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MESSAGE FROM PASTOR SMITH

JULY 2020

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

How many of y'all have had bad days. Not bad hair days, or days when you get a jury summons in the mail, or days where the weeds in the lawn seem to outnumber the grass, or you awaken to find a zit in the wrong place but genuinely *bad* days? How many of y'all have ever struggled with the blues? We are an emotional people. There is no getting around it, emotions are part of our created structure. Sometimes those emotions are troublesome. Sometimes the predominant emotion is one of emptiness, pessimism, aimlessness. Sometimes the precursor to this emotional state is nothing that you can put your finger on. Sometimes it is awakened by the realization that your crosses don't seem to be getting lighter, the world is not improving (quite the opposite), or that some joy in your life has been taken from you and you are left diminished, if only for a time.

Bad days seem to be pilling up. Christians are normally a buoyant people. The Spirit of God lives in us. The Holy Spirit breathes into us a faith and a confidence that world does not possess. But even Christians are subject to the tumult of the days. Consider what we have been through in the last few months. A radical virus plummets into our nation, breeding death and the fear of death. The government takes extraordinary action, unprecedented in our lifetimes. Commerce is adversely disrupted and folks become socially alienated from one another. Financial uncertainty reigns, the stock market plummets and unemployment soars. The experts modify their pronouncements about the virus with astounding regularity so that what is understood on Monday is undercut on Tuesday, breeding further confusion. All of this governmental oversight takes place without the consultation of the governed. A black man is cruelly killed on the street by an uncaring officer of the law. Peaceful protests against ugly episodes of perceived inequality in our society devolve into the most lawless destructive forces in our cities; burning and looting and violence ensues. Some in our culture want to strip the nation down to a skeleton because it is, in their view, inherently and irredeemably corrupt. A seemingly insane idea grabs the airwaves, "Defund the Police." Statues of even the most honorable people in our nation's history are toppled. A prominent leader of an en vogue political movement said that all images of Jesus ought to come under the same condemnation. A person would have to be abnormal if they did NOT feel uneasy in the face of all this.

And yet. And yet there is something that truly animates Christ's church and keeps us balanced from day to day. It certainly is not what comes through the television or the political righteousness that we read on our favorite web site or easy listening on KOLA 99.9 (Classic Hits!). It is something that all people have a very hard time living without. What is it? Hope. Hope is the alive fruit of faith. Hope is the alive knowledge that God is supremely in control and that control is a phenomenal blessing. Hope is an irrepressible force that lifts our hearts in any and every circumstance. Hope never fails. Christianity is not a happy diversion from an otherwise fulfilled but sometimes troublesome life. Christianity, and only Christianity, is built for moments like our present circumstance. Hope is alive within Christ's church because the Lord Jesus Himself is alive and breathing into us His resurrection, His love, His protection.

Hope is a genuine commodity. Hope is the heartbeat of Christianity. Hope breeds confidence. Hope is the handmaiden to trust, the fruit of faith that God's Word cultivates. Hope a deeply held awareness that our future is so secure that no one and nothing can disrupt it. Even more, hope realizes that our future is present as a contemporary reality that we get to enjoy now. St. Paul went through a lot of tough times in his life. That is a remarkable understatement! He learned as he went along. St. Paul learned trust, learned where this deathless hope was found, as he suffered. Here are some priceless words from 2 Corinthians. "For we were so utterly burdened beyond our strength that we despaired of life itself. Indeed, we felt that we had received the sentence of death. **But that was to make us rely not on ourselves but on God who raises the dead.** He delivered us from such a deadly peril and he will deliver us. On him we have set our hope that he will deliver us again" (2 Corinthians 1:8-10).

Is it possible that all of which is going on around us is God at work to teach us not to rely on anything but Him? Is that kind of trust a remarkable elevation of the human spirit so that no unhappy circumstance can unduly threaten us? Is not this a moment for Christ's church to embody a strength that the world and politics and material realities cannot embody? Is not this a moment for Christ's church to stand remarkably tall, to bear witness to a faith that is not weak or fragile or self-

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interested but a faith that is born from above therefore supremely strong, agile, and unwavering? I suggest to you that this present moment is precisely that time. In the present cacophony of civil unrest, hope is under assault. Christ's church will not be diverted. Our Lord's life, His remarkable teaching, His majestic cross and His golden resurrection provide an ever-rejuvenating spring of hope. His blood has cleansed us from sin and heaven is our home. Life is His gift and He protects it with profound zeal, profound love.

