

RESURRECTION NEWS



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Pastor's Letter

May, 2013

"The Ascension of Our Lord"

Lift up your heads, O you gates; be lifted up, you ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. Who is this King of glory? The LORD strong and mighty, the LORD mighty in battle. Lift up your heads, O you gates; lift them up, you ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. Who is he, this King of glory? The LORD Almighty – he is the King of glory. Psalm 24:7-10

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In ancient times the way in which people protected themselves from unwanted intruders was to build a wall around their castles, cities and even entire countries. The wall that was built around Jerusalem still stands. There is still a wall around an entire country – the wall of China. Until recently, the Berlin Wall stood – which actually became a wall to keep people in rather than out.

In order to get into a castle or city, one had to enter through a heavily guarded entrance way which was sealed by a gate. The gate was opened to let armies out or back in again from battle. Since the gate was a huge and heavy covering that took a lot of work to open, there would be a door cut into the gate to let individuals who wanted to come in or go out pass through.

Psalm 24 describes an entourage approaching a walled city and the command is given to open the gate, lift up the door so that they may enter.

Throughout the Gospels, we come into contact with angels who accompany Jesus during His earthly ministry. An angel appeared to Zechariah, to Mary, and Joseph before Jesus was born to be sure that He got the right name and that Mary wasn't put away. At his birth a company of angels appear to the shepherds in the fields announcing the good news to them.

As Jesus' ministry begins, He is led into the desert to be tempted by the devil, and at the end of the 40 days, the angels came and attended to Him. Later, as Jesus stands before Pontius Pilate he says that if He wanted to He could summon legions of angels that would come and rescue Him.

As the women arrive at the tomb of Jesus on the first Easter morning they find it guarded by angels who announce the good news that He is risen! And after 40 days from His resurrection from the dead, Jesus ascends and the angels are there to explain it all to the disciples who are looking into the air.

I think that it is perfectly safe to assume that the entourage that announces the arrival of the "King, the Lord of glory," is the legion of angels who are escorting Jesus to His heavenly throne. And as they approach the city, they call to the heavenly angels in charge of the gate of the heavenly city, "Lift up your heads, O you gates; be lifted up, you ancient doors."

And an amazing thing happens. There is a discussion that takes place. The gatekeepers don't recognize Jesus. And they ask, twice, "Who is this King of glory." "Who is he, this king of glory." They look out among the advancing entourage and they don't see anyone fitting the description of a king of glory.

And both times, the angels with Jesus reply, "The Lord strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle. The Lord Almighty - He is the king of glory." But now the question is, "Why didn't the heavenly gate keepers recognize Jesus? Why did they have to ask for the King of glory to be identified?"

It was because Jesus ascended into heaven as the Word made Flesh. And not only that, His flesh was bruised, battered and sacred. He still bore the nail holes in his feet and hands. Not the flesh of the King of Glory. As one ancient theologian puts it, "They didn't recognize him because he was clothed in the poor tunic of our nature. His garments were red from the winepress of human evils."

This confusion of the gatekeepers over the identity of the King of glory is repeated much later by St. John who, in his revelation, is given a glimpse into heaven where the ascended king rules from the throne. There is a question in heaven over who has the authority to open the scroll that contains the record of those who are saved. The angels ask, "who is worthy to break the seals and open the scroll?" And then everyone sees, that all along, right in the center of the throne, was a Lamb, "looking like it had been slain," and He is worthy to open the scroll. (Rev. 5:1-6).

One of the several reasons that we celebrate the Ascension of our Lord is because He bears an eternal witness of His death for the atonement of our sins to the Father and for His sake, the Father has mercy on us poor sinners.

I hope that you will plan to attend The Ascension Of Our Lord - Worship Service - Thursday, May 9th. - 6:00pm.

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Nielsen

Men's Breakfast Meeting: Saturday, May 11th 8:00am.



Last Breakfast of the season. Screwtape offers more advice to his nephew Wormwood on how to keep the Christian patients off the track of faithful living. Be sure to join us for this wonderful time of food, fellowship and study.

The Confirmation of Danny Morren: Sunday, May 12th.



The Rite of Confirmation for youth is a very special occasion when we are blessed with the opportunity to hear the confession of a baptized child of God who has been thoroughly instructed in the Christian faith and who is prepared to examine himself and receive the Lord's Supper.

We Recognize our Graduating Seniors: Sunday, May 19th.



Greet the graduating seniors on Sunday as we give thanks to God for their education and ask for the Lord's blessings on their future. Graduating seniors are:
Arthur Conover; Ben Morren; and Tiana Thomas.

SUMMER SERVICE SCHEDULE BEGINS SUNDAY, MAY 26TH.
WORSHIP WILL BEGIN AT 9:00AM. SUNDAY SCHOOL WILL BE IN RECESS.

