

# **RESURRECTION NEWS**



**June 2015**



## Pastor's Page

June, 2015

Properly Prepared to Receive the Lord's Supper

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Question: Who receives this sacrament worthily?

Answer: Fasting and bodily preparation are certainly fine outward training. But that person is truly worthy and well prepared who has faith in these words: 'Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.' But anyone who does not believe these words or doubts them is unworthy and unprepared, for the words, 'for you' require all hearts to believe. (*Luther's Small Catechism*)

Three questions that we should ask ourselves before receiving the Lord's Supper:

### **#1 - "Do I admit that I am a sinner before God and am I gravely sorry for my sin?"**

"If we say that we have no sin we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us." (1 John 1:8) But we live in a world that is hell-bent on redefining sin so that we may indeed say that it does not apply to us. Are we willing to hear the Word of God tell us what sin is and what it is not and let His Word accuse us as guilty before God?

"If we say that we have no sin we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we say we have not sinned we make God out to be a liar and His Word has no place in our lives." (1 John 1:10,12).

### **#2 - "Do I believe that my savior Jesus Christ is present in this Sacrament for the forgiveness of my sins?"**

Jesus gives us Himself in the bread and wine by His Word, "This is my body, this is my blood, given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins." This is the body and blood that was "crucified, died and buried" outside Jerusalem 2,000 years ago. It is the very Lamb of God who was "slain from the foundation of the world" according to Revelation and raised from the dead on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day according to the gospels.

"What is the use or fruit of this sacrament? Listen to this: "given for you" "shed for you." I go to the sacrament in order to take and use Christ's body and blood given and shed for me. When the minister intones, "This cup is the New Testament in my blood," to whom is it spoken? Not to my dog, but to those who are gathered to take the sacrament. These words must be apprehended by faith. Therefore I use the sacrament for the forgiveness of my sins; I say: I will go and take the body and blood; it is a sure sign that it was instituted from me against my death. "Which is given for you." There is the benefit." (Martin Luther)

### **#3 - "Do I plan, with the help of the Holy Spirit, to amend my sinful life?"**

This is what the word 'repentance' is all about. It is not right to say 'I am sorry for my sin and I believe Jesus when He says that this is His blood and body given and shed for me for the forgiveness of sins, but I have no desire to change my mind in the sinful matter I am currently engaged in.' To come to the Lord's Supper without a sincere desire to change the sinful behavior is misuse of this sacrament.

"They, however, receive it unworthily who knowingly and intentionally persist in their sins, such as revengeful wrath, murder, fornication, adultery and similar manifest sins and crimes. Christ instituted the Holy Sacrament unto the forgiveness of our sins, that we should forsake them and not continue in them... He declares it to be damnable, if persons deliberately sin, and then go to the Sacrament as though nothing had happened. Those who act thus, eat and drink the sacrament unworthily, and God punishes them with sickness and other afflictions... The best thing we can do, under such circumstances, would be to put a stop to such wickedness, to repent, to trust faithfully in the promises and mercy of God, and to unite again with Christians in the participation of the Holy Sacrament." (Martin Luther)

"Let a person examine himself then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup."

Yours in Christ,  
*Pastor Nielsen*

### **Board for Missions Meeting - May, 2015**

A thank you note was received from St. Jude's Hospital for the Sunday School's contribution of \$100. The note was shared with the children.

Mid-Maine Homeless Shelter:

- Discussion of visit by Betty Palmer, MMHS with the congregation on Sunday, April 26th. Everyone was very pleased with how the visit went.
- Betty indicated that all volunteers need to be trained. The Board would like to host a training session at the church. Amanda will contact shelter after hearing from pastor Nielsen about Sem. Student visit.
- Suggestion was made that we do a 'specific item' drive for the shelter in the future. A list of 'specific items' is posted on the bulletin board.

Seminary Student:

- Sem. Student Paul Rockrohr is not able to visit the congregation as he has taken a call to Golden, Col., to which he will be reporting in June.
- Pastor Nielsen will contact seminarian Alex to see if he might be able to come in June.

Wittenburg Project:

- Board voted to send \$500 to Wittenburg Project pending approval by Church Council. Funds to be matched if we are among the first 500 congregations to participate.

Recognition of Generosity:

- A discussion about recognizing individual acts of generosity in the congregation. Developing a page for this in the Newsletter was suggested.

Next meeting is scheduled for June 10 - 6:30pm. Everyone is invited to attend.

