

# **RESURRECTION NEWS**



**JULY/AUGUST 2017**



## Pastor's Letter

Summer, 2017

*"Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends.  
John 15:13*

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

A little boy had a dollar to buy a puppy at the local pet store. The \$25 price tag sent him home heartbroken. But he was determined. He raked yards, ran errands, collected aluminum cans. Eventually he had \$25. He returned to the pet store, showed his money to the manager and inspected the puppies. They smiled and wagged their entire bodies. It was a long inspection. Then he pointed to a scrawny brown puppy in the corner and said, "I want that one please." The store manager picked up the dog and said, "Son, you don't want this one. He's crippled, has been lame since birth. He can't run or play or fetch a stick. Pick another one." The boy insisted, "I want that one please." He paid his money and left, puppy squirming under his arm. As he walked out, the manager noticed for the first time, that the boy limped because of the steel brace that ran down his leg and attached to his shoe.

Sometimes you just have to have experienced someone else's problem for yourself in order to be that special friend. How does the hymn say it? "Jesus knows our every weakness." How do the Scriptures say it? *"For we do not have a high priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was tempted in all points as we were, yet without sin."* (Heb.4:15).

Jesus knows our every weakness because He has taken our every weakness onto Himself. He's taken our physical infirmities and they have left Him permanently scared. He has suffered our emotional infirmities and He knows the pain of rejection, betrayal, abandonment, abuse. He has even experienced our spiritual infirmities and He knows the darkness of a life that is separated from the love of God.

Every weakness and infirmity that you and I may have ever dealt with or may be dealing with right now, Jesus knows because He has experienced it Himself. In fact, because He is without sin, those infirmities He bears - are ours!

For this reason Jesus Christ is unlike any other friend that we have ever had. We can come to Him with anything that is troubling us - even if it is a weak and waning faith - and He knows what we mean and He knows how to take it from us and bear it Himself.

I pray that you would be a friend and invite a friend of yours to meet the best friend that anyone can ever have - Jesus Christ.

Yours in Christ,  
*Pastor Nielsen*

# Notes from your Deaconess

Summer, 2017

Dear brothers and sisters of LCR,

On our journey through the Divine Service we come now to the **Creed**, the **Hymn of the Day**, and **Sermon**. Within the Service of the Word, these three parts follow the readings, although occasionally the Hymn of the Day occurs between the Epistle and Gospel.

The confession of the **Creed** in the Service of Word and Sacrament wasn't used until after 1000AD. Previously, it had only taken place during the baptismal service. (*Check out Pastor Nielsen's sermon from Trinity Sunday ((6/11/2017)) for more about the creeds we use.*) The Creed summarizes the narrative of the entire scriptures, so it goes well just after the readings. Sometimes it comes after the sermon, as the people together affirm that the word as read and then proclaimed. The Creed also describes who is on the altar for us with His body and blood, conceived and born of the virgin Mary...

The **Hymn of the Day** and the **Sermon** interpret and expand on the readings for the day. Most often they focus on the Gospel reading, but also in its relation to the Old Testament and Epistle readings. The practice of such teaching certainly already took place in Jesus' day in the synagogues. After the reading of scripture, a rabbi would teach those assembled the meaning and use of those scriptures, relating it to other passages as well. We see Jesus speaking this way in synagogues in the gospels, as in Luke 4:16-27. St. Paul also followed this pattern throughout the missionary trips he made in the book of Acts. (*Look for this in the daily lectionary readings in the coming month.*) The Hymn of the Day seems to be one of the more recent additions to the Divine Service from the Lutheran reformers in the sixteenth century.

In our worship services we regularly review a section of Luther's Small Catechism, and have a children's sermon as well within this part of the Service of the Word. The review fits near the Creed even though it doesn't appear in the orders in our service book since it, too, explains important portions of scripture and our faith. The children's sermon also belongs here.

