

RESURRECTION NEWS



June 2023

Pastor's Letter

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Brothers and sisters in Christ,

The first Sunday of June begins the Trinity season this year. Whereas the festival half of the church year (Advent through Pentecost) focuses on the events of our Lord's life, the ordinary half of the church year (Trinity through the Last Sunday of the Church Year) focuses on the teaching and ministry of our Lord Jesus.

Holy Trinity Sunday begins this season of the church year by grounding our Lord's teaching in the doctrine of the blessed Trinity, so diligently and systematically confessed in the Athanasian Creed, which we speak on this day. In the Gospel Reading from John 3, our Lord beautifully explicates the Trinitarian love for fallen humanity which leads the Father to send His Son to be lifted up on the cross so that whoever believes in Him through the working of the Holy Spirit might have eternal life.

In the Sundays after Trinity, our Lord teaches on a variety of topics necessary for our salvation. On the first Sunday after Trinity, we read the story of the Rich Man and Lazarus, which teaches us the necessity of God's Word for our life and salvation: *"If they do not hear Moses and the Prophets, neither will they be convinced if someone should rise from the dead"* (Luke 16:31). God's Word is the means by which the Holy Spirit works. He who would be a Christian must heed the teaching of God's Word, as the Church seeks to do in this season.

The Gospel Readings for the remaining Sundays after Trinity can largely be grouped into three categories. The first category is the teachings of Jesus. For example, on the sixth, eighth, and fifteenth Sundays after Trinity, we read selections from our Lord's Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5-7). Through these teachings of our Lord, He seeks to show us how to live rightly in His world as people transformed by the Gospel.

The second category of Gospel Readings in the Sundays after Trinity is the miracles of our Lord. Many of these miracles are healings. On the twelfth Sunday after Trinity, we read of the healing of the deaf mute man from Mark 7. Two Sundays later, we read of the cleansing of the ten lepers from Luke 17. We also read of our Lord feeding the four thousand from Mark 8 on the seventh Sunday after Trinity. And on the sixteenth Sunday after Trinity, our Lord raises the son of the widow of Nain (Luke 7). Through these miracles, our Lord demonstrates His divinity and gives us a foretaste of the new creation where all sickness, death, and hunger will be removed.

The third category of Gospel Readings in the Sundays after Trinity is the parables of our Lord. Some of these parables are well-loved, such as the parable of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10) on the thirteenth Sunday after Trinity. Others of our Lord's parables are more difficult, such as the parable of the Dishonest Manager from Luke 16 or the parable of the Wedding Feast from Matthew 22 on the ninth and twentieth Sunday after Trinity. Throughout these parables, our Lord teaches us about the kingdom of God, sometimes revealing beautiful Gospel truths of His love for us, and other times confronting us with our own depravity and need for our savior. These parables culminate on the Last Sunday of the Church Year with the parable of the Ten Virgins (Matthew 25), where our Lord teaches us to prepare for His coming on the Last Day to judge the living and the dead.

At points throughout the Trinity season, the regular pattern of Sundays after Trinity is broken by feast days. This year, three such feast days will interrupt the regular Sundays after Trinity. You will be used to Reformation Sunday's focus on the Gospel of salvation by grace through faith in Jesus Christ alone. Another feast day we will observe this year is the Presentation of the Augsburg Confession on June 25, which was the date that this defining confession of the Lutheran was first presented to the Holy Roman Emperor. This celebration allows us a "second Reformation Day", if you will, as we cherish the free salvation that is ours in Christ. Finally, on July 2, we celebrate the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary to Elizabeth. In this significant visit, the unborn John the Baptizer confesses his faith in Jesus as Mary embraces her humble role as the mother of God.

Throughout this season of Trinity, I pray that your faith would be strengthened, and that your eyes would be ever opened to the blessed Trinity's great love for you, made manifest in our Lord Jesus Christ.

