

RESURRECTION NEWS



OCTOBER 2017



Pastor's Letter

October, 2017

"Te Deum"

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The "Te Deum Laudimus" ("*We praise You, O God*") is a rich treasure of the church that has been passed down from generation to generation for centuries. It is a sturdy confession of the Trinity that has been set to a variety of musical chants and tunes. Take a few minutes to carefully read through the text.

*We praise You, O God; we acknowledge You to be the Lord.
All the earth now worships You, the Father everlasting.
To You all angels cry aloud, the heavens and all the powers therein.
To You cherubim and seraphim continually do cry:*

*Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth; heaven and earth are full of the majesty of Your glory.
The glorious company of the apostles praise You. The goodly fellowship of the prophets praise You.
The noble army of martyrs praise You. The holy Church throughout all the world does acknowledge You.
The Father of an infinite majesty; Your adorable, true, and only Son; also the Holy Ghost, the Comforter.*

You are the king of glory, O Christ; You are the everlasting Son of the Father.

*When You took upon Yourself to deliver man, You humbled Yourself to be born of a virgin.
When You had overcome the sharpness of death, You opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.*

*You sit at the right hand of God in the glory of the Father.
We believe that You will come to be our judge.*

*We therefore pray You to help Your servants, whom You have redeemed with Your precious blood.
Make them to be numbered with Your saints in glory everlasting.
O Lord, save Your people and bless Your heritage.
Govern them and lift them up forever.
Day by day we magnify You. And we worship Your name forever and ever.*

*Grant, O Lord, to keep us this day without sin.
O Lord, have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us.
O Lord, let Your mercy be upon us, as our trust is in You.
O Lord, in You have I trusted; let me never be confounded.*

Maybe you can understand why Martin Luther said that the "Te Deum" deserved to be ranked with the Apostles, Nicene and Athanasian Creeds. The "Te Deum" is the standard Canticle used in the "Order of Matins," which is the order of worship we will be using for Reformation Sunday. That we may learn it and enjoy it, we will use it through the month of October as our 'Offertory.' Enjoy!

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Nielsen

Notes from your Deaconess

October, 2017

Dear brothers and sisters of LCR,

We continue our journey through the Divine Service which we started a year ago now, stopping now to consider the opening portion of the Service of the Sacrament – also known as the Liturgy of the Lord's Supper.

The opening *ordinary* exchange between Pastor and People, the **Preface**, begins with the salutation which we first spoke before the collect during the Service of the Word. "The Lord be with you. And also with you."

Here the dialogue continues with the Pastor's instruction to "Lift up your hearts", our agreement to lift them to the Lord, and a third pair of phrases which refer to our giving of thanks and praise. The salutation, which I addressed in April, has roots throughout the Bible (Joshua 1:9, Judges 7:12, Ruth 2:4, Luke 1:28, Matthew 28:20).

The words following this direct our attention to Christ and all the company of heaven, with whom we gratefully and joyfully join at the feast prepared for us by our Lord. Since this set of phrases has been referenced in documents about Christian worship services as early as 150AD, it likely has been in use for nearly two thousand years!

The **Proper Preface**, spoken next by the Pastor, begins and ends with familiar phrases: "It is truly good, right and salutary..." and "Therefore with angels, archangels and all the company of heaven..." but changes through the church year in its central content. This portion usually describes some part of God's work in Christ for us, reflecting something of the focus of the season, but may also have references to other saints through whom he worked during particular seasons or festivals.

All through October our daily lectionary readings come from Deuteronomy and the gospel of Matthew. This interesting pairing of law and gospel leads us through the law given by the Lord through Moses, and the re-teaching, extension and fulfillment of the law by the Lord Jesus.

Saturday morning women's Bible studies in October will meet on the seventh and twenty-first. We plan to spend time with New Testament women through the next few meetings. Please join us if you can at 8:30am.

