

Newsletter April 2021

From Heaven's Heart

3 Big Days...Will you be celebrating with us? Please consider it for what He did for you!

Palm Sunday/Confirmation Sunday March 28, 2021 11 AM  
In Sanctuary...Bryce Renner, Hanna Wicker, Thomas Mitchell and Breanna Evans will be joining our church family

Maundy Thursday April 1, 2021 7 PM in Sanctuary Communion and Special Music

Easter Sunrise Service April 4, 2021 6:45 AM...

Easter Sunday April 4, 2021 11 AM in Sanctuary...Communion and Special Music

I always looked forward to Easter as a child and I still do. Mom would take us to the Sunrise Service in our PJ's. It was always at Sunrise. When I got a little older, dad would let me go with him to the church Hut as it was called to help cook breakfast. We still had an old wood stove in the kitchen and the country ham was "Real Country Ham". I can still smell it and taste it.

But perhaps the most important Easter celebration I remember was the Sunday when I joined the church on Palm Sunday and had my first communion.

This year will certainly bring back memories with our FIRST CLASS...and I mean FIRST CLASS of young folks who will be joining our church family and taking communion for the first time. These four young people are FIRST CLASS in my eyes and in the eyes of our Lord...their Lord.

So I'd like to take a moment and talk about COMMUNION...and why you shouldn't miss it...especially this year...2021.

The Lord's Supper is the sacrament by which we receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ as the nourishment of our new life. It was God's plan for this Holy Sacrament to strengthen our fellowship with Christ and all believers, and confess that he has died for us. As we eat and drink in the Lord's Supper we receive forgiveness of sins, offered a new life, and our permanent salvation. The Bible says, "Broken and shed for you for the remission of sins". We then receive blessings for the Lord's Supper as we eat and drink with "Heartfelt Repentance and True Faith in our Lord Jesus Christ".

Now, I know that you already know this but here's a question I ask myself...during Easter more so than any other time. Am I living it? Is my own life now, today a reflection of the repentance I offered God during communion. Repentance...it calls for a change to take place in my life...a visible change. This Easter, as we share in the Lord a brief moment of reflection, for what He did for us...and repent of our sins, will a real change, a noticeable change take place in our lives? I know it matters because Jesus said it matters. And it matters because of His promise to us of an abundant life. And I know we all want to experience the abundant

life He promises us. Let's leave our old ways, our old self at His table and take hold of the new and live...live...live.

Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday and Easter Sunday? You matter to your Heavenly Father. You matter to me. Let's live in abundance by giving our lives away...to Him. Looking forward to seeing you during our Easter Services. More importantly, I know He does too.

Amen and Amen,

Pastor Steve