

Wednesday, March 3, 2021

Dear Members and Friends of Desert Hills Lutheran,

This weekend is the seventh of seven sermons on “Broken Signposts: How Christianity Makes Sense of the World by N.T. Wright. We have looked at justice, love, spirituality, beauty, freedom, truth, and the last one is power. Can power be broken? I just finished re-reading the first volume of The Lord of the Rings by J.R.R. Tolkein. I read the three volumes in 1973 and loved it. I wondered if I would still love it and I did. It is amazing how much of the book was put in the movie version including passages of dialog from the book. The whole story is a story of power and evil. There is the power of evil represented in the one ring that rules all others. A small Hobbit named Frodo is tasked with destroying the one ring. I won't be mentioning the Lord of the Rings in the sermon, but I will be mentioning how Jesus came to destroy the power of sin, death, and the power of the devil, using a different kind of power.

I am doing one more new member class series. We will begin on April 22 at 9:30 am. We will receive new members on May 22 & 23. If you would like to join but can't attend in the morning, let the office know. If you are interested call the church office to register.

My devotion verse for today is John 14:27, “My peace I give to you; not as the world gives.” Much of my life I have lived with anxiety. Even as a Christian, Christ's peace would often elude me. However, I have discovered that if I would deliberately quiet myself, and be still, then ask for the peace that passes all understanding, I would feel better. Even as I write this, I'm taking deep breathes and smiling. It is not my peace but His peace being given.

Blessings,

Pastor Martin