

RESURRECTION NEWS



MARCH 2020

Pastor's Letter
"The Apostles Creed"
March, 2020

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I was listening to a podcast a few weeks ago that caught my attention. The speaker had attended worship at an 'evangelical' church all of his life. Now in his early '30s, he spoke about a visit to a church that used the Apostles Creed in the course of the service which the entire congregation recited together. He was 'blown away.' (*His words.*) He had never heard the Apostles Creed before, nor the Nicene Creed, and certainly not the Athanasian Creed. I lost count how many times he said how 'blown away' he was by the beauty, clarity and depth of the Apostles Creed.

Of course, my first reaction was, 'really? How could anyone who attends worship regularly have never heard or recited either of the Creeds?' But then (*of course*), my next reaction was, 'hmmm. When was the last time I was *'blown away'* as I recited these precious statements of the faith? And thus the background for the choice of themes for this year's midweek Lenten services - **"The Apostles Creed."**

The origin of the Apostles Creed is linked directly to Christ Himself when He commissioned His disciples to **"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you."** (*Matthew 28:19,20*). Our Lord's 'Great Commission' teaches us what He wants His Christians to be taught to believe and to confess as they are brought into the Kingdom of God through Holy Baptism. In fact, the Apostles Creed is commonly referred to as the "Baptismal Creed" and is the Creed that is usually used at a baptism.

During the 'Medieval Ages' the Apostles Creed was commonly referred to as the *"Twelve Articles."* Around the sixth century, a legend became popular that before the 12 apostles were scattered to 'all nations' after the Day of Pentecost, they assembled together. Each one contributed a clause and the final result was the 'Apostles Creed.' A better theory is that each 'article' of the Trinitarian formula given by Christ was shaped and formed by the Church over time to accurately confess and teach the Christian faith. As the faith was being taught, certain words and phrases settled in and became established because they were accurate to the apostles teaching and doctrine and because they said it just right. And most likely, the apostles themselves had a major role in leading the way in the formulation that we have today.

The English word for *'creed'* comes from the Latin word *'credo'* - "I believe." A creed is a statement of faith of what 'I believe'. Since we believe that no one can believe for someone else, there is an aspect to faith that is very personal and individual. Entrance into the Kingdom of God through Holy Baptism is always very personal and individual - one at a time. Therefore, the Apostles Creed has a very personal and individual tone to it. In contrast, the Nicene Creed confesses the faith in unity with the community of the faithful. This helps explain why the church usually uses the Nicene Creed when the Lord's Supper is being served. We confess our unity in the one, true faith - Father, Son and Holy Spirit, even as the Supper is a 'communion' with God and those with whom we commune.

I hope that you will devote the time to attend the midweek Lent services this year as we seek to rediscover this precious gift. Who knows, we may just be blown away by its beauty, clarity and depth. Yours in Christ,

Pastor Nielsen

Notes from your Deaconess

March, 2020

Dear Brothers and Sisters of LCR,

Lent has begun and we enter our wilderness time of preparation for the feast and celebration of Easter. This time reminds us to examine ourselves, perhaps take on a new discipline, or give up some activity or distraction. I pray that you find ways to focus on Jesus' work for you over these next weeks.

We have about two dozen Lenten hymns in our service book, and six Sundays in Lent if you include Palm Sunday. In fact many of those hymns focus on Holy Week's events.

One of those hymns is by the well-known hymn writer Isaac Watts, and a fairly unknown tune composer, William Daman. LSB#431, *Not All the Blood of Beasts*, takes up the sacrificial focus of Jesus' work for us. This theme of the blood of the lamb slain for us carries through all the five verses included. It alludes to passages which we have been considering in our women's Bible study from the epistle to the Hebrews, as well as to the book of Revelation, which has been the focus of Thursday's Bible studies. Perhaps you could select one hymn each week and spend some time meditating on it.

Our lectionary readings this month in the Old Testament carry us through Genesis and just into the beginning of Exodus—with stories of all those dysfunctional families which God used for his purposes—so take hope from them! The gospel of Mark, which we'll read in small chunks, moves swiftly as Jesus "immediately" does one thing after another—boom!

Saturday morning women's Bible studies will meet only on the two middle Saturdays of the month—due to planned travel and the upcoming Easter season. We will still be savoring the epistle to the Hebrews through this time.

Under his mercy,
Sharon M. Conover

...How much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to serve the living God. Hebrews 9:14

MID-WEEK LENT SERVICES - 2020 - "I BELIEVE IN GOD..." - THE APOSTLES CREED

Mid-week Lent Services at Noon and 7:00pm.

- 2/26 Ash Wednesday - Divine Service
- 3/4 Wednesday - 1st Article - "I believe in God..."
- 3/11 Wednesday - 2nd Article I - "I believe in Jesus Christ..."
- 3/18 Wednesday - 2nd Article II - "I believe in Jesus Christ..."
- 3/25 Wednesday - 3rd Article I - "I believe in the Holy Spirit..."
- 4/1 Wednesday - 3rd Article II - "I believe in the Holy Spirit..."
- 4/9 Thursday - Maundy Thursday - Divine Service
- 4/10 Friday - Good Friday - Tenebrae

ADULT BIBLE STUDY IN MARCH - "THE HYMNS OF LENT" - 8:45am.

