

RESURRECTION NEWS



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Pastor's Letter

October, 2018

"You foolish Galatians! Who has bewitched you! Before your very eyes Jesus Christ was clearly portrayed as crucified." Galatians 3:1

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

At the risk of being irrelevant, I want to go back to the 16th century Lutheran Reformation and even further back to the 1st century cross of Christ. You can never get more relevant than the cross of Jesus Christ. In fact, the whole of the Christian's life from beginning to end, day by day, moment by moment, is simply a learning what it means to live under the cross of Christ.

The 16th century Lutheran Reformation was really a clarion call to return to this most relevant of truths. The word on the street was that the cross of Christ was not as relevant as good works in various shapes and sizes. Luther called the Church to return to preaching the message of the cross as the complete and total answer to forgiveness, life and salvation. The issue of the Reformation was about whether God's grace in Christ crucified was both *necessary* and *sufficient*.

That issue is as relevant today as it was 500 years ago as it was 2,000 years ago. In the cross of Christ, we see that what God has done for you and me was done freely. It cost God's Son everything but it costs us nothing. That is what those three little words, "by grace alone" mean.

The Galatians were setting aside what God had done for them in His Son by the cross and were falling back upon the *necessity* and *sufficiency* their own works and merits. Paul had only recently planted these churches in southern Galatia and had preached and taught the doctrine of justification by grace alone through faith alone. Listen to Paul preach, "**We know that a man is not justified by observing the law, but by faith in Jesus Christ. So we, too, have put our faith in Christ Jesus that we may be justified by faith in Christ and not by observing the law, because by observing the law no one will be justified.**" (Gal.2:16f).

Ultimately you see, God did not give us the law so that we could reform ourselves. God gave the law to crush all of our self righteousness and to drive us out of ourselves to Christ, ready and anxious to receive His forgiveness and mercy. The purpose of the law is to crush our hopes of ever become 'like God' on our terms and to drive us to Christ so that we may be accepted God on His terms. The law says: you must do and do! The Gospel of grace says: "It is finished. It is finished!"

God's grace is not based on your moral condition, it is based on His moral condition. It is not based on your keeping the law it is based on His keeping the law of God perfectly. It is not based on your pleasing God it is based on the fact that Jesus is the Son of God, "with whom He is well pleased." You may say, "I failed to live to the glory of God this week," but Christ did not fail. And you are hidden in Christ - by grace, through faith for Christ's sake.

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Nielsen

Notes from your Deaconess

October 2018

Dear Brothers and Sisters of LCR,

Here in Maine we observe four seasons – autumn having just officially begun. The Lutheran Service Book (LSB) outlines our church year with its times and seasons on page x. Historically the Church has observed three major divisions of the year: the Time of Christmas, of Easter, and of the Church. You can see that more than half of our calendar year falls into the third Time period. The Times of Christmas and Easter include seasonal divisions as well – Advent, Epiphany, and Lent, for instance. The LSB pages which follow note particular dates for feasts, festivals, and commemorations throughout the year. Take a look to see who and what events are to be specifically remembered in October.

Our worship together has physical aspects as well as spiritual. We hear God's word, and vocally respond with song, prayer and spoken verses. We see candles lit, and observe the colors related to the season, festival or holy day. Sometimes we smell incense, and we taste the Lord's Supper. We use our whole bodies to stand, sit, kneel, greet brothers and sisters with handshakes, hugs or gentle touch. We may dip a finger into the baptismal font as we pass it on the way to the altar, to feel the water and remind ourselves of our baptism.

The liturgical colors for different Sundays and seasons convey different moods and meanings. The LSB includes capital letters in red after the various Sunday titles (p. x) to indicate the recommended colors. The Advent season generally has blue or violet for its colors. The blue may particularly remind us of the sky, day or night colors, and so make us think of Jesus's incarnation, and hope for his expected return. Violet, usually used during Lent, has long been associated with penitence, fasting, preparation. White, for holiness, appears both during the Christmas season and Easter season. Black comes out on Good Friday (and sometimes Ash Wednesday). Green, seen for the most Sundays in the year, indicates times of growth and is used in both Epiphany and Pentecost season. Red is used for Pentecost – reminding us of the fire of the Holy Spirit. Red also appears on certain feast and festival days, like Reformation, with associations of strength, power, and certainly blood shed for the faith.

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.

I thought I'd try to hold Saturday morning Bible studies on the two middle Saturdays of October, the 13th and 20th. We'll look at passages of Jeremiah during those meetings. I'll be in touch by email while I'm away in Virginia at the beginning of the month.

Under his mercy,
Sharon M. Conover

And Jesus said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And the second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets." Matthew 22:37-40

Adult Bible Study - Sunday Mornings: 8:45am.

