

RESURRECTION NEWS



APRIL 2019

Pastor's Letter

April, 2019



"As Jesus was going up to Jerusalem, he took the twelve disciples aside, and on the way he said to them, 'See, we are going up to Jerusalem. And the Son of Man will be delivered over to the chief priests and scribes, and they will condemn him to death and deliver him over to the Gentiles to be mocked and flogged and crucified, and he will be raised on the third day.'"
Matthew 20:17-19

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The captain of the ship looked into the dark night and saw faint lights in the distance. Immediately he told his signalman to send a message: "Alter your course 10 degrees south." Promptly a return message was received: "Alter your course 10 degrees north." The captain was angered; his command had been ignored. So he sent a second message: "Alter your course 10 degrees south - I am the captain." So another message was received: "Alter your course 10 degrees north - I am seaman third class Jones." Immediately the captain sent a third message, knowing the fear it would evoke "Alter your course 10 degrees south - I am a battleship." Then the reply came: "Alter your course 10 degrees north - I am a lighthouse."

In the midst of our dark and foggy times, many voices shout orders at us, telling us what to do and how to set the course and direction for our lives. Out of the many voices, one voice says something quite contrary to all the rest - something even absurd. But the voice happens to be the Light of the Word, and we ignore it at our peril.

In the 20th chapter of St. Matthew's gospel we read that the captain of the ship of salvation announces to His crew that they are on a collision course with the cross - not so they might change course and avoid it, but so that they might be prepared for it when it happens. Eventually, just as the captain forewarns, the collision occurs. Even though the crew was still not ready for it, only one dies - the captain himself.

If you've ever been in a collision, you know what a crisis this is. Even a little fender-bender can leave you shaking and rattled. As the disciples collided with the cross of Jesus, it left them permanently changed men.

It is in this encounter with the cross of Jesus Christ that we are changed also. There, we see the terrible toll our sin has taken, not only on us, but on our Lord, and it ought to leave us shaken. It is at the cross that we see ourselves for who we really are; sinners, so loved by God that He would send His only Son to bear the awful punishment which we all deserve. That's enough to change a person, or at least it should be.

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Nielsen

Notes from your Deaconess

April, 2019

Dear Brothers and Sisters of LCR,

Every year at specific times, we recall births, baptisms, wedding anniversaries, deaths, significant moves or events—whether wonderful or disastrous. Ecclesiastes reminds us that “To everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven” (3:1). Shakespeare writes of seven ages in a man’s life in his play “As You Like It.” Through our church year we focus on different portions of Jesus’ life as we move through the Times of Christmas, Easter, and the Church (see *Lutheran Service Book*, p. 10). In our journey through the *LSB*, we come next to the rites for Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Matrimony, followed by a full service outline for Funerals (pages 268 through 281).

The first three of these most often occur within a longer service, but may also be used as a very brief service in themselves. Each of these three rites commences with a statement from the Pastor of the reason and need for the event, particularly for the individual or individuals for whom this work by God is being done. In Baptism, the individual dies with Christ and is brought into new life—at a specific time and place with God’s word, His work using water and faith. *We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.* (Romans 6:4) *Baptism...now saves you.* (1 Peter 3:21a) In Confirmation, the Pastor asks individuals to give voice to their faith—which they do by the power of the Holy Spirit. *Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God.* (1 John 4:18)...*And no one can say “Jesus is Lord” except in the Holy Spirit.* (1 Corinthians 12:3b) The confirmands verbally witness to the rest of Church body present. The rite of Holy Matrimony joins a man and woman in marriage, a union established by God (although not one in which all persons are able to participate), and which gives a visible representation of the relationship of Christ and his bride, the Church (in which all believers *do* participate). See Ephesians 5:22-32.

The Funeral service begins with Pastor *and* congregation affirming that the individual who has departed from this world’s life now sleeps (in our view) to await the resurrection of the body, as promised by our Lord to whom this one already had been united by their baptism. The service itself, which can include Holy Communion if the family and Pastor so choose, otherwise follows the usual order for a service of the Word with scripture readings, statements of faith, and prayers. These all affirm for those who remain that their loved one has been taken to his or her heavenly home, and now has entered fully into life. See 1 Corinthians 15:51-57 and 2 Corinthians 5:1-8.

