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Thuringia

Newsletter of the Anglican-Episcopal Ministry in Thuringia

“Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?” – Luke 24:32



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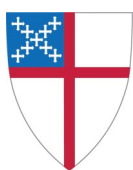
Two disciples were on the way between Jerusalem and Emmaus (12km). Sad beyond belief. Jesus, their friend, and mentor died a horrible death on a Roman cross. They had all had so much hope in his promises of God's kingdom breaking into their lives. He made them feel so alive. Now they felt dead inside. And then, that same Jesus – now the risen Christ, joined them along their way of grief. He helped them understand God's word. Upon their invitation, he stayed with them for some “bread breaking” (for Luke this means Eucharist).

In this “bread breaking” they finally recognized him for who he was. It all made sense. Jesus is alive. Alive in scripture. Setting our hearts ablaze. Making himself known in the breaking of the bread again and again, even today. Easter is encountering the Risen Christ along our way, individually and as a community. Easter is telling the story of hope in the face of death. Easter is giving thanks for God's love. +Fr. Scott

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how to help the Ukraine see page 2



*For remember it is Easter morn,
and life and love and peace are all new born.*

-Alice Freeman Palmer-

Services in Weimar:

Location: **Kreuzkirche** (W.-Shakespeare-Str. 13, 99423 Weimar)

Monday,	11 April 2022	Evening Worship*	18:00h
Saturday,	23 April 2022	Eucharist*	17:00h
Monday,	9 May 2022	Evening Worship*	18:00h
Saturday,	21 May 2022	Eucharist*	17:00h
Monday,	13 June 2022	Evening Worship*	18:00h
Saturday,	25 June 2022	Eucharist*	17:00h

*Please note: All services are subject to cancellation or change.

Pentecost Service in the Jakobskirche*

Monday, 6 June 2022 at 11:00h:

English worship on Whit Monday/Pentecost Monday has become a tradition in Weimar and **St. Michael's Church** has acted as a partner for this event for the last few years. Please join us, the Rev. Dr. Michael Haspel, and The Jakob Singers at this special service.

The Old Catholic community of Thuringia, our brothers and sisters in the Anglican Communion, will be holding German services at the Kreuzkirche on a regular basis beginning in May. Interested persons can contact Moray Patterson for more information.

Saturday, 7 May 17:00h
Saturday, 11 June 17:00h

Services in Erfurt:

Location: **Augustinerkirche** (Augustinerstr. 10, 99084 Erfurt)

Every Thursday Evening Worship* 18:00h

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The Sunflower, a symbol of Peace

Over the last weeks, the sunflower— or *soniashnyk* in Ukrainian— has become one of the many ways the world is showing solidarity with the Ukraine. The national flower has been growing in the Ukraine since the mid-18th century. Throughout the country's history, the flower has been a symbol of peace. In June of 1996, to celebrate the country giving up nuclear weapons, U.S., Russian and Ukrainian defence ministers planted sunflowers at Pervomaysk missile base located in southern Ukraine. More than 25 years after that ceremony, the flower has become the voice of a world calling on leaders to plant seeds of peace.

Source: What to know about the meaning of Sunflowers in Ukraine by Olivia Waxman (time.com/sunflowers-ukraine-history)



*Peace is not merely a distant goal that we seek,
but a means by which we arrive at that goal. - Martin Luther King, Jr. -*

Peace seems to be this thing that we can't quite attain. And, when we think we have it, it slips between our fingers. We hope and pray for peace quite often. We want the peace that the angels sang at Jesus' birth: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth. I think one reason it is so difficult, is because we view peace as a noun. It is a thing to be had, a thing someone or maybe even God brings into existence. I would like to invite us all to see peace not as a noun but as a verb. I peace, you peace, he/she/it peaces. Maybe if we see it as a verb, we ourselves might become more active in bringing it about when we feel it isn't there. When I want a song, I sing. When I want to sweat, I move. When I want there to be peace, I can peace. +Fr. Scott

*It isn't enough to talk about peace,
One must believe in it.
And it isn't enough to believe in it,
One must work at it.
-Eleanor Roosevelt-*

In lieu of „Fun Facts“, some information about how to help the people of the Ukraine by supporting projects in your area:

In Weimar:

<https://stadt.weimar.de/aktuell/ukraine/>

<https://www.buergerstiftung-weimar.de/aktuelles/nachricht/news/ukraine-hilfe-1/>

In Erfurt:

<https://www.erfurt.de/ef/de/service/aktuelles/topthemen/ukraine/index.html>

In Jena:

<https://rathaus.jena.de/de/aufnahme-ukrainischer-kriegsfluechtlinge>

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*Peace I leave with you;
My Peace I give to you.
I do not give to you as the world
gives.
Do not let your hearts be troubled
and do not be afraid.
-John 14:27-*