



On Newness in Christ by Pastor Max Whitehead

"¹⁷Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. ¹⁸All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; ¹⁹that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. ²⁰Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. ²¹For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God."

2 Corinthians 5:17-21

So that in him, might become the righteousness of God... this word righteousness bears so much weight and it is worth exploring what this "righteousness of God" means.

The dictionary definition of righteous is "(of a person or conduct) morally right or justifiable; virtuous." Right off the bat we can already see issues. "Morally right or justifiable." Whose decision is it to declare a person or action just? Is the action justified or unjustified depending on who is doing said action? Whose moral compass are we using to judge the morality of others? Our own?

The long and short of it is that as long as we continue to seek and strive for righteousness according to ourselves, we will never find it, we will never be satisfied, and we certainly will never be free.

Then Paul comes in with this statement: "Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God." Through Christ, you

have been made righteous before God. Through Christ, this righteousness has been given to you. This is the freeing word that is found at the end of the Lenten season. Like a pot of gold at the end of a rainbow, there lies the Cross of Christ. Instead of riches, we comes to a place where all of our sins, all of our attempts at our own righteousness, are laid. Instead of gold, we are given eternal life, salvation, and forgiveness in God's name now and forever.

As we wrap up this season of lent, drawing ever nearer to the cross of Christ and the empty tomb of Easter morning, know that Christ has reconciled you to God. He has made the plea on your behalf. In His name, may you have new life each and everyday.

This is most certainly true.
Pastor Max





Please Plan To Attend

VCIS Youth will be serving brunch AFTER Easter Sunday Service.
 Free will donations will go towards Mission Trip support.

April Worship Helpers Schedule

April 3 (Communion)

Reader Kayla Larsen
 Acolytes Reagan & Nora Rudd
 Communion Helper Zoey Christensen
 Organist/PianistAnnet Kropuenske

April 10 (Communion)

Reader Janet Munkvold
 Acolytes Carston & Lincoln Mellem
 Communion Helper Zoey Christensen
 Organist/PianistAnnet Kropuenske

April 17 (Communion)

ReaderYouth Group
 Acolytes Brooklyn & Emily Ludens
 Communion HelperRyder Christensen
 Organist/PianistBrenda Whitehead

April 24 (Contemporary)

Reader Karen Larsen
 Acolytes Reagan & Nora Rudd
 Music Praise Band

April Ushers

Kristi Johnson and Kari Novak
 Mike and Sandra Swensen
 Kelly Sorensen
 Gayle and Rita Westergaard

Church Cleaners (April 3 - 15)

Elaine Lee, Brenda Lee, and
 Kaye Lee

Church Cleaners (April 17 & 24)

Kaye Lee, Faydra Christensen,
 Tena Johansen



Baby Shower

Please join us at an Open House at Spring Valley on April 24th at 2:00 in honor of Amber Johansen to welcome baby boy Johansen arriving in June. Amber and Allen are registered at Target. All are welcome!
 Hosted by: Tena Johansen and Stacey Kirschenman



April 2022 Church Calendar

For complete information and additional details, please visit www.svlcvib.org/calendar/

April 3

9:15AM Sunday School
9:30AM Bible Study
10:30AM Worship Service
7:00PM Council Meeting

April 6

7:30AM Bible Study
7:00PM Lenten Service @ SVLC

April 10

9:15AM Sunday School
10:30AM Palm Sunday (Communion)
5:00PM Lenten Presentation "Living Last Supper"

April 11

7:00PM Lenten Presentation "Living Last Supper"

April 12

7:00PM Lenten Presentation "Living Last Supper"

April 13

7:30AM Bible Study
7:00PM Lenten Presentation "Living Last Supper"

April 14

7:00PM Maundy Thursday (Communion)(SVLC)

April 15

7:00PM Good Friday (OSLC)

April 17

No Sunday School
7:30AM Easter Sunday Service
After worship - Easter Sunday Brunch

April 20

7:30AM Bible Study
3:45PM - 5:00PM Jr VCIS
5:30PM Confirmation
7:00PM VCIS

April 24

9:15AM Sunday School
10:30AM Worship Service (Contemporary)
Baby Shower Open House

April 25

Newsletter Deadline

April 27

7:30AM Bible Study
3:45PM - 5:00PM Jr VCIS
5:30PM Confirmation
7:00PM VCIS



April Scripture Readings

April 3

Isaiah 43:16-21, Psalm 126,
Philippians 3:4b-14, John 12:1-8

April 10

Isaiah 50:4-9a, Psalm 31:9-16,
Philippians 2:5-11, Luke 23:1-49

April 14 Maundy Thursday

Psalm 116:10-17, Jeremiah 31:31-34,
Hebrews 10:15-39, Luke 22:7-20

April 15 Good Friday

Isaiah 52:13-53:12, Psalm 22,
Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9, John 18:1-19:42

April 17 Easter Sunday

Isaiah 52:13-53:12, Psalm 22,
Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9, John 18:1-19:42

April 24

Acts 5:27-32, Psalm 150,
Revelation 1:4-8, John 20:19-31

Looking Ahead May 2022

May 1

9:15AM Sunday School
10:30AM Worship Service
7:00PM Council Meeting

May 4


7:30AM Bible Study
3:45PM - 5:00PM Jr VCIS
5:30PM Confirmation
7:00PM VCIS

May 8

9:15AM Sunday School
10:30AM Worship Service



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The Living Last Supper

Come witness a Holy Week event as 13 men gather to present a brief telling of the lives of Jesus and the 12 Disciples before and after their calling to follow Christ.

April 10 at 5PM

Scandia Lutheran Church, Centerville

April 11 at 7:00PM

Riverview Reformed Church, Yankton

April 12 at 7:00PM

Spring Valley Lutheran Church, Viborg

April 13 at 7:00PM

Redeemer Free Lutheran Church, Canton