Sunday School End Of Year Celebration: Sunday, May 19th.



Plan to join us immediately after worship on the 19th as we celebrate the end of another successful year of Sunday School. A whole congregation picnic, Sunday School Staff recognition, lots of games and activities, hamburgers and hotdogs, face-painting, bounce house, cotton candy, relay races. **Bring a 'picnic cover dish' to share.** Sponsored by the Board For Youth.

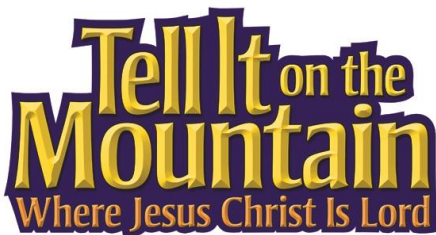
Pastor Nielsen will be at the LCMS International Center in St. Louis, Mo. from May 17-20.



The 65th Regular Convention of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

A delegate to the Synodical Convention in July, pastor Nielsen has been selected to serve on a 'floor committee' (structure and ecclesia matters) which will meet on May 17-20. 'Floor Committees' are charged with organizing and presenting the various 'overtures' that are presented to the Synod for consideration at the Convention. Rev. Michael Gruel will preside over worship on May 19.

Vacation Bible School - 'TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN' - June 24th - 26th. 9:00am - 11:30am.



Tell it on the Mountain VBS will take us on an expedition to the top of three mountains where children will learn God's might and grace and His son Jesus our Savior and Lord. Registration is open for children from PRESCHOOL TO GRADE 5. Get excited to sing fun songs, do crazy crafts, eat yummy snacks, and *more*. Plus, you'll learn all about Jesus so that you can go TELL everyone about him! Can't wait to see you there! To register, see Sasha Fitzpatrick.

Summer Sermon Series: THE LORD'S PRAYER



We will once again take the opportunity through the summer season of worship to consider in-depth one of the chief parts of the Small Catechism. This year's "Summer Sermon Series" will focus on the 3rd Chief Part: The Lord's Prayer.

The Lord's Prayer is the prayer that Jesus our Lord has given to us to pray. We use it every week in worship. I am sure that many use this prayer daily. Martin Luther is quoted as saying, "The Lord's Prayer is a prayer above all prayers, the greatest of all prayers, which has been taught by the greatest Master of all, in which all spiritual and bodily trouble is comprehended and which is the strongest consolation in all temptations, tribulations, and in the last hour."

5/26 - Introduction: Our Father....

6/2 - 1st Petition: Hallowed be Thy name...

6/9 - 2nd Petition: Thy Kingdom Come...

6/16 - 3rd Petition: Thy will be done...

6/30 - 4th Petition: Give us this day our daily bread...

7/7 - 5th Petition: Forgive us our trespasses...

7/14 - 6th Petition: Lead us not into temptation...

7/28 - 7th Petition: Deliver us from evil...

8/4 - Conclusion: For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory...



Monthly Worship

May 5, 2013

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Psalm: 67

First Reading: Acts 16:9-15

Epistle: Revelation 21:9-14, 21-27

Holy Gospel: John 16:23-33 or 5:1-9

May 12, 2013

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Psalm: 133

First Reading: Acts 1:12-26

Epistle: Revelation 22:1-6 (7-11) 12-20

Holy Gospel: John 17:20-26

May 19, 2013

The Day of Pentecost

Psalm: 143

First Reading: Acts 2:1-21

Epistle: Genesis 11:1-9

Holy Gospel: John 14:23-31

May 26, 2013

The Holy Trinity Sunday

Psalm: 8

First Reading: Proverbs 8:1-4,22-31

Epistle: Acts 2:14a, 22-36

Holy Gospel: John 8:48-59

BIBLE QUIZ

1. What did King Nebuchadnezzar find peculiar about the men he ordered thrown into the furnace?

A) they were singing and praying B) they were walking around C) they were laughing at the king D) they were reading scrolls

2. What happened to the bullock Elijah sacrificed, after he carefully drenched it with lots of water?

A) nothing, because it was too wet B) it was completely consumed by fire from heaven, along with the wood and stones C) it appeared to come to life by rising to its feet for a few minutes D) it spoke

3. Who carried the cross while Jesus was led to the place of crucifixion?

A) Jesus himself B) Peter of Galilee C) Simon of Cyrene D) a soldier of Rome

4. What did Pilate do upon hearing that Jesus hailed from Galilee?

A) shuttled Him over to King Herod because Galilee was in his jurisdiction B) threw Him in prison because Galileans were known as murderers and rebels C) had Him flogged to try and change His answer D) apologized and gave Him some food and a new change of clothes

5. Who can be saved?

A) only people who obey the Bible's commands regularly B) only people who have not committed an evil act C) only people who genuinely help others regularly D) every person who calls on the name of the Lord

