarding the use of money. Like many of us, she had focused on worldly goods more than Christian stewardship. Do we not think about the next "worldly thing" we want to get, far more than we consider what we can do on behalf of God and the Kingdom?

In short, don't we often put our "wants" first and God's work somewhere down the list in our priorities? Well, she came to realize that even when their income had doubled to \$40,000 annually, they were still giving the church the same \$500 annually that they had when their income was lower. She thought this was like embezzling money from God. Should not God have a healthy portion of a family's income? And certainly, given the fact that God enables us to have whatever we have: life, talent, energy, guidance, our church, and time on earth ... should we not glorify God with worship, service and with responsible and generous stewardship?

God gives us the freedom to choose what sort of a steward we will be! Jesus gave us the direction we need to follow: "Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth," he said. "But store up for yourselves treasures in Heaven ... for where your treasure is, there will your heart be also." (Matthew 6:19-21)

Prayer: Stir us up to give as you would have us give, O Lord, source of all that we have. In Christ's name.
Amen



IN HONOR OF MEMORIAL DAY

I watched the flag pass by one day,
It fluttered in the breeze.

A young Marine saluted it,
And then he stood at ease..

I looked at him in uniform
So young, so tall, so proud,
With hair cut square and eyes alert
He'd stand out in any crowd.

I thought how many men like him
Had fallen through the years.
How many died on foreign soil
How many mothers' tears?

How many pilots' planes shot down?
How many died at sea
How many foxholes were soldiers' graves?
No, freedom isn't free.

I heard the sound of Taps one night,
When everything was still,
I listened to the bugler play
And felt a sudden chill.
I wondered just how many times
That Taps had meant "Amen,"

When a flag had draped a coffin.
Of a brother or a friend.

I thought of all the children,
Of the mothers and the wives,
Of fathers, sons and husbands
With interrupted lives.

I thought about a graveyard
At the bottom of the sea

Of unmarked graves in Arlington.
No, freedom isn't free.

Enjoy Your Freedom & God Bless Our Troops



**Our Saviour Lutheran Church
Anna Lowery, President
March 15, 2021 Council Minutes**

Devotions: Denise Traveria
Meeting called to order by President, Anna Lowery

Members present: Alice Vlaservich, Melinda White, Anna Lowery, Robbie Wooten, Teri Trudnak and Denise Traveria

Members Absent: Joe Finger, Jeff White, and Becky Messick

Minutes: February 15, 2021 minutes were reviewed.; Alice Vlaservich made the motion to approve the minutes and Anna Lowery seconded the motion.

Reception of Petitions and Communications: None presented

Report of the Pastor: Pastor Feige joined the Council meeting via phone and discussed the upcoming Easter services, dates, times. It was decided that we will hold services here at OSLC as follows:

- Thursday, April 1 at 6:30 pm- Maundy Thursday Service
- Friday, April 2 at 6:30 pm – Good Friday Service
- Sunday, April 4 at 11:00am- Easter Worship Service (no sunrise service this year)

The Wednesday night Lenten services will continue via ZOOM at 6:30 pm

Report of the Treasurer: Report was reviewed, and a motion was made by Melinda White to accept the Treasurer Report and seconded by Robbie Wooten

Report of the Ministries:

- a. Property: Gutters need cleaning at the parsonage. Also, the Activity Building needs repairs and gutters cleaned. pending better weather, hopefully this will be done soon.
- b. Stewardship and Finance: No report
- c. Worship & Music: No report
- d. Youth Team: No report this month
- e. Witness: Cards and prayers continue to be sent to shut ins. Alice is also sending bulletins to those unable to come to worship service.
- f. Christian Education Team: VBS discussion has started. No details yet. Confirmation class will start after Easter.

Report of Auxiliaries: No meeting scheduled at this time

Old and/or Unfinished Business:

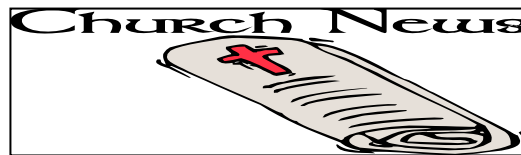
- a. Set workday for church. Need volunteers.

