

RESURRECTION NEWS



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Pastor's Letter

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Brothers and sisters in Christ,

This month, we continue exploring the Ten Commandments, focusing on the Ninth & Tenth Commandments:

You shall not covet your neighbor's house.

What does this mean? Answer: We should fear and love God so that do not scheme to get our neighbor's inheritance or house, or get it in a way which only appears right, but help and be of service to him in keeping it.

You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his man servant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

What does this mean? Answer: We should fear and love God so that do not entice or force away our neighbor's wife, workers, or animals, or turn them against him, but urge them to stay and do their duty.

The Ninth and Tenth Commandments deal with the topic of coveting. These commandments have a unique place within the Ten Commandments. To see this, let's review the structure of the Ten Commandments.

Commandments 1 through 3 deal with our relationship with God. The First Commandment is the chief commandment and teaches us to have "*no other gods.*" This commandment is a response to the statement in Exodus 20:2: "*I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.*" The reason we are to have no other gods is because the Lord has rescued us from slavery. To have another god is to willingly return to that slavery. The remainder of the commandments teach us how to have "*no other gods.*" The Second Commandment instructs us about right use of the Lord's name. The Third Commandment teaches us about right worship and use of God's Word.

The Fourth Commandment marks a transition. Beginning with this commandment, we begin discussing our relationship with others. So, the Fourth Commandment instructs us about honoring God-given authority. This primarily involves parents, but all authority is an extension of the authority God gives to parents. The Fifth Commandment teaches us to value human life. The Sixth Commandment teaches us to value marriage as God intended it. The Seventh Commandment teaches us the importance of property and possessions. The Eighth Commandment teaches us to uphold the reputation of others.

Now with the Ninth and Tenth Commandments, we see another transition. These commandments no longer instruct us about our relationship toward others in an outward sense. These coveting commandments are very personal—dealing with our heart. In a very real sense, the Ninth and Tenth Commandments bring us full circle to where the Ten Commandments began. To covet something (or someone) is to make that thing (or person) a god. To covet is to willingly return back to the slavery that God has rescued us from.

And so, the Ninth and Tenth Commandments stand as a warning to us Christians—don't allow your heart to lead you back into the slavery to sin from which our Lord has rescued us. The human heart is sinful. Emotions and desires are unpredictable and rarely lead a person to a life of flourishing. Don't let your heart lead you. You must lead your heart. It is the words of our Lord, not the desires of the human heart, which lead to life.

Peace in Jesus,
Pastor Akers

"There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way to death" (Proverbs 14:12).

"Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life" (John 6:68).

Notes from your Deaconess

Dear Brothers and Sisters of LCR,

Each year as we journey through the Easter season towards Pentecost, I give thanks for the flowers coming up in gardens, leaves budding on trees, later sunsets, and warmer weather. We have more reasons to be outside and spend time with friends and family, meet together as the weather brings fewer obstacles to travel, and rejoice in all the gifts our Father showers on us regularly in this life.

How do you respond when someone asks what you believe as a Christian? I think most of us would recall the most succinct explanations of our faith in the Apostles' and Nicene Creed, while we might get out our Small Catechism for a bit more in-depth outline. The Bible is our source and authority, but we use these other writings to explain our understanding of the Christian faith. As Lutherans, we also can turn to The Book of Concord, a book containing documents which explain what we believe, and including those creeds and the catechism which we know well. Over the coming months I'll give you a bit of background on parts of this large book—copies of which you can find in our library.

When I went through my deaconess studies, I learned that if I wanted to serve the church as a deaconess, I would have to “subscribe to”, or give my honest allegiance to all that The Book of Concord contains. I worried about this until I had read through the entire set of documents, and studied them fairly closely. They do indeed find their grounding in the scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, and while their language can be confusing in places, they continue to be relevant. Assembled in the late sixteenth century, these give Biblical support for the “The Pious Confession of Faith and Doctrine” held by “Electors, Princes, and Estates of the Empire, and of Their Theologians who Embrace the Augsburg Confession,” and that *we* hold regarding God, man, sin, and salvation (as well as many details of all of these). Such an old set of articles may seem far removed from twenty-first century issues, but you might be surprised at what you can learn from them.

I plan to hold Saturday morning women's Bible studies on May 14 and 28. We meet in person downstairs at church, and I also can provide a Zoom link for any who might like to join in that manner. We continue to work through the prophet Ezekiel. Whether or not you have participated in the past, you would be very welcome. We spend time in fellowship and sharing prayer concerns as well as read and discuss scripture together. You can bring along your own Bible of whatever translation you like to use, or use one from church.