In Christ,
Pastor Akers

Notes from your Deaconess

Dear Brothers and Sisters of LCR,

I find myself tracing the flight of birds through scripture this month. Amongst the first living beasts our Lord brought forth on the fifth day of creation (along with fish which I mentioned a couple of months ago), God used and made references to birds through the writings inspired by the Holy Spirit.

Perhaps the chief reference—related to the Holy Spirit—occurs during the baptism of Jesus in all four gospels when the Holy Spirit visibly descended on him “like a dove.”

Noah thrice sent out a dove from the ark as the flood waters subsided (until it did not return), after a raven which he had sent prior to the dove had not returned. Ravens provided food for Elijah by the brook Cherith during a drought in Israel (1 Kings 17:4-6). Jesus mentioned that God feeds the ravens (Luke 12:24, but also Psalm 147:9).

We find mentions of eagles as well. Just before the giving of the Ten Commandments, God told Moses to remind the people that he bore them on eagles’ wings to bring them to himself out of Egypt (Exodus 19:4), and Isaiah prophesied that the Lord would give strength to those who wait for him and “mount up with wings like eagles” (Isaiah 40:31). Ezekiel’s vision of the glory of the LORD included four living creatures which each had four faces (along with wings, eyes, hands, wheels, and fire), one of which was like an eagle (Ezekiel 1:10, 10:14).

Jesus said that he longed to gather and shelter Jerusalem’s children together “as a hen gathers her brood under her wings” (Matthew 23:37, Luke 13:34). And all four gospels relate how a rooster crowed to call Peter’s mind back to his Lord, who had foretold his three-fold denial before that crowing.

Even sparrows receive mention by our Lord Jesus when he teaches about God’s care for us, that God does not even forget one sparrow (Luke 12:6), and knows when one falls (or even flies into a window...) (Matthew 10:29).

This coming month I think I will only hold one women’s Saturday Bible study again, on June 24, as I have various travel plans scheduled. If I find that I can hold another one, I will let Pastor know to include it in the weekly announcements. We meet at 8:30am in a downstairs classroom at church. We will continue to look at women we’re encountering in the readings of the Bible as outlined by the “Read the Bible in Two Years,” although I welcome other suggestions for study. I’m happy to provide a Zoom link for you to join if you let me know of your interest.

Under his mercy,
Sharon

“Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, at your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are those who dwell in your house, ever singing your praise!” Psalm 84:3-4

Thursday Bible Study

Throughout the summer, Thursday Bible Study will meet most weeks (check the weekly schedule to be sure) at **10:30 a.m. in Room 201**.

Summer Schedule

Throughout the summer, the Sunday morning schedule will be:

- **8:45 a.m.** Sunday School (Room 201)
- **10:00 a.m.** Divine Service
- **11:30 a.m.** Fellowship

Facebook Livestream

Beginning in June, the Divine Service will no longer be live streamed to Facebook. You can still find the audio for the sermon posted on the website as usual under the sermons tab.

Thank You's

Thank you for your gifts to Concordia Seminary for adopting students and the Seminary Food Bank. Your partnership blesses and encourages our students as they prepare for this future ministry of boldly proclaiming the Good News of Jesus Christ!

In Christ,

Vicki Biggs, Sr. V.P. Seminary Advancement
Concordia Seminary

We are excited to announce that I will serve as pastor of the Holy Cross Lutheran Chapel. Thank you for your support to us while in seminary.

Love,

Benjamin, Elizabeth, Nathaniel, and Phillip

We really appreciate your generosity. Thank you for caring about lives of the unborn.

God bless all of you!

Thank you,

Wendy

First Choice Pregnancy Resource Center

Thank you for your partnership and generous stewardship given towards our Gospel-motivated, life-affirming ministry.

We are ready to boldly equip and educate others with our message that all people are "Blessed For Life".

In truth and love,

David Probst, Development Director

Lutherans for Life

Thank you for your gracious generosity to those whom we serve together. And congratulations on attaining status of Lutherans For Life's Abundant Life Giving Society.

