



Readings for the week of May 5, 2024

First Reading Acts.10:34-48

Epistle –1 John 5:1-8

Holy Gospel –John 15:9-17

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Cross website:**

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and this link for secure electronic giving:

Worship service livestream:

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

Worship Service: Sunday 9:45 am **Holy Communion** every Sunday.

Prayer Journey: 2nd and 4th Saturdays 11:15 am via Zoom

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8482337828?pwd=SDEweUIQTVVOcWtkY3ZjNytNRHVwUT09>

Meeting ID: 848 233 7828 Passcode: 333179

Fellowship hour with refreshments will follow the service.

Pastor Dupre's Sunday Bible study begin at 11:00 am.

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 11:00 am. You can also join us via Zoom, contact the office for the information.

The New Tolerance

³⁴ But when the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together. ³⁵ And one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. ³⁶ "Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?" ³⁷ And he said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. ³⁸ This is the great and first commandment. ³⁹ And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. ⁴⁰ On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets."
Matthew 22-34-40 ESV

America is destroying itself with one word, tolerance. It has become our new motto: America, the tolerant. (What was wrong with America, the beautiful?) We have adopted the notion that we must accept every lifestyle that can be concocted regardless of how bizarre, outrageous or ungodly it is. We are being taught that it is wrong and even sinful not to be accepting of this behavior. And this ultimate brain-washing attempts to separate what God has written on the hearts of Christians; what we know to be true and replace it with the desires of the flesh. It is cleverly disguised as empathy, sympathy, love and tolerance. Of the four, tolerance is the worst. On the surface, it sounds as if it is a positive response. However, it has purely evil connotations. Tolerate, on an emotional level, suggests doing something that you don't really want to, but feel obligated to. It means "to put up with." Inherently, there is a lack of real love in "putting up with." And if God is love, then tolerance is the absence of God. I don't know about you, but love me or hate me; please, do not tolerate me, for that would be the ultimate in hypocrisy. We are called to love our neighbors; not to tolerate them.

You may not have noticed, but today there is a new "tolerance." The meaning of tolerate has purposely been changed; softened, with devious intent. It has become synonymous with "love thy neighbor." It has been changed; bastardized, so that we would not see the evil behind it. And now, we are told that if we aren't tolerant of every idea, lifestyle and behavior, there is no love in us. We are told that it is wrong to be intolerant. The evil in the new tolerance is that it is the preferred way of pushing relative truth on us. Truth, right and wrong have become whatever is socially acceptable. And that changes almost daily now. There is no absolute right and wrong here. Without absolutes, there can be no truth, no love, no God, no resurrection and therefore no salvation.

It is by this line of thought that I say that there are certain areas in which we should and must teach intolerance; not of race, religion, but of anything that defies or stands in opposition to God's Word, the decline of ethics and morals and sins of any flavor. It doesn't mean we have a right to hurt or hate those who practice these behaviors, it means we have a Christian obligation to love them enough to help them

see the error in their ways. The moral decline will continue here and elsewhere in the world unless the Christian army stands united against the common foe of the new tolerance. We must learn to love again without conditions or value judgments. Most importantly, we must continue to share the good news of Jesus Christ with everyone. In doing so, the Holy Spirit will join the battle. We must stress the importance of having a Christ-centered society and take the emphasis off ourselves and our selfish desires.. God's peace be with you all. -Pastor Dupre

The peace of the Lord be with you -Rev. Brian Dupre, Pastor, SOTC

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.



JOIN US FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL Online

Sunday school is back, and we are meeting in person on Sundays at 9:45 a.m. Our adult Sunday school will continue 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/83332323924525750?pwd=Rzdpd09PU05CWZCU1NR0E14bll5dz09>

Meeting ID: 83332323924, **Passcode:** 525750



Honey Glazed Chicken

Ingredients:

- ¼ cup honey
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- 2 tablespoons soy sauce
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- ⅛ teaspoon red pepper flakes
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- 1 ½ tablespoons olive oil
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- 2 skinless, boneless chicken breast halves, cut into bite-size pieces.
- 1/2 cup chopped walnuts.

Instruction

Gather all ingredients.

- Whisk honey, soy sauce, and red pepper flakes in a bowl; set aside.

Heat olive oil in a skillet over medium heat; cook and stir chicken in hot oil until lightly brown, about 5 minutes.

Pour honey mixture into the skillet; continue to cook and stir until chicken is no longer pink in the center and sauce is thickened, about 5 minutes more.

