

# RESURRECTION NEWS



**JUNE 2018**



## Pastor's Letter

June, 2018

*"May the God of all hope fill you with joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit." (Romans 15:13).*

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

To know God is to have hope in every situation because God is the God of hope. He owns it. He defines it. He gives it. Throughout human history God has given those who know Him hope for living. God's gift of hope transforms our life from hopeless to hopeful, restless to peaceful. To the first people, Adam and Eve, God gave the hope that the offspring of the woman would crush the serpent's head. And by that hope based on the certainty of God's promise, Adam and Eve were able to go on with their lives and cope with the disappointments of life in a broken and fallen world.

Hope that is based on a trust in the promises of God is hope that will not let us down. *"Hope does not disappoint us,"* Paul writes, *"because God has poured out his love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, whom he has given to us."* (Rom.5:5).

But our hope must be in the right thing. A misplaced hope, such as hope that is based on our own wisdom or our own strength or our own ability to solve our problems, will always disappoint us. Speaking for the Lord, the prophet Jeremiah writes, *"Let the wise man not boast of his wisdom, or the strong man of his strength, or the rich man boast of his riches, but let him who boasts boast about this: that he understands and knows Me, that I am the Lord, who exercises kindness, justice and righteousness on earth, for in these I delight."* (Jer.9:23-24).

And so St. Paul prays for us. *"I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened so that you may know the hope to which he has called you..."* (vs.18). Called to a living hope through your baptism; reminded and strengthened in that hope in the Lord's Supper; enlightened by the Spirit of wisdom through His Word.

And just what is that hope that we have from God? It is nothing less than the promise that our Lord is working all things for good for those who love Him. It is the sure and certain hope that when we die Jesus will receive our spirit to be with Him; that He will raise us up on the Last Day with a glorified body; that we will stand accepted before Him in the judgment, by His blood, shed for us; that we shall receive the blessed invitation, *"Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world."* (Matt.25:34).

All of this is possible only because the God of hope who has called us to this rich inheritance is a God who has the power to do what He promises. We need to know that and trust that! The credibility for the hope that we have is rooted in the incredible power of God. God has demonstrated that incomparably great power for us by raising His Son from death to life and then again raising His Son from earth to heaven.

Do you want to know if God can really deliver on his promise of life after death for you? Consider the resurrection of Jesus from death to life. You have died with him and have been raised with him in your baptism.

Do you want to be sure that the life after death that we hope for is a life in the glorious presence of the God of hope Himself? Consider the ascension of Jesus from earth to heaven where He sits at the right hand of God, preparing a place for you.

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Yours in Christ,  
*Pastor Nielsen*

## *Notes from your Deaconess*

June, 2018

Dear Brothers and Sisters of LCR,

When the wind blows, we often hear the noise which its rushing produces in the trees, and around our windows and doors. On that first Pentecost after Jesus' resurrection and ascension, the Holy Spirit rushed into the upper room where the early Christians had gathered to pray, and its rushing produced speech from all those present in many languages telling of the mighty works of God. We still respond to the Holy Spirit's work in us with both word (sung or spoken) and deed. Every time we meet with other Christians for worship, the Holy Spirit works in and among us as we speak and sing God's word.

After receiving the Lord's Supper in the Divine Service, we respond with the *post-communion canticle* and also with the *post-communion collect*. We sing a canticle, a Biblical text set to music, thankfully acknowledging to God, and proclaiming to each other what we have received and experienced. Often we use a setting of the *Nunc Dimmitis* (Latin for "now dismiss"), the song of Simeon from Luke 2:29-32. Simeon had been literally inspired by the Holy Spirit to come to the temple the day that Mary and Joseph brought Jesus. Like Simeon, we recognize that we have held in our hands the Savior of the world, and we now are prepared to take leave of this place. Lutherans introduced this text and song into the Divine Service. This text had been used in both funeral and compline service liturgies before this. Sometimes we also sing another canticle such as "Thank the Lord," drawn from Psalm 105.