Under his mercy,
Sharon M. Conover

If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory. Colossians 3:1-4

Spring Cleanup Day

The spring church cleanup day is scheduled for **Saturday, May 21, from 9 a.m. to noon.** Please come to the church to help us do both indoor and outdoor cleanup work. Talk to Kemp Anderson if you have questions.

Sunday Morning Schedule

Beginning Sunday, May 29, the summer worship schedule will begin. The Divine Service will be held on **9 a.m.** with fellowship to follow. Sunday School will not meet over the summer.

Ascension Day Divine Service

There will be special Divine Services held on **Thursday, May 26**, to celebrate the Ascension of our Lord. Services will be held at Noon and 7 p.m. The Noon service will be live streamed to Facebook.

26th Annual Paddle for Pine Tree Camp Saturday, June 4

Join the LCR paddle team to raise money in support of the Pine Tree Camp's mission to serve hundreds of Maine kids and adults with disabilities. There are two different ways to be involved:

1. Paddle on the Kennebec River on June 4th

Join the LCR fundraising team at 9:30 a.m. as we paddle the Kennebec River for Pine Tree Camp on Saturday, June 4. The adventure starts at the Evergreens Campground in Solon and ends in North Anson.

2. Donate funds to the LCR paddle team

Each paddler is asked to raise a minimum of \$100, so if you aren't paddling, you can still support the cause by helping the paddling team raise money.

Please contact Kemp Anderson for more information about joining the team:

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May Stewardship

	<u>May 1</u>	<u>May 8</u>	<u>May 15</u>	<u>May 22</u>	<u>May 29</u>
<u>Acolyte</u>	Evan Farr	Hayley Farr	Evan Farr	Hayley Farr	Evan Farr
<u>Worship Assistant</u>	Brad Fitzpatrick	Charlie MacPherson	Brian Watson	Mark Larsen	Glenn Carlson Sr.
<u>Ushers</u>	John Ayotte	Glenn Carlson Jr.	Rick Drageland	Rich Guzman	Jeff Sammons
<u>Greeters</u>	Dorthy McAllister	Steve & Lydia Bendas	James Breslin	Julie Kohl	Mo & Becky Cote
<u>Altar Care</u>	See email from Avis	See email from Avis	See email from Avis	See email from Avis	See email from Avis
<u>Flowers</u>	The Akers	The Akers	Hope Lutheran	Hope Lutheran	The McPhersons
<u>Fellowship</u>	Christine Thomas	Open	Open	Sharon Klipp	Open

Members of the Month - Becky and Mo Cote

Mo Cote and Becky Wright were raised thousands of miles apart—yet they were able to find each other—and we know who had His hand in that! Mo was born (and baptized the same day as he was a bit sickly) and raised in Lewiston, Maine; the youngest of four children, with French as a first language and the French culture as his growing grounds. Becky, oldest of three daughters, was born in Evanston, Wyoming and raised in Ogden, Utah with the Mormon culture surrounding her Christian family.

Roy's Bike Shop in Lewiston (opened 1956 and still in business) provided one of Mo's dearest memories: He absolutely coveted a particular bike they had and would not leave his parents in peace until they procured it! He rode that bike everywhere and worked two paper routes with it. In high school, Mo worked at Dairy Joy (opened 1940 and still in business) where he was allowed to eat as much as he liked...until they discovered how much he could actually eat!

Becky's childhood activities centered on Barbie dolls (she had the Barbie Fashion House!) and her beloved puppet theatre (of Shari Lewis/Lamb Chop fame). Becky and her sister did shows for everyone who would sit still for it, including around the neighborhood! She attended Lutheran school until junior high school. In public high school, Becky took up skiing and became president of the school ski club—arranging a rather daring ski trip that included Jackson Hole, Wyoming.

Mo went from high school graduation into the U.S.A.F. and, after completion of BMT (Basic Military Training), was sent to Hill Air Force Base in Utah. That's where the search for a Heart of Gold (Neil Diamond!) hit pay dirt—eventually! Becky was a student at Weber State (general studies) and worked part time at a hotel: The military used this hotel for some of its off-base housing—and that's the very one which Mo was assigned to for his lodging—God does work in mysterious ways! Even when on the scheduled time for their first date, they actually stood each other up—Mo because he had a longer than usual duty and Becky because, well, she just wasn't sure of the park Mo chose for their afternoon—God made sure they got together! When next Mo “bumped” into Becky, he was holding a Butterfinger candy bar for her...with great apologies for his inability to get to their date, and no knowledge that had he been able to, he'd been stood up! (Becky enjoyed the candy bar!)

