

RESURRECTION NEWS



JULY/AUGUST 2019

Pastor's Letter

Summer, 2019

"What Does It Mean To Confess Jesus Christ as my Lord?"

Small Catechism Explanation – Question #5

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

"What does it mean to confess Jesus Christ as my Lord?" Great question! But once again, it's a mouthful and a mindful. Let's break it down into some smaller bites to chew on.

What does it mean to 'confess' Jesus Christ as my Lord?

I always swallow deeply when I read this word in the original language of the New Testament where the word translated, 'confess' is 'martyr.' A 'martyr' is someone who is killed because of their religious or other beliefs. That the New Testament Church would choose THAT word to communicate what it has in mind when the call goes out to *"confess Jesus Christ as my Lord"* is both powerful and intimidating.

Throughout history, people are killed to silence them. Governments like Rome put people to death in torturous ways for refusing to 'confess' that Caesar is Lord. What the Church is saying however is that rather than silencing the *confession* of Jesus Christ as Lord by ending their life, their *"martyrdom"* becomes the bold 'confession' that the world sees and hears and that proclaims their faith even more loudly than their words could ever do.

What does it mean to confess Jesus Christ as *"my Lord."*

A lord is someone who has authority over others simply because he is their 'lord' and they are his 'servants.' He makes demands and expects them to be followed. A lord is also the one who takes responsibility for providing for his own subjects.

To 'confess' that Jesus Christ is 'my Lord' is to say that He is the one to whom we belong as servants to a master. We are to serve Him according to His Word. He is also the One on whom we depend to provide for all that we need for this body and life.

To 'confess' that Jesus Christ is Lord is one thing. To 'confess' that Jesus Christ is 'my Lord' is another thing altogether. By including that little word 'my,' we are saying that we are one who belongs to Jesus Christ as a servant belongs to his Lord and that we trust that He will provide for all that we need for this body and life, even eternal life.

Now we're ready to put the pieces together again. *"What does it mean to confess that Jesus Christ is my Lord?"* Even today, we are surrounded by many forces that would silence our 'confession' that Jesus Christ is my Lord, and I'm not thinking about governments. Just think of the many ways that the activities and programs and luxuries that we enjoy and the demands that they make on us effectively silence our 'confession that Jesus Christ is my Lord.' In this nation, we are blessed that we are not faced with forces that seek to silence or confession by 'tortuous' means. It is rather by 'pleasurable' means that we are pressured into 'martyrdom.' What are those things that we must strive to say 'no' to in order to *"confess that Jesus Christ is my Lord"*? It may just involve *"martyrdom,"* which is the loudest 'confession' we can make.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Nielsen

Notes from your Deaconess

Summer, 2019

Dear Brothers and Sisters of LCR,

Daily routines give us stability and comfort. The first cup of tea, coffee, or water may be a morning pleasure. Walking a dog, or feeding the dog or cat may be something you look forward to everyday. Maybe even the opening and closing of shades or curtains in your home helps with the shape of the day. The more often we spend chunks of time in prayer, reading scripture, and turning our thoughts away from ourselves and towards our creator, redeemer, and comforter, the more naturally will his Word weave into our thoughts and our encounters with every person we meet and every situation which arises. The next pages of our Lutheran Service Book, 294 through 298, include brief orders of worship entitled “Daily Prayer: For Individuals and Families”. They all have similar orders, but with variations for the time of day. You’ll see *Morning*, *Noon*, *Early Evening*, and *Close of Day* as their titles. These nicely fall near mealtimes and bedtime – or the morning one could be used when first getting up from sleep. Even to attempt to use one of them regularly can provide a bit of shape to your day.

