



Sermon
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“Yaam Kws Tseem Ceeb”

Fifth Sunday in Lent
Our Savior Lutheran Church
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Thov txuj koobmoov txujkev hlub hab txujkev humxeeb pub suawvdlawg lug ntawm Vaajtswv kws yog peb Leejtxiv kws yog peb tug Camwseej Tswv Yexus Khetos. Asmees.

Filipis 3:8 “Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ – *Tsi yog kuv suav hastas tej ntawd tsi muaj nqes xwb, tabsis yog txhua yaam huv tuabsi, rua qhov kuv xaav tau yaam kws muaj nqes heev dlua tej ntawd; Yaam kws kuv xaav tau ntawd yog qhov kws kuv xaav muab sab npuab Yexus Khetos tug kws yog kuv tug Tswv heev dlua yaav taag lug. Kuv ua kuv lub neej kuas hum Yexus Khetos sab, kuv txhaj le tso ib puas tsaav yaam tseg.*” Nuav Yog Vaajtswv Txujlug. (Cross reference – Nkauj Qhuas Vaajtswv 73:25, Yauhaas 17:3, Loos 8:39, Efexaus 4:13, Filipis 1:1; 3:10, 12, 2 Peter 1:2-3, 8).

Illustration “Khaw yaam kws tsis zoo” (Show Persia ancient crown and modern tote bag of Darius)



300 xyoo ua ntej yug Tswv Yexus, Alexander the Great txeeb tau Persian Empire, nwg nteg hab txeeb tau tej vaajloog ntawm tug vaajntxwv Darius. Nwg cov tubrog tshawb txhua qhov chaws hab nrhav tau tej nyaj txag nrug rua tej khoom tseemcee kws muaj nuj nqe heev. Muaj ib tug tubrog nrhav tau ib lub naab tawv

kws ntim vaajntxwv “Persia crown and gold - *Pawxias lub kausmom ua vaajntxwv hab kub.*” Vim nwg tsi paub, nwg txawm muab cov nyaj kub hab lub kausmom povtseg taag. Nwg lug khaav rua nwg cov phoojywg tub rog hastas: “Mej saib! Kuv tau ib lub naab tawv zoo heev le.”

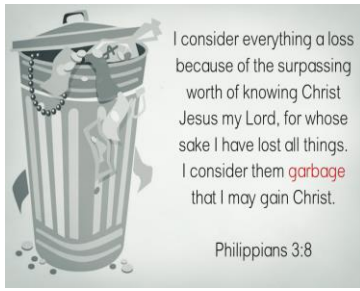
I. Peb txhua leej txhua tug puas tau ua le nuav. Peb muab yaam zoo pov tseg es kawg yaam phem. Ca kuv muab ib yaam lug pivtxwv rua mej: (Show keep the good)



Keep the good leave the bad :)

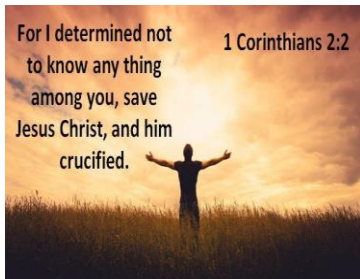
Thaum yug tus vaaj tus tsev yug muab txhua yaam kws yug hastas yug tsi yuav lawm povtseg taag. Thaum yug tus taag yug kuj zoo sab hlo tas txug taav nuav yug lub tsev le maam zoo saib. Koj nyuam qhuav su lug sav xwb koj cov miv nyuas lug noog koj tas, “Txiv, Kuv cov homework kws kuv muab cas ntawm nuav koj muab rua qhov twg lawm. Koj tug quas puj ho noog hastas koj txiv koj puas pum kuv dlaim nqes kws kuv yuav muab xaa moog them nqe rua JC Penny moog qhov twg lawm hab. Qhov tseeb tag, koj yuavtsum kawg cov tseemcee tabsi koj ho muab cov tseemcee pov tseg taag lawm hab.