6. Who said this: "Be ye angry and sin not"?

A) Paul B) Jesus C) Moses D) Abraham

Answers on "Birthday" page

Stewardship For May

	<u>May 5</u> (10:00)	<u>May 12</u> (10:00)	<u>May 19</u> (10:00)	<u>May 26</u> (9:00)
<u>Acolyte</u>	Sarah Kohl	Cullen Stout	Jacob Huesers	Dan Morren
<u>Communion Assistant</u>	Chris Batson	Glenn Carlson	Brad Fitzpatrick	Brian Watson
<u>Ushers</u>	Finley Edwards & John Ayotte	Seth Carlson & Bill Jahnke	John Gould & Eric Stout	Jared Goldsmith & Jon Morren
<u>Greeters</u>	Doris Brossy & Sharon Klipp	Art & Gail Carrano	Arthur Conover, Ben Morren; Tiana Thomas	Moe & Becky Cote
<u>Altar Care</u>	Esther Gould	LeeAnne Larsen	Katie Huesers	Avis Grant
<u>Flowers</u>	Avis Grant	Fred & Amy Ouellette	Fred & Amy Ouellette	Sharon Klipp
<u>Fellowship</u>	The Fitzpatricks	Vesta Holt	Sunday School Cover-Dish	OPEN



- 5/3 Don Pryor
- 5/4 Emily-Lynn Carlson
- 5/15 Kitty Carlson
- 5/16 Bonnie Mathieu
- Molly Therrien
- Kenneth Zahner
- 5/18 Rick Dostie
- 5/21 Helene Kiser
- 5/22 Sasha Fitzpatrick
- 5/23 Anna Bisson
- Mike Hein
- Kim Slininger
- 5/24 Amanda Goldsmith
- 5/27 Christine Thomas
- 5/30 Ted Evertsen
- Frances Sieber
- 5/31 Jared Goldsmith

- 5/11 Avis Grant
- 5/17 Callum Goldsmith
- 5/23 Polly Parks-Stamm
- 5/?? Rick Dostie



ANNIVERSARIES

- 5/8 Moe Cote
- 5/10 Angie Carlson
- Matthew Esculano
- Amanda Goldsmith
- Jared Goldsmith
- 5/11 Avis Grant
- 5/23 Ben Parks-Stamm
- Elizabeth Parks-Stamm
- 5/31 Lee Anne Larsen
- 5/?? Lois Doran



From the mouths....

- 5/4 Art & Gail Carrano
- 5/5 Moe & Becky Cote
- 5/7 Pat & Jeffery Kablitz
- 5/18 Curt & Kim Slininger

A Sunday school teacher decided to have her young class memorize one of the quoted passages in the Bible: Psalm 23. She gave the youngsters a month to learn the chapter. Ricky was excited about the task, but he just couldn't remember the psalm. After much practice, he still could barely get past the first line. On the day that the kids were scheduled to recite the psalm in front of the congregation, Ricky was nervous. When it was his turn, he stepped up to the microphone and said proudly, "The Lord is my Shepherd, and that's all I need to know."

Bible Quiz Answers: 1) B Daniel 3:24-25 2) B 1 Kings 18:31-38 3) C Matthew 27:32 4) A Luke 23:6-7 5) D Joel 2:32 6) A Ephesians 4:26

The Lutheran Church of the Resurrection

Calendar of Events

May, 2013

Week of May 2

Thursday - 5/2 10:30am. - Mid-Week Bible Study - Luke

Week of May 5

Sunday - 5/5 8:45am. - Sunday School / Adult Bible Study

10:00am. - Worship

6:00pm. - The Catechumenate

Monday - 5/6 6:00pm. - Board of Elders

Wednesday - 5/8 7:00pm. - Board for Missions

Thursday - 5/9 9:00am. - LWML Meeting
6:00pm. - Ascension Worship Service

Saturday - 5/11 8:00am. - Men's Breakfast Meeting
4:00pm. - Homeless Shelter Meal – Sr. Youth

Week of May 12th

Sunday - 5/12 8:45am. - Sunday School / Adult Bible Study

10:00am. - Worship - *Confirmation of Dan Morren*

Thursday - 5/16 10:30am. - Mid-Week Bible Study - Luke

[Pastor Nielsen in St.Louis, Mo. from 5/17-20 for Floor Committee Meeting for 2013 National Convention]

Week of May 19

Sunday - 5/19 8:45am. - Sunday School / *NO Adult Bible Study*

10:00am. - Worship - *The Day of Pentecost*

11:30am. - Recognition of Graduating Seniors / Sunday School
Celebration

Monday - 5/20 6:00pm. - Board for Youth
7:00pm. - Church Council Meeting

Week of May 26

Sunday - 5/26 **9:00am.** - Worship

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