Mo was sent on a combat tour to Vietnam upon completing his assigned aviation training. When he returned to the States, he and Becky again met up—in El Centro, California where Becky was staying with her aunt and uncle.

There, on May 5 of 1972, they married at Grace Lutheran Church which ministers to the entire Imperial Valley. Pastor Paul Harting was delighted to be marrying a Catholic to a Lutheran. (Wouldn't he love to know it “took”...they'll be celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary in a few days!) They were only able to squeeze in a short honeymoon to Mexico and San Diego. It was continued as they drove from California to Florida in their newly purchased, used Honda Sedan, two-cylinder car with a ten gallon fuel tank—where Mo took up his next assignment, and they moved into their first home together in Mary Esther, Florida. (Even today this is considered to be one of the best places to live in Florida!)

With discharge from the Air Force behind them, the Cotes moved back to Maine. They worked various jobs before deciding to pursue more schooling. Mo graduated from Central Maine Vocational Technical Institute (CMVTI) which is now known as Central Maine Community College (CMCC) and subsequently earned his electrician's license. However, in 1978 Becky got a little sidetracked with Michelle, their firstborn—a very active little girl!

Becky and Mo built their home in Greene—a home in which they still live today. Mo did most of the work on the house, but did hire help for jobs that required more than one to complete: They say that this home defies completion! Mo worked in several jobs in electronics and electrical—but perhaps most interestingly for the Coast Guard where he helped automate some lighthouses...and got to bring his family and stay at the one in York (Cape Neddick Nubble Lighthouse), one of the last lighthouses in North America to be automated! (There may be some stories to share if you ask the Cotes and Dorothy McAllister!) Eventually, Mo found his way to BIW (Bath Iron Works) as an electrician working on the cranes—and eating his lunch high up in the air sometimes! Mo retired from BIW after 23 years of service.

Becky did return to school to earn the long-desired nursing degree. However, before her graduation, she gave birth to the Cote's second child, Michael (1992). This time, though, Mo was completely established in his work and could lend much help; so finally, at 40 years of age, Becky began her nursing career at St. Mary's in Lewiston. She and Mo balanced the care of their 14-year old and of their little one with the sprouting of Becky's nursing career. Becky continued work there in adult psych, behavioral emergency room, and detox units until her retirement.

After both working hard to raise two children and build their home, time flew—and the Cotes found themselves looking for a new church family. They joined Lutheran Church of the Resurrection in 2008 and true to its mission statement—LCR has opened the Cote's hearts to Christ. The Cote's joined LCR in 2009. While officially “retired”, they continue to look for ways to serve Christ as they are able. Mo has been active in things like wiring and lighting in the church and projects as they arose; Becky has been active with the women and LWML's Christmas fair—and was our leading lady for after-service fellowship until COVID.

The Cote children are now adults. Michelle is a social worker for Androscoggin Home Health Hospice; and with husband, Steve (the manager for food services at St. Mary's), has given the Cotes two beautiful granddaughters, Bekah and Emily. Bekah at 19 years old is enjoying beauty school; and Emily at 16 years old is involved in special Health Sciences classes. She has a beautiful singing voice and delights those who come by as she's singing.

Mike works in IT as a systems engineer at North East Bank. He and his wife, Kyrstin (a budget analyst in accounting at Bates College), have added two wonderful and active granddogs (British Cocker Spaniels), Ellie and Rea! Mo and Becky's dog, Regal Rio loves it when they visit!

The Cotes feel blessed and content in their grandparent roles. When asked what they would say to seniors about approaching life, Becky said she just doesn't know...she herself has had so many fine examples of seniors in her life, she does not feel equal to the task of advising: However, she does say, “Tell them to eat their dessert first!” When asked how they would guide the young, Becky said, “Make sure you have fun. Do the simple things...walking, hiking, taking in the ocean—enjoy the outdoors. God will provide! He has always provided for us!”





