



Resurrection Life OCTOBER 2018



**FROM THE
PASTOR**

Sola Scriptura - Empty Words or Genuine Belief

October is the ‘Reformation’ month for us Lutheran Christians. It is a time for us to reflect on our commitment to the fruits of the Reformation. ‘Sola Scriptura’ is one of the significant fruits of the Reformation. As we prepare once again to celebrate the blessing of the Reformation, it is important for us to reaffirm what ‘Sola Scriptura’ means and to ask ourselves how well is the Church of today doing with regard to this divine truth.

The phrase *sola scriptura* is from the Latin: *sola* having the idea of “alone,” “ground,” “base,” and the word *scriptura* meaning “writings”—referring to the Scriptures. *Sola scriptura* means that Scripture alone is authoritative for the faith and practice of the Christian. The Bible is complete, authoritative, and true. “All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness” (2 Timothy 3:16).

Sola scriptura was the rallying cry of the Protestant Reformation. For centuries the Pre-Reformation Church had made its traditions superior in authