

# **RESURRECTION NEWS**



**All of them were  
filled with  
the Holy Spirit!**  
**Acts 2.4**

**JUNE 2019**

## Pastor's Letter

June, 2019

### **"What Is the Christian Faith?" "What is a Christian?"**

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

"What is the Christian faith?" So begins the 'Explanation of the Small Catechism'. I suspect that if you were to ask your friends or family members or neighbors that question, you'd get some pretty interesting answers, such as... "The Christian faith is a way of living that helps you be a better person." "The Christian faith is one way among many to worship God." "The Christian faith tells you what you have to do to get to heaven when you die."

So, what about you? How do you answer the question, "what is the Christian faith?"

Actually, there are two ways to correctly answer this question depending on how you hear it. First, there's the answer that puts all of the focus on Christ and who He is and what He has done. "The Christian faith is the confession that Jesus Christ is the world's only Savior and Redeemer."

This begs the question, "Who is Jesus Christ?" (Question #2) "Jesus is true God and true man in one person. He is the eternal Son of the Father, conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary to be our Savior and Lord. This God who became flesh in the person of the Son, Jesus Christ is the only true God, the Holy Trinity: Father, Son and Holy Spirit."

That may sound like both a mouthful and a headful, but every part of that answer is critical to getting it right. Misunderstanding or misrepresenting any of these parts and pieces results in something other than who Christ really is and what the "Christian faith" really is. And the fact that this happens is a lot is why we get all those bad answers from our family, friends and neighbors.

The second way to answer this question, "What is the Christian faith," just as correctly is to put the emphasis on the Christian. Question #4, "What is a Christian?" I also suspect that our family, friends and neighbors would have some pretty interesting answers to that question as well, such as... "A Christian is someone who prays." "A Christian is someone who goes to church on Sunday." "A Christian is someone who tries to do good."

So, what about you? How do you answer the question, "What is a Christian?"

"A Christian is someone who, by the power and work of the Holy Spirit through the Word of God, believes in and confesses Jesus as Savior and Lord. Through Baptism, a Christian is adopted into the Father's family, the Church."

Again, a mouthful and headful, but also again, each and every part of the answer is critical to getting it right. We are living in a world that is very confused about what the Christian faith is and what it means to be a Christian. This confusion has led to so many tragic results. How very important it is for us to have a clear understanding and confession, both for ourselves as well as for our confused family, friends and neighbors! So, along with your Bible, read your Small Catechism regularly.

Yours in Christ,  
*Pastor Nielsen*

## *Notes from your Deaconess*

June, 2019

Dear Brothers and Sisters of LCR,

Have you, as I certainly have, ever found yourself recounting the most annoying actions or comments of someone to another friend or acquaintance? Or perhaps, like me, you've reacted angrily or hastily towards someone and wished you could have a second chance to make a more measured and reasoned response? Every Sunday in the Divine Service, I gratefully have the opportunity to confess those sins and hear the absolution which our Pastor speaks "in the stead and by the command" of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The next two brief sections which we find in our Lutheran Service Book (pages 290 through 293) are liturgies of confession and absolution. The first is a lengthy form of Corporate Confession and Absolution, which we generally use during our Maundy Thursday services each year, but I have experienced (at the seminary) as a stand-alone service the evening before a service which will include the Lord's Supper. The second one is an Individual Confession and Absolution liturgy. Pastor Nielsen has written in the past about how one may meet with him for this, and includes a note every week in the bulletin to remind us. Sometimes actions done by or to us – in thought, word, and deed – particularly may weigh on our minds and lives, and the opportunity to speak aloud these sins in private, and receive the *individual* word of absolution brings comfort which we do not find when part of the whole congregation. I encourage you to take advantage of this precious gift.

This coming month the daily lectionary readings bring us to the end of the gospel of Luke on Holy Trinity Sunday (June 16), at which time we will also finish our time of reading from the books of Moses. At that point we'll move into "The Time of the Church" and go to the readings for specific days of the year until next Ash Wednesday. We will read through the last third of John's gospel starting on June 17, and then begin to read the book of Acts. The Old Testament readings come from the book of Proverbs while we read from John. As we read about the church beginning to move *out* of Jerusalem into the world in Acts, we will follow Joshua as he brings the people of Israel *into* the Promised Land.

