

Pastor's Devotion... And the word of the LORD of hosts came to me, saying, "Thus says the LORD of hosts: The fast of the fourth month and the fast of the fifth and the fast of the seventh and the fast of the tenth shall be to the house of Judah seasons of joy and gladness and cheerful feasts. Therefore love truth and peace. "Thus says the LORD of hosts: Peoples shall yet come, even the inhabitants of many cities. The inhabitants of one city shall go to another, saying, 'Let us go at once to entreat the favor of the LORD and to seek the LORD of hosts; I myself am going.' Many peoples and strong nations shall come to seek the LORD of hosts in Jerusalem and to entreat the favor of the LORD.

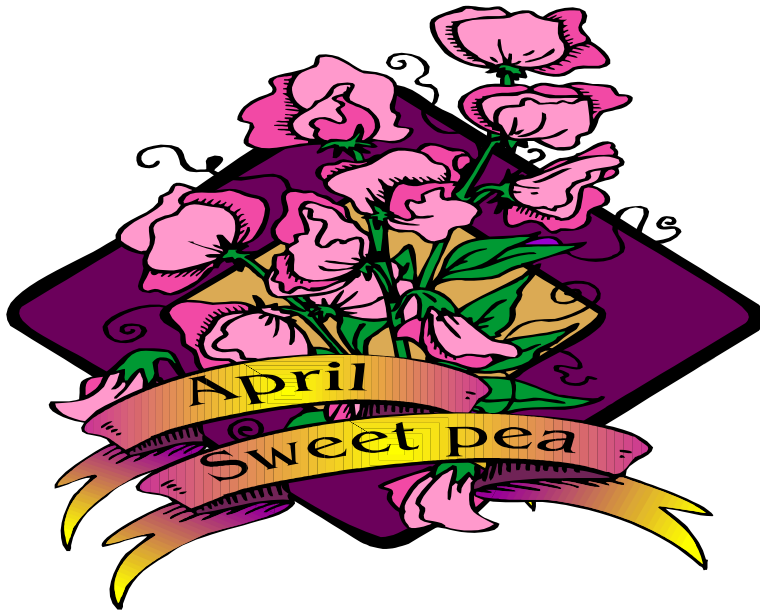
Zechariah 8:18-22

April has come upon us once again...thank God...April, the month when Spring brings with it much more favorable weather, and of course with that, the start of allergy season...but hey, all that sneezing gives us Christians more opportunities to vocalize our faith in our numerous, and I hope heart-felt..."God bless you"(s)...and here, may I put a plug in for this year's LWML Christian Life Workshop, (The theme this year is Evangelism), which will be held the 1st Saturday of the month (the 6th) down in Knoxville at 1st Lutheran Church on Broadway... (You're welcome, Laurie).

But back to Zechariah's passage above, my main point in choosing this verse, as I bask in the thought of being more than half-way through the Lenten season, with my own "fast" of abstaining from any sweets, I read these words and know that I ought not look upon this denial as something to lament...and I pray you, if you are pursuing any kind of similar denial, are also doing well during these days. These days of denial ought to make the end of the fast that much better, especially as we see these times of trial giving us a foretaste of what awaits us in those less and less distant days ahead once we reach the goal of all believers.

So dear ones, as we continue over these next several weeks, our Lenten journey, enduring these times of reflection upon our status before God, may you make good use of all the days our Good Lord blesses us with to prepare, and yes, even joyfully so, and all the more as we "entreat the favor" of our God and Lord as we continue to do the things we ought to in service to Him and those whom He loves, until this work is done...now and forever...Amen.

