



St. James Lutheran Church

Reflecting the Light of Christ in Crystal

Gospel "E"

Weekly Email Newsletter

May 12, 2015

Devotion

For you are a people holy to the Lord your God. (Deuteronomy 7:6)

God did not choose us so that we could be like everyone else. When we who place our faith in God are few in number compared to those of other beliefs and value systems, it can be difficult to maintain our identity. It can be challenging to remain distinct from those among whom we live, work, shop, and play. Those who are in the majority always seem to exert pressure upon others to conform to their beliefs and behavior.

So how do we maintain our identity as God's children when we are in the minority? First, we can realize that it is God, and not us, who takes the initiative. "Know therefore that the Lord your God is God, the faithful God who maintains covenant loyalty" (v. 9). We have a responsibility to obey God's word (v. 11), but we do not do so alone. God is there to help us when we are not among fellow believers, and the Spirit is present in our midst to provide us aid and comfort. So, although we might be outnumbered in our community, God is stronger than any human adversary. The Lord will not allow us to be overcome or defeated.

Let us pray: Holy God, help us to remain true to you, through Christ. Amen.

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Summer Worship Begins on May 24

We will move to one worship service for the summer beginning on May 24 at 9:30 a.m. May 24 is also Pentecost, so please wear red to worship.

Spring Work Day is Saturday

It's time for some spring cleaning! Spring work day will be held Sat., May 16 beginning at 8:30 a.m. Please come for as long as you are able. A continental breakfast for volunteers will be served at 10:30 a.m.

Workday items include: defrosting freezers, cleaning light fixtures, replacing furnace filters, checking/replacing exit and emergency lights, cleaning stove and ovens, replacing light bulbs, cleaning cobwebs along walls, cleaning water stains, repairing round table handles, painting, cleaning outside windows, pulling weeds, raking leaves, cleaning deck, cleaning parking lot, cleaning the courtyard, removing branches from behind the garage, painting curbs and repairing sidewalk edging. Please come ready to take on one or more of these items. Thanks in advance!

Fundraiser Through Cub Foods

St. James has partnered with Cub Foods and Green Valley Greenhouse to raise money through the purchase of live goods! Take one of the pink flyers on the round table with you to any Cub Foods between May 1 and 31 and 15% of your pre-tax purchases of Green Valley live goods (annuals, perennials, shrubs, vegetables and herbs) will be donated to St. James. You must have the flyer with you each time you make a purchase for St. James to receive the funds.

Mark your Calendar

5-10 *Sunday School kids sing in worship at 9:00 a.m.*

5-16 *Men's Breakfast at 8:00 a.m.*

Synod Assembly

Please keep the pastors and lay people attending the Synod Assembly this weekend at Lord of Life in Ramsey in your prayers.

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