



Shepherd of the Springs Lutheran Church

May, 2022 Newsletter

From the Pastor...

Dearly Redeemed In Christ,



You certainly have seen children like this...one day; they are trying too hard to please everyone. The next, they don't give a rip what anyone thinks. One minute, they are "little" angels; the next, they have become, well, the exact opposite of an angel!

Oh, you certainly have been there when they "find" trouble. He "borrowed" his brother's toy without asking, and breaks it. His punishment is swift and necessary. But it doesn't stop there! His parent says, "This is just like when you broke the window, and when you played with matches..." and on and on and on. The parent drags up past infractions. Will he ever hear the end of it? He feels that punishment will never end; that his chastisement will be forever!

The human race was once in the same quandary. Under Moses, God prescribed sacrifices for sin. Those sacrifices never laid condemnation to rest. Sacrifice had to be repeated. Sacrifice peaked on the Day of Atonement (Leviticus 16). Even that had to be repeated, again, next year. Like this little lad, Israel never heard the end of it!

Those animals, grain, and other sacrifices pointed to Jesus Christ. As with the Day of Atonement, when the sins of Israel were laid onto the sacrificial goat; on the cross, the sins of the world were laid onto our Lord Jesus. Israel's sin brought death to the sacrificial animal, and our sin brought death to our sacrificial Lamb, Jesus, the Christ!

But that's not enough, if Jesus, like the little lad and Israel, never hears the end of it. Our only way out of sin is to have Him as our substitute. Once He takes our sin, does He ever hear the end of our sin? If our substitute never hears the end of our sin, neither do we! What can clear our conscience from fear of condemnation?

Once again, the answer is the Holy Trinity. The resurrection of Jesus Christ is not only His coming back to life. It is also His going to the Father. He could go to the Father because the Father fully accepted His sacrifice as the end of condemnation for our sin. Jesus is at the right hand of the Father, and the Father has put angels under Christ's authority (1 Peter 3:22); Jesus is seated while the Father defeats Christ's enemies (Psalm 110:1; Hebrews 1:13). That's acceptance. That's restoration. That's hearing the end of sin and condemnation, of which, the Holy Spirit comforts us!

Peter says Jesus went to God "...that He might bring us to God" (1 Peter 3:18). Our hope of going to the Father lies in the Trinity event that Jesus went to the Father. He went to God to give us a "good conscience" (1 Peter 3:21); so we could "...draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith" (Hebrews 10:19-20). Our conscience is cleared by what happened between the Father and the Son...for us!

May you be blessed this Easter season by having that lasting confidence in all that the Holy Trinity has and continues to do for you for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Jesus is the end of it!

He Is Risen!!!

Your Servant in Christ,

Pastor Patterson

Shepherd of the Springs
Calendar for May
Sundays 9:00AM Divine Service
10:30AM Adult Bible Study -
Topic for May is the Book of Daniel

Sun, May 1: Third Sunday of Easter (Misericordias Domini)

Sun, May 8: Fourth Sunday of Easter (Jubilate)



Mother's Day became an official US holiday in 1914. Social activist Anna Jarvis lobbied hard for this as a way to honor her own mother. And since Jarvis's mom was a big carnation fan, it became the traditional Mother's Day flower.

Sun, May 15: Fifth Sunday of Easter (Cantate)

Celebrating Pastor and Yong's first year at Shepherd of the Springs!

Quarterly Voters' Assembly (11:30 a.m.)



Sat, May 21: Men of the Springs Bible Study Group (9 a.m.) Study topic: The Augsburg Confession is the foundation of the return to the pure doctrine of Holy Scripture which was taught in the Early Church prior to the Great Schism of the Western and Eastern Churches in 1054.

Sun. May 22 Sixth Sunday of Easter



Sunday, May 22—12:00-2:00PM All-SSLC potluck picnic to welcome home, Ben Kueter!. Sign-up sheet in Narthex. Location TBD. Questions? L. Groggel



Thurs., May 26 Special Divine Service
The Ascension of Our Lord
7:00 PM

Sun. May 29 Seventh Sunday of Easter



Mon. May 30 Memorial Day is a National day of Remembrance for those who have died in military service for the United States.

A prayer in observance of Memorial Day from our Pastor.

Gracious LORD, Heavenly Father, on Memorial Day we pause to remember the sacrifices made for freedom throughout the past centuries. We do indeed owe a debt of gratitude to those who have given their last full measure of devotion for the liberty we enjoy. Yet, O Lord, we know that good government, peace, and freedom are really gifts granted from your Fatherly hand, as we confess in the Creed. As we remember those who have served our nation, help us to remember that civic duty, no matter how well done, does not grant entrance into Your Kingdom. We are saved by grace, through faith in Jesus, alone; apart from all human works. Almighty Father, we humbly implore You to continually watch over all those who are presently serving in the Armed Forces of the United States, especially those who are far from home. We pray all this in the name of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever. Amen.



