





He is Risen! Alleluia! He is Risen indeed! Alleluia! The story continues . . .

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

He is Risen! Alleluia! He is Risen indeed! Alleluia! The story of Jesus, our Risen Lord does not end with the Resurrection. The story continues.

The Ascension

After He was raised from the Dead and made numerous appearances to His disciples, Jesus was ascended back into heaven. After the Ascension of our Lord, the Father sent the promised 'power from on high' – the Holy Spirit. If we stop at the Resurrection of our Lord, we stop short of the whole story. The story of Jesus of Nazareth continues with the Ascension and the out pouring of the Holy Spirit.

The church celebrates this glorious Ascension on The Feast of the Ascension of Our Lord – a Holy Day included on the liturgical calendar of the church. This Feast is often overlooked by the modern church, and for the most part, unknown by the unchurched. It occurs 40 days after Easter Sunday and so is always on a Thursday. This year it is on Thursday, May 10, 2018.

Ascension Day is the coronation celebration of our Lord as He is proclaimed to be King of the universe. Jesus' ascension to the Father is His entrance to the greater existence beyond the confines of time and space, being no longer bound by the limitations of His state of humiliation. Jesus now sits at the right hand of God, which Luther correctly taught is everywhere, having again taken up the power and authority that was His since before time. Yet our Lord is present with us who remain bound by time and space. He is with us as true God and true man, exercising His rule in the Church through the means of grace which He established: His Word and His Sacraments. We mortals, in those means of grace, an grasp the King of the universe and receive a foretaste of the feast to come.

There is really quite a bit about the Ascension of Jesus in both the Old and New Testaments. One key message from Ascension is that Jesus has more than enough power and authority to keep all his promises. As King of kings and Lord of lords, whatever he says goes. Behind such promises like "baptism now saves you" (1 Peter 3:21), "whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up on the Last Day" (John 6:54), stands the Ascended Lord. He has proven that He is more than capable of keeping his promises. Our trust in Him is solid.

Ten days after our Lord's Ascension, we celebrate the outpouring of the promised Holy Spirit on the Disciples. We call this celebration 'Pentecost'. Pentecost Sunday this year is on Sunday, May 20, 2018.

What does the word "Pentecost" mean?

The English word "Pentecost" is a transliteration of the Greek word *pentekostos*, which means "fifty." It comes from the ancient Christian expression pentekoste hemera, which means "fiftieth day."

But Christians did not invent the phrase "fiftieth day." Rather, they borrowed it from Greek-speaking Jews who used the phrase to refer to a Jewish holiday. This holiday was known as the Festival of Weeks, or, more simply, Weeks (*Shavuot* in Hebrew). This name comes from an expression in Leviticus 23:16, which instructs people to count seven weeks or "fifty days" from the end of Passover to the beginning of the next holiday (*pentekonta hemeras* in the ancient Greek translation of the Hebrew Scripture).

Shavuot was the second great feast in Israel's yearly cycle of holy days. It was originally a harvest festival (Exodus 23:16), but, in time, turned into a day to commemorate the giving of the law on Mt. Sinai. This day became especially significant for Christians because, seven weeks after the resurrection of Jesus, during the Jewish celebration of Shavuot/Pentecost, the Holy Spirit was poured out upon his first followers, thus empowering them for their mission and gathering them together as a church.

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Ladies Guild MAY

How, Lord ... can I stop procrastinating?

If you wait for perfect conditions you will never get anything done. Ecclesiastes 11:4

Procrastination is a habit that allows us to avoid doing a task or facing a situation or just plain putting something off because we don't want to deal with it. In the meantime, work goes unfinished and we waste valuable energy thinking about (or worrying over) what it is we still have to do. Martin Luther said, "How soon 'not now' becomes 'never'."

To break this habit, the question "Why do I procrastinate?" needs to be answered. Is it fear of failure? Laziness? A desire for perfection? Self-doubts? When we look at these answers we realize that none of them are God-pleasing reasons for avoiding what needs to be done.

God does answer this question in His Word: Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men ... (Colossians 3:23). We can face those put-off tasks by remembering that God is with us and "... nothing is impossible with God" (Luke 1:37).

Walking with my Lord

Lord, when I have things I must do, give me the determination not to put them off until later. Through Your Holy Spirit working within me, help me let go of the reasons I don't get things done and instead do all things to Your glory. In Jesus' name. Amen.

LWML Spring Rally is scheduled for May 5 at Grace Lutheran in Jamaica.

