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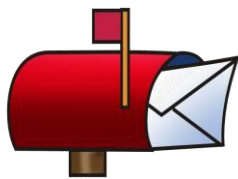
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Grace is a Gift—God's Riches at Christ's Expense



FROM THE
PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Members and Friends:

The Easter season is about seeing: Christ risen, Christ present among us in the breaking of the bread, Christ's Spirit poured out on the church.

Acts

The readings in Easter give flesh to this newness by leading us through a different kind of birth narrative: the birth of the **church, the risen body of Christ**, born by water and the Spirit, as recorded in the book of Acts.

The accounts of this community of *the Way* still sound radical to our postmodern ears: a **pooling of material resources** so that all persons in the community can have enough (Easter 2); the apostles continuing Jesus' ministry of healing (Easter 4); the inclusion of religious outsiders (Easter 5 and 6); a peaceful and civil transfer of authority (Easter 7); and perhaps most shocking of all, peoples and nations formerly suspicious and hostile to one another now able to speak to and understand one another (Pentecost).

We need to hear these stories more than ever as we work out our own anxiety around the relevance of the church today. We too have the

power from on high to live as a countercultural communion of faith, bound together not by social or ethnic bonds --- but by the death and resurrection of Jesus.

First John

The second readings for Eastertide this year are from 1 John: God is light; God is love; we are called children of God, and that is what we are. How do we show forth God's love abiding in us?

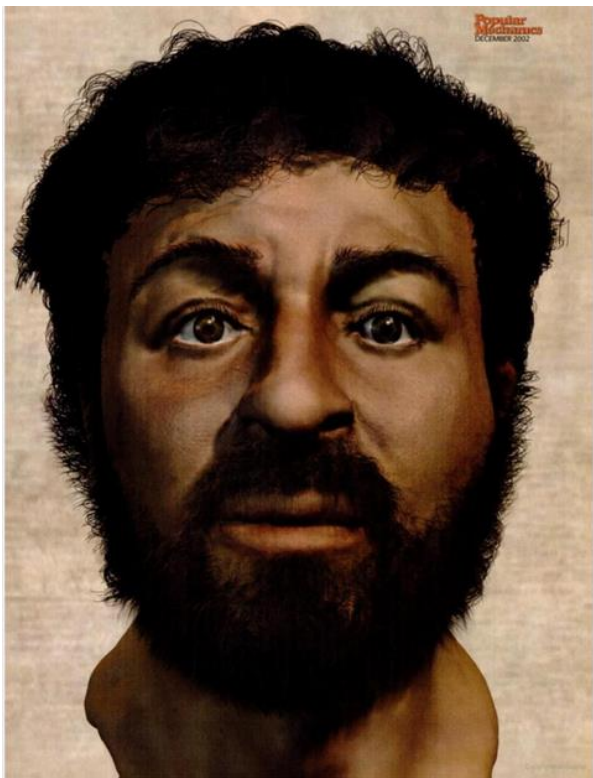
Gospel

In Easter, our year of readings from Mark is temporarily interrupted by accounts of Jesus' post-resurrection appearances from John and Luke, which capture not only the excitement but also the fear and confusion --- that tend to accompany news as world shattering as this.

Many of us identify strongly with the experience of Thomas and others who do not at first believe, and long to know that their doubt is not a cause for shame or exclusion from the worshipping community.



In Love,
Pastor John



What Did Jesus Look Like?

Probably Not What You Think

Newsweek
Melissa Matthews

Most images of Jesus follow a general model: tall, white male with long locks and flowing robe. But historian Joan Taylor, religious studies professor at King's College London in the United Kingdom, paints a radically different picture of God's son in her book published earlier this month, *What Did Jesus Look Like?*

For starters, she believes Jesus was short, standing roughly 5 foot 5 inches tall, according to LiveScience. This image is based on skeletal remains from people found in the Judea, a region in ancient Palestine,

and Egyptian areas during the time Jesus lived. Additionally, people living in Judea and Egypt during that time had brown eyes, black hair and olive skin, which doesn't fit the white European archetype.

Historical texts, portraits and remains also suggest that Jesus likely kept his hair and beard short for hygienic reasons --- namely, to keep lice away. And when it comes to his garments, Taylor tells the outlet that Jesus' plain tunic was more ragged than pristine, as often shown in images.

I think what you would recognize Jesus as being is just really someone who looked very poor, she said.

Taylor is not the first to shatter the typical depictions of Jesus. British scientists and Israeli archaeologists utilized forensic anthropology, similar to tactics used by police to solve crimes, to make a 3D model of his face, *Popular Mechanics* reported in January 2015, (as shown top left). Their figure showed that Jesus had dark skin, hair and eyes, which did not come as a surprise to other religious scholars.

The fact that he probably looked a great deal more like a darker-skinned Semite than westerners are used to seeing him pictured is a reminder of his universality, Episcopal studies expert Charles D. Hackett of the Candler School of Theology in Atlanta, Georgia told the magazine. And [it is] a reminder of our tendency to sinfully appropriate him in the service of our cultural values.

Even though the latest rationale behind Jesus not being white is correct, it would be hard to erase years of the pervasive image from our mind. Taylor hopes her book inspires new representations of the religious figure based on historical findings.



HOLY WEEK & EASTER SCHEDULE

Maundy Thursday, March 29
at 7:00 p.m. will be at Kirkebo.

