

THE KEYS



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Fr. Seeley's Corner

Victory, The triumph of the Kingdom of God!

Jesus came to earth to conquer by sweetness, by love.

Now this may sound corny, like a bad Hallmark card, but you have to understand that not all sweetness is the same, nor is all love the same. To love someone you have to wish good for them. This might mean disciplining them when they act wrongly or make bad choices, and it might even mean making them mad.

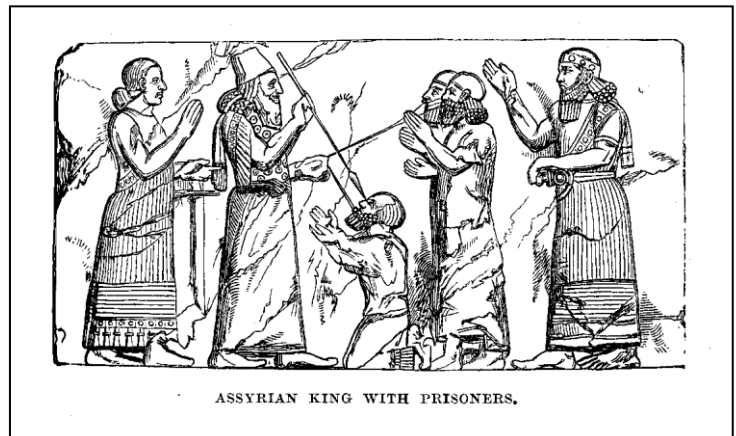
When God sought to conquer the world, He did it by giving Himself for a sacrifice to redeem mankind and to reconcile mankind to God. This action invited mankind to an intimate relationship with God through Jesus Christ. So how does this conquer the world? By each soul entering into God and by the divine indwelling which means that God's love becomes our love. Thus, where conquering used to be accomplished by physically submitting one people to another, this conquering came when one people loves one another and seeks to do them good.

The people thus conquered by love, then seek to love back those who love them. This results in two groups of people who seek to help, love and serve the other. Jesus came to serve, not be served, so when a people follow Jesus Christ, they take it as a duty to love and serve their neighbor.

When people love something, they cherish it and beauty is the result. This beauty attracts, and soon others who do not know the love of God inquire about this beauty, and when they learn that it is the fruit of love of neighbor, and that these people wish them no harm but rather seek to love them, then are they attracted to this religion, and they join, and they become servants of their fellow man, and thus they are conquered.

So Jesus came to conquer. Not to physically subdue peoples under His reign, but to teach men to love their neighbor, and by loving their neighbor to conquer their hearts. So now we understand how Jesus conquered the hearts of people, that does not explain why he is, this night, born in a manger.

It may feel like a potato sack race, walking with Jesus, where we are constantly stumbling and tripping, and our walk may feel very one-sided with Jesus doing all of the work, and us creating all of the problems. But you know what it also means? That as we seek to love our neighbor, or neighbor will recognize that we who are fallen can make efforts to love and forgive our neighbor, then our neighbor will make those same efforts. Conquest! Two people who seek to



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forgive and love each other. No empire in the world was as effective as two people who seek to forgive and love each other.

Church pillars, etc. got repainted!

Just after the Doors got refinished and new brass kickplates were put on.

More Facelift! Phil Williams and Clemens von Claparède-Crola work on the new reredos to go behind our altar & showcase our lovely icon crucifix!



Fr. Peter speaking at Buddy Check 22 on December 22nd at Radford's Macado's. He spoke on the subject of Avoiding Shame despite Financial Constraints and Debt. Buddy Check 22 is an organization for supporting Veterans and promoting Suicide Awareness and Prevention.



News and Announcements

Beginning January 13th, we will have a book study "Holy Gyros" - initially at Pizzana on Rt. 8 towards Riner, Tuesdays, 7 PM.

Jan. 4th: Ecumenical Epiphany Service, Our Savior Lutheran, 4 PM; Evensong & Benediction, 6 PM.

Jan. 6th: The Epiphany, Festival Holy Eucharist - 7 PM. ***Schedule your Epiphany House Blessing!***

Jan. 11th: First Sunday after Epiphany, Epiphany House Blessing of Parish House following 10 AM mass.