As Pastor Nielsen told us a couple of Sundays ago (June 18), we now have about half of a church year ahead of us without any festivals or feasts--until Advent and Christmas. During this time of quiet growth we will hear Sunday readings from the gospel of Matthew, with Jesus' teaching, parables, healing, and journeys of his ministry. The daily lectionary during July continues to move through the Old Testament book of Joshua as he leads Israel into the Promised Land. The New Testament readings continue with the Acts of the Apostles and the early church spreading through the lands around the Mediterranean.

Right now I'm planning on holding women's Bible studies on the second and fourth Saturday mornings of July and August (7/8 and 7/22, 8/12 and 8/26). Feel free to contact me to confirm that.

As you travel, relax, and enjoy the summertime, I hope that you will "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teach and admonish one another in all wisdom, and sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs with thankfulness to God." Colossians 3:16

Under his mercy,

*Sharon*

## **SUMMER POT-LUCK AND BIBLE STUDY: SUNDAY, JULY 9<sup>TH</sup> AND AUGUST 6<sup>TH</sup>.**

Plan to join us for a time of summer fellowship over some of your favorite summer dishes and bible study. The topic for the July 9<sup>th</sup> bible study will be: "HEAVEN and HELL." What does the bible have to say about them?

## **SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE - NOW THROUGH SEPTEMBER 3<sup>rd</sup>:**

Worship begins at 9:00am. Sunday School is in recess. Regular worship schedule begins on Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup>.

## **MEN'S RETREAT - SEPTEMBER 22-23<sup>RD</sup> - HUESER'S CAMP**

Be sure to mark your calendar NOW and reserve the dates for the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Men's Retreat. This year's theme will be: "**Celebrating Reformation 500**". Start practicing now for the Corn-Hole tournament. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the Narthex. Sign up now.

## **WORSHIP AND HYMNS THAT STAND APART FROM THE FRAY**

I once asked a group of young people: "Name me words you hear in church that you do not hear at school." As you can imagine, their list was long. One boy offered the word "alleluia". I asked him what the word meant. He thought for a moment and answered: "Hooray for God!" When you think about it, that was not a bad answer. However, I don't think we are ready to replace "alleluia" in the Divine Service with the expression "Hooray for God!"

The story is told of how Christianity was introduced to Russia. More than 1,000 years ago Grand Duke Vladimir of Kiev desired to find an appropriate religion for his new nation. He sent emissaries to investigate the major religions of the day, including Roman Catholicism and Islam. Upon visiting the Orthodox Church in Constantinople they found what they were looking for. In their report to the duke, the emissaries noted that in Orthodox worship there was such a solemn splendor that they had a hard time knowing whether they were in heaven or on earth. That is the essence of worship: one foot in heaven, the other here on earth.

We hear complaints that the church is out of touch with the modern world and culture. We should not take that as a criticism. Admittedly, the Order of the Divine Service and the Hymns we sing are "not of this world." (see John 18:33) Mark records Jesus inviting His disciples to, "Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest." (Mark 6:31 NIV) Each Lord's Day when you and I enter the church we are responding to Jesus' invitation to come with Him away from the world to a "quiet place" where we also may pause to rest from the frenetic pace of our lives in this world.

A noted church leader wrote: "Aim at pleasing (God) more than yourself, or any other creature. In order to do this attend strictly to the sense of what you sing, and see that your heart is not carried away with the sound, but offered to God continually; so shall your singing be such as the Lord will approve here, and reward you when he cometh in the clouds of heaven."

Read those words carefully. They miss the point of why we worship and sing as we do. Our purpose is not to please God, or to gain His approval, nor to win a reward. In the Introduction to the hymnal Lutheran Worship we read: "The rhythm of our worship is from (God) to us, and then from us back to Him. He gives His gifts, and together we receive and extol them (in music and words)." (*parenthesis mine*). As the apostle John writes: "We love because *he first loved us*." (1 John 4:9) All that you and I say and sing in the worship begins with God and is a response to what God in Christ has already done for us.

