



The church that cares, our roots are strong

Tree of Life Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, English District

Newsletter

*“He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the midst of the paradise of God”
Rev. 2:7*



Message from the Pastor

Psalms 145:6,7

They tell of the power of your awesome works—and I will proclaim your great deeds. They celebrate your abundant goodness and joyfully sing of your righteousness.

The 4th of July brings up, for me, many wonderful thoughts and memories. Its significance, however, lies in history long before I was born. History that we cannot fully understand or to which we can relate. A group of people recognizing the tyranny of a foreign power controlling every aspect in their lives.

The freedoms they won and that we now enjoy, were not given over night. “We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.” To which I am fairly certain King George III did not say, “Oops. OKAY, sorry about that. You’re right. I didn’t see it that way.”

Instead, there was a great war fought so that we would secure our freedoms, our rights, our liberties. And, I am almost certain that when the fighting was over and the British left our shores, our great fathers said, “Now, what?”

Our baptism is our personal 4th of July. We have been given freedom, rights, and liberties. But, as our civil rights were fought for and won, so have our spiritual liberties and freedoms have also been fought for and won. The victory of the 1770’s has been handed down to us, so especially has the victory of the cross also been handed down to us. So we say, “Now what?”

Christ fought the battle over the tyranny of Satan, sin and death. The victory is most assuredly ours and the benefits of our spiritual freedoms are ours forever as uttered in the words, “IT IS FINISHED!” So, we celebrate our freedoms by being free in Christ to do what is necessary so that the world knows!

Just as there are many in this world who do not understand our civil freedoms and rights, there are even more who do not understand our spiritual freedoms through Christ. We have the privilege of turning to those who do not understand and patiently tell them of our sinful history, our present condition of sainthood, and our future assurance of eternal life through Christ.

Our celebration is our witness to what Christ has done for us and is doing through us as most doubtlessly fireworks proclaim the freedoms we have in the United States. God, our Father, protect our civil rights and freedoms won for us by brave people before us. Bless our nation that she returns back to her loyalty to You. Continue to protect our spiritual freedoms and make us brave defenders of the faith that You have given in Christ our Lord. Amen.

Pastor Steinke

Worship Services
Sunday - 10:00 am
Communion Weekly

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Bible Class

Sunday - 9am

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July Scripture Readings

July 7 Pentecost 5..Zechariah 9:9-12..Psalms 145:1-14.. Romans 7:14-25a..Matthew 11:25-30

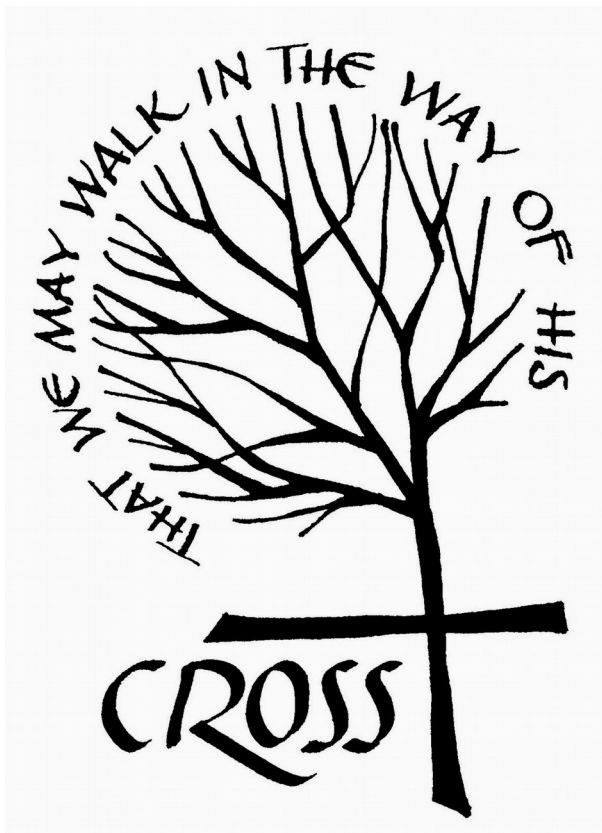
July 14 Pentecost 6..Isaiah 55:10-13..Psalms 65: 9-13..Romans 8:12-17..Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

July 21 Pentecost 6..Isaiah 55:10-13..Psalms 65: 9-13..Romans 8:12-17..Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

July 28 Pentecost 8..Deuteronomy 7:6-..Psalms 125..Romans 28-39..Matthew 13-44-52

WITNESSING

The first step of being a witness of Jesus is being where He has promised to and does speak and act--and being attuned to what He is saying and doing. Our earthly sabbath rest in Jesus, and we ought not despise it--not only for our sake, but also for the sake of our neighbors, friends and families. Witnessing to others starts with receiving what Jesus is doing for us so they can come and have Him do it for them.



- The Apostles are THE witnesses to Jesus in the truest sense. Our witness (that is our confession) depends entirely on and must be consistent with theirs.

- The Early Church extended the term *witness* or *martyr* to those who died for their confession of the apostolic faith.

- Our attendance and joyful participation in the Divine Service witness to unbelievers and the lapsed that Jesus is speaking and acting there in the Gospel for the forgiveness of sin.

- For the sake of ourselves and those who whom we might witness, we should appreciate the Divine Service as the place where faith receives the gifts of Christ necessary for our witness.

*When your life is not a bed of roses
just remember who wore the thorns*



UPCOMING EVENTS

Beginning July 1st for 13 weeks,
Wednesday evenings - Adult Information Class at 7 pm

Coming Soon on Tuesday Evenings - Evangelism Classes at 7 pm



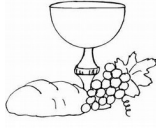
Join Us Sunday Mornings - Bible Study at 9 am –
July 14th we will begin studying Noah

Outreach

July 27th Picnic at the Fullertons 11:00 to 3:00

REMINDER: August 4th Voters' Assembly meeting!



Snack List	Prayer Chain Requests	Elder Visits	July
<p>7/7 Karen Huscher 7/14 Arlene Messer 7/21 Sue Grable 7/28 Kim Jackson 8/4 Sharlee Green 8/11 Sue Fullerton 8/18 Gladys Baker 8/25 Ellen Lodgek</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: Ron Fullerton: 352-344-0905</p>	<p>July</p> <p>Lector Sue Fullerton</p> <p>Psalm/Epistle</p> <p>Pastor Steinke</p> <p>Gospel</p>

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