



Shepherd's Voice

May 8 ~ 15

Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church

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DATE	TIME	EVENT
Sunday, May 8 Last Sunday in Easter & Ascension of our Lord (obsv) Mother's Day	9:00am 10:10am 10:30am 3:00pm 7:00pm	Holy Communion Fellowship Pastor's Cross+Gen Sunday School Bethel Growth Group Damascus Growth Group
Monday, May 9	10:00am 11:30am	Fellowship Bible Study Anniversary Team Meeting – Izzy's Pizza Lunch
Tuesday, May 10	6:30pm	4-H Garden Gnomes
Wednesday, May 11	11:30am	Fellowship Potluck
Thursday, May 12	10:00am	Park Place Devotions
Friday, May 13		
Saturday, May 14	10:00am – 12:00pm	Giving Garden Work Day
Sunday, May 15 Day of Pentecost CONFIRMATION	9:00am 10:10am 10:30am	Holy Communion Fellowship Pastor's Cross+Gen Sunday School

A PASTOR'S POST FOR THE 7th SUNDAY of EASTER – MAY 8, 2016



Dear friends in Christ:

This Sunday (May 8) is Mother's Day so I want to begin by sharing a word of appreciation for all the faithful women who bless the lives of children with love, with play, and with a ferocious desire to keep them from harm and danger. If she is till with you, it is a good day to bring your mom to church!

Once while in Glacier National Park, Montana with my kids (Janet and Aaron) we were taking a boat back to our car after a hike along the shore of Two Medicine Lake to a waterfall. It was a long hike and the boat ride was a chance to rest our weary feet. As we slowly chugged along the lake we noticed a three some of hikers on a path that paralleled the lakeshore, and we also noticed a mother grizzly and her two cubs, grazing in the shrub on the hillside. The hikers were inadvertently about to walk into the space between the mother grizzly and her two cubs. That would not have been good. The ranger on the boat with us began shouting and sounding the alarm for the hikers to stop. The ranger understood the ferocity of a mother grizzly when she fears that her cubs are in danger. It was a powerful reminder of how God has given an important role to mothers to guard and keep their children from all threats to their wellbeing.

As many of you know, this past weekend we were at my son's wedding in California. The wedding was held at the homestead of the bride's family, in the dry steep hills above Malibu, not the beach house you might imagine from TV shows like "Two and a Half Men."

While there I got to spend some time with the bride's mother, Sue, whom I had not met previously. I suspect Sue is quite the "mother bear" like other strong women I have known: she raised a large family on the ten acres they settled 30 years ago – no utilities, totally off the grid. That was possible because Sue's husband, also a Joe, seems to be able to figure out how to do anything with almost nothing.

Not only is Sue an expert in all things maternal, but she has had a career as a public school teacher. So she is a super organizer. She somehow managed a wedding cast of what seemed to be hundreds and turned a dry barren hillside into a wonderful outdoor wedding chapel. It was quite a wedding.

And yet with all the festivities going on my wife, Patricia, picked up a deeper sense of melancholy that I was trying hard to mask. Weddings are supposed to be joyful! Certainly this one was. Why was I feeling a little blue? When I got back Tuesday I think I kind of figured it out. My relationship with my son has changed forever. He is now husband to his wife, and will be father to the children that they hope will come. I have been "Aaron's dad" for the last 34 years. I was saying good-bye to one kind of relationship with Aaron and coming into a new one that frankly I don't quite understand yet.

I see some of the same things happening in the story Jesus' Ascension in Luke 24 and Acts 1 which will be our Bible readings this Sunday. The apostles are confused and uncertain. This is why Jesus tells them to wait in the city for the Holy Spirit. Their relationship with Jesus changed that day. They would need time to get a handle on what that would mean. No longer is Jesus "their Jesus." He is "Lord of all." He is still the same, the hands, feet, and side still marked with the wounds of the cross, even as He "sits at the right hand of God the Father almighty from which He will come to judge the living and the dead." Change is always hard, and it usually means leaving some things behind as relationships change. Yet, by faith, we embrace changes as they come, trusting what Jesus has promised, "I am with you always, even to the close of the age."

Blessings!

Pastor Joe Hughes

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LECTIONARY BIBLE READINGS FOR WORSHIP MAY 2016

Did you know the complete Three Year Lectionary (Series C) is found in the front of *The Lutheran Service Book*, pp. xviii-xix?

YOU CAN HELP SHAPE SUNDAY'S MESSAGE!

Everyone is welcome to participate in Monday Fellowship Bible Studies, 10:00-11:30 AM. We read, learn about, and discuss the Bible readings for the coming Sunday. These important discussions help to shape pastor's message on the following Sundays, as well as provide a variety of ways you can get more out of your worship experience by sharing insights and questions raised during class. Want more information? Contact Pastor Joe (217-898-9063). Bring a friend! Everyone is welcome.

May 8, 2016 Ascension Sunday/7th Sunday after Easter

Mother's Day

Take her to church at SVLC!

