



The Paschal Lamb

This is a symbol of Jesus Christ, who is the sacrificial Lamb of God, who took our place on the cross to atone for all of our sins. The flag with the cross represents Christ's victory over death.

»The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!"«
John 1:29

Christus und Seine Kirche laden dich ein! Christ and His Church invite you !

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Planned

Ladies' Retreat 2014

Friday 4 April—Sunday 6 April

Easter Breakfast

Sunday 20 April

Church Wardens Workshop

Saturday 24 May @ St Crucis

Music Evening

Saturday 21 June 2014 @ 19:00

Steak & Bingo Evening

Saturday 26 July 2014 @ 18:30

Ladies Morning

Saturday 9 August 2014 @ 10:00

Potjie & Movie Evening

Saturday 27 September 2014 @ 19:00

Pancake Stall

Sunday 26 October 2014 @ 10:00

Christmas Bazaar

Saturday 1 November 2014 @ 09:30

Carols Coffee Cake

Saturday 20 December 2014 @ 15:00

Regular

Weekly Home Church

19:30

German: Tuesday evenings
English: Wednesday evenings

Monthly Open Door

11:00

Coffee Morning
Last Wednesday of the month

Children's Services 2014

All children are invited to our Children's Services which will be held during the following Divine Services :

1st Sunday of every month:	German @ 09:30
2nd Sunday of every month:	English @ 09:30
3rd Sunday of every month:	English @ 09:00
	German @ 10:15

This year Elizabeth Köpke and Kerilee Thompson will lead the English Children's Services and Barbara Meylahn will lead the German Children's Services.

A big thank you to these ladies. We appreciate you!

Family Service geared towards the Youth, Young Adults and Students in our congregation are held **on the last Sunday of every month**. (All children are invited to stay in the Sanctuary during the sermon on this Sunday.)

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Prayer Group



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Die Sieben Letzten Worte Jesu am Kreuz



Liebe Gemeinde, liebe Freunde,

in der Passionszeit haben wir über die Sieben letzten Worte, die Jesus am Kreuz sprach, meditiert. In unseren Passionsandachten sind wir noch damit beschäftigt.

Das ist eine gute Tradition der Kirche, die uns hilft, das Leiden und Sterben unseres Heilandes zu bedenken. Das wichtigste dabei ist, dass wir uns erinnern lassen, dass dieses Leiden und Sterben für uns geschah. Wir denken also nicht nur an das, was vor vielen Jahrhunderten mal geschehen ist, oder erzählen die schreckliche Geschichte eines grausamen Todes, sondern hören den Zuspruch: Das alles geschah für Dich! Darum ist es auch gut, wenn wir diese Worte uns vornehmen und bei jedem Wort nachspüren, wie es in unser Leben hineinspricht.

Ruft es Angst und Schrecken bei Dir hervor, oder tröstet und ermutigt es Dich? Denke immer daran: Das erlitt Jesus für Dich!
Das Erste Wort: „Vater, vergib ihnen; denn sie wissen nicht, was sie tun!“ (Lukas 23,34)

Das Zweite Wort: „Wahrlich, ich sage dir: Heute wirst du mit mir im Paradies sein.“ (Lukas 23,43)

Was dem Pastor am Herzen liegt

Das Dritte Wort: „Frau, siehe, das ist dein Sohn!“ (Johannes 19,26)

Das Vierte Wort: „Mich dürstet!“ (Johannes 19,28)

Das Fünfte Wort: „Mein Gott, mein Gott, warum hast du mich verlassen?“ (Markus 15,34; Matthäus 27,46)

Das Sechste Wort: „Es ist vollbracht!“ (Johannes 19,30)

Das Siebente Wort: „Vater, ich befehle meinen Geist in deine Hände!“ (Lukas 23,46)

Am letzten Mittwoch in der Passionszeit, also am 16 April 2014, um 19h30 sind alle herzlich eingeladen zu einem Agapemahl in der Kirche – damit wollen wir die Einsetzung des Herrenmahles feiern und unsere Passionsandachten abschließen. Dabei wird das Siebente Wort Jesu vom Kreuz im Mittelpunkt stehen: „Vater, ich befehle meinen Geist in deine Hände!“ Im Abendmahl schenkt Christus uns seinen Leib, sein Leben, damit wir gestärkt und getröstet ins Leben gehen können.

Dass dieses Leben in Dir stark werde, das wünsche ich Dir.

Felix Meylahn

Losung für April 2014






Eure Traurigkeit soll in
Freude verwandelt werden.

Johannes 16.21

Watchword for April 2014

Your pain will turn
into joy.

