

RESURRECTION NEWS



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Pastor's Letter

October 2019

"I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. I know what it is to be in need and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of contentment in any and every situation, whether will fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or want. (Philippians 4:11-13).

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

There was once a farmer who grew tired of living on the same farm all his life. He imagined that there had to be better farms somewhere else. So he listed the farm with a realtor who immediately began to write the ad for the newspaper. Before he submitted the ad, he showed it to the farmer. The ad spoke of its excellent location, excellent equipment, fertile acres and well-bred livestock. "Wait a minute," said the farmer. "I've changed my mind. All my life I've been looking for a place just like that."

How much of our lives do we spend searching for that which we believe will satisfy us only to discover that we have had it all along? Phillip, one of the disciples of Jesus said to Him, "Lord, show us the Father and then we will be satisfied." And Jesus replies with deep disappointment saying, "Phillip don't you know that as long as I have been with you, you have been seeing the Father."

The big stumbling block that stands between us and contentment is that little word, 'if'. "If only" I had this or didn't have that or had more of this or less of that. "If only" I had a different job, a different house, a different spouse, a different body... "I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances."

We need to understand that Paul writes this letter from prison. His circumstances couldn't be much worse and yet he says that he's content. He has experienced nakedness, famine, danger and the sword. He has also experienced plenty; plenty of money, nice accommodations, and he has been content with that too.

We may laugh and say, who couldn't be content with plenty. After all that's just the circumstance that I'm trying arrange for myself. But Paul warns that 'plenty' is not the basis for contentment either. "People who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge men into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil... But godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into this world and we can take nothing out of it." (1Tim.6:8-10,6).

Contentment does not depend upon our circumstances. Our God has taken control of all of our circumstances and "for those who love God, all things work for good..." "He who did not spare His own Son, but gave Him up FOR US ALL, how will He not also with Him, graciously give us all things?" (Romans 8:28,32).

Contentment depends on our faith in the promise of God. Do we believe that He is in control and knows how to take care of us? Do we believe that through our circumstances the Lord is giving us the opportunity to bear witness to the world of the peace and contentment that faith in Jesus Christ effects in a person?

What are the circumstances of your life right now? Are you waiting until they change before you can be content? Trusting in the Lord, we commend our bodies and souls and all things to Him and discover the 'secret of contentment' now.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Nielsen

Notes from your Deaconess

October, 2019

Dear Brothers and Sisters of LCR,

Music moves us. Tunes and lyrics take up residence in our memories, and often accompany our activities. Jingles from advertisements that you heard or watched years ago readily return when prompted. We often better remember and retain phrases, lists, and scriptures that we learn when set to music. I find that I'll sing parts of our Divine Service or Morning Prayer service music at random times. From Moses and his sister Miriam in Exodus 12 singing after crossing the Red Sea, through the many songs and psalms of David, to Jesus singing with his disciples in the upper room after the Last Supper (Mark 14:26), God's people sing together.

Webster's Dictionary indicates that the word "hymn" derives from a Latin word *hymnus*, and a Greek word *hymnos*, which both mean "song of praise." If you take a look at the part of the table of contents in our Lutheran Service Book on pages vi and vii, you will see how the editors of our LSB chose to order these many "songs of praise." You'll notice that we particularly use certain hymns during different parts of the Church Year. Others focus on the Person and Work of Christ, aspects of the Christian Church and Christian Life, Times of Day and Seasons (such as Harvest, Thanksgiving, the New Year). We have some hymns specifically for the beginning or end of a service, and Biblical canticles (Biblical song texts set to a tune for us) along with some liturgical music which we also can use during services—sometimes in the place of a setting written into one of the services found near the beginning of LSB. Three national songs—not hymns in the same sense—are found near the very end of LSB.

We can sing and read many of the hymns as prayers of praise, confession, thanksgiving, and petition to God. Others have more of a story-telling sense to them, relaying a Biblical story, or giving sung witness to the work our Lord has done to each other and back to God. Even others have a teaching element, to remind us of the meanings of the Ten Commandments, the Lord's Prayer, what baptism, confession, and the Lord's Supper have done for us and do for us. The musical tunes included have origins as far back as at least the ninth century and as recent as the twenty-first century. The texts of various hymns, besides the Biblical texts, reach back into the second century.

During 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 plan to lead women's Bible studies on the October Saturdays 10/12 and 10/26. We will spend time in the letter to the Hebrews over the next several meetings. We meet from about 8:30am until around 10am downstairs for fellowship, study, and to share prayer concerns.

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God.

Colossians 3:16

Under his mercy,

Sharon M. Conover

SUNDAY SCHOOL / ADULT BIBLE STUDY - Every Sunday beginning at 8:45am.

MID-WEEK BIBLE STUDY: EVERY THURSDAY AT 10:30AM.