The first page (294) gives suggestions for how you might use the services, and for some particular areas to pray about each day. Each order has some set things – vesicles, creeds, prayers – to read or say, and some parts which provide opportunity for variety from day to day. The place in each service for “An appointed reading” could include one of those listed for the time of day, a “Portals of Prayer” devotion, or else one or both of the “Daily Lectionary” readings. Those daily scriptures, which I highlight each month, and which Pastor includes in these newsletters, are found just after these pages (LSB pages 299 – 304). At a loss for the right words to say in the prayer times? Check out the many “Prayers, Intercessions, and Thanksgivings” in the section on pages 305 to 318. You also might check the back of your “Portals of Prayer” booklet, as it, too, contains a number of prayers to use in different situations, and for particular celebrations and holidays. (We actually have laminated pamphlets of the orders for “Daily Prayer” at church. Just ask me or Pastor for one or more copies.)

Our daily lectionary readings from the Old Testament during July and August bring us through the many years of the people of Israel beginning with the fall of Jericho under the leadership of Joshua, through the period of the Judges of Israel (concluding with Samuel), and the first kings of Israel – namely Saul, David and Solomon. This covered some four or five hundred years. In the New Testament, we’ll read from the book of the Acts of the Apostles, and epistles written by Paul to the Galatians and the Corinthians. The early churches wrestled with many of the same issues that the Israelite people did in the Old Testament, and that we do today. Every time we read these passages we see anew how God worked and works through his people.

Saturday morning women’s Bible studies continue through the summer, twice in July (6, 20), and thrice in August (3, 17, 31). We’ll work through and study St. Paul’s epistle to the Philippians – a brief and dense but joyful letter. Whether you can come once in a while or more often, you are always welcome! I hope you’ll join us for some fellowship, study, and sharing of prayer concerns. We meet from about 8:30am until 10am.

Under his mercy,
Sharon M. Conover

REV. JEFF AND CHERYL ELHERS - THE GARUNA FOUNDATION



Plan to join us after worship on **SUNDAY, AUGUST 11TH** for a presentation from Rev. Jeff Ehlers of the Garuna Foundation. Rev. Ehlers and Cheryl will report on the incredible growth of the Christian School program that has been launched in Cambodia and that we have been joyfully supporting for over three years. Currently we are sponsoring two students through

the congregation and one student through the LWML. This will be a summer 'pot-luck picnic' Sunday. So bring a dish to share.

MISSION SUNDAY - SEPTEMBER 8TH - DEACONESS PAM NIELSEN

The return to the 'regular' worship schedule begins with a celebration of MISSION SUNDAY on September 8th. Deaconess Pam Nielsen (*no relation to pastor*) will be our special guest. Deaconess Nielsen will speak to us about the Synod's foreign and domestic mission work during the Sunday School hour at 8:45am. And also during worship at 10:00am. Please be sure to circle this date on your calendar.

2019 DIRECTORY CHANGES:

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NEW BOOK ADDED TO LIBRARY: "Bible Charts, Maps & Timelines"

This is an impressive reference book that covers a very wide range of topics that can be a great help in understanding the Bible. Check it out. (*Thank you to Rick and Joan Drageland*)

THANK YOU FROM MID-MAINE HOMELESS SHELTER

5/20/19

Dear Shelter Friends,

For 28 years, the community has responded to the needs of persons experiencing homelessness. Together we have changed over 8,000 lives. Through your generosity, a path has been paved for a brighter, stronger future for people experiencing homelessness. You have helped to provide the support necessary for our community's most at-risk citizens to find a place to belong and a way to rebuild their lives. We are genuinely appreciative of your gift of **\$1,500** received on **5/14/2019**. You are helping us to provide hope and healing to hundreds of people each year who are facing an urgent need to improve their quality of life. We also thank you for providing dinner for our residents on **5/11/2019**.

Thank you so much for the amazing support! We are grateful!

