

RESURRECTION NEWS



Pentecost

JUNE 2011



Pastor's Letter

June, 2011

"When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them because they were like sheep without a shepherd." (Matthew 9:35-36)

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

A mother sent her little daughter on an errand. The girl was gone a long time. When she finally returned, her mother demanded an explanation. The little girl explained that on her way she met a little friend who was crying because she had broken her doll. "Oh," said the mother, "so you stopped to help her fix her doll?" "Oh no," replied the little girl. "I stopped to help her cry."

That's compassion. Compassion is feeling the pain of another yourself. It may be the pain from a broken doll, or a broken marriage or a broken body or a broken dream. Whatever the situation, compassion sees the hurt and feels the hurt along with the broken person.

This word "compassion" is an interesting one. Before the science of psychiatry began to explain things about the mind and emotions, it was believed that the seat of emotions lay somewhere in the bowels, or intestines of a person. In the guts if you will. And when you think about that it makes sense because when you are deeply moved by something - where do you feel it? In your gut.

When Jesus saw the crowds, helpless and harassed like sheep without a shepherd, His guts ached. The word "compassion" is applied to Jesus many times in the gospels and I wonder how he could bear the magnitude of ache that He felt.

Jesus' guts ached at the world's pain.

In Matthew 14:14 we read that crowds were bringing their sick loved ones and friends to Jesus and "he had compassion on them and healed their sick."

Jesus' guts ache at the world's sorrow.

In Luke 7:13 we read that as Jesus entered the town of Nain he was intersected by a widow whose boy was being carried out to the cemetery in a coffin. Jesus saw the tears of the woman and it ripped his guts out and he said to her, "Don't cry." And he went to the coffin, and said, "Young man I say to you, get up." And the boy sat up and hugged his mother.

Jesus' guts ache at the world's hunger.

In Matthew 15, we read that Jesus saw that the crowds were hungry. "I have compassion on these people, they have been with me three days and have nothing to eat. I do not want to send them away hungry, or they may collapse on the road." And feeling the collective hunger of all 5,000 of them in his gut, he fed them, seven loaves and a few fish.

Jesus' guts ached at the world's loneliness.

In Mark 1:41 we read that a man with leprosy came to Jesus. Leper's were banished from society. They were cut off from the fellowship with other men and women - even from their own families. They were abandoned to the streets, commanded to keep a distance from everyone. "Filled with compassion, Jesus reached out his hand and touched the man. Be clean! And immediately the leprosy left him."

The prophet Isaiah tell us that "He was a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief." (Is.53:3). But who can begin to comprehend the enormity our pain which He feels. It is the gut wrenching compassion of Christ for all people that moves him to offer the ultimate assistance which he does. You have heard the expression, "No guts, no glory." That great exchange took place on the cross. On the cross of Calvary, it was His guts for our glory.

Now the point here is not simply that we should have the compassion of Christ. We simply are not capable of that. No, the point is that Christ has felt our pain. The pain of our pain, the pain of our sorrow, the pain of our hunger, the pain of our loneliness. And he invites us to exchange that pain for the joy of heaven at the cross where that exchanged has been made for you and for all people.

We may not have the compassion of Christ, but we know people who are in pain and whose pain we may feel, to whatever degree. We have been given the authority of the compassionate Christ to bring others to the cross that their pain may be exchanged for the joy of heaven also. Its his guts for our glory.

In Christ,
Pastor Nielsen

Please Welcome These New Members of the Congregation:

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Summer Worship Schedule – Now through September 4th:

Worship begins at 9:00am. Sunday School is in recess.

Ascension of Our Lord Worship Service - Thursday, June 2nd. 7:00pm.

40 days after Easter, Jesus ascended into heaven to be seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. 10 days later, the Holy Spirit descended upon the Apostles in Jerusalem on the Day of Pentecost. The Ascension of our Lord is a very significant aspect of the Christian faith. We gather for worship to connect Christ's ascension to His resurrection and the coming of the Holy Spirit and to the life of faith. Please join us.

Vacation Bible School: Jungle Adventure!

June 27,28,29th. Reserve the dates and invite your friends to join in the fun!
See Sasha Fitzpatrick for more information.

News From the Williams Family: Jonathan and Sarah Williams are members of LCR. Jonathan is currently studying for the pastoral ministry at Concordia Theological Seminary, Ft. Wayne, Ind.

