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MESSAGE FROM PASTOR SMITH

JULY 2021

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

Further up and further in. That is a beautiful line from the last book in the Chronicles of Narnia by C.S. Lewis:

“I have come home at last! This is my real country! I belong here. This is the land I have been looking for all my life, though I never knew it till now...Come further up, come further in!” (The Last Battle).

Further up and further in is our life in Christ now. He beckons us unto Himself and His reserves are more than any of us could exhaust in a thousand lifetimes. Further up and further in is to grow in Christ. That is what these weeks after Pentecost are focused on – our growth in the faith. In the first half of the church year we are on a pilgrimage, following after our Lord, recapitulating the events of His life, beginning with His Advent, His birth in Bethlehem. We follow Him as He is baptized in the Jordan during Epiphany. We make our way after Him as He ascends the Mount of Transfiguration, as He walks through the valley of the shadow of death during Lent, as He is hung on a cross on Good Friday and as He bursts the bonds of the tomb on Easter. At Pentecost we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit and the birth of Christ’s church. Now we are in a season of growth. The color for this season is green, the vibrant hue of life.

The line from *The Last Battle* is uttered in Aslan’s Kingdom – a metaphor for heaven. Truly, that is our homeland. When we arrive on those shores, we will be in a place that we have known already in this life. We taste the Kingdom of Heaven already now as we hear Christ’s Word, as we receive the feast of victory – His body and blood, and as we sing the songs of life. To grow in Christ is to appreciate the beauty of what He affords us, the priceless gift of forgiveness and the ongoing blessing of His grace. Can our hearts get bigger? To receive a more generous helping of His love, can our hearts get bigger to inwardly digest more truth, more glory, more hope? Do you want to grow? Are you prepared to leave behind the world’s vain philosophy and hold faster to all that is true and good

and noble? Growth; is our ability to grow limited? Is Jesus actively pulling us forward?

Another interesting bit in the book is that upon first arrival, their sight is overwhelmed by the light. They cannot take it all in all at once. But they adjust, little by little, so that they can better receive what is there to be received. It is Aslan who calls to them: “Come further in!” Aslan cries, with laughter in his eyes. “Come further up!” The characters in the book tell us something theologically rich. There is a more “realness” to heaven. This world is passing away (1 John 2:17). This fallen world is the shadow land. To grow in the faith is to grasp more and more firmly what is real. The vapid fare that promoted by a faithless culture onto our televisions, our computer screens, and glamour magazines is hauntingly empty. Is there anything genuinely “substantial” where profanity and narcissism rules the waves?

God has made our souls in such a way that they can hold more, always more. We are growing. The verdant domain of our soul has Christ embedded therein and He is expanding His kingdom in that very place. Where once it was just a place for thorns and thistles, now there grows lilies of gold (love for our neighbor), the most violet violets (sacrifice for neighbor), and the most fragrant of all flowers, the velvety rose (trust in Christ). We will grow in the coming season. God gives the growth. The seed of the Word is being sown, our souls are fertile with faith, and God is tending the garden of our soul. What a delightful time this is! What a joy it is to be a Christian!

Peace be with you,

Pastor Smith

MEET YOUR ELDER* - JAMES RUSSELL WILSON

I was born in Pomona, CA on May 31, 1979 -- the first-born of my parents James Scott and Jill Diane. I was baptized at Peace Lutheran Church, LCMS on July 8, 1979. Peace closed and after a brief time of living in Phoenix, AZ where we attended another LCMS congregation, (I only remember it being a modular building in the desert) we moved back to Pomona. Upon our return, our family (now with younger siblings Jason Scott and Joani Mayleen) regularly attended Trinity Lutheran Church in Montclair, CA. Rev. Maynard Saeger was the pastor. When I was five I wanted to be a pastor because of him.

When I was in the sixth grade (1991) my parents moved us eastward to get out of our neighborhood in Pomona and we settled in Moreno Valley, CA. We attended Shepherd of the Valley, where my parents still attend regularly. The pastor when we joined was Rev David Haught before he accepted a call to another church. The congregation then called Rev. David Schilling. I was confirmed by Rev. Schilling after a short series of confirmation power point slides. We neither had nor opened the Small Catechism and there was no public examination or memorization. I didn't know this at the time, but I was being robbed of a central aspect of confirmation.

This is where things took a dramatic turn that led me through the "dark woods" of my life, and eventually brought me here to Christ the King. I slowly drifted from the faith, one little step at a time, until one day it was dark everywhere. I fell into a depression, caused by my own actions. I was caught in a spiral of reverse pride which is just as dangerous as pride itself. I attempted to mask the pain inside with other things and nothing during this time in my life makes any sense to me, except I discovered who I am, in and of myself, and he is an unpleasant guy. I got to the point where I really thought that God hated me and that His Mercy and Grace were for everyone, except me.

