

RESURRECTION NEWS



MAY 2019



Pastor's Letter

May, 2019
Celebrating Easter with the Psalms

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The Psalms are a rich deposit of God's grace for the believer to draw from for every time and situation in this life of faith. Here are some thoughts on three psalms that have been traditionally used by the New Testament church during the season of Easter. I encourage you to make them your own during this Easter season.

Psalm 33

The psalmist is very excited about something. He not only wants to 'shout for joy' and 'give thanks to the Lord,' but he wants you to join him. The cause for his joy and celebration is that he has a 'new song to sing.' How long has he been singing the same old song of dying and death, evil and darkness, disappointment and more disappointment? But now there's a 'new song' hitting the air-waves and he can't stop singing it. It's the 'new song' of the Lord's victory over dying and death, evil and darkness, disappointment and more disappointment. This is the 'new song' that the saints in Christ are given to sing, "And they sang a new song, saying, 'Worthy are you to take the scroll and open its seals, for you were slain and by your blood you ransomed people for God...' (Rev.5:9-10). Who are these singers who sing this new song? The psalmist identifies them as "the nation whose God is the Lord, the people whom he has chosen as his heritage!" (vs.12) That's not a geographical 'nation' but the 'nation' made up of those from 'all nations' who have heard the word and been baptized into Christ and live by faith. In other words - it's you! So, "sing to him a new song!"

Psalm 66:1-8

Psalm 66 begins with shouting and singing. This is not a psalm to be prayed quietly in your closet. As we make this psalm our prayer, we join with 'all the earth.' The invitation to 'come and see what God has done' is extended to you even as you extend it to others. Our attention is directed to that amazing rescue called "the Exodus." But as we know, 'the Exodus' was only a prelude to the major work of God - the deliverance of His people from slavery to sin and death by His cross and resurrection from the dead. How much more fitting is it for us than them to "shout for joy to God"? "Bless our God, O peoples; let the sound of his praise be heard."

Psalm 147:1-11

Psalm 147 is one of the five "Praise the Lord" Psalms that bring the Psalmody to its conclusion. "It is good to sing praises to our God." What follows is a summary of reasons for why praise for the Lord is good. First our attention is directed to the way the Lord responds to the least and the lowest in this world - "the outcasts" and the "brokenhearted." That these outcasts and brokenhearted are the only ones who are mentioned makes it safe to assume that this Psalm is the personal prayer of those who can say, 'that's me!' In a world that shows special favor for the successful, the beautiful, the powerful, etc., this is a prayer for those who are none of the above before God. The outcast and the brokenhearted have a particular reason to "praise the Lord." He Himself became an outcast and suffered a broken heart in His Son, Jesus Christ for you who were 'outcast' from the Kingdom of Heaven because of your sin and are brokenhearted over your guilt. He has brought you near to Him and mended your heart. It is indeed good to praise the Lord.

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Nielsen

Notes from your Deaconess

May, 2019

Dear Brothers and Sisters of LCR,

Whenever you hear breaking news of terrorist attacks, fatal accidents, flooding, fires, or tornadoes causing deaths and loss of homes, whether of a family's dwelling in central Maine or of a world-famous beautiful cathedral, what is your first reaction? I hope that one of your initial responses is to call on our heavenly Father for his mercy and help for those facing all difficulties – as Luther includes in his explanation of the second commandment. He reminds us that we should call on God's name in every trouble, pray, praise, and give thanks. Our briefest prayer may often be "Lord have mercy!" which we use every week in our Divine Service. The Lord's Prayer also always has relevance in our prayers for ourselves and others.

The next three sections which we come to in this slow tour I've been taking with you of the Lutheran Service Book (pages 282 to 289), consist of sets of prayers organized for our use. Sometimes we want a few more things to say, but aren't sure how to address our Father. We find two liturgies for *Responsive Prayer* which could simply be read by an individual, but have been designed for a leader and another one or more to respond. These would work well for a family worship time. These two consist of a large number of verses from scripture, and both also include the Lord's Prayer and the Apostles' Creed. The third liturgy, *The Litany*, also has a form which alternates between petitions covering a wide array of situations, and responses such as "have mercy," and "help us, good Lord." We have occasionally used *The Litany* during the prayers portion of our Sunday worship services.