With gratitude for all you do,

Karen Bournival

Interim Executive Director



Monthly Worship

July 7, 2019

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Psalm: 66:1-7

First Reading: Isaiah 66:10-14

Epistle: Galatians 6:1-10, 14-18

Holy Gospel: Luke 10:1-20

July 14, 2019

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Psalm: 41

First Reading: Leviticus (18:1-5) 19:9--18

Epistle: Colossians 1:1-14

Holy Gospel: Luke 10:25-37

July 21, 2019

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Psalm: 27: (1-6) 7-14

First Reading: Genesis 18:1-10a (10b-14)

Epistle: Colossians 1:21-29

Gospel: Luke 10:38-42

July 28, 2019

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Psalm: 138

First Reading: Genesis 18Ⓢ17-19) 20-33

Epistle: Colossians 2:6-15(16-19)

Holy Gospel: Luke 11:1-13

JULY BIBLE QUIZ

1. How old was the man who had been crippled since birth, when Peter and John healed him?

A) a teenager B) over 30 years old C) over 40 years old (D) over 60 years old

2. Who penned the words to this psalm: “Teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom”?

A) David B) Moses C) the sons of Korah
D) anonymous

3. As believers in Jesus, how should we act?

A) point other people’s errors B) be so meek as to let others walk all over us C) be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to be angry D) wave the Bible in other people’s faces

4. Who was the father of John the Baptist?

A) Zacharias B) Matthew (C) Joseph
D) Philip

5. What was Moses’ father-in-law’s wise advice?

A) create a second set of priests so God is praised 24-7 B) create another copy of the Ten Commandments just in case C) appoint men to help judge so you avoid job-related burnout D) appoint one day every week for rest to avoid exhaustion

6. What article of clothing did Jacob give to his favorite son, Joseph?

A) sandals made of camel hides B) a turban made of newly discovered silks C) a coat made of many colors D) a cloak made of animal skins



Monthly Worship

August 4, 2019

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Psalm: 100

First Reading: Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14, 2:18-26

Epistle: Colossians 3:1-11

Holy Gospel: Luke 12:13-21

August 11, 2019

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Psalm: 33:12-22

First Reading: Genesis 15:1-6

Epistle: Hebrews 11:1-16

Holy Gospel: Luke 12:22-34 (35-40)

August 18, 2019

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Psalm: 119:81-88

First Reading: Jeremiah 23:16-29

Epistle: Hebrews 11:17-31 (32-40); 12:1-3

Gospel: Luke 12:49-53 (54-56)

August 25, 2019

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Psalm: 50:1-15

First Reading: Isaiah 66:18-23

Epistle: Hebrews 12:4-24 (25-29)

Holy Gospel: Luke 13:22-30

AUGUST BIBLE QUIZ

1. What are the two things God absolutely forbade anyone from eating on a dead animal?

- A) skin and fat B) fat and blood C) blood and bones (D) bones and skin

2. Who did god appoint to go with Saul during his first missionary trip?

- A) Silas B) Barnabas C) John
D) Timothy

3. What military strategy did God command Joshua and the army to deploy against Ai?

- A) ambush B) full charge C) circle the camp seven times while blowing trumpets D) do nothing and believe that God will plague the enemy during the night

4. In the parable of the four soils, which soil represented the people who refuse to believe?

- A) hard soil by the wayside B) weedy/thorny soil
(C) thin layer of soil D) good soil

5. How did John the Baptist describe himself when interrogated by the Jewish authorities?

- A) the voice of God B) the voice of reason
C) the voice of one crying in the wilderness
D) the voice of one yelling on the street corner

6. Who said this: "Man shall not live by bread alone"?

- A) Paul quoting David B) Job quoting Abraham
C) Esther quoting Ruth D) Jesus quoting Moses



7/5 Sarah Kohl
Taylan Thomas
7/12 Dan Keefe
7/26 Nathanael Batson
7/28 Yvonne Batson
Andrea Watson

8/14 Kathleen Paules
8/24 Beck Keefe
8/27 Mark Larson
8/29 Bode Carlson
8/31 Laverne Pelletier



7/4 Robert & Frances Sieber
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 & Charlie Conover
Don & Marlene Pryor
8/28 David & Beth Morris
8/30 Brad & Sasha Fitzpatrick

July Bible Quiz Answers:

