

RESURRECTION NEWS

Lent



MARCH 2017



Pastor's Letter

February, 2017

"The Seven Penitential Psalms"

Mid-Week Lenten Theme

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The theme for our mid-week Lenten services this year is "The Seven Penitential Psalms." In addition to the information that you have received in the mail about the Lenten series, I'd like to add the following:

The word "penitential" is not one that we use very often and may not be all that familiar. "Penitential" is an adjective that describes the person who feels remorse and sorrow when they realize that they are wrong or have done something that is wrong. The opposite of 'penitential' is actually 'unpenitential' and describes someone who has no feelings of remorse or sorry when they realize that they are wrong. '

The word "penitential" is closely connected to the word "repent." It's actually the word that Martin Luther used in the 1st of the 95 Thesis – "Our Lord and Master Jesus Christ, when He said repent (*literally, 'be penitential'*), willed that the whole life of believers should be repentance." That is, the believer before God is always in a 'penitential' state of heart and mind because he knows that he is sinner and he is sorry and remorseful. He is disappointed and ashamed of himself, not in fear of God, but like a child is ashamed and sorry for having disappointed his loving father.

The 'Seven Penitential Psalms' express the sorry and contrite spirit of the believer before God in powerful and poignant ways. The 'penitential psalms' are different than the 'lament psalms.' The 'lament psalms' express the lamentation of the believer who is suffering for whatever reason and who cries out to God for Him to see their plight and come to their aid and relieve them of their suffering. The 'penitential psalms' however are much more interested in the root cause for our suffering – our own sin.

The grouping together of these seven psalms into a unique collection happened early in the life of the church. Historically, the church has divided the day into eight time periods and a particular order for prayer was assigned to each period of the day. "Matins" was the first time period of the day. "Lauds" was the second, which began at daybreak or 3:00am. The 'seven penitential psalms' were assigned to be prayed on Fridays at "Lauds" during the season of Lent, which was one of the first additions to the church year calendar.

Even though Luther broke with the penitential system of the medieval church, he retained the use of these psalms as the biblical expression of the only proper position of man before God. The sinner's only true hope before the holy God is that God will be gracious and merciful to the sinner and forgive his sins, not because of any merit or worthiness in him, but solely for the sake of Christ.

Only the truly 'penitent' sinner who is deeply sorry for his sin and hates himself, longs for a truly gracious God and seeks Him who loves Him perfectly in Christ. The sinner who is not truly 'penitent' and who does not thoroughly hate himself before God doesn't hunger and thirst for righteousness and therefore feels no compelling need for God's mercy and forgiveness. He only wants God's approval and thanks.

I pray that our mid-week Lenten series this year helps us to see ourselves as we truly are before God, so that we may see the mercy and love of God for us in Christ that He truly has for us.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Nielsen

Notes from your Deaconess

March, 2017

Dear Brothers and Sisters of LCR,

As we begin the season of Lent and take a look at the next section of the Divine Service, we find the **Hymn of Praise**—which we won't even be singing this month! This *ordinary* part of the entrance rite—we still have a couple more elements of entrance before the actual liturgy or service of the Word itself—does change a bit with the season of the church year, but normally comes at this point. During the seasons of Advent and Lent, which traditionally have been times of preparation for great feasts of the year, we completely leave out the Hymn of Praise.

We sing settings of two particular hymns of praise through most of our church year. The *Gloria in Excelsis* ("Glory to God in the highest") occupies this place in the service for the majority of the year. A form of this hymn likely has been sung since the fourth century in church services—that's around 1700 years! Its words first include those which the angels sang for the shepherds after Jesus' birth in Bethlehem (Luke 2:14) and then also speak of Jesus' identity as the Lamb of God, along the lines of John the Baptist's proclamation to his hearers in John 1:29. This recalls for us Jesus' incarnation, his presence for us in Word and Sacrament, and as the particular place where heaven and earth now meet together in peace.