Jan. 13th: "Holy Gyros" at Pizzana on Rt 8 on the way to Riner, 7 PM.

Jan. 20th: "Holy Gyros" Location TBD, 7 PM.

Jan. 21st: Vestry Meeting at 7:30 PM; Preceded by mass at 7 PM.

Jan. 27th: "Holy Gyros" Location TBD, 7 PM.

Jan 28th: The Conversion of St. Paul, transferred - 6 PM.

Feb. 1st: Septuagesima Sunday; Solemn Evenson & Benediction of the Eve of Candlemas, 6 PM.

Feb. 2nd: Candlemas, Festive Holy Eucharist, 7 PM.

Feb. 3rd: "Holy Gyros" Location TBD, 7 PM.

Feb. 10th: "Holy Gyros" Location TBD, 7 PM.

February Vestry Meeting TBD. Mass at 7 PM.

Feb. 17th: "Holy Gyros" Location TBD, 7 PM.

Feb. 18th: Ash Wednesday, Services at 12 Noon & 6 PM.

Feb. 24th: "Holy Gyros" Location TBD, 7 PM.

JANUARY, 2026						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
LEGEND: HC - Holy Communion; FHE – Festal Holy Eucharist; HE - Holy Eucharist; SS – Sunday School; PG - Prayer Group; EP – Evening Prayer; MP – Morning Prayer; P&HU – Prayers and Holy Unction				[1] 12 noon HC	[2]	[3]
[4] 8:00 a.m. MP & HC 10:00 a.m. HE, SS 6:00 pm Evensong & Benediction CHRISTMAS II	[5]	[6] 7:00 pm FHE EPIPHANY	[7]	[8] 12 noon HC	[9]	[10]
[11] 8:00 a.m. MP & HC 10:00 a.m. HE, SS EPIPHANY I	[12]	[13]	[14]	[15] 12 noon HC	[16]	[17]
[18] 8:00 a.m. MP & HC 10:00 a.m. HE, SS EPIPHANY II	[19]	[20]	[21] 7:00 p.m. HC 7:30 p.m. Vestry	[22] 12 noon HC	[23]	[24]
[25] 8:00 a.m. MP & HC 10:00 a.m. HE, SS EPIPHANY III	[26]	[27]	[28] 6:00 pm HE CONVERSION OF ST. PAUL	[29] 12 noon HC	[30]	[31]

IN THE LORD'S SERVICE

If you cannot fulfill your assigned duty because of an urgent reason, PLEASE SECURE A REPLACEMENT.

	January 4	January 11	January 18	January 25
Coffee Hour	E. Paisley	L. Olver	V. Williams	G. Terrell
Epistoler 8 a.m.	D. Drysdale	C. Von Claparede	G. Mauney	D. Drysdale
Epistoler 10 a.m.	P. Williams	G. Terrell	T. Paisley	P. Williams

Altar servers and ushers will be assigned as available before each service.

2026 Vestry (term end): Clemens Von Claparede (?27), Dan Drysdale (?27), George Mauney (?28), Ted Paisley (?28), George Terrell (?26), Vicki Williams (?26)

FEBRUARY, 2026						
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[1] 8:00 a.m. MP & HC 10:00 a.m. HE, SS 6:00 p.m. Evensong & Benediction SEPTUAGESIMA	[2] 7:00 pm FHE CANDLEMAS	[3]	[4]	[5] 12 noon HC	[6]	[7]
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[15] 8:00 a.m. MP & HC 10:00 a.m. HE, SS QUINQUAGESIMA	[16]	[17]	[18] 12 noon HC 6:00 pm HC ASH WEDNESDAY	[19] 12 noon HC	[20]	[21]
[22] 8:00 a.m. MP & HC 10:00 a.m. HE, SS LENT I	[23]	[24]	[25]	[26] 12 noon HC	[27]	[28]
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	February 1	February 8	February 15	February 22
Coffee Hour	M. Slayton	B. Von Claparede	S. Darby	C. Kurstedt
Epistoler 8 a.m.	D. Drysdale	G. Mauney	C. Von Claparede	D. Drysdale
Epistoler 10 a.m.	G. Terrell	T. Paisley	P. Williams	T. Paisley

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