



Pastor Enno's Weekly Message

Dear Friends,

As we come into Thanksgiving Weekend and Black Friday, it really shows the dualism of our nation. We are to gather to give thanks one day and then get up for deals on stuff that will quickly wear out or be put in storage. We, as Americans, will shove, punch, and scream to get our kids the 'hot' toy, game counsel, or whatever kids are into this year. As long as we, as humans and Americans, buy into this and give fuel that our kids coolness and our worth cannot be separated from the stuff we own or how much we have, this drive for bigger and more expensive things will continue to bankrupt our nation and world.

We have seen this time and time again, that human beings are ranked behind wealth and power and trends. Innovation and creativity are part of who we are in our world, but it doesn't have to come at the expense of compassion and decency. Many of our world's billionaires and companies started out as a fight against the "system," only to become the system/kingdom/empire/economy, making their domination more secure.

Being up here in Cook County helps us to avoid the Black Friday rush, but we probably do our shopping on Amazon and other online outlets. Let us hold on to our gratitude as long as we can. Let us start working our way into Advent where we focus on Love, Joy, Peace, and Hope. May these become our guiding values. Another way is possible. Another world is being created in our day and age. May we continue to discover the goodness of life and the world, be grateful for it all, and live in it.

Peace



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