New Business:

- a. Holy Week services discussed. Please see above under Pastor's report.

General Information:

- a. Attendance: BRING A FRIEND!!
- b. Laszlo Mission (Kids International) Report
- c. CPC will repair sidewalk at their office, due to a client tripping.
- d. Pastor Feige will got to court on 3/19/2021 regarding the break in of the church last year.
- e. Roof has not leaked again.



PASTOR PETE'S TELEPHONE:
Cell Phone: 704-516-2805

*"Prayer Group" will meet at the
Home of Shirlee Marazza 5/18 1:00 PM*

CLWRACHEL GROUP

Will meet at home of

TBA

1:30 pm

LET US PRAY... "Are any among you suffering? They should pray...The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up." (James 5:13-15)



SUSAN Aderholt, SETH Alexander, AMANDA (friend of the Penley's), MARVIS Anderson, WHITNEY Auten (breast cancer), KELLY Ballard (friend of Shana Dease), BRAXTON Bearden (friend of the Locketts), ADDISON Blanton (friend of Dease's), KATHY Bohanan (cancer), KAREN Brady, BETTY Clemmer (dislocated shoulder), SYLVIA Cloninger (friend of Nick Vlaservich), MIKE Coffey (Robbie Wooten's uncle), STEVE Cloninger (friend of Brady Ratchford-cancer) BEVERLY Copeland (friend of Robbie's-cancer), STEVE Digh (cancer), HARDY Feige (Pete's dad – chronic back pain), NANCY Friday, JAMES Goudelock (cancer), JASON Hames (friend of the White's), DANA Kirshman (friend of Robbie Wooten-cancer), MARINA Marazza (Shirlee Marazza's granddaughter -Covid19), SAM Marr (Heart), BO Messick (foot), FRANCIS McAllister (broken hip), CHRIS Messick (recovering back surgery), JASON, ALLISON & LEX Murray, ELLEN & ED Pfeiffer (Keenan Gordy's Parents – Heart issues), GARY Neal, (friend of Caleb Dease), SONDRRA Phillips (friend of Melinda White), JERRIE Presley, TERI Trudnak, TONY Trudnak (cancer reoccurring), GARY Turner (father of Jason Murray), JOE White (stroke), NANCY Wilson, REESE Wilson (blood cancer)



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was originally known as Decoration Day because it was a time set aside to honor the nation's dead by decorating their graves. It was first widely observed on May 30, 1868, to commemorate the sacrifices of Civil War soldiers, by proclamation of General John A. Logan of the Grand Army of the Republic, an organization of former sailors and soldiers. On May 5, 1868, Logan declared in General Order No. 11 that:

The 30th of May, 1868, is designated for the purpose of strewing with flowers, or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who died in defense of their country during the late rebellion, and whose bodies now lie in almost every city, village, and hamlet churchyard in the land. In this observance no form of ceremony is prescribed, but posts and comrades will in their own way arrange such fitting services and testimonials of respect as circumstances may permit.

During the first celebration of Decoration Day, General James Garfield made a speech at Arlington National Cemetery, after which 5,000 participants helped to decorate the graves of the more than 20,000 Union and Confederate soldiers buried in the cemetery.

This 1868 celebration was inspired by local observances of the day in several towns throughout America that had taken place in the three years since the Civil War. In fact, several Northern and Southern cities claim to be the birthplace of Memorial Day, including Columbus, Miss.; Macon, Ga.; Richmond, Va.; Boalsburg, Pa.; and Carbondale, Ill.

In 1966, the federal government, under the direction of President Lyndon Johnson, declared Waterloo, N.Y., the official birthplace of Memorial Day. They chose Waterloo—which had first celebrated the day on May 5, 1866—because the town had made Memorial Day an annual, community-wide event during which businesses closed and residents decorated the graves of soldiers with flowers and flags.