During the Easter season, from Easter Sunday through Pentecost, and then for All Saints and the last Sunday of the church year, we sing settings of "This is the feast" or "Worthy is Christ". This is a translation of "*Dignus est Agnus*", a Latin text which doesn't have as deep a church history, but may first have been Gregorian chant, and contains parts of the hymns of praise from chapters 4, 5, 11 and 15 of the book of Revelation which John wrote for our benefit. We focus on the victory Jesus has won for us through his death and resurrection, and again draws our attention to the oneness we have with the church triumphant—that includes all who have preceded us in this faith.

We look forward to singing that hymn on Easter, but we now need to journey through Lent, a time of preparation for the great feast, by examining ourselves. We look at our sinfulness, our broken condition, and acknowledge the suffering which we "justly deserve" for that sin, but also look to Jesus as he "set his face to go to Jerusalem" (Luke 9:51) to his death for us. The daily lectionary readings return us to the beginning, Genesis in fact. Once again we read about where we have come from and the way God first graciously worked on our behalf through quite messed-up families, just like ours. We also will read Mark's Gospel throughout Lent, jumping "immediately" into Jesus' work on our behalf.

I will be continuing to hold Saturday morning Bible studies for women on the second (3/11) and fourth (3/25) Saturdays of this month, and hope that you might consider joining in. We meet at 8:30 or so in a downstairs classroom and finish by 10am.

Blessings in this Lenten season to you all.

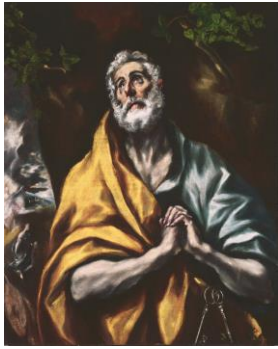
All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned everyone to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all. (Isaiah 53:6)

Under his mercy,

Sharon M. Conover

MID-WEEK LENT SERVICES: "THE SEVEN PENITENTIAL PSALMS"

All Mid-Week Lenten Services - Noon and 7:00pm.



MARCH 1 - PSALM 51 - "CREATE IN ME A CLEAN HEART, O GOD"
MARCH 8 - PSALM 6 - "O LORD, DELIVER MY LIFE"
MARCH 15 - PSALM 32 - "BLESSED IS THE FORGIVEN"
MARCH 22 - PSALM 38 - "DO NOT FORSAKE ME, O LORD"
MARCH 29 - PSALM 102 - "DO NOT HIDE YOUR FACE FROM ME"
APRIL 5 - PSALM 130 - "OUT OF THE DEPTHS I CRY TO YOU, O LORD"
APRIL 13 - MAUNDY THURSDAY
APRIL 14 - PSALM 143 - "MY SOUL THIRSTS FOR YOU" - GOOD FRIDAY

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS: MARCH 12TH.

Remember to set your clocks AHEAD an hour on Saturday.

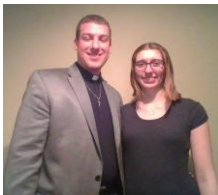
SUNDAY SCHOOL IN MARCH - 8:45am.

3/5 Jesus and Zacchaeus - Luke 19:1-10
3/12 The Triumphal Entry - Mark 11:1-10
3/19 The Widow's Offering - Mark 12:41-44
3/26 The Lord's Supper - Luke 22:1-23

ADULT BIBLE STUDY IN MARCH - 8:45am.

3/5 Psalm of the Month: Psalm 32 - "Blessed are the forgiven"
3/12 Selected Topic: "How We Got the Bible - IV" - Dr. Paul Maier
3/19 Book of the Bible Survey: Isaiah
3/26 Hymn Review: Hymns of Thomas Kelly

THANK YOU FROM SEMINARIAN - GRANT SORENSON



To my Brothers and Sisters in Christ at Lutheran Church of the Resurrection,

I wanted to thank you for your continual prayers and support. I praise God for you every day! You are a blessing to me and my wife. We are strengthened and encouraged by your support and all that you do. Thank you!

Your prayers and support have been of great help in the previous month and the weeks to come. After a busy month of January, my wife and I are finally settling into life in Fort Wayne. With much prayer and thanksgiving, my wife has found a job and I am just about through another quarter of my first year. From the depth of our heart, we wanted to thank you for everything as it has assisted and provided much comfort in this busy time. In the same way, we pray that God watch over you all and strengthen and encourage all in the one true faith into life everlasting! Thank you so much! God's richest blessings!

Grant and Kimberly Sorenson

THANK YOU FROM WATERVILLE FOOD BANK

2/13/17

Thank you for your donation of food collected during your recent food drive. Your support of the Greater Waterville Area Food Bank and our mission to end hunger in greater Waterville area is appreciated. Food donations and food drives help us offer our clients a greater variety of food. These donations also enable us to increase the amount of food our clients receive. Again, our efforts to help us help our clients is appreciated.

Sincerely,

David Dawson, President

THANK YOU FROM LUTHERAN FOR LIFE

1/31/17

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ at Lutheran Church of the Resurrection,
The Lord be with you!

Please accept our most heartfelt gratitude for your recent gift of \$330. We especially appreciate that you embrace us as representatives and extension of your Gospel ministry... Your encouragement inspires us to take seriously our uniquely Lutheran responsibility. We understand and affirm how God's grace, not our works, gives every person worth. With you we are carrying on a 500-year heritage of speaking this truth in hope instead of fear...

In truth and love,

Rev. Michael W. Salemink – Executive Director, Lutherans for Life

(Full letter posted on bulletin board)

THANK YOU FROM THE GARUNA FOUNDATION

2/3/17

Dear Mission Partners,

On behalf of the Garuna Kids ministry in Cambodia, please allow me to say thank you very much for your sponsorship of two Garuna students from a rural Cambodian village. Thanks to the generous commitment of so many like you who see the opportunities and promise of reaching out to the children of Cambodia with the Good News, we have been able to sponsor more than 180 children to date. By God's grace and in partnership with the Cambodian Lutheran Church, Garuna has been able to operate three Garuna Schools, with two more schools opening soon.

Enclosed is a biography and picture of your Garuna students. Thank you for your sponsorship.

God Bless,

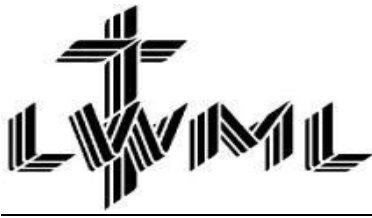
Cheryl Elhers – Director of Educational Ministries – Garuna Foundation

(Pictures and biographies are posted on the bulletin board)

LutheranBnB.com Check it out.

How often have you met someone new and exclaimed "The world is SOO small?" when you found out you had something in common. You went to the same school, the same church, you know the same people, or someone knows someone else. With millions of Lutherans in the world you are bound to find some connection with someone. That's the basis of LutheranBnB.

LutheranBnB is a network of likeminded Lutherans from around the world who travel and share their homes. By traveling with LutheranBnB you are going to make new friends, but not just any friends. These are friends you can share songs with, debate theology with, and perhaps most importantly share meals with. From hot dishes and jello salads to curried vegetables and tea LutheranBnB is everywhere you want to be and it's growing every day. For more information, go to LutheranBnB.com.



We will be collecting items for the Homeless Shelter for the months of February, March and April. A list of items needed has been placed in your mailboxes, as well as being posted at the collection box in the Narthex. Again, thank-you for your generous contributions!

Below is a listing of the “thank-yous” we have received since the disbursement of our Craft Fair proceeds:

- ✓ The Lutheran Church Missouri Synod (Human Care)
- ✓ Bethseda Lutheran Communities
- ✓ Lutheran Hour Ministries
- ✓ Boys and Girls Club (kitchen)
- ✓ Lutheran World Relief (water filter)
- ✓ First Trinity Lutheran School
- ✓ Greater Waterville Food Bank
- ✓ Women’s Initiative\
- ✓ Elizabeth Larsen

Please, don’t forget your MITE boxes!

Yours in Christ,
Deb Nielsen, Pres.

When I’m an Old Lady (An oldie, but still a goodie)

When I’m an old lady, I’ll live with each kid,
And bring much happiness...just as they did.
I want to pay back all the joy they’ve provided,
returning each deed. Oh, they’ll be so excited!
(When I’m and old lady and live with my kids.)

I’ll write on the wall with red, whites and blues,
And bounce on the furniture wearing my shoes.
I’ll drink from the carton and then leave it out.
I’ll stuff all the toilets and oh, how they’ll shout!
(When I’m and old lady and live with my kids.)

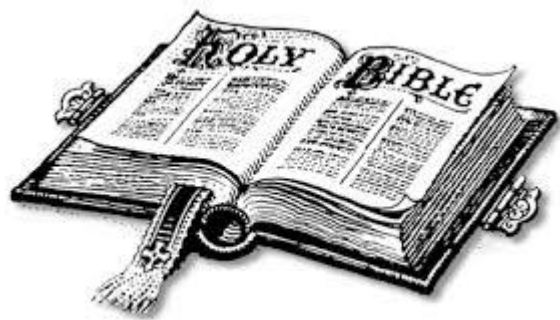
When they’re on the phone and just out of reach,
I’ll get into things like sugar and bleach.
They’ll snap their fingers and shake their heads,
And when that’s done I’ll hide under the bed!
(When I’m an old lady and live with my kids.)

When they cook dinner and call me to eat,
I’ll not eat my green beans or salad or meat.
I’ll gag on my okra, spill milk on the table,
And when they get angry I’ll run...if I’m able!
(When I’m and old lady and live with my kids.)

I’ll sit close to the TV, through the channels I’ll click,
I’ll cross both my eyes just to see if they stick.
I’ll take off my socks and throw one away,
And play in the mud ‘til the end of the day!
(When I’m an old lady and live with my kids.)

And later in bed I’ll lay back and sigh,
I’ll thank God in prayer and then close my eyes.
My kids will look down with a smile slowly
creeping,
And say with a groan. “She’s so sweet...when
She’s sleeping!”
(When I’m and old lady and live with my kids.)

Author Unknown



Monthly Worship

March 1, 2017

Ash Wednesday

Psalm: 51:1-13 (14-19)

First Reading: Joel 2:12-19

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10

Holy Gospel: Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

March 5, 2017

First Sunday in Lent

Psalm: 32:1-7

First Reading: Genesis 3:1-21

Epistle: Romans 5:12-19

Holy Gospel: Matthew 4:1-11

March 12, 2017

Second Sunday in Lent

Psalm: 121

First Reading: Genesis 12:1-9

Epistle: Romans 4:1-8, 13-17

Holy Gospel: John 3:1-17

March 19, 2017

Third Sunday in Lent

Psalm: 95:1-9

First Reading: Exodus 17:1-7

Epistle: Romans 5:1-8

Holy Gospel: John 4:5-26 (27-30, 39-42)

March 26, 2017

Fourth Sunday in Lent

Psalm: 142

First Reading: Isaiah: 42:14-21

Epistle: Ephesians 5:8-14

Holy Gospel: John 9:1-41 or John 9:1-7, 13-17, 34-39

BIBLE QUIZ

1. Why were some of the tribes of Israel ready to engage in civil war so soon after entering the Promised Land?

A) they jumped to the wrong conclusion regarding the building of a second altar B) they didn't like how small their land allotment^{6s} were C) they had a history of unruly rebels in their ranks D) their Philistine neighbors bribed them into warring with their own kinsmen

2. How long did Paul stay in Corinth?

A) one and a half days B) one and a half weeks C) one and a half months D) one and a half years

3. What common item did God use to allow Samson to kill 1,000 Philistines?

A) ram's horn B) donkey's jawbone C) lion's tailbone D) camel's skull

4. Exactly how is a believer's salvation obtained?

A) through silver and gold B) through daily deeds of good will C) through Jesus' blood D) through at least one of our parent's Christian faith

5. What did Jesus do when He found a mature fig tree with no figs on it?

A) cursed it and the tree withered B) blessed it and the tree produced fruit C) scolded it and the tree dropped its leaves D) ignored it and the tree shook violently

6. Who said this: "Let my people go"?

A) Jeremiah through Baruch B) God through Moses C) King David through Joab D) God through Jesus

Church Stories



3/4 Esther Gould
3/5 Evan Farr
3/18 Arthur Conover
3/21 Glenn Carlson
3/25 Kari Farr
Mike Hein
3/28 Twila Kaska

---An anonymous letter writer sent his/her letter to the local newspaper editor complaining that church attendance made no sense. "I've gone for thirty years," he wrote, "and have heard something like three thousand sermons. But for the life of me, I can't remember a single one of the. So I think I'm wasting my time, as are the preacher for even bothering to deliver a sermon at all."