Our Pastor prays the post-communion collect after this canticle. If you take a look in our Lutheran Service Book, you will find three different collects from which the Pastor can choose. The first one listed in every service was used by Martin Luther, and based on very early church prayers (included in the *Apostolic Constitutions* of the fourth century). It includes thanks for the gift of the sacraments, and the petition that those gifts may bear fruit in our lives. Its words reference the first and second tables of the Ten Commandments: "in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another." The second originated in the thirteenth century (the *Sarum* rite), and connects the incarnation to the Lord's Supper, gives thanks for pardon and peace, and requests that we be enabled to serve well in response to these gifts. The third collect, written in the twentieth century, focuses on the feast given us here, and connects this feast to the marriage feast which we look forward to with all the saints.

The daily lectionary for June first takes us through the remainder of the Old Testament book of Ecclesiastes. Then we'll read portions of the book of Proverbs, a book full of reflections regarding the wisdom which comes from the Lord. It contains practical and occasionally entertaining observations about living, but frequently includes assertions that good things come to the righteous, and bad things to the wicked—not quite in keeping with reality of our fallen world. Through most of the month we will continue reading the Gospel according to John from the New Testament. During the last several days of June, we will read in the New Testament book of Acts about the church beginning to move *out* of Jerusalem into the world. As we begin that book, in the Old Testament we will begin to follow Joshua as he brings the people of Israel *into* the Promised Land.

I plan to lead one Saturday morning Bible study on June 9. We're getting into summer schedules which can be a bit unpredictable for many. There may be occasional other kinds of gatherings to discuss books and the like, so keep in touch! Remember to check out [www.womenoflcr.wordpress.com](http://www.womenoflcr.wordpress.com) and feel free to join the book discussion there. Consider coming to the summertime "Evening with the Family" on Fourth Fridays, noted elsewhere in the newsletter.

"...Be filled with the Spirit, addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart, giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ" (Ephesians 5:18-20)

Under his mercy,  
*Sharon M. Conover*

#### **SEMINARIAN GRANT SORENSEN TO BE GUEST PREACHER - SUNDAY, JUNE 10<sup>TH</sup>**

Come, meet and greet 2<sup>nd</sup> year seminarian Grant Sorensen and his wife, Kim whom we have been supporting for the last two years. Grant has been assigned to vicar in Green Bay, Wisconsin beginning in August. We're glad he is able to visit.

#### **SIX SUMMERTIME POTLUCKS and BIBLE STUDY**

Plan to join us after worship on these SUMMER SUNDAYS for a special time of fellowship and examination of our life of faith. Bring a favorite dish to share and enjoy a summertime pot-luck picnic in the Fellowship Hall. Pastor will lead a study for adults and Deaconess will lead a study for the children.

- **June 10:**      **Special Guest: Seminarian Grant Sorensen** – Come meet and greet the Sem. student and his wife whom we've been sponsoring for the last two years. (*The Board for Missions and Church Council will be supplying the meal for this one!*)
- **June 17:**      **"Applying God's Word - Demand Or Grace?"**
- **July 15:**      **"Who is Jesus?" Controversies and Conclusions**
- **July 29:**      **Special Guest: Rev. Mark DeLassus** – Advancement Director, Concordia Theological Seminary, Ft. Wayne, Ind.
- **August 5:**     **"Lord I believe. Help my unbelief" – How can I strengthen my faith?**
- **August 26:**   **"Proper Sabbath Keeping" – Where's the right balance between rest and labor?**

## **MANY THANKS TO OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS!**

Another season of Sunday School as concluded and we want to extend our deepest thanks to the Sunday School teachers for their outstanding work in bringing Jesus to the children every Sunday through the lessons they carefully prepared and taught. Thank you to Christine and Tiana Thomas for their work with the preschool class. Thank you to Darryll Zahner for her work with the upper grades. And thank you to Deaconess Conover for her work with the Sr. High class. Thank you also to those who substituted when needed.

## **THE NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT CONVENTION - JUNE 14-16<sup>TH</sup> - SPRINGFIELD, MASS.**

Every three years every District of the LC-MS meets in convention to conduct the business of the church within its District. Every congregation of the District sends two voting delegates – one clergy and one lay. This year's lay delegate to the convention will be Dan Callahan.