- Serve with steamed rice.
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HOLY HUMOR

During an impassioned sermon about death and final judgement, the pastor said forcefully, "Each member of this church is going to die and face judgement." Glancing down at the front pew, he noticed a man with a big smile on his face. The minister repeated his point louder. "Each member of this church is going to die and face judgement!" The man nodded and smiled even more. This really got the preacher wound up. He pounded the pulpit emphatically when he came to the ultimatum: "Each member of this church is going to die and face judgement!!!" Though everyone else in the congregation was looking somber, the man in front continued to smile. Finally, the preacher stepped off the platform, stood in front of the man and shouted, "I said each member of this church is going to die!" The man grinned from ear to ear. After the service was over, the preacher made a beeline for the man. "I don't get it," the preacher said in frustration.

"Whenever I said, 'Each member of this church is going to die,' your smile got bigger. Why?" "I'm not a member of this church," the man replied.

One day, 3 men died and went to heaven. "Religion?" God's secretary asked the first man. "Jewish," the man replied. "Okay, go to room 23, but be very quiet when you go past room 8," the secretary said. "Religion?" he asked the second man. "Muslim." "Go to room 10 but be very quiet when you go past room 8." "Religion?" he asked the third man. "Agnostic." "Go to room 71 but be very quiet when you go past room 8." "Why must I be quiet when I go past room 8?" the man asked. The secretary replied, "Oh, the Catholics are in room 8, and they think that they are the only ones here."

One day God was walking around the Garden of Eden and saw Adam.

"Hello Adam" God said....."how's everything?"

"Oh great" said Adam "but I sure would like to have someone to share this beautiful place"

"Well" God says, " I can give you someone that will love you, comfort you, be your dearest friend and always want to make you happy and never leave your side".....

"Geez" says Adam....."that's going to cost me an arm and a leg".....God replies "well it certainly won't be cheap to create such a companion".....Adam thinks for a bit and says.....

"hey Godwhat can I get for rib".....

Bible Trivia Questions

Question Name the man who desperately questioned God with this query: 'What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.'

'Answer Moses

Question: Even though one of the meanings of my name is 'rest,' I probably didn't get much rest while spending some time afloat. Who am I?

Answer Noah

Question: No, Lord, for I have never eaten anything that is common or unclean.' Who said that?

Answer: Peter

Question The Lord is my ____ I shall not be in want. He makes me lie down in green pastures...' Psalm 23:1

Answer: Shepherd

Question: Which of the following animals was NOT mentioned as one of the plagues in Egypt?

Answer: Bees

Question: How many rivers flowed out of Eden?

Answer: 4

Question: In which book of the Bible is this verse found? 'The man who loves his life will lose it, while the man who hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life.'

Answer: John

Question: Who was told not to prophesy at Bethel?

Answer: Amos

LIFE'S A GIFT

Life's a gift for you to send
Life's a gift for god to end
Life's a gift now you're with me
Life's a gift for all to see
Life's a gift when love is true
Life's a gift when times look blue
Life's a gift with the one you trust
Life's a gift even if UN just
Life's a gift a ray of sun
Life's a gift though your heads held to a gun
Life's a gift when its handed on a tray
Life's a gift even though it's always on display
Life's a gift it's hard to understand how
Life's a gift so take advantage of it now

By SharonAnn Dawson

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 or Dawn's email

sotclutheran.secretary@gmail.com

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Shadow of the Cross is now live streaming the Church Services again please join us.

Please do not remove any of the books from the pulpit shelf. Pastor uses them.

Financial Information as April 18, 2024. Actual Revenue \$ 209,218 Budget Revenue \$222,492 under Budget \$ (\$13,274)

******ONLINE GIVING & DONATIONS******

Some of you may not be aware but SOTC has an easy and convenient way to make one time or recurring donations to the church on our website. You can use a credit card, checking or saving account to make donations just go to our home page @ www.shadowofthecrosslc.org and click on donate in the upper right corner. It's super easy! If you have questions, contact the office.

The Board of Elders invite guests to fill in the welcome cards on the back of the pews. Please place them in the plate during the collection of offerings. Thank You.

BodySoulSpirit Blood Pressure is taken the last Sunday of the month strictly confidential.

National Day of Pray May 2,2024.

SOTC WOMEN LEAGUE'S MOTHER DAY TEA May 4, 2024, 2-4pm. Tickets \$10.00, fundraiser for the church, Special Guest Sterling Glenn Sangoma Minister of Music and entertainment. Sign up in narthex.

LWML Meeting May 11,2024 at Livonia Town Grill, 10am, Last meeting until September 14, 2024.

Andrea Ballantine plays in the second violin sections for two orchestras and invites you to attend a concert! Royal Oak Symphony Orchestra: at Royal Oak Middle School, Tickets are \$20 (13+), \$15 student and seniors, and free for 12 and under. www.royaloakorchestra.com. The concert is on May 10, 2024. The Redford Civic Symphony, 3pm at Covenant Community Church of Redford, 25800 Student, Redford. All concerts are FREE admission, with goodwill donation requested.www.redfordsymphony.org. Concert May 19, 2024. Concert locations change so please check the website.

Our Spring Cleanup is on May 18,2024 please come and help to keep our church beautiful 9am-2pm. Bring your own tools & equipment.

The Food Pantry. Please us help to fill up the food pantry. Place food donations in Room across from stage in the gym.

City of Farmington Hills Cultural Arts

In addition to Margo Dupre having two artworks on loan to the City of Farmington Hills for two years: 2024 -2025. Please visit the city hall main floor on Eleven Mile and Orchard Lake anytime over the next two years to view.

There will be a solo exhibition of more artwork on display starting March 11 - May 3 - Margo Dupre - Mixed Media Caprock Art - Traditional & Non-Traditional Artworks Rooted in West Texas - People's Choice Winner for the Public Arts Program.

Celebrate Minnie Brooks 44 years of Music Ministry, at Outer Drive Faith Lutheran Church 17500 James Couzens Highway, Detroit, Michigan 48235. Sunday, June 23, 2024 at 4:00pm. Minnie Brooks will be recognized for her devoted ministry with tributes, awards, and gifts. Favorite music selections will be performed by choirs she has directed, and special guests. Contributions to a monetary gift can be made out to: Outer Drive Faith Music Ministry and delivered to the church.

2024 Summer Camp for Michigan LCMS Children at Camp Concordia, a Lutheran camp. Located 30 minutes north of Grand Rapids, MI. This experience is with trained cabin leaders, lifeguards, and program leaders. Weekly experiences include meals, swimming, archery, canoeing, campfire devotions, cookouts, Bible adventures and more all wrapped around a Christ-centered message. Get more information at www.campconcordia.org. Camp Concordia, 13400 Pinewood St., Gowen, MI 49326, Phone 616-754-3785.

2024 Lutheran Adult Gathering registration is now open, for October 11-13, 2024, at the Grand Hotel 286 Grand Ave. Mackinac Island, MI 49757. Since 1981 this gathering brings together believer to this spectacular setting to be spiritually strengthened for service to Christ in this world. The theme for 2024 is "New Beginnings IN HIS PRESENCE", based on Revelation 21:5. Nationally renowned speakers will inspire and encourage us to connect with the next generation of believers with the hope-filled and unchanging message of the Gospel. The Grand Hotel beckons guests to a time where the old world meets new charm. Experience the tradition of Afternoon Tea in the Parlor, dress up for dinner, dance to the sounds of a live orchestra, and sit in a rocking chair on the world's longest porch. Registration is \$50.00 per person and includes ferry to the island. Register at <https://michigandistrict.org/Lutheran-adult-gathering-registration/>. Lodging reservations are made separately and include Friday dinner, Saturday breakfast and dinner, Sunday breakfast, and tips. A limited number of rooms are available on Thursday and Sunday nights for those wishing to extend their stay.

PRAISE CHOIR: Meet on the 1st and 2nd Tuesday, in May, at 5:30 pm! All are welcome!!!

SOTC CHOIR Meet Tuesday at 7:00 pm. All are welcome!!!

Cathleen Flinchum and Gloria Marchand are still collecting bottles and cans this time for audio upgrade for the church we need your support thanking in advance.

BD. OF PROPERTIES are in need of help with the work around the building. They meet on Mondays @ 6pm. Work night for Trustee 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm on Tuesday.



2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
				National Day Prayer		10:00am Adult Sunday School ZOOM LWML May Tea 2 to 4 pm properties cleanup.
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
9:45am Worship w/communion & Sunday School. 11:00am Bible Study Zoom. Cinco de Mayo	Bd of properties 6p meeting Elders 7pm Meeting 6:00pm Trustee Meeting.	Pastor 11:00am Bible Study 5:30 pm Praise Choir 7pm SOTC Choir	7pm. Finance meeting			10:00am Sunday School Adults Zoom 11:15am Prayer Journey zoom. Women Leagues 10:00 am Town Grill in Livonia
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Mother's Day 9:45am Worship w/communion & Sunday School. 11:00am Bible Study Zoom.		Pastor 11:30am Bible Study 5:30 pm Praise Choir 7pm SOTC Choir		7:00pm Leadership Mtg.		10:00am Sunday School Adults Zoom Bd PROP SPRING CLEANING 9am-2:pm
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
9:45am Worship w/communion & Sunday School. 11:00am Bible Study Zoom.		Pastor 11:00am Bible Study 7pm SOTC Choir		10:30 Visually impaired BStudy		10:00am Sunday School Adults Zoom 11:15am Prayer Journey zoom. Noon properties cleanup.
26	27	28	29	30	31	
9:45am Worship w/communion & Sunday School. 11:00am Bible Study Zoom.	MEMORIAL DAY	Pastor 11:00am Bible Study 7pm SOTC Choir				