

# **RESURRECTION NEWS**



**All of them were  
filled with  
the Holy Spirit!**  
**Acts 2.4**

**MAY 2020**

## Pastor's Letter

May 2020

### The Ascension of Our Lord"

*Lift up your heads, O you gates; be lifted up, you ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. Who is this King of glory? The LORD strong and mighty, the LORD mighty in battle. Lift up your heads, O you gates; lift them up, you ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. Who is he, this King of glory? The LORD Almighty – he is the King of glory. Psalm 24:7-10*

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In ancient times the way in which people protected themselves from unwanted intruders was to build a wall around their castles, cities and even entire countries. The wall that was built around Jerusalem still stands. There is still a wall around an entire country – the wall of China. Until fairly recently, the Berlin Wall stood – which actually became a wall to keep people in rather than out.

In order to get into a castle or city, one had to enter through a heavily guarded entrance which was sealed by a gate. The gate was opened to let armies out or back in again from battle. Since the gate was a huge and heavy covering that took a lot of work to open, there would be a door cut into the gate to let individuals who wanted to come in or go out pass through.

Psalm 24 describes an entourage approaching a walled city and the command is given to open the gate, lift up the door so that they may enter.

Throughout the Gospels, we come into contact with angels who accompanied Jesus during His earthly ministry. An angel appeared to Zechariah, to Mary, and Joseph before Jesus was born to be sure that He got the right name and that Mary wasn't "put away". At his birth a company of angels appeared to the shepherds in the fields announcing the good news to them.

As Jesus' ministry begins, He is led into the desert to be tempted by the devil, and at the end of the 40 days, the angels attend to Him. Later, as Jesus stands before Pontius Pilate he says that if He wanted to He could summon legions of angels that would come and rescue Him.

As the women arrive at the tomb of Jesus on the first Easter morning they find it guarded by angels who announce the good news that He is risen! And after 40 days from His resurrection from the dead, Jesus ascends, and the angels are there to explain it all to the disciples who are looking into the air.

I think that it is perfectly safe to assume that the entourage that announces the arrival of the "King, the Lord of glory," is the legion of angels who are escorting Jesus to His heavenly throne. And as they approach the city, they call to the heavenly angels in charge of the gate of the heavenly city, "Lift up your heads, O you gates; be lifted up, you ancient doors."

And an amazing thing happens. A discussion that takes place. The gatekeepers don't recognize Jesus. And they ask, twice, "Who is this King of glory." "Who is he, this king of glory." They look out among the advancing entourage and they don't see anyone fitting the description of a king of glory. And both times, the angels with Jesus reply, "The Lord strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle. The Lord Almighty – He is the king of glory." But now the question is, "Why didn't the heavenly gate keepers recognize Jesus? Why did they have to ask for the King of glory to be identified?"

It was because Jesus ascended into heaven as the Word made Flesh. And not only that, His flesh was bruised, battered and sacred. He still bears the nail holes in his feet and hands. As one ancient theologian puts it, "They didn't recognize him because he was clothed in the poor tunic of our nature. His garments were red from the winepress of human evils."

This confusion of the gatekeepers over the identity of the King of glory is repeated much later by St. John who, in his revelation, is given a glimpse into heaven where the ascended king rules from the throne. There is a question in heaven over who has the authority to open the scroll that contains the record of those who are saved. The angels ask, "who is worthy to break the seals and open the scroll?" And then everyone sees that all along, right in the center of the throne, was a Lamb, "looking like it had been slain," and He is worthy to open the scroll. (Rev. 5:1-6).

One of the several reasons that we celebrate the Ascension of our Lord is because He bears an eternal witness of His death for the atonement of our sins to the Father, and for His sake, the Father has mercy on us poor sinners. Ascension Day is 50 days from Easter - May 9th. We will mark the Ascension of Our Lord on Sunday, May 10th in our worship service.

Yours in Christ,  
*Pastor Nielsen*

*Notes from your Deaconess*  
May 2020

Dear Brothers and Sisters of LCR,

Some of these spring days the sun shines brightly, while on others we only have clouds, wind, and rain. We wonder when our lives will shift to patterns of moving more often and farther from home without restrictions and the serious caution we've needed to maintain these past weeks. Yet the trees have begun budding, spring bulbs bloom, perennials are emerging in gardens, the birds have begun their annual northern migration (hummingbirds arrived in Maine mid-April), and our Lord's in control – he is risen, ascended to the Father and keeps our lives in his care.