Women's Mini Retreat at St. John's led by Joyce Albert on May 19. (See flyer on page 9 for more information) PLEASE RSVP to Joyce Albert

Our next meeting will be on Tues. May 29, 2018 @ 7:00pm



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In Christ,

Debbie Sichler

President Ladies Guild

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MAY 2018

When you run alone, it's called a race; when you run with God, it's called Grace.

AND

Be an organ donor, give your heart to Jesus!

BIBLE TRIVIA

APRIL 2018 TRIVIA QUESTION WITH ANSWER

LAUGHERS and DANCERS ...

What is the only book in the Bible to mention God laughing? *There are (3) separate verses - find at least (1)*

ANSWERS: Psalm 2:4; Psalm 37:13; Psalm 59:8

MAY 2018 TRIVIA QUESTION

LAUGHERS and DANCERS ...

What epistle tells Christians to turn their laughter to mourning?

HINT: LOOK IN THE BOOK OF JAMES

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What is the Spiritual Significance of Pentecost?

I will suggest four possible ways that Pentecost is significant to God's Holy Church.

1 The Presence and Power of the Spirit

On the day of Pentecost, the Holy Spirit was poured out upon those followers of Jesus who had gathered together in Jerusalem. What happened on the first Pentecost continues to happen to Christians throughout the world today, though usually not in such a dramatic fashion. We rarely get a heavenly wind and tongues of fire anymore. Nevertheless, God pours out the Spirit upon all who put their faith in Jesus Christ and become his disciples (see Romans 8:1-11).

Christians are meant to live in the presence and power of the Spirit of God. The Holy Spirit helps us to confess Jesus as Lord (1 Cor 12:3), empowers us to serve God with supernatural power (1 Cor 12:4-11), binds us together as the body of Christ (1 Cor 12:12-13), helps us to pray (Rom 8:26), and even intercedes for us with God the Father (Rom 8:27). The Spirit guides us (Gal 5:25), helping us to live like Jesus (Gal 5:22-23).

2 The Central Role of the Church in God's Work in the World

On Pentecost, the Holy Spirit descended on individual followers of Jesus as they were gathered together in Jerusalem. This gathering became the first Christian church. Thus we speak of Pentecost as the birthday of the church.

There are surely times when the Holy Spirit touches an individual who is alone in prayer, worship, or ministry to others. But the fact that the Spirit was given to a gathering of believers is not incidental. It underscores the centrality of the church in God's work in the world.

Many Christians, especially those of us who have been influenced by the individualism of American culture, live as if the church is useful but unnecessary. We seem to believe that as long as we have a personal relationship with God, everything else is secondary. But Pentecost is a vivid illustration of the truth that is found throughout Scripture: the community of God's people is central to God's work in the world. Thus, Pentecost invites us to consider our own participation in the fellowship, worship, and mission of the church. It is a time to renew our commitment to live as an essential member of the body of Christ, using our gifts to build the church and share the love and justice of Christ with the world.

3 The Multilingual Nature and Mission of the Church

On Pentecost, the Holy Spirit empowered believers in Jesus to praise God in many languages that they had not learned in the ordinary manner (Acts 2:5-13). Symbolically, this miracle reinforces the multilingual, multicultural, multiracial mission of the church. We are to be a community in which all people are drawn

together by God's love in Christ. As Paul writes in Galatians 3:28: "There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus."

Although there are some glorious exceptions, it seems that the church has not, in general, lived out its multilingual mission. We are often divided according to language, race, and ethnicity. Pentecost challenges all of us to examine our own attitudes in the regard, to reject and repent of any prejudice that lurks within us, and to open our hearts to all people, even and especially those who do not share our language and culture. Yes, I know this is not easy. But it is central to our calling. And it is something that the Spirit of God will help us to do if we are available.

4 The Inclusive Ministry of the Church

After the Holy Spirit fell upon the first followers of Jesus, Peter preached a sermon to help folks understand what had just happened. In this sermon he cited a portion of a prophecy from Joel: 'In the last days,' God says, 'I will pour out my Spirit upon all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy. Your young men will see visions, and your old men will dream dreams. In those days I will pour out my Spirit even on my servants—men and women alike—and they will prophesy. (Acts 2:17-18; Joel 2:28-29). Later, Peter explained that the Spirit would be given to all who turned from their sin and turned to God through Jesus (Acts 2:38).