The lectionary readings for May this year continue in Exodus journeying with Moses. We'll begin Leviticus near the end of the second week of the month, the part of the Torah particularly focusing on the Law, the laws given to Israel for right living, and also read a bit of Numbers near the end of the month. In the New Testament readings, we'll be reading from Luke's gospel, following the journeys of the disciples who watch, listen to, learn from, and eat, with Jesus.

I plan to hold Saturday morning Bible studies for women on May 11 and 25. We have been considering the Beatitudes which Jesus spoke in his Sermon on the Mount in Matthew 5.

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made know to God. Philippians 4:6

Under his mercy,
Sharon M. Conover

SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE BEGINS SUNDAY, MAY 26TH

**Worship begins at 9:00am.
Sunday school is in recess.**

CORRECTIONS TO 2019 DIRECTORY

Chester and Evelyn Gilbert
21 Halfway Brook Rd.
Jackman, Me. 04945

SPRING INQUIRERS CLASS - BEGINNING THURSDAY, MAY 9TH - 6:00PM..

The Inquirers Class is for everyone who would like to know more about the Christian faith and Lutheran teaching of the faith and membership in this congregation. If you're interested, please speak with pastor.

<u>Date</u>	<u>6:00pm.</u>	<u>Topic</u>	
5/9	Thursday	How Do We Know?	What Is The Bible
5/23	Thursday	Who Is God?	The Trinity and Creation
5/30	Thursday	Who Is Man?	Image of God, Sin, Free Will
6/6	Thursday	Who Is Jesus?	God, Man, Lamb
6/13	Thursday	What is Baptism?	Entranceway into the Church
6/20	Thursday	What is the Lord's Supper?	Food for the journey
6/27	Thursday	What is Worship?	Why do we worship as we do?

BOARD FOR MISSIONS MEETING March 24, 2019

In attendance: Gail Carrano, Yvonne Batson, Mike and Michelle Hein, Steve and Kari Farr, John and Bjorg Boschen, Pastor and Debbie Nielsen

- **Missions Sunday**

Possibility of having Deaconess Pam Nielsen come out from Lutheran Disaster Relief to speak about the ministry. Looking at fall, perhaps September. Sharon Conover will be contacting her to try to arrange a visit

- **Giving Funds**

Although we did not have a total yet the board decided to pick a few places with possible amounts, depending upon actual totals and approval from the church council.

1. Waterville Food Bank - \$500
2. First Choice Pregnancy Center - \$500
3. Mid-Maine Homeless Shelter - \$1500
4. Samaritan's Purse- \$500 *Pending approval -See next page for info about this organization's mission and doctrinal statements

- **Seminarian Alarik Morris**

The Board for Missions would like to have Alarik share with the congregation about his 1st year in school during fellowship time one Sunday this summer. Fellowship would be provided by the Board for Missions. During 2 Months of Summer when Alarik is not receiving support from the church (because he is not in school) the board proposed giving to a special Deaconess Fund for those in training during the summer months.

SEMINARIAN ALARIK MORRIS

Dear Brothers and Sisters of Lutheran Church of the Resurrection,

Christ is risen! I pray that you all had a wonderful and joyous Easter as we celebrated the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ and continue to do so until he comes again. I hope that the joy and excitement that gripped the disciples that first Easter morning and has done so for fellow Christians for over one thousand years has touched your hearts once again this season as we remember that we have nothing to fear in this life. For nothing, whether spiritual, emotional, or physical can harm or tear us away from the love of God, because Christ has redeemed us just as he said he was going to. We as Christians are now masters and lords over all things because we are freed from the bonds of sin, shame, and fear, and instead we are embraced into God's kingdom and favor as his own children. At the same time, we are now called by Christ to serve all and place ourselves underneath the needs of our neighbors as Jesus did for us, that the Gospel might be proclaimed and that all people on the earth may rejoice in this action of God in our lives. He is risen indeed, alleluia!