This letter started a real controversy on the op- ed page. It went on for weeks until someone wrote this clincher:

I've been married for thirty years. In that time my wife has cooked some thirty-two thousand meals, but for the life of me, I can recall the menu of few if any of those meals. I do know, though, they all nourished me and gave the strength I need to do my work. If my wife had not given me those meals, I'd be dead today."

No more comments about sermon contents have appeared on the op-ed page.



BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS

3/10 Evelyn Gaug
3/13 Fernando Gouvea
3/20 Fred Ouellette, Sr.
Fred Ouellette, Jr.
3/?? Evelyn Gilbert
Jim Zahner

---Pastor Dave Charlton tells us, "After a worship service at the First Baptist Church in Newcastle, Kentucky, a mother with a fidgety seven-year-old boy told me how she finally got her son to sit still and quiet.

About halfway through the sermon, she leaned over and whispered to her son, "If you aren't quiet Pastor Charlton is going to lose his place and will have to start his sermon all over again."

It worked!



3/16 Becky Cote
3/17 Gail Carrano
3/27 Mark Larsen
3/29 Twila Kaska

Bible Quiz Answers

1. A (Joshua 22:12, 26-28, 33)
2. D (Acts 18:11)
3. B (Judges 15:15)
4. C (1Peter 1:18-19)
5. A (Mark 11:12-14, 20-21)
6. B (Exodus 5:1)

The Lutheran Church of the Resurrection

Calendar of Events

March, 2017

Week of March 1st

Wednesday – 3/1 12:00pm. and 7:00pm. **Ash Wednesday Mid-Week Lent Services**

Week of March 5th

Sunday - 3/5 8:45am. - Sunday School / Adult Bible Study
10:00am. - Worship

Wednesday - 3/8 12:00pm. and 7:00pm. **Mid-Week Lent Services**

Saturday - 3/11 8:30am. - Deaconess Bible Study

Week of March 12th

Sunday - 3/12 8:45am. - Sunday School / Adult Bible Study
10:00am. - Worship

Wednesday - 3/15 12:00pm. and 7:00pm. **Mid-Week Lent Services**

Week of March 19th

Sunday - 3/19 8:45am. - Sunday School / Adult Bible Study
10:00am. - Worship

Wednesday - 3/22 12:00pm. And 7:00pm. **Mid-Week Lent Services**
8:00pm. - Church Council Meeting

Saturday – 3/25 Deaconess Bible Study

Week of March 26th

Sunday - 3/26 8:45am. - Sunday School / Adult Bible Study
10:00am. - Worship

Wednesday - 3/29 12:00pm. And 7:00pm. **Mid-Week Lent Services**

Stewardship - March, 2017

	<u>March 1</u> <i>(Ash Wed – pm.)</i>	<u>March 5</u>	<u>March 12</u>	<u>March 19</u>	<u>March 26</u>
Acolyte	-----	Callum Goldsmith	Mia Fitzpatrick	Emmy Carlson	Andrew Farr
Comm. Assistant	Chris Batson	Glenn Carlson	Dan Callahan	Brian Watson	Mike Hein
Ushers	-----	Bill Jahnke & Steve Love	Jacob Huesers & Tom Huesers	Glenn Carlson & Glenn Carlson, Jr.	Dan Callahan & Seth Carlson
Greeters	-----	Dan & Sharon Callahan & Matt Esculano	Glenn & Kitty Carlson	Glenn, Jr. & Krista Carlson	Avis Grant & Anna Rowe
Altar Care	Kitty Carlson	Andrea Watson	Esther Gould	Lee Anne Larsen	Katie Huesers
Fellowship	----	Kitty Carlson	Sasha Fitzpatrick	OPEN	Ted & Dottie Evertsen