



Kristuskyrkan



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Jesus, come, be my center,
be my light, be my power.

Jesus come be my center, be my hope, be my song
Jesus Come light your fire in me, stretch my sail with your wind.

You are the reason for my life, Jesus!



To live in light and truth

Ephesians 5:8-14, John 3:16-21

Dear brothers and sisters, also this year in the cycle of seasons, summertime has given way to autumn. In the evenings it gets dark earlier and the air is crisp and fresh.

The winter darkness, however, is not something we long for. It is not by chance that harsh periods in life are also labeled as a "dark tunnels". It's hard to be there but it's comforting to know that there's an exit. We need light on our way. *The Bible urges us to live in light and in truth* because God is light and there is no darkness in Him.

Ever since the beginning of times, man has nevertheless defied its creator. Adam and Eve wanted to hide after they ate the fruit from the forbidden tree. They were ashamed and wanted to escape. Who among us has not been tempted to take a cookie from the cookie jar or a piece of candy when we were kids without telling mom and dad. It is tempting to do something forbidden in order to get what you can not get otherwise.

It nevertheless feels wrong, at some level of inner awareness, even if it was maybe just a piece of cake or a candy bite. It may take some time to tell your parents that you did something that you shouldn't have done.

Everything comes to light sooner or later. *"Everyone who does evil hates the light, and will not come into the light for fear that their deeds will be exposed."*
Joh. 3:20

God is a bright shining light and there is no darkness at all in his vicinity.

The closer we live to him, the more we can walk in the light.

Jesus is the truth and when we live close to Him, we can not live in falsehood but in truth.

The truth in the Old Testament is a fundamental expression of the essence of God. When God is revealed to Moses on Mount Sinai and the the cloud in the sky calls out his name, Moses cries back in turn : "The Lord, the Lord ! A God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and bountiful in grace and truth !"

God is truth. God never disappoints.

His promises are reliable. Jacob writes that there is no change in him, no fluctuation or hesitation between light and darkness. God's word just gives us light. The truth is always there for us, to lead us in the path of light.

The Greek word of truth in the New Testament is an expression of God's revealed truth in Jesus Christ. In him, the truth of God, the promises of God have become flesh and blood, a living message of glory revealed to all humanity through the only son of the heavenly father full of grace and power. "I'm the truth," Jesus said about himself. The living truth about God, the truth that cleans, shows the way and makes us free.

We may think the bare truth is harsh. It may hurt to hear the truth about one own self, recognize it and deal with it.

However, it is always the best possible option available to be true and honest with yourself. Do not lie to yourself. Equally important is to live accordingly in a straightforward candid and open way with each other, in the human society, with our fellow human beings and not least in a congregation. *"If we walk in the light, then we have fellowship with each other"* 1 John 1: 7. If and when there is something hidden or disguised it affects, disturbs and destroys the community and prevents the work of God's Spirit.

Jesus says in John 8:32. *"The truth will set you free"*

How tempting it seems at times to escape from the truth, from God, from his words and wisdom, but such a deed might only lead mankind into a bigger darkness. True liberation and freedom are only found through our saviour Jesus Christ. Through Jesus, and in Jesus, there is true salvation. We do not want our actions to be revealed, but the one who hears the truth comes to the light and becomes free. Jesus is the garland of truth that we will wear on our heads. By obeying the lord, by holding onto the word of God, the truth comes naturally, penetrating all the darkness and bringing us in front of its shining light.

There is no darkness that God cannot overcome. There is nothing so dark that it can not be transformed by the light of God.

We need His word to be able to discern the rightful way forward and walk along it. *"Your word is the lantern guiding my feet and the light shining on my path."*

Wishing you a blessed fall!

Tuula Sahlin, pastor



September

Sunday 9.9

11.00 Taizëmässa, T. Sahlin, Klaver.

Tuesday 11.9

12.00 **Manuela's fall start**
Also on thursday 13.9 h.17.

18.00 **Men's meeting.**
Women's group.

Wednesday 12.9,

12-13 "The blessed bread"
13 **Happy Hands Arts & Craft**
18 **Open Night.** Youth with a Mission

Thursday 13.9

11-12 **Prayer. Church open for meditation and visit.**

Sunday 16.9

11.00 **Service,** Sahlins, Klaver

Sunday 23.9

Kristuskyrkan's 90 Years
11:00 **Jubileum's Service**
Sahlins, Klaver, Pro Christo,
Sofia Lindroos.



Sunday 30.9

11.00 **Service,**
Hans and Kaikka Växby, Klaver

October

Sunday 7.10

11.00 **Service with Communion,** T. Sahlin, Klaver

Collect for children with hearing impairment and Rut Lindgren's foster child in Zimbabwe

11-13.10

Ecumenical Meetings in Southern Haga Church, Vespervägen 12

Speaker : Boris Salo
Theme: Winning everyday stress

Th. h. 19 Life ethics.

Music : Salvation's Army Choir

Fr. h 19 Faith, a source in the middle of life.