If your schedule allows, join us for a lively study of The Book of Revelation.

RETIREMENT OF A DEBT CELEBRATION - SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6TH

To Whom it May Concern:

The above captioned loan was paid in full and taken off our system as of September 11th, 2019.

Sue Brueggeman

Loan Specialist – Lutheran Church Extension Fund.

Join in the joy of burning the mortgage on the Sanctuary Remodeling Loan on Sunday, October 6th.

REFORMATION SUNDAY! - OCTOBER 27TH

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!

MEN’S BREAKFAST SCHEDULE FOR 2019/2020

Men, mark your busy calendars now and reserve the following Saturday mornings for a time of bible study, prayer and fellowship – and good food! We’ll begin with breakfast as 8:00am. and conclude the morning by 11:00am. Each month, we’ll cover a new section of C.S. Lewis’ - “Mere Christianity.” The schedule is as follows:

- October 19th - “The Rival Conceptions of God”
- November 16th - “Free Will and the Shocking Alternative”
- December 21st - “Christian Behavior and the Great Sin of Pride”
- January 18th - “The Christian Virtue of Hope”
- February 15th - “God in Three Persons”
- March 21st - “Counting the Cost”
- April 18th - TBD
- May 16th - TBD

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THANK YOU FROM SEMINARIAN ALARKI MORRIS

September 23rd, 2019

Dear Brothers and Sisters of Lutheran Church of the Resurrection,

Greetings to you all in the name of Christ! The school year has begun once more as I now enter my second year of my four-year program at Concordia Seminary here in St. Louis. While I have only been in school for about a month it has been busy with classes, working in the grounds department at the seminary, and taking time to spend in community with the other students here in St. Louis. This summer I worked for a landscaping company here in St. Louis which consisted of general lawn care, installing retaining walls, clearing tree limbs and branches and anything else that needed to be done. It was the perfect job to get me back in the right frame of mind for continuing my education and it was a great break from working in a classroom and in the library for the majority of the day!

This semester my classes consist of a class where we will spend half of the semester studying the prophets of the Bible, and the second semester studying the Pentateuch or the first five books of the Old Testament. In addition, I am taking a systematic theology class, a class on the Reformation, a Greek language lab, a formational lab preparing me for pastoral ministry, and a class on pastoral care and counseling. By far my favorite class has probably been the class on the Reformation as we take a look at Martin Luther's seminal works and the historical setting in which he lives and writes them.

This past weekend I was also able to see my fiancée Angela who graduates from college at Concordia University Ann Arbor this coming May. She drove to St. Louis for my birthday on Friday in hopes of seeing me play soccer for the seminary, but it was rained out unfortunately, however we still had a great weekend together to celebrate! I plan on coming back to Maine for the Christmas holidays and I will be spending some time in Michigan beforehand, then traveling back to St. Louis shortly after New Year's to take a winter term class in January on pastoral leadership in the Church. Looking forward to visiting and seeing you all again soon!

Peace be with you all,

Alarik Morris

The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod LCMS Stewardship Ministry

In the early morning hours of Feb. 18, 1546, Martin Luther closed his eyes forever. And the hand that hammered the 95 Theses into the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg on Oct. 31, 1517, penned its final words: "We are all beggars. This is true."

And this is the truth that our Lord says makes you free. Ironical, isn't it? That, in order to be free, you must be a beggar; you must be utterly dependent and reliant upon God. This makes us uncomfortable – the way we're uncomfortable when someone gets us a Christmas or birthday present when we haven't gotten them one. We feel we owe them. And we don't much like being in someone's debt.

But what Luther would remind us is that we are all indeed beggars. But we're not just anyone's beggars. We're God's beggars. And this is His legacy to the Christian Church. Christ came for sinners. He came to seek and save the lost. He came to heal the sick and raise the dead. He came for sinners, and He dwells only with sinners.

And, if we are to be where He is, we must be willing to be counted among the lost, the sick, and the dead. We must be willing to be beggars. We must cry out for mercy, for grace, and for his undeserved love and kindness. We must be dependent solely on Him and what He gives.

And here's the beauty: He gives us everything. Everything – forgiveness of sins, salvation from death and the devil, and eternal life. This is not because of any worthiness or merit in us, but it is because of His divine goodness, mercy, and grace.

On account of Christ's death and resurrection, the Father forgives you, saves you, and is pleased with you. And you receive. You receive His love, His righteousness, His holiness, His acceptance, and His inheritance. We are all beggars. This is true.

This is the heart and soul of Christianity and the life-blood of the Christian Church. God justifies us, and He declares us innocent and righteous by His grace received through faith for the sake of Christ. This is not because of our works; this is because of His work on the cross. We, who once were enemies of God, are reconciled to Him and made to be His children.