Peb txuj kev ntseeg los zoo ib yaam le nuav hab. Peb muab yaam kws yuav tau txujsa moog ibtxhis sau ntuj ceebtsheej tso pov tseg es peb ho moog khaw tej khoom nplajteb kws nwg yuav lwj, yuav yaaj hab yuav pluj moog. Mej puas tau muab mej txujkev ntseeg tso povtseg es moog khaw khoom nplajteb tsuav zoo mej sab xwb? Yog peb xaav tau txhua yaam huv nplajteb nuav thaum kawg peb yuav nplaam huv tuabsi. Peb yuav tsi tau txujsa kws yog yaam kws tseem ceeb. (Show Philipians 3:8)



Tug Thwjtim Paulus txhaj le sau hastas “Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ – *Tsi yog kuv suav hastas tej ntawd tsi muaj nqes xwb, tabsis yog txhua yaam huv tuabsi, rua qhov kuv xaav tau yaam kws muaj nqes heev dlua tej ntawd; Yaam kws kuv xaav tau ntawd yog qhov kws kuv xaav muab sab npuab Yexus Khetos tug kws yog kuv tug Tswv heev dlua yaav taag lug. Kuv ua kuv lub neej kuas hum Yexus Khetos*

sab, kuv txhaj le tso ib puas tsaav yaam tseg.” (Filipis 3:8) Paulus paub qhov khoom kws zoo hab qhov tsi zoo. Nwg yeej paub qhov kws yuav muab khaw cas losyog muab povtseg. Nwg txhaj hastas Tswv Yexus txhaj yog txuj kev xwb. Yexus txhaj le yog yaam kws tseem ceeb. (Show 1 Corinthians 2:2)



Peb ua tuabneeg nyob yog peb nov leejtwg qhua txug tej yaam los ib tug twg xws le ib leej yawm koob puj koob qhuas txug puab tej xeebntxwv, los yog ib leej nam ib leejtxiv qhuas txug nws tej tub tej ntxhais. Qhov nuav qha tau hastas koj yeej paub lawm tas qhov nuav yog ib qhov tseem ceeb heev rua nwg, nwg txhaj qhuas. Thaum Paulus sau tsaab ntawv moog rua cov ntseeg nyob rua Kauleethaus hastas, “For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified – *Rua qhov kuv npaaj sab has tas thaus kuv tuaj txug tim mej, kuv yuav tsi qha lwm zaaj*

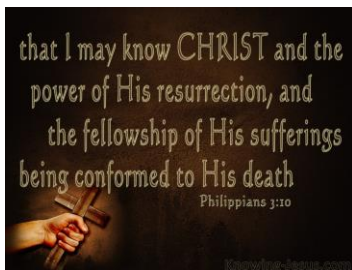
rua mej le, kuv tsuas qha kuas mej paub Yexus Khetos hab qhov kws Yexus tuag sau tug ntoo khaublig rua mej xwb.” (1 Kauleethaus 2:2). (Show Paul meeting Jesus at the road to Damascus)



Thaum kws Yexus tshwm rua Paulus pum tom txuj kev Damuxes, Paulus maam le paub qhov tseeb tas nwg tug Cawmseej yog leejtwg tag hab txhaj yog yaam kws tseem ceeb. Lub sijhawm nuav nwg pum tau tas txawm tej dlejnum zoo kws nwg ua tau los nwg tseem yog ib tug tuabneeg kws muaj kev txhum. Tabsis nwg rov paub tas tseem muaj tug cawmseej kws lug theej nwg tej kev txhum sau tug ntoo khaublig lawm. Tseem tshuav dlaabtsi hab txhaj tseem yuav zoo tshaaj nuav ntxiv lawm? Paulus hastas txhua yaam kws yog nwg tau puav leej yog swb taag lug rua ntawm

Vaajtswv. Lub homphaj huv nwg lub neej, tej koob meej kws nwg tau muaj lug ntawm tej kev txawj kev ntse zoo le tej khoom haavtsuag lawm xwb. Tswv Yexus Khetos txhaj le yog yaam kws tseem ceeb.