I spoke with a woman who insisted she wanted to hear only the King James translation of the Bible. I agreed it is beautiful English, but added that some people have difficulty understanding it. She answered. "I don't want to understand it. I just want it to sound nice." Unfortunately, that is how some people come to worship. They are not concerned with whether the words sung are true or false but only with whether they sound nice. The liturgies and the hymns chosen for the Lutheran Service Book were not selected based upon a popularity contest but upon the biblical correctness of the words spoken and sung and for the aesthetic beauty and dignity of the music. For this we give thanks and raise a heartfelt "Hooray for God!"

Standing On His Promises,

*Reverend Ted Evertsen*



### **Board for Missions - Meeting Minutes of June 12, 2017**

- Review of mission budget. Funds available for Missions at end of May are \$1,633.48.
- Sr. Youth Group 5/16 Mission Trip – funding for this project came entirely from dedicated gifts to the Sr. Youth Group from fundraisers and special offerings. Therefore there was no expense from the Missions budget as was planned.
- Lutheran Braille Workers - A review and discussion of the work of LBW took place based on a Spring, 2017 newsletter. The expense for producing one bible in braille is \$185. It was voted to recommend sending \$370 to LBW for two bibles.
- Teen Challenge of New England – A review and discussion of the work of Teen Challenge took place based on a flyer from the organization. After discussion, Amanda will ask Darryll Zahner for more clarification on this organization's work.
- It was voted to recommend sending \$500 to the Waterville Area Food Bank.
- Amanda indicated that she may need to step off of the Board due to a possible volunteer position with a PTA. If it happens, it will take effect in September, 2017. New Board members will need to be recruited.

The next Board for Missions meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 7<sup>th</sup> - 6:30pm.

The Board would encourage members of the congregation who would like to participate on the board to speak to any of the members or pastor.



## **Monthly Worship**

**July 2, 2017**

**Fourth Sunday after Pentecost**

**Psalm:** 119:53-60

**First Reading:** Jeremiah 28:5-9

**Epistle:** Romans 7:1-13

**Holy Gospel:** Matthew 10:34-42

**July 9, 2017**

**Fifth Sunday after Pentecost**

**Psalm:** 145:1-14

**First Reading:** Zechariah 9:9-12

**Epistle:** Romans 7:14-25a

**Holy Gospel:** Matthew 11:25-30

**July 16, 2017**

**Sixth Sunday after Pentecost**

**Psalm:** 65 (1-8) 9-13

**First Reading:** Isaiah 55:10-13

**Epistle:** Romans 8:12-17

**Holy Gospel:** Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

**July 23, 2017**

**Seventh Sunday after Pentecost**

**Psalm:** 119: 57-64

**First Reading:** Isaiah 44:6-8

**Epistle:** Romans 8:18-27

**Holy Gospel:** Matthew 13:24-30

**July 30, 2017**

**Eighth Sunday after Pentecost**

**Psalm:** 125

**First Reading:** Deuteronomy 7:6-9

**Epistle:** Romans 8:28-39

**Gospel:** Matthew 13:44-52

## **BIBLE QUIZ**

**1. Which river did God part for Joshua and the Israelites?**

A) Tigris B) Nile C) Jordan D) Euphrates

**2. How old is God?**

A) 10 billion years old (He is older than the radiocarbon age of the earth) B) 2,044 years old (33 + 2,011) C) the scientific calculus-related formula takes eight steps to figure out D) He never had a beginning. He has always existed

**3. What is the shortest book in the New Testament?**

A) Philemon B) Jude C) 2 John D) 3 John

**4. Who said he was unworthy to touch Jesus' sandal?**

A) Herod the Great) B) John the Baptist C) Caiaphas the high priest D) Felix the governor

**5. Golgotha means "the place of the skull" in what language?**

A) Greek B) Hebrew C) Aramaic D) Latin

**6. What was the main reason Paul left Titus in Crete?**

A) to straighten out what was left unfinished and appoint elders in every town B) to talk to the government leaders and get their support for the church C) because they'd had an argument and Paul didn't want to see him D) to tell the Cretan Christians that they had heretical ideas about Jesus