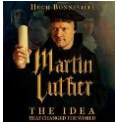
In these days of shortening light, falling leaves and busy schedules, I leave you with the familiar words of Jesus which conclude the October 1 reading from Matthew: "But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you. Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble" (33 - 34).

Under his mercy,
Sharon M. Conover

REFORMATION SUNDAY! - OCTOBER 29TH

Every year we celebrate the anniversary of the Lutheran Reformation, but this year is a special because it marks 500 years since Luther posted his 95 Thesis for scholarly debate – October 31, 1517. A special worship service accompanied by brass choir is being planned. A special German Banquet will follow the service accompanied by an Umpah Band. *(Please see the sign up sheet on the bulletin board).* We are planning for 100-125 people, so invite your friends and neighbors.

“MARTIN LUTHER - THE IDEA THAT CHANGED THE WORLD” - 10/29/17



Reserve the date now to come to the movies on **Saturday, October 28th** - Railroad Square Cinema, Waterville for a one time showing of this new, feature length movie on the Lutheran Reformation! Movie begins at **4:30pm**. \$5.00. **INVITE FRIENDS!!**

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR SEPTEMBER: 8:45AM.

- 10/1 Elijah Is Taken To Heaven - 2 Kings 2:1-15
- 10/8 Naaman and Elisha - 2 Kings 5:1-14
- 10/15 Jonah - Book of Jonah
- 10/22 Hezekiah Prays - 2 Kings 18-19
- 10/29 Jeremiah and God's new Covenant - Jeremiah 31:31-34

[It is always helpful when families can look at the assigned texts together at home before Sunday.]

ADULT BIBLE STUDY THEMES FOR SEPTEMBER: 8:45AM.

- 10/1 Psalm of the month: Psalm 25
- 10/8 New Testament Review: Galatians
- 10/15 Exploring Genesis with Luther: Genesis 2 – God made man and woman
- 10/22 Hymnody of: Matthias Loy
- 10/29 The 95 Thesis in Context

THANK YOU FROM SEMINIARIAN - GRANT SORENSON

To my Brothers and Sisters in Christ at Lutheran Church of the Resurrection, I want to express my deepest gratitude for your continued support and prayers. It has meant the world to me. I am reminded daily of how amazing of a God we have, for He has richly blessed us through you.

I have just begun my second year of seminary. My classes for this quarter include Homiletics II, Dogmatics II, Pastoral Counseling, and Major Prophets. I have already learned so much yet am excited to learn even more! I look forward to all that God has in store for me in the coming months and years.

Thank you, again, for your support and prayers! God's richest blessings!

In Christ,

Grant & Kim Sorenson

Board for Missions
Meeting Minutes
9/13/17

Present: Michelle Hein; Andrea Watson; Brian Watson; Avis Grant; Gail Carano; Pastor Nielsen

- Review of mission budget. Current funds - \$3, 954
 - Mid-Maine Homeless Shelter (MMHS) Golf Tournament- \$1,000

2017 Ongoing Monthly Donations	
Hope Lutheran Church in Bangor	\$200
Seminary Student Adoption	\$250

- BFM Fund balance after MMHS and ongoing monthly donations- \$2,504
- The Congregation donated \$450 for the MMHS Golf Tournament
- The BFM will ask for the Church Council’s blessing to donate \$1,000 to the LCMS Disaster Response Fund to be used at their discretion
- Holiday Missions
 - Andrea Watson is obtaining a list from the Home for Little Wanderers of gift needs for their children’s Christmas giving drive. At the upcoming October meeting the BFM will decide what item(s) from the list the Congregation will be asked to participate in making donations.
 - Brian Watson is reaching out to the MMHS to find out what food items they will need for the Thanksgiving Day meal for the shelter’s residence. Once this information is obtained, the board will ask the Sunday School teachers to ask the children to make a food donation to help support the shelter’s Thanksgiving Day meal, encouraging a charitable and giving spirit.
- The board agreed to change the meeting schedule to a quarterly meeting on a Sunday after church service. **The next BFM meeting is scheduled for October 15 in room 211 (library), immediately after the church service. The board hopes this change will afford more church members the opportunity to participate on the BFM.**
- A recommendation was brought to the board to consider donating to the Adult & Teen Challenge USA organization. The group’s website states its mission is to help men and women strike addiction from their lives in a Christ centered facility. They have facilities across the U.S. and a facility for men 18+ is located in Winthrop. Donations can be made to specific facilities. Brian Watson is reaching out to Betty Palmer with the MMHS to find out if she has had any experience with this group or may be able to recommend someone we can reach out to for more information.

