



HOLY COMMUNION...

by Pastor Peter Lisinski

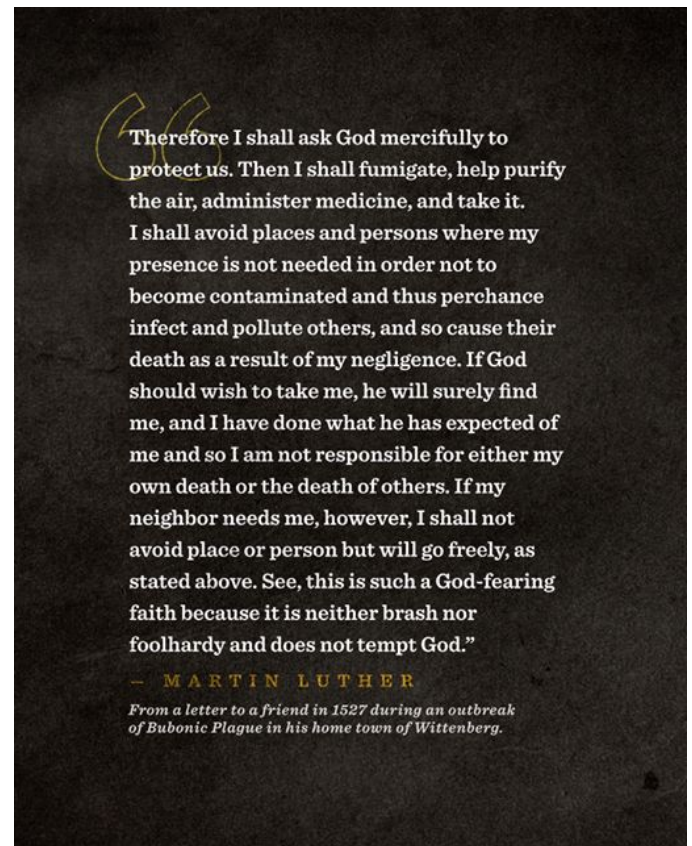
Our world today stands, once again, at a crucial and significant crossroads. Not only here in Canada and the United States, but around the world, protests supporting oppressed and impoverished African Canadians and Americans, as well as our First Nations peoples, in conjunction with the renewed vision of Marshall McLuhan's "Global Village" inspired by the COVID 19 pandemic, signal a monumental moment in the potential fulfillment of Martin Luther King's "dream", indeed God's dream, of a new world uniting all people in one human race, "free at last" from all injustice, hatred and violence. This emerging global revolution of "solidarity" (a weak, gender-neutral substitution for the more powerful "Brotherhood of Man") reflects humankind's common, universal hope for communities where all God's children, as well as our children and grandchildren, will live together in peace, without fear of rejection, neglect or abuse. Jesus called it the "Kingdom of God". Fourth century African Bishop, St. Augustine called it the "City of God". Modern, inclusive language calls it the "Reign" or "Realm of God". I prefer to call it the "Holy Communion of God."

Holy Communion, is more than the sacrament of consecrated bread and wine God's people share around God's altar in remembrance of Jesus' cross – although its central importance for Christian faith and life has been, ironically, confirmed during our prolonged abstinence of being "together alone" in the solidarity of self-isolation. More than "what we do" in church, Holy Communion is also "what we are" as church – and what God has eternally intended all people to be! Indeed, the destiny of both the church and the world is one with God's own destiny! The church will not become who and what God has destined us to become apart from the whole world becoming who and what God has destined all human beings to become. Which means, beyond being what we do in church; beyond what we are as church, Holy Communion also describes the mission of the church!

Our mission is Holy Communion; Holy Communion is our mission! The Christian church, including this congregation, is sent to extend God's Holy Communion we celebrate in worship and represent as church, into the world as a living sacrament of God's grace, mercy

and love. Doing all within our power to do – in thought, word and deed – to make our community, our nation, our world a better place, we model the Holy Communion of our common destiny, until God's Holy Spirit gathers all people of every colour in the rainbow of human solidarity, into the Holy Communion of God's eternal life and love in, with and through Jesus Christ our human Brother and divine Lord.

