



Kirkkopulletiini

OF FINNISH LUTHERAN CHURCH

May - June 2018

HERRA ON MINUN PAIMENENI, EI MINULTA MITAAN PUUTU.'

Psalmi 23:1

Usein väsymyksen, pettymyksen, epävarmuuden tai vaikeuden keskellä mietin ja meditoin tätä psalmin kohtaa. Se on lohduttava ja antaa aina uuden näkökulman omiin asioihin.

HERRA - Kaikkivaltias Jumala, joka on kaiken luonut, joka antaa elämän ja ylläpitää sitä. Herra, joka itse on Rakkaus, Kärsivällisyys, Ystävällisyys, Viisaus, myötätuntoinen ja armahtava.

ON - ei siis olisi jos, voisi ehkä olla tai oli silloin kun. Ei epäilystäkään, etteikö Herra rakastaisi minua juuri sellaisena kuin olen. Aina. Silloin kun muistan hänet, silloin kun en muista. Myös kun teen typeriä ja olen itseks. Minun ei tarvitse ansaita (en edes voi) hänen suosiota. Se on ja pysyy Kristuksen tähden.

MINUN - Herra on sitoutunut minuun. Minun sitoutumiseni häneen ja toisiin ihmisiin usein pettää. Jumalan sitoutuminen ei koskaan.

PAIMENENI - Raamattu puhuu paljon Jumalasta kansansa paimenena. Paimen ruokkii, ohjaa, hoitaa, pitää huolta, suojelee, etsii eksyneen, auttaa ja kaitsee.

EI MITÄÄN PUUTU - Jos katson elämäni ja mitä tahansa tilannettani tietäen, että Herra on minun paimeneni, minulta todellakaan ei puutu mitään. Siis mitään mitä tarvitsen oikeaan, yltäkylläiseen elämään. Jeesuksen seurassa minulla on kaikki. Ainahan me kaikenlaista haluamme ja luulemme että meiltä puuttuu jotakin jota jollakin toisella on, rahaa, terveyttä, omaisuutta, suosiota ja niin edelleen. Haluaminen ja kaikenlaisen tavoittelemisen tekee levottomaksi ja tyytymättömäksi. Samalla kun saan jotakin ajattelen jo jonkun muun haluamista. Jeesus neuvoo että 'Teidän Isänne kyllä tietää, mitä te tarvitsette, etsikää ensin hänen valtakuntaansa, niin saatte myös sen, mitä tarvitsette.' Kun luotan siihen, että Jumala rakastaa ja haluaa pitää huolta (ja että myös rakastan häntä lähimmäisissämme), niin huomaan kyllä kaiken sen runsaan siunauksen, jota elämäni on pullollaan.

Herra on minun paimeneni, ei minulta mitään puutu.

'THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD; I SHALL NOT BE IN WANT.'

Psalm 23:1

Often in the midst of tiredness, disappointment, insecurity or trouble I think about and meditate on this psalm verse. It is comforting and always gives a new viewpoint on my own things.

LORD - Almighty God, who has created everything, who gives life and maintains it. The Lord, who himself is Love, Patience, Kindness, Wisdom, compassionate and merciful.

IS - not would be, could be or was when. No doubt the Lord loves me the way I am. Always. When I remember him, when I don't remember him. Also when I do foolish things and when I am selfish. I do not have to (I cannot) earn his favor. I have it for sure for the sake of Christ.

MY- The Lord is committed to me. My commitment to him and to other people often fails, but his commitment never fails.

SHEPHERD - The Bible talks a lot about God being a shepherd to his people. The shepherd feeds, guides, nurses, takes care, protects, seeks for the lost one, helps and tends.

NOT BE IN WANT - If I look at my life and also whatever situation knowing that the Lord is my shepherd, I really do not lack anything. That is, what I need for a real and abundant life. With Jesus I have everything. Sure we always want all kinds of things and we think that we lack something that somebody else has, money, health, possessions, popularity and so on.

Wanting this and that and trying to get this and that makes us restless and discontented. When I get something I already think about wanting something else. Jesus advises that 'Your Father knows what you need, seek first for his Kingdom, and you will also get what you need.'

When I trust that God loves and that he wants to take care (and that also I love him in my neighbors) I indeed realize all the abundant blessing which my life is full of. The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.

