

Disasters and our Need for our Savior

Dear Friends in Christ,

A person with a healthy, living, spiritual life in Jesus Christ knows that we can never go long in life forgetting the reality that we are living with danger all the time and are in desperate need of our Savior. In 2020, the Edenville and Sanford dams failed in mid-Michigan causing much destruction to land, homes and even one of our own Lutheran Churches in Midland. News of the bridge collapse in Pittsburgh, PA a few weeks ago drew much attention to our nation's crumbling infrastructure. Design flaws in early vehicles with "driverless navigation" have caused unexpected, tragic accidents and death, and design flaws in electric vehicle technology have caused vehicle fires and property loss. The Lord has given man tremendous understanding and insight, yet in spite of man's best efforts at building, some construction and technology fails, sometimes resulting in death and destruction.

The Bible contains a story about a well-known failure of a man-made structure in Jesus' time. A tower under construction in Siloam fell and killed 18 workers. About that you will remember Jesus saying: "do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others who lived in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish (Lk.13: 4-5)." Many people have the false idea that if they worship and love Jesus, they should be spared such tragedy and destruction in their lives. Our Lord, however, makes no such promise. Accidents can still come into the lives of Christians and Christian congregations.

When the Bible speaks of "fear," it doesn't just mean "being afraid," but it also has the understanding of "reverencing, worshiping, being in awe of." Tragedies in this life work to put a holy fear, a holy awe into our lives, causing us to respect, revere and worship God all the more. With a true faith and trust that our Savior loves us, has redeemed us, and is at our side always, we believers need not, live with the kind of fear that Chicken Little had, namely, afraid that the sky is going to fall. God also works in His own will and way to care for us, sending His holy angels to protect us...and those angels are far more busy than we often know or think! We don't know God's divine will in every circumstance, but the Psalmist DOES remind us that God "will command His angels concerning you, to guard you in all your ways (PS. 91:11).

When we or our loved ones board an airplane, when we get in our car and drive the Detroit freeways, when we bid farewell to our young men and women serving in the Armed Forces, pray God to send His holy angels to guide you in all your ways. Accidents in our world stemming from human or design failure will occasionally happen in our world. The reason? Every person in our world is a fallen, sinful creature....EVERYONE. All creation bears the marks of the fall. Our Lord Jesus loves us and promises to be with us always, but He does NOT promise that we will escape all tragedy and accident. As one of our old, Lutheran Hymns says: "We Walk in Danger all the Way". We need a Savior....and WE HAVE ONE: JESUS CHRIST...Who faced all danger, tragedy and death...and overcame them! We rejoice in the limited confidence that technology often offers us, but we ultimately put our trust in the LORD Who has our lives and our days in His hand. In the face of tragedy and destruction, we live lives of daily repentance over our own sin and frailty, confessing our need for our Savior in all things! We also live daily with assurance that God's grace and mercy is rich to us in Jesus, and that while our tomorrows here in this life are not "a given," eternal life in our heavenly home IS a given because of Jesus' death and resurrection. God's Word gives us this promise.

When you are afraid, read Psalm 91...over, and over and over again.

Living In Christ's love and care with you,

Pastor Boelter

Official Acts

The following official acts have been performed or are scheduled to be performed by your pastor on behalf of the Congregation:

Burial

Leona Dorothy Kolb, born March 19, 1922, died in the Lord, Saturday January 15, 2022 at home at age 99. Funeral Services were conducted Wednesday, January 18, 2022 at Christ the King Lutheran Church, The Rev. Dr David Stechholz officiating in Pastor Boelter's absence. Burial was held at Resurrection Cemetery, Clinton Township, MI.

Confirmation

We are so very happy to report that our Level I Confirmation Class is doing well, having made their start January 11th! We thank Jennifer Knapp who is teaching the Level I Class with Elder Paul Nuechterlein assisting. We are grateful for the 3 students and their families who have committed to this three- year study in preparation for Confirmation and Reception of The Lord's Supper in 2024.

This year, mostly due to the covid epidemic, there are no students in the Level II and Level III Classes, which sadly means that the Rite of Confirmation will not be celebrated for the next two years 2022 and 2023. This is the first year in Pastor Boelter's entire ministry of 39 years as well as the first time since the earliest years of Christ the King Church that our congregation will not be annually celebrating the Rite of Confirmation. It is our greatest prayer that our pandemic will

end soon, that our younger families will remain faithful, and that all of our programs will return to a more normal schedule.

