

4/3/2022

Shadow of the Cross  
Lutheran Church

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Pastor

## THE CROSS CHRONICLES



### Readings for the week of April 3, 2022

Lent

First Reading Is. 43:16-21

Epistle – Phil. 3:(4b-7) 8-14

Holy Gospel – Luke 20:9-20

Ctrl+Click this link for the Shadow of the  
Cross website:

[SHADOWOFTHECROSSLC.ORG](http://SHADOWOFTHECROSSLC.ORG)

and this link for secure electronic giving:

Worship service livestream:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCM0cM0gle1sMO4AbuYc5I7Q>

**Sunday services are 8:30 a.m., and 11:00 am.** Fellowship hour with refreshments will follow the 8:30 am and 11:00 am services. Pastor Dupre's Sunday Bible study has begun and it is at 10:00 am.

**Holy Communion** will be on the 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays during the 11:00 service and the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday during the 8:30 am service.

**FACE MASKS** Even though Oakland County has cancelled the mask mandate for public schools and Concordia sometimes follows suit, SOTC will maintain our mandatory mask mandate during school hours through the end of the school year due to increased membership, events, and activities within the building.

### Facing the Cross of Suffering

*"For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God."*

It's Easter time again; a time when we face the cross of suffering that Jesus endured and contemplate what great love God has for His creation. Suffering is relative. What I call "suffering" you may not. What I may have a hard time living with, you may not and vice versa. But what is not open to opinion is that all of us, Christian or not will face a good share of suffering in this life. It may be sickness, injury, the death of loved ones, the loss of our job or financial stability, whatever it may be, we will face suffering at one time or another. We also know that because we are Christians, our suffering will be even more challenging, because not only do we have to deal with the physical, emotion and material sufferings of this world, we must also face sufferings brought on by the spiritual world. We will be hated and persecuted by our unbelieving brothers and sisters in the name of whatever belief system they hold, simply because we love Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior and because they have rejected the truth. And if that's not enough, we will be under constant attack from Satan and his demons for exactly the same reasons too. You see, Satan already has all the unbelievers right where he wants them. But that is not enough for him. He wants you and I under his control as well. And to that end, he attacks us with everything he has in his power in the form of every evil temptation and desire. He wants us to reject the truth and submit to him and he wants us dead. That is quite a bit for any one person to face.

Yet let me remind you here and now that Jesus faced the same suffering I just described from both man and Satan. How blessed we are to have a God who knows what we go through and the suffering we face and experience because He face it and experienced it Himself in the flesh of Jesus Christ. He understands how hard it is to push past our human emotions and deficiencies and stand on our faith through all our sufferings. And not only does He understand our suffering, He did something about it. He sacrificed Himself for us on the cross, taking away our sin and guilt, and nullifying sin, Satan, death and hell with His death and resurrection.

I said earlier that suffering was relative. Jesus faced all of our sufferings in His human nature and experienced them in the same way that we do. Then He took His suffering to an enormously greater level; one that we can never know. He took upon Himself the sins of the world; a task only He could have done. He was forsaken by the Father on the cross; He was crucified with all the hatred of man and in the awesome wrath of God. There is no suffering greater than that which Jesus faced and experienced, and even in relative terms, our suffering was nothing compared to His. Unless we lose our faith, we will never know that kind suffering, thank God!

Even more than that, St. Paul reminds us that the sufferings we experience aren't even worth comparing to the glory that is to be revealed to us. Paul is speaking of the joys of the heavenly kingdom; of being in the presence of God forever. St. Paul says all creation eagerly awaits the revealing of the sons of God; meaning the events of the Last Day when the wheat and chaff are separated and believers will face no more suffering forever, and unbelievers will face indescribable suffering for all eternity. In facing the cross, suffering, persecution will come. When it does, cling to God words of blessed assurance and promise to us, "But the one that endures to the end will be saved. Be faithful unto death and I will give you the crown of life." God bless you all! -Pastor Dupre

Aaron Clark has created a SOTC YouTube channel and will be streaming the service. Please direct all questions to the church office 248 474-0675, Mon – Friday, 9:45 am – 2:00 pm. Thank you. Tuesday Bible Study is at 11:30 am. You can also join us via Zoom, contact the office for the information

## SOTC Zoom Account

Any chairperson needing to use the Zoom account for their ministry, please contact the Church office. There is a sign-up sheet in the office to reserve your date and time.



Sunday school is back and we are meeting in person on Sundays at 10:00 a.m. Our adult Sunday school will continue on Saturdays at 10:00 a.m. on Zoom and we hope to see you there. If you have any questions regarding our Sunday school please feel free to call any of the Sunday school staff, Dawn Kivimaki, Lori Smith, Laina Burk, Shirley Bowden, Myita Davis, Roderick McClure, Barbara Profit or the church office 248-474-0675. The Zoom link will remain the same until further notice.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6176422508?pwd=Rzdpd09PU05CWZCU1NROEI4bll5dz09>

**Meeting ID:** 617 642 2508, **Passcode:** 648947



### 1-2-3 SAVORY POTATO SALAD RECIPE

This creamy potato salad recipe is so easy to whip up. It's a classic that everyone will love at parties or as an easy side. All you need to create a truly scrumptious potato salad are 3 ingredients and an appetite.

