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MESSAGE FROM PASTOR SMITH

MARCH 2016

Dearly beloved of Christ the King;
The Lord be with you.

Fathers used to teach their sons how to box. The idea was that a boy should be prepared to defend himself in a pinch. Getting beat up is nobody's idea of a fun afternoon. The world has always been full of bullies. The common wisdom of the old days is that if you ran from a bully on Tuesday you better have your running shoes laced to your feet for Wednesday's recap.

It is universally accepted that there is honor in coming to the defense of someone who is getting bloodied by a bully. When fathers taught their sons how to box it was seen as an act of love. Fathers usually don't fight for their sons but they don't want to see them getting pummeled either.

Along with this training would usually come strong words about moral character. Words like these: "True strength doesn't pick a fight. It takes true strength to walk away from a fight. But sometimes a man has to step into the fray. There is no glamour in fighting but there is absolutely no wisdom in appeasement."

Appeasement is not in God's repertoire. Appeasement is the act of making concessions to an enemy power in order to avoid conflict. The devil had bullied those created in God's image – His sons and daughters. By temptation and deception, the ancient serpent had pried a gap between God and man, between man's heart and God's Word. That dread gap brought death. "The day you eat thereof you will surely die."

God the Father sent His Son to contend for humanity. "A body you prepared for me; I have come to do your will O God" (Hebrews 10:5). As man, God the Son enters the fray with the intention of reclaiming humanity for the Father. A confrontation between Christ and Satan would recapitulate the ancient fall of man.

Jesus is freshly baptized and is led out into the desert. For forty days He fasts. The devil approaches Jesus much the same way he had approached Adam. Adam was tempted to eat what God had prohibited.

When he ate of the tree God told him not to eat of we were collectively conquered. The second and greater Adam – the Lord Christ – would be likewise tempted to eat and serve Himself.

"If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread" (Matthew 4:3). As true man, the Son of God must eat. The eternal Son of God fully put on our mortal nature and is subject to its demands, its vulnerabilities, its constraints. But His radical fidelity to His Father establishes the parameters for that eating. "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that come from the mouth of God" came the reply. By Christ's not eating, humanity becomes conquerors.

It was a decisive victory in the desert. The Son of God stood His ground. Where Adam failed, Jesus prevailed. Throughout His life, the devil snapped and hissed at Jesus. Ultimately the devil would become a roaring lion at the crucifixion our Lord. True Strength laid down His life there.

On the holy cross, True Strength absorbed all the blows the evil one could muster. Jesus allowed Himself to be bloodied by the bully. He stepped into the dread gap between God and man and died bearing our sin. True Strength rises from the tomb and displays the signs of His victory – His pierced hands and side.

Bullies still attempt to pummel God's people. Appeasement is not in our repertoire. We stand on the truth. We defend ourselves, we defend Christ's church, we defend those who are vulnerable to Satan's lies as we wield the Word of God. God Himself teaches us how to box. It is an act of love. As Jesus used only God's Word to ward off the devil so we attempt to become proficient at artfully using this holy Word.

Peace be with you,

Pastor Smith

Confessional Lutherans, Anglicans draw closer

on February 23, 2016 in NEWS, REPORTER, TOP STORY 2

By Mathew Block



From left, Bishop Ray Sutton and Archbishop Foley Beach of the Anglican Church in North America and the Rev. Larry Vogel of the LCMS visit during a break in the Feb. 8-9 session of ongoing discussions involving their church bodies and Lutheran Church—Canada. (LCMS/Frank Kohn)

Participants in the Anglican Church in North America (ACNA), The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) and Lutheran Church—Canada’s (LCC) ongoing ecumenical dialogue have released an interim report on their work so far. Titled “On Closer Acquaintance,” the document is the culmination of six years of regular discussions among the three church bodies and highlights the discovery of significant doctrinal agreement between the Anglican and Lutheran participants.

The authors are clear that there is still much work to be done before altar and pulpit fellowship between the two sides would be possible. Nevertheless, they have found the discussions promising enough to publicly declare their prayer “that, in the time and manner of His choosing, our Lord would grant each side in our conversations to acknowledge our ‘first cousin’ to be in fact a true sister church, with the result that we would welcome each other wholeheartedly to our respective altars and enjoy the blessed situation in which our clergy and people would be interchangeable with each other as we stand under the grace of God and work for His kingdom.”