As we have always done, in coming days we will focus on how our Lord's life, how His teaching and very present ministry apply to the events that surround us. As God's Word always does, after having received His Spirit imbued Word, we will be emboldened to live in such a way that reflects His glory. In short, in coming days hope will flourish among us.

Peace be with you,

Pastor Smith



Christ the King – Missions

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



July 2020 Mission Support

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church	350.00
Concordia Theological Seminary	200.00
Lutherans for Life	200.00
Pregnancy & Family Resource Center, San Bernardino	200.00
Siberian Lutheran Mission Society	200.00
The Blessing Center, Redlands	200.00
LCMS World Mission Support for Rev. Conrad	250.00
Total Cash Contributions	\$1,600.00

CTK May 2020 Treasurer's Report

May 20

Jan - May 20

2020 Budget

Ordinary Income/Expense

Income

400.00 GENERAL OFFERINGS	34,989.96	143,105.99	298,279.99
420.00 OTHER OPERATING INCOME	1,452.00	7,951.00	18,724.00
430.00 INTEREST INCOME	47.33	288.73	2,454.00
440.00 FUNDRAISING INCOME	0.00	4,281.00	3,000.00

Total Income	\$ 36,489.29	\$ 155,626.72	\$ 322,457.99
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Expense

500.00 ACTIVITIES	396.00	3,473.23	16,450.00
520.00 ADMINISTRATION			100.00
525.00 BANK FEES	2,632.53	11,154.51	34,700.00
530.00 MAINTENANCE	1,317.82	6,932.03	15,890.00
540.00 MISSIONS	1,600.00	8,000.00	20,400.00
550.00 SALARIES AND WAGES	12,663.55	63,464.82	157,211.35
560.00 PAYROLL EXPENSES/BENEFITS	4,227.34	21,114.96	51,387.14
570.00 PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT	1,651.66	8,258.30	20,269.50
580.00 WORSHIP	0.00	1,464.41	6,050.00

Total Expense	\$ 24,488.90	\$ 123,862.26	\$ 322,457.99
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Net Ordinary Income	\$ 12,000.39	\$ 31,764.46	\$ 0.00
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CTK July 2020 Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	30	31	1	2	3	4
8:00 AM Divine Service 9:30 AM Adult Bible Study 10:30 AM Divine Service			 9:30 AM Adult Bible Study			 8:30 AM Bible Study with Deacon Russ
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
8:00 AM Divine Service 9:30 AM • Adult Bible Study 10:30 AM Divine Service		7:00 PM Church Council Meeting	 9:30 AM Adult Bible Study			Bible Study  8:30 AM Bible Study with Deacon Russ 10:00 AM Elders Meeting
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
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19	20	21	22	23	24	25
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26	27	28	29	30	31	1
8:00 AM Divine Service 9:30 AM Adult Bible Study 10:30 AM Divine Service		6:00 PM Evangelism Stewardship Meeting	 9:30 AM Adult Bible Study			Bible Study  8:30 AM Bible Study with Deacon Russ

Anniversaries



Birthdays



07/04 Joshua & Corrin Scott
 07/10 Jordan & Cindy Currier
 07/19 Ron & Lila Feiken

07/02 Sandy Nauman
 07/08 Judy Alder
 07/09 Michael Bosman
 07/14 John Hinkleman Jr.
 07/14 Christine Reiman
 07/14 David Wills
 07/15 Abigail Hanson
 07/17 Glenn Henderson
 07/19 Jackson Scott
 07/20 Emily Nowak

07/20 Irene Pickering
 07/21 Mike Bush
 07/21 Brittany Reading
 07/23 Bill Phillips
 07/24 Lois Pfeil
 07/25 Barbara Rayworth
 07/27 Ryan Buck
 07/28 Monique Arnold
 07/28 Ron Feiken
 07/31 Erica Vasquez

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



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Servants for July 2020



DATE	CRUCIFER	ALTAR	ELDERS
July 5	Brett Crowley	Alise Smith	Tom Crowley
July 12	Brett Crowley	Anna Smith	Dwayne Danielson
July 19	Brett Crowley	Erica Vasquez	Don David
July 26	Brett Crowley	Margaret Nowak	Vic Haynes
DATE	FLOWERS	DATE	FINANCE
July 5	Don & Bernice David	July 5 & 12	Cindy Hanson & Anna Smith
July 12	Chris & Lupe Hanson	July 19 & 26	Robert Arnold & Steve Aimar
July 19	Glenn & Jodi Henderson	DATE	USHERS
July 26	Tom & Donna Crowley	July 5	Hayden Ramsay & Joe Vasquez
		July 12 & 19	Mike Bush & Loren Scott
		July 26 & Aug 2	Joe Belli & Glenn Henderson