



The church that cares, our roots are strong

Tree of Life Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, English District

Newsletter

Worship Services
Sunday - 10:00 am
Communion Weekly

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Sunday - 9am

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"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

Pastor's Message

Romans 5 Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all people, because all sinned...the gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died by the trespass of the one man, how much more did God's grace and the gift that came by the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, overflow to the many!

Right now, we are in the beginnings of a pandemic (a disease prevalent over a whole country or the world): coronavirus (COVID-19). China tried to hide it, other countries tried to escape it. Some countries are preparing for it. Still others are trying to cure it. People are in the futile attempt to escape it by personally putting on masks, washing their hands often, germ proofing their houses and places of business. It is influencing the way people live and connect with one another. But, no matter the efforts put in, the Coronavirus is still being spread without much resistance.

The same can be said for the disease of sin, but with a greater impact and much more dire consequences. Whereas I predict that not everyone will contract the Coronavirus, everyone, born of a human mother has contracted sin and is suffering from the consequences of sin. Sin's effects are felt by everyone who has ever lived, including the One who never sinned: Jesus! Through not a sinner, **God** placed all of our sins upon Him and Jesus became sin for us.

The coronavirus caught almost everyone by surprise. No one was prepared. We are running short on surgical masks. And we have no anti-virus. The disease of sin caught everyone by surprise, too. Everyone, that is, except **God!** **God** knew that sin would enter the world through one man and infect all mankind. **God** knew this and He already had the cure before the event...*Gen. 3: "And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel."*

The cure is found only in the works of the Son of **God**, Jesus Christ. We receive the cure by **God** bringing us into His "hospital" through Holy Baptism. We receive the cure from Him as He speaks to us words of grace. We receive the cure from as we eat and drink the body and blood of Christ in Communion. We are not quarantined, but we are in the world, spreading the cure to all those suffering.

The cure is such that we do not need to fear temporal things. *Romans 8: No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of **God** that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

The disease has infected all people. The cure is all encompassing for all people, is given to all people, and is received by few.

Heavenly Physician, you have given us the cure for the disease of sin. Keep us safe in this world that we may come to a peaceful release from this world and live with you. In Christ. Amen.

Pastor Steinke

March Scripture Readings

March 1	Genesis 3:1-21	Psalms 32:1-7	Romans 5:12-19	Matthew 4:1-11
March 8	Genesis 12:1-9	Psalms 121	Romans 4:1-8 13-17	John 3:1-17
March 15	Exodus 17:1-7	Psalms 95:1-9	Romans 5:1-8	John 4:5-26 (27-30, 39-42)
March 22	Isaiah 42:14-21	Psalms 142	Ephesians 5:8-14	John 9:1-41 or 9:1-7, 13-17, 34-39
March 29	Ezekiel 37:1-14	Psalms 130	Romans 8:1-11	John 11:1-45 (46-53) or 11:17-27, 38-53



Wednesday Lenten Services 6:00 PM
 March 4th, March 11th, March 18th, March 25th, April 1st

Palm Sunday April 5th
 Easter Sunday April 12th

Kids in Care March Outreach

Will be held March 21st or 28th

Contact Karen or Keith for more information

Come join the fun



March 10th at 2:00 PM

Please bring your "work of art"




Snacks will be provided / BYOB - bring your own beverage

Contact **Jeanette** 224-627-1857

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Bible Study Join us for Sunday Bible Study at 9:00 am - Currently studying Romans!

NEW Bible Study: Monday, March 2nd at 6:00 PM – studying Justification!

Snack List	Prayer Chain Requests	Elder Visits	March
3/1 Gladys Baker 3/8 Laurie Steinke 3/15 Barb Thornton 3/22 Arlene Messer 3/29 Sue Grable 4/5 Barb Thornton 4/12 Sharlee Green 4/19 Sue Fullerton 	A list of those in need of prayer can be found on table at church entryway.  <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>	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>Contact: Ron Fullerton: 352-344-0905 Bob Morris: 352-651-8674</p>	<p>Lector Sue Fullerton Sue Grable</p> <p>Psalms/Epistle Pastor Steinke</p> <p>Gospel</p>
<p>Interested in bringing snacks? Contact Sue Grable 341-0074</p>			

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