Music : Andreas Forsberg

Sa h 17 Prayer in everyday life

h 19 Concert Kristoffer

Streng (song), Stefan Janson (piano) and Church Hill Boys.

Serving after the meetings. Voluntary contribution!

Sunday 14.10

11.00 **Service,** Sahlins, Klaver

Sunday 21.10
11.00 Service,
T. Sahlin, et al.

Sunday 28.10
11.00 Service,
Sahlins, Klaver

Wednesday 31.10
18.00 Autumn Congregation
Conference lead by
Df. Leif-Göte Björklund

November

Sunday 4.11
11.00 Service. Candle lighting,
Sahlins, youth representatives från
YWAM, Klaver.
Collect for Baltic salary fund

Saturday 10.11
19.00 Concert with
"The Finnish Line" *songs, and*
gospel.

Sunday 11.11
11.00 Service,
Kaikka and Hans Växby, Klaver

Note! We are planning a
Christmas Bazaar for
Saturday 24.11

Welcome!

**We reserve the right to change
the Program !**

*Do you want to receive the Con-
gregation Bulletin electronically?*

Send an email to
Pastor Tuula Sahlin!

"The Blessed Bread"
on wednesdays h. 12!

***The bread is blessed in the
church at. 12. Then coffee
together in the congregation
hall. You can take a bag of
bread with you at home!
We share as far as we have
to share!***



Welcome and bring someone
who needs bread for the day!



Group Activities

Men's meeting : Biblical discussion and other themes. On odd weeks tuesdays at 18.00 in the congregation hall. Starts 11.9.

Women's group: Biblical discussion and prayers. On odd weeks tuesdays at 18.00 in the sunday-school room. Starts 11.9.

Manuela: Ceramics et al. Tuesdays h. 12 Thursdays h. 17, Around the corner F. Ståls N.6. Info on the door! Read more on Facebook "Studio Manuela", talk to Rita (contacts on the last page) Gymnastic on thursdays 16:00-16.45 in the congregation hall.

Happy Hands: Arts and Crafts Group, creativity and design ! Each wednesday 13:00-16:00 in the sunday-school room.

Prayer : Thursdays h. 11:00 in the church and on Sundays h. 10.30 in the Sacristy (little room on the right end side of the church).

"Pro Christo" Chorus : each Friday h 18.30 in the church.

Youth with a Mission - Helsinki

Discipleship School for young adults on the 3rd floor B entrance.

Open Nights on wednesdays in the church (12.9, 19.9, 3.10, 10.10, 24.10, 31.10 (3rd floor), 7.11, 14.11 h 18:00 ! Everybody is welcome!

Northwind Church: Service on Sunday h. 16:00 in the church.
Languages : finnish and english.

Ecumenical Meetings (Keswick) in the Southern Haaga Church 11-13.10.2018

Prioritize these meetings for the deepening of your spiritual life. This year's speaker is **Boris Salo** highlighting the treasures of the church, the creed and the commandments . The lectures are a treasure trove on a personal plane, for everyday life situations at home but also on the workplace and in the general society. Boris Salo is the chaplain of Jakobstad's Swedish congregation. He has authored several books. The meeting sessions will end on Saturday night with a concert with bass baritone Kristoffer Streng, renowned singer and cantor from Vöyri. He has released several CDs and has collaborated in many international artistic projects.

Informations

Autumn's Congregation Conference 31.10

Welcome to the autumn's congregation conference under the direction of our new district superintendent Leif-Göte Björklund. The discussion will include the budget for 2019 and the planning of congregations' activities !

About the joy of giving!

The assembly operates the Apollogatan 5 property with all that its management entails : i.e. ordinary maintainance, repairs and refurbishments. At present the congregation is burdened by a large loan and needs a careful future plan for its finances. We are working to increase revenue and reduce expenses. Thanks to the property, the church can manage its economy. However, as a congregation we must not become too dependent on the property but encourage donations according to the commands given by the Bible. There is a joy and blessing in giving.

Feel free to donate a self-chosen amount and give it regularly!

There is a possibility to participate to the collect in the church either in cash or by card and wire directly your donations to the church's account: FI1840552610000376. BIC: HELSFIHH

We are grateful to all current donors and want to encourage more people to participate and experience the bliss of giving !

Churchwardens Autumn 2018:

Gr 1: 2-8/9, 23-29/9, 21-27/10, 18-24/11, 16-22/12,

Gr 2: 9-15/9, 30/9-6/10, 28-3/11, 25-1/12,
23-29/12,

Gr 3 : 7-13/10, 4-10/11, 2-8/12, 30/12-5/1

Gr 4 : 16-22/9, 14-20/10, 11-17/11,
9- 15/12,



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Posti Green

Home visits, spiritual care, confession, communion at home: The parish's pastors are available for home visits, spiritual care, confessions and communion. The pastor will be happy to come at your place! Get in touch! Pastoral services are bound to the rule of absolute confidentiality.

Congregation and fellowship: The Methodist Church invites all who are baptized and confess their faith in Jesus Christ to become a member of the congregation. Do you have any questions about faith, congregation, membership, etc. Contact one of the pastors.

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