

RESURRECTION NEWS



JUNE 2020

Pastor's Letter

June 2020

Dear Members of Lutheran Church of the Resurrection,

Greetings in the name of Jesus, who was obedient to death on the cross for us and for our salvation. And, as St. Paul wrote: "Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father." *Philippians 2:9-11*

It is with great joy in my heart and the conviction that our Lord has called me to His service in your midst, I officially announce my acceptance of the Call which you have extended to me to serve as pastor. I look forward to installation as your pastor. I ask that you please keep myself and my family in your prayers as we travel to be with all of you and join the LCR family.

In Philippians chapter 1, Paul speaks of the "Partnership in the gospel" which he had with the Philippian church. I cannot wait for our official partnership in the gospel to begin as we celebrate the gospel work that you have done in Waterville and the surrounding communities and look forward to the future work that our Heavenly Father has in store for us together.

"Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever, Amen." *Jude 24-25*

In Christ,

Benjamin Akers

Notes from your Deaconess
June 2020

Dear Brothers and Sisters of LCR,

We wait and wonder and work, looking forward to what God will bring to our lives, looking back to examine how God has worked through trials and joys we've encountered, and looking around for how we can encourage, support, and strengthen our neighbors. We believe that our Father has sent his Son to redeem us, and that Jesus has ascended to the Father! This year the final Sunday (and day) of May we rejoiced to celebrate Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit came with great signs and power upon those gathered disciples in Jerusalem.

Holy Trinity Sunday occurs on June's first Sunday. Martin Luther wrote the text for one of the four hymns in the "Holy Trinity" section of our Lutheran Service Book, based on a portion of the German liturgy of his day. Its prayerful words draw from scripture in the Psalms, the prophet Isaiah, and also Paul's epistle to the Ephesians. They seem an apt prayer for our day as well, as Luther and his contemporaries, like us, contended with plagues, pestilence, and difficult economic circumstances.

*Triune God, be Thou our stay; O let us perish never!
Cleanse us from our sins, we pray, And grant us life forever.
Keep us from the evil one; Uphold our faith most holy,
And let us trust Thee solely With humble hearts and lowly,
Let us put God's armor on, With all true Christians running
Our heav'nly race and shunning The devil's wiles and cunning.
Amen, amen! This be done; So sing we, "Alleluia!" (LSB#505)*

The organization of the rest of the hymns of the service book (after the sections taking us into the season of Pentecost) includes a range of theological themes, sacraments, and subjects such as justification, baptism, the Lord's Supper, prayer, trust, vocation, among others. Near the back we find Biblical canticles and some liturgical music. We'll look at a few of these in the future.

Since we find ourselves in Series A of the Three-Year Lectionary, after Trinity Sunday we will hear gospel readings every Sunday from Matthew until Advent begins a new church year again. Our daily lectionary readings, however, will move us into John's gospel for the New Testament reading, and we will read from Proverbs in the Old Testament. Near the end of June we will switch to the Acts of the Apostles—Jesus' continued work after his ascension. At that time we will begin to read the book of Joshua in the Old Testament with his leading of the people of Israel into the Promised Land.

In our anticipation of seeing more faces of our church family, and meeting our new pastor and family,
Let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up. So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith. Galatians 6:9-19

Under his mercy,
Sharon M. Conover

Pastor's Letter

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Covid Communion Observations

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Sixteen 'Covid Communion Services' were conducted over the course of three weeks in May. Sins were confessed and forgiven. The Word was heard and the faith confessed. Prayers were offered up and the Sacrament of the Altar was delivered 120 times to 65 different people. Try as they may, the forces working against us are no match for the One who is working for us.

Speaking the words of the Communion liturgy sixteen times in short order like this and under these circumstances caused me to hear them in ways I hadn't previously heard them. The words began to sound more and more as though they could well have been written for people living under quarantine.

For example:

"It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord..."

"All times and all places" includes the 'times' that we're now living in and the 'places' where we have been quarantined. Even in these 'times' and these 'places' it is good, right and good for us to 'give thanks' to the Lord who is about to give us His very body and blood and bring us from cramped confines into the Kingdom of Heaven.

"By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life..."

Even as we have now get a daily 'death count' published before our eyes, we *"laud and magnify"* the One who has overcome the Corona virus and every other cause of death, which all has its root in sin – even our sin. By taking away our sin He 'has destroyed death' and 'has restored everlasting life.' Let's see what man-made vaccine can do that.

"Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit..."

In a day when 'gathering' is barely permitted except under limited and controlled conditions, to hear that we are *"gathered"* together through prayer is as powerful as it is refreshing. Through prayer, we break through every legal and social barrier that would prevent us from 'gathering' together.

"Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end..."

Once again, a prayer to be 'gathered,' now expanded to include those 'from the ends of the earth.' Limitations on the size of gatherings for weddings is resolved with a 'marriage feast,' of 'all the faithful' whom no one can number and 'which has no end.'

"Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end..."