Over the holiday I was able to travel to Ann Arbor and spend a little over a week with my fiancée Angela in Michigan. It was a very special trip as I was able to be there with her for her 'senior day' for the women's lacrosse team at Concordia Ann Arbor, spend Holy Week with her and her family, and be with her in church as she played the piano for the Easter Sunday services. We also found some time to spend some time together enjoying our favorite activities such as hammocking on the edge of the Huron River on campus, getting giant milkshakes at our favorite bakery, and enjoying breakfast food for lunch at the local diner. Thankfully I was also able to find some time to work on homework for classes as well, and see some of my favorite college professors.

I hope as well that the plants and flowers have begun to sprout up and bloom for you up north as much as they have down here in St. Louis. Here at the seminary, we have begun to gear up for Call Day next Wednesday by planting flowers, mowing the lawns around campus, and adding the finishing touches to make the grounds beautiful and festive for the coming visitors. Currently, the seminary is also hosting its annual Multiethnic Symposium which is based on viewing the Gospel in the context of shame and honor cultures, which is becoming a future reality in our society and in the world. We are discussing and learning about how we can best present the Gospel to people in the world and in our society and it has been a great learning experience.

As the school year begins to wrap up, I thank you all again for your generosity and support so far in my first year of seminary. I pray that you would be blessed in your giving and that God would provide for your needs as a congregation that you would continue to be a community which supports the body of Christ and is inviting and welcoming to those who have not been exposed to the wonderful and transformative Word of God. Blessings to you all and I pray that you would be kept continually in the faith until Christ's return and we rise with Jesus to be with him in his heavenly kingdom.

May the peace of the Lord be with you always,

Alarik Morris

THANK YOU FROM CORINA WILSON

Dear Sisters in Christ,

I want to thank you for the wonderful baby shower. It was truly appreciated and amazing. I was very blessed and honored to share it with everyone at LCR. The shower, food, and all the thoughtful gifts were greatly appreciated. I felt so blessed and loved due to all the support. All the gifts for Lucia, Tyler and I made us very excited to go on this new adventure with Lucia and see where each day takes us. We thank God for the generosity and kindness you showed us, and all the love and support from you every time we visit LCR. I cannot thank you enough. I am very grateful and happy that I was able to share this special day with everyone.

Thanks again, and we will be seeing you all soon.

God's Blessings,

Corina Wilson and family

THANK YOU FROM CONCORDIA SEMINARY - ST. LOUIS

4/11/19

Dear Friends,

Greetings to you in the Lord's name from Concordia Seminary in St. Louis!

We are in receipt of your check in the amount of \$500 for the home congregational support of Alarik Morris for the 2018-2019 academic year. Please accept our heartfelt thanks for your generosity in aiding our students as they prepare for the ministry of sharing the good news of Jesus Christ.

Sincerely in Christ,

Sarah Kassel - Financial Aid Officer

THANK YOU FROM LUTHERAN CHURCH - MISSOURI SYNOD

My dear fellow redeemed:

I have been blessed to know people who experience profound, life-changing JOY when they tell other about Jesus through their sacrificial giving. I pray you are one of them. There is something intensely personal and full of meaning in a gift like the one you have joyfully given. Thank you.

St. Paul said it best; **“I thank God in all my remembrances of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ. (Philippians 1:3-6)**

We thank God for you and your gift to the LC-MS of: **\$1,000**. I will be used in support of: **General Hurricane Relief.**

Pastor Matthew Harrison

President, LC-MS

THANK YOU FROM LUTHERAN CHURCH - MISSOURI SYNOD

4/1/2019

Dear Lutheran Church of the Resurrection,

We thank God for you and your gift to LC-MS of \$200. It will be used in support of Rev. Charles and Deborah St.Onge – missionary to Quebec and the Carribean.

MOVIE REVIEW: “UNPLANNED” Excerpted from <https://blogs.lcms.org/2019/movie-review-unplanned/>

By Holly Scheer

“Unplanned” tells the story of Abby Johnson (Ashley Bratcher), a former Planned Parenthood director who becomes pro-life after witnessing an ultrasound-guided abortion firsthand.

As depicted in the film, Johnson is first drawn to Planned Parenthood by a desire to help women after having had two abortions of her own, one of which was completed at home, leaving her upset that she was not informed by the clinic staff of what would happen.