## INGREDIENTS

- 2 lbs. red potatoes or new potatoes, cut into 3/4-inch chunks
- 1 Knorr® Chicken flavor Bouillon Cube(s)
- 1 cup Hellmann's® or Best Foods® Real Mayonnaise
- **1** COVER potatoes and Bouillon Cube with water in 4-quart saucepot. Bring to a boil over high heat. Reduce heat and cook uncovered 10 minutes or until potatoes are tender. Drain; DO NOT RINSE. Let cool slightly.

- **2**COMBINE cooled potatoes with Hellmann's® or Best Foods® Real Mayonnaise in large bowl. Serve chilled or at room temperature. Garnish, if desired, with parsley and black pepper.

Tip: Too Easy? Then add your favorite potato salad ingredients such as onion, celery, hard-cooked eggs, relish or mustard.

## **HOLY HUMOR**

### **Too Much Praise**

A Christian guy named Bill saw an ad online for a Christian horse, so he went to check it out. The horse's owner said, "It's easy to ride him. Just say 'Praise the Lord!' to make him go and 'Amen!' to make him stop." <BR> <BR> Bill got on the horse and said, "Praise the Lord!" Sure enough, the horse started to walk. "Praise the Lord!" he said again, and the horse began to trot. "Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!" he yelled, and the horse broke into a gallop. Bill was enjoying his ride so much that he almost didn't notice the cliff he and the horse were about to go over. Bill shouted "AMEN!" at the top of his lungs, and the horse stopped right at the edge of the cliff.<BR> <BR> Relieved, Bill said, "Phew! Praise the Lord!"

## **Bible Trivia Questions**

Question: How did Jesus leave Earth and go to Heaven?

Answer: He rose into the clouds.

Question: How many books have the name John in them?

Answer: Four

Question: What does Jesus say is the first and greatest commandment?

Answer: Love God with all your heart, minds, soul, and strength

Question: What four books tell about Jesus' life on Earth?

Answer: Matthew, Mark, Luke, John

Question: Which book did Jesus directly write?

Answer: None

## Poem

I've learned that people  
will forget what you said,  
people will forget what you did,  
but people will never forget  
how you made them feel.

Mya Angelou

**Publisher's note:** If you have information, prayer request, something you would like to share with your church family, a poem, a song, a scripture, a picture of something that puts a smile on your face, please send it to Veronica's email

[sotclutheran.officemanager@gmail.com](mailto:sotclutheran.officemanager@gmail.com) or Dawn's email [sotclutheran.secretary@gmail.com](mailto:sotclutheran.secretary@gmail.com)

Information for the Newsletter, please submit by the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month for the following month's publication. Thank you and Blessings!

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Red Letter Bible Study meets in the gym at 10:00 am**

**Michael Faith will also be meeting on Thursday at 7:00 pm on Zoom**

\_Meeting ID: 848 2337 8288 Passcode: 333179

**During Lent Season starting this Wednesday we will have dinner 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm so there will be time to cleanup before service start at 6:30 pm**

April 6: Unity Group

Donations of desserts are welcome at any Wednesday service.

**PALM SUNDAY** is April 10, 2022 celebrated at both services, 8:30am and 11:00am.

**MAUNDY THURSDAY** is April 14, 2022, service is at 7:00pm. \*Communion \*

**GOOD FRIDAY** is April 15, 2022, service is at 7:00pm.

**EASTER** is April 17, 2022, services at 8:30am and 11:00am, (breakfast between services).

\*Communion at both services\*

**\*No ESL program until after Easter\***

**Roof Repair/AC Pledge Drive** Our \$50,000.00 Actual Funds Received (as of 3/22/2022)  
\$33,560.00 **Offerings are still welcomed for the roof/ac donations.**

# APRIL 2022

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Easter is April 17.	Worship Service change, on May-1 service 9:45am w/comm. & live stream.	Offerings are still welcomed for the roof/ac donation	HE IS RISEN!		1	2 10:00AdultSSZoom 10:00 Confirmation
3 8:30am Worship 10:00am B.S./Youth SS 11:00am Worship w/communion	4 7:00pm Bd. of Elders	5AAA Preg. Open Hse 10-2&5-7pm 6:30pm Choir Reh 7:00pm Trust Bd	6 5pm Dinner 6:30pm Lenten Serv	7 7:00pm Zoom B.S.	8	9 9:30am Women's League 10:00am Cm.Mtg. 10:00AdultSS Zoom 10:00 Confirmation
10 PALM SUNDAY 8:30am Worship w/communion 10:00 B.S./Youth S.S. 11:00am Worship	11	12 P/U Dearborn Ham 6:30pm Choir Reh 7pm Con Sch Bd mtg@Middle Sch.	13 7pm Finan. Bd	14 7:00pm Maundy Thurs. Worship	15 7:00PM Good Friday Worship	16 10:00 Adult SS Zoom 10:00 Confirmation 11:00am Parish Ed. mtg. Zoom
17 EASTER 8:30am Worship w/communion 10:00am Breakfast 11:00am Worship w/ communion	18	19 11:30am B.S.	20	21 7:00pm Leadership Mtg	22	23 LWML Rally @ ST. Matthew Luth.Ch Westland 9:30-12pm 10:00Adult SS Zoom 10:00 Confirmation
24 8:30am Worship w/communion 10:00am B.S./Youth Sunday Mtg/Serv. 11:00am Worship	25 8:15- 3:30 CLW Spring Meeting Held Here.	26 11:30am B.S. 1pm Unity Mtg. 2:00pm Finan.Com	27 6:30pm SE Churches Meeting @ T.B.A.	28	29	30 10:00Adult SSZoom 10:00 Confirmation