

Tapiola Apostolic Lutheran Church

Newsletter

The Living Church

Our present day society is focused on much learning and intellectual achievement. Education of itself is not evil, but man, in his pursuit for knowledge, seems so often to have lost sight of the most important thing in this life, namely, the intimate personal knowledge of Christ and the salvation He came to bring. This intimate knowledge of Christ differs greatly from the intellectual in that it is of the heart and not of the mind. The natural mind adheres to theory, reason, and sight. The heart, on the other hand, clings by a childlike faith to those things which God's Word teaches. "For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation." Rom. 10:10

The true living church that Christ came to establish here on earth is often commonly thought of as a beautiful sanctuary built of wood and stone, but God's Word teaches us that His church is a spiritual church; a spiritual body of believers with Christ as our head. The Apostle Paul writes, "Christ is the head of the church: and he is the saviour of the body." Eph. 5:23 All who believe as the scripture teaches are spiritual members of Christ's spiritual body; the living church. As the natural body cannot live without the head, neither can the church remain alive without Christ as its head. So also, as the natural body cannot live without blood flowing freely throughout its members, so likewise the church cannot live without the blood of Christ flowing throughout its members. Life, both natural and spiritual, is in the blood.

God's Word teaches that all have sinned and come short of the glory of God; etc. Rom.1:23-26 And we read, "the wages of sin is death;" Therefore condemnation would be our eternal judgment. But we also read in the second part of that same verse, "but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." Rom.6:23 Oh, the love that drew salvation's plan! Oh, the grace that brought it down to man! Oh, the mighty gulf that God did span at Calvary. There Jesus paid it all, all to him we owe; sin had left a crimson stain, He washed it white as snow. Jesus said to his disciples, "Thus it is written, and thus it behoved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day: And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. And ye are witnesses of these things." Luke 24:46-48

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Only in the living church does the atoning blood of Jesus bear audible witness of God's grace and forgiveness to the repentant sinner. Oh, that faithful servants would continue to preach the power of this gospel which is the good news from heaven. We pray that many would desire to enter into the living church; God's kingdom on earth, which is not an outward kingdom but a spiritual kingdom described in the Word as a kingdom "not of meat and drink; but righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost." Rom.14:17 Where God's righteousness dwells in the heart of man, there is peace, and where there is peace there is joy.

Thanks be to God that he continues to preserve His living church on earth. May it ever remain a beacon of hope and a bastion of truth in these perilous times. It will thus remain in spite of Satan's efforts to destroy it, if faithful men will prayerfully raise their hands heavenward to the Mighty Deliverer, remembering always that He has intended His living church to be a hospital for sinners, not a clubhouse for saints. It is here where the Good Samaritan, who is the Heavenly Physician, still ministers to man's deadly sin-wounds with the oil of the Holy Spirit and with the cleansing wine; His precious blood, through the preaching of his faithful servants.

Ken Storm - pastor

Worship Schedule

Feb 3	Ken Storm	11:00	Holy Communion
Feb 10	Chad Kuivanen	11:00	
Feb 17	Ken Storm	11:00	2pm Medical Care
Feb 24	Cal Niemela/ Second speaker	11:00	Potluck Meal Following Service

FLOORING FUND – The Tapiola Church is seeking funds to replace the carpeting in the entry area of the church. Anyone wishing to contribute is encouraged to contact a board member or Chad Kuivanen (906-523-4349) with your pledge.

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Bible Study Wednesday 7:00pm

Sunday School and Adult Bible Study 9:45am

Sunday Worship 11:00am

TELECONFERENCE

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