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NEWSLETTER



OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH HERALD

Readings for April

- April 1 Gen. 42:1-34, 38, Mark 12:1-12
April 2 Gen. 43:1-28, Mark 12:13-27
April 3 Gen. 44:1-18, 32-34, Mark 12:28-44
April 4 Gen. 45:1-20, 24-28, Mark 13:1-23
April 5 Gen. 47:1-31, *Gen. 48:1-49:28*, Mark 13:24-37
April 6 Gen. 49:29-50:7, 14-26, Mark 14:1-11
April 7 Ex. 1:1-22, Mark 14:12-31
April 8 Ex. 2:1-22, Mark 14:32-52
April 9 Ex. 2:23-3:22, Mark 14:53-72
April 10 Ex. 4:1-18, Mark 15:1-15
April 11 Ex. 4:19-31, Mark 15:16-32
April 12 Ex. 5:1-6:1, Mark 15:33-47
April 13 Ex. 7:1-25, Mark 16:1-20
April 14 Ex. 8:1-32, *Psalms 118*, Heb. 1:1-14 (***Palm Sunday***)
April 15 Ex. 9:1-28, *Lam. 1:1-22*, Heb. 2:1-18
April 16 Ex. 9:29-10:20, *Lam. 2:1-22*, Heb. 3:1-19
April 17 Ex. 10:21-11:10, *Lam. 3:1-66*, Heb. 4:1-16
April 18 Ex. 12:1-28, *Lam. 4:1-22*, Heb. 5:1-14, *Psalms 31* (***Holy Thursday***)
April 19 Ex. 12:29-32, 13:1-16, *Lam. 5:1-22*, Heb. 6:1-20, *Psalms 22* (***Good Friday***)
April 20 Ex. 13:17-14:9, Heb. 7:1-22 (***Holy Saturday***)
April 21 Ex. 14:10-31, Heb. 7:23-8:13 (***Easter Sunday***)
April 22 Ex. 15:1-18, Heb. 9:1-28
April 23 Ex. 15:19-16:12, Heb. 10:1-18
April 24 Ex. 16:13-35, Heb. 10:19-39
April 25 Ex. 17:1-16, Heb. 11:1-29

April 26 Ex. 18:5-27, Heb. 12:1-24
April 27 Ex. 19:1-25, Heb. 13:1-21
April 28 Ex. 20:1-24, Luke 4:1-15 (**Second week of Easter**)
April 29 Ex. 22:20-23:13, Luke 4:16-30
April 30 Ex. 23:14-33, Luke 4:31-44



April 02 Russ Jones
April 03 Pastor John Freitag
April 04 Mary Ann Jones
April 05 Susan Holt
April 26 Kathleen Grondin



April 03 Russ & Mary Ann Jones
April 06 Craig & Cathy Siemsen
April 30 Ron & Faye Gallagher

FINE ARTS FUND Our Fine Arts Fund is getting low and needs replenishing. This is a nonbudgeted item and depends solely on the generous contributions of you, the members of the congregation to keep it going. Our Fine Arts series is a form of outreach ministry and enables us to have concerts and perhaps other artistic presentations in our community. To give, you may use the envelopes placed on the table in the church narthex, or simply write a check earmarked “Fine Arts Fund” and place it in the offering plate with your regular offering. Thank you!

CHOIR We are forming a choir for Holy Week and Easter. Rehearsals are Sun. Mar. 31 and Apr. 7 right after the Service. Please consider being a part of this if you can carry a tune and count to four. Singing in choir is fun and a great way to praise our Lord. We have many good singers in our congregation who have a talent to offer, and we are calling on you to step forward and help support the small, faithful few who try to carry the load. Won’t you please join us? Thank you.

News and notes

Aluminum Can Drive-for the month of April for music equipment

Midweek Bible study is on Wednesdays at 10:00.

Lenten service @ 11:00 April 3rd and April 10th .

Christian Life Workshop is April 6th at the First Lutheran Church in Knoxville, TN. **No LWML** in April.

Church Yard Clean-up is scheduled for Saturday, April 13th starting at 10:00

Palm Sunday (April 14th) there will be a Voter's Assembly with a **potluck meal** afterwards. Please see the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board.

Second Sunday Birthday/Anniversaries celebration is April 14th.

News and notes (continued)

Maundy Thursday Service is April 18th at 11:00am.

Good Friday Service is April 19th at 11:00 am.

Easter Breakfast ...Before church on Easter Sunday (April 21st) there will be a light breakfast. Please come early and enjoy, muffins, fruit, juice and coffee.

Elder's Meet April 25th.

Thank You -We would like to thank everyone who provided a dish for Glen Anseth's memorial luncheon. It was such a special day and you helped make it that way. Sincerely, Your Fellowship Activities Committee