II. Tug Thwjtim Paulus yog ibtug thawj ntawm cov Falixais. Nwg muaj koob nto npe. Nwg muab txhua yaam tso pov tseg xum tsi yuav tej ntawd. (Show Philippians 3:8)



Nwg xum lug ntseeg Vaajtswv hab ua nwg teg dlejnum. Tej zag ntseg nwg cov phooj ywg, tej txheeb ze yuav has rua nwg hastas, “You are crazy – *Koj vwm lawm lauj.*” Koj lub meejmom, koj tej kev txawj ntse caag tsi siv rua lwm yaam es koj muab txhua yaam kws koj muaj tso plhuav tseg es lug ntseeg Yexus? Txawm lwmtug yuav thum Paulus le nuav los Paulus sau hastas, “that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death – *Yaam kws kuv xaav yuav heev dlua lwm yaam huv tuabsi yog qhov kws kuv xaav*

paub Yexus Khetos hab xaav tau lub fwjchim kws ua rua Yexus sawv huv qhov tuag rov qaab lug. Kuv zoo sab nruag nwg raug kev txomnyem hab kuv xaav muaj lub sab zoo le nwg lub thaus nwg raug kev

tuag.” (Filipis 3:10). Mej sim saib nuav zoo le caag. Paulus tso txhua yaam tseg – txawm nwg txujsa los nwg tsi khauxwm tsuav nwg tau yaam kws tseem ceeb tshaaj lwm yaam. (Show heaven or hell)



Coob leej ntau tug tsi kheev muab txhua yaam tso tseg es ua lub neej rua ntawm Tswv Yexus Khetos. Koj yuav xaiv ntuj ceebtsheej losyog xaiv ntujtawg teb. Tau le 7 xyoo lug lawm wb muaj ibtug dlaablaug tuaj tebchaws nplog tuaj saib cov kwvtij rua tebchaw Asmesliskas nuav. Nwg yuav lug ntseeg Vaajtswv hab ua kevcai ntxuav. Kuv tub npaaj tuabsi lawm tabsis muaj cov kwvtij cheem nwg hastas vim nwg tsi tau muaj kev ntseeg ntev nwg yuavtsum tsi txhob ua kevcai ntxuav. Yog le ntawd nwg txhaj le tsi ua kevcai ntxuav vim nwg ntseeg nwg cov kwvtij heev dlua le

Vaajtswv txujlug. Thaus nwg rov moog txug nplog teb tau le 6 hli xwb nwg mob cancer ua rua nwg lub plaab khov taag hab nwg tau taag simneej. Puab ua kevcai qeej nruag rua nwg vim nwg tsi tau ntseeg Vaajtswv. Tug dlaablaug nuav muaj kev lug txais txujsa kws yog yaam tseemcee ntawm Vaajtswv tabsis nwg tsis kheev leeg. Thaus nwg lug neej kawg nwg txhaj le tsi tau moog ntuj ceebtsheej vim nwg tsi ntseeg. Tug Tug kws ntseeg yuav tsi raug txavtxim tabsis tug kws tsi ntseeg tub raug txavtxim lawm. (Yauhaas 3:18) (Show money)



Muaj ib zaaj cowboy movie, muaj ib cov tub saab taab tom “Robbed – Nyag” ib lub “train – tsheb nqaaj hlau.” Thaum cov nplaum kws puab caw taus tawg ntawm lub chaw ca nyaj ua cov nyaj yaas txhua qhov chaws. Ib cov kawg tsiv nrawm nroog moog dleb lawm vim puab pum cov tub ceevwm tuaj yuav txug puab. Ib cov pheej tsi tsiv vim puab ntshaws cov nyaj ntawd heev. Puab pheej kawg es tsi tso plhuav tseg. Thaus cov tub ceevwm caum tuaj txug puab tau sib tuas ua rua cov tseem kawg tej

nyaj ntawd tuag taag huv tuabsi. Peb tuabneeg zoo le nuav vim peb tsi muaj kev ntseeg txaus hab ntshaws khoom nplajteb ntaus dlua le Vaajtswv txuj kev kws yog qhov tseeb.