The Board encourages members of the congregation who would like to participate on the board to come to our next meeting in October.



Monthly Worship

October 1, 2017

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Psalm: 25:1-10

First Reading: Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32

Epistle: Philippians 2:1-4 (5-13) 13-18

Holy Gospel: Matthew 21:23-27 (28-32)

October 8, 2017

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Psalm: 80:7-19

First Reading: Isaiah 5:1-7

Epistle: Philippians 3:4b-14

Holy Gospel: Matthew 21:33-46

October 15, 2017

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Psalm: 23

First Reading: Isaiah 25:6-9

Epistle: Philippians 4:4-13

Holy Gospel: Matthew 22:1-14

October 22, 2017

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

Psalm: 96:1-9 (10-13)

First Reading: Isaiah 45:1-7

Epistle: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Gospel: Matthew 22:15-22

October 29, 2017

Reformation Day

Psalm: 46

First Reading: Revelation 14:6-7

Epistle: Romans 3:19-28

Gospel: John 8:31-36 or Matthew 11:12-19

BIBLE QUIZ

1. How many people did King Nebuchadnezzar throw into the fiery hot furnace?

A) 1 B) 3 C) 5 D) 7

2. To God, what is a thousand years like?

A) one minute B) one day C) a thousand days
D) a thousand years

3. What was King Saul's second sin?

A) he didn't want to fight a perceived losing battle as God commanded him to B) he didn't kill every living thing as God commanded him to C) he fought a battle that God neither commanded nor sanctioned D) he sacrificed burnt offerings instead of waiting for the prophet Samuel to do it

4. Throughout the Bible, what is the one word that is repeated to glorify God?

A) Lord B) holy C) perfect D) righteous

5. How did King Saul die?

A) he committed suicide B) he contracted leprosy C) he was murdered D) he died a natural death of old age

6. Who said this: "The spirit truly is ready, but the flesh is weak".

A) Moses B) Daniel C) Peter D) Jesus



- 10/1 Mari Gouvea
- 10/3 Julie Kohl
- 10/14 Marlene Pryor
- 10/15 Krista Carlson
- 10/21 Corina Wilson
- 10/23 Rev. Paul Nielsen
- 10/31 Dottie Evertsen



BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS

- 10/4 Bode Carlson
- 10/5 Mari Gouvea
- 10/9 Steve Love
- 10/20 Siena Fitzpatrick
- Olive Grierson
- 10/28 Mark Larsen

Bible Quiz Answers

1. B (Daniel 3:19-23)
2. B (2 Peter 3:8)
3. B (1 Samuel 15:2-3, 9)
4. B (Isaiah 6:3; Revelation 4:8)
5. A (1 Samuel 31:4)
6. D (Mark 14:30, 38)



- 10/10 Glenn & Kitty Carlson
- 10/23 Sharon & Dennis Klipp

For a Few Laughs

Ouch!

After a Sunday morning church service, Philip suddenly announced to his mother, "Mom, I've decided to become a minister when I grow up."

"That's okay with me. But what made you decide that?"

"Well," said the little boy, "I'll have to go to church on Sunday anyway, so I figure it will be more fun to stand up and yell, than to sit there and listen."