Pastor Nina Tetri-Mustonen

**Finnish Lutheran
Church
Mission Statement**

Led by Christ's love, and
empowered by the
Holy Spirit,
we gather in our
worship around
Word and Sacrament to
Praise God.
We Study and learn
God's Word in order to
strengthen and serve
one another within our
community and beyond.

Visit by Pastor Mauri Vihko

Pastor Mauri Vihko, Director of Ministry to Finns Abroad, National Church Council of Finland visited Seattle on March 23, 2018. Pastor Vihko had a very busy schedule arriving Seatac at 11 AM and leaving at 6 AM the next day. After having lunch we met with Suomi Koulu teachers Airi Suomalainen and Taru Kuoppamäki at Airi's home, then off to FLC to meet with the church council and congregation. The night ended with a nice evening service and socializing while enjoying a light snack.

The purpose of Pastor Vihko's visit was to see how the church could serve younger generation Finns and friends of Finland, such as those who have recently moved to Seattle area. One specific discussion topic was the possibility of getting a pastor from Finland to serve both Portland and Seattle. According to Pastor Vihko the National Church Council of Finland could assist in finding a pastor, and also contribute to moving costs and vacation travel.

Pastor Vihko has submitted a report of his observations. The church council will evaluate his report and any other ideas that will come. The council will report on the progress in the fall. Meanwhile we continue to have church service every Sunday with Finnish speaking pastors to the extent possible. We also hope that the local pastors that currently have services with us will continue to help when Finnish speaking pastors are not available.



Pastor Nina Tetri Mustonen

We are happy that Pastor Nina will come back four Sundays from June 3 to June 24. Let's welcome Nina on June 3! Services in Finnish and English.

PASSINGS:

Niko Suokko

The whole Finnish community was shocked to learn about the accident of 18 year old Niko Suokko, who died so tragically in an avalanche in Snoqualmie Pass on February 25. Niko attended the church as a young boy, a very nice and pleasant Finnish boy. His life was honored on March 23 by his family in a candle lighting ceremony at FLC. A memorial fund to save young lives in the backcountry has been established by the family in Niko's name: <https://www.nwac.us/niko/>

Pentti Koski

Our member and dear friend, Pentti Uolevi Koski passed away on April 6. His memory was honored in our church on April 8 with candle lighting by Al and Rita, and devotional music by Maria.

COMING EVENTS:

- **May 5 - 6 2018 Inauguration of the new Nordic Museum.**
- **Sunday May 13 Mother's Day. Men sing!!**
- **Sunday May 20 Pastor Jukka Joensuu. Pitopöytä Brunch 11.15 AM ... 1 PM. Smoked Salmon. Choir sings.**
- **May 31, June 2 and June 3. Seattle Symphony performs Sibelius' Kullervo. Reception after the concert on Saturday June 2.**
- **Saturday June 9, 2018 1PM - 6 PM Finnish Summer Party in Vasa Park, Bellevue on Lake Sammamish.**
- **Sunday June 10 - Kantele music during the service**
- **Programs for June-to be announced**

Coffee service after Church: We want to maintain the coffee service after church. Please sign up!!

MAY 2018 TOUKOKUU

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1 Vappu	2 Vuokko, Viivi	3 Outi	4 Roosa, Rosa	5 Melina
6 Ylermi Service at 10 am, Pastor Kristy Daniels Organist : Maria Mannisto	7 Helmi, Kastehelmi	8 Heino	9 Timo	10 Aino, Aini	11 Osmo	12 Lotta
13 Kukka, Floora Service at 10 am Mother's Day - Men sing! Pastor Bill Moos Organist: Maria Mannisto	14 Tuula	15 Sofia, Sonja	16 Ester, Essi	17 Maila, Mailis	18 Erkki, Eero	19 Emilia
20 Lilja, Karoliina Service at 10 am Pastor Jukka Joensuu Organist: Maria Mannisto Choir PITOPÖYTÄ-BRUNCH	21 Kosti, Konsta	22 Hemmink i	23 Lyydia, Lyyli	24 Tuukka, Touko	25 Urpo	26 Minna, Vilma
27 Ritva Service at 10 am Pastor Kristy Daniels Organist: Maria Mannisto	28 Alma	29 Oiva, Oliver	30 Pasi	31 Helka		