"Together with all Your saints," sounds like just the announcement we're waiting for. We pray that the Lord would overcome that which isolates us from others in ways far beyond viral pandemics.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Nielsen

Transitioning

We have entered 'Phase 2' which allows up to 50 people to meet together while still maintaining many of the precautions that have been in place. We will begin having services beginning May 31 with a 9 a.m. and 7 p.m. service. We will continue to work for the times that work best for as many as possible, and so this schedule may change. We will be revising the June Stewardship as needed as we transition to the two services to ensure we have the needed coverage. If you have not seen the email survey and wish to attend, please email lcr@myfairpoint.net. Due to spacing limitations, we ask that you do not attend without rsvp'ing as seating is limited.

Lutheran Ministries

Lutheran Hour Ministries is a weekly program on "Worship FM" radio, 95.3 FM from Winslow on Sunday mornings from 6:30 – 7 a.m. A great listen for all the early risers.

Thank you from Garuna Kids

Dear Friends:

Thank you for your support and love for the Garuna Kids in Cambodia! Your gifts, prayers, and encouragement have helped our students at the Garuna Christian Schools in Cambodia. There are over 1000 students in 6 Lutheran school who get the chance to learn about Jesus, so please keep them in your prayers over your summer break, too!

The Garuna Christian Schools are also under quarantine, as mandated by the Cambodia government. In most cases, the Garuna students do not have access to internet and computers. It is a difficult time for them. We hope that they can return to school soon. The Garuna Christian Schools are open year-round. We are happy to report that we do not know of any confirmed illness in our student or staff families, so we are thankful for that.

We hope you have a wonderful summer. We also pray for your rest, health, and family time during the summer months. We hope that we can continue to connect with you in the coming year!

God bless and many thanks,
Cheryl Ehlers, Director of Education
Garuna Christian Schools

June Stewardship

	<u>June 7</u>	<u>June 14</u>	<u>June 21</u>	<u>June 28</u>
<u>Ushers</u>	Rick Drageland & Moe Cote	Dan Keefe & Wayne Pelletier	Brian Watson & Brad Fitzpatrick	Mike Hein & Chris Batson
<u>Altar Care</u>	Kitty Carlson	Andrea Watson	Lee Anne Larsen	Katie Huesers
<u>Flowers</u>	Sharon Klipp	Sharon Klipp	Sharon Klipp	Sharon Klipp



Monthly Worship

June 7, 2020

The Holy Trinity

Psalm: 8

First Reading: Genesis 1:1-2; 4a

Epistle: Acts 2:14a, 22-36

Holy Gospel: Matthew 28:16-20

June 14, 2020

Second Sunday after Pentecost

Psalm: 100

First Reading: Exodus 19:2-8

Epistle: Romans 5:6-15

Holy Gospel: Matthew 9:35—10:8 (9-20)

June 21, 2020

Third Sunday after Pentecost

Psalm: 91:1-10 (11-16)

First Reading: Jeremiah 20:7-13

Epistle: Romans 6:12-23

Gospel: Matthew 10:5a, 21-33

June 28, 2020

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Psalm: 119:153-160

First Reading: Jeremiah 28:5-9

Epistle: Romans 7:1-13

Holy Gospel: Matthew 10:34-42

BIBLE QUIZ

1. Who was Esau's father?

A) Isaac B) Jacob C) Moses (D) Abraham

2. Which famous prophet had the vision of four wheels covered with eyes?

A) Isaiah B) Jeremiah C) Daniel D) Ezekiel

3. What are some characteristics of godly wisdom?

A) divinity, higher reality, and spirituality B) factual, scientific, and error-free C) pureness, peacefulness, and no favoritism D) technological, useful, and logical

4. In the parable of the soils, how many soil types were represented?

A) two B) four C) six D) eight

5. What was Martha's "beef" with her sister, Mary?

A) Mary sat like a guest instead of helping with the dinner preparations B) Mary nitpicked and complained about everything Martha was doing C) Mary was clumsy and was more of a hindrance than a help D) Mary claimed to be sick again so she could get out of helping

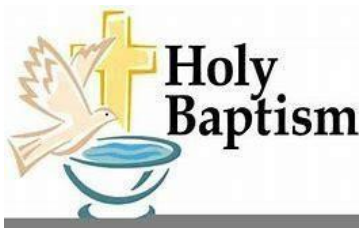
6. Who said this: "What is truth?"

A) Peter B) Paul C) Pan D) Pilate

A REMINDER: The next issue of the "Resurrection News" will be our "summer issue". This will cover both July and August. So, schedules (etc.) for both months will be due on or before June 20. Thanks!