## **HOW DO I SUPPORT REV. STEVEN SCHUMACHER – MISSIONARY TO GHANA???**

Several of you have expressed a desire to support Rev. Schumacher and Cindy after his visit with us here on Sunday, May 6<sup>th</sup>. The easiest way to do this is to go to this web-site: [lcms.org/schumacher](http://lcms.org/schumacher). You will have the opportunity to support their work with a 'one time' gift, or to sign up for a recurring gift for as long as you determine. *(For example, Deb and I support Rev. Schumacher and Rev. St. Onge for \$25 each per month which is automatically charged to our credit card. Simple!)*

*Pastor Nielsen*

## **FOURTH FRIDAY FAMILY NIGHTS!!!**

**Come join your church family for An Evening with the Family on the Fourth Fridays this summer from 6pm to 8pm: June 22, July 27, and August 24**

We'll spend a couple informal hours playing board and card games, sharing stories, crafts, some snacks and songs. We'll meet in the fellowship hall. All ages are welcome. Invite some friends along as well!

## **50<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION OF THE LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION**

Be sure to reserve September 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> for a very special time of thanksgiving and celebration for 50 years of God's grace showered on this congregation. The Concordia College Choir from Bronxville, N.Y. will be here for a concert on Saturday evening. Special guests will also be present. More information to follow. **BUT BE SURE TO SET THESE DATES ASIDE NOW.**



**Board for Missions**  
Upcoming Meetings - 2018

August 19  
October 7  
November 18  
December 2

Grab a coffee & snacks and join us in Room 201 after church.

Giving ✿ Helping ✿ Caring

*Whoever brings blessings will be enriched,  
and one who waters will himself be watered. Proverbs 11:25*



## BIBLE QUIZ

### Monthly Worship

**June 3, 2018**

**Second Sunday after Pentecost**

**Psalm:** 81: 1-10

**First Reading:** Deuteronomy 5: 12-15

**Epistle:** 2 Corinthians 4: 5-12

**Holy Gospel:** Mark 2: 23-28 (3:1-6)

**June 10, 2018**

**Third Sunday after Pentecost**

**Psalm:** 130

**First Reading:** Genesis 3: 8-15

**Epistle:** 2 Corinthians 4:13—5:1

**Holy Gospel:** Mark 3: 20-35

**June 17, 2018**

**Fourth Sunday after Pentecost**

**Psalm:** 1

**First Reading:** Ezekiel 17:22-24

**Epistle:** 2 Corinthians 5:1-10 (11-17)

**Gospel:** Mark 4:26-34

**June 24, 2018**

**Fifth Sunday after Pentecost**

**Psalm:** 124

**First Reading:** Job 38:1-11

**Epistle:** 2 Corinthians 6:1-13

**Holy Gospel:** Mark 4:35-41

**1. *How did the busy disciples accept the parents bringing their children to Jesus for a blessing?***

A) they welcomed with open arms B) they told them to go away C) they ignored them with forced indifference D) they responded warily as any one of them could try to assassinate Jesus

**2. *On which day of creation did God create the Big Dipper?***

A) third B) fourth C) fifth D) sixth

**3. *Why didn't God allow Moses to lead the Israelites into the Promised Land?***

A) he was too old—he was already 120 years old B) it was punishment for not believing in God's power over the complaining Israelites C) Joshua needed to start gaining experience as God's number-one man D) it was a lesson to teach Moses who was ultimately in charge of his life

**4. *What did Jesus say when he stood before Herod during his trial?***

A) He answered all questions with one- or two-word answers B) all answers focused on how Jesus was of the heavenly kingdom of God C) He told parables as they "heard but with no understanding" D) He spoke not one word

**5. *Who is the Lamb's wife?***

A) the twelve tribes of Israel B) the faithful prophets C) the believers living in the New Jerusalem D) there is no such thing

**6. *Who said this: "Come now, and let us reason together?"***

A) God B) Jesus C) Moses D) Abraham



6/1 Peter Gaug  
 6/2 Angie Carlson  
 Sharon Klipp  
 6/7 Moe Cote  
 6/12 Rev. Robert Fischer  
 6/14 Callum Goldsmith  
 6/16 Sharon Callahan  
 6/26 Tiana Thomas



## Confirmation Anniversaries

6/5 Natalie Crowley  
 6/19 Cianan Morris

## A Little Humor

### Shocker

Mr. Johnson, a businessman from Wisconsin, went on a business trip to Louisiana. He immediately sent an E-mail back to his wife Jean. Unfortunately he mistyped a letter and the E-mail ended up going to a Mrs. Joan Johnson, the wife of a preacher who had just passed away.