In the meantime, they encourage all three church bodies to “consider the ways in which we can cooperate and come together in ways that fall short of full communion but do allow the greatest measure of cooperation while maintaining full theological integrity.”

The report can be downloaded at lcms.org/doc/acna-report.

Church leaders react

The leaders of the three churches welcomed the report warmly, reflecting on the growing relationship between confessional Anglicans and Lutherans.

“In a time when so many churches are departing from the teachings of the Bible, it has been refreshing to see the stand for Scriptural truth that is being made by The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod and Lutheran Church—Canada,” said ACNA Archbishop Rev. Dr. Foley Beach. “We agree on the essentials of the faith and share a common desire to evangelize North America with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.”

LCMS President Rev. Dr. Matthew C. Harrison expressed a similar perspective.

“In these trying times for global Christianity, we were

joyously surprised and deeply heartened to learn of ACNA and its struggle to be faithful to the New Testament and historic Christian faith,” he said. “By God’s grace we have found real friends who have encouraged us deeply. We have been inspired by the journey of these men and women out of a church body which had abandoned the New Testament. They have sacrificed greatly, virtually all of them losing the properties of their respective congregations due to the structure of the Episcopal Church. I pray that we would be so courageous facing such difficulties.”

LCC President Rev. Dr. Robert Bugbee praised the dialogue and the growing theological consensus between confessional Lutherans and Anglicans.

“These discussions have been marked by great thoroughness and theological integrity,” he noted. “Nobody reached for easy compromises, nor did anyone paper over matters that needed to be fully worked through on the basis of God’s Word. Biblical Christians throughout North America face many pressures — not only with the secularization of our society but also because of the doctrinal decay and revisionism in much of mainline Christianity. We thank the Lord for the commitment of our Anglican friends and ask Him to use our witness to hold Christ the Savior out to people all around us.”

All three leaders were present for the most recent round of dialogue between the LCMS, ACNA and LCC, held Feb. 8-9 in St. Louis. A major focus of the meeting was finalizing the report on the six-year dialogue so far.

A comparison of doctrinal positions

The report begins by recounting the close history of Anglicans and Lutherans, suggesting that while they are not as yet “sister churches,” they are “the closest ecumenical cousins in Christendom.” Moreover, the current divisions in world Anglicanism mirror similar divisions in world Lutheranism. In these situations, confessional Anglicans and confessional Lutherans find they have much in common. Each tradition also has much to offer the other.

“We note that while Anglicans have been famous for their patterns of prayer and devotion, Lutherans have majored in more precise doctrinal definition and theological precision,” the report states. “While both sides acknowledge the essential quality of both *lex credendi* and *lex orandi*, it may be that Lutherans can assist Anglicans toward more careful attention to the first and that Anglicans can help Lutherans to deepen their practice of the second.”

The report compares the doctrinal positions of the two traditions at length and acknowledges the churches have found strong agreement on a number of areas, including the subjects of the Trinity, the person of Jesus Christ, the authority of Scripture, the creeds, original sin, justification and good works.

The talks also identified areas that require further discussion. In particular, the report notes, “The ordering of the ministry is

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Bonjour
Aloch willkommen
Witamy
Welcome
to
the C.T.K.
ALL Nations Dinner
Featuring:
The NAVARROS

Bienvenidos
Benvenuto-
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LENTEN SCHEDULE 2016

THE TWO TABLES OF THE LAW AND THE BLOOD OF CHRIST

THE LORD CHRIST IS THE END (τελος) OF THE LAW AND THE FOUNT OF LOVE

VESPERS

WEDNESDAYS AT 7PM

MARCH 2th

COMMANDMENTS 4 & 5

MARCH 9th

COMMANDMENTS 6 & 7

MARCH 16th

COMMANDMENTS 8-10



WEDNESDAYS DURING LENT

SOUP/SALAD SUPPERS

Preceding the Lenten Vesper Services will be a soup/salad dinner @ 6:00PM. Please come and join us for food and fellowship. Please sign-up in the church overflow.

