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Messiah Lutheran Church
develops disciples who are:



*United
with Christ*

*Transformed
by Christ*

*Obedient
to Christ*

We are in the business of
making disciples...
who make disciples.

Holy Week

Palm Sunday (March 29) 9 AM

Maundy Thursday (April 2) 7 PM

Good Friday (April 3) 7 PM

Easter Sunday (April 5) 9 AM



Daily – Doggedly – Daringly
Embracing Our Neighbors with Jesus' Unconditional Love



Gabriel's Glad Tidings



Hey friends,

Did y'all hear the recent story about a group of dogs in China that had been kidnapped?

They escaped from the truck they were in and began their trek home.

There were seven dogs total and they made their way down a busy highway.

One of them was injured and the rest of the dogs surrounded him to keep him safe as they travelled.

Eventually they walked more than ten miles back to the village they came from and people who loved them.

(I love dogs stories with happy endings, don't you?)

More than that, I love the story about my Jesus, because it has a really happy ending.

It starts out kind of sad, when my Jesus was captured and hurt and even killed. Just thinking about it makes my heart hurt.

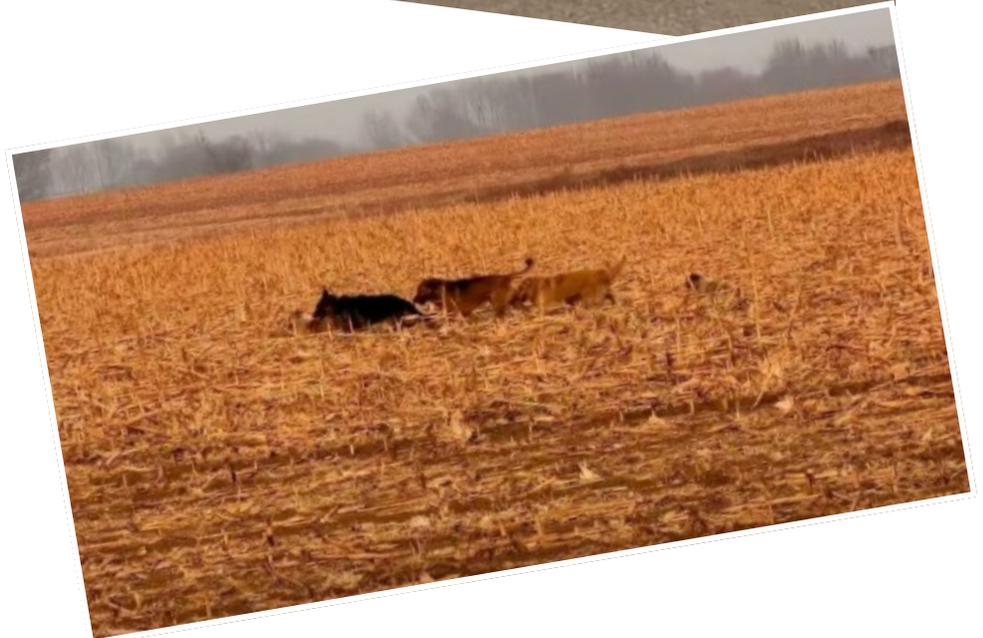
But there is a happy ending to this story. My Jesus came back from the dead a few days later!

And now He lives with His Father in heaven, watching over all of us.

One day my Jesus will come back to take us to be with Him forever. That's the happiest ending ever!

Isn't that PAWSOME?

Your friend,
Gabriel



From the Pastor



Jesus, I Will Ponder Now

*Jesus, I will ponder now
On Your holy passion;
With Your Spirit me endow
For such meditation.
Grant that I in love and faith
May the image cherish
Of Your suff'ring, pain, and
death
That I may not perish.*

*Graciously my faith renew;
Help me bear my crosses,
Learning humbleness from
You,
Peace mid pain and losses.
May I give You love for love!
Hear me, O my Savior,
That I may in heav'n above
Sing Your praise forever.*

- Sigismund von Birken

Dear friends in Christ,

God's blessings be with you as we enter into Holy Week.

Holy Week can also be called "The Week that Changed the World."

Before the events of Holy Week, God's people relied on the promise of a Messiah. There were Old Testament prophecies and people and events that foretold and foreshadowed the coming of the Anointed One. They served as promises and shadows, but they were not yet the fulfillment.

That fulfillment began with the birth of Jesus, followed by His earthly ministry, beginning with His baptism.

But until Holy Week, it was still promise and shadow. Holy Week, especially Good Friday and Easter, sealed the deal. Jesus' death and resurrection are the most vital and crucial events for the Christian Church. They are what changed the world, and changed it for good.

They changed us, as well. In Good Friday and Easter we find our redemption and resurrection. And without those, nothing else matters.

So my question to you is, **have you invited someone to join you as we observe these days and events that have changed the world?** Is there a friend, family member, or neighbor that needs to hear once again that God sent His only Son for them, that Jesus died and rose for them, that they can have the promise of redemption and resurrection?

There is still time to invite them to join you to hear the good news of their crucified and risen Savior. In fact, this may be the last and only time to do so, because we are never promised a tomorrow. Today, as Paul writes, is the day of salvation.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Engel

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