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Worship Services

Sunday 10:30 am
Sunday School and Bible Class 9am
Contemporary and Sunday School 4:30pm

<u>Upcoming:</u>

Maundy Thursday Service 4/14 @ 7:00pm

Good Friday Service 4/15 @ 7:00pm

Easter Breakfast—Sunday, 4/17 9:00am

Easter—Sunday, 4/17 10:30am

Content in the Lord

I have been thinking a lot about being content in the Lord lately. We all fall into a trap of looking around us and desiring something that someone else has. For one it's a bigger house or nicer car for another it is more time to be with loved ones or for someone to be a companion. Some desires are more pleasing in the eyes of God than others but any longing that robs us of being content in the Lord is not a good thing.

Philippians 4:11-13 says, "Not that I am referring to being in need; for I have learned to be content with whatever I have. I know what it is to have little, and I know what it is to have plenty. In any and all circumstances I have learned the secret of being well-fed and of going hungry, of having plenty and of being in need. I can do all things through him who strengthens me."

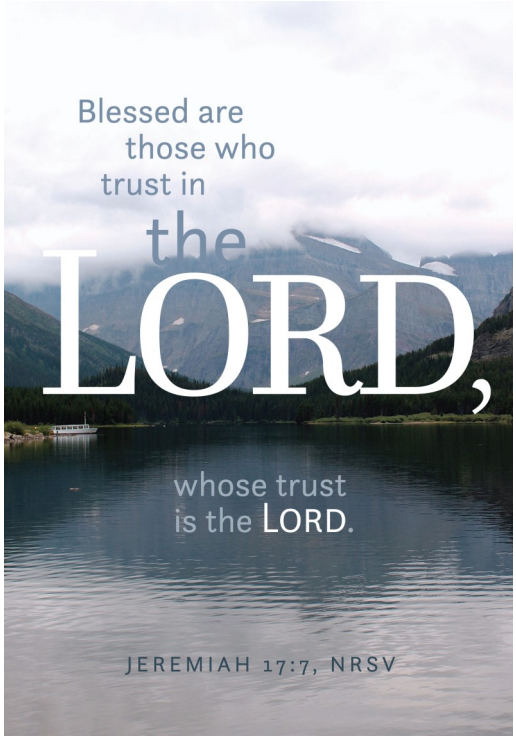
It is easier for us to be content when we have most of what we need even though it is tempting to still focus on what is still lacking. But Paul says I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content. How truly difficult it is to be content when you can't find an affordable place to live. How about when a loved one dies or has cancer? God is there for us in our most difficult times with a promise to walk with us every step of the way. We would prefer he just take away our struggle or our sorrow and some times he does but other times the thorn remains as it did for Paul but Christ remains with us too.

Hebrews 13:5-6 says, "…Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, 'I will never leave you or forsake you.' So we can say with confidence,
'The Lord is my helper;
I will not be afraid.
What can anyone do to me?' "

When we are dissatisfied with what we have it is a huge temptation to focus on where others have failed us instead of what they have done for us and even forget all that God has always blessed us with. It is very easy to sink into the trap of dwelling on what your job or spouse or friend does not offer. It is a dark road that leads to nowhere good. Instead walk in the way of light, guided by your loving Savior. Remember that the Lord has never broken any promise to you and He will never leave you or forsake you.

Peace, hope and joy to you in Christ this day and all your days.

Love, Pastor



Grace Budget Draft Summary	2022 Actual Jan—Feb	2022 Budget
Income	33,449	34,938
Expenses	39,352	42,266
Excess Revenue / (Shortfall)	(5,903)	(7,328)

One definition of hope is…

a feeling of expectation and desire for a certain thing to happen. So, how did your first 90 days of Hope go for you? Mine were a bit like our first attempt to fly into St. Louis, a lot of ups, downs & just kidding (jks) with hope shining through in the end!

The month of April, seems a lot like that too! We are in the season of Lent & Easter this month with a lot of Spiritual ups, downs & jks with Hope shining through in the end. Our Lenten Journey @ glc&p is taking us through The Exodus with the Israelites & that too has a lot of ups, downs &just with Hope shining through in the end! Then there are the Disciples, they too had a lot of ups, downs & jks with Hope shining through in the end! Our Triune God was it in the middle of it all for the Israelites & the Disciples and He is always there for us too! Our Hope is in the fact that our Triune God is still with us & will always be with us in the ups, downs & jks with Hope shining through in the end!

May your Lenten Journey bring Easter Joy that is filled to overflowing with the Hope we have because of Christ's Death & Resurrection shining through in the end!

Hopefully His,

Mrs. Z

What if we made a point to practice gratitude all year long?