During the first week of April we will complete Genesis in our lectionary readings, reading how the Lord used Joseph to save his family which had sold him into slavery. The rest of the month we will read from Exodus, including the calling of Moses as chosen servant for leading Israel out of Egypt, about the first Passover during Holy Week, and the beginnings of the journey through the wilderness. We will finish reading the gospel of Mark just before Holy Week, followed by the entire letter to the Hebrews, and begin the gospel of Luke at the very end of the month. (Come join the Thursday morning Bible studies with Pastor after Easter for insight into the letter to the Hebrews.)

I intend to hold Saturday morning women’s Bible studies on April 13 and 27. Come meet with some sisters in Christ for a time of fellowship, reading scripture together, and sharing prayer concerns.

Under his mercy,

Sharon M. Conover

MID-WEEK LENT / HOLY WEEK / EASTER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Mid-week services at Noon and 7:00pm.

- **Wednesday, April 3 - Psalm 23:4 - "I walk through death with no fear of evil."**
- **Wednesday, April 10 - Psalm 23:5 - "You are with me and comfort me."**
- **Maundy Thursday, April 18 - Psalm 23:6 - "You prepare a table for me."**
- **Good Friday, April 19 - Psalm 23:7 - "Goodness, mercy and life in Your house."**

Easter Sunday Schedule:

- **Easter, April 21 - Easter Breakfast - 8:30-9:30am. / Divine Service - 10:00am.**

ADULT BIBLE STUDY FOR APRIL: A Year with the Small Catechism

4/7 Lord's Prayer - 5th Petition. Questions #276-280

4/14 Lord's Prayer - 6th Petition. Questions #281-284

4/21 Easter - no class

4/28 Lord's Prayer - 7th Petition. Questions #285-289

SEMINARY STUDENT: ALARIK MORRIS

March 22nd, 2019

Dear Brothers and Sisters of Lutheran Church of the Resurrection,

This past month has been a very busy one academically for me. There have been a lot of assignments to complete and a heavy course load to keep up with, especially after a shortened winter break for me as I traveled a lot and took a class in January before the spring semester began. I also completed a half-semester class before break this past week for the Pauline Epistles where I completed a final paper on the Pastoral Epistles. On Monday, I will begin another half-semester class on the Synoptic Gospels to replace it. In addition, I also completed a project for sermon preparation for my Homiletics class earlier this week, which will bring me closer to preaching my first sermon by the end of this semester.

I am looking forward to being able to visit you this Summer at some point and I will continue to keep you in my prayers moving forward during these next few months. I pray that the weather has been getting gradually warmer for you as well as it has been for us in both Michigan and Missouri. I would also ask that you remember and pray for the people of the Midwest, especially in Nebraska as they experience historic flooding where many of the farmers of the area have lost opportunity to farm for this spring and have lost a great deal of livestock, not to mention other damages to home, property, and life. I pray that even in these calamities, we can remember that God works in even the most unbearable suffering to produce faith and love in His people. While we may lose home, property, family, livelihood, and other blessings in our lives, we will never lose or be stripped of our faith in Christ, where we will receive new life and a share in God's new earth. Praise be to God for this!

Blessings to you all,

Alarik Morris

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THANK YOU FROM THE GARUNA FOUNDATION

Dear Pastor and Mission Partners:

Greetings to you in the name of Jesus our Savior!

On behalf of the Garuna Foundation, I want to thank you for your **very generous donation of \$720** for two Garuna Kids Annual Sponsorships. Your gracious contribution will be used to help bring the grace, mercy and compassion (*Garuna*) of Jesus Christ to the multitudes of those in Thailand, Cambodia and surrounding countries who have not yet had an opportunity to hear of His precious love and forgiveness.

Thank you so much for your faithful prayers and support.

Sincerely in Christ

Rev. Jeffery Elhers, Chairman.

THANK YOU FROM LUTHERANS FOR LIFE

Dear Friends of Life,

Thank you so much – and thanks be to God – for your generous \$700 offering. We're honored to collaborate with your parish as Gospel-motivated voices For Life. Your enthusiasm provides delightful validation of our efforts! (*Full letter posted on bulletin board*).

THANK YOU FROM LUTHERAN HERITAGE FOUNDATION

Thank you for your contribution of \$500 to the General Mission Fund. We thank God for you and your steadfast support of missions conducted via the Lutheran Heritage Foundation. We translate, publish, distribute and introduce books that are Bible based, Christ-centered and Reformation driven. Those books are now blessing people in 103 languages and 85 countries both here and in the United States and around the world. We are grateful to you for your prayers and pray that God will bless you in this New Year with His grace and the hope for salvation that comes from the one who is prophesied to be our ruler and Good Shepherd, our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

God's Peace,

Rev. Dr. Matthew Heise.

