



Pastor Enno's Weekly Message

Dear Friends,

Two years ago, there was a coordinated attack on our nation's capital building and upon our democracy. How high in the government the planning went is the job of the courts to discover and prosecute. How much of those structures are still in place for this next election is the job of law enforcement. How likely it will happen this time is small, because according to Heather Cox Richardson, once the majority of those who supported or participated in the attack saw what actually took place, they lost their appetite for it. This does not mean that there won't be any violence or legal chicanery with the electoral votes, but it has a very steep hill to climb for anything like this to succeed.

Historians show that coming up to WW2, there was a significant group of American citizens who wanted us to join the war on the side of the Nazis, and when that didn't happen, there was a coup that was planned--even with help from some in Congress. I share this because we are not a perfect country, and we have been through trials and disruptions and plots before. The biggest one was the Civil War.

We can survive these ripples as a country, and I believe we will have a stronger democracy after the elections of this year. It will be messy and hard and in places, a nail-biter. However, most Americans do believe in our country and the rights for all people, not just some, and the freedoms that go along with our responsibilities.

As Christians, we can work on listening to the other side, not just arguing. We can have compassion and care for those who scream at us and about us. We can maybe show them a bigger God and kingdom that isn't wrapped up in the American flag or a political party. We can vote for justice for all and voice our opinions in respectful ways.

Peace