First Reading

Psalm

Second Reading

Gospel

Acts 1:1-11

Psalm 47

Ephesians 1:15-23

Luke 24:44-53

May 15, 2016 Day of Pentecost (**wear red to church!**)

First Reading

Psalm

Second Reading

Gospel

Confirmation Sunday

Genesis 11:1-9

Psalm 143

Acts 2:1-21

John 14:23-31

May 22, 2016 Holy Trinity Sunday

First Reading

Psalm

Second Reading

Gospel

Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31

Psalm 8

Acts 2:14a, 22-36

John 8:48-59

May 29, 2016 2nd Sunday after Pentecost

First Reading

Psalm

Second Reading

Gospel

1 Kings 8: 22-24, 27-29, 41-43

Psalm 96:1-9

Galatians 1:1-12

Luke 7:1-10

~Cross+Gen Sunday School~

EXPLORING GENESIS will be the next series Pastor Joe leads in Cross+Gen Sunday School. The series will start May 8 and continue through June. Sundays, 10:30-11:30 AM. Everyone is welcome to join in the conversation. What do these ancient texts say to us? What new light would a literary approach to the Book of Genesis shed on these great Bible stories many of us learned as children.

Readings for this Sunday

Acts 1:1-11

Ephesians 1:15-23

Luke 24:44-53

Giving:

Weekly Contribution Goal	\$3077.00
General Fund	\$3062.50
Furnace	\$3902.72
Community Outreach Hygiene Kits	\$50.00
Attendance	

FURNACE FUND, Wow!! Thank you to the generosity of so many folks we now have a furnace that is paid off!

We need to bulk up that fund so we can continue to maintenance our units and keep them in tip top shape!!

Thank you All!!

+CELEBRATIONS+



May Birthdays: Alia Orth 5/14, August Strohbin 5/19, Jeff Hintzman 5/23, Sue Jackson 5/31.

May Anniversaries: John & Debby Gremmels 5/12, Jay & Tracy McDougal 5/24

ADOPTION ANNOUNCEMENT: Brian, Callie, and Caleb Santora are pleased to announce that they have decided to expand their family and have started the process to adopt an infant in the state of Oregon, they are currently waiting to have their home study done (4th in line), after which, they will become a waiting family: *"We, as a family, have the summer to raise funds to cover some, if not, all costs of our adoption. We are looking to our family, church family and friends, as well as acquaintances to help us in collecting cans, bottles, and car batteries for recycling, and to donate items for a yard sale. If you know someone who is willing to donate handmade crafts for us to incorporate into our fundraising; that would be wonderful!"* Please call Callie 541-220-8425 if you have cans you would like to drop off or if you have any items you would like to donate. **WE APPRECIATE ALL THE DONATIONS OF RECYCLABLES WE HAVE RECEIVED THUS FAR! WE ARE SO EXCITED TO SHARE THIS PROCESS WITH YOU.**

+CHURCH HAPPENINGS+

SHEPHERD'S VOICE SUBMISSIONS WELCOME! If you would like to submit an announcement or an article for the Shepherd's Voice please do so. Submissions for our weekly digital newsletter can be sent to the church office at any time. Please submit your article or announcement by email. Attachments in Word are welcome. We will do our best to get them in the next edition. Weekly newsletters are normally emailed to our email list on Wednesdays. We also send out a monthly activities and lay ministry schedule monthly with the Shepherd's Voice

the last week of the month for the month ahead (i.e. you will get the May calendars the last week in April). If you know of someone who needs to get a hard copy of the weekly Shepherd's Voice please inform the church office. Due to postage and printing costs we are providing hard copies of the Shepherd's Voice only upon request. They will be placed in your box at the church on the day the digital copies are emailed. Let us know if you have any questions. Thank you! ~Pastor Joe and Callie

+MISSIONS+

HEARTS ACROSS ROMANIA: For the third straight year, Fred & Dianne Taft will be traveling to Brasov, Romania,



to work with orphans and at-risk children. They will again be collecting supplies and cash donations (which will be used to purchase supplies). They are looking to collect the following items:

- Cash • Socks • Underwear
- T-shirts • Pajamas



Thank you for your continued support for this life-changing ministry.

MISSION TRIP TO SOUTH AFRICA: Dawson & Abby Oliver are embarking on their first overseas mission trip to Port Shepstone, South Africa through MK2MK working with a Zulu Youth Group. IF you would like to contribute please email oliverdawson0@gmail.com or horseaoliver@gmail.com and let them know if you would like to give them monetary or prayer support or both! See large bulletin board by front door for their letter and trip details.

MISSION TRIP TO CAMBODIA! Do you like coffee and yummy baked goods? Well, come out and support Ashley, employee at Sweet Taste Bakery & Coffee Shop in Adair Village. Every Friday through June, 10% of all drinks will go toward Ashley's mission trip to Cambodia where she will be working with the Children's Church assisting with everything from education to cleaning.

+COMMUNITY+

YOU ARE INVITED to a Women's Spring Luncheon at Peace Lutheran Church in Philomath. Luncheon is May 14th from noon to 3:00pm. RSVP and purchase tickets (\$17) from Sandi Labahn; 541-609-0956. RSVP no later than May 1st.

ORGAN CONCERT: Organists of Korea will be having a benefit concert hosted by First United Methodist Church in Eugene on May 20th at 7:30pm. Please see the poster on the large bulletin board by the entry way or visit www.agoeugene.org for more details.

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH IN WEST SALEM has been keeping SVLC in prayer for our interim process every week.

Please Notify the Church Office When...

...You or a family member is going to be hospitalized. **Please let the hospital know you are a member of Shepherd of the Valley.**

...You or a member of your family is hospitalized.

...You have a change of address.

...Your phone number has changed.

...Your email address has changed.

...Members or you family are students attending school away from home or are living at a different address.