Monthly Worship

May 1, 2022

The Third Sunday of Easter

Psalm: 23

First Reading: Ezekiel 34:11-16

Epistle: 1 Peter 2:21-25

Holy Gospel: John 10:11-16

May 8, 2022

The Fourth Sunday of Easter

Psalm: 147:1-11

First Reading: Isaiah 40:25-31

Epistle: 1 Peter 2:11-20

Holy Gospel: John 16:16-22

May 15, 2022

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

Psalm: 66:1-8

First Reading: Isaiah 12:1-6

Epistle: James 1:16-21

Holy Gospel: John 16:5-15

May 22, 2022

The Sixth Sunday of Easter

Psalm: 107:1-9

First Reading: Numbers 21:4-9

Epistle: James 1:22-27

Holy Gospel: John 16:23-33

May 26, 2022

The Ascension of Our Lord

Psalm: 110

First Reading: 1 Kings 2:5-15

Epistle: Acts 1:1-11

Holy Gospel: Luke 24:22-53

May 29, 2022

The Seventh Sunday of Easter

Psalm: 51:1-12

First Reading: Ezekiel 36:22-28

Epistle: 1 Peter 4:7-11

Holy Gospel: John 15:26-16:4

BIBLE QUIZ

1. After Abraham left Gerar, what did the Philistines do with his land?
 - A. They left it alone, believing that Abraham would return some day to claim it.
 - B. They turned farmland into pasture.
 - C. They filled in the wells he had dug.
 - D. They took over the land he had improved and prospered.
2. Which of the following assisted Peter in writing his epistles?
 - A. Timothy.
 - B. Silvanus.
 - C. Titus.
 - D. Luke.
3. Who wrote "The Golden Rule", that is, Do unto others as you would have other do unto you?
 - A. John.
 - B. Jesus.
 - C. Paul.
 - D. Peter.
4. What New Testament figure quoted Isaiah, saying "I am a voice of one crying in the wilderness, make straight the way of the Lord"?
 - A. Peter.
 - B. Jesus.
 - C. John the Baptist.
 - D. Joseph.
5. According to the Gospels, every Passover, the Roman Governor offered to release a prisoner. Name the criminal who the crowd called to be freed in preference to Jesus.
 - A. Barabbas
 - B. Barnaby
 - C. Barnabas
 - D. Bahama



5/1 Brian Watson
 5/3 Don Pryor
 5/4 Emily-Lynn Carlson
 5/12 Carl Mattson
 5/14 Kitty Carlson
 Kevin Kinter
 5/16 Kenneth Zahner
 5/18 Rick Dostie
 Fenn Ouellette
 5/19 Joshua Schiebel
 5/20 Tyler Wilson
 5/22 Sasha Fitzpatrick
 5/23 Michelle Hein
 Anna Rowe
 5/24 Amanda Goldsmith
 5/27 Christine Thomas
 5/29 David Morris
 5/30 Rev. Ted Evertsen
 5/31 Jared Goldsmith



5/4 Gail & Art Carrano
 5/5 Mo & Becky Cote
 5/25 Chris & Yvonne Batson

BIBLE QUIZ ANSWERS

1. C (Genesis 26:12-17)
2. B. (1 Peter 5:12)
3. B (Matthew 7:12)
4. C (John 1:18-27)
5. A (Matthew 27:20-21)



5/1 Bill Schiebel
 5/8 Mo Cote
 5/10 Angie Carlson
 Matthew Esculano
 Amanda Goldsmith
 Jared Goldsmith
 Krys Paules
 5/11 Avis Grant
 5/14 Steven Bendas
 5/18 Peter Doran
 5/20 Joshua Schiebel
 5/21 Rick Drageland
 5/27 Rev. Benjamin Akers
 5/31 LeeAnne Larsen
 5/?? Sharon Callahan
 Lois Doran



5/1 Ruth Milhous
 5/2 James Pryor
 5/3 Sharon Kinter
 5/11 Avis Grant
 5/10 Jared Goldsmith
 5/13 Karen Mattson
 5/17 Callum Goldsmith
 5/20 Allison Farr
 5/24 Fenn Ouellette
 5/28 Miriam Schiebel
 5/30 Joshua Schiebel
 5/?? Gail Carrano
 Rick Dostie
 Carl Mattson

THE OLD GOLFER

Author Unknown

A young man, who was also an avid golfer, found himself with a few hours to spare one afternoon. He figured if he hurried and played very fast, he could get in 9 holes before he had to head home. Just as he was about to tee off, an old gentleman shuffled onto the tee and asked if he could accompany the young man as he was golfing alone. Not being able to say no, he allowed the old man to join him.