For Whom the Bell...

A minister is walking down the street on sunny afternoon when he notices a small boy trying to press the doorbell on a house across the street. But the doorbell is too high for the little boy to reach.

After watching the boy's efforts, the minister decides to give the lad a hand. So he crosses over to the house across the street and gives the bell a solid ring.

Crouching down to the little boy's level, the minister smiles benevolently and asks, "And now what my little man?"

To which the boy replies, "Now we run!"

Prayer for the Deaf

It was bedtime for Timmy and Jimmy who were staying overnight with their grandparents. While kneeling to say his prayers, Timmy began praying at the top of his lungs, "Dear God, for Christmas I want some video games, a motor bike, a DVD player..."

"Whoa," Jimmy hollered, "Why are you yelling? God ain't deaf."

"I know God's not deaf," replied Timmy. "But Grandma is!"

The Lutheran Church of the Resurrection

October, 2017

Week of October 1

Sunday - 10/1 8:45am. - Sunday School / Adult Bible Study
 10:00am. - Worship
Wednesday - 10/4 7:00pm. - Reformation 500 – Waterville Adult Ed.
Thursday - 10/5 10:30am. - Mid-Week Bible Study - Miracles
Saturday - 10/7 8:30am. - Deaconess' Women's Bible Study

Week of October 8

Sunday - 10/8 8:45am. - Sunday School / Adult Bible Study
 10:00am. - Worship
Wednesday - 10/11 7:00pm. - Reformation 500 – Waterville Adult Ed.
Thursday - 10/12 10:30am. - Mid-Week Bible Study - Miracles

Week of October 15

Sunday - 10/15 8:45am. - Sunday School / Adult Bible Study
 10:00am. - Worship
 11:30am. - Board for Missions Meeting
Mon-Wed. - 10/16-18 Pastor attending Fall Pastor's Conference – Mass.
Wednesday - 10/18 7:00pm. - Church Council Meeting
Thursday - 10/19 10:30am.- LWML Meeting - Sewing project
Saturday - 10/21 8:30am. - Deaconess' Women's Bible Study

Week of October 22

Sunday - 10/22 - 8:45am. - Sunday School / Adult Bible Study
 10:00am. - Worship
Thursday - 10/26 10:30am. - Mid-Week Bible Study - Miracles

Week of October 29

Sunday - 10/29 - 8:45am. - Sunday School / Adult Bible Study
 10:00am. - Worship
 11:30am. - Reformation Pot-Luck Banquet
Thursday - 11/1 10:30am. - Mid-Week Bible Study - Miracles

October Stewardship

	<u>October 1</u>	<u>October 8</u>	<u>October 15</u>	<u>October 22</u>	<u>October 29</u>
<u>Acolyte</u>	Allison Farr	Andrew Farr	Mia Fitzpatrick	Emily-Lynn Carlson	Caden Fitzpatrick
<u>Comm. Assistant</u>	Mark Larsen	Mike Hein	Brad Fitzpatrick	Glenn Carlson	Chris Batson
<u>Ushers</u>	Chris Batson & Moe Cote	Glenn Carlson, Jr. & Seth Carlson	John Gould & Mark Larsen	Brad Fitzpatrick & Bill Jahnke	Steve Love & Brian Watson
<u>Greeters</u>	Chris & Yvonne Batson	Mark & Lee Anne Larsen	Brad & Sasha Fitzpatrick	Fernando & Mari Gouvea	Mike & Michelle Hein
<u>Altar Care</u>	Esther Gould	Lee Anne Larsen	Katie Huesers	Avis Grant	Deb Nielsen
<u>Flowers</u>	Kay Gideon	Kay Gideon	Sharon Klipp	Sharon Klipp	Ref. 500 Committee
<u>Fellowship</u>	LWML	Rev. Robert & Vary Fischer	Sharon Klipp	OPEN	Reformation Pot Luck