- October 7 - 3rd Commandment - Questions #48-53
- October 14 - 4th Commandment - Questions #54-58
- October 21 - 5th Commandment - Questions #59-64
- October 28 - 6th Commandment - Questions #65-77

Sunday School - Sunday Mornings: 8:45am.

- October 7 - Moses and the Burning Bush - Exodus 2-4
- October 14 - Moses and the Plagues - Exodus 5-10
- October 21 - The Passover - Exodus 11-12
- October 28 - Crossing the Sea - Exodus 13-15

Mid-Week Bible Study: Every Thursday at 10:30am.

If your schedule allows, join us for a lively study of 'THE FEASTS AND FESTIVALS OF ISRAEL.' Every feast and festival in the Old Testament points directly to Jesus Christ. Come and learn with us.

Sr. Youth Group - Food Drive

The Sr. Youth Group is conducting a very special food drive during the month of October to support local food pantries. The goal is to collect 500 boxes of pasta and jars of pasta sauce. If the goal is met, Thrivent Financial will match the efforts with a gift of \$500 to be used to support local charities. Please drop off pasta and sauce in the Fellowship Hall.

LWML Sunday - October 7th

As part of its celebration of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League, the LWML will have a 'Pie Charity' during Fellowship after worship on 10/7. Come and buy a homemade pie or half-pie. All proceeds will go to the New England District - LWML - Mite Collections.

Reformation Sunday! - October 28th

The annual celebration of the Lutheran Reformation is one of the many highlights of our life together. Following worship, we will have our annual "German Pot-Luck Supper" in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone brings a dish to share. Make something German if you can. If not, just add either 'kraut' or 'wurst' to the end of whatever it is and everyone will love it! Plan to join in and BRING A FRIEND WITH YOU!

Thank you from Seminary Student - Alarik Morris

Dear Brothers and Sisters of Lutheran Church of the Resurrection,

Thank you for your support during my time in Maine and thank you for your continued support now as I attend Concordia Seminary St. Louis. I have had an eventful first month at the seminary. With the help of my girlfriend, I was able to move into my dorm on campus and we then had a fun weekend in St. Louis, visiting the local attractions such as the St. Louis Zoo and the Gateway Arch. Since school began I have been kept busy between classes, working for the grounds crew at the seminary, and playing soccer for the seminary on the weekends. I have also been assigned to a field work church at Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Collinsville, IL which is approximately 25 minutes east of the seminary. I have recently started assisting in liturgy at this congregation as well.

I once again thank you and appreciate your prayers and support.

Blessings to you all,

Alarik



Monthly Worship

October 7, 2018

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

Psalm: 128

First Reading: Genesis 2:18-25

Epistle: Hebrews 2:1-13 (14-18)

Holy Gospel: Mark 10:2-16

October 14, 2018

Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

Psalm: 90:12-17

First Reading: Amos 5:6-7,10-15

Epistle: Hebrews 3:12-19

Holy Gospel: Mark 10:17-22

October 21, 2018

Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost

Psalm: 119:9-16

First Reading: Ecclesiastes 5:10-20

Epistle: Hebrews 4:1-13 (14-16)

Gospel: Mark 10:23-31

October 28, 2018

Reformation Day

Psalm: 54

First Reading: Revelation 14:6-7

Epistle: Romans 3:19-28

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

BIBLE QUIZ

1. *Who is the Holy Spirit?*

A) the believer's comforter and guarantee of God's promise B) a ghostly apparition C) the ruler over all angelic beings D) too mysterious to know for sure

2. *Who was Jacob's youngest son?*

A) Judah B) Dan C) Levi D) Benjamin

3. *How was the Promised Land divided up between the tribes of Israel?*

A) by civil war and spoils B) by lots C) by the size of each tribe D) by preference

4. *How long had the prophetess Anna been a widow at the time Jesus was born?*

A) 84 days B) 84 weeks C) 84 months D) 84 years

5. *Who was the first apostle to first step into the empty tomb?*

A) Philip B) Peter C) James D) John

6. *What were the people of Babel attempting to do?*

A) force God to show himself on their terms B) turn their backs on God in disgust because of the evil He allowed to happen C) dig down to the center of the earth to hide from God D) build a tall tower to reach the heavens



10/1 Mari Gouvea
10/3 Julie Kohl
10/14 Marlene Pryor
10/15 Krista Carlson
10/23 Pastor Nielsen
Amy Ouellette
10/31 Dottie Evertsen

BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS



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

ANNIVERSARIES

10/10 Glenn & Kitty Carlson
10/12 Seth & Angie Carlson
10/21 Sharon & Dennis Klipp
10/30 Dick & Joan Drageland

JUST FOR LAUGHS (or GROANS)

Quiet!

Six -year-old Lisa and her four-year-old brother Tim were sitting together with their parents in church, when Tim starts giggling and talking out loud. "You're not supposed to talk loud in church!" "Why? Who's going to stop me?" Tim asked. Lisa pointed to the back of the church and said, "See those two men standing by the door? They're hushers."