# Stewardship - July, 2017

	<u>July 2</u>	<u>July 9</u>	<u>July 16</u>	<u>July 23</u>	<u>July 30</u>
<b>Acolyte</b>	<b>Emily-Lynn Carlson</b>	<b>Mia Fitzpatrick</b>	<b>Allison Farr</b>	<b>Callum Goldsmith</b>	<b>Andrew Farr</b>
<b>Comm. Assistant</b>	<b>Brian Watson</b>	<b>Tom Huesers</b>	<b>Steve Love</b>	<b>Mark Larsen</b>	<b>Mike Hein</b>
<b>Ushers</b>	<b>Mike Hein &amp; Mark Larsen</b>	<b>Moe Cote &amp; John Gould</b>	<b>Brian Watson &amp; Tom Huesers</b>	<b>Bill Jahnke &amp; Steve Love</b>	<b>Glenn Carlson, Jr. &amp; Seth Carlson</b>
<b>Greeters</b>	<b>Chris &amp; Yvonne Batson</b>	<b>Glenn &amp; Kitty Carlson</b>	<b>Moe &amp; Becky Cote</b>	<b>John &amp; Esther Gould</b>	<b>Fernando &amp; Mari Gouvea</b>
<b>Altar Care</b>	<b>Amy Ouellette</b>	<b>Kitty Carlson</b>	<b>Andrea Watson</b>	<b>Esther Gould</b>	<b>Lee Anne Larsen</b>
<b>Flowers</b>	<b>Julie &amp; Sarah Kohl</b>	<b>Chris &amp; Yvonne Batson</b>	<b>Chris &amp; Yvonne Batson</b>	<b>Jim &amp; Darryll Zahner</b>	<b>Jim &amp; Darryll Zahner</b>
<b>Fellowship</b>	<b>Sharon Klipp</b>	<b>Summer Pot Luck</b>	<b>OPEN</b>	<b>Dorthy McAllister</b>	<b>OPEN</b>



## **Monthly Worship**

**August 6, 2017**

**Ninth Sunday after Pentecost**

**Psalm:** 136:1-9 923-26)

**First Reading:** Isaiah 55:1-5

**Epistle:** Romans 9:1-5 (6-13)

**Holy Gospel:** Matthew 14:13-21

**August 13, 2017**

**Tenth Sunday after Pentecost**

**Psalm:** 18:1-9 (7-16)

**First Reading:** Job 38:4-18

**Epistle:** Romans 10:5-17

**Holy Gospel:** Matthew 14:22-33

**August 20, 2017**

**Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost**

**Psalm:** 67

**First Reading:** Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

**Epistle:** Romans 11:1-2a, 13-15, 28-32

**Holy Gospel:** Matthew 15:21-28

**August 27, 2017**

**Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost**

**Psalm:** 138

**First Reading:** Isaiah 51:1-6

**Epistle:** Romans 11:33—12:8

**Holy Gospel:** Matthew 16: 13-20

## **BIBLE QUIZ**

**1. What was the first miracle Jesus performed to show the world His glory?**

A) He made a man born blind see again B) He turned water into wine C) He ended a three year drought with a huge rainstorm D) He called down fire from heaven

**2. How rich was Jerusalem during King Solomon's reign?**

A) silver was so plentiful that it was common as stones B) gold was so plentiful that it was common as sand C) silk was so plentiful that it was used as common rags D) healing balms were so plentiful that even the lowest slave had excellent health

**3. Why did Jesus upset the money changers' tables as well as free the living sacrificial animals?**

A) they were selling rotten fruit and blemished animals B) they were conducting business on the Sabbath C) 2 they were unruly and rebellious D) they were focused more on greedy haggling than on worshipping God

**4. What was the point to the parable of the rich fool?**

A) do not be so greedy B) store up treasure in heaven rather than amassing great wealth on earth C) how to acquire more gold for God D) what to do when servants complain

