NEWSLETTER April - 2022

TAPIOLA APOSTOLIC LUTHERAN CHURCH

SPEAKERS

<u>April 3</u> - Ken Storm, Holy Communion

April 10 - Paul Coponen

<u>April 15</u> - Charles Korhonen 7 *p.m.* - *Good Friday*

<u>April 17</u> - Mark Sunnarborg *Easter*

<u>April 24</u> – Nathan Ruonavarra Potluck Meal Following Service

Spring Services April 29 through May 1

CHURCH SCHEDULE

Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.

Sunday Service: 11:00 a.m.

Wednesday Bible Study: 7:00 p.m.

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THE KING IS COMING

It is good for all of God's children to be reminded that our journey here on earth is not endless. To know this, and to know the promise of heaven given to us by our Lord and King, gives encouragement to the weary traveler upon life's way. The joy that awaits the faithful cannot be comprehended with our natural minds but let us trust the words of the Great Shepherd of Israel, when through revelation given unto the Apostle Paul, he stated, ... "Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him." I Cor. 2:9

Today, we witness much anxiety throughout the world. The efforts of evil men attempting to intimidate the free world through nuclear radiation, inciting conflict, enslavement of free societies, and murder of peace-loving people. All of this wickedness is because of unbelief. With wars and rumors of wars growing rapidly, with ungodliness spreading like wildfire and all manner of lies and deceit being the norm for governance of our beloved America, we should recognize this to be the fulfillment of the scriptural prophesies.

The world is fast approaching its end. This should not come as a surprise to God's children. The King is coming! Jesus told his disciples,... "In your patience possess ye your soul." Luke 21:19 May we learn to apply these words to our own hearts also as we witness these prophesies unfold in our day. Jesus has also instructed us to watch and pray lest we enter into temptation. The Apostle Peter, speaking of the destruction of this world, reminds us as to what manner of persons we should be, ... "in all holy conversation and godliness." 2 Peter 3:11 Again, as we look unto the promise of our lord of the new and everlasting home, he reminds us that we ... "may be found of him (our Lord) in peace, without spot, and blameless." 2 Peter 3:14

Dear reader, are you prepared for eternity? Are your sins forgiven? Do you believe that Jesus suffered and died for your sins and the sins of the whole world and that the only remedy for sin is the cleansing blood of Jesus? Have you been washed in the blood of our Savior? Do you enjoy the peace of a good conscience? If not, dear friend, pray to God for strength to repent of your sins that you may hear, even today, the precious gospel message of grace and forgiveness proclaimed to your penitent heart by one of God's servants, and to be assured that your sins are truly forgiven in the holy name and precious atoning blood of our Savior, Jesus Christ, who instills a living faith into the believer's heart.

How wonderful it is to know that we have an eternal home in heaven whose maker and builder is God. Jesus said, ... "be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life." Rev. 2:10 Thanks be to God; this world, no matter what happens in it, is not our home. Our eternal residency is reserved for us in heaven by God, "with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning." James 1:17

May we all have a most blessed Resurrection Day called Easter, knowing that as Jesus arose victoriously from the grave, so in like manner, we through him are resurrected unto a newness of life eternally by faith. The King is coming! May his holy name forever be praised!

Ken Storm, Pastor