THANK YOU FROM THE TUESDAY EVENING AA GROUP

Dear Church,

The Tuesday Night 8pm. closed AA Step Meeting wishes to thank you for allowing our group to use your basement as a meeting space. According to the records I have, it appears as though we have been meeting there since 2005. I believe it could go much further back than that. During this time, I would estimate hundreds were able to attain solid tools to achieve and maintain sobriety. Thank you. We also want to inform you that, through a group consensus decision, brought about by lowered attendance, we have decided to close this meeting. I have enclosed the group member keys. Again, we remain very grateful for the positive impact this has had on many member's lives.

Thank you very much,

Mark.



Monthly Worship

April 7, 2019

Fifth Sunday in Lent

Psalm: 126

First Reading: Isaiah 43:16-21

Epistle: Philippians 3: (4b-7) 8-14

Holy Gospel: Luke 20:9-20

April 14, 2019

Palm Sunday

Psalm: 118:19-29 or 31:9-16

First Reading: Deuteronomy 32:36-39

Epistle: Philippians 2:5-11

Holy Gospel: Luke 22:1-23:56 or Luke 13:111-56
or John 12:20-434:1-13

April 18, 2019

Maundy Thursday

Psalm: 116:12-19

First Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34 or
Exodus 12:1-14

Epistle: Philippians Hebrews 10:15-25 or
1 Corinthians 11:23-32

Gospel: Luke 22:7-20 or John 13:1-17, 31b-35

April 19, 2019

Good Friday

Psalm: 22 or 31

First Reading: Isaiah 52:13—53:12

Epistle: Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9

Holy Gospel: John 18:1—19:42 or John 19:17-30

April 21, 2019

The Resurrection of Our Lord

Psalm: 16

First Reading: Isaiah 65:17-25

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 15:19-26

Gospel: Luke 24:1-12

April 28, 2019

Second Sunday of Easter

Psalm: 148

First Reading: Acts 5:12-20 (21-32)

Epistle: Revelation 7:9-17

Gospel: John 20:19-31

BIBLE QUIZ

1. How did God provide for Elijah's needs when the prophet fled from Queen Jezebel's lethal rage?

A) twice an angel gave him warm bread and a jar of water in the middle of nowhere B) once a camel came bearing new clothes C) three times a friend came to encourage him D) two different strangers offered their home to Elijah the political refugee

2. What happened to the place of prayer when the early church praised God after Peter and John were released after they were brought to the Jewish council?

A) the place caught on fire B) the place was flooded C) the place was shaken D) the place was buffeted by mighty winds

3. After entering the Promised Land, in which city did Israel set up the tabernacle?

A) Shiloh B) Bethlehem C) Gibash D) Jerusalem

4. When Jesus rested for a short time at Jacob's well, whom did He chat with?

A) a shepherd who used to be that area's tax collector B) a woman who had five husbands and currently slept with yet another man C) a rich ruler from Ethiopia D) a beggar who was extremely inquisitive regarding spiritual matters

5. Who wanted Pilate not to get involved with Jesus' trial?

A) his top advisor because of fortune-telling omens B) His son because of a rumor he heard circulating among the soldiers C) his wife because of a troubling dream she had D) his foreign cupbearer because of an ancient legend regarding a "holy one"

6. Who said this: "Woe unto them that call evil good and good evil"?

A) God via Isaiah B) God via Jeremiah C) God via D) God via Paul



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



4/7 Chester & Evelyn Gilbert



BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS

4 /3 Laverne Pelletier
4/17 Darryll Zahner
4/19 Elizabeth Larsen
4/27 Rick Drageland
Taylan Thomas
Tiana Thomas
4/?? Chester Gilbert
Cianan Morris
Wayne Pelletier



4/2 Evelyn Gaug
Peter Gaug
4/7 Darryll Zahner
4/11 Rev. Robert Fischer
4/12 Chris Batson
4/14 Sharon Klipp
4/?? Yvonne Batson
Vesta Holt

Bulletin Bloopers

(We've seen many of these hilarious mistakes before, but they're always fun to revisit!)

----Irving Benson and Jessie Carter were married on October 24 in the church. So ends a friendship that began in their school days.

-----A bean supper will be held on Tuesday evening in the church hall. Music will follow.

-----At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be: "What is Hell?" Come early and listen to our choir practice.

