

the sower

... christ + charity + community ...



For about six years, now, I've been putting together "memes" to "share the faith" on Facebook. @ MidlandLutheranChurch. @ GospelCrossWords. Seems people pay more attention to images, nowadays, than to mere words. This is one of the latest. I shared it with some friends to get their reaction. FYI, it didn't pass muster. So, I figured I'd share it with y'all!

You see, I saw a post, the other day. In big, bold, capital letters, it said, "**THIS WORLD NEEDS JESUS**". Turns out it was a link to a video: "Corona Virus Warning!" The warning? "This world needs to 'TURN TO GOD' and HE will Heal our land!" 🙄 My first thought? This world already has Jesus! Has had him for a hundred generations! What it hasn't always had and what it needs, now, is **CHURCH!** Down-to-earth! Honest -to-god! What the world needs – especially at times like this – are people concerned about people! Concerned about all people! About us and them! About good and bad! About rich and poor! People who don't just read their bibles ... or say their prayers ... or go to church ... but who are there with and there for the people around them!

Feeding the hungry! Giving the thirsty something to drink! Clothing the naked! Sheltering the houseless! Making a place for the immigrants and the refugees! Caring for the sick! Visiting the homebound, the imprisoned! People who, at the very least, call and text and message and email! Just so others might know they aren't forgotten! That's why there's a church, at all! We're not here for god! To praise! To thank! To slap on the back and let know what a great job being done! Here to love! Love just like Jesus! To pick up someone else's cross, so they won't have to! Pick up someone else's cross and follow! Pick up someone else's cross and, maybe every now and then, take the lead!

i Living, dying, and rising ... TOGETHER!

Bob



JUST A QUICK NEWSLETTER THIS MONTH ...

Since Sunday, March 14th, we've been "doing" church online, pretty much, on our Facebook page –

[@MidlandLutheranChurch!](#)

Sunday mornings @ 10:30. Wednesday evenings @ 7:00.

Tuesday and Thursday mornings @ sunrise! Any and all of these you can watch live at the time or they are posted for viewing anything thereafter.

You'll notice from the calendar, we'll start an online pmStudy on Wednesday evenings after Easter. The discussion will revolve around "A Brief Instruction on What to Look for and Expect in the Gospels." It's something Luther wrote early on in the Reform and has played a big role in my own believing. We'll livestream from 7-8:00, each Wednesday evening, beginning on April 15th. Questions and insights can be submitted added to the discussion through posting comments. Or they can be sent as a message and followed up after the night. But somewhere down the line, we'll be shifting to zoom. That way, we can just talk to each other and not worry about the typing! And actually look each other in the eye!

Now, as for those of us not online ... We need your help – I need your help – figuring out how to keep in touch. Not just socially, but, especially, gospel-ly! If you have someone nearby – family member, friend – who can help you "connect," please ask for their help. But if that isn't possible, let me know and, together, we can come up with a plan! I.e., sending copies of sermons, bulletin inserts, weekly devotions.

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Feel free to get in touch about anything, anytime! Especially if you get bored talking with the dog or the potted plant!

Well, we have no idea how long this will last. Just follow the recommendations of the experts – Centers for Disease Control and the Texas Department of State Health Services. And know that even socially isolated, you're not alone! No, I'm not talking about god, although that's true, too. But we're all still here! With and for each other! If you need a hand, give one of us a call ... or a text ... or a message ... or an email ... or, well, you get the idea! See you soon!

stay home + stay safe + save lives



the PROPERs for april

the SUNDAY of the PASSION, april 05

the PRAYER of the DAY: Everlasting God, in your endless love for the human race you sent our Lord Jesus Christ to take on our nature and to suffer death on the cross. In your mercy enable us to share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

the READINGS: Matthew 21:1-11 + Isaiah 50:4-9a + Psalm 31:9-16 + Philippians 2:5-11
+ Matthew 26:14--27:66

the RESURRECTION of OUR LORD, april 12

the PRAYER of the DAY: O God, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin, that we may live with him forever in the joy of the resurrection, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

the READINGS: Acts 10:34-43 + Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 + Colossians 3:1-4 + Matthew 28:1-10

the SECOND SUNDAY of EASTER, april 19

the PRAYER of the DAY: Almighty and eternal God, the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt, may we, who have not seen, have faith in you and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



















the READINGS: Acts 2:14a, 22-32 + Psalm 16 + 1st Peter 1:3-9 + John 20:19-31

the THIRD SUNDAY of EASTER, april 26

the PRAYER of the DAY: O God, your Son makes himself known to all his disciples in the breaking of bread. Open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in his redeeming work, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

the READINGS: Acts 2:14a, 36-41 + Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19 + 1st Peter 1:17-23 + Luke 24:13-35

abril 2020

domingo	lunes	martes	miercoles	jueves	viernes	sabado
			1  7:00pm – lentenMidweek, 5	2  7:34am – amBlessing	3	4
<i>Verbum Domini Manet in Aeternum</i> the word of the lord endures forever						
5  10:30am - worship	6	7  7:28am – amBlessing	8	9  7:26am – amBlessing 7:00am – maundyThursday	10  7:00pm – goodFriday	11
12  10:30am – worship	13	14  7:20am – amBlessing	15  7:00pm – pmStudy	16  7:17am – amBlessing	17	18
9  10:30am - worship 12:00pm - council	20	21  7:12am – amBlessing	22  7:00pm – pmStudy	23  7:09am – amBlessing	24	25
26  10:30am – worship	27	28  7:04am – amBlessing	29  7:00pm – pmStudy	30  7:02am – amBlessing		