Johnson’s view on abortion abruptly changes when she witnesses the ultrasound-guided abortion of a 13-week old baby. Unable to morally reconcile the reality of what she has witnessed with the 22,000 abortions she has overseen at the clinic, she approaches Coalition for Life members Shawn Carney (Jared Lotz) and his future wife, Marilisa (Emma Elle Roberts), whom she previously met on the sidewalk while walking women into the clinic. She asks for their help leaving Planned Parenthood and goes on to face her family, her former employer in court, and her own conscience as she struggles to cope with her years of employment with America’s biggest abortion provider.

There has been much discussion about the film’s R rating, with some suggesting it is politically motivated, but the rating should be taken seriously. The movie contains material that is difficult to watch because abortion is the loss of human life, and the movie does not shy away from showing the horror of that loss.

Johnson’s time inside Planned Parenthood makes her a powerful pro-life voice. Her story is one that people need to see and learn from. This isn’t a movie only for those who already consider themselves strongly pro-life. It is a movie that looks honestly and deeply at the issue of abortion and has the potential to change minds and hearts. The more people who see it, the better – but you should see it knowing that it imparts difficult, painful truth.



Monthly Worship

May 5, 2019

Third Sunday of Easter

Psalm: 30

First Reading: Acts 9:1-22

Epistle: Revelation 5:9-14

Holy Gospel: John 21:1-14 (15-19)

May 12, 2019

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Psalm: 23

First Reading: Acts 20:17-35

Epistle: Revelation 7:9-17

Holy Gospel: John 10:22-30

May 19, 2019

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Psalm: 148

First Reading: Acts 11:1-18

Epistle: revelation 21:1-7

Gospel: John 16:12-22 or John 13:31-35

May 26, 2019

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Psalm: 67

First Reading: Acts 16:9-15

Epistle: Revelation 21:9-14, 21-27

Holy Gospel: John 16:23-33 or John 5:1-9

BIBLE QUIZ

1. *How will God destroy His enemies in the absolute final battle on earth?*

- A) flood the world with the waters of the sea B) devour them with fire from the heavens C) annihilate the world with the gases of the sun going supernova D) eradicate the world with technological 'beings' from space

2. *For whom did the crowd scream to be released during the annual Passover tradition?*

- A) Barnabas B) Barabbas C) Bartholomew D) Benjamin

3. *What did David do in the presence of a fearsome Philistine king?*

- A) fell at the king's feet and begged for mercy B) betrayed Israel by giving out two minor military battle plans C) spoke in a rare foreign language so no one would understand him D) acted mad, drooling down his beard and scratching on the city gate

4. *In the wheat and tares parable, what do the tares represent?*

- A) the world B) children of the kingdom C) children of the wicked one D) devil/Satan

5. *Who penned the words to this psalm: "As far as the east is from the west so far hath he removed our transgressions from us"?*

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

6. *Who said this: "My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?"*

- A) Abraham B) Moses C) Jesus D) Paul



- 5/1 Brian Watson
- 5/3 Don Pryor
- 5/4 Emily-Lynn Carlson
- 5/14 Kevin Kinter
- 5/15 Kitty Carlson
- 5/16 Therese Carter
- Kenneth Zahner
- 5/18 Rick Dostie
- Fenn Ouellette
- 5/22 Sasha Fitzpatrick
- 5/23 Michelle Hein
- Anna Rowe
- 5/24 Amanda Goldsmith
- 5/27 Christine Thomas
- 5/28 David Morris
- 5/30 Ted Evertsen
- Frances Sieber
- 5/31 Jared Goldsmith



Happy Anniversary

- 5/4 Gail & Art Carrano
- 5/5 Moe & Becky Cote



BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS

- 5 /11 Avis Grant
- 5/17 Callum Goldsmith
- 5/24 Fenn Ouellette
- 5/?? Gail Carrano
- Rick Dostie



ANNIVERSARIES

- 5/10 Angie Carlson
- Matthew Esculano
- Amanda Goldsmith
- Jared Goldsmith
- 5/11 Avis Grant
- 5/18 Peter Doran
- 5/31 Lee Anne Larsen
- 5/?? Lois Doran

Bulletin Bloopers

(We've seen many of these hilarious mistakes before, but they're always fun to revisit!)