III. Cov kwvtij phoojywg suavdlawg, mej hab kuv nes, peb puas muab yaam kws tseem ceeb kws yog Tswv Yexus Khetos saib zoo dlua le lwm yaam? Tswv Yexus Kheto puas yog yaam kws tseem ceeb huv koj lub neej? Peb puas kheev muab txhua yaam tso tseg es ca le lug nrug nwg moog? Koj puas kheev muab khoom nplajteb nuav tso plhuav tseg es tsuav koj tau lub neej rua ntawm Tswv Yexus Khetos xwb? (Show Jesus suffering)



Lub “Lent –Caij leegtxim” nuav yog peb ncu txug Yexus raug txuj kev tsimtxom hab tuag. Peb ncu txug Nwg raug luag tham, luag nplawm ua rua nwg tej nqaj ndluag ntshaav ndlwg. Puab muab lub kausmom xuav paug coj lub chob nwg lub taub haus. Peb nov txug Yexus cov Thwjt看 tsi leeg paub Yexus hab cov Loos tubrog tsim txom Yexus heev npaum caag? Vim le caag Vaajtswv tug Tub txhaj le yuav lug raug kev tsimtxom npaum le ntawd? Vim le caag Yexus lug tuag theej tug tuabneeg muaj kev txhum zoo le koj hab zoo le kuv nuav? Mej puas xaav tas, rua ntawm Tswv

Yexus, Koj hab kuv nua yog yaam kws tseem ceeb tshaaj plawg rua nwg? Koj puas xaav hastas, Yexus xaav kuas peb txhuatug tau txujsa ntev dhawv moog ib txhis? (Show crown of thorn and crown of glory)



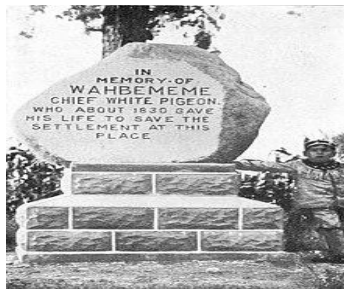
Nwg muab nwg lub kausmom sau ntuj ceeb tsheej tso tseg lug ntoo lub kausmom xuav paug huv nplajteb nuav. Nwg tso tej kev tau zoo tseg rua saum ntuj ceeb tsheej lug raug kev ntsub kev tham huv nplajteb nuav.

Nwg ua txhua yaam le nuav, tsuav nwg cawm tau peb txhua tug vim peb yog yaam kws tseem ceeb tshaaj rua nwg. (Show 1 Corinthians 2:6-8)



Paulus txhaj le sau hastas, “Yet among the mature we do impart wisdom, although it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to pass away. But we impart a secret and hidden wisdom of God, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. None of the rulers of this age understood this, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory – *Yexus yeej muaj fwjchim sis luag zog le Vaajtswv, tabsis nwg tsi tau xaav has tas, nwg yuav tuav lub fwjchim ntawd moog le. Tabsis nwg zoo sab tso ib puas tsaav yaam tseg, nwg lug*

yug ua tuabneeg. Nwg ua nwg lub neej zoo le ib tug tubkhai, hab nwg txu fwjchim. Nwg txu fwjchim hab naj nub ua lawv le Vaajtswv lub sab nyam, txawm yog tuabneeg muab nwg ntsa rua sau ntoo Khaublig los nwg tseem noog Vaajtswv lug.” (1 Kaulethaus 2:6-8). Yexus lug ris taag nrho peb txujkev txhum rua ntawm tug ntoo Khaublig. Nwg tuag theej peb txujkev txhum ntxuav taag nrho peb lub txim kuas peb txhaj le muaj feem cuam moog cuag tau Vaajtswv. (Show statue of Chief White Pigeon)



Nyob rua nraag qaabteb Indiana, muaj ib lub zog hu ua “White Pigeon – *Tug Nquab Dlawb.*” Thaum cov pejxeem suavdlawg taab tom tuaj nyob zaaj teb chaws ntawd puab tau ntaus kev phoojywg nrug ib tug Indian Chief hu ua “White Pigeon – *Tug Nquab Dlawb.*” Muaj ib nub “White Pigeon – *Tug Nquab Dlawb.*” tau moog tshaam dleb dleb lawm. Nwg nov txug tas yuav muaj ib cov Indian kws muaj lub sab phem yuav tuaj muab lub zog ntawd tua kuas tus noob. Nwg dlag dleb heev lug txug ntawm ntug zog. Thaum nwg lug qha puab txug cov xwmtxheej taag ces nws txawm