Bible Class Opportunities

Sunday Mornings: During the Lenten Season, we will be turning our attention for 7 weeks to the Gospel of John, and a study of the Seven Signs of Jesus. We will begin this series on Transfiguration Sunday, February 27th. The Seven Signs of Jesus in the Gospel of John take us on a journey beginning with a wedding feast in Cana of Galilee and ending with the resurrection of Lazarus. Throughout this journey, we will see the incredible events of water turned into wine, a sick boy restored, a lame man brought to his feet, thousands fed, a storm stilled, a blind man regaining his sight, and a dead man coming from his tomb. All 7 signs remind us that Jesus Christ is God's Son incarnate who wields power in heaven and on earth, and is therefore able to save us from sin, death and the devil's power.

The 7 signs to be studied are as follows: Water into Wine (Jn 2: 1-11); Healing the Official's Son (Jn 4: 46-54); Healing a paralyzed man (Jn. 5: 1-15); Feeding the 5000 (Jn. 6: 5-14); Walking on Water (Jn 6: 16-21); Healing a Blind Man (Jn. 9); and Lazarus is Raised (Jn.11-1-45). A sign is a 'signal' or 'proof.' John tells us why he has recorded these for us: "now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these have been written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing, you may have life in His Name (Jn 20:30-31)."

Following our completion of this Lenten Study of Jesus' signs, the Sunday class has asked to study Romans, which we will begin in the Spring and continue through next Fall and Winter.

Wednesday Mornings: our class continues to study the Book of Romans. We have currently started the 8th Chapter together. You are most welcome to join us in our conference room. Class lasts 1 hour.

Adult Information Class continues to be offered to any/all who are interested in joining our congregation, and those who would like a refresher course in Christian Doctrine. Classes meet as scheduled for the participants. If you or someone you know would like to take this course, please contact Pastor Boelter and class time will be arranged.

Lent

Lent Begins the first Wednesday in March. Midweek Services will be held every Wednesday at 11:15 AM and 7:00 P.M. Holy Communion will be held on Ash Wednesday, March 2 at BOTH Divine Services. THERE WILL BE NO MONDAY EVENING SERVICES HELD DURING LENT AS WE WILL BE WORSHIPING EACH WEDNESDAY FOR 6 WEEKS. Monday services will resume AFTER Easter.

This year, we will journey to Calvary with Jesus and take note of those who were witnesses to His Passion. Our Preaching Series will be as follows:

Ash Wednesday, March 2, 2022; John the Baptizer based on John 1: 29-34. As we begin our Lenten Journey, we begin with John the Baptizer whose mission was to bear witness to the Light, Jesus Christ. Fourteen times in John's Gospel the word "witness" is used of John the Baptizer. John points us to Jesus, Who takes away our sin, our guilt and our shame at the cross.

Wednesday, March 9, 2022. Mary, Sister of Lazarus and Martha based on John 12: 1-11. Mary was also a witness to Jesus Christ. She anoints Jesus' head and feet with a costly ointment. While Mary is generous to Jesus, Judas seeks his own advantage. We remember Mary's generosity and love, which encouraged our Lord and points us to Jesus.

Wednesday, March 16, 2022. Malchus, as recorded in John 18: 1-11. All four Gospels record the high priest's servant having his ear cut off, but only John gives names: Malchus and Peter. The chief priests, scribes, Judas and Peter all seek power and control, but Jesus, the ONLY One with true power and authority lays His power and His life down. At His resurrection, Jesus will take up His power once more, and all His authority that extends to earth and heaven.

Wednesday March23, 2022. Peter as recorded in John 18: 12-27. Peter witnessed so much of our Lord's ministry here on earth. He is featured in many of the highlights of Jesus' earthly ministry, but here we see Peter at his lowest, denying His Lord, being flooded with guilt. But guilt is not the final word for Peter, nor for us. After the resurrection, Jesus restores Peter and offers him grace and forgiveness.