### **The New England District Convention - June 11-13<sup>th</sup> - Springfield, Mass.**

Every three years every District of the LC-MS meets in convention to conduct the business of the church within its District. Every congregation of the District sends two voting delegates - one clergy and one lay. This year's lay delegate to the convention will be Sharon Conover.

**Higher Things Youth to attend "Te Deum" Conference July 21-24 at Calvin College, Grand Rapids, Michigan.**

Te Deum, Te Deum Laudamus, "We Praise You, O God." All praise, all glory, all honor, all everything goes to you, O Lord, for You sent Your Son who died on the cross for us. He rose again. He saves. He is the sacrifice that makes us – and our praise – acceptable to You. In the Te Deum, we confess all that God the Father did for us in the sending of His Son. And by faith, we join our voices with those apostles, prophets, martyrs, and of the whole Church of all times and places, in praise and worship of the Holy Trinity...giving us a glimpse right into the divine Throne Room of heaven itself! This summer's 2015 Higher Things Conferences will rejoice in the gift of the Te Deum, a hymn of praise that gives us a foretaste of what's happening in worship in heaven and on earth.

Youth attending are: Nathanael Batson, Sarah Kohl, Emily Larsen and Elizabeth Larsen. Chaperones are Lee Anne Larsen, Julie Kohl and Chris Batson.

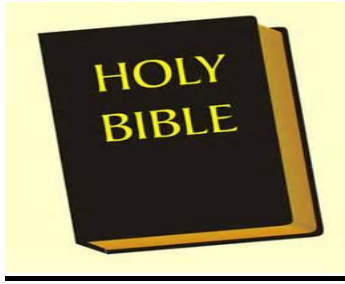
**Please Welcome These New Members of the Congregation:**

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**The Sacrament of the Altar**

Thus we have the entire Sacrament, both as to what it is in itself and as to what it brings and profits. Now we must also see who is the person that receives this power and benefit. That is answered briefly, as we said above of Baptism and often elsewhere: Whoever believes it has what the words declare and bring. For they are not spoken or proclaimed to stone and wood, but to those who hear them, to whom He says: Take and eat, etc. And because He offers and promises forgiveness of sin, it cannot be received otherwise than by faith. This faith He Himself demands in the Word when He says: Given and shed for you. As if He said: For this reason I give it, and bid you eat and drink, that you may claim it as yours and enjoy it. Whoever now accepts these words, and believes that what they declare is true, has it. But whoever does not believe it has nothing, as he allows it to be offered to him in vain, and refuses to enjoy such a saving good. The treasure, indeed, is opened and placed at every one's door, yea upon his table, but it is necessary that you also claim it, and confidently view it as the words suggest to you. (Martin Luther – Large Catechism)



## Monthly Worship

**June 7, 2015**

**Second Sunday after Pentecost**

**Psalm:** 130

**First Reading:** Genesis 3:8-15

**Epistle:** 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1

**Holy Gospel:** Mark 3:20-35

**June 14, 2015**

**Third Sunday after Pentecost**

**Psalm:** 1

**First Reading:** Ezekiel 16:22-24

**Epistle:** 2 Corinthians 5:1-10 (11-17)

**Holy Gospel:** Mark 4:26-34

**June 21, 2015**

**Fourth Sunday after Pentecost**

**Psalm:** 124

**First Reading:** Job 38:1-11

**Epistle:** 2 Corinthians 6:1-13

**Holy Gospel:** Mark 4:35-41

**June 28, 2015**

**Fifth Sunday after Pentecost**

**Psalm:** 30

**First Reading:** Lamentations 3:22-33

**Epistle:** 2 Corinthians 8:1-9, 13-15

**Holy Gospel:** Mark 5:21-43

## A reminder:

The next Newsletter will be our "Summer" Issue (including both July and August). Please submit any articles or lists for these two months to Sharon Klipp by Monday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>. Thanks!