The preacher's widow took one look at the E-mail and promptly fainted. When she was revived, she nervously pointed to the message, which read, "Arrived safely, but it sure is hot down here!"



## BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS

6/3 Emily-Lynn Carlson  
 6/4 Eleanor Keefe  
 6/7 Moe Cote  
 6/8 Ted Evertsen



6/3 Steve & Kari Farr  
 6/10 Ted & Dottie Evertsen  
 6/11 Anna & Ed Rowe  
 6/15 Brian & Andrea Watson  
 6/18 Wayne & Laverne Pelletier  
 6/19 Mike & Michelle Hein

## Garden of Eatin'

One of the Community Church pastor's favorite premarital counseling jokes is this one: Adam and Eve had an ideal marriage. He didn't have to hear about all the men she could have married, and she didn't have to hear about the way his mother cooked.

## Bible Quiz Answers

1. B (Luke 18:15)
2. B (Genesis 1:14-19)
3. B (Numbers 20:12)
4. D (Luke 23:9)
5. C (Revelation 21:2-3)
6. A (Isaiah 1:18)

# The Daily Lectionary

June, 2018

## June

6/1 Eccl. 9:1-17 / John 9:24-41  
6/2 Eccl. 10:1-20 / John 10:1-21

6/3 Eccl. 11:1-10 / John 10:22-42  
6/4 Eccl. 12:1-14 / John 11:1-16  
6/5 Proverbs 1:8-33 / John 11:17-37  
6/6 Proverbs 3:5-24 / John 11:38-57  
6/7 Proverbs 4:1-27 / John 12:1-19  
6/8 Proverbs 5:1-23 / John 12:20-36  
6/9 Proverbs 8:1-21 / John 12:36-50

6/10 Prov. 8:22-36 / John 13:1-20  
6/11 Proverbs 9:1-18 / John 13:21-38  
6/12 Proverbs 10:1-23 / John 14:1-17  
6/13 Proverbs 13:1-25 / John 14:18-31  
6/14 Proverbs 14:1-27 / John 15:1-11  
6/15 Proverbs 15:1-29 / John 15:12-27  
6/16 Proverbs 16:1-24 / John 16:1-16

6/17 Proverbs 17:1-28 / John 16:17-33  
6/18 Proverbs 20:5-25 / John 17:1-26  
6/19 Proverbs 22:1-21 / John 18:1-14  
6/20 Proverbs 22:22-23:12 / John 18:15-40  
6/21 Proverbs 24:1-22 / John 19:1-22  
6/22 Proverbs 25:1-22 / John 19:23-42  
6/23 Proverbs 27:1-24 / John 20:1-18

6/24 Proverbs 30:1-9,18-33 / John 20:19-31  
6/25 Proverbs 31:10-31 / John 21:1-25  
6/26 Joshua 1:1-18 / Acts 8:1-25  
6/27 Joshua 2:1-24 / Acts 8:26-40  
6/28 Joshua 3:1-17 / Acts 9:1-22  
6/29 Joshua 4:1-24 / Acts 9:23-43

6/30 Joshua 5:1-6:5 / Acts 10:1-17

### ***Read your bible every day***

*(Daily lectionary readings taken from LSB #299-304)*

#### **Some helpful habits for home devotions:**

- *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.*



# Stewardship for June

	<u>June 3</u>	<u>June 10</u>	<u>June 17</u>	<u>June 24</u>
<u>Acolyte</u>	Andrew Farr	Caden Fitzpatrick	Mia Fitzpatrick	Evan Farr
<u>Comm. Assistant</u>	Tom Huesers	Glenn Carlson	Mike Hein	Steve Farr
<u>Ushers</u>	John Ayotte & Dan Keefe	Mike Hein & Bill Yankee	Mark Larsen & Wayne Pelletier	Brad Fitzpatrick & Dan Callahan
<u>Greeters</u>	Avis Grant & Pat Kablitz	The Goldsmith Family	Mo & Becky Cote	The Larsen Family
<u>Altar Care</u>	Kitty Carlson	Andrea Watson	Esther Gould	Lee Anne Larsen
<u>Flowers</u>	The Ayottes	The Heins	The Heins	Sharon Klipp
<u>Fellowship</u>	Rev. Ted & Dottie Evertsen	Summer Picnic Potluck	Summer Picnic Potluck	OPEN