Wednesday, March 30, 2022. Barabbas as recorded in John 18: 33-40. Barabbas was a heartless murderer with blood on his hands and hatred in his heart. The crowd called for Barabbas' release. We are all Barabbas, guilty and sinful and deserving of death. But we are also Barabbas in that Jesus takes our place, takes our punishment, and sets us free.

Wednesday, April 6, 2022. Pontius Pilate as recorded in John 19: 1-16. Pilate was also a witness to Jesus, and he consented to Jesus' crucifixion. He might wash his hands, but he remains guilty. Pilate's choices make us examine our own complicity in the sin and evil of others. How have we been pressured in life to giving into sin and evil? Thanks be to God that our journey to the cross shows us our Lord's forgiveness for us.

Holy Week

Palm Sunday, April 10, 2022. (8:15 and 11:45 A.M.) The Disciples themselves as seen In John 12: 12-19. The enthronement ceremony of an Israelite King provides an important setting for Palm Sunday and our Lord's entry into Jerusalem. John includes some unique features about this even in his Gospel, including the truth that the disciples at first did not understand the significance of the events! On Palm Sunday Jesus comes to show us Who He truly is so that with faith, we may know Him first and foremost as our Savior.

Maundy Thursday, April 14, 2022. (ONE SERVICE ONLY 11 AM With Communion). The Witness: Judas Iscariot as recorded in John 13: 21-10. Jesus is betrayed by Judas in the Garden of Gethsemane following the institution of the Lord's Supper. Judas plunges into the depth of despair and does not return to seek forgiveness. This Holy Day reminds us that Jesus provides us with life, forgiveness and salvation in His Holy Supper.

Good Friday 11 A.M. With Holy Communion. The Witness: John the Disciple. John 19: 25-37. On this day we view Jesus on the cross through the eyes of John the Disciple, the Apostle and Evangelist. John sees Jesus beaten, bloodied

and crucified. Through John's witness, we see Jesus shed His blood for our lives, and we hear Jesus' word of forgiveness and fulfillment. We marvel at the forgiveness Jesus gives us, as we are clothed in His blood.

Good Friday Tenebrae with Holy Communion: 7:00 P.M. Our traditional Good Friday Service of light and darkness commemorating the Suffering and Death of Jesus with candlelight in our darkened church nave.

Easter Sunday April 17, 2022. 8:00 A.M. WITH HOLY COMMUNION. 10:45 Festival Service-No Communion at 10:45. The Witness: Mary Magdalene based on John 20: 1-18. Jesus' Easter morning appearance to Mary Magdalene was most unexpected. After all, Mary had endured a terrible past. But she is the very one chosen by Jesus to be His eyewitness, and she exclaims: "I have seen the Lord!" Remembering Mary beholding Jesus' resurrection glory, we exclaim "Alleluia, Christ is Risen!"

Gather with us this Lent as our life in Christ will be strengthened as we hear the witness of those in John's Gospel who journeyed to the cross. See you there!

We continue to hold services for our friends at Sunrise Assisted Living, Mack and Aline on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month. This provides us all an opportunity to visit our neighbors who eagerly desire our visits and our worship services, and to show them the love of Christ. Services are held at 10:30 A.M. and last approximately 25 minutes. Consider joining the pastor and elders to help bring God's love in Christ to our neighbors in a very personal way!

We gather to pray the Litany each 2nd and 4th Saturday of each month at 9:30 A.M. in our small chapel. In this brief service, we gather for prayer, a hymn, a Bible reading and a brief meditation that helps us prepare for worship in Divine Service the next Sunday. These brief services last about 25 minutes and will help prepare your heart to receive the word of the Lord in Sunday worship. All are welcome to join us.

Lenten Dinners

Christ the King will continue our tradition of having a Lenten dinner prior to our evening Lenten vespers, Wednesdays, 5:30 pm to 6:45 pm. Please mark your calendar with the following dates:

March 2, 2022 – Ash Wednesday - Choir March 9, 2022 March 16, 2022 March 23, 2022 – Elders March 30, 2022 April 6, 2022 - Choir

For the safety of our congregation, we will be ordering the food from various, local restaurants. Please make a reservation with the church office so we will know how much food to order. admin@christthekinggp.org Watch your bulletin and/or email for more information.