First, we would like to apologize for the delay in sending out our newsletter. We found out in January that we are expecting a third child in the fall. However, I have had some major complications with the pregnancy. Besides being sick and exhausted for the first 4 months, I was also in and out of the hospital and doctor's office. It was a very stressful time for us all. However, we found out today that everything looks good and the problems I had have resolved themselves. During this time I was unable to do most of my usual tasks and I am sorry I fell behind with the newsletter.

We found out that we are going to Wheat Ridge Lutheran Church in Wheat Ridge (just outside of Denver), Colorado for our vicarage. Jonathan starts his work there on August 1st. We are really looking forward to spending some time in Colorado and are very excited to work with the church there.

This week marked the end of Jonathan's fieldwork program, and it is also the last week of classes. This has been his busiest quarter yet, and he is looking forward to a change in routine for the upcoming year. We are planning to do a lot of packing after he is finished with school. We are also going to be visiting Jonathan's family in Kansas and Sarah's family in St. Louis at the beginning of June.

Islwyn is finishing his first year of preschool at the end of May. He has had a wonderful year there and we will miss his teachers and the other students in his class next year. He is just starting to sound out words and build words with refrigerator magnet letters. I think he will make some progress in his reading and writing in the coming year.

Amund is talking up a storm these days. He speaks in full sentences now. He loves playing with his train set, throwing balls, and going down our slide.

We will be sending out a summer newsletter, and then go back to the bi-monthly schedule of newsletters in the fall. We will also let everyone know our new address once we find out where we will be living.

Thank you so much for all your continued support over the last two years.



Monthly Worship

June 2, 2011

The Ascension of Our Lord

Psalm: 47

First Reading: Acts 1:1-11

Epistle: Ephesians 1:15-23

Holy Gospel: Luke 24:44-53

June 5, 2011

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Psalm: 68: 1-10

First Reading: Acts 1: 12-26

Epistle: 1 Peter 4:12-19; 5:6-11

Holy Gospel: John 17:1-11

June 12, 2011

The Day of Pentecost

Psalm: 25:1-15

First Reading: Numbers 11:24-30

Epistle: Acts 2:1-21

Holy Gospel: John 7:37-39

June 19, 2011

Holy Trinity Sunday

Psalm: 8

First Reading: Genesis 1:1—2:4a

Epistle: Acts 2:14a, 22-36

Holy Gospel: Matthew 28:16-20

June 26, 2011

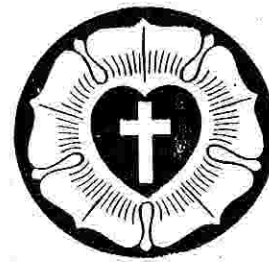
Second Sunday after Pentecost

Psalm: 119:153-160

First Reading: Jeremiah 28:5-9

Epistle: Romans 7:1-13

Holy Gospel: Matthew 10:34-42



LUTHER QUIZ

1. The first Protestant hymnal appeared in 1524 A.D. And contained eight hymns, four of them by this Lutheran:

A) Johann Sebastian Bach B) George F. Handel C) Martin Luther

2. At what age did Luther begin studying for his bachelor of arts degree?

A) 13 B) 15 C) 18

3. In Luther's Lecture on Galatians, he states that the first step on the way to salvation is to do this:

A) Repent B) Pray C) Give thanks to God

4. According to Luther, all trust that is not based on this is vain:

A) Faith B) The Word of God C) Confidence

5. True or False: Luther wrote that a person who has never been in temptations cannot know what it means to have hope.

6. According to Luther, *this* is the most intolerable thing on earth:

A) Lies B) Love C) Truth

Answers on "Birthday page."

PLEASE NOTE!!!

Next month will be the "usual" Summer issue of the News Letter. This includes all of the July and August news and schedules. Please submit your items for **both** months accordingly.



STEWARDSHIP

June 2
(Ascension
Day-7 PM)

June 5

June 12

June 19

May 29

Acolyte

Emily Larsen

Emily
Monteleone

Sarah Kohl

Emily Larsen

Dan Morren

Comm. Assistant

Chris Batson

Jared
Goldsmith

Glenn Carlson

Mark Larsen

Eric Stout

Ushers

Mark Larsen
&
Eric Stout

Don Pryor
&
Seth Carlson

Moe Cote
&
Bill Jahnke

Chris Batson
&
John Ayotte

Jon Morren
&
Glenn
Carlson, Jr.