-----The church will host an evening of fine dining, super entertainment and gracious hostility.

-----The ladies of the Church have cast off clothing of every kind. They may be seen in the basement on Friday afternoon.

-----The Low Self Esteem Support Group will meet Thursday at 7 PM. Please use the back door.

-----The eighth-graders will be presenting Shakespeare's "Hamlet" in the Church basement Friday at 7 PM. The congregation is invited to attend this tragedy.

April Bible Quiz Answers:

1. A (1 Kings 19:2-8)
2. C (Acts 4:31)
3. A (Joshua 18:1)
4. B (John 4:6, 17-18)
5. C (Matthew 27:17-19)
6. D (Matthew 13:23)

April Stewardship

	<u>April 7</u>	<u>April 14</u> <i>(Palm Sunday)</i>	<u>April 18</u> <i>(Maundy Thursday)</i>	<u>April 19</u> <i>(Good Friday)</i>	<u>April 21</u> <i>(Easter Sunday)</i>	<u>April 28</u>
<u>Acolyte</u>	Evan Farr	Mia Fitzpatrick	Andrew Farr <i>(evening)</i>	Andrew Farr <i>(evening)</i>	Allison Farr	Emily-Lynn Carlson
<u>Comm. Assistant</u>	Steve Farr	Brad Fitzpatrick	Glenn Carlson <i>(afternoon)</i> Mike Hein <i>(evening)</i>	-----	Chris Batson	Dan Callahan
<u>Ushers</u>	Glenn Carlson, Jr. & Seth Carlson	Mike Hein & Moe Cote	Tom Huesers & Mark Larsen <i>(evening)</i>	-----	Wayne Pelletier & Brian Watson	Brad Fitzpatrick & Bill Jahnke
<u>Greeters</u>	John & Karen Ayotte	Fernando & Mari Gouvea	Chris & Yvonne Batson	-----	Moe & Becky Cote	Julie & Sarah Kohl
<u>Altar Care</u>	Lee Anne Larsen	Katie Huesers	Avis Grant	-----	Deb Nielsen	Joan Drageland
<u>Flowers</u>	No Flowers-Lent	No Flowers-Lent	No Flowers-Lent	No Flowers-Lent	Sharon Klipp	Sharon Klipp
<u>Fellowship</u>	The Batsons	Becky Cote	-----	-----	Easter Breakfast	Amy Ouellette

The Daily Lectionary

A guide to help you be in the Word daily

4/1	Genesis 42:1-34, 38 / Mark 12:1-12
4/2	Genesis 43:1-28 / Mark 12:13-27
4/3	Genesis 44:1-18, 32-34 / Mark 12:28-44
4/4	Genesis 45:1-20, 24-28 / Mark 13:1-23
4/5	Genesis 47:1-31 / Mark 13:24-37
4/6	Genesis 49:29-50:26 / Mark 14:1-11
4/7	Exodus 1:1-22 / Mark 14:12-31
4/9	Exodus 2:1-22 / Mark 14:32-52
4/10	Exodus 2:23-3:22 / Mark 14:53-72
4/11	Exodus 4:1-18 / Mark 14:1-15
4/12	Exodus 4:19-31 / mark 15:16-32
4/13	Exodus 5:1 – 6:1 / Mark 15:33-47
4/14	Exodus 7:1-25 / Mark 16:1-20
4/15	Exodus 8:1-12 / Hebrews 1:1-14
4/16	Exodus 9:1-28 / Hebrews 2:1-18
4/17	Exodus 9:29-10:20 / Hebrews 3:1-19
4/18	Exodus 10:21-11:10 / Hebrews 4:1-16
4/19	Exodus 12:1-28 / Hebrews 5:1-14
4/20	Exodus 12:29-13:16 / Hebrews 6:1-20
4/21	Exodus 13:17-14:9 / Hebrews 7:1-22
4/22	Exodus 14:10-31 / Hebrews 7:23-8:13
4/23	Exodus 15:1-18 / Hebrews 9:1-28
4/24	Exodus 15:19-16:12 / Hebrews 10:1-18
4/25	Exodus 16:13-35 / Hebrews 19-39
4/26	Exodus 17:1-16 / Hebrews 11:1-29
4/27	Exodus 18:5-27 / Hebrews 12:1-24
4/28	Exodus 19:1-25 / Hebrews 13:1-21
4/29	Exodus 20:1-24 / Luke 4:1-15
4/30	Exodus 22:20-23:13 / Luke 4:16-30

(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.*