**5. How many plagues did god inflict upon Egypt before Pharaoh let Moses and the Israelites go?**

A) 3 B) 7 C) 10 D) 12

**6. Who said this: "Almost thou persuades me to be a Christian"?**

A) Pontus Pilate B) Governor Felix C) Governor Festus D) King Agrippa



# Stewardship – August, 2017

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<b>Acolyte</b>	<b>Caden Fitzpatrick</b>	<b>Allison Farr</b>	<b>Emily-Lynn Carlson</b>	<b>Callum Goldsmith</b>
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<b>Greeters</b>	<b>Mike &amp; Michelle Hein</b>	<b>Tom &amp; Katie Huesers</b>	<b>Steve Love &amp; Dorthy McAllister</b>	<b>Brian &amp; Andrea Watson</b>
<b>Altar Care</b>	<b>Katie Huesers</b>	<b>Avis Grant</b>	<b>Deb Nielsen</b>	<b>Sharon Conover</b>
<b>Flowers</b>	<b>Vesta Holt</b>	<b>Vesta Holt</b>	<b>OPEN</b>	<b>OPEN</b>
<b>Fellowship</b>	<b>Summer Pot Luck</b>	<b>OPEN</b>	<b>OPEN</b>	<b>OPEN</b>



- 7/5 Sarah Kohl  
Taylan Thomas
- 7/26 Nathaneal Batson
- 7/27 Yvonne Batson
- 7/28 Andrea Watson
  
- 8/20 Lois Doran
- 8/27 Mark Larsen
- 8/29 Bode Carlson



## BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS

- 7/1 Emily Larsen
- 7/14 Sharon Conover
- 7/27 Bryan Hillary
- 7/28 Rev. Robert Fischer
  
- 8/1 Kenneth Zahner
- 8/7 Ethan Carlson
- 8/19 Kari Farr  
Steven Farr

### July Bible Quiz Answers

1. C (Joshua 3:13)
2. D (Revelation 4:8, Genesis 1:1-2)
3. C (only 13 verses)
4. B (Mark 1:7)
5. B (John 19:17)
6. A (Titus 1:5)



- 7/4 Robert & Fran Sieber
- 7/12 Bonnie & Armand Mathieu
- 7/15 Glenn & Krista Carlson  
John & Esther Gould
- 7/18 Mark & Lee Anne Larsen
- 7/22 Steve & Rebecca Love
- 7/27 Chris & Yvonne Batson
  
- 8/13 Jim & Darryll Zahner
- 8/23 Sharon & Charles Conover  
Don & Marlene Pryor
- 8/28 David & Beth Morris
- 8/30 Brad & Sasha Fitzpatrick

### Doggone Good

-----Little Jason was practicing his violin to play a solo in church, and the torturous noise was making the dog howl. Upstairs, the boy's father was trying to work. After trying to put up with the combined racket of the violin and the dog for twenty minutes, the father finally called down, "Jason, can't you play something the dog doesn't know?"

### Electronic Prayers

-----A mother was teaching her three-year-old daughter the Lord's Prayer. For several evenings at bedtime, she repeated it after her mother. One night she said she was ready to try it on her own. Mother glowed with pride and listened to each word right up to the end. "And lead us not into temptation," she prayed, "but deliver us some E-mail. Amen."

### August Bible Quiz Answers

1. B (John 2:9, 11)
2. A (1 Kings 10:27)
3. D (John 2:13-16)
4. B (Luke 12:16-21)
5. C (Exodus 7:15-12:32)
6. D (Acts 26:27-28)