Pastor Michael Salemink

Executive Director, Lutherans for Life

Thank you for supporting Capstone Ministries! Please keep Dan and Patty in your prayers.

Thank you,

Capstone Ministries

June Stewardship

	<u>June 4</u>	<u>June 11</u>	<u>June 18</u>	<u>June 25</u>
<u>Acolyte</u>	Hayley Farr	Evan Farr	Callum Goldsmith	Matthew Akers
<u>Worship Assistant</u>	Brian Watson	Glenn Carlson	Jared Goldsmith	Charlie MacPherson
<u>Usher</u>	Rick Drageland	Seth Carlson	Glenn Carlson Jr.	Mo Cote
<u>Greeters</u>	James Breslin	Akers Family	Mark & LeeAnne Larsen	Sharon Klipp
<u>Altar Care</u>	Sharon Conover	Amanda Goldsmith	Amy Ouellette	Sasha Fitzpatrick
<u>Flowers</u>	The Evertsens	The Evertsens	Sharon Klipp	Sharon Klipp
<u>Fellowship</u>	Open	Open	Open	Open





Monthly Worship

June 4
The Holy Trinity

Psalm: 29
First Reading: Isaiah 6:1-7
Epistle: Romans 11:33-36
Holy Gospel: John 3:1-15

June 11
The First Sunday after Trinity

Psalm: 13
First Reading: Deuteronomy 6:4-13
Epistle: 1 John 4:8b-21
Holy Gospel: Luke 16:19-31

June 18
The Second Sunday after Trinity

Psalm: 34:12-22
First Reading: Proverbs 9:1-10
Epistle: 1 John 3:13-18
Holy Gospel: Luke 14:16-24

June 25
Presentation of the Augsburg Confession

Psalm: 103:1-13
First Reading: Nehemiah 8:1-10
Epistle: 1 Timothy 6:11-16
Holy Gospel: Matthew 5:13-19

BIBLE QUIZ

1. Which famous prophet had the vision of four wheels covered with eyes?
 - A. Isaiah
 - B. Jeremiah
 - C. Daniel
 - D. Ezekiel
2. 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, logical
3. According to the Law, which of the following would be considered clean?
 - A. Horse
 - B. Camel
 - C. Cow
 - D. Rabbit
4. What did Elijah look like?
 - A. Hairy man with a leather belt around his waist
 - B. Bald man with leather sandals on his feet
 - C. Fat man with a leather coat around his body
 - D. Short man with a leather satchel over his shoulder
5. In what city was Peter lodging when Cornelius's servants visited him?
 - A. Jerusalem
 - B. Joppa
 - C. Caesarea
 - D. Philippi
6. In the parable of soils, how many soil types were represented?
 - A. Two
 - B. Four
 - C. Six
 - D. Eight



- 6/2 Lydia Bendas
Angie Carlson
Sharon Klipp
- 6/7 Mo Cote
Krys Paules
- 6/9 Donald Schorr
Jake Huesers
- 6/11 Katie Huesers
- 6/14 Callum Goldsmith
- 6/16 Sharon Callahan
- 6/17 Amber Akers
- 6/26 Jon Boschen



- 6/5 Natalie Crowley
- 6/6 Jeff Sammons
- 6/12 Jon Boschen
- 6/13 Marie Kubeck
- 6/14 Allison Farr
Andrew Farr
Emily-Lynn Carlson
Ethan Carlson
Caden Fitzpatrick
Mia Fitzpatrick
- 6/19 Cianan Morris



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



- 6/3 Emily-Lynn Carlson
- 6/4 Eleanor Keefe
- 6/7 Mo Cote
- 6/8 Rev. Ted Evertsen

BIBLE QUIZ ANSWERS

1. D (Ezekiel 1:3, 16-18)
2. C (James 3:17)
3. C (Leviticus 11:3-7)
4. A (2 Kings 1:8)
5. B (Acts 10:5-6)
6. B (Mark 4:3-8)

Some Golf Humor

Pastor Teefer found himself wondering whether there were any golf courses in heaven. He even began to ask the question in his prayers. One day, in answer to his prayers, he received a direct answer from on high.