Saturday morning women's Bible studies continue through the summer, usually twice each month – this month on June 15 and 29. We'll begin to read through and study the epistle to the Philippians – Paul's brief and dense but joyful letter. I hope you'll join us for some fellowship, study, and sharing of prayer concerns. We meet from about 8:30am until 10am. (True confession – we often run over a bit, but try to honor that time especially for any who need to get to other activities and errands.)

*If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us. 1 John 1:8-10*

Under his mercy,

*Sharon*

## **BOARD FOR MISSIONS MEETING - SUNDAY, JUNE 9<sup>TH</sup>**

Join us after worship on Sunday, June 9<sup>th</sup> for an important Board for Mission meeting. We will plan for our Mission Sunday to be held on September 9<sup>th</sup>. Our mission guest speaker will be Deaconess Pamela Nielsen (*no relation to pastor*), Associate Executive Director of LCMS Communications. See Michelle Hein for more information.

## **LWML - FATHER'S DAY PIE SALE!!! - SUNDAY, JUNE 16<sup>TH</sup>**

The LWML is helping us celebrate **Father's Day** by sponsoring a PIE SALE! The women will bake the pies and the men will buy them and eat them. (*Don't forget to share!*) Whole pies will sell for \$12. Half pies will sell for \$6. All proceeds will go to the Mite Project.

## **A NEW PROJECT: THE SHARING TABLE**

This comes from Vary Fischer.

We'd like to try a new idea for 3 months to see if the congregation likes it. The new idea is called: **"The Sharing Table."** We'll begin on Sunday, June 9.

Haven't we all had a new item that we don't need, and wished we knew someone in the church who could use it? **"The Sharing Table"** is a way to answer that wish. Just for example:

- A bottle of hair product that you tried but it didn't suit you – put it on **"The Sharing Table."**
- Produce you grew that you would like to share – put it on **"The Sharing Table."**
- An ink cartridge you haven't even opened, but you now have a new printer that takes a different cartridge – put it on **"The Sharing Table."**
- A jar of sauce you bought because your recipe called for a teaspoonful, but you'll never use it – put it on **"The Sharing Table."**
- Great coupons but you don't use that product – put it on **"The Sharing Table."**
- Extra plants from thinning out the perennials in the Spring – put it on **"The Sharing Table."**

To make this work, we'll have a few rules.

1. No food that can spoil or draw vermin will be left when we clean up Fellowship Hall on Sunday after fellowship time – anything not appropriate to sit there all week is thrown in garbage.
2. The stuff on the table would have a shelf life, i.e., perhaps one month from the time it was put on the table. Then, if it was a good item, it would go to a bag for Goodwill.

**"The Sharing Table"** will be located in the Fellowship Hall.

*Vary Fischer*

## **WELCOME OUR NEWEST MEMBERS:**

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## **FALL MEN'S RETREAT SCHEDULED: September 20-21.**

Men, mark your calendars now and reserve the dates for this year's Fall Retreat at the Huesers' Camp. More information to follow.

**JUNE CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING: June, 18, 2019 - 6:30pm.**

**THANK YOU TO OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL STAFF!**

Thank you to our devoted Sunday School staff on another season of faithful service to the children of the congregation. Their weekly preparation of lessons and activities along with their love and care for their students is effective in building knowledge and growing faith in the Lord. Thank you!

- Christine Thomas
- Darryll Zahner
- Sharon Conover

**CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GRADUATING HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS!**

Congratulations to three of our seniors who will graduate high school and prepare for beginning their college careers this Fall. Join us for a special reception in their honor, hosted by their parents on Sunday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> after worship.

- Nathanael Batson
- Sarah Kohl
- Emily Larsen

**NATIONAL TRAILS DAY: June 1<sup>st</sup> - 10:00am.**

The Kennebec / Messalonskee Trails Association is holding a clean-up and reopening of the Oxbow Trail which is located off the church's parking lot and runs along the Messalonskee stream behind the church. Anyone who is interested in helping is invited to come. Bags, glove, t-shirts and refreshments will be provided. See: [kmtrails.info](http://kmtrails.info)

**CHANGES TO 2019 DIRECTORY**

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**PASTOR NIELSEN TO ATTEND SEMINARY EXTENSION CLASS**

"Law, Virtue and Life In Christ" is the name of the Concordia Theological Seminary extension class to be held from June 18-20 in Norwalk, Ct.

**THANK YOU FROM WATERVILLE FOOD BANK**

May 9, 2019

Dear Lutheran Church of the Resurrection

Thank you for your donation to the Greater Waterville Area Food Bank. The church's donation of \$500 will help purchase low cost food for distribution to our clients. Your donation will help us in our mission to end hunger in the greater Waterville area.

Sincerely

*Sandra Hammon*, President.



## **Monthly Worship**

**June 2, 2019**

**Seventh Sunday of Easter**

**Psalm:** 133

**First Reading:** Acts 1:12-26

**Epistle:** Revelation 22: 1-6 (7-11) 12-20

**Holy Gospel:** John 17: 20-26

**June 9, 2019**

**The Day of Pentecost**

**Psalm:** 143

**First Reading:** Genesis 11:1-9

**Epistle:** Acts 2:1-21

**Holy Gospel:** John 14:23-31

**June 16, 2019**

**The Holy Trinity**

**Psalm:** 8

**First Reading:** Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31

**Epistle:** Acts 2:14a, 22-36

**Gospel:** John 8:48-59

**June 23, 2019**

**Second Sunday after Pentecost**

**Psalm:** 3

**First Reading:** Isaiah 65:1-9

**Epistle:** Galatians 3:23—4:7

**Holy Gospel:** Luke 8:26-39

**June 30, 2019**

**Third Sunday after Pentecost**

**Psalm:** 16

**First Reading:** 1 Kings 19:9b-21

**Epistle:** Galatians 5:1, 13-25

**Holy Gospel:** Luke 9:51-62

## **BIBLE QUIZ**

**1. What type of metal overlaid the wood altar in the Lord's tabernacle?**

A) gold B) silver C) brass (D) tin

**2. How did the brothers react when Joseph reveled himself as the one they sold into slavery?**

A) troubled and terrified B) angry and full of curses C) awed and humbled D) glad and relieved

**3. What will Satan do as soon as he is released from his prison?**

A) fall at god's feet and beg for mercy B) deceive as many people as possible to side with him in final battle C) hatch a plan to assassinate God D) try to escape God's clutches by hiding in the most remote part of space

**4. On the day of Pentecost, what sound announced the arrival of the Holy Spirit?**

A) still small whisper B) bleating sheep (C) falling water D) rushing mighty winds

**5. What type of bird meat did god provide for the Israelites in the wilderness?**

A) dove B) raven C) quail D) ostrich

**6. According to the r Law, which of the following would be considered clean?**

A) eagle B) owl C) pigeon D) stork



6/1 Peter Gaug  
 6/2 Angie Carlson  
 Sharon Klipp  
 6/14 Callum Goldsmith  
 6/16 Sharon Callahan  
 6/26 Tiana Thomas



## ANNIVERSARIES

6/5 Natalie Crowley  
 6/19 Cieran Morris

## Church Chuckles



*Happy Anniversary*

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



## BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS

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

----Karen's grandfather was a minister, and her grandmother served chicken so often that her grandfather called it The Gospel Bird. One day Karen asked her grandmother why she served it almost every Sunday. Her grandmother answered, "Well, in case your grandfather goes on and on, it's the only thing that tastes better the longer it stews."

-----A Sunday school teacher decided to have her young class memorize one of the most quoted passages in the Bible: Psalm 23. She gave the youngsters a month to learn the chapter. Ricky was excited about the task, but he just couldn't remember the psalm. After much practice, he could barely get past the first line. On the day that the kids were scheduled to recite the psalm in front of the congregation, Ricky was nervous. When it was his turn, he stepped up to the microphone and said proudly, "The Lord is my Shepherd, and that's all I need to know." (Out of the mouths of babes!)

