



NOTES FROM THE PASTOR

Walking Together: “Lord, Have Mercy”

“Kyrie” is definitely one of the funniest words from the liturgy to hear a child say. I remember not too long ago that Thomas was looking at a hymnal with me and said, “Hmm, what’s “Kai-Rye” mean? After a chuckle, I explained the pronunciation of this ancient word and that it means “have mercy.”

After a few minutes, Thomas’ expression of bewilderment changed to recognition. A light went on in his head and he said, “Ooooooh, that’s how you spell it. What, is it Greek or something?” Yes, “kyrie” is Greek. The full expression is actually, “Kyrie eleison,” meaning “Lord, have mercy!”

This cry to God for mercy appeared for the first time in the Gospel of Matthew. The Canaanite woman (Mt. 15:22), the father with a demon-possessed son (Mt. 17:15), and the two blind men (Mt. 20:30) all use the words, “Kyrie eleison,” when they cry out to Jesus for help. The roots of this expression go all the way back to the Old Testament where the Psalms proclaim that Yahweh, the God of Israel, is a Lord who is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love (Ps. 86, 103, 145). By adopting uttering this cry in the liturgy, “Kyrie eleison,” the Church confesses that the same merciful God of Israel is Jesus Christ.

When we speak or sing the Kyrie in the Divine Service in Church, we acknowledge that we stand in the stream of God’s people, from Old Testament times to New Testament times, to today. When we speak and sing the Kyrie, we are saying that we too worship the God of mercy, the God of Israel, who has revealed Himself in Jesus Christ. Yet, we are also saying more than this.

By joining our voices in the Kyrie, we are saying that the God of mercy revealed in Christ is **our** God. We are saying that we are in need of God’s mercy. By joining together in the Kyrie at the beginning of the Divine Service, we are saying that the only way we can know and worship God is as He has revealed Himself to us as a merciful, forgiving, and loving God in Jesus Christ. When we use the Kyrie, we are saying that we are in the presence of God on the basis of His mercy alone, because of what Christ has done for us.

I invite you this week to come with us into God’s presence through His mercy alone. I invite you to come to Divine Service to meet with the God of mercy who reveals Himself in Christ. I invite you to come into His presence, saying together, “Kyrie eleison; Lord, have mercy!”

Your Pastor,
Joshua Miller



Walking Together: “All This God Has Done”

Stewardship 2021

The Second Article of the Creed: Redemption

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

What does this mean?

I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the Virgin Mary, is my Lord, who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death, that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity.

This is most certainly true.

God’s gifts to us go beyond just what we receive from Him as our Creator. They go beyond natural resources, our health, our finances, and all of the blessings we enjoy in this temporal life. God’s gifts to us also include gifts that are eternal. They include the blessings God has given us in redemption through the birth, life, death, and resurrection of His Son Jesus Christ.

Luther’s explanation to the second article of the Creed reminds us of these gifts in words that are magnificently poetic and strikingly authentic. In Jesus Christ, God has become a human for you and for me. In the birth of Jesus, God left His glory to become one of us. To take on our wonderful and yet broken human nature. He became human through the blessed Virgin Mary and took upon Himself our frailties, our fears, and our sicknesses. In His death, our Lord Jesus also took our sin upon Himself and God’s curse against our sin in the Law. In His resurrection, Jesus overcame our death and broke the devil’s ownership over us.

Now, as Luther so beautifully puts it, we belong to Jesus. We have been rescued and liberated by Jesus from sin, death, and the devil, so that we can be Jesus’ very own, so that we “live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness.”

The gifts of God are not just the gifts of Creation, they also include the gift of Jesus, who has saved us. This gift we call “the Gospel,” that is the Good News that Jesus has freed us from sin, death, and the devil, so that we would belong to God for all eternity. Our response to God in stewardship includes thanking God for this gift of the Gospel. It also includes caring for this gift.

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Just as we are called to take care of all God has created and given us to use on this earth, we are called to care for the Good News of what God has done in Christ. We do that by sending, training, and calling pastors, deaconesses, and other church workers who work to share the Gospel full time. We also care for the Gospel by making sure that we hear it and understand rightly, by making sure that no false teaching that contradicts the Gospel comes into our church life.

But it is not enough as stewards just to say thank you for the Gospel and to keep it pure. God also calls us as His children to use the Gospel rightly. We are called to use the Gospel rightly by hearing it, trusting in it, and sharing it with others. While we often focus our talk of stewardship in the Church on taking care of the temporal things God has given us, this is far more important. We are called to be stewards of the Gospel.

We are called to come to the services of God's house and hear the Gospel preached. We are called to receive the Word made flesh in the blessed Sacrament of the Altar. We are called to gather together and study the Gospel as together we seek to better understand God's Word to us. We are called to share the Gospel, not merely keeping it to ourselves, but telling its saving truth to our relatives, friends, and neighbors.

Good stewardship means that we live under Jesus Christ in His Kingdom, sharing the saving Good News that He died and rose for all. Amen.

Your Pastor,
Joshua Miller



VOTERS' MEETING

This Sunday, November 14

In person 11:15 a.m.

Watch your email for Zoom information



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PRIVATE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

2-3pm Wednesdays

in Drews Memorial Chapel.

In the event the chapel is occupied for other purposes, please proceed to the sanctuary.

REPARING FOR WORSHIP THIS WEEK

Daniel 12:1-3

Daniel describes an image of the end time when despite great distress God's people -- "everyone whose name is found written in the book" -- will be saved.