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HEILIGE KOMMUNION...

von Pastor Peter Lisinski

Die moderne Geschichte der Menschheit steht erneut an einem entscheidenden und bedeutenden Scheideweg. Nicht nur hier in Kanada und den Vereinigten Staaten, sondern auf der ganzen Welt, die Proteste, die unsere afrikanischen Kanadier und Amerikaner, so wie die Ureinwohner beider Länder unterstützen, im Zusammenhang mit unserer erneuerten Vision von Marshall McLuhans „Globalem Dorf“ – inspiriert durch die COVID 19-Pandemie – zeigt eine bedeutsame Veränderung von Martin Luther Kings „Traum“ – tatsächlich Gottes Traum -- von einer neue Welt, in dem eine vereinte Menschheit „endlich frei“ ist von aller Ungerechtigkeit, Hass und Gewalt. Diese neu entstehende globale „Solidarität“ reflektiert die gemeinsame, universale Hoffnung unserer Menschheit auf Gesellschaften, wo alle Kinder Gottes - und auch unsere eigenen Kinder und Enkelkinder - zusammen in Frieden leben, ohne Angst vor Ablehnung, Vernachlässigung oder Missbrauch. Jesus nannte es das „Königreich Gottes“. Der afrikanischer Bischof des vierten Jahrhunderts, St. Augustin, nannte es die „Stadt Gottes“. In moderner offener Ausdrucksweise nennen wir es die „Herrschaft“ oder das „Reich Gottes“. Ich nenne es lieber die „Heilige Kommunion Gottes“.

Heilige Kommunion ist mehr als das Abendmahl von geweihtem Brot und Wein, was Gottes Volk um Gottes Altar in Erinnerung an das Kreuz Jesu feiert – obwohl es die zentrale Wichtigkeit für den christlichen Glauben und Leben ist. Aber mehr noch als „was wir tun“ in der Kirche, die Heilige Kommunion ist auch „was wir sind“ als Kirche - und was Gott ewiglich geplant hat, daß alle Menschen so sein sollen! In der Tat ist das Schicksal sowohl der Kirche als auch der Welt verbunden mit Gottes eigenem Schicksal! Die Kirche ist nicht wer und was Gott uns bestimmt hat zu sein, abgesehen von der ganzen Welt, wer und was Gott bestimmt hat, wie die gesammte Menschheiten auf der ganzen Welt sein soll. Das bedeutet, darüber hinaus, was wir in der Kirche tun; darüber hinaus, was wir sind als Kirche, die heilige Kommunion beschreibt auch die Mission der Kirche!

Unsere Mission ist die heilige Kommunion; heilige Kommunion ist unsere Mission! Die christliche Kirche, mitsamt dieser Gemeinde, ist beauftragt, Gottes heilige Kommunion, die wir im Gottesdienst in der Kirche feiern, und repräsentieren als Kirche, in die Welt als ein lebendes Sakrament von Gottes Gnade, Barmherzigkeit und Liebe zu senden. Alles in unserer Macht zu tun - in Gedanken, Worten und Werken - um unsere Gemeinschaft, unsere Nation, unsere Welt besser zu machen, gestalten wir die heilige Kommunion als unser gemeinsames Schicksal, bis Gottes heiliger Geist alle Menschen jeglicher Farbe des Regenbogens der menschlichen Solidarität hereinzieht in die heilige Gemeinschaft Gottes ewigen Lebens und Liebe, mit und

durch Jesus Christus, unserem menschlichen Bruder und göttlichen Herrn.

*(Vielen Dank an **Edward Stahlberg** fuer seine Bearbeitung dieses Artkels)*

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ADVICE

Rat

Nimm ein paar Freund' ins Haus:
Das Wissen und den Glauben,
Und lass von keinem Dir des andern
Freundschaft rauben.
Vom einem sei genährt dein Geist und aufgeklärt,
Vom andern dir in Not und Leiden Trost
gewährt.
(F. Rückert)

Advice

Take a couple of friends to your house:
Knowledge and Faith,
Let neither of them rob you of the other's friendship.
Let by the one your mind be nourished and inspired,
By the other be comforted in distress and suffering.

(Submitted and translated by Gunther Kunzelmann)

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CHRISTUS IST KÖNIG

Gelobt seist du, Herr Jesus Christ,
ein König aller Ehren;
dein Reich ohn' alle Grenzen ist,
ohn' Ende muss es währen.
Christkönig, alleluja, alleluja.

Das All durchtoent ein mächt'ger Ruf:
„Christ A und O der Weiten!“
Das Wort, das sie zu Anfang schuf,
wird bis ans Ende gelten.
Christkönig, alleluja, alleluja,

O sei uns nah mit deinem Licht,
mit deiner reichen Gnade,
und wenn du kommst zu dem Gericht,
Christ, in dein Reich uns lade.
Christkönig, alleluja, alleluja.