EVENTS OF HOLY WEEK

HOLY THURSDAY

MARCH 24th AT 7:00PM

- ✦ Divine Service
- ✦ Order of Tenebrae
- ✦ Stripping of the Altar
- ✦ The New & Better Passover



GOOD FRIDAY

MARCH 25th AT 7:00PM

- ✦ Divine Service
- ✦ Stations of the Cross

EVENTS OF EASTER

HOLY SATURDAY

MARCH 26th AT 7:00PM

THE GREAT VIGIL OF EASTER

- ✦ The Service of Light
- ✦ The Service of Readings
- ✦ Holy Communion

EASTER SUNDAY

MARCH 27th

THE RESURRECTION OF

OUR LORD

- ✦ 6:30AM - Sunrise Service
- ✦ 7:30AM - Easter Breakfast
- ✦ 9:00AM - Festival Service of the Resurrection of our Lord

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the area where we have found the most work, study and discussion needs to be done to reach a common understanding of the connection between our practices.” To that end, the paper encourages Lutherans to “consider the ways in which the ministry of the bishop (as distinct from presbyter) is already at work among them” and encourages Anglicans to consider “how recognition of the office of bishop can go hand in hand with acknowledgement of the unicity of the office instituted by Christ.” Likewise, the report identifies the diaconate as another topic that would be beneficial to discuss.

The two sides also address the topic of female ordination in the report. The LCMS and LCC both understand the ordained ministry to preclude women. The report notes that a majority within ACNA also hold this position even as they are “engaged at the present time in a consensus-seeking discussion with the minority within its midst that takes the opposite view.”

Additional doctrinal stances compared in the report include the Church, Holy Baptism, Holy Communion, Holy Absolution and the role of Christian rulers.

Moving forward

“When our open-ended conversations began six years ago, some of the signatories to this report approached our task with a mixture of low expectations and a certain nervousness

before the unknown,” the report admits in its conclusion. “All of us are somewhat surprised to have discovered the deep common bonds between us in the Body of Christ, and to have registered the large measure of consensus that we have documented above. We regard these things that we have discovered together as a gift of the Lord and trust Him to use our findings to His glory and to the good of the universal Church. As we commend this report to the people and clergy of ACNA, LCMS and LCC, we encourage Lutherans and Anglicans to remember each other in prayer, to embrace one another in Christian love, to encourage each other to confess Christ boldly in our ever darkening times, and to support each other in mission and outreach in faithfulness to Him who has laid the same Great Commission on us all.”

Elsewhere in the report the authors write, “We earnestly hope that these pages may be read and pondered as widely as possible by the clergy and people of our respective church bodies, not only in private but also in the setting of Bible classes, clergy and theological conferences, and other appropriate forums of Christian education.”

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SAVE THE DATE!

Teachings for Life A Catechism Convocation for the People The Ten Commandments

Saturday April 9, 2016

9:00am - 3:30pm
(Lunch will be provided)



The Ten Commandments

Presented by
Servants of the Word

Hosted by
Gloria Dei Lutheran Church
1087 W Country Club Ln,
Escondido, CA 92026
(760) 743-2478



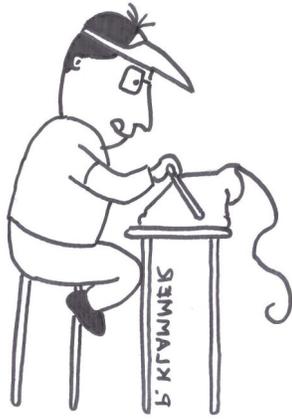
Christ the King – Missions

We at Christ the King support numerous missions locally and around the world.