My best friend, Roger Stites, now the assistant pastor at First Lutheran in Sequim, WA, constantly reminded me this was not true, and I am eternally grateful that he is a

faithful servant of the Most High. I ended up back at Shepherd of the Valley, where Rev. Jason Hong was leading a small group study with myself and two other young men. I also began hanging out with friends from a Reformed Church at night. I didn't realize there was a difference between the theology of the Reformed and Lutherans, between a Theology of Glory vs. The Theology of the Cross. It was a few years later I met my dream girl, the amazing Shelly Corn at the Reformed Church. I didn't waste any time at all and married that girl before she could realize she was being hustled. We have now been married for 17 quick years. We were married at Shepherd of the Valley on March 27, 2004 by Rev. Peter Alexander.

It was at this time that my best friend, Roger, gifted me with one of my most prized possessions: The Book of Concord. The more I read, the more things became clear and some theological misconceptions that should have never been in my head were not only corrected but Christ's work was made more precious. I eventually became a Lutheran in my theology. Shelly and I went back and forth for years trying to agree on a church.

The deeper I got into the BOC the more I sought out Lutheran Teaching online. I found Worldview Everlasting, Issues Etc. and Table Talk Radio. I soon found out that there was a Confessional Lutheran Church in my backyard the whole time and they don't hide the confessions either, especially from their children. I am overjoyed to be here where Christ is clearly taught, law and gospel rightly divided, and the sacraments faithfully administered. At Christ the King, the light of Christ shines without cheesy gimmicks that cloud our great confessions.

Other interests and hobbies include listening to Ska, Punk and Reggae music. I am slowly learning to play the ukulele. I previously played the xylophone, marimba and vibraphone in high school. I also enjoy musicals and singing around the house. I am also the proud father of my little jewel, the wonderful Mira Sophia.

What's going on at CTK!

From the Preschool:

Happy Summer! The school is enjoying some summer time fun. Lots of water days, popsicles and special projects. The elementary kids are enjoying special themed weeks and fieldtrips. We are looking forward to Fourth of July crafts and pony pictures. Along with summer fun, we are planning and gearing up for our next school year. There are lots of moving parts to keep the school running year around. We are so grateful to all our amazing teachers and blessed with great families! Happy 4th of July.

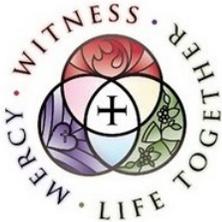
Christine Chernobieff, M.Ed.



Christ the King – Missions



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



June 2021 Mission Support	
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church	\$350.00
Concordia Theological Seminary	\$200.00
Lutherans for Life	\$200.00
Pregnancy & Family Resource Center	\$200.00
Siberian Lutheran Mission Society	\$200.00
Redlands Charitable Resources Coalitions (The Coopers)	\$200.00
LCMS World Mission	\$250.00
Total Cash Contributions	\$1,600.00

CTK Treasurer's Report

	<u>May 2021</u>	<u>Jan-May 2021</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense		
Income		
400.00 GENERAL OFFERINGS	24,619.00	126,898.00
420.00 OTHER OPERATING INCOME	1,452.00	7,715.00
430.00 INTEREST INCOME	3.90	23.28
440.00 FUNDRAISING INCOME	<u>0.00</u>	<u>3,780.00</u>
Total Income	26,074.90	138,416.28
Expense		
500.00 ACTIVITIES	347.95	3,842.59
520.00 ADMINISTRATION	2,010.89	10,813.09
530.00 MAINTENANCE	1,668.35	5,949.31
540.00 MISSIONS	1,600.00	8,000.00
550.00 SALARIES AND WAGES	14,365.11	69,966.62
560.00 PAYROLL EXPENSES/BENEFITS	4,012.28	19,958.98
570.00 PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT	1,690.87	9,810.03
580.00 WORSHIP	<u>165.67</u>	<u>1,147.02</u>
Total Expense	<u>25,861.12</u>	<u>129,487.64</u>
Net Income	<u>213.78</u>	<u>8,928.64</u>