# The Daily Lectionary

July / August, 2017

<u>July</u>	<u>August</u>
7/2 Joshua 7:1-26 / Acts 10:34-48	7/30 1 Samuel 15:10-35 / Acts 24:24-25:12
7/3 Joshua 8:1-28 / Acts 11:1-18	7/31 1 Samuel 16:1-23 / Acts 25:13-27
7/4 Joshua 10:1-25 / Acts 11:19-30	8/1 1 Samuel 17:1-19 / Acts 26:1-23
7/5 Joshua 23:1-16 / Acts 12:1-25	8/2 1 Samuel 17:20-47 / Acts 26:24-27:8
7/6 Joshua 24:1-31 / Acts 13:1-12	8/3 1 Samuel 17:48-18:9 / Acts 17:9-26
7/7 Judges 2:6-23 / Acts 13:13-41	8/4 1 Samuel 18:10-30 / Acts 27:27-44
7/8 Judges 3:7-31 / Acts 13:42-52	8/5 1 Samuel 19:1-24 / Acts 28:1-15
7/9 Judges 4:1-24 / Acts 14:1-18	8/6 1 Samuel 20:1-23 / Acts 28:16-31
7/10 Judges 6:1-24 / Acts 4:19-15:5	8/7 1 Samuel 20:24-42 / 1 Corinthians 1:1-25
7/11 Judges 6:25-40 / Acts 15:6-21	8/8 1 Samuel 24:1-22 / 1 Corinthians 1:26-2:16
7/12 Judges 7:1-23 / Galatians 1:1-24	8/9 1 Samuel 25:1-22 / 1 Corinthians 3:1-23
7/13 Judges 13:1-25 / Galatians 2:1-21	8/10 1 Samuel 25:23-44 / 1 Corinthians 4:1-21
7/14 Judges 14:1-20 / Galatians 3:1-22	8/11 1 Samuel 26:1-25 / 1 Corinthians 5:1-13
7/15 Judges 15:1-16:3 / Galatians 3:23-4:11	8/12 1 Samuel 28:3-25 / 1 Corinthians 6:1-20
7/16 Judges 16:4-30 / Galatians 4:12-31	8/13 1 Samuel 31:1-13 / 1 Corinthians 7:1-24
7/17 1 Samuel 1:1-20 / Galatians 5:1-26	8/14 2 Samuel 1:1-27 / 1 Corinthians 7:25-40
7/18 1 Samuel 1:21-2:17 / Galatians 6:1-18	8/15 2 Samuel 5:1-25 / 1 Corinthians 8:1-13
7/19 1 Samuel 2:18-36 / Acts 15:22-41	8/16 2 Samuel 6:1-19 / 1 Corinthians 9:1-23
7/20 1 Samuel 3:1-21 / Acts 16:1-22	8/17 2 Samuel 7:1-17 / 1 Corinthians 9:24-10:22
7/21 1 Samuel 4:1-22 / Acts 16:23-40	8/18 2 Samuel 7:18-29 / 1 Corinthians 10:23-11:16
7/22 1 Samuel 5:1-6:16 / Acts 18:1-28	8/19 2 Samuel 11:1-27 / 1 Corinthians 11:17-34
7/23 1 Samuel 6:19-7:17 / Acts 19:1-22	8/20 2 Samuel 12:1-25 / 1 Corinthians 12:1-13
7/24 1 Samuel 8:10-22 / Acts 21:15-36	8/21 1 Kings 1:1-35 / 1 Corinthians 12:14-31
7/25 1 Samuel 9:1-27 / Acts 21:37-22:16	8/22 1 Kings 2:1-27 / 1 Corinthians 13:1-13
7/26 1 Samuel 10:1-27 / Acts 22:17-29	8/23 1 Kings 3:1-15 / 2 Corinthians 1:1-22
7/27 1 Samuel 12:1-25 / Acts 22:30-23:11	8/24 1 Kings 5:1-18 / 2 Corinthians 1:23-2:17
7/28 1 Samuel 13:1-18 / Acts 23:12-35	8/25 1 Kings 7:51-8:21 / 2 Corinthians 3:1-18
7/29 1 Samuel 14:47-15:9 / Acts 24:1-23	8/26 1 Kings 8:22-63 / 2 Corinthians 4:1-18
	8/27 1 Kings 9:1 – 10:13 / 2 Corinthians 5:1-21
	8/28 1 Kings 11:1-26 / 2 Corinthians 6:1-18
	8/29 1 Kings 11:42-12:19 / 2 Corinthians 7:1-16
	8/30 1 Kings 12:20-13:34 / 2 Corinthians 8:1-24
	8/31 1 Kings 16:29-17:24 / 2 Corinthians 9:1-15
	9/1 1 Kings 18:1-19 / Ephesians 1:1-23