



The church that cares, our roots are strong

Tree of Life Lutheran Church

Newsletter

Worship Services

Sunday - 10:00 am
Communion Weekly

Location

Whispering Pines Park
Recreation Center
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Sunday - 9am
Whispering Pines

Tuesday - 7am
TBD – Contact Keith

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“You have ears; then listen to what the churches. Be victorious, and I will let Life that stands in God’s Paradise.”

“It is finished!” Or is it?

“When Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, ‘It is finished!’ Then bowing His head, He gave up His spirit.” — John 19:30

Being finished is often seen as a relief from something, and certainly Jesus’ death did end the agony of the physical pain of the cross. Yet Jesus’ death also had much emotional pain. Jesus died at the hands of the very ones whom He came to save — rather ironic, I believe. Jesus, being a part of the triune **God**, knew all along the path He must take to complete the Father’s will. I admit my own frustration in understanding why **God** chose this path. I accept it because I know the Father’s total being is one of love for His creation: **God** is love, and all He does is for love and we receive the benefit (*1 John 4:8*). **God** knows what He is doing and is right whether we understand it or not. Easter is the culmination of **God’s** plan for man’s redemption.

“What did Jesus finish?” we ask. He finished doing the Father’s will, and in so doing, He completed the journey man must follow to return to his source. Everlasting life comes only through Jesus (*John 14:6*). We must remember **God** created all things good, including us humans. We were created in His image, but sin messed it up. The road to recovery was paved by the life and, finally, the blood of the only one who was sin-free, Jesus, **God’s** Son. And so, out of His misery, we benefit by being made clean from sin and are thus allowed to return to our Creator in heaven.

Sounds good, doesn’t it? Wow, it is over, finished, done! But wait — it is not quite over. Jesus did His part. He is now at the right hand of the Father praying for you and me (*Acts 7:25 and John 17*). What about you? Have you received this free gift of salvation? If not, then it is not finished for you. Even free gifts must be received and, to benefit, must be used. John wrote, in 3:16, “For **God** so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.” “That whosoever” refers to us. The task is finished, but we must receive it for it to be effective.

Dear friends, until you accept what Jesus did on the cross, you cannot know the full meaning of the Easter message. You can buy all new clothing, the latest fashion, have all the trimmings and still miss the message of Easter. Jesus said He came to save the lost (*Luke 19:10*). Are you in that number? May today be your day of salvation is my prayer.

J. Frank Hay Jr. is a retired Orangeburg pastor and chaplain.

Reminder Voters' Assembly meeting May 6th.


**MARK YOUR
CALENDAR!**

2018 - Sunday Services Scheduled at Inverness Women's Club

April 15th, May 13th, October 14th, and December 16th

Turn in your mite boxes on the last Sunday of every month!



Snack List	Prayer Chain Requests	Elder Visits	Lectors
<p>4/1 No Snacks 4/8 Ellen Lodgek 4/15 Karen Huscher 4/22 Arlene Messer 4/29 Kim Carroll 5/6 Sue Grable</p> <p>Interested in bringing snacks? Contact Sue Grable 341-0074</p>	<p>A list of those in need of prayer can be found on table at church entryway.</p>  <p><i>First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people</i> 1 Timothy 2:1</p>	<p>Elders are willing to visit the sick and home bound with prayer. Will also bring the sacrament of Holy Communion to either the hospital or home bound upon request.</p> <p>Contact: Bruce Thornton 920-461-2436 Henry Messer 352-726-4117</p>	<p>Lectors</p> <p>April Ellen Lodgek Psalm/Epistle Rich Grable Gospel</p> <p>May Sue Fullerton Psalm/Epistle Ron Fullerton Gospel</p> <p>June Peggy Kepner Psalm/Epistle Ron Hansen Gospel</p> <p>July Sue Grable Psalm/Epistle Chris Carroll Gospel</p>

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