Guido M. Dreves

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AS ONE WE MOURN, AS ONE WE CRY
by Trevor Hicks, Advent Lutheran Church

1. As one we mourn, as one we cry
At evil acts displayed.
God, place Your Hand upon the wounds
That plague us age to age.
2. As one we rise, as one we stand,
injustices to fight.
God, add your Voice amongst the throng,
empow'r us with Your Might.
3. As one we strive, as one we aim
to make a better world.
God, lead us by your Wisdom, strong,
and guide us with Your Word.
4. As one, for mercy, now, we plead,
for in the past we've failed.
God, grant forgiveness to us all
And let Your Will prevail.
5. As one we'll stay, as one we are,
All equal we are born.
God, at Your Call we came to be,
And through You we're transformed.
6. As one, triumphant, we will be
when violence comes to cease.
God, be with us, our solid rock,
Our guardian of peace.

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**THANKSGIVINGS,
CONGRATULATIONS &
INTERCESSIONS**

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We rejoice in the marriage of
KYLE GEORGES & KATELYN KUNTZE
on Canada Day, July 1st
We pray for God's blessing and wish them all
the joys of faith, hope, and love, in a long,
healthy and happy life together in their new
home!

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A belated, but heartfelt, "Happy
Birthday" to
WERNER WANDSCHURA

!! 90TH Birthday !!

on June 15

With thanks to God we pray for continued
health, hope, and strength in companionship
with family, friends and church!

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Thanks be to God!

MARIA ZEIN,

has returned home after a recent fall and
spending a week in hospital.

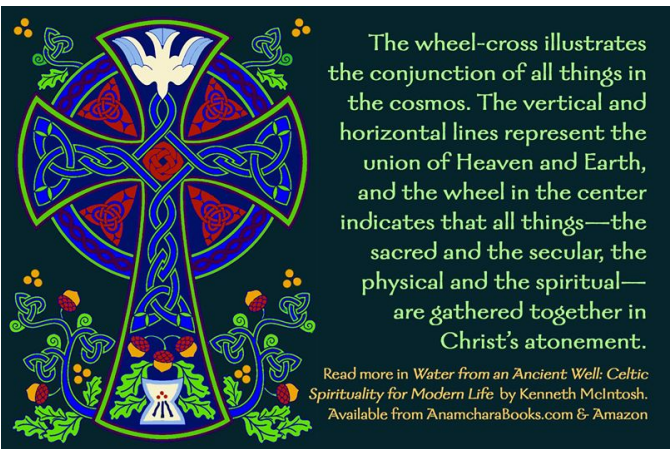
Our continuing prayers are welcome!

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HARVEY PYMM

continues rehabilitation at Sunrise LTC Home.
ANNETTE, MARTIN & PHILIP hope to bring
him home by September. In the meantime,
please remember the whole family in prayer,
and person support!

"If one member suffers, all suffer together"
(1 Corinthians 12:26)



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SUMMER 2020 VIRTUAL WORSHIP SCHEDULE
(Website: www.lutheran-thornhill.org)

July 5 Live-Stream Website Worship
(English Service), 10:00 a.m.

July 12* Pre-recorded Worship Video on Website;
National Bishop, Rev. Dr. Susan Johnson

July 19* Pre-recorded Worship Video on Website;
Rev. Douglas Reble, Eastern Synod

July 26 Live-Stream Website Worship,
(English Service followed by German Service)
10:00 a.m.

August 2* Pre-recorded Worship Video on Website;
Saskatchewan Synod Bishop, Rev. Sidney Haugen

August 9* Pre-recorded Worship Video on Website;
Rev. Prema Samuel, Manitoba-NW Ontario Synod

August 16* Pre-recorded Worship Video on Website;
Eastern Synod Bishop, Rev. Dr. Michael Pryse

August 23 Live-Stream Website Worship
(English), 10:00 a.m.

August 30 Live-Stream Website Worship
(English Service followed by German Service),
10:00 a.m.

* Pastor Peter will be on vacation for these five
Sundays. He, Rosarie and our Minister of Music,
Tony Streisslberger will provide pre-recorded
worship services in our sanctuary, including guest
preachers as listed above, available for viewing at
any time after 6:00 p.m. on the preceding Saturday
evening.

Pastor's Vacation:
July 11 to July 19; July 27 to August 18.

In case of any urgent need for pastoral ministry,
please feel welcome to call Pastor Peter
(cell: 647-395-7649; home: 905-424-7649)
at any time.

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A PRAYER FOR A TIME OF PREPARATION

Eternal God, we give you thanks for your loving presence with us throughout this challenging season of pandemic. As we begin a time of planning and preparation to re-enter our church buildings and reunite with one another in worship, we pray for your continuing grace, guidance and comfort. Encourage and equip us, give us wisdom and insight, keep our hearts and minds peaceful and focused on creating safe and welcoming spaces and liturgies. As we once again physically gather in your name, however strange or unsettling our new practices may seem at first, help us remember our faithful worship will always be holy, always pleasing to you. All this, and whatever else you see that we need, we ask in the name of Jesus, Immanuel, 'God-with-us'. Amen.

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