Thou Shalt Not....

The Ten Commandments were the subject of Miss Dixie's Sunday school lesson for five and six-year olds. After explaining "Honor thy father and thy mother," Miss Dixie asked, "Is there a commandment that teaches us how to treat our brothers and sisters/" Without missing a beat, little Cindy answered, "Thour shalt not kill."

How to Get to Heaven

A teacher asked the children in her Sunday school class, "If I sold my house and my car, had a big garage sale, and gave all my money to church, would I get to heaven?" "NO!" the children all answered. "If I cleaned the church every day, mowed the lawn, and kept everything neat and tidy, would I get to heaven?" Again the answer was "NO!" "Well," she continued, "then how can I get to heaven?"

In thee back of the room, a five-year-old boy shouted, "You gotta be dead."

October Bible Quiz Answers:

1. A (John 14:26; Ephesians 1:13; 4:30)
2. D (Genesis 42:32-36)
3. B (Joshua 14:2)
4. D (Luke 2:37)
5. B (John 20:5-6)
6. D (Genesis 11:4)

ENCOURAGING THE HABIT OF READING YOUR BIBLE DAILY.

“Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path” – Psalm 119:105

Daily Lectionary Readings for October:

10/1 Deuteronomy 2:16-37 / Matthew 6:16-34
10/2 Deuteronomy 3:1-29 / Matthew 7:1-12
10/3 Deuteronomy 4:1-20 / Matthew 7:13-29
10/4 Deuteronomy 4:21-40 / Matthew 8:1-17
10/5 Deuteronomy 5:1-21 / Matthew 8:18-34
10/6 Deuteronomy 5:22-6:9 / Matthew 9:1-17
10/7 Deuteronomy 6:10-25 / Matthew 9:18-38
10/8 Deuteronomy 7:1-19 / Matthew 10:1-23
10/9 Deuteronomy 8:1-20 / Matthew 10:24-42
10/10 Deuteronomy 9:1-22 / Matthew 11:1-19
10/11 Deuteronomy 9:23-10:22 / Matthew 11:20-30
10/12 Deuteronomy 11:1-25 / Matthew 12:1-21
10/13 Deuteronomy 11:26-12:12 / Matthew 12:22-37
10/14 Deuteronomy 12:13-32 / Matthew 12:38-50
10/15 Deuteronomy 13:1-18 / Matthew 13:1-23
10/16 Deuteronomy 14:1-2, 22-23, 14:28-15:15 / Matthew 13:24-43
10/17 Deuteronomy 15:19-16:22 / Matthew 13:44-58
10/18 Deuteronomy 17:1-20 / Matthew 14:1-21
10/19 Deuteronomy 18:1-22 / Matthew 14:22-36
10/20 Deuteronomy 19:1-20 / Matthew 15:1-20
10/21 Deuteronomy 20:1-20 / Matthew 15:21-39
10/22 Deuteronomy 21:1-23 / Matthew 16:1-12
10/23 Deuteronomy 24:10-25:10 / Matthew 16:13-28
10/24 Deuteronomy 25:17-26:19 / Matthew 17:1-13
10/25 Deuteronomy 27:1-26 / Matthew 17:14-27
10/26 Deuteronomy 28:1-22 / Matthew 18:1-20
10/27 Deuteronomy 29:1-29 / Matthew 18:21-35
10/28 Deuteronomy 30:1-20 / Matthew 19:1-15
10/29 Deuteronomy 31:1-29 / Matthew 19:16-30
10/30 Deuteronomy 31:30-32:27 / Matthew 20:1-16
10/31 Deuteronomy 32:28-52 / Matthew 20:17-34

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.*

October Stewardship

	<u>October 7</u>	<u>October 14</u>	<u>October 21</u>	<u>October 28</u>
<u>Acolyte</u>	Allison Farr	Andrew Farr	Mia Fitzpatrick	Evan Farr
<u>Comm. Assistant</u>	Glenn Carlson	Steve Farr	Mike Hein	Brian Watson
<u>Ushers</u>	John Ayotte & Mark Larsen	Dan Callahan & Glenn Carlson, Jr.	Dan Keefe & Brad Fitzpatrick	Moe Cote & Bill Jahnke
<u>Greeters</u>	Moe & Becky Cote	John & Esther Gould	John & Karen Ayotte	Mark & Lee Anne Larsen
<u>Altar Care</u>	Sharon Conover	Amanda Goldsmiths	Amy Ouellette	Kitty Carlson
<u>Flowers</u>	LWML	Sharon Klipp	Sharon Klipp	OPEN
<u>Fellowship</u>	LWML	OPEN	Dorothy McAllister	Reformation Sunday German Pot Luck