

TAPIOLA APOSTOLIC LUTHERAN CHURCH

OCTOBER – 2026

SCHEDULE

Sunday School & Sunday
Bible Study: 9:45 a.m. –
(cancelled 10/7 & 10/11)

Sunday Service: 11:00 a.m.
(October 18th & 25)

Wed. Bible Study: 7:00 p.m.
(cancelled 10/7 & 10/21)

SPEAKERS

Fall Services

*Guest speakers: Mikael
Faltros (Sweden), Ken
McLachlan (Canada) with
Ken Storm, Charles
Korhonen & Dave Lappi*

October 4:

10:30 a.m. – 1 speaker, *Holy
Communion*

2:00 p.m. – 2 speakers

6:00 p.m. – 1 speaker

October 9:

7:00 p.m. – 2 speakers

October 10:

*Home Gathering Mackrain's
Cabin*

October 11:

10:30 a.m. – 2 speakers

2:00 p.m. – 2 speakers

6:00 p.m. – 1 speaker

*Potluck Meals and Coffees
will be served during the
Fall Services.*

October 18: Mark

Sunnarborg @ 11:00 a.m.

October 25: Ivan Niemela @
11:00 a.m. **NO** Potluck Meal

Divorce and Remarriage

“What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder.”
(Mark 10:9)

The covenant of marriage has become a suggestive idea rather than a firm fact. Satan, the father of lies, the great deceiver, is openly opposing the holiness of this covenant. In fact, there are more single people living together as couples in the US today than in years past. These couples are reaping the pleasures and benefits of marriage without actually submitting to God. Fornication reigns supreme in these un-Godly perversions of a marriage. What is fornication? It is: The incontinence (failure to restrain sexual appetite) and lewdness of the sexually unchaste. This is a sin against God and against the body.

Physical adultery is another form of fornication, but only applies when a person is married. It is a violation of the marriage bed, a lewdness and unchastity against one's spouse. This is a sin against God. Adultery causes great hurt and spiritual harm to the other spouse. The growth of unbelief in the church has allowed this sinful perversion to become a normal occurrence. To hear of a divorce brings almost no surprise or worry. This also shows the lack of conviction that has infiltrated the church as a whole, this acceptance of divorce. God hates divorce, it was never part of His original design! Read Matthew 19:3-9

Going back to the beginning when God established marriage, *“Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh”* Genesis 2:24. And Adam recognizes and understands the severity of it, *“...This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh...”* (Genesis 2:23). He knew that when Eve was joined to him, that it is something very deep and very special, a covenant created and established by God Himself.

The Pharisees ask Jesus, *“Why did Moses then command to give a writing of divorcement, and to put her away?”* (Matthew 7:3). Jesus answers *“...because of the hardness of your hearts...”* Divorce is never Godly at all, but rather a legal precedent set to maintain civil order for the people. He finishes by saying *“...but from the beginning it was not so”* (Matthew 19:8). Ultimately repentance and forgiveness are needed for this sin against such a holy and righteous God.

So then is remarriage a God-fearing option? No, it is not as the Apostle Paul writes, *“But and if she depart, let her remain unmarried, or be reconciled to her husband: and let not the husband put away his wife”* (1 Corinthians 7:11). A Godly marriage will never end in divorce, and if it does, it was not Godly to begin with. Continued reconciliation and forgiveness are needed through the entirety of a God-fearing marriage to maintain that covenant. Marriage needs be held in such high regard that it will never end in divorce!

Jesus holds marriage so highly, that he uses it as the image of Himself and his church. *“Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it; That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or*

wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish”
(Ephesians 6:25-27).

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Christ rightfully so could have divorced us as sinners, leaving us to our just reward of eternal damnation. But he did not, he suffered and died for us so that we may be joined to him in that holy marriage. Naturally so, a man has no right to divorce his wife, nor the wife her husband. Ultimately, those who die in their trespasses and sins will not receive the crown of life. Read 1 Corinthians 6:9-10. The call is to repent and believe on your lord and savior Jesus Christ because he is the way, the truth, and the life.

God's Mercy and Peace be on to you all,

Eric Olson