January 2016 Mission Support



LCMS World Mission, Rev. Jeff Horn in Papua New Guinea	\$250.00
San Bernardino Pregnancy & Resource Center	\$150.00
Lutherans for Life	\$200.00
Concordia Theological Seminary—Ft Wayne, IN	\$200.00
Tian Shan Mission Society—Kyrgyzstan	\$200.00
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church	\$350.00
Youth Hope Foundation of Redlands	\$200.00
Total Cash Contributions	\$1,600.00



CTK January 2016 Treasurer's Report	Jan 2016	Jan - Dec 2016
Ordinary Income/Expense		
Income		
400.00 GENERAL OFFERINGS	\$24,668.00	\$24,668.00
420.00 OTHER OPERATING INCOME	\$3,071.00	\$3,071.00
430.00 INTEREST INCOME	\$141.73	\$141.73
440.00 FUNDRAISING INCOME	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Income	\$27,880.73	\$27,880.73
Expense		
500.00 ACTIVITIES	\$3,940.78	\$3,940.78
520.00 ADMINISTRATION	\$1,143.13	\$1,143.13
525.00 BANK FEES	\$0.60	\$0.60
530.00 MAINTENANCE	\$543.92	\$543.92
540.00 MISSIONS	\$1,600.00	\$1,600.00
550.00 SALARIES AND WAGES	\$11,308.19	\$11,308.19
560.00 PAYROLL EXPENSES/ BENEFITS	\$3,438.66	\$3,438.66
570.00 PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT	\$260.85	\$260.85
580.00 WORSHIP	\$322.29	\$322.29
Total Expense	\$22,558.42	\$22,558.42
Net Ordinary Income	\$5,322.31	\$5,322.31
Net Income	\$5,322.31	\$5,322.31

CTK March 2015 Events

COUPLES BIBLE STUDY



FRIDAY at 7:30pm, March 4th

Join us in Pastor Smith's home for an enlightening time as we study God's Word and in the light of God's gift of marriage, followed by choice desserts. Hope to see you there

CTK WOMEN'S COFFEE FELLOWSHIP **3RD TUESDAY, March 15th AT 9AM**



Set aside an hour to have to enjoy some sisterly fellowship and café refreshments at the ESRI Café, located at 380 New York Street in Redlands (south of the post office). Hope to see you there.

WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY



No morning bible study in March.

Please join us for Vespers on Wednesday evenings at 7pm.

Wednesday Morning Bible Study will resume on April 6.

Bible Study Saturday Mornings **@ 8a.m. - 9a.m.**



With Deacon Russ in the Church Office

Note: No study on Holy Saturday, March 26.

MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL



Join us for food and fun from 6:30PM - 8:30PM on Friday, March 11th, in the Youth Room. Bring a friend! All are welcomed.

March 13th



The Christ the King Pre-School gals would love to make the church members a yummy egg burrito!

Please join us March 13th after service for a egg burrito, served by the teachers. Come Hungry!!



Lutheran Women in Mission

LWML NEWS-March 2016

March 13th— Salad Potluck. Bring a salad to share and enjoy our last business meeting for the year. We will also vote on new board members for next year. After we enjoy our lunch, Deacon Russ will lead us in the bible study "Hanna and Mary: A Study of Circumstance and Song." Please sign-up in the overflow.



Remember that mites are collected each month, on the 3rd Sunday, or any time your mite box is full.

Anniversaries



03/21 David & Joanne Bates

03/27 James & Shelly Wilson

If your special date did not appear or is incorrect, please contact Cindy Currier at the church office 909-793-5703.