To his surprise, the old man played fairly quickly. He didn't hit the ball far, but plodded along consistently and didn't waste much time.

Finally, they reached the 9th fairway and the young man found himself with a tough shot. There was a large pine tree right in front of his ball and directly between his ball and the green.

After several minutes of debating how to hit the shot, the old man finally said, "You know, when I was your age, I'd hit the ball right over that tree."

With that challenge placed before him, the youngster swung hard, hit the ball up, right smack into the top of the tree trunk and it thudded back on the ground not a foot from where it had originally been.

The old man offered one more comment, "Of course, when I was your age, that pine tree was only 3 feet tall." ---- From Bayshore Bulletin

Jesus, Moses, and an old man go golfing. The first one to tee off is Moses. He smashes the ball and it is heading right for the water hazard before the green. Moses raises his club, the water parts, and the ball makes it to the green. Jesus gets up to swing, cranks it out, and it is headed for the water hazard.

Jesus closes his eyes and prays. The ball skips across the water and lands on the green two feet from the hole.

The old man's turn comes and he drives the ball. The ball looks like it is going to drop directly into the water. A fish jumps from the water hazard swallowing the ball, as an eagle drops from the sky, grabbing the fish. As the eagle flies over the green, a bolt of lightning strikes the eagle, making it drop the fish. As the fish hits the green, it spits out the ball and the ball falls into the hole, making a hole in one. Jesus looks at Moses and says, "I really think I'm leaving Dad at home next time!"



A REASON TO KEEP QUIET IN CHURCH

A mother was giving instructions to her three children as she sent them into Sunday school, "And, why is it necessary to be quiet in church?" Her son quickly responded, "Because people are sleeping!"

WHY DOESN'T GOD ANSWER?

The preacher's 5 year-old daughter noticed that her preacher father always paused and bowed his head for a moment before starting his sermon. One day she asked him why.

"Well, honey," he began, proud that his daughter was so observant of his messages, "I'm asking the Lord to help me to preach a good sermon."

"Well then, how come He doesn't do it?" she asked.

MORE FUN YELLING

After a church service on Sunday Morning, a young boy suddenly announced to his mother, "Mom, I've decided to become a minister when I grow up."

"Well," said the little boy, "I have to go to church on Sunday anyway, and I figure it will be more fun to stand up and yell than to sit and listen."

GIVE HIM THE MONEY

A little girl became restless as the preacher's sermon dragged on and on. Finally, she leaned over to her mother and whispered, "Mommy, if we give him the money now, will he let us go?"

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A GOOD POINT

A boy was watching his father, a pastor, write a sermon. "How do you know what to say?" he asked. "Why, God tells me."

"Oh, then why do you keep crossing things out?"

The Daily Lectionary

May 2022

5/1 John 10:11-16 / Revelation 13
5/2 Revelation 14 / Revelation 15
5/3 Revelation 16 / Revelation 17
5/4 Revelation 18:1-8 / Revelation 18:9-fin
5/5 Revelation 19:1-10 / Revelation 19:11-fin
5/6 Revelation 20 / Revelation 21:1-14
5/7 Revelation 21:15-fin / Revelation 22
5/8 John 16:16-22 / James 1:1-15
5/9 James 1:16-fin / James 2
5/10 James 3 / James 4
5/11 James 5 / 1 Peter 1
5/12 1 Peter 2 / 1 Peter 3
5/13 1 Peter 4 / 1 Peter 5
5/14 2 Peter 1 / 2 Peter 2
5/15 John 16:5-15 / 2 Peter 3
5/16 1 John 1 / 1 John 2:1-17
5/17 1 John 2:18-fin / 1 John 3:1-10
5/18 1 John 3:11-fin / 1 John 4:1-10
5/19 1 John 4:11-fin / 1 John 5:1-12
5/20 1 John 5:13-fin / 2 John
5/21 3 John / Hebrews 1
5/22 John 16:23-30 / Hebrews 2
5/23 Hebrews 3 / Hebrews 4
5/24 Hebrews 5 / Hebrews 6
5/25 John 17:1-11a / Ephesians 4:2-13
5/26 Mark 16:14-20 / Acts 1
5/27 Acts 3 / Acts 4
5/28 Acts 5:1-24 / Acts 5:25-fin
5/29 John 15:26-16:5 / Acts 6
5/30 Acts 7:1-29 / Acts 7:30-fin
5/31 Acts 8 / Acts 9

Note: "fin" is Latin for "end."