By the late 1800s, many communities across the country had begun to celebrate Memorial Day and, after World War I, observances also began to honor those who had died in all of American's wars. In 1971, Congress declared Memorial Day a national holiday to be celebrated the last Monday in May. (Veterans Day, a day set aside to honor all veterans, living and dead, is celebrated each year on November 11.) Today, Memorial Day is celebrated at Arlington National Cemetery with a ceremony in which a small American flag is placed on each grave. Also, it is customary for the president or vice-president to give a speech honoring the contributions of the dead and lay a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. About 5,000 people attend the ceremony annually.



General John A. Logan

How To Receive Eternal Life!

According to the Bible, we are saved by God's a grace through our faith in Him and that eternal life is NOT something we can earn for ourselves or receive by our good works. It is a gift of God.

Using the word FAITH, you can see how to have eternal life today.

F is for forgiveness. We cannot have eternal life without forgiveness. *In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins.*" (Ephesians 1:7a)

A is for available. Forgiveness is available for all. *"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believe in Him should not perish but have eternal life."* (John 3:16) Forgiveness is not automatic. *"Not everyone who say to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the Kingdom of heaven."* (Matthew 7:21a)

I is for impossible. It is impossible for God to allow sin into heaven, and all people are sinful. *"For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God."* (Romans 3:23)

T is for turn. Turn means repent. You must repent from your sin. *"But unless you repent you will all likewise perish."* (Luke 13:3b) As you turn from sin, trust Christ for salvation.

H is for heaven. Heaven is eternal live. When you turn from sin and trust Christ, you receive eternal life. *"...I will come again and receive you Myself, that where I am, there you may be also."* (John 14:3)

Trust Christ today by FAITH, and receive forgiveness of sins and eternal life.



Wear Red for Pentecost

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

May 6, 2021

It's no news that faith is a big part of American culture. It's a diverse nation filled with people from various ethnicities with a variety of beliefs. Americans sure are no stranger to faith, and so it shouldn't be a big surprise that they've decided to create a day that has a theme all about these religious diversities (May 7).

HISTORY OF NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

Throughout history, there have been few national days of prayer. In fact, there were only a few noteworthy ones between the 1700s – 1900s. The National Day of Prayer that we know today was founded in 1952, and it was co-founded effort between the United States Congress and President Harry S. Truman.

The holiday was signed into law by President Truman, and every president since has signed a proclamation that encourages Americans to pray on and celebrate this day. The national holiday has always been the first Thursday of May every year since it was founded in 1952. It stands as a day that continues the decision-making of the country's founding fathers, which used the morals from biblical lessons in difficult situations. Basically, using God's guidance to make important decisions in the country and for yourself. Just like Thanksgiving and Christmas, the National Day of Prayer has become recognized by Americans nation-wide, and it is even recognized and celebrated in all Hallmark calendars.

Knowing that America was founded by people of European-descent with predominantly Christian backgrounds, it's no surprise that this holiday was originally created to celebrate Christian faith. National Day of Prayer was an effort to ask American citizens "to turn to God in prayer and meditation."

According to the National Day of Prayer website, there's a need for every individual to take time to personal repentance and prayer and to mobilize the Christian community. However, there's no laws saying National Day of Prayer can't be celebrated by all cultures, beliefs, and religions, and as America grew to become a multicultural nation, it is widely celebrated by more than just those in the Christian community.

Our theme this year is "Praise God's Glory Across th Earth," based upon the words of Habakkuk 2:14 . As the 2021 **National Day of Prayer on May 6th** approaches, thousands of individuals from their homes will be working to rally millions of Christian's to once again heed this call!

Scripture tells us again and again that our fervent prayer is effective. That our loving God responds to His children's earnest pleas in mighty ways that avail much, and ultimately determine the course of history.

At this crucial time for our nation, especially with the COVID-19, we can do nothing more important than pray. Thank you in advance for making this spiritual discipline a personal priority and for standing with us as we encourage others to incorporate prayer in their lives. The Lord has graciously anointed our efforts, empowering them to touch and change many hearts and lives. We look forward to seeing His hand move across our land in exciting ways each May in response to our petitions!





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As a mother comforts
her child, so will I
comfort you.
Isaiah 66:13



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