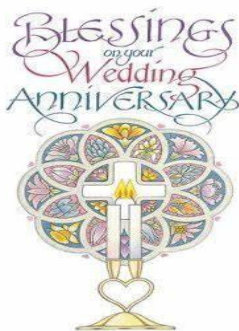


6/2 Angie Carlson
 Sharon Klipp
 6/7 Moe Cote
 Krys Paules
 6/9 Jake Huesers
 6/11 Katie Huesers
 6/12 Rev. Robert Fischer
 6/14 Callum Goldsmith
 6/16 Sharon Callahan
 6/26 Jon Boschen
 Tiana Thomas
 6/28 David Gideon



Birthdays

6/3 Emily-Lynn Carlson
 6/4 Eleanor Keefe
 6/7 Moe Cote
 6/8 Rev. Ted Evertsen
 6/11 Arthur Conover



6/3 Steve & Kari Farr
 6/10 Rev. Ted & Dottie Evertsen
 6/11 Anna & Ed Rowe
 6/15 Brian & Andrea Watson
 6/18 Wayne & Laverne Pelletier
 6/19 Mike & Michelle Hein
 6/23 Ray & Ruth Milhous
 6/29 Jon Boschen



6/4 Natalie Crowley
 6/12 Jon Boschen
 6/19 Cianan Morris

FOR A FEW CHUCKLES

The pastor was preaching a powerful message about heaven and hell, at the end of which he bellowed, “Now who wants to go to heaven?” Everyone in the small congregation raised their hand, except a wide-eyed boy who was seated down front. The oastor boomed out the question again, but still the little boy was a holdout. The pastor stepped down from the pulpit and walked over to the child. “Son, don’t you want to go to heaven?”

Sure, Pastor, someday—but not if you’re getting up a group today.”

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Tomas was a very bright little eight-year old, but his Sunday school teacher could not seem to get him to concentrate on the lessons being taught. He always ended up turning his lesson sheet over and drawing truck, cars, and planes. During the spring season, when the Easter story was being taught, Tomas really seemed to be paying attention. He even raised his hand and asked how to spell an important name from the story, so his teacher was interested to look at his paper as he left the class.

And there on the back of the lesson page was a picture of a jet, with a man waving out the front window. Underneath the plane in Tomas’s careful handwriting was a caption that read “Pontius the Pilate.”

Bible Quiz Answers

1. A (Genesis 25:21-25)
2. D (Ezekiel 1:3, 16-18)
3. C (James 3:17)
4. B (Mark 4:3-8)
5. A (Luke 10:39-40)
6. D (John 18:38)

The Daily Lectionary

A guide to help you be in the Word daily

June

6/1	Eccl. 9:1-17 / John 9:24-41
6/2	Eccl. 10:1-20 / John 10:1-21
6/3	Eccl. 11:1-10 / John 10:22-42
6/4	Eccl. 12:1-14 / John 11:1-16
6/5	Prov. 1:8-33 / John 11:17-37
6/6	Prov. 3:5-24 / John 11:38-57
6/7	Prov. 4:1-27 / John 12:1-19
6/8	Prov. 5:1-23 / John 12:20-36
6/9	Prov. 8:1-21 / John 12:36-50
6/10	Prov. 8:22-36 / John 13:1-20
6/11	Proverbs 9:1-18 / John 13:21-38
6/12	Proverbs 10:1-23 / John 14:1-17
6/13	Proverbs 13:1-25 / John 14:18-31
6/14	Proverbs 14:1-27 / John 15:1-11
6/15	Proverbs 15:1-29 / John 15:12-27
6/16	Proverbs 16:1-24 / John 16:1-16
6/17	Proverbs 17:1-28 / John 16:17-33
6/18	Proverbs 20:5-25 / John 17:1-26
6/19	Proverbs 22:1-21 / John 18:1-14
6/20	Proverbs 22:22-23:12 / John 18:15-40
6/21	Proverbs 24:1-22 / John 19:1-22
6/22	Proverbs 25:1-22 / John 19:23-42
6/23	Proverbs 27:1-24 / John 20:1-18
6/24	Proverbs 30:1-9,18-33 / John 20:19-31
6/25	Proverbs 31:10-31 / John 21:1-25
6/26	Joshua 1:1-18 / Acts 8:1-25
6/27	Joshua 2:1-24 / Acts 8:26-40
6/28	Joshua 3:1-17 / Acts 9:1-22
6/29	Joshua 4:1-24 / Acts 9:23-43
6/30	Joshua 5:1-6:5 / Acts 10:1-17
7/1	Joshua 6:6-27 / Acts 10:18-33

(Daily lectionary readings taken from LSB #299-304)

Some helpful habits for home devotions:

- *Do one reading in the morning and the other in the evening.*
- *Keep a journal or make a mental note of one thought that you would like to remember from this reading.*
- *Read and discuss the daily reading with a family member or friend.*
- *Choose one verse to commit to memory, reciting it through the day.*
- *Speak to God in prayer about something from the reading that impressed or confused you in this reading.*
- *If you miss a day or two (or three) and fall behind, don't worry and don't quit! Either some time to catch up or skip those readings and move on.*
- *If you're using another reading schedule or guide, stick with it. The important thing is to be in the Word daily.*