BIBLE QUIZ

Monthly Worship

October 6, 2019

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Psalm: 62

First Reading: Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4

Epistle: 2 Timothy 1:1-14

Holy Gospel: Luke 17:1-10

October 13, 2019

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Psalm: 111

First Reading: Ruth 1:1-19a

Epistle: 2 Timothy 2:1-13

Holy Gospel: Luke 11:1-19

October 20, 2019

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Psalm: 121

First Reading: Genesis 32:22-30

Epistle: 2 Timothy 3:14—4:5

Gospel: Luke 18:1-8

October 27, 2019

Reformation Day

(October 31)

Psalm: 46

First Reading: Revelation 14:6-7

Epistle: Romans 3:19-28

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

1. What were the two things God absolutely forbade anyone from eating on a dead animal?

A) skin and fat B) fat and blood C) blood and bones (D) bones and skin

2. Who did God appoint to go with Saul during his first missionary trip?

A) Silas B) Barnabas C) John D) Timothy

3. What military strategy did God command Joshua and the army to deploy against Ai?

A) ambush B) full charge C) circle their camp seven times while blowing trumpets D) do nothing and believe that God will plague the enemy during the night

4. In the parable of the four soils, which soil represented the people who refuse to believe?

A) hard soil by the wayside B) weedy/thorny soil (C) thin layer of soil D) good soil

5. How did John the Baptist describe himself when interrogated by the Jewish authorities?

A) the voice of God B) the voice of reason C) the voice of one crying in the wilderness D) the voice of one yelling on the street corner

6. Who said this: “Man shall not live by bread alone”?

A) Paul quoting David B) Job quoting Abraham C) Esther quoting Ruth D) Jesus quoting Moses



10/1	Mari Gouvea
10/3	Julie Kohl
10/12	Sharon Kinter
10/14	Marlene Pryor
10/15	Krista Carlson
10/23	Pastor Paul Nielsen
	Amy Ouellette
10/31	Dottie Evertsen



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



BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS

10/4	Bode Carlson
10/5	Mari Gouvea
10/8	Kathleen Paules
10/9	Steve Love
10/20	Siena Fitzpatrick
	Olive Grierson
10/28	Mark Larsen

FOR A FEW CHUCKLES:

The senior pastor and his youth pastor found a great fishing spot created by a tree downed in a recent storm. Before they began to fishing though, they made a sign and taped it to the back of the pastor's truck: "The end is near! Stop! Make a U-turn before it's too late!"

When a car drove by, the pastors pointed at the sign and shouted at the driver, to no avail. The driver slowed down and hollered back, "You religious nuts drive me crazy. Mind your own business!"

A moment later, they heard a loud splash. The senior pastor looked at his friend and asked, "Do you think we should have just written 'Bridge Out' on the sign?"

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When Lucy's philosophy professor discovered she was a Christian, he targeted her for a debate. However, she more than held her own.

He asked her to explain to him how any book could possibly be taken seriously that claims a man could stay alive in the belly of a giant fish for three days.

"I can't explain that, sir," Lucy answered. "However, when I get to heaven, I will ask Jonah myself how it was accomplished.

"And if Jonah isn't in heaven?" challenged the professor.

"Well, sir, then I suppose you can ask him yourself."

+++++The potluck supper raised \$850 for missions. Whoever left bowls, plates, and a girdle in the kitchen, please retrieve your personal items.

Bible Quiz Answers

1. B (Leviticus 7:23-27)
2. B (Acts 13:2)
3. A (Joshua 8:2)
4. A (Matthew 13:19)
5. C (John 1:23)
6. D (Matthew 4:1-4; Deuteronomy 8:3)

October Stewardship

	<u>October 6</u>	<u>October 13</u>	<u>October 20</u>	<u>October 27</u>
<u>Acolyte</u>	Mia Fitzpatrick	Emily Lynn Carlson	Allison Farr	Evan Farr
<u>Comm. Assistant</u>	Chris Batson	Brian Watson	Glenn Carlson	Brad Fitzpatrick
<u>Ushers</u>	Brian Watson & Wayne Pelletier	Mark Larsen & Dan Keefe	Moe Cote & Rick Drageland	Mike Hein & Kevin Kinter
<u>Greeters</u>	Jim & Darryll Zahner	Fred & Amy Ouellette	Brad & Sasha Fitzpatrick	Fernando & Mari Gouvea
<u>Altar Care</u>	Sharon Conover	Amanda Goldsmith	Amy Ouellette	Sasha Fitzpatrick
<u>Flowers</u>	LWML	LWML	Sharon Klipp	Sharon Klipp
<u>Fellowship</u>	LWML	The Fitzpatricks	OPEN	Reformation Sunday German Potluck Luncheon

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

(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.*