

RESURRECTION NEWS



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Pastor's Letter

April, 2018

"He is risen! Nothing Can Restrain Him!"

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

When Peter and John ran to the tomb on Easter morning, they saw something which we tend to pass over without noticing. John outran Peter to get to the tomb, yet John was afraid to go inside. He ducked down and reported what he saw. "The linen clothes were lying there." Peter arrives shortly thereafter and doesn't hesitate but runs right into the tomb. John reports what Peter saw. "... and he saw the clothes lying there..." Isn't it interesting that John does not say "the body of Jesus was not there." Something about those linen clothes caught his attention.

He is risen - and linen grave cloths cannot restrain him.

Matthew reports that the leaders of the Jewish ruling council had the temple soldiers seal the rock that was rolled in front of the tomb. This was probably done with hot pitch or tar. But when Mary Magdalene came to the tomb, she found the seal around the rock and been broken, the rock rolled aside and Jesus was not there.

He is risen - and the solid rock walls of a cave cannot restrain him.

Later Easter day, the disciples minus Thomas, were together in the room of a home - "in fear of the Jews." John reports that they were behind locked doors. 'Doors' is plural here. Not only was the front door locked but the door to the room where they were huddled like frightened puppies was locked also. And Jesus appears in the middle of them.

He is risen - and locked doors cannot restrain Him.

Jesus said, "I am the Alpha and Omega, the first and the last, who is, who was, and who is to come." He is the Word which was present at creation. He is the Word made flesh in the virgin Mary. He is the Word who will come again in judgment. He will judge all people, from all time.

He is risen - and time cannot restrain Him.

Jesus said, "I am He who lives, who was dead but behold, alive forever and ever."

He is risen - and death cannot restrain Him.

Mary Magdalene came to the tomb filled with sorrow and tears. Jesus says to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?" When Jesus calls Mary by name, the barrier of sorrow is lifted and Mary recognizes the One whom she was seeking.

He is risen - and our grief cannot restrain Him.

The disciples were huddled in fear and Jesus overcame that barrier with an almost casual greeting saying, "Peace to you." The risen Lord brings a peace which this world does not know and cannot give to us.

He is risen - and our fear cannot restrain Him.

When Thomas heard from the others that they had seen the Lord, he found it too hard to believe. The barrier of doubt prevented Thomas from finding what he was looking for. But the risen Lord seeks out Thomas and triumphs over Thomas' doubts.

He is risen - and our doubts cannot restrain Him.

He is risen! And nothing can restrain Him from getting to you.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Nielsen

Notes from your Deaconess

April, 2018

Dear Brothers and Sisters of LCR,

As we enter the Easter season, this month we fittingly come to consider the ancient hymn of the Divine Service, the *Agnus Dei*. This 'ordinary' text—meaning it doesn't change from week to week or season to season—has been dated back to the sixth to eighth century. We sing in translation from the Latin, "Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world" three times. Twice this phrase is followed by "Have mercy on us", with the final plea of "Grant us peace." Both mercy and peace come to us in the distribution of the Lamb's body and blood for us, which begins during the singing. This sung prayer also repeats much of what we prayed near the beginning of the Service of the Word in the *Kyrie*, but here directed to the Lord as the Lamb of God. The New Testament repeatedly describes Christ as the Lamb of God, beginning with John the Baptist. He fulfills the Old Testament law as the final perfect Passover sacrifice for us in his death. Our service book includes four different settings of these words, which we regularly use.

The lectionary readings for April this year keep us primarily in Exodus journeying with Moses after the crossing of the Red Sea on Easter. We'll begin Leviticus during the last week of the month, the part of the Torah particularly focusing on the Law, the laws given to Israel for right living. The first week of New Testament readings will be from Hebrews, where we see Jesus as the final full and complete offering for us, and also the High Priest who continues to intercede for us. Then we will jump into the gospel of Luke beginning with Jesus' temptation and follow him in his ministry through the rest of the month.

"For it was indeed fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, innocent, unstained, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. He has no need, like those high priests, to offer sacrifices daily, first for his own sins and then for those of the people, since he did this once for all when he offered up himself."
(Hebrews 7:26-27)

I intend to hold one Saturday morning women's Bible study on April 14, which I believe is the same day as the Men's Breakfast meeting and study.

ALSO, I soon intend to start a women's book group with discussions on line, and hopefully some in person as well. The first book I'd love to interact with you about is *"The Accidental Feminist: Restoring Our Delight in God's Good Design"*, by Courtney Reissig (2015, Crossway Books). The author writes about how we can be godly women in these confusing days, shows why we would want to be, and helps us to be able to explain the reasons to others. From her introduction:

Many women buy into the idea that *equality means sameness*—even if they do so in the slightest of ways. As human beings, we have been fighting authority since the first sin was committed in the garden. And this only makes it harder to submit to the One who has authority over everything—God...Since the fall of Adam and Eve, we have been in a battle of the sexes, but—more importantly—we have been in a battle against our Creator.

Under his mercy,
Sharon M. Conover

SUNDAY SCHOOL IN APRIL - 8:45am.