The entire month of May – until the very last day when we celebrate Pentecost – we observe the season of Easter! We have wonderful hymns for this season in our service book, thirty-three in fact. The origins of some of their *texts* date as far back as the sixth and eighth centuries (see #478, #487, and #489), and one comes from as recently as 2000 (#476). The *tunes* for #459 and #460 possibly have been around since the eleventh century, and a couple were written in this century (#472 and #486). Most of these Easter hymns come from European and American traditions, but we do have one Tanzanian Easter hymn included (#466).

I just began looking closely at #479, "Christ is Risen, Christ is Living," which I do not believe we have ever sung together at church in the past. From the mid-twentieth century and of Spanish origins, with its tune in a minor key, it still exudes a joyful sound and text. Snippets of scripture from Luke 24, John 14, 1 Corinthians 15, and Romans 6 weave through its lines...

*Christ is risen, Christ is Living, Dry your tears, be unafraid!...*  
*Death has lost its sting and terror, Christ the Lord has come to reign...*  
*Let us thank our God, who causes Hope to spring up from the ground;*  
*Christ is risen, Christ is giving Life eternal, life profound.*

How about challenging yourself to read one of these hymns every day of May – even if you don't know or can't figure out their tunes? On May 21, we will celebrate Ascension Day, remembering that Jesus ascended to the Father forty days after the resurrection. You could look through the Ascension Day hymns (#491 to #495) on that date.

Our daily lectionary readings continue this month in Luke, following the journeys of the disciples who watch, listen to, learn from, and eat, with Jesus. We'll read many of the most well-known parables during these weeks, and right into the accounts of Holy Week before June. The Old Testament readings from Leviticus and Numbers continue the accounts of the people of Israel moving with Moses through the wilderness, hearing him speak God's word to them, teaching how to worship, and how to live in community set apart from the nations around.

Under his mercy,  
Sharon M. Conover

Jesus said: *I tell you, my friends, do not fear those who kill the body, and after that have nothing more that they can do.....Are not five sparrows sold for two pennies? And not one of them is forgotten before God. Why, even the hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear not; you are of more value than many sparrows.*" Luke 12:4, 6-7

#### **Summer Service schedule begins Sunday, May 24.**

Worship will begin at 9:00 a.m. Sunday School will be in recess.

#### **Need a meal, prescription, supplies?**

If you are in need of the above or any other service, here is a list of folks who are willing to pick up and deliver:

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|----------------------------------|---------------------------|
| • Rachel Anderson                | • Dorthy McAllister       |
| • Yvonne Batson                  | • Deb Nielsen             |
| • Deaconess Conover              | • Christine Thomas        |
| • Charlie and Jenifer MacPherson | • Brian and Andrea Watson |

#### **Transitioning**

Highlights of the discussion of the Church Council at its Zoom meeting last week regarding how best to transition back to normal. There has been some initial discussion at state and national levels that 'Phase 2' would allow for up to 50 people to meet together while still maintaining many of the precautions that have been in place. When that happens, we expect to be prepared to restart corporate worship in the Sanctuary on Sundays. We'll offer two services or three if necessary. We'll work out a procedure for signing up for the 1st or 2nd service to ensure we keep the number within the requirements. The Order for these services will be in keeping with the particular Sunday. Then, when all restrictions are finally lifted, we'll return to one service at which we will celebrate Easter Sunday, breakfast and all. If that happens on or after May 24th, we'll be into the Summer Schedule and worship will begin at 9:00 a.m.

#### **Thank you from the Keilani Family**

Dear Resurrection Lutheran Church,

Thank you for your support during this uncertain time. What we can be sure of is the Lord's provision shows through your generosity. We pray this note finds you all healthy.

Love,

The Keilani 3



## **Monthly Worship**

**May 3, 2020**

**Fourth Sunday of Easter**

**Psalm:** 23

**First Reading:** Acts 2: 42-47

**Epistle:** 1 Peter 2:19-25

**Holy Gospel:** John 10:1-10

**May 10, 2020**

**Fifth Sunday of Easter**

**Psalm:** 146

**First Reading:** Acts 6:1-9; 7:2a, 51-60

**Epistle:** 1 Peter 2:2-10

**Holy Gospel:** John 14:1-14

**May 17, 2020**

**Sixth Sunday of Easter**

**Psalm:** 66:8-20

**First Reading:** Acts 17:16-31

**Epistle:** 1 Peter 3:13-22

**Gospel:** John 14:15-21

**May 24, 2020**

**Seventh Sunday of Easter**

**Psalm:** 68:1-10

**First Reading:** Acts 1:12-26

**Epistle:** 1 Peter 4:12-19

**Holy Gospel:** John 17:1-11

**May 31, 2020**

**The Day of Pentecost**

**Psalm:** 25:1-15

**First Reading:** Numbers 11:24-30

**Epistle:** Acts 2:1-21

**Holy Gospel:** John 7:37-39

## **BIBLE QUIZ**

**1. How many epistles did Paul write to Timothy?**

A) 0 B) 1 C) 2 (D) 3

**2. Whom does God tempt?**

A) all nonbelievers B) just the murderers and other “hard-core” sinners C) just the atheists D) no one