John 16.21






06.04.2014 	Judika	Gottesdienst mit Abendmahl 09:30	Hebräer 13, 12-14
13.04.2014 	Palm Sunday	Divine Service Holy Communion 09:30	Hebrews 12. 1-3
16.04.2014 —		Agape Meal 19:30	Hebrews 2. 10-18
18.04.2014  	Good Friday Karfreitag	Divine Service Holy Communion 09:00 10:30 Gottesdienst mit Abendmahl	Isaiah 52. 13-53 Hebräer 52, 13-53
20.04.2014	Easter Sunday Followed by Easter Breakfast	Divine Service Holy Communion 07:00	1 Corinthians 15. 19-28
27.04.2014 	1st Su. after Easter Quasimodogeniti	Family Service Holy Communion 09:30	Isaiah 40. 26-31

Losung für Mai 2014

Hier ist nicht Jude noch Grieche,
 hier ist nicht Sklave noch Freier,
 hier ist nicht Mann noch Frau;
 denn ihr seid allesamt einer
 in Christus Jesus.
 Galater 3,28

Watchword for May 2014

There is no longer Jew or Greek,
 there is no longer slave or free,
 there is no longer male and female;
 for all of you are one
 in Christ Jesus.
 Galatians 3.28

<p>04.05.2014</p> 	<p>2. So. nach Ostern Misericordias Domini</p>	<p>Gottesdienst mit Abendmahl 09:30</p>	<p>Hebräer 13, 20</p>
<p>11.05.2014</p> 	<p>3rd Su. after Easter Jubilate</p>	<p>Divine Service Holy Communion 09:30</p>	<p>Acts 17. 22-34</p>
<p>18.05.2014</p>  	<p>4th Su. after Easter Cantate 4. So. nach Ostern Kantate</p>	<p>Divine Service 09:00 10.15 Gottesdienst mit Abendmahl</p>	<p>Revelation 15. 2-4 Offenbarung 15, 2-4</p>
<p>25.05.2014</p> 	<p>5th Su. After Easter Rogate</p>	<p>Family Service Holy Communion 09:30</p>	<p>Exodus 32. 7-14</p>

The Seven Last Words of Christ from the Cross



Dear Congregation, dear Friends!

During Lent we have been and still are meditating on the seven last words that Jesus said from the Cross on Golgotha.

This is an old tradition in the history of the church, designed to help us remember the suffering and death of our Saviour.

What is most important here is that we are brought to the realisation that Christ did this for us, for you and for me! We're not just remembering some interesting aspects of ancient history or relating a terrifying story of suffering that happened long ago. We are being told: You are one of those for whom this was done by the Son of God! Therefore it is also good and right that we should take these last words that Jesus uttered from the Cross and apply them to ourselves, to our lives and actions.

I invite you to read through them slowly and try to see how each one relates to your life – does it resonate with some experience that you have had? Does it speak hope and comfort, or fear and terror to your heart? Remember always, that Christ bore this most terrible suffering for you!

From the Pastor's Heart

The First Word: "Father, forgive them, for they don't know what they are doing." (Luke 23,34)

The Second Word: "I assure you, today you will be with me in paradise." (Luke 23,43)

The Third Word: "Dear woman, here is your son." (John 19,26)

The Fourth Word: "I am thirsty." (John 19,28)

The Fifth Word: "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" (Mark 15,34; Matthew 27,46)

The Sixth Word: "It is finished!" (John 19,30)

The Seventh Word: "Father, I entrust my spirit into your hands!" (Luke 23,46)

On the last Wednesday during Lent, i.e. on the **16 April 2014, at 19h30 you are all invited to join us for an Agape Meal** with which we will celebrate the Institution of the Lord's Supper.

It will also be the last of our Lenten Devotions, which will focus on the Seventh Word from the Cross: "Father, I entrust my spirit into your hands!" In Communion Christ gives his body, his life into our hands, for us to eat and drink, to nourish us with his eternal life. May this new life become strong in you!

Felix Meylahn

Comfort

We pray for the sick in our congregation, especially , Rudolph Meyer and Liz Tessendorf.

Ingrid Hashick passed away on Friday, 14 March 2014. Our prayer is that God will comfort all who mourn her death with the good news of the resurrection. The funeral was held at the Friedenskirche on Thursday, 20 March 2014.

Congratulations

We welcomed Sophie Sage Sternberg into our congregation as she received the sacrament of holy baptism on Sunday 23 February 2014.

Geburtstage / Birthdays

April 2014

4	Sigi Sauer
5	Gunnar Gädke
10	Liz Tessendorf
11	Gisela Ruppelt
11	Kerilee Thompson
16	Hans Rohwer
19	Wayne Gary Böttcher
23	Neil Anthony Haschick
26	Peter Koch
27	Björn Heitmann
30	Felix Meylahn

May 2014

3	Liane Krieg
14	Ayesha van Wyk
15	Geoff Andrews
19	Max Heitmann
22	Marion Gädke
23	Sonja Savini
30	Erwin Gehring
30	Hildegard Dreier

Contributions/Donations

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