ca le qhaug hab tuag lawm rua txujkev “die of exhaustion – *tuag rua txujkev qaug zug.*” Lub zog nuav txhaj muab tis npe hu ua “White Pigeon – *Tug Nquab Dlawb*” ua koobtsheej ncu txug nwg tej txaj ntsig kws nwg tau cawm puab. Yog mej leej twg moog txug White Pigeon mej yuav pum ib tug pentuam (Monument) sau tas: “Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends - *Txuj kev hlub tsi muaj tuabneeg yuav zoo tshaaj le nuav, tas muaj lwmtug tuabneeg txu nwg txujsa rua nwg cov phoojywg.*” (John 15:13). (Show season of Lent)



Lub “Lent – *Caij leegtxim*” rov ua kua koj ncu ntsoov txug hastas Vaajtswv suav peb txhuatug lug ua nwg le lawm nwg txhaj le lug theej nplajteb txujkev txhum. Peb tug petuam yog Vaajtswv tug ntoo Khaublig. Vim Vaajtswv txujkev hlub rua peb suavdlawg peb txhaj tau txujkev zaam txim hab tau txujsa ntev dlhawv moog ib txhis. Yog le ntawd yaam kws tseem ceeb tshaaj rua huv peb lub neej ces ca peb ua lawv le Vaajtswv

txujlug has tseg kws yog kev ca sab rua ntawm nwg tug Tub kws yog peb tug Cawmseej Tswv Yexus Khetos. Thaus kawg peb txhaj tau txujsa moog nrug Vaajtswv nyob ua ib kev. Nuav txhaj le yog yaam kws tseem ceeb tshaaj le lwmyaam. Asmees.

Thov kuas Vaajtswv txujlug pub rua suavdlawg totaub hab tau nyob kaajsab lug rua ntawm Tswv Yexus Kheto. Peb txhuatug kws yog Vaajtswv cov mivnyuas peb suavdlawg has: Asmees.

Children Message

Jesus Clear the Clutter



Theme: Jesus Clear the Clutter

Object: A lot of clutter: some books, puzzles, toys, balls and bat, a radio, and the funny pages.

Scripture: Philippians 3:8 “Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ.” (ESV).

Good morning, boys and girls. Today we have a common problem. The problem is called “clutter.” I hear many parents complaining about this clutter problem their children. How many times have you heard your mother or father complain about your clutter and say, “Please pick it up and put it away.” (*Let them answer*) I also hear the youngsters saying, “What can I do? I don’t have anything to do.” How many of you have said that? (*Let them answer*) Almost everyone. You can’t find anything to do, but you are living in the middle of games, toys, newspapers, radios, balls, and books. Everywhere you look there is something. The only way to really enjoy something is to have only one thing at a time.

Let us suppose that you put everything away except one thing and then worked or played with that one thing. You would have fun with it or you would get it done. As long as you have a lot of things, it is hard to finish or play with any one of them.

That is what Paul found out about Jesus. He put everything else out of his mind and thought only about Jesus. He put away the idea of being rich, and he put away the idea of having a fast chariot with beautiful horses, and everything else that people wanted in his lifetime. He tried only to understand and love Jesus. It worked. Paul was happy. His life was not all cluttered up. He knew Jesus and why he suffered and died for us, and Paul was happy with that. He was so thrilled at his uncluttered life that he taught other people to live the same way. It was glorious. He even hopes that people like you and me will try it. Put Jesus first. When you love Jesus and worship him then your life is rich and full. You are never bored. I know boys and girls who are always looking for things to do and no matter how much they have it is not enough. These are boys and girls who need Jesus so that they can get rid of the clutter in their lives.

I hope that you will remember this, and if it ever happens to you and you wish that things could be different, maybe you can have your mother or father read you a story about Jesus. Then you will know how important God should be in your life.

Prayer:

Jesus, thank you for being our God. Let us put you first in our lives. Let us clear everything and live according to your will. We pray the prayer that you taught us. Amen.

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