1. A (Leviticus 10:1-2)
2. B (The Bible))
3. C (Acts 2:5-8, 15)
4. A (Joshua 4:3)
5. B (Exodus 34:1)
6. D (Acts 1:26)

August Bible Quiz Answers:

1. C (Acts 3:2-8, 4:22)
2. B (Psalm 90:1, 12)
3. C (James 1:19)
4. A (Luke 1:59-63)
5. C (Exodus 18:17-23)
6. C (Genesis 37:3)



BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS

7/1 Emily Larsen
7/14 Sharon Conover
7/29 Rev. Robert Fischer

8/7 Ethan Carlson
8/19 Kari Farr
Steve Farr
8/26 Jon Boschen
8/31 Bjorg Boschen

FOR A FEW CHUCKLES:

Things you never hear in church.....

1. Hey! It's my turn to sit in the front pew.
2. I was so enthralled, I never noticed the sermon ran 25 minutes long.
3. Personally, I find witnessing much more enjoyable than golf.
4. I've decided to give our church the \$500 a month I used to send to TV evangelists.
5. I volunteer to be the permanent teacher for the junior high Sunday school class.
6. I love it when we sing hymns I've never heard before.
7. Since we're all here, let's start the service early.
8. Pastor, we'd like to send you to a Bible seminar in the Bahamas.
9. Nothing inspires me and strengthens my commitment like our annual stewardship campaign.
10. I couldn't find a space to park outside. Praise God!

July Stewardship

July 7

July 14

July 21

July 28

Acolyte

Andrew Farr

Evan Farr

Allison Farr

Mia Fitzpatrick

Comm. Assistant

Chris Batson

Glenn Carlson

Brad Fitzpatrick

Steve Farr

Ushers

Moe Cote
&
Rick Drageland

John Ayotte
&
Mark Larsen

Dan Keefe
&
Glenn Carlson, Jr.

Mike Hein
&
Kevin Kinter

Greeters

Julie
&
Sarah Kohl

Avis Grant
&
Gail Carrano

Dorothy
McAllister
&
Deb Nielsen

Jared and
Amanda
Goldsmith

Altar Care

Deb Nielsen

Joan Drageland

Sharon Conover

Amanda
Goldsmith

Flowers

Julie
&
Sarah Kohl

The Zahners

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Fellowship

Becky Cote

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August Stewardship

	<u>August 4</u>	<u>August 11</u>	<u>August 18</u>	<u>August 25</u>
<u>Acolyte</u>	Emily Lynn Carlson	Allison Farr	Evan Farr	Mia Fitzpatrick
<u>Comm. Assistant</u>	Steve Farr	Mark Larsen	Dan Callahan	Glenn Carlson
<u>Ushers</u>	Bill Jahnke & Wayne Pellitier	Moe Cote & Dan Callahan	Mike Hein & Dan Keefe	Glenn Carlson, Jr. & Seth Carlson
<u>Greeters</u>	Rick & Joan Drageland	Mike & Michelle Hein	Dan, Becca, & Eleanor Keefe	Kevin & Sharon Kinter
<u>Altar Care</u>	Amy Ouellette	Sasha Fitzpatrick	Kitty Carlson	Andrea Watson
<u>Flowers</u>	The Zahners	The Dragelands	The Dragelands	The Kinters
<u>Fellowship</u>	Sharon Klipp	OPEN	OPEN	The Keefes