## BIBLE QUIZ

**1. How did God provide for Elijah's needs when the prophet fled from Queen Jezebel's rage?**

A) twice an angel gave him warm bread and a jar of water in the middle of nowhere. B) once a camel came bearing new clothes C) three times a friend came to encourage him D) two different strangers offered their homes to Elijah the political refugee

**2. What happened to the place of prayer when the early church praised God after Peter and John were released after they were brought before the Jewish council?**

A) the place caught on fire B) the place was flooded C) the place was shaken D) the place was buffeted by mighty winds

**3. After emerging from the Promised Land, in which city did Israel set up the tabernacle?**

A) Shiloh B) Bethlehem C) Gibash D) Jerusalem

**4. When Jesus rested for a short time at Jacob's well, whom did He chat with?**

A) a shepherd who used to be that area's tax collector B) a woman who had five husbands and currently slept with another man C) a rich ruler from Ethiopia D) a beggar who was extremely inquisitive regarding spiritual matters

**5. Who warned Pilot not to get involved with Jesus' trial?**

A) His top advisor because of fortune-telling omens B) His son because of a rumor he heard circulating among the soldiers C) His wife because of a troubling dream she had D) his foreign cupbearer because of an ancient legend regarding a "holy one"

**6. Who said this: "Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil"?**

A) God via Isaiah B) God via Jeremiah C) God via Jesus D) God via Paul



- 6/1 Peter Gaug
- 6/2 Angie Carlson  
Sharon Klipp
- 6/7 Moe Cote
- 6/14 Callum Goldsmith
- 6/16 Sharon Callahan
- 6/24 Doris Brossy
- 6/26 Tiana Thomas
- 6/28 David Gideon



**CONFIRMATION  
ANNIVERSARIES**

- 6/4 Natalie Crowley
- 6/?? Doris Brossy



- 6/3 Emily-Lynn Carlson
- 6/7 Moe Cote
- 6/8 Ted Evertsen
- 6/11 Arthur Conover
- 6/26 Bonnie Mathieu

**Bible Quiz Answers**

1. A 1 Kings 19:2-8
2. C Acts 4:31
3. A Joshua 18:1
4. B John 4:6, 17-18
5. C Matthew 27:17-19
6. D Matthew 13:23



- 6/3 Steven & Kari Farr
- 6/10 Ted & Dottie Evertson
- 6/15 Brian & Andrea Watson
- 6/10 Mike & Michelle Hein

**The Bishops Visit**

Little Johnny’s dad was the pastor of a small church in the Midwest. One day he told Johnny that a very important church leader, a bishop, was coming to the church and would be staying with them in their home. Little Johnny became very excited about meeting the bishop. “What do I get to do?” he asked.

“Your job,” father answered, “will be to take his morning tea up to the guest room.”

“What shall I say?” little Johnny asked.

“Just remember to say, ‘It’s the boy, my Lord, it’s time to get up.’”

Little Johnny was very excited. He rehearsed his lines, repeating them over and over. Finally the day came, and little Johnny had learned his lines. At the appointed hour, the bishop’s tea and a biscuit were set on a tray and given to Johnny to take to the guest. Knocking on the visitor’s door, the boy became so excited his lines got all mixed up, so when he finally spoke, out came, “It’s the Lord, my boy, and your time is up.”

# Stewardship - June, 2015

	<u>June 7</u>	<u>June 14</u>	<u>June 21</u>	<u>June 28</u>
<b>Acolyte</b>	<b>Jacob Huesers</b>	<b>Emmy Carlson</b>	<b>Allison Farr</b>	<b>Mia Fitzpatrick</b>
<b>Comm. Assistant</b>	<b>Mark Larsen</b>	<b>Steve Love</b>	<b>Brad Grierson</b>	<b>Glenn Carlson</b>
<b>Ushers</b>	<b>Jon Morren &amp; Glenn Carlson</b>	<b>John Gould &amp; Mike Hein</b>	<b>Brian Watson &amp; Moe Cote</b>	<b>Brad Fitzpatrick &amp; Mark Larsen</b>
<b>Greeters</b>	<b>Moe &amp; Becky Cote</b>	<b>Steve Love &amp; Sharon Conover</b>	<b>John &amp; Karen Ayotte</b>	<b>Anna Bisson &amp; Gail Carrano</b>
<b>Altar Care</b>	<b>Amanda Goldsmith</b>	<b>Deb Nielsen</b>	<b>Amy Ouellette</b>	<b>Kitty Carlson</b>
<b>Flowers</b>	<b>Mike &amp; Michelle Hein</b>	<b>Sharon Klipp</b>	<b>Sharon Klipp</b>	<b>Julie &amp; Sarah Kohl</b>
<b>Fellowship</b>	<b>Kari Farr</b>	<b>Becky Cote</b>	<b>OPEN</b>	<b>OPEN</b>

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