

Weekly News & Notes

Lamb of God Lutheran Church, Columbus, OH

April 26, 2015

Can You Picture Who Will Be in Heaven?

After this I looked and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and in front of the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands. (Revelation 7:9)

When you think of heaven, whom do you see there? Is it full of grandmas and grandpas walking down golden streets? Are there white hair harpists floating on clouds everywhere? Are there angelic choirs singing God's praise from on high?

Sometimes cartoons paint our ideas of heaven more than the Scriptures do. Fortunately, God gave the Apostle John these visions in the book of Revelation. They serve as glimpses of the heavenly glory, and in this passage we see "who" will be in heaven.

The passage tells us that heaven will be overflowing with people "from every nation, tribe, people and language." The truth is that

God wants all to be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth. Wherever God's Word is preached and believed, there are believers. And though these believers come from all over, they all are dressed the same.

They are wearing white robes, a picture of the very righteousness and holiness of God which Jesus gives to all who believe.

Everyone in heaven will be purified forever from all sin. That's a picture worth a thousand words. As it is right now, you and I cannot wash away even one of our sins, but through faith in Jesus alone and clothed in his forgiveness and love, our sins are taken away. Should God call us home tonight, we are dressed and ready to join the multitudes.

John adds to the picture of heaven, showing us what we will be doing – praising God. People waved palm branches much the way we raise banners or drop confetti. "Hail to the Victor" – to Jesus is what



we, together with all believers of all time, will be shouting! Hail to Jesus who conquered sin, and death and the devil. Hail to Jesus who is the Savior of all! To top it off, this victory celebration will never end. What a refreshing and wonderful sight! That's what Jesus has in store for you and all who believe in him!

Prayer: Lord Jesus, thank you for lifting my eyes to heaven and reminding me of the treasures and glories you have in store for me and all who believe. Help me to continue to share your love, so that through your Word, many more may join the everlasting celebration. Amen.

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This Week at Lamb of God (April 27 – May 3)

Serving Our Lord

- Cleaning: Szczublewski Family
- Bulletins: Elisabeth Wagner
- Accompanist: Destinee Fiecko
- Ushers—Dave Szczublewski & Bryan Fiecko

Events

- **Wednesday, April 29**
6:30 pm—Choir Rehearsal
7:15 pm—Bible Study (Acts)
- **Thursday, April 30**
7:00 pm—Faith Builders
- **Friday, May 1**
6:15 pm—Softball
- **Saturday, May 2**
9:00 am—Spring Work Day
10:00 am—Ladies' Bible & Brunch
- **Sunday, May 3**
9:15 am—Sunday School and Bible Study
10:30 am—Worship

Mission Prayer: Outreach to Muslims

Dear Lord, there are so many hurting people in this world who do not know what you have done for them—specifically, that you have saved them. We think especially of the Muslim populations both in this country and around the world. We thank you for blessing the work of



our synod over the past years as we have tried to reach these hurting souls. We pray for your blessing as we redirect our outreach efforts to Muslims by going to countries with large Muslim populations. Go with us as we take you to them. In Jesus' name. Amen.

If you have news, upcoming events, or prayer requests that you would like published in the weekly newsletter, please contact Katie Chen (katiesl@hotmail.com).

WELS Summer Youth/Family Camps & Rallies

- Camp Lor-Ray—various ages and dates—www.camplor-ray.org
- Camp Killarney—various ages and dates—www.killarneycamp.org
- Camp Chi-Rho—completing grades 5-8—July 27-31—www.welsyouth.net
- Camp South—completing grades 3-7—July 27-31—hopelutheranwpb.com/#/events/camp-south-2015
- Freedom 513 Rally—completing grades 8-12—July 13-16—www.welsyouth.net

Favorite Hymn Survey

The WELS Hymnal Project invites you to tell them your favorite hymns, as they plan for our new hymnal. Find

information and a link to the survey online at welshymnal.com/research/favorite-hymn-survey.

Spring Work Day

Join us this Saturday, May 2, for our spring work day. We'll start at 9:00 am. In addition to inside and outside workers, we are seeking volunteers to provide lunch and childcare. Contact Dave Szczublewski with questions.

Friday Night Softball

Enjoy spring weather, fellowship, and fun, as the Lamb of God softball team takes the field. Our games are Friday evenings at Hoff Woods Park, 556 McCorkle Blvd, Westerville. This week's game begins at 6:15 pm.

Mowing Help Wanted

The grass is green and growing. That means we need volunteers to mow. Sign up today in the fellowship hall. Contact Andy Hensler or Dave Szczublewski with questions.

Summer Dates

- Westerville 4th Fridays: June 26, July 24, August 28
- Westerville Parade: July 4
- Vacation Bible School: July 13-16
- Fine Arts Camp: July 27-31

Prayer Requests

Please keep in your prayers this week:

- Shut-ins: Kitty, Dot, Julie, Betty, Monty, Dick, Mike
- College students: Jason, Ian, Janet, Jessica
- Serving in the military (or reserves): Ross, Garrett, Dane
- Dick Ritter, who has returned to Rehabilitation of Gahanna under hospice care
- Priscilla Ehrick, who is undergoing tests for mental foginess and memory loss
- Pastor Kevin Westra, who has received a call to serve as pastor at Trinity Lutheran Church, Nicollet, MN

Request prayers of your pastor and/or your fellow Christians using a prayer request form by the mailboxes or online at LambofGodColumbus.org/prayers

Give Thanks to the Lord!

Attendance (4/19):	
Worship:	48
Sunday School (w/teachers):	10
Sunday Bible Study:	14
Offerings (4/19):	
General Fund:	\$1816.28
Year-to-Date Average:	\$1962.02
Weekly Budgeted Ministry:	\$2274.33
Sunday School Offering:	\$11.00