Members

Jill Damec
Darrell Root
Doug Schmidt
Marlene Schmidt
Sam Judson

Military

Captain Rob Landers (USAF) (Barry's Son-in-Law)
Sergeant First Class (USA) Benjamin Kueter (deployed to Iraq)
Gunnery Sergeant (USMC) Kyle Chase (Kari's Nephew)
Sergeant First Class (USA) Jordan Etchells (Dale & Kari's Son)

The three USAFA Cadets:

Cadet Fred (4th year);
Cadet Alexander (3rd year);
Cadet Matthew (3nd year)

Family Members

Judith Hein (Dr. Hein's Sister)
Rev. & Eunice Schaibley (Former Pastor and wife)
Patty Krueger (Barry's wife)
Kathi Chase (Kari's sister)
Janice Patterson (Pastor's Mother)



Friends in Christ,

Concordia University Irvine's top handbell ensembles will be performing a set of concerts in Colorado between May

8-13. We love sharing our bell ministry with as many people as possible when we go on tour and a large part of our advertising comes from word-of-mouth and partnerships with local congregations. I would like to invite your congregation or musicians to come out to one of our free concerts! Please consider sharing this information in your newsletter, bulletins, or other distribution lists. I've included a brief description of the concerts, the

performance dates and a couple of images to you. Thank you and I hope to see you soon!

Join us for a night of exciting handbell music! Concordia University Irvine's handbell ensembles are touring Colorado and have five evening concerts. Led by award winning composer Alex Guebert, they will perform a wide variety of music - sacred to classical to modern to popular - using over 127 handbells and hand chimes as well as other instruments.

Come join us for a free concert! [The Concert Handbells and Spirit Bells](#) of Concordia University Irvine are the touring ensembles of Concordia, representing a program that has become highly respected internationally for its performances and for its preparation of handbell musicians and directors. They have performed in 12 nations of Asia, Europe, and Australia as well as 38 states and provinces of North America.

**May 10: 7:00 PM at First Lutheran Church, Colorado Springs |
1515 N Cascade Ave. Colorado Springs, CO 80907**

Check here for the most up-to-date performance schedule: <https://www.cui.edu/arts/music/events/handbells-in-concert>

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Saints and Commemorations we celebrate in May

May 01: St. Philip and St. James - Apostles

May 02: Athanasius of Alexandria - Pastor and Confessor

May 04: Friedrich Wyneken - Pastor and Missionary

May 05: Frederick the Wise - Christian Ruler

May 07: C. F. W. Walther - Theologian

May 09: Job

May 11: Cyril and Methodius - Missionaries to the Slavs

May 21: Emperor Constantine - Christian Ruler

May 25: Bede the Venerable - Theologian

May 31: The Visitation (3 Year Lectionary)



5-08 Jeff Phillips

5-14 Greg Kueter

5-16 Heather Crafton

5-23 Madelynn Kueter

5-26 Douglas Schmidt



Christ is Arisen, Alleluia!

(Not all hymn writers are German)

Compiled by Evelyn Law

Reverend Bernard Kyamanywa (pronounced yah-mah-nee-wah) composed this joyous hymn (LSB #466) in the Swahili language in 1966 while studying at Makumira University College (the largest Lutheran seminary in Africa) in Arusha, Tanzania. He wrote it in a very African style, envisioning a story-teller and congregation responding. The story-teller presents the simple story of the Easter Gospel, and the congregation responds with the refrain. However, the hymn expresses thankful praises just as effectively when sung in unison.

Most sources report that the tune originates from an old song of the Haya people of northwestern Tanzania. This information seemed logical because Gerhard Jasper, a German missionary and one of Rev. Kyamanywa's instructors, encouraged young theologians to write new texts to traditional African melodies. However, in 2019 at a hymn writing workshop conducted at Concordia Theological Seminary, Ft. Wayne, Rev. Kyamanywa's son confirmed that his father wrote the melody himself.

Rev. Kyamanywa was born in 1938. He was an orphan taken in by the Bethel Mission (a Berlin-based Lutheran mission in, what was then, German East Africa) and raised by a German deaconess. He first trained as an elementary school teacher and received a basic musical education. In 1968 he started working as a Lutheran pastor. He was an excellent linguist, and was part of an ecumenical group of scholars who first translated the Bible into Haya. He also served as a pastor and bishop of the Lutheran Church in Africa.

Howard S. Olson (1922-2010), an American Lutheran, translated this hymn into English and published it in the USA in 1969. He received a B.A. from Gustavus Adolphus College, an M.Div. from Augustana Seminary, and a PhD. from Hartford Seminary. He published works in the fields of theology, ethnomusicology and linguistics in English, Kiswahili and Kirimi.

Dr. Olson and his wife, Louise, served as Lutheran missionaries in Tanzania from 1946 to 1988. They both taught at Makumira Seminary for twenty-four years.

Thanks be to God for giving His Church poets, musicians, and translators that help us worship Him in spirit and in truth. "Let us sing praise to Him with endless joy"!

Ancient Hebrew “Curse Tablet” Discovered

In March 2022, a folded lead “curse tablet” was found at the site of “Joshua’s Altar” on Mount Ebal. The tablet parallels the accounts in Deuteronomy (11,27,28) of the construction of an altar on this site at the time of the Israelite conquest of Canaan and the declaration of blessings and curses.

The tablet is dated to be from 1400-1200 B.C. The inscription is by far the earliest to use the Hebrew name of the God of Israel: YHW. This predates the next earliest inscription by centuries. The discovery will cause a revolution in academic thinking on a number of topics including the antiquity of the Hebrew alphabet, literacy, historicity of the Israelite conquest, and accounts in the Torah long dismissed by many secular scholars as myth. According to some scholars, it may be the most important inscription ever found in Israel. Once again archeology supports biblical history. Gary Law





Song of Solomon 2:11-12

King James Version

For, lo, the winter is past, the rain is over and gone;

The flowers appear on the earth; the time of the singing of birds is come,

and the voice of the turtle is heard in our land;



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