----Don't let worry kill you off – let the church help.

----Weight watchers will meet at 7 PM at the First Presbyterian Church. Please use large double door at the side entrance.

----Ladies Bible Study will be held Thursday morning at 10 AM. All ladies are invited to lunch in the Fellowship Hall after the B. S. is done.

----The pastor would appreciate it if the ladies of the congregation would lend hi their electric girdles for the pancake breakfast next Sunday.

----Remember in prayer, the many who are sick of our community. Smile at someone who is hard to love. Say "Hell" to someone who doesn't care much about you.

May Bible Quiz Answers:

1. B (Revelation 20:9)
2. B (Mark 15:9-11)
3. D (1 Samuel 21:13)
4. C (Matthew 13:38)
5. A (Psalm 103:2 and attribution)
6. C (Matthew 27:46)

May Stewardship

	<u>May 5</u>	<u>May 12</u>	<u>May 19</u>	<u>May 26</u> (9:00 AM)
<u>Acolyte</u>	Mia Fitzpatrick	Allison Farr	Emily Lynn Carlson	Evan Farr
<u>Comm. Assistant</u>	Dan Callahan	Mark Larsen	Dan Callahan	Steve Farr
<u>Ushers</u>	Dan Keefe & Wayne Pelletier	Glenn Carlson & Glenn Carlson, Jr.	Brian Watson & Rick Drageland	Mike Hein & Kevin Kinter
<u>Greeters</u>	Glen Carlson, Jr. Family	Keefe Family	Wayne & Laverne Pelletier	Jim & Darryll Zahner
<u>Altar Care</u>	Sharon Conover	Amanda Goldsmith	Amy Ouellette	Sasha Fitzpatrick
<u>Flowers</u>	Avis Grant	Avis Grant	The Zahners	The Zahners
<u>Fellowship</u>	Sharon Klipp	LWML	The Evertsens	OPEN

The Daily Lectionary

A guide to help you be in the Word daily

5/1	Exodus 24:1-18 / Luke 5:1-16
5/2	Exodus 25:1-22 / Luke 5:17-39
5/3	Exodus 31:1-18 / Luke 6:1-19
5/4	Exodus 32:1-14 / Luke 6:20-38
5/5	Exodus 32:15-35 / Luke 6:39-49
5/6	Exodus 33:1-23 / Luke 7:1-17
5/7	Exodus 34:1-28 / Luke 7:18-35
5/8	Exodus 34:29-35:21 / Luke 7:36-50
5/9	Exodus 38:21-39:8 / Luke 8:1-21
5/10	Exodus 39:32-40:16 / Luke 8:22-39
5/11	Exodus 40:17-38 / Luke 8:40-56
5/12	Leviticus 8:1-36 / Luke 9:1-17
5/13	Leviticus 9:1-24 / Luke 9:18-36
5/14	Leviticus 10:1-20 / Luke 9:37-62
5/15	Leviticus 16:1-24 / Luke 10:1-22
5/16	Leviticus 17:1-16 / Luke 10:23-42
5/17	Leviticus 18:1-19:8 / Luke 11:1-13
5/18	Leviticus 19:9-37 / Luke 11:14-36
5/19	Leviticus 20:1-27 / Luke 11:37-54
5/20	Leviticus 21:1-24 / Luke 12:1-12
5/21	Leviticus 23:1-22 / Luke 12:13-34
5/22	Leviticus 23:23-44 / Luke 12:3-53
5/23	Leviticus 24:1-23 / Luke 12:54-13:17
5/24	Leviticus 26:1-20 / Luke 13:18-35
5/25	Leviticus 26:21-44 / Luke 14:1-24
5/26	Numbers 3:1-48 / Luke 14:25-15:10
5/27	Numbers 8:5-26 / Luke 15:11-32
5/28	Numbers 9:1-23 / Luke 16:1-8
5/29	Numbers 10:11-36 / Luke 16:19-31
5/30	Numbers 11:1-35 / Luke 17:1-19
5/31	Numbers 11:24-12:16 / Luke 17:20-37

(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.*