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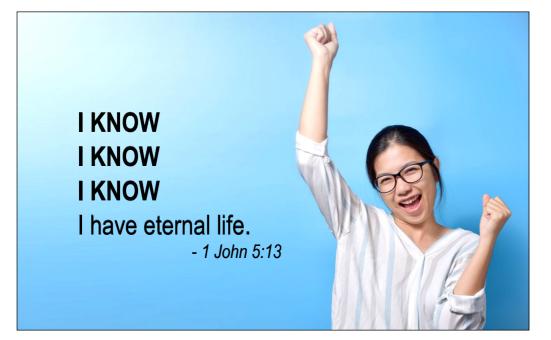
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6th Sunday of Easter - 5 May 2024

A Prayer for Today

Almighty and everlasting God, You are always more ready to hear than we to pray and give more than either we desire or deserve. Pour down upon us the abundance of Your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask, save through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ Your Son our Lord. Amen



English Worship Service is live-streamed, 9:30 a.m.:

- YouTube: https://www.youtube.com/
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Welcome to a gathering of God's people. We gather to worship the risen Lord Jesus and to encourage one another to obey Him.

1. ASCENSION DAY

This coming Thurs, 9 May, is Ascension Day. We give thanks that Jesus, after His death and resurrection, rose to heaven. He now sits at the right hand of God; to rule and to intercede. We await His coming again. Some activities:

- 10:00 am Celebration at ARK. If you wish to be part of the team to visit and minister there, please register at the Welcome Desk.
- 7:30 pm Special prayer gathering, at church. Conducted in CH, EN & BM.
- No special Service at our church. However, at All Saints'
 Cathedral: 7:30 pm BM (Hosanna); 8:00 pm CH (Glory); 8:00 pm EN (Cathedral).

Meanwhile, we continue our study of the 'resurrection community'. This community, commonly known as the 'church', is one of the immediate effects of the resurrection of Jesus Christ. It began with 120 of Jesus' disciples on the day of Pentecost. It slowly, but steadily and surely, grew to be a worldwide community.

Based on the letter of 1 John, they are:

- 7 Apr: Fellowship 1 John 1:5-2:2
- 14 Apr: Righteousness 1 John 3:1-7
- 21 Apr: Obedience 1 John 3:16-end
- 28 Apr: Boldness 1 John 5:1-6
- 5 May, today: Confidence 1 John 5:9-13
- 12 May, Mother's Day: Love 1 John 4:7-end
- 19 May, Pentecost: Power



2. YOUTH CAMP

About 40 of our youth have registered for the Diocesan CH & EN youth camp, Tawau, 28-30 May. We hope many more youth will join in. They are raising funds for their bus fares, with:

- today mini food-sale, at the Pavilion;
- next Sat, 11 May, 10:00 am-5:00 pm car wash, at the church compound; at a recommended donation of at least RM50/- per vehicle (from a bicycle to a Vellfire!!);
- love-gifts from uncles and aunties.

Target: RM5000/-. Please encourage them with your strong support.

Throughout the diocese, over 400 young people have registered. Pray for a great work of God in their lives.

3. CONGRATS

We congratulate The Church of the Good Shepherd, Sandakan, on the occasion of their 40th anniversary. Many of those who once served there will congregate for the celebration tonight; including Bishop Chen Fah, Dean Musa Ambai, our Rector, and Lorraine.

4. HARVEST THANKSGIVING

26 May, Sun, Pavilion, 1:00 pm - we celebrate the goodness of God in providing us our 'daily bread' (food). Come for lunch (ethnic dishes); followed by various cultural and community dances. All are welcome. Bring your friends.

PROJECT 'INVEST'

This project is to build additional accommodation for our church staff. The site has been marked. Please have a look, from the Pavilion. Meanwhile, our fund-raising efforts continue:

- Needed RM600,000
- Last week RM2,085/-
- Total to date RM26,695/-

6. OTHER MINISTRIES

- The flowers today were donated by Mr. & Mrs. Tok, as a thanksgiving for their wedding anniversary.
- 11 May, 9:30 am The Evergreens, Omega Hall; 'Parents' Day' celebration.
- STS EVENTS at the Sabah Theological Seminary:
 - o 14-16 May, 7:30 pm various music workshops
 - 17 May, 7:30 pm mini music and choir concert (free admission).
- 3 June, 8:00 am-4:00 pm Manggatal Church fund-raising bazaar. Visit the many stalls - food, plants, gadgets, deco, etc. Coupons are on sale. Buy for yourself and your friends.
- St. Agnes' School registration for Primary 1 intake, 2025, is now open. Please register at the school.

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Marks of the 'resurrection community'

CONFIDENCE

"I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life." - 1 John 5:13.

For reflection and discussion:

- 1. Are you covered by insurance travel, health, car, house, fire, etc.? Why is there such a necessity?
- 2. Read 1 John 5:13. 'Eternal life' refers to 'life with God, from now to eternity'. Why is it important to have eternal life? Is it necessary for us to be <u>sure</u> of our eternal life? Compare to someone who is <u>not sure</u>, what difference does it make to our Christian life?
- 3. How may we have eternal life? 1 John 5:11-12. How may we be certain we have eternal life?
- 4. Apply some of the following tests:
 - do I have Jesus in my life? 1 John 5:11-13; 4:15
 - o do I love to keep God's commandments? 1 John 3:24
 - o do I love God's people? 1 John 3:14-18
 - do I keep on (persist in) sinning? 1 John 5:18-19, 3:6-8
 - do I have confidence over 'the world, the flesh and the devil'? 1 John 4:4, 5:4
- 5. Pray for one another; esp, for those who doubt their faith.

FOR PRAYER

Our beloved City

- for a greater love for Kota Kinabalu [that we may 'seek the welfare of the city', and its prosperity]

Our beloved Diocese

for the Church of the Good Shepherd, Sandakan
 [that they may continue to worship God fervently and serve the community effectively]

Ourselves

- for a greater confidence in God
- [that we may trust Him and His promises more and more]
- pray for the sick in body, mind and spirit; and for our 5 special friends. Name them in our prayer.