-----On the way to church one Sunday morning, Johnny's mother turned to him and asked if he understood why it was important to be quiet during the service.  
 "Yes, Mommy, I know. Because Daddy will be asleep."

**PLEASE NOTE:** The next issue of the Newsletter will be the "Summer Issue" (July & August). Please get any information for these two months to Sharon Klipp by June 17<sup>th</sup>. Thank-you!

## June Bible Quiz Answers:

1. C (Exodus 38:1-2)
2. A (Genesis 45:3)
3. B (Revelation 20:8)
4. D (Acts 2:2)
5. C (Exodus 16:8-13)
6. C (Leviticus)

# June Stewardship

	<u>June 2</u>	<u>June 9</u>	<u>June 16</u>	<u>June 23</u>	<u>June 30</u>
<u>Acolyte</u>	Andrew Farr	Emily Lynn Carlson	Evan Farr	Allison Farr	Mia Fitzpatrick
<u>Comm. Assistant</u>	Dan Callahan	Brian Watson	Mike Hein	Mark Larsen	Steve Farr
<u>Ushers</u>	John Ayotte & Brad Fitzpatrick	Dan Keefe & Mark Larsen	Chris Batson & Rick Drageland	Wayne Pelletier & Brian Watson	Mike Hein & Kevin Kinter
<u>Greeters</u>	Rev. Robert & Vary Fischer	Moe & Becky Cote	Kevin & Sharon Kinter	Rick & Joan Drageland	Mike & Michelle Hein
<u>Altar Care</u>	Kitty Carlson	Andrea Watson	Lee Anne Larsen	Katie Huesers	Avis Grant
<u>Flowers</u>	The Ouellettes	The Ouellettes	Sharon Klipp	Sharon Klipp	Julie & Sarah Kohl
<u>Fellowship</u>	The Farrs	OPEN	LWML	Julie Kohl, Lee Anne Larsen Yvonne Batson	OPEN



# The Daily Lectionary

A guide to help you be in the Word daily

## June

6/1	Numbers 13:1-33 / Luke 18:1-17
6/2	Numbers 14:1-25 / Luke 18:18-34
6/3	Numbers 14:26-45 / Luke 18:35-19:10
6/4	Numbers 16:1-22 / Luke 19:11-18
6/5	Numbers 16:23-40 / Luke 19:29-48
6/6	Eccl. 5:1-20 / John 8:1-20
6/7	Eccl. 6:1-7:10 / John 8:21-38
6/8	Eccl. 7:11-29 / John 8:39-59
6/9	Eccl. 8:1-17 / John 9:1-23
6/10	Eccl. 9:1-17 / John 9:24-41
6/11	Eccl. 10:1-20 / John 10:1-21
6/12	Eccl. 11:1-10 / John 10:22-42
6/13	Eccl. 12:1-14 / John 11:1-16
6/14	Prov. 1:8-33 / John 11:17-37
6/15	Prov. 3:5-24 / John 11:38-57
6/16	Prov. 4:1-27 / John 12:1-19
6/17	Prov. 5:1-23 / John 12:20-36
6/18	Prov. 8:1-21 / John 12:36-50
6/19	Prov. 8:22-36 / John 13:1-20
6/20	Proverbs 9:1-18 / John 13:21-38
6/21	Proverbs 10:1-23 / John 14:1-17
6/22	Proverbs 13:1-25 / John 14:18-31
6/23	Proverbs 14:1-27 / John 15:1-11
6/24	Proverbs 15:1-29 / John 15:12-27
6/25	Proverbs 16:1-24 / John 16:1-16
6/26	Proverbs 17:1-28 / John 16:17-33
6/28	Proverbs 20:5-25 / John 17:1-26
6/29	Proverbs 22:1-21 / John 18:1-14
6/30	Proverbs 22:22-23:12 / John 18:15-40

*(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.*