In her book *Grateful*, theologian Diana Butler Bass writes: "As human beings, we possess an intuitive awareness that we depend on others to survive. We are safer and happier when we care for each other in community, when we do things for each other. … … How we live together in and with gratitude makes all the difference in the world. Indeed, living gratefully makes the world different."

Why Christ calls us to worship

Easter services are usually well attended, but what about other weeks? What draws you to worship on an "average" Sunday, and what might Jesus have in store for people in the pews?

Consider this from Pastor Charles Aaron: "Did we come to church this morning thinking it was a safe thing to do? Did we come with some expectation of receiving a blessing, a bit of comfort, but no real challenge? Did we think about the possibility that encountering Jesus would rearrange our lives, explode our priorities, cause us to give more than we ever expected? Did we think we could get a little something from Jesus, a dose of grace to help us through the week? Did we come for the fellowship, the music, the spiritual boost? No one can argue with those reasons."

He continues: "The risen Christ, however, may have had other plans for this worship service. Christ may want to come under our skins and transform us. Christ may see through us so that something we have well hidden comes to the surface. Christ may kick out from under us the things we use to prop ourselves up but that we don't really need. Are we ready for that? Did we bargain on that when we walked through the door today?"

—from *The Wired Word*

Hope is Alive!

Hi lovely "Grace" people,

Another opportunity awaits… help do coffee hour. Just coffee & tea most weeks but help with treats on the 2nd week of the month. Just come 10-15 min. early for church & set up cups, cream, sugar, etc., a little juice, and after church make "happy" people with coffee, tea, and sometimes treats.
It's a time to socialize that is extra special with this Covid time, and you can be part of it.
Are you unsure? Talk with Joan, Shirley, Patty, Sandie, or Rona. We will all help!
Sign-up sheet near "coffee" window.

Joan

2021 Annual Ministry Report Recap

The Clothing Bank is in it's newly renovated space in the basement of the CAP center. Fall programs were very successful once again with the Thanksgiving Baskets, Winter coat program, and Community Toy Store. There is a new Chaplain Ministry including services for emotional/spiritual care.

"Each year our goal is to bless our community by enabling our neighbors to love and care for one another. During 2021, we had about 3000 occasions to do this through all of our programs. Thank you to all the faithful volunteers!" Dan DeMent

Visit www.blainecap.org for more information.

Servants	**April 3**	**April 10**	**April 17**	**April 24**
ACOLYTES	Emily	Hannah	Hannah / Steve	Caleb
ALTAR COMMITTEE	Patty & Cheryl	Patty & Cheryl	Patty & Cheryl	Patty & Cheryl
SCRIPTURE READERS	Sandie	Dan	Lenore	Jim
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS	Dennis		Lenore, Dick, Carole, Sandie	
PIANIST	Janet	Janet	Janet	Janet
ORGANIST		Brent	Brent	Brent
USHERS	Ron & Dan	Jay	Jon & Ron	Dick
FLOWERS		Lenore	(Easter)	

APRIL 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 9:00 Bible Study & S.S. 10:30 Worship w. Communion Contemporary Srv. 4:30	4	5 Preschool Prep 1pm	6	7	8	9 Men's Bible Study 8am
			Pastor on Vacation 4/6—4/8			
10 **Palm Sunday** 9:00 Bible Study & S.S. 10:30 Worship Contemporary Srv. 4:30	11 Ladies' Bible Study 7pm	12	13	14 Maundy Thursday 7pm	15 Good Friday 7pm	16
17 **Easter** 9:00 Breakfast 10:30 Worship w. Communion	18	19	20	21	22	23 Men's <u>Bible 8am</u> R. Sanders Memorial 1pm
24 9:00 Bible Study & S.S. 10:30 Worship Contemporary Srv. 4:30 12:00 Council Meeting	25 Ladies' Bible Study 7pm	26	27 Music Meeting 2pm	28	29	30

BIRTHDAYS

7 Shannon Hrutfiord

9 Theresa (Holleman) Goninan
Sandie Miller

10 Jan Mouw
Bella Elizabeth Hrutfiord

13 Thomas Berndtson

16 Loran Goninan
Anthony Persse

17 Rick Faulkner

18 Mitchell Liebert

20 Dwight Luce
Chloe Archer
Rowena Dehnke

22 Erika (Gervol) Creydt

23 Shauna Johnson
Beth (Thompson) Stoll

24 Kirk Mouw

27 Dale VanderYacht
Larry Van Wanseele
Nichole Thompson

29 Darwyn Dehnke

30 Margaret Prior
Nadine Bowler

ANNIVERSARIES

11 Leonard & Marsha Wahl
Jane & Howard Woods

13 Kirk & April Mouw

20 Dan & Cheryl Persse
Steven & Rachel Hrutfiord
Jean Cartwright & Al Mason

21 Russell & Delray Carleton

26 Bruce & Margaret Prior

HOLY WEEK i-SPY

Create this craft to share the events of Holy Week with a younger sibling or friend.