This service will include a handwashing, Holy Communion and Stripping of the Altar led by the Sunday School kids. **Good Friday Tenebrae, March 30** at 7:00 p.m. will take place at Nora. **Easter Sunrise Service** at Nora, 7:00 a.m. led by the youth. **Easter Breakfast** follows at 8:00 a.m. with the **Festival Easter Worship** at Kirkebo at 10:00 a.m. with Sunday School youth involvement. Both Easter services will include Holy Communion.



YOUR CALL COMMITTEE

It is important that all of you know who is on the Call Committee as we begin the process of searching for a new pastor. If you wish to give input, and it would be so helpful if you would, here are the persons to contact.

From Nora: Doug Rensvold, Anyssa Hayden, Errin Bjerke and John Christensen.

From Kirkebo: Rose Goble, Carolyn Nelson, Dan Krogstad and Marv Thompson.

Soon they will meet with a member of the Synod staff which will include an exit interview with Pastor John and Barb, and then they will begin meeting on a regular basis.

ADULT CROSSINGS BIBLE STUDY

There will be one more session to wrap up the Bible study *"God's Journey With Us"* on **Wednesday, April 25. 2:00 p.m. at Kirkebo and 7:00 p.m. at Nora.** Resurrection Life and Run the Race will be the topics of discussion. Even if you did not participate in the first sessions, you are welcome to join us!

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**"Wireless communication is nothing new.
I've been praying for 75 years!"**



Please remember in prayer all of our family and friends who have been dealing with health issues, loss of loved ones, or who are not able to come to Worship with us each Sunday.

AT HOME: Veronica Gunderson, Marlys Dullum, Sylvia Holte, Alan Ellenson, Nils Buringrud, and Doug Dosland, Marlys Nedrebo, Susan Skedsvold, Janet Dosland Krause.

NURSING HOMES: Betty Lerud at Manor Care, Evie Nelson at Eventide, Burton Larson in Bismarck, Jack Tracy at Ada Nursing Home.

ASSISTED LIVING: Del Upman, Deb Jacobson, Jody Williams, Wally Lindgren at Sheyenne Crossings.

IN APARTMENTS: Bev Jacobson, Jean Emery, Natalie Aasen, Cynthia Johnson, Sherman Hoganson.

Please keep Terry Gjervold (brother of Wayne Gjervold) in your prayers, who has undergone surgery and treatment for cancer.

IF WE HAVE MISSED SOMEONE, please let us know so that we can bring this more up-to-date next month.



EASTER EGG HUNT

Saturday, March 24th at Nora

Registration at 11:00

11:00 – 1:00

*He is not here:
for he is **Risen,**
as he said.*

—MATTHEW 28:6



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April 8
First Reading
Acts 4:32-35
Psalm
Psalm 133
Second Reading
1 John 1:1--2:2
Gospel
John 20:19-31

April 15
First Reading
Acts 3:12-19
Psalm
Psalm 4
Second Reading
1 John 3:1-7
Gospel
Luke 24:36b-48

April 22
First Reading
Acts 4:5-12
Psalm
Psalm 23
Second Reading
1 John 3:16-24
Gospel
John 10:11-18

April 29
First Reading
Acts 8:26-40
Psalm
Psalm 22:25-31
Second Reading
1 John 4:7-21
Gospel
John 15:1-8

KIRKEBO

Jeff Loe	3
Trevor Pederson	3
Daniel Little	6
Kylie Borgen	6
George Nelson	7
Doug Ohren	8
Leanne Nelson	11
Emily Jobgen	13
Austin Goble	13
Cheryl Loe	15
Kaleb Folden	16
Eric Guttormson	16
Cory Carter	19
Amber Loe	22
Sonja Meline	26
Lloyd Manley	27
Tina Borgen	30

NORA

Jon Skedsvold	2
Samuel Nelson	8
Aimee Schirado	11
Dallas Johnson	13
Jackie Johnson	16
Brenda Knudson	18
Brodie Reierson	18
Helen Madson	21
Heidi Willert	22
Bailey Ellenson	24
Emrey Reierson	26
Alan Ellenson	28
Madison Kalash	30



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	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1} Resurrection of our Lord—Easter Sunday 7:00 am Sunrise Easter Worship w/Holy Communion led by the youth of Nora 8:00 am Easter Breakfast at Nora 10:00 am Festival Easter Worship w/Holy Communion at Kirkebo</p>	2	3	4	5	6	7
<p>8} 2nd Sunday of Easter Worship w/Holy Communion, Kirkebo 9:00 a.m. Council Meeting Kirkebo 10:00 a.m. Sunday School at Nora & Kirkebo 10:00 a.m. Confirmation at Kirkebo, 10:00 a.m. Worship w/Holy Communion at Nora, 11:00</p>	9	10	11	12	13	14
<p>15} 3rd Sunday of Easter Worship at Nora 9:00 a.m. Sunday School at Nora & Kirkebo 10:00 a.m. Confirmation at Kirkebo, 10:00 a.m. Worship at Kirkebo 11:00 a.m.</p>	16	17	18	19	20	21
<p>22} 4th Sunday of Easter Worship at Kirkebo 9:00 a.m. Sunday School at Nora & Kirkebo 10:00 a.m. Worship at Nora 11:00 a.m.</p>	23	24	25 Bible Study 2:00 pm at Kirkebo 7:00 pm Nora	26	27	28
<p>29} 5th Sunday of Easter Worship at Nora 9:00 a.m. Sunday School at Nora & Kirkebo 10:00 a.m. Worship at Kirkebo 11:00 a.m. Confirmation Day Rehearsals 8:30 am Nora 10:00 am Kirkebo</p>	30		Ushers-Nora Curtis /Shannon Kalash John & Dawn Reiterson			

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