The Kroger Community Rewards program makes fundraising easy by donating to Christ the King based on the shopping you do every day. Once you link your card with Christ the King Grosse Pointe, all you have to do is swipe your Shopper's Card and Kroger will donate a percentage of your spending to us.

Enrollment is easy, and only takes a minute or two!

- 1. Create an online Kroger account. If you already have an online shopper account linked to your Kroger Shopper's Card, move to the next step.
- 2. Link your card to Christ the King Grosse Pointe by searching for us by name.
- 3. Any transactions moving forward using your Shopper's Card associated with your online account will be applied to the program, at no added cost to you.

Gifts and Memorials

The following gifts and memorials were received at Christ the King Lutheran Church. While we are most grateful for all gifts received, only gifts of \$25.00 or higher are publicly acknowledged. We thank the Lord for the Christian generosity and kindness of each giver. Gifts were received from the following individuals:

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Anniversaries

George and Gail Meldrum	02/03	Kristine and James Fleszar	04/13
Michael and Julie Tavery	02/15	Carl and Kelley Hauschulz	04/21
Patrick and Barbara Chase	02/22	Richard and Raquel Reardon	04/28
Robert and Carol Graf	02/26	Mark and Betty Gade	04/29
Rocco and Sarah Quartana	03/19	Kurt and Sunghee Zimmermann	า 04/29

Birthdays

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William Tiemann	02/01	Grace DeSantis	03/19
Margaret Davis	02/03	Jennifer Wengel	03/19
Rebecca Grossett	02/03	Eric Pomber	03/20
Melora Hamann	02/03	John Stempfle	03/20
Gene Bowen	02/09	James Dane	03/21
Alleyne Kelly	02/10	Thomas Sloan	03/21
Barry Anderson	02/11	Amanda Snyder	03/21
Merri McGregor	02/11	Edith Bruske	03/22
Jane Parke	02/13	Michael Tavery	03/22
Karen Schumer	02/13	Molly Anderson	03/24
Janice Mayers	02/15	Janis Fleck	03/25
Carol Graf	02/17	Aidan Sloan	03/25
Faye Anderson	02/19	James Fleszar	03/26
Deborah Maiale	02/19	Elizabeth Shanley	03/26
Walter Dailey	02/20	James Geffert	03/28
Wayne Peters	02/20	Timothy Davis	03/30
Roger Parke	02/21	Virginia Liebaert	03/31
Katlyn Navetta	02/23	Matthew Garrett	04/01
Carl Hauschulz	02/24	Patricia Padovini	04/01
Patricia Kennedy	02/24	Kim Anderson	04/02
Kelley Hauschulz	02/25	Samuel Shepherd	04/02
Joan Pochert	02/25	Matthew Arnold	04/03
Bethany VandeVorde	02/25	Matthew Fabry	04/04
Beth Sluck	02/27	Andrew Shanley	04/05
Hunter Bailey	02/28	Amy McGinty	04/08
Robert Korff	03/01	Connor Bush	04/10
Lorelei Garrett	03/03	Sarah Westrick	04/10
Julie Paavola	03/03	Kaitlin Barber	04/11
Amelia Azar	03/04	James Touhey	04/12
Benjamin Rice	03/05	Steven Droege	04/14
Alexander Doetsch	03/07	Jessica Garrett	04/14
Rudolph Maiale	03/07	Jade Shepherd	04/16
Lauren Samyn	03/07	Jenna Bell	04/17
Ronald Davis	03/08	David Price	04/17
Steven Reinke	03/08	LeRoy Champine	04/18
Elizabeth Anderson	03/10	Elise Knapp	04/18
Bradley Isherwood	03/13	Kristine Anderson	04/19
John Kusch	03/15	Claudia Drummond	04/19
Maxwell Azar	03/17	Parker Engel	04/19
Dolly Rice	03/17	Laura Bommarito	04/21
Megan Zimmermann	03/17	Ilaria Quartana	04/21
Kevin Shanley	03/18	Brendan Genzman	04/23

Alexa St. Hilaire	04/24
Carol Jenske	04/25
Julie Burt	04/26
Addison Doetsch	04/26
Emily Ostermair	04/26
Brad VandeVorde	04/27
Christine Rhoton	04/28
Karen Westrick	04/28
Richard DeNardis	04/29
Michael Nowicki	04/29



2022 February

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