

*From the
Pastor's
Desk*



He is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia! But now what? In the Gospels, that same question is asked. The disciples found the tomb empty. It was exciting. They ran back to tell each other. They were filled with much excitement and fear. But they were left with the question “now what.” For most of the time, they remained locked away in the upper room, until Peter decided he wanted to go fishing again. But even fishing was not the answer to “now what.” The “now what” time lingered until Pentecost. That was when the Holy Spirit came and answered the question by sending them out into the world to bring the good news to all that Christ is risen!

Easter is our biggest holiday! (We take seven weeks to celebrate it!) It is the day that we celebrate God’s victory over sin and death! It is a day that celebrate our everlasting life!

But now what?

The temptation, for me at least, is to transition into summer vacation plans. The temptation is to seek rest from an incredibly busy lent. While rest is good (even Jesus rested after busy seasons), our calling comes from Pentecost. It was then that God poured out the Holy Spirit on His church. It that same Spirit is ours now in baptism. And so our post-Easter calling is to share the good news that Christ is risen! God calls us not rest until Christmas, but to go and share the good news that He is risen. As you get ready for Easter, remember that Easter does not end our liturgical year. Instead, it informs and motivates our evangelism until He comes again.

The season of Easter is a time for us to pray for opportunities to invite people into a relationship with Jesus. It is a time to pray for our family, friends, and neighbors and ask God to guide their lives to Him. It is time for us to pray for the Holy Spirit to lead us in sharing the good news of Easter with all of them. That’s what I want you to do this season. Pray about it. Pray for all of these things. So that when you are in a situation where you can naturally share the good news, that God will strengthen your sharing.

After Easter we have plenty of opportunities for you to share your faith or invite people to come and join us in our relationship with God. During the summer months, we will have our bonfires. This will be a great time to invite a friend to join us in a relaxed friendly setting. This all starts with prayer.

Easter is truly are biggest celebration. Easter is our victory over death, won by Christ through His empty tomb! Easter is our assurance of our everlasting life! I pray that God will lead us to go out and tell the world!

In His Joy,
Pastor Josh