- 3/1 "A Mighty Fortress" #656
3/8 "Salvation Unto Us Has Come" #555
3/15 "Jesus, Refuge of the Weary" #423
3/22 "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" #426
3/29 "Christ, the Life of All the Living" #420

MEN'S BREAKFAST MEETING - SATURDAY, MARCH 21st - 8:00AM.

"**Mere Christianity**" Men, come join us for a great time of conversation, fellowship and examination of God's Word as it's explained by C.S. Lewis. This month's reading will conclude Book 3 - chapters 11 and 12 which are both titled "Faith." Bring a friend! We're done by 10:30am. Plenty of time to get home to do those chores!

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS - March 8th.

Be sure to remember to turn your clocks AHEAD ONE HOUR before retiring on Saturday night.

LWML 2019 CRAFT FAIR PROCEEDS DISTRIBUTION

Proceeds from the 2019 Christmas Craft fair were: \$2670. Proceeds were distributed as follows:

- The Garuna Foundation - \$360
- LWML - NED - \$265
- Bethesda Lutheran Communities - Watertown, Wi. - \$100
- Lutheran Hour Ministries - \$200
- Waterville Boys and Girls Club - \$200
- Lutheran World Relief - *For relief to Mosul, Iraq* - \$200
- Maine Children's Cancer Program - \$200
- Trinity First Lutheran School - Minneapolis, Mn. - \$200
- Waterville Women's Initiative - \$100
- Congregation's College Students - *\$20 gift cards to 7 students* - \$140
- Maine Children's Home - \$200
- Travis Mills Foundation - \$200
- LCMS Disaster Relief - \$300

MEET SEMINARIAN BENJAMIN JANSSEN

The Church Council approved the adoption of another seminary student at its February meeting. We are already supporting our own Alarik Morris who is completing his 2nd year at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis. Benjamin Janssen is a 1st year student at Conconcordia Theological Seminary, Ft. Wayne. Benjamin is 24 years old and married to Elizabeth. He is a graduate of Concordia University - Chicago and from Bloomington, Indiana. We will be supporting him with \$250/month.

THANK YOU FROM LUTHERANS FOR LIFE

Dear Pastor Paul Nielsen and Saints at Resurrection,
The Lord be with you!

I am writing this afternoon to thank you personally for your recent gift of \$1,000. Your substantial generosity literally keeps our labors alive. I consider it a privilege and a delight to serve alongside courageous and compassionate people like you. Your fellowship, as well as that of the dozens of other brothers and sisters we hear from every day, energizes us. And I want you to know our Gospel-motivated voices are changing hearts and saving lives. They tell us all the time everywhere we go.

Thank you so much for sharing how much every human being matters!

In truth and love,
Pastor Michael Salemink

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Monthly Worship

March 1 2020

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 8, 2020

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 15, 2020

Third Sunday in Lent

Psalm: 95:1-9

First Reading: Exodus 17:1-7

Epistle: Romans 5:1-8

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

March 22 2020

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

March 29, 2020

Fifth Sunday in Lent

Psalm: 130

First Reading: Ezekiel 37:1-14

Epistle: Romans 8:1-11

Holy Gospel: John 11:1-45 (46-53)

BIBLE QUIZ

1. *Who were the only Jericho residents to survive the defeat of their city?*

A) no, God commanded every single living thing to die B) all women and girls who had never borne a child C) the king and his top aides (D) Rahab and her family under her roof

2. *Why was the book of Lamentations written?*

A) Jeremiah mourned the fall of Zion and it's people becoming slaves B) David mourned the death of his best friend Jonathan C) Lot mourned for his wife who was turned into a pillar of salt D) the apostles mourned the death of Jesus, the Son of God

3. *In the crowd of over 5,000 people, who found the boy with the fish and bread lunch?*

A) a prostitute Jesus just forgave of her sins B) Andrew, the apostle to Jesus C) a soldier who had come to test Jesus D) a Pharisee

4. *How did Judas betray Jesus?*

A) hug B) kiss C) bow D) smile

5. *Who did God appoint as the very first high priest in Jewish history?*

A) Moses B) Aaron C) Eli D) Samuel

6. *What is so important about the Word of God?*

A) the Word was what prophets used to confront the kings B) the Word was an interesting work of fiction mixed with facts C) the Word was to be used as a supplement to moral teachings D) the Word was God and with God since before the beginning of time



- 3/4 Esther Gould
Karen Mattson
- 3/5 Evan Farr
- 3/11 Bjorg Boshen
- 3/12 Wayne Pellitier
- 3/14 Charlie Mac Pherson
- 3/17 Miriam Schiebel
- 3/18 Arthur Conover
- 3/21 Carlson
- 3/25 Kari Farr
Mike Hein



BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS

- 3/9 Evelyn Gaug
- 3/13 Fernando Gouvea
- 3/20 Fredrick Ouellette, Sr.
Frederick Ouellette, Jr.
- 3/?? Kemp Anderson
Evelyn Gilbert



- 3/18 Kevin and Sharon Kinter
- 3/23 Rev. Robert & Vary Fischer



ANNIVERSARIES

- 3/15 Becky Cote
- 3/16 Gail Carrano
- 3/27 Mark Larsen

FOR A FEW CHUCKLES!

One day Satan challenged God to a baseball game.

“You don’t have a chance,” answered God. “I have Mickey Mantle, Joe DiMaggio, Lou Gehrig and all the greats.”

“Well, that may be true,” boasted Satan, “but I have all the umpires.”

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The late Reverend Billy Graham told of a time early in his ministry when he arrived in a small town to preach a sermon. Wanting to mail a letter, he asked a young boy where the post office was. When he told him, Dr. Graham thanked him and said, “Why don’t you come to the Baptist Church on Third Street this evening? I’ll be preaching about how to get to heaven.”

The boy replied, “Thank you anyway, sir, but I don’t think I’ll be there. You don’t even know your way to the post office.”

Bible Quiz Answers

1. D (Joshua 6:21-23)
2. A (Lamentations 1:1-4)
3. B (John 6:8-9)
4. B (Matthew 26:47-49)
5. B (Exodus 28:3)
6. D (John 1:1)

March Stewardship

	<u>March 1</u>	<u>March 8</u>	<u>March 15</u>	<u>March 22</u>	<u>March 29</u>
<u>Acolyte</u>	Allison Farr	Evan Farr	Mia Fitzpatrick	callum Goldsmith	Andrew Farr
<u>Comm. Assist.</u>	Dan Callahan	Glenn Carlson	Brad Fitzparick	Steve Farr	Mike Hein
<u>Ushers</u>	Mike Hein Moe Cote	Dan Keefe Mark Larsen	Dan Callahan Chris Batson	Glenn Carlson Jr. Seth Carlson	Wayne Pellitier Rick Drageland
<u>Greeters</u>	Tom / Katie Huesers	Fernando / Mari Gouvea	Rev Robt. / Vary Fischer	Mo / Becky Cote	Mark/Lee Anne Larsen
<u>Altar</u>	Sharon Conover	Amanda Goldsmith	Amy Ouellette	Sasha Fitzpatrick	Krista Carlson
<u>Fellowship</u>	Amy Ouellette	OPEN	Kitty Carlson	OPEN	OPEN

The Daily Lectionary

A guide to help you be in the Word daily

3/1	Genesis 4:1-26 / Mark 2:18-28
3/2	Genesis 6:1-7:5 / Mark 3:1-19
3/3	Genesis 7:11-8:12 / Mark 3:20-35
3/4	Genesis 8:13-9:17 / Mark 4:1-20
3/5	Genesis 11:27-12:20 / Mark 4:21-41
3/6	Genesis 13:1-18 / Mark 5:1-20
3/7	Genesis 15:1-21 / Mark 5:21-43
3/8	Genesis 16:1-9,15 – 17:22 / Mark 6:1-13
3/9	Genesis 18:1-15 / Mark 6:14-34
3/10	Genesis 21:1-21 / Mark 6:35-56
3/11	Genesis 22:1-19 / Mark 7:1-23
3/12	Genesis 24:1-31 / Mark 7:24-37
3/13	Genesis 24:32-52, 61-67 / Mark 8:1-21
3/14	Genesis 27:1-29 / Mark 8:22-38
3/15	Genesis 27:30-45; 8:10-22 / Mark 9:1-13
3/16	Genesis 29:1-30 / Mark 9:14-32
3/17	Genesis 35:1-29 / Mark 9:33-50
3/18	Genesis 37:1-36 / Mark 10:1-12
3/19	Genesis 39:1-23 / Mark 10:13-31
3/20	Genesis 40:1-23 / Mark 10:32-52
3/21	Genesis 41:1-27 / Mark 11:1-19
3/22	Genesis 41:28-57 / Mark 11:20-33
3/23	Genesis 42:1-34, 38 / Mark 12:1-12
3/24	Genesis 43:1-28 / Mark 12:13-27
3/25	Genesis 44:1-18, 32-34 / Mark 12:28-44
3/26	Genesis 45:1-20, 24-28 / Mark 13:1-23
3/27	Genesis 47:1-31 / Mark 13:24-37
3/28	Genesis 49:29-50:26 / Mark 14:1-11
3/29	Exodus 1:1-22 / Mark 14:12-31
3/30	Exodus 2:1-22 / Mark 14:32-52
3/31	Exodus 2:23-3:22 / Mark 14:53-72
4/1	Exodus 4:1-18 / Mark 14:1-15
4/2	Exodus 4:19-31 / mark 15:16-32
4/3	Exodus 5:1 – 6:1 / Mark 15:33-47
4/4	Exodus 7:1-25 / Mark 16:1-20

(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.*
- *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 in this reading.*
- *If you miss a day or two (or three) and fall behind, don't worry and don't quit! Either set aside some time to catch up or skip those readings and move on. If you're using another reading schedule or guide, stick with it. The important thing is to be in the Word daily.*