What you need:

- Clear bottle or jar with lid
- White rice
- Small items that symbolize Holy Week events

What you do:

1. Pour rice into bottle or jar so it's about two-thirds full.
2. Add the small items. Ideas: leaf, donkey, cup, towel square, praying hands, coin, bird, nails, thorn, cross, dice, stick, lamb, stone, white fabric.
3. Fasten the lid. Then shake and turn the bottle to "spy" each item.

PUZZLE

Resurrection refresher

All four gospels confirm Jesus' resurrection, and each one offers important details.

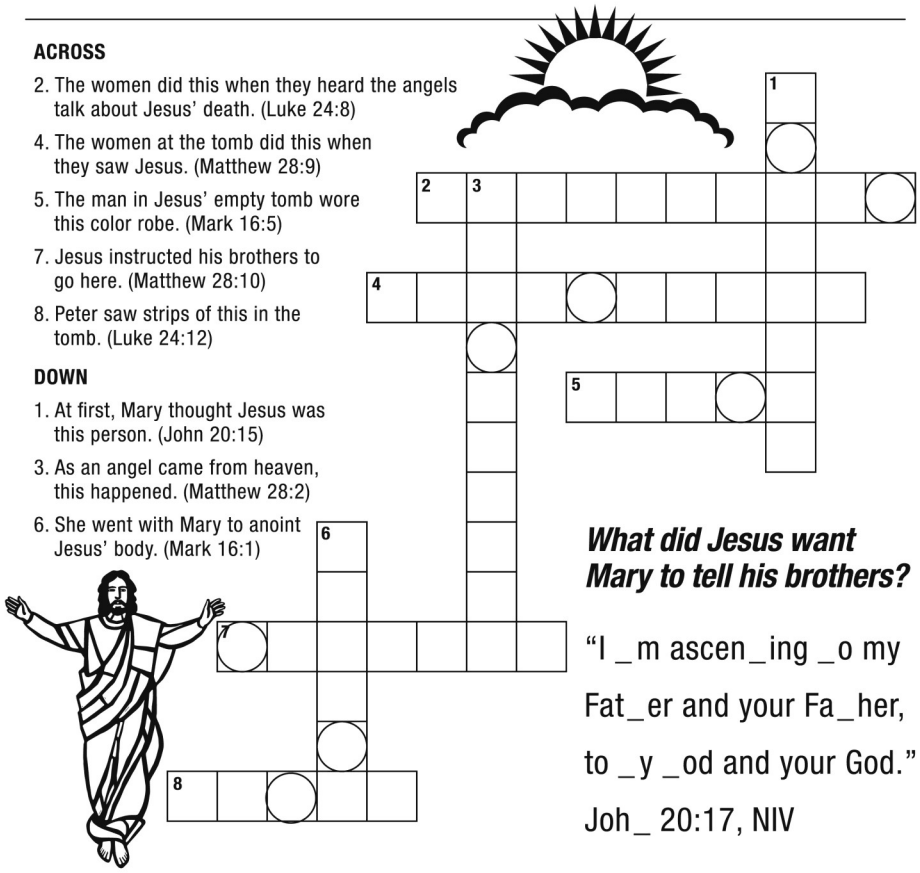
Directions: *Complete the crossword. Then insert the circled letters (in order of the clue numbers) to complete John 20:17 below.*

ACROSS

2. The women did this when they heard the angels talk about Jesus' death. (Luke 24:8)
4. The women at the tomb did this when they saw Jesus. (Matthew 28:9)
5. The man in Jesus' empty tomb wore this color robe. (Mark 16:5)
7. Jesus instructed his brothers to go here. (Matthew 28:10)
8. Peter saw strips of this in the tomb. (Luke 24:12)

DOWN

1. At first, Mary thought Jesus was this person. (John 20:15)
3. As an angel came from heaven, this happened. (Matthew 28:2)
6. She went with Mary to anoint Jesus' body. (Mark 16:1)



What did Jesus want Mary to tell his brothers?

"I _m ascen_ing _o my Fat_er and your Fa_her, to _y _od and your God."
Joh_ 20:17, NIV

Answer: ACROSS 2. remembered, 4. worshipped, 5. white, 7. Galilee, 8. linen; DOWN 1. gardener, 3. earthquake, 6. Salome; "I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God." John 20:17, NIV