This was a momentous, watershed event. For the first time in history, God began to do what he had promised through Joel, empowering all different sorts of people for ministry. Whereas in the era of the Old Testament, the Spirit was poured out almost exclusively on prophets, priests, and kings, in the age of the New Testament, the Spirit would be given to "all people." All would be empowered to minister regardless of their gender, age, or social position.

Although this truth would not mean that every Christian would be gifted for every kind of ministry, it did imply that all believers would be empowered by the Spirit. The church of Jesus Christ would be a place where every single person matters, where every member contributes to the health and mission of the church (see Eph 4:11-16).

Conclusion

We pray that God will give us all the grace to listen to the whole story of Jesus: His birth, passion, death, resurrection, Ascension and the resultant outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon all believers, including you and me. Let us all embrace the salvation that God has prepared for us as it is revealed in this story of Jesus.

God Bless you all. Pastor James T. Gajadhar

God's Blessings to all celebrating this month.



May 8 Andrew Ciminelli

May 8 Arthur Hagendorf

May 13 Kevin Sichler

May 27 Sonja Munzenmaier





Congratulations to **Mikaela Noel von Schnackenberg**, granddaughter of Christel Schnackenberg who graduated from The University of Florida Warrington College of Business on Sunday, May 6, 2018 (just one day before her 20th Birthday) with a Bachelor of Science Business Administration Degree in Marketing, Minor in Classical Studies, Minor in Information Systems & Minor in Retailing.

In the April 2018 issue of the Newsletter we asked individuals to send in their thoughts and/or special events they would like to share. In that vain we have received the following from Ed & Claire Siebert:

The Resurrection monthly newsletter should get a prize. It is the loveliest newsletter I have ever seen in my 76 years. It is well written, arranged well, complete with colored art work and the pictures are beautiful. And Pastor Gajadhar's articles are excellent. I often copy them and send them to relatives and friends.

We appreciate receiving the newsletter every month here in Connecticut Claire Siebert





Bar-B-Que is planned for Sunday, June 24th, 2018





- for all of us at Resurrection that we may all have a heart for those who don't know Jesus, to help everyone come to know the love of God, and become part of God's church family, into an even closer relationship with God, and come to eternal life.

Our Members who are *Home-Bound:* Joe Dunlop, Sonja Munzenmaier and Dorothea Gruenwald; in *NURSING HOMES*: Harriet Rose; and those with *OTHER CONCERNS:* Lynn, Connie, Marie Cappello, Ronnie Sowa, Diana Green, Grace Serro, Eileen Alvarez, Kathy, Antony Gajadhar, Jennifer Gajadhar, Karen Carella, Tim, Ciminelli Family, Pastor Sam, Nancy Michaelis, Trina Seibel, Linda Seibel, Marilyn Lang, Heather Valente, Ralph Valente, Danielle Valente, Juliette Valente, Tom McNeely, Anthony Novitske, June Kippeny, Ricky Stanton, Karen Dudin, Nicole, Baby Everret Rodriquez, Audrey Jones, Julie and Baby Brielle Timmers, and Joanne.

Dear Heavenly Father, through our Baptism we have been brought out of death to life. Continually remind us of this new life and the new creation that we are in Your Son Jesus. It is in His name that we pray. Amen.

Our Mid-Week BIBLE Study - Dear Heavenly Father, you have made the heavens and the earth. You have revealed your beauty in creation and inspired the book that we are now studying. Please help us now as we read together. Take us deeper into understanding more about you and your love for us. Amen

Our missionary groups right here in Flushing, the Chinese Lutheran Ministry, the Korean Ministry, the Indo Pak Ministry, and Glory Lutheran Ministry that God will continue to bless all of these ministries and help them to grow.

- For all of our troops: "Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. Amen."

"Pray without ceasing ... Do not put out the Spirit's fire" 1Thessalonians 5: 17, 19

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Serving Schedule:

May 6, 2018

Elder: Tom McNeely

Reader: Eleanor Johnson

Usher: Stephen Gavora

Douglas Law

Greeter: Sharon Rouzier

Altar Care: Christel Schnackenberg

May 10, 2018



Elder: Tom McNeely

Usher: Stephen Gavora Douglas Law

Altar Care: Karen Carella

Jenny Gajadhar

May 13, 2018

Elder: Tom McNeely

Reader: Gary Carella

Usher: Stephen Gavora

Douglas Law

Greeter: Eleanor Johnson

Altar Care: Jenny Gajadhar Karen Carella May 20, 2018

Elder: Tom McNeely

Reader: Walter Hartman

Usher: Stephen Gavora

Douglas Law

Greeter: Ada Gavora

Altar Care: Eleanor Johnson

Dottie McNeely

May 27, 2018

Elder: Tom McNeely

Reader: Jenny Gajadhar

Usher: Stephen Gavora

Douglas Law

Greeter: Dottie McNeely

Altar Care: Dottie McNeely

Eleanor Johnson





FOOD PANTRY Needs Your Help!