The Daily Lectionary

July / August, 2019

<u>July</u>	<u>August</u>
7/1 Joshua 6:6-27 / Acts 10:18-33	8/1 1 Samuel 17:1-19 / Acts 26:1-23
7/2 Joshua 7:1-26 / Acts 10:34-48	8/2 1 Samuel 17:20-47 / Acts 26:24-27:8
7/3 Joshua 8:1-28 / Acts 11:1-18	8/3 1 Samuel 17:48-18:9 / Acts 17:9-26
7/4 Joshua 10:1-25 / Acts 11:19-30	
7/5 Joshua 23:1-16 / Acts 12:1-25	8/4 1 Samuel 18:10-30 / Acts 27:27-44
7/6 Joshua 24:1-31 / Acts 13:1-12	8/5 1 Samuel 19:1-24 / Acts 28:1-15
	8/6 1 Samuel 20:1-23 / Acts 28:16-31
7/7 Judges 2:6-23 / Acts 13:13-41	8/7 1 Samuel 20:24-42 / 1 Corinthians 1:1-25
7/8 Judges 3:7-31 / Acts 13:42-52	8/8 1 Samuel 24:1-22 / 1 Corinthians 1:26-2:16
7/9 Judges 4:1-24 / Acts 14:1-18	8/9 1 Samuel 25:1-22 / 1 Corinthians 3:1-23
7/10 Judges 6:1-24 / Acts 4:19-15:5	8/10 1 Samuel 25:23-44 / 1 Corinthians 4:1-21
7/11 Judges 6:25-40 / Acts 15:6-21	
7/12 Judges 7:1-23 / Galatians 1:1-24	8/11 1 Samuel 26:1-25 / 1 Corinthians 5:1-13
7/13 Judges 13:1-25 / Galatians 2:1-21	8/12 1 Samuel 28:3-25 / 1 Corinthians 6:1-20
	8/13 1 Samuel 31:1-13 / 1 Corinthians 7:1-24
7/14 Judges 14:1-20 / Galatians 3:1-22	8/14 2 Samuel 1:1-27 / 1 Corinthians 7:25-40
7/15 Judges 15:1-16:3 / Galatians 3:23-4:11	8/15 2 Samuel 5:1-25 / 1 Corinthians 8:1-13
7/16 Judges 16:4-30 / Galatians 4:12-31	8/16 2 Samuel 6:1-19 / 1 Corinthians 9:1-23
7/17 1 Samuel 1:1-20 / Galatians 5:1-26	8/17 2 Samuel 7:1-17 / 1 Corinthians 9:24-10:22
7/18 1 Samuel 1:21-2:17 / Galatians 6:1-18	
7/19 1 Samuel 2:18-36 / Acts 15:22-41	8/18 2 Samuel 7:18-29 / 1 Corinthians 10:23-11:16
7/20 1 Samuel 3:1-21 / Acts 16:1-22	8/19 2 Samuel 11:1-27 / 1 Corinthians 11:17-34
	8/20 2 Samuel 12:1-25 / 1 Corinthians 12:1-13
7/21 1 Samuel 4:1-22 / Acts 16:23-40	8/21 1 Kings 1:1-35 / 1 Corinthians 12:14-31
7/22 1 Samuel 5:1-6:16 / Acts 18:1-28	8/22 1 Kings 2:1-27 / 1 Corinthians 13:1-13
7/23 1 Samuel 6:19-7:17 / Acts 19:1-22	8/23 1 Kings 3:1-15 / 2 Corinthians 1:1-22
7/24 1 Samuel 8:10-22 / Acts 21:15-36	8/24 1 Kings 5:1-18 / 2 Corinthians 1:23-2:17
7/25 1 Samuel 9:1-27 / Acts 21:37-22:16	
7/26 1 Samuel 10:1-27 / Acts 22:17-29	8/25 1 Kings 7:51-8:21 / 2 Corinthians 3:1-18
7/27 1 Samuel 12:1-25 / Acts 22:30-23:11	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
7/28 1 Samuel 13:1-18 / Acts 23:12-35	8/28 1 Kings 11:1-26 / 2 Corinthians 6:1-18
7/29 1 Samuel 14:47-15:9 / Acts 24:1-23	8/29 1 Kings 11:42-12:19 / 2 Corinthians 7:1-16
7/30 1 Samuel 15:10-35 / Acts 24:24-25:12	8/30 1 Kings 12:20-13:34 / 2 Corinthians 8:1-24
7/31 1 Samuel 16:1-23 / Acts 25:13-27	8/31 1 Kings 16:29-17:24 / 2 Corinthians 9:1-15