"Yes," said the heavenly messenger, "there are many excellent golf courses in heaven. The greens are always in first-class condition, the weather is always perfect, and you always play with the nicest people.

"oh, thank you," responds Preacher Teefer. "That really is marvelous news."

"Yes, isn't it?" replied the messenger. "And we've got you down for a foursome next Saturday.

Moses, Jesus, and an old man were enjoying a friendly round of golf together. Moses stepped up to the tee and hit the ball. It went sailing over the fairway and landed in the water trap. Moses then parted the water and chipped the ball onto the green. Jesus stepped up to the tee and hit the ball. It went sailing over the fairway and landed in the water trap. Jesus just walked onto the water and chipped the ball onto the green. The old man stepped up to the tee and hit the ball. It went sailing over the fairway and headed for the water trap. But, just before it fell into the water, a fish jumped up and grabbed the ball in its mouth. As the fish was falling back down into the water, an eagle swooped down and grabbed the fish in its claws. The eagle flew over the green where a lightning bolt shot from the sky and barely missed it. Startled, the eagle dropped the fish. When the fish hit the ground, the ball popped out of its mouth and rolled into the hole for a hole-in-one. Jesus sighed and turned to the old man: "Dad, if you don't stop fooling around we won't bring you next time."

A golfer arrives in heaven. St Peter meets him at the gate.

"We usually don't get golfers here you know, they swear too much," he says to the golfer.

"I've only taken the Lord's name in vain once," the golfer replies.

"Tell me about it," St. Peter says.

"Well, I hit my tee shot badly. It hooked deep into the woods."

"And that's when you took the Lord's name in vain?" St. Peter asks.

"No, the ball hit a tree and bounced out towards the center of the fairway but it ended up in the fairway trap."

"And that's when you took the Lord's name in vain?" St. Peter asks again.

"No, I hit a great sand shot, but it caught a branch and fell twenty yards short of the green."

"And then you took the Lord's name in vain?" St. Peter asks impatiently.

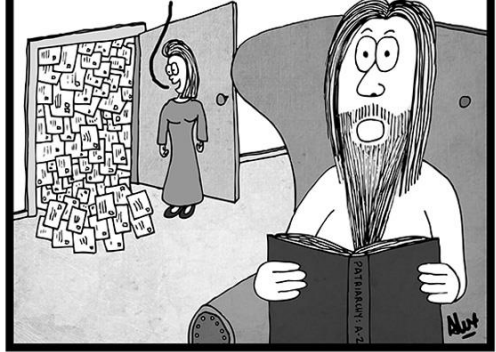
"No, I chipped it and it stopped 6 inches from the cup."

To this St. Peter exclaims, "Jesus Christ! Don't tell me you missed a six-inch putt."

CAKE OR DEATH

by alex baker

ABRAHAM, YOU KNOW HOW GOD SAID YOUR DESCENDANTS WOULD BE AS NUMEROUS AS THE STARS? WELL, IT LOOKS LIKE THEY'VE ALL SENT YOU FATHER'S DAY CARDS...



Church Bulletin Bloopers

1. The audience is asked to remain seated until the end of the recession.
2. Remember in prayer the many who are sick of our church and community.
3. The eighth-graders will be presenting Shakespeare's Hamlet in the church basement on Friday at 7 p.m. The congregation is invited to attend this tragedy.
4. Don't let worry kill you off – let the church help.
5. The choir invites any member of the congregation who enjoys sinning to join the choir.
6. Hymn: "I Love Thee My Ford."
7. Miss Charlene Mason sang "I will not pass this way again" giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.
8. Women's Luncheon: Each member bring a sandwich. Polly Phillips will give the medication.
9. The church will host an evening of fine dining, superb entertainment, and gracious hostility.
10. Ushers will eat latecomers.
11. A new loudspeaker system has been installed in the church. It was given by one of our members in honor of his wife.