- 4/1 Easter - No Sunday School
- 4/8 God's Covenant with Abram - Genesis 12:1-9
- 4/15 Abraham's Visitors from Heaven - Genesis 18:1-15
- 4/22 Abraham and Isaac - Genesis 21:1-7; 22:1-19
- 4/29 Isaac and Rebekah - Genesis 24

ADULT BIBLE STUDY IN APRIL - 8:45am.

- 4/1 Easter - No class
- 4/8 Exploring Genesis with Luther: Chapter 12 - Abraham
- 4/15 New Testament Review: 1 John
- 4/22 Selected Topic: The Hymnody of John Newton
- 4/29 Introduction to the Apocrypha (*see additional note below*)

INTRODUCTION TO THE APOCRYPHA - 4/29 - 8:45am.

On Sunday, April 29th, 8:45 AM, the Adult Bible Class theme will be an Introduction to the Apocrypha. We'll be looking at those books that are included in Roman Catholic Bibles but aren't found in most Protestant Bibles. Why study these books? Martin Luther wrote regarding the Apocrypha: "Apocrypha, that is, books which are not held equal to the sacred Scriptures, and nevertheless are useful and good to read."

We'll learn *why* these books are "useful and good to read". You'll learn about heroes and heroines who have been famous for thousands of years, yet who you might have never heard of before. You'll learn why the apocryphal books have been an inspiration for authors, poets, and artists. You'll learn why your own devotional life will benefit from the reading of at least *some* of the apocryphal books. Even your Roman Catholic relatives and friends will learn things about the apocryphal books (which they call the Deuterocanonical books) that they never knew before. Most of them will have never studied these books. Please use this opportunity to invite them to attend this class (and of the course the Divine Service following the class). Rev. Fischer presenting.

MEN'S BREAKFAST MEETING - SATURDAY, APRIL 14TH. 8:00AM.

"The Miracle of the Feeding of the 5,000." Join us for a lively discussion, good breakfast and fellowship.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY - SATURDAY, APRIL 14TH. 8:30AM.

Join Deaconess Conover for conversation and bible study.

GARUNA KIDS - TWO NEW STUDENT ADOPTIONS

Please check the Missions Bulletin Board in the Narthex to meet Sy Sambath - 6th grade, and Lang Sorphorn - kindergarten.

LIFE LINE SCREENING, a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings, will offer their affordable, non-invasive and painless health screenings at **The Lutheran Church of the Resurrection** on 5/1/2018. Five screenings will be offered that scan for potential health problems related to: blocked arteries which is a leading cause of stroke; abdominal aortic aneurysms which can lead to a ruptured aorta; hardening of the arteries in the legs which is a strong predictor of heart disease; atrial fibrillation or irregular heart beat which is closely tied to stroke risk; and a bone density screening, for men and women, used to assess the risk of osteoporosis. In order to register for this event and to receive a \$10 discount off any package priced above \$129, please call 1-888-653-6441 or visit: www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle



Monthly Worship

April 1, 2018

Resurrection of Our Lord

Psalm: 16

First Reading: Isaiah 25:6-9

Epistle: 1Corinthians 15: 1-11

Holy Gospel: Mark 16:1-8

April 8, 2018

Second Sunday of Easter

Psalm: 148

First Reading: Acts 4: 32-35

Epistle: 1 John 1: 1—2:2

Holy Gospel: John 20:19-31

April 15, 2018

Third Sunday of Easter

Psalm: 4

First Reading: Acts 3: 11-21

Epistle: 1John 3:1-7

Gospel: Luke 24:36-39

April 22, 2018

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Psalm: 23

First Reading: Acts 4:1-12

Epistle: 1John 3:1-24

Holy Gospel: John 10:11-18

April 29, 2018

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Psalm: 150

First Reading: Acts 8:28-40

Epistle: 1John 4:1-11(12-21)

Gospel: John 15:1-8

BIBLE QUIZ

1. What are parables?

A) a person walking parallel to someone else B) the smallest coin denomination used in Corinth and Nazareth C) an instrument of torture used by the Roman soldiers D) short stories illustrating biblical truths

2. Why were some of the tribes of Israel ready to engage in civil war so soon after entering the promised land?

A) they jumped to the wrong conclusion regarding the building of a second altar B) they did not like how small their land allotments were C) they had a history of unruly rebels within their ranks D) their Philistine neighbors bribed them into warring with their own kinsmen

3. What common item did God use to allow Samson to kil 1,000 Philistines?

A) ram's horn B) donkey's jawbone C) lion's tailbone D) camel's skull

4. Exactly how is a believer's salvation obtained?

A) through silver and gold B) through daily deeds of good will C) through Jesus' blood D) through at least one of our parent's Christian faith

5. What did Jesus do when he found a mature fig tree with no figs on it?

A) cursed it and the tree withered B) blessed it and the tree produced C) scolded it and the tree dropped its leaves D) ignored it and the tree shook violently

6. Who said this: "Let my people go"?

A) Jeremiah through Baruch B) God through Moses C) King David through Joab D) God through Jesus



4/3 Seth Carlson
 4/7 Gail Carrano
 4 /28 Glenn Carlson, Jr.
 4/29 Emily Larsen
 David Morris



BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS

4/3 Laverne Pelletier
 4/17 Darryll Zahner
 4/19 Elizabeth Anne Larsen
 4/27 Taylan Thomas
 Tiana Thomas
 4/29 Twila Kaska
 4/?? Chester Gilbert
 Wayne Pelletier



4/7 Chester & Evelyn Gilbert



Confirmation Anniversaries

4/2 Evelyn Gaug
 Peter Gaug
 4/7 Darryll Zahner
 4/11 Rev. Robert Fischer
 4/12 Chris Batson
 4/15 Sharon Klipp
 4/?? Yvonne Batson
 Vesta Holt

Just for Laughs (and groans)

Wife Appreciation

Adam was walking around The Garden of Eden feeling very lonely, causing God to ask, "What's wrong with you, Adam?" Adam replied that he didn't have anyone to talk to. So God announced that he was going to give him a companion—a woman.

"A woman?" Adam replied.

Then God describe her, "She will be someone to cook for you and wash your clothes. She will always agree with every decision you make. She will bear your children and never ask you to get up in the middle of the night to care for them. This woman will not nag you and will always be the first to admit when she is wrong. She will never have a headache and will freely give you love and compassion whenever you need it."

"What is she going to cost me, God?" Adam asked.

"An arm and a leg," \God responded.

Adam thought a moment and asked, "What can I get for just a rib?"

The rest is history

Bible Quiz Answers

1. D (Matthew 13:31-34)
2. A (Joshua 22:12.26-28, 33)
3. B (Judges 15:15)
4. C (1 Peter 1:18-19)
5. A (Mark 11:12-14, 20-21)
6. B (Exodus 5:1)

The Daily Lectionary

A guide to help you be in the Word daily

4/1	Exodus 14:10-31 / Hebrews 7:23-8:13
4/2	Exodus 15:1-18 / Hebrews 9:1-28
4/3	Exodus 15:19-16:12 / Hebrews 10:1-18
4/4	Exodus 16:13-35 / Hebrews 19-39
4/5	Exodus 17:1-16 / Hebrews 11:1-29
4/6	Exodus 18:5-27 / Hebrews 12:1-24
4/7	Exodus 19:1-25 / Hebrews 13:1-21
4/8	Exodus 20:1-24 / Luke 4:1-15
4/9	Exodus 22:20-23:13 / Luke 4:16-30
4/10	Exodus 23:14-33 / Luke 4:31-44
4/11	Exodus 24:1-18 / Luke 5:1-16
4/12	Exodus 25:1-22 / Luke 5:17-39
4/13	Exodus 31:1-18 / Luke 6:1-19
4/14	Exodus 32:1-14 / Luke 6:20-38
4/15	Exodus 32:15-35 / Luke 6:39-49
4/16	Exodus 33:1-23 / Luke 7:1-17
4/17	Exodus 34:1-28 / Luke 7:18-35
4/18	Exodus 34:29-35:21 / Luke 7:36-50
4/19	Exodus 38:21-39:8 / Luke 8:1-21
4/20	Exodus 39:32-40:16 / Luke 8:22-39
4/21	Exodus 40:17-38 / Luke 8:40-56
4/22	Leviticus 8:1-36 / Luke 9:1-17
4/23	Leviticus 9:1-24 / Luke 9:18-36
4/24	Leviticus 10:1-20 / Luke 9:37-62
4/25	Leviticus 16:1-24 / Luke 10:1-22
4/26	Leviticus 17:1-16 / Luke 10:23-42
4/27	Leviticus 18:1-19:8 / Luke 11:1-13
4/28	Leviticus 19:9-37 / Luke 11:14-36
4/29	Leviticus 20:1-27 / Luke 11:37-54
4/30	Leviticus 21:1-24 / Luke 12:1-12

(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 set aside 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.*

April Stewardship

	<u>April 1</u> (Easter)	<u>April 8</u>	<u>April 15</u>	<u>April 22</u>	<u>April 29</u>
<u>Acolyte</u>	Emily-Lynn Carlson	Allison Farr	Andrew Farr	Caden Fitzpatrick	Mia Fitzpatrick
<u>Comm. Assistant</u>	Mark Larsen	Chris Batson	Steve Farr	Dan Callahan	Mike Hein
<u>Ushers</u>	Glenn Carlson & Brian Watson	Dan Callahan & John Gould	Bill Jahnke & John Ayotte	Wayne Pelletier & Mike Hein	Dan Keefe & Moe Cote
<u>Greeters</u>	John & Karen Ayotte	Jim & Darryll Zahner	Mark & Lee Anne Larsen	Glenn & Krista Carlson	Fred & Amy Ouellette
<u>Altar Care</u>	Andrea Watson	Esther Gould	Lee Anne Larsen	Katie Huesers	Avis Grant
<u>Flowers</u>	Sharon Klpp	Sharon Klipp	The Ouellettes	The Ouellettes	Avis Grant
<u>Fellowship</u>	Easter Breakfast	Davis, Fischer & Love	Sasha & Siena Fitzpatrick	OPEN	OPEN