Greeters

Chris
&
Yvonne
Batson

John
&
Lisa
Monteleone

Fred
&
Amy
Ouellette

John
&
Karen
Ayotte

Jon
&
Karen
Morren

Altar Guild

Avis Grant

Irma
Mytinger

Sharon
Conover

Darryll
Zahner

Flowers

Chris
&
Yvonne
Batson

Joe Krolak

Joe Krolak

Sharon Klipp

Sharon Klipp

Fellowship

The
Graduates

OPEN

Sharon Klipp

Becky Cote



Birthday Wishes

- 6/1 Peter Gaug
- 6/2 Angie Carlson
Beatrice Conover
Sharon Klipp
- 6/3 Lisa Monteleone
- 6/7 Moe Cote
Jeanne Therrien
- 6/10 Karen Markham
- 6/12 Eric Stout
- 6/14 Callum Goldsmith
- 6/16 Sharon Callahan
- 6/24 Doris Brossy
- 6/26 Tiana Thomas
- 6/28 David Gideon



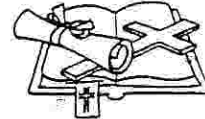
- 6/10 Ted & Dottie Evertson



- 6/3 Emily-Lynn Larsen
- 6/7 Moe Cote
- 6/8 Ted Evertson
- 6/11 Arthur Conover
- 6/12 Mollie Therrien
- 6/13 Daniel Morren
- 6/18 Sarah Mueller
- 6/20 Laurah Mueller
- 6/21 John Mueller
- 6/23 Jeanne Therrien
- 6/26 Bonnie Mathieu
- 6/30 Donald Schorr

Luther Quiz Answers: 1) C 2) A 3) A 4) B
5) True 6) C

CONFIRMATION



ANNIVERSARIES

- 6/5 Natalie Crowley
- 6/?? Doris Brossy
Curt Mueller

The Pastor's Cat

A friend recently told a true story about the pastor of his church. He had a kitten that climbed up a tree in his backyard and then was afraid to come down. The pastor coaxed, offered warm milk, etc. The kitty would not come down.

The tree was not sturdy enough to climb, so the pastor decided that if he tied a rope to his car and pulled it until the tree bent down, he could then reach up and get the kitten

That's what he did, all the while checking his progress in the car. He then figured if he went just a little bit further, the tree would be bent sufficiently for him to reach the kitten. But as he moved the car a little further forward, the rope broke. The tree went "boing" and the kitten instantly sailed through the air—out of sight.

The pastor felt terrible. He walked all over the neighborhood asking people if they'd seen a little kitten. No, nobody had seen a stray kitten. So he prayed, 'Lord I just commit this kitten to your keeping,' and went on about his business.

A few days later he was at the grocery store, and met one of his church members. He happened to look into her shopping cart and was amazed to see cat food. This woman was a cat hater and everyone knew it, so he asked her, 'Why are you buying cat food when you hate cats so much?'

She replied, 'You won't believe this,' and then told him how her little girl had been begging her for a cat, but she kept refusing. Then a few days earlier the child had begged again. So, the Mom finally told her little girl, 'Well, if God gives you a cat, I'll let you keep it.' She told the pastor, 'I watched my child go out in the yard, get on her knees, and ask God for a cat. And really, Pastor, you won't believe this, but I saw it with my own eyes. A kitten suddenly came flying out of the blue sky, with it's paws outspread and landed right in front of her.'

Never underestimate the Power of God and His unique sense of humor.

Lutheran Church of the Resurrection

June 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5 6th Sunday after Easter 9:00 am Worship	6 <div>Pastor Nielsen out of the office</div>	7	8	9 7:00 pm Ascension Worship Service	10	11
12 The Day of Pentecost 9:00 am Worship	13 6:00 pm Bd. For Youth	14	15	16	17	18 4:00pm. Hein / Tread- well Wedding
19 Trinity Sunday 9:00 am Worship	20 July/August Newsletter Deadline 7:00 pm Church Council	21 7:00pm . Ladies Book Group Mtg.	22	23	24 Sr. Youth Group Hike Tumbledown Mtn.	25 Justin / Abbie Pryor Blessing of Wedding Vows
26 Pentecost 2 9:00 am Worship	27 <div></div>	28 Jungle Adventures Vacation Bible School	29 <div></div>	30		