

THE CROSS CHRONICLES



Readings for the week of October 6,2024

First Reading Gen. 2 18-25

Epistle –Heb, 2:1-13

Holy Gospel –Mark 10: 2-16

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

SHADOWOFTHECROSSLC.ORG

Worship service livestream:

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

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

Fellowship hour with refreshments will follow service.

Prayer Journey: 2nd and 4th Saturdays 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm 1-425-436-6395 dial 341-364 #

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

Tuesday Bible Study is 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 – Thurs, 9:45 am – 2:00 pm. Thank you...

Fear vs. Faith”

²² Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. ²³ And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, ²⁴ but the boat by this time was a long way from the land, beaten by the waves, for the wind was against them. ²⁵ And in the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. ²⁶ But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, and said, “It is a ghost!” and they cried out in fear. ²⁷ But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, “Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid.” ²⁸ And Peter answered him, “Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.” ²⁹ He said, “Come.” So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus. ³⁰ But when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, “Lord, save me.” ³¹ Jesus immediately reached out his hand and took hold of him, saying to him, “O you of little faith, why did you doubt?”

I know I have addressed this topic before, but the question remains: Why can't we accept the evidence of our eyes and ears? Simple; we fear. We fear the truth. We fear letting go. We fear change. We fear the unknown and the unexpected. We fear the future. We fear people of different races and nationalities. We fear different cultures and cultural practices. We fear! We fear believing what we see with our eyes because it is frightening! You see, our fear erodes our faith. It takes our focus off of where it should always be; on Jesus. How many of us would have had the strength of faith to do what Peter did? How many of us would have stepped out of the boat (our comfort zone; our safe place), even on the authority of Jesus, the King of Creation, onto water. And not just water, but in the middle a lake, where the wind was beating wave after wave against the boat! At night! And not only step out of the boat, but attempt to do what our minds tell us is humanly impossible; to walk on the water!! It took great faith! I don't know about you, but even with Jesus standing right there calling me to come to Him, I'd have a hard time getting out of that boat! Yet, even after that leap of faith, Peter allowed his fears to overcome him.

Unfortunately, it is much easier to give in to our fears than to face them in faith. When Peter stepped out of the boat, he was doing fine. He was walking on water just like Jesus. Until he looked around and realized that he shouldn't be able to do it. That little left shoulder devil got to Peter and made him doubt what Jesus had told him he could do. And immediately Peter began to sink among the waves. But if Peter had held faith, he wouldn't have sank. But fear overcame him, and his faith diminished. Fear and faith cannot exist in the same place at the same time. If you have one, the other is absent. And in this world gone mad, it is hard to find someone you can trust. Sometimes, even those who are supposed to protect us, take advantage of their power over us. Sin has changed this once garden paradise to a hell on earth. And yes, it is frightening. The way the world is today, it seems fear is here to stay and faith is just passing through. In the battle between fear and faith, it appears that faith has long since

been defeated. But what did Jesus says to his disciples when they saw Him walking on the water? He said, "Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid." Our faith alone may seem to be no match for fear. But when Jesus grabs hold of our hands like He did to Peter in the, water, our faith is perfected! And Peter knew who to call on when his fat was in the fire, and so do we. And just like the disciples did at the end of the text, we confess to Jesus, saying, "You are truly the Son of God." For only the Son of God could have done what Jesus did for us on the cross; He defeated sin, Satan, death and hell. And in doing so took away all reason to fear. By faith even fear has been defeated. We have no reason to fear because all of our enemies have been defeated. No matter what happens, we will be on safe shores. And by grace through faith, that future is certain. We will be with Jesus in the His kingdom forever into eternity.

God Bless 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 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/83332323924?pwd=Rzdpd09PU05CWXXZCU1NROEI4bll5dz09>

Meeting ID:83332323924 Passcode: 525750



Easy Rib Eye Roast

Ingredients

- 1 cup softened butter
- 6 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 (4 pound) bone-in rib-eye roast
- sea salt and cracked black pepper to taste

Directions

Gather all ingredients and preheat the oven to 500 degrees F (260 degrees C).

Beat butter and garlic together in a bowl.

Poke several holes in rib eye with a sharp knife. Rub butter mixture all over meat and season with salt and pepper. Place rib eye fat-side up in a roasting pan.

Roast in the preheated oven for 20 minutes.

Reduce heat to 325 degrees F (165 degrees C) and continue cooking until rib eye is reddish-pink and juicy in the center, 1 1/2 to 2 hours. An instant-read thermometer inserted into the center will read 145 degrees F (63 degrees C) for medium.

Prep Time: 10 mins Cook Time:1 hr 30 mins Total Time:1 hr 40 mins

Serve and enjoy!

HUMOR JOKES

1. Timmy didn't want to put his money in the offering plate Sunday morning, so his mother decided to use some hurried creative reasoning with him.

"You don't want that money, honey," she whispered in his ear. "Quick! Drop it in the plate. It's tainted!"

Horrified, the little boy obeyed.

After a few seconds he whispered, "But, mommy, why was the money tainted? Was it dirty?"

"Oh, no dear," she replied. "It's not really dirty. It just 'taint yours, and it 'taint mine," she replied. "It's God's."

2. Mrs. Smartt was fumbling in her purse for her offering when a large television remote fell out and clattered into the aisle.

The curious usher bent over to retrieve it for her and whispered, "Do you always carry your TV remote to church?"

"No," she replied, "but my husband refused to come with me this morning, and I figured this was the most evil thing I could do to him legally."