Your HELP is NEEDED NOW for the food pantry at Emanuel Lutheran Church in Corona which serves the hungry in this community. Non-perishable foods can be brought to the FOOD BASKET located in the Narthex of the church for future distributions at Emanuel, the second Saturday of the month For further information call (718) 359-3289.

Potato Bud

Won't you please help to fill the basket with non-perishable foods!

SUNDAY'S - Immanuel Lutheran Church - Bible Study - 9:30am

Pastor Sam uses Church 2:00pm - 3:30pm Glory Lutheran Church 4:00pm - 5:30pm

WEDNESDAY'S - Resurrection Lutheran Church - Bible Study - 10:00am

Choir Practice - @ 7:30pm

Immanuel Chinese Bible Study 7:30pm -8:30pm

THURSDAY'S - Alcoholics Anonymous - 6:00pm - 8:00pm

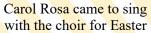
Glory Lutheran Bible Study 6:00pm - 7:30pm

FRIDAY'S - Immanuel Chinese Bible Study 7:45pm - 9:00pm

SATURDAY'S - Alcoholics Anonymous - 11:15am - 2:00pm

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Heather Valente leading the Sunday School Children Singing





with the choir for Easter

Pastor, Jenny and their family



Eleanor Johnson, Tom McNeely & Pastor





Shared Faith Ministries

Resurrection Lutheran Church & St. John's Lutheran Church



Thursday, May 10, 2018 7:30pm



Join us on Thursday, May 10th at Resurrection Lutheran Church for our Ascension Day Service. The service will begin at 7:30pm.

TO ALL INDIVIDUALS WHO USE THE REFRIGERATOR @ RESURRECTION:

It has been brought to our attention that on more than one occasion food stored in the refrigerator has gone missing. Since this is a community refrigerator, and many groups use it we have asked that you please put your name / group and date on all food. This refrigerator is NOT a storage place. Please be mindful of this. We have found food growing mold and/ or turned bad. Also if there is a spill, please clean it up. It isn't only the members of Resurrection's

responsibility to clean and keep the refrigerator clean its everyone's

job.

DO NOT TAKE FOOD THAT DOES NOT BELONG TO YOU

FOR THE
GARDEN OF
YOUR DAILY
LIVING



PLANT THREE ROWS OF PEAS:

Peace of mind Peace of heart Peace of soul

PLANT FOUR ROWS OF SQUASH:

Squash gossip Squash indifference Squash grumbling Squash selfishness

PLANT FOUR ROWS OF LETTUCE:

Lettuce be faithful
Lettuce be kind
Lettuce be patient
Lettuce really love one another

NO GARDEN IS WITHOUT TURNIPS:

Turnip for meetings
Turnip for service
Turnip to help one another

TO CONCLUDE OUR GARDEN WE MUST HAVE THYME:

Thyme for each other Thyme for family Thyme for friends

Water freely with patience and cultivate with love. There is much fruit in your garden because you reap what you sow. ~Aurhor Unknown

Bible Wordsearch

Yeast of The **Pharisees**

Wordsearch 269

Matt.16:1-16

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After you find all the hidden words the left over letters spell out a Bible verse reading from the top to the bottom right

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Precious and The God of love and peace shall be with you. 2 Corinthians 13:11

> Please join us as we learn and grow in our understanding of the Savior and his love for us.

Event: Women's Mini-Retreat

Place: St. John's Lutheran Church

147-46 Sanford Avenue, Flushing, NY 11355

Saturday, May 19, 2018

(Saturday between Mother's Day and Memorial Day)

Please contact Joyce Albert to register. jealbertlib@yahoo.com or 718-359-3289







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Sunday Worship 9:15am

(Pre-Worship Singing begins at 4:05am)

Immanuel Lutheran Service II:15am

Indo Pak Service 2:00pm - 3:30pm

Glory Lutheran Church 4:00pm - 5:30pm



May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ be upon