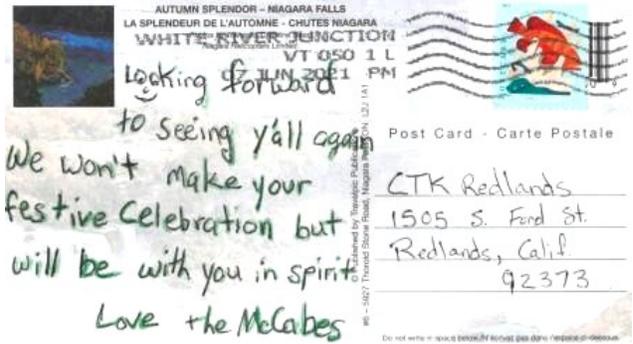
Special Moments



A fond farewell to our sister Cindy Hanson



Jr. Confirmation Class reciting the Second Chief Part of the Catechism ~ The Creed and its meaning



Anniversaries



- 7/4 Joshua & Corrin Scott
- 7/10 Jordan & Cindy Currier
- 7/19 Rick & Jill Brua
- 7/19 Ron & Lila Feiken

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

Birthdays

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| 7/2 Sandy Nauman | 7/21 Brittany Reading |
| 7/8 Judy Alder | 7/21 Mike Bush |
| 7/14 Christine Reiman | 7/23 Bill Phillips |
| 7/14 David Wills | 7/24 Lois Pfeil |
| 7/14 John Hinkleman Jr. | 7/25 Barbara Rayworth |
| 7/17 Glenn Henderson | 7/27 Ryan Buck |
| 7/19 Jackson Scott | 7/28 Monique Arnold |
| 7/20 Emily Nowak | 7/28 Ron Feiken |
| 7/20 Irene Pickering | 7/31 Erica Vasquez |

CTK JULY 2021 Events



MITES

Now that Sunday Services are back in the church, we will go back to collecting mites on the 3rd Sunday of the month, or anytime your mite box is full. God bless and thank you for remembering to bring your mites.

LET'S TAKE A HIKE



Come for a hike on Saturday, July 3rd, in the morning when it's not too hot. Everyone is invited. We're not sure of the place or the duration yet, but we will meet at CTK at 8:30am to venture out somewhere nearby.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	29	30	1	2	3
<p>9:00 AM Divine Service (Outdoors)</p> <p>10:30 AM Adult Bible Study & Sunday School</p> <p>5-7th PM Open House at Smith Residence</p>			<p>9:30 AM Adult Bible Study</p>			<p>Bible Study</p>  <p>8:30 AM</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bible Study with Deacon Russ • Let's Take a Hike!
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
<p>9:00 AM Divine Service</p> <p>10:30 AM Adult Bible Study & Sunday School</p>  <p>Happy 4th of July</p>		<p>7:00 PM Church Council Meeting</p>	<p>9:30 AM Adult Bible Study</p>			<p>Bible Study</p>  <p>8:30 AM Bible Study with Deacon Russ</p>
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
<p>9:00 AM Divine Service</p> <p>10:30 AM Adult Bible Study & Sunday School</p>			<p>9:30 AM Adult Bible Study</p>			<p>Bible Study</p>  <p>8:30 AM Bible Study with Deacon Russ</p> <p>10:00 AM Elders Meeting</p>
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
<p>9:00 AM Divine Service</p> <p>10:30 AM Adult Bible Study & Sunday School</p>  <p>Please bring your mites.</p>			<p>9:30 AM Adult Bible Study</p>			<p>Bible Study</p>  <p>8:30 AM Bible Study with Deacon Russ</p>
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
<p>9:00 AM Divine Service</p> <p>10:30 AM Adult Bible Study & Sunday School</p>		<p>7:00 PM Evangelism Stewardship Meeting</p>	<p>9:30 AM Adult Bible Study</p>			<p>Bible Study</p>  <p>8:30 AM Bible Study with Deacon Russ</p>

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Servants for July 2021



ACOLYTES		ELDERS	
7/4	Jilian Belli & Brooke Cleary	7/4	Vic Haynes
7/11	Dominick Vasquez & Christian Vasquez	7/11	Roger Loewecke
7/18	Samuel Lombardo & William Lombardo	7/18	Anthony Lombardo
7/25	Gabriela Vasquez & Ava Belli	7/25	Loren Scott
ALTAR		FLOWERS	
7/4	Anna Bush	7/4	Don & Bernice David
7/11	Nicole Creavy	7/11	Dwayne & Cynthia Danielson
7/18	Tammy Hathaway	7/18	Glenn & Jodi Henderson
7/25	Bernice David	7/25	FLOWERS NEEDED
FINANCE		USHERS	
7/4 & 7/11	Steve Aimar & Robert Arnold	6/6	Joe Belli & Tom Crowley
7/18 & 7/25	Mary Coppenger & Catherine Murano	6/13 & 6/20	Mike Nauman & Hayden Ramsay
		6/27 & 7/4	Chris Blank & Mike Bush