**3. Who was the wicked man who plotted to annihilate every single Jew on earth?**

A) Hal B) Haran C) Haman D) Halaram

**4. Why did King David murder Bathsheba’s husband?**

A) to hide the fact that the baby Bathsheba carried was his and not her husband’s B) He was found to be a traitor plotting David’s assassination C) his lineage was of Esau and a hated enemy since times of old D) he was a foreigner in Israel’s army and therefore not to be trusted

**5. How does someone guarantee getting into heaven?**

A) believe in Jesus and pray and read the Bible regularly B) believe in Jesus and do good things for others regularly C) Believe in Jesus and go to church regularly D) believe in Jesus and nothing else

**6. When Jesus died, how many pieces was the temple curtain torn into?**

A) two B) four C) seven D) eleven

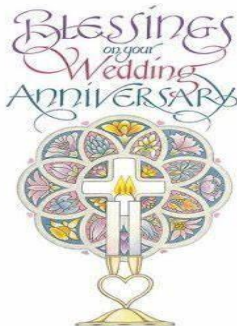


5/1 Brian Watson  
 5/3 Don Pryor  
 5/4 Emily-Lynn Carlson  
 5/12 Carl Mattson  
 5/14 Kevin Kinter  
 5/15 Kitty Carlson  
 5/16 Therese Carter  
 Kenneth Zahner  
 5/18 Rick Dostie  
 Fenn Ouellette  
 5/22 Sasha Fitzpatrick  
 5/23 Michelle Hein  
 Anna Rowe  
 5/24 Amanda Goldsmith  
 5/27 Christine Thomas  
 5/29 David Morris  
 5/30 Rev. Ted Evertson  
 5/31 Jared Goldsmith



## Birthdays

5/11 Avis Grant  
 5/17 Callum Goldsmith  
 5/24 Fenn Ouellette  
 5/28 Miriam Schiebel  
 5?? Gail Carrano  
 Rick Dostie



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



5/8 Moe Cote  
 5/10 Angie Carlson  
 Matthew Esculano  
 Amanda Goldsmith  
 Jared Goldsmith  
 Krys Paules  
 5/18 Peter Doran  
 5/21 Rick Drageland  
 5/31 LeeAnne Larsen  
 5/?? Lois Doran

## FOR A FEW CHUCKLES

An evangelist and a pastor were out in the woods hunting deer together, when suddenly a grizzly bear appeared and began to chase them. They raced back to their little hut, and the evangelist wrenched the door open. The pastor rushed inside and, unfortunately for him, the bear followed. Immediately the evangelist slammed the door shut from the outside.

“What are you doing?” the pastor screamed from inside the hut.

“I just bring them in, and then they’re all yours!” called the evangelist.

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After a night of swatting bugs on their camping trip, Sally asked her mom, “How did two mosquitoes survive the entire trip on Noah’s ark?”

## Bible Quiz Answers

1. C (the Bible’s table of contents--1Timothy, 2Timothy)
2. D (James 1:13-14)
3. C (Esther 3:6)
4. A (2 Samuel 11:4-15, 23-24)
5. D (Ephesians 2:8-9)
6. A (Luke 23:45)

# May Stewardship

(pending on Phases of reopening)

	<u>May 3</u>	<u>May 10</u>	<u>May17</u>	<u>May 24</u> (9:00)	<u>May 31</u> (9:00)
<u>Acolyte</u>	-	Andrew Farr	Evan Farr	Mia Fitzpatrick	Emily-Lynn Carlson
<u>Comm. Assistant</u>	-	Steve Farr	Mike Hein	Mark Larsen	Glenn Carlson
<u>Ushers</u>	-	Dan Keefe & Wayne Pelletier	Brian Watson & Brad Fitzpatrick	Mike Hein & Chris Batson	Glenn Carlson Jr. & Seth Carlson
<u>Greeters</u>	-	Chris & Yvonne Batson	Tom & Katie Huesers	Wayne & Laverne Pellitier	Dan, Beck & Eleanor Keefe
<u>Altar Care</u>	-	Amanda Goldsmith	Amy Ouellette	Sasha Fitzpatrick	Krista Carlson
<u>Flowers</u>	-	Tina Baker	Tina Baker	Sharon Klipp	Sharon Klipp
<u>Fellowship</u>	-	OPEN	Sharon Klipp	OPEN	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.*
- *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.*