**May
Birthdays
to
celebrate**



Keyes Thom	1
Mannisto Maria	4
Kouhia Aarre	9
Voutilainen Santeri	12
De Hart Heidi	14
Wika James	19
Juntila Kerttu	21
Kotilainen Toivo	23
Johnson Angie	26
Kotilainen Erkki	27
Kivinen Ritva	28

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JUNE 2018 KESÄKUU

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1 Teemu Nokodem us	2 Venla
3 Orvokki, Viola Service at 10 am, Pastor Nina Tetri-Mustonen Organist: Maria Mannisto	4 Toivo	5 Sulevi	6 Kustaa, Kyosti	7 Suvi, Roope	8 Salomon	9 Ensio
10 Seppo Service at 10 am, Pastor Nina Tetri-Mustonen Kantele Music Organist: Maria Mannisto	11 Impi Immi	12 Esko	13 Raili, Raila	14 Kielo, Pihla	15 Vieno, Moona	16 Päivi, Päivikki
17 Urho Father's Day-Ladies sing!! Service at 10 am Pastor Nina Tetri-Mustonen Organist: Maria Mannisto	18 Tapio	19 Siiri	20 Into	21 Ahti	22 Paula	23 Aatu, Aatto
24 Johannes, Juhani Service at 10 am Choir Pastor Nina Tetri-Mustonen Organist: Maria Mannisto	25 Uuno	26 Jorma, Jarmo	27 Elviira, Elvi	28 Leo	29 Pekka, petri, Petr a	30 Päiviö, Päivö

**June
Birthdays
to
celebrate**



Liinpää Max	3
Liinpää Magnus	3
Borland Pirkko	10
Iivonen Kauko	11
Kivinen Raimo	16
Kiaer Henrik	19
Cox Bill	26
Cushing Cathy	26
Niklas Mikkola	28

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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 a coffee and refreshments after church and get to know new people!

Ascension Day

*“O Lord Jesus Christ,
who ascended into heaven
yet promised to be with us to the end of the age;
help us to abide in your love
and to trust that your work may be completed in us.
This we ask for your name's sake.”*

Ascension Day has been celebrated since the fourth century in commemoration of Christ's ascension into heaven. It is celebrated forty days after Easter, the period during which, according to the Gospels, the appearances of the risen Christ continued. The details and chronology of the ascension are described in the Acts of the Apostles (Acts 1:6–14).

Christ is one person of the Trinity, of one being with the Father. At his ascension, he returned to his ageless work in the glory of heaven. Yet he remains present in the midst of his people in word and sacraments. Christians are called to bring the message of the risen Lord to the whole world.

Ascension Day prepares us for Pentecost, which ends the fifty days of Eastertide. It is one of the great feasts of the Church: there are six candles on the altar, and the liturgical colour is white.

Pentecost

Pentecost, the birthday of the Church, concludes the fifty-day season of Easter. Its roots are in Judaism:

originally a harvest festival, it came to be a celebration of the giving of the Law at Sinai.

Pentecost derives from the Greek pentekoste, meaning “fifty”. The Finnish helluntai is derived from the Swedish Helig Dag, meaning “holy day”. With Easter and Christmas, Pentecost is at the heart of one of the three great sequences in the church year and has been celebrated since the third century. The liturgical colour on Pentecost is red, and there are six candles on the altar. Its emblems are the dove and flames.

According to the Acts, at the first Pentecost the apostles were filled with the Holy Spirit, in fulfilment of the promises of Jesus and the Old Testament prophets. As Peter preached, many were baptised, and the Church increased in number by about three thousand people. Everyone heard the message of salvation in their own language, underlining the call to unity and the Gospel belonging to all nations. Pentecost established a new covenant between God and humanity.

Pentecost's significance is underlined by the fact that readings and prayers are also provided for its eve. It is followed by Pentecost week, when we reflect on the life-giving power of the Holy Spirit. The remaining Sundays of the year are designated “Sundays after Pentecost”. Pentecost begins the third main sequence of the church year, which gives expression to the congregation's living witness of faith in the lives of its members and to what it means to follow Christ in practice.