Birthdays

03/01 Don David

03/01 Jeff Dixon

03/02 Samuel Lombardo

03/06 Ethan Haarala

03/06 John Jay

03/10 Carolyn Lombardo

03/10 Victoria Woodside

03/11 Heather Reiman

03/11 Isaac Woodside

03/13 Jeanie Nowak

03/14 Joy Phillips

03/15 Alexandra Hauschild

03/17 David Alder

03/17 Cynthia Danielson

03/17 Christina Hanson

03/25 Art Anderson

03/27 Pastor Eugene Paulus

03/28 Ted Hanson

03/28 Hayden Hinkleman

03/29 Nicolas Perez

03/29 Joseph Scott

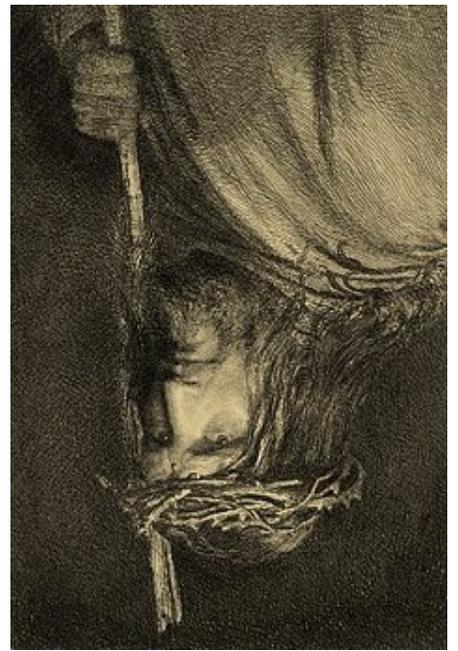
03/29 Donna Woolace

03/31 Loren Scott

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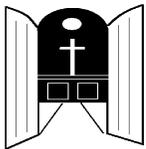
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	1	2	3	4	5
<p>9:00 AM Divine Service</p> <p>10:30 AM Adult Bible Study & Sunday School</p>		<p>6:00 PM Evangelism Committee Meeting</p>	<p>6:00 PM Soup Supper</p> <p>7:00 PM Mid-Week Lenten Service</p> <p>8:00 PM Choir Practice</p>	<p>7:00 PM Stewardship Meeting</p>	<p>7:30 PM Couples Bible Study</p> 	<p>8:00 AM Bible Study with Deacon Russ</p> <p>Bible Study</p> 
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
<p>9:00 AM Divine Service</p> <p>10:30 AM Adult Bible Study & Sunday School</p>	<p>9:00 PM Lutheran Braille Workers</p>	<p>9:00 PM Lutheran Braille Workers</p> <p>7:00 PM School Board Meeting</p>	<p>6:00 PM Soup Supper</p> <p>7:00 PM Mid-Week Lenten Service</p> <p>8:00 PM Choir Practice</p>		 <p>6:30 PM Middle & High School Youth Group</p>	<p>8:00 AM Bible Study with Deacon Russ</p> <p>Bible Study</p> 
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
<p>9:00 AM Divine Service</p> <p>10:30 AM Adult Bible Study & Sunday School</p> <p>12:00PM LWML Salad Potluck & Program</p>		 <p>9:00 AM Women's Coffee Fellowship</p> <p>7:00 PM Elder Meeting</p>	<p>6:00 PM Soup Supper</p> <p>7:00 PM Mid-Week Lenten Service</p> <p>8:00 PM Choir Practice</p>			<p>8:00 AM Bible Study with Deacon Russ</p> <p>Bible Study</p> 
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
 <p>9:00 AM Divine Service</p> <p>10:30 AM Adult Bible Study & Sunday School</p>		<p>7:00 PM Church Council Meeting</p>		 <p>7:00 PM Divine Service</p>	 <p>7:00 PM Divine Service</p>	<p>NO Bible Study with Deacon Russ</p>  <p>7:00 PM The Great Vigil of Easter</p>
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
 <p>6:30AM Sunrise Service</p> <p>7:30AM Easter Breakfast</p> <p>9:00 AM Divine Service</p>			<p>6:30 PM Choir Practice</p>		<p>7:30 PM Couples Bible Study</p> 	<p>8:00 AM Bible Study with Deacon Russ</p> <p>Bible Study</p> 

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Servants for March 2016



DATE	ACOLYTES	ALTAR	ELDERS
Mar. 6	Luke Woodside & Samuel Smith	Margaret Nowak	Vic Haynes
Mar. 13	Duncan Marshall & Brett Crowley	Gina Boehm	John Hinkleman, Sr.
Mar. 20	Dustin Hogue & Jack Currier	Bernice David	Tim Reiman
Mar. 27	Benjamin Whittier & Samuel Smith	Judy Alder	Tom Crowley & Vic Haynes
DATE	FLOWERS	DATE	FINANCE
Mar. 6	Don & Bernice David	Mar. 6 & 13	Mary Coppenger & Jim Berndt
Mar. 13	Marc & Laura Rodgers	Mar. 20 & 27	Lucy Becker & Roger Loewecke
Mar. 20	Kaye Deen	DATE	USHERS
Mar. 27	Lilies	Mar. 6 & 13	Will Boehm & Duane Stemple
		Mar. 20 & 27	David Alder & John Mitchell