Hebrews 10:11-25

Christ offered for all time a single sacrifice so that we now approach God cleansed and washed, holding fast in hope and spurring one another to love and good works

Mark 13:1-13

Jesus foretells the destruction of Jerusalem and cautions his disciples about many false predictions of "the end".



DECORATE THE CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS!

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The date has changed from the December 4th date that was included in the November *Jottings* for Jehovah members to participate in decorating the church building for Christmas. Volunteers should come to the Narthex **following the Worship Service on Sunday, November 28**, to check-in and to choose where they want to help decorate. There will be no *Living by Faith* Bible Class after worship on that Sunday and the children and parents from *Growing in Faith* Sunday School will be invited to help decorate. Decorating includes setting up and trimming the tree and placing candles along the aisle and along the walls of the Sanctuary, placing the creches, setting up the display and hanging lights in the glassed-in entrance on Snelling Avenue, and hanging wreaths in the Narthex and outside of the Thomas Avenue entrance doors. This is always a joyous occasion that usually takes about two hours or so. Everyone must wear masks while in the building. Contact Marge Avoles at 651-398-8204 or margeavoles@comcast.net with any questions.



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JEHOVAH SERVICE AND EDUCATION SCHEDULE



9:30 AM Divine Service Sundays in the Sanctuary

Invite a friend and join us
for a year of connecting and Walking Together

NOTE: NO LIVING BY FAITH THIS WEEK

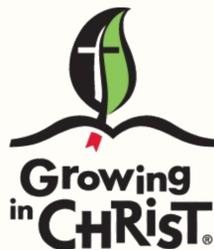
Living by Faith

11:00AM on Sundays.

Ages 14 - 100+

Join us in person in the lounge.

Contact Pastor Miller with questions
at 612-600-3514 or pastorjoshuamiller@gmail.com.



Growing in Faith

Ages Birth - 13 years

Gather with us weekly in the nursery after the Divine Service.

Parents are welcome to stay with their children.



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IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

Donna Ostenson Kiefert
Bernice Demulling
Rita Galston
Paul Finegan
George Mendoza
Sandy Quenzer
Tom Kelly
Tim Robinson
Patrick Carey
Wesley Pagel
Shirley Starner and her son-in-law Greg Beaudoin
Jim Kinsel
Lynne Baerthel and her family
Marge Maule
Mark Kolar
Jeannie Edwards (cousin of Pastor Miller)
Joyce and Susan Boettcher (stepmother and cousin of Elizabeth Wegner)
Sue Schutte (mother of Principal Jay Schutte from King of Kings Lutheran, on hospice)
Frank Loffler (friend of Gary Reed)
Martha Koepke (aunt of Ali Hequet)
Ramone and his family



*Let my prayer
rise before you as incense.
Psalm 141:2a*

Those suffering or recovering from COVID-19 and for wise use of the vaccines.

Safety and good health for all students, teachers and staff at schools, including those from this congregation.

For strength to speak out for and protect the lives of the unborn our God has created and compassionate care of all that He has made. For the compassionate support of all mothers of young children who are in need.

For the refugees who have fled for refuge from Afghanistan to North America.

For President Biden and Vice President Harris as they serve our nation.

For Governor Walz and all in leadership in our state.

Mayor Carter and all in city government.

For our Synodical President Matthew Harrison, our District President Lucas Woodford as they lead us, and for our Circuit Visitor, Steven Bielenberg.

For our congregation, as we follow our outreach roadmap, *Walking Together*.

For the Mekane Yesus congregation as they call a new pastor.

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Special Weekly Prayers:

As we pray for each member and family in our congregation by name, this week we pray for the Olson family.

*Note, we are currently praying for two members or families from Jehovah Lutheran each week. The order for these prayers is alphabetical. In addition to our public prayers, our Pastor and board of Lay Ministry are praying individually for these members and families each week. Special prayer requests are encouraged any time and may be given to Pastor via phone or email.

*Pray
without
ceasing*

JEHOVAH'S WEEKLY FRIENDLY FRIDAY CALL-IN CHAT



Join us on Fridays at 11:10am.

All you need is your phone.

Dial: 978-990-5000. If you are using a land line please dial 1 and then the number.

When prompted enter the JELC code:

796345#

After the beep just say hello and your name. We will have a short devotion, a topic for discussion, and prayer.

*Therefore encourage one another and build each other up,
as indeed you are doing.*

1 Thessalonians 5:11



In compliance with the recommendations of the U.S. Center for Disease Control and the Minnesota Department of Health, face masks must be worn inside the facilities of Jehovah Lutheran Church anytime you are with another person who is not in your immediate household. This includes worship services, all board meetings, Bible studies, working, and volunteering. A facemask must completely cover the mouth and nose. If you do not have a facemask, we are happy to give you one.

Please help us continue to keep our facilities open, our worship services in-person, and our neighbors safe.



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Join Team Keystone on a Walk to End Hunger!

**Team Keystone Walk
Mall of America, Macy's Court
Friday, November 19th
Stop by anytime from 11am - 1pm**

The Walk to End Hunger is back for its 14th annual event, this year celebrating the entire month of "No Hunger November!" Instead of a Thanksgiving Day event like you've seen in the past, a Walk to End Hunger walk route will be featured at the Mall of America for the entire month of November this year - inviting participants to "walk to end hunger" any time the Mall of America is open this month by visiting Macy's Court. Please note, the Mall of America is NOT open on Thanksgiving Day, November 25.

Register for Team Keystone at this link:

<https://event.walktoendhunger.org/event/walktoendhunger/classification/264330/>

For more information, visit www.keystoneservices.org or call (651) 645-0349



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