Kirkkopulletiini
OF FINNISH LUTHERAN CHURCH
September - October 2024

“Armosta Jumala on teidät pelastanut antamalla teille uskon. Pelastus ei ole lähtöisin teistä, vaan se on Jumalan lahja. Se ei perustu ihmisen tekoihin, jottei kukaan voisi ylpeillä.” — Kirje efesolaisille 2:8-9

Tämä Raamatun kappale muistuttaa meita uskomme ytimessä olevasta syvästä totuudesta: armosta. Tätä vapaasti annettua armoa emme voi ansaita. Se on lahja, joka kumpuaa Vapahtajamme Jeesuksen Kristuksen rajattomasta rakkaudesta.

Maailmassa, jossa arvoa usein mitataan saavutuksilla tai asemalla, tämä sanoma vakuuttaa meidät siitä, että arvomme tulee Jumalan ansaitsemattomasta suosiosta. Hänen armonsa peittää epätäydellisyytemme, parantaa meidät rikkinäisyydestämme ja antaa meille voiman elää palveluksen ja kiitollisuuden kautta.

Iloitkaamme tänään tästä upeasta lahjasta. Muistakaamme, että emme pelastu omien tekojemme kautta, vaan uskon kautta Kristukseen. Muuttakoon tämä totuus meidät – kutsuen meitä suomaan saman armon muille, aivan kuten se on osoitettu meille.

Olkoon nämä jakeet muistutuksena saamastamme rajattomasta armosta ja ohjatkoon se sydämiämme siirtyessämme kesäkaudesta syksyyn.

"For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast." — Ephesians 2:8-9

We are reminded of the profound truth at the heart of our faith: grace. This grace, freely given, is not something we can earn or deserve. It is a gift, flowing from the boundless love of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

In a world that often measures worth by accomplishments or status, we are called to rest in the assurance that our worth comes from God’s unmerited favor. His grace covers our imperfections, lifts us from our brokenness, and empowers us to live lives of service and gratitude.

Let us rejoice today in this amazing gift. May we remember that we are saved not by our own doing, but through faith in Christ. And let this truth transform us—calling us to extend the same grace to others, just as it has been extended to us.

May this passage serve as a reminder of the incredible grace we have received, and may it guide our hearts as we transition from summer to fall.

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The end of June marked a time when we had to say goodbye to Pastor Nina and her husband Greg who have been such a blessing to our congregation for the past three years. FLC has kept its activities going since then, thanks to many visiting pastors who have become true friends to our church over the years. But, as we all know, the feel and extent of our operation is not the same without our own pastor.

All that said, there are happy and exciting news in the sense that Pastor Marita Toivonen has been granted a work visa to the United States. Pastor Marita and the FLC Council are working together on arrangements to bring her to Seattle, she is expected to start her work at our church at the beginning of December.

Many FLC members participated in the Finnish Expatriate Choir concert tour in Finland in August. The tour included concerts in Helsinki, Tampere, Turku, Hämeenlinna and Lahti and was both a great musical success and a once-in-a-lifetime experience for the participants. Besides the singers' musical talent, the success was due to the monumental and skilled effort shown by the organizing directors, our own Music Director Maria Männistö and her now-longtime collaborator Eva-Christina Pietarinen.

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September and October at FLC

September

September 29th – Service at FLC church, 8504 13th Ave NW, Seattle WA 98117, Pastor Kristy Daniels
Coffee and refreshments after the services.

October

October 6th – Service at FLC church, 8504 13th Ave NW, Seattle WA 98117, Pastor Marita Toivonen
October 13th – Musical hour at FLC church, 8504 13th Ave NW, Seattle WA 98117, no pastor
October 20th - Service at St. Andrew's Lutheran Church, 2650 148th Ave SE, Bellevue WA 98007, Pastor Kristy Daniels
October 27th - Service at FLC church, 8504 13th Ave NW, Seattle WA 98117, Pastor Jukka Joensuu
Coffee and refreshments after the services.

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SEPTEMBER 2024 SYYSKUU

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 Pirkka	2 Sinikka, Sini, Justus	3 Soile, Soili, Soila	4 Ansa	5 Roni, Minio	6 Asko, Felix	7 Miro, Milo, Arho, Arhippa
8 Taimi	9 Vertti, Isto, Evert	10 Kalevi, Kaleva	11 Santeri, Santtu, Sandra, Aleksanteri	12 Vilja, Valma	13 Orvo	14 Iida, Isla, Iita
15 Sirpa	16 Hilla, Hellevi, Hillevi, Hille	17 Aila, Aili	18 Tytti, Tyyne, Tyyni	19 Reija	20 Varpu, Vaula	21 Mervi
22 Mauri	23 Minja, Miisa, Mielikki	24 Alvar, Auno	25 Kullervo	26 Kuisma	27 Vesa	28 Arja, Lenni
29 Mikko, Mika, Mikael, Miika, Miikka, Miska, Miko, Mikaela	30 Siru, Sirja, Sorja					

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LOKAKUU 2024 OCTOBER

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1 Rauno, Rainer, Raine, Raino	2 Valio	3 Raimo	4 Saija, Saila, Frans	5 Inka, Inkeri
6 Pinja, Minttu	7 Pirjo, Pirkko, Birgitta, Pipsa, Piritta, Pirita	8 Hilja	9 Ilona	10 Aleksi, Aleksis	11 Otso, Ohto	12 Aarre, Aarto
13 Tanja, Taina, Taija	14 Elsa, Elsi, Else	15 Helvi, Heta	16 Sirkka, Sirkku, Stella, Luna	17 Saana, Saaga, Saini	18 Satu, Luka, Luukas, Säde	19 Uljas
20 Kasper, Jasper, Kasperi, Jesper, Kauno	21 Ursula	22 Anja, Anita, Anniina, Anette, Anitta, Nita	23 Severi	24 Rasmus, Asmo	25 Sointu	26 Nina, Niina, Amanda, Ninni, Manta
27 Heli, Hellä, Hellin, Helle	28 Simo	29 Alfred, Urmas	30 Eila	31 Arto, Arttu, Artturi		

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Finnish Lutheran Church is located in Crown Hill, serving all the Finns in the Washington State area and people with any interest in Finnish language or culture. We have services both in **English** and in **Finnish** with Finnish Liturgy **every Sunday at 10 am,** everybody is welcome!!!! Finnish music is presented with our numerous and gifted members and friends. You are welcome to stay for coffee and refreshments after church and get to know new people!