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3. *A Sheepish Recovery*

A devout old shepherd lost his favorite Bible while he was out looking for a wayward lamb. Three weeks later, a sheep walked up to him carrying the Bible in its mouth. The shepherd couldn't believe his eyes. He took the precious book out of the sheep's mouth, raised his eyes heavenward and exclaimed, "It's a miracle!"

"Not really," said the sheep. "Your name is written inside the cover."

4. Words of wisdom: "There's a fine line between a long, drawn-out sermon and a hostage situation."

Bible Trivia Questions

Q. Why did Jesus' weep in that verse John 11:35?

A. Because his friend Lazarus died.

Q. What catastrophe did Joseph predict by interpreting the Pharaoh's dream?

A. A severe, seven-year famine.

Q. Which New Testament book has Jesus' Sermon on the Mount?

A. Matthew.

Q. What did the spies sent into Canaan see that made them scared?

A. Giants in the land.

Q. Who were the only two Israelites allowed to go into the Promised Land after many years?

A. Joshua and Caleb.

Q. Who was the judge who took a Nazarite vow from birth and fought against the Philistines?

A. Samson.

Q. With what did Samson kill 1,000 Philistines?

A. A donkey's jawbone.

Q. What did David do as a job as he worked for his father?

A. He was a shepherd.

Too Much of A Good Thing

Too much of a good thing may be bad'
As the old cliché goes
So always do things in moderation
Just like The Lord of Heaven knows
The blessings of God are great
As anyone can clearly see
And when done in moderation
We all can live quite free
That's the common sense He gave us
Each and every one
So practice it in our own ways
And His blessings will fill our days
Now that does not mean to take
The middle of the road each time
That just means to do what's right
And give glory to His name
For one will get smashed standing
In the middle of the road
At the very least when the Word is told

By Udiah

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

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

You can use a credit card or saving account to make donations just go to our home page @ www.shadowofthecrosslc.org and click on donate in the upper right corner. Please write checks to church in black or blue ink. Do not make cross-outs on checks. These are not acceptable to the credit union. Have any questions, contact the office.

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

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 4th Sunday of the month strictly confidential.

Prayer Journey: 2nd and 4th Saturdays 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm 1-425-436-6395 dial 341-364# not zoom.

LWML Sunday_October 6,2024 Wear purple.

LWML Meeting October 12,2024 9am Coffee hour, 10am Meeting (tentative, make Thanksgiving Cards).

LWML Fall Rally October 26,2024 at Christ Our Savior, 9:30am Speaker from Wellspring.

Pastor Appreciation Sunday October 27,2024.

*******Coming Soon Youth / Young Adult Center*******

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.

Andrea Ballantine plays in two orchestras and invites you to attend!

Redford Civic Symphony concerts are FREE! Mark your calendars for the next concert on Sunday, October 20th at 3pm at St James Presbyterian Church, 25350 West Six Mile, Redford. The concert includes spooky favorites like Danse Macabre, Phantom of the Opera, and Symphonie Fantastique. Other concert dates are Dec 15, Mar 9, May 18, and the outdoor concert on June 24. www.redfordsymphony.org

Royal Oak Symphony Orchestra is winner of the Detroit Music Award for Best Outstanding Community Orchestra in 2020 and 2022! Our next concert is Friday, October 18th at 8pm and will include Russian Easter Festival and Schubert's Unfinished Symphony. Tickets are \$20 adults, \$15 students/seniors, free for 12 and under. All ROSO concerts are at Royal Oak Middle School (Dondero Auditorium). Other concert dates are Dec 6, Mar 14, and May 9. www.royaloakorchestra.com

Fall Rummage Sale Oct. 31, Nov. 1st, 9am to 5pm and Nov 2nd 9am to 1pm, bags sales. \$5.00

Setup time: Oct. 29 at 6:30pm and Oct. 30 at 9am. Clean-up starts at 1pm Sat. Nov 2. Women's League wants you to start saving items for the Sale.

Drop off hours start Sept.29 after church. Regular times from 10:00am to 1:00pm please bring a helper to unload your items. Last day drop Oct.29,2024.

Kroger's Community Rewards Program. Each must enroll individually. Once you have enrolled, every time you use your Kroger card, a portion of the money is rebated to SOTC ever so often in the form of a check payable to SOTC.

We have been assigned the following NPO (Non-Profit Organization) number: **QA495**

To enroll login to <http://www.kroger.com> and then search by either Shadow of the Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church or by our NPO QA495 and then click Enroll. New users will need to create an account requiring some basic information, a valid email address and a Kroger rewards card. Thank you

PRAISE CHOIR Meet on the 2nd and 3rd Tuesday of October at 5:30 pm. All are welcome!

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

MEN'S CHOIR Sunday right after church

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

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.

Money Donated during coffee hour at the desert table is being using to buy kitchen supply.

Wi-Fi Access User ID- **SOTC Guest**, Password - - **sotclutheran**

VIOC Is meeting this month on Thursday October 24th at 10:30am.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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Oct. 27— Pastor Appreciation Day		Pastor 11:00am Bible Study 7pm SOTC Choir				10:00am Adult Sunday School ZOOM NOON properties cleanup.
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LWML Sunday wear purple 9:45am Worship w/communion & Sunday School. 11:00am Bible Study	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			Lwml meeting 9am 10:00am Sunday School Adults Zoom 12 to 1pm Prayer Journey Noon properties cleanup.
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
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Pastor appreciation month 9:45am Worship w/communion & Sunday School. 11:00am Bible Study		Pastor 11:00am Bible Study 7pm SOTC Choir		10:30 Visually impaired BStudy		Lwml rally 9:30 Chirst Our Savior 10:00am Sunday School Adults Zoom 12 to 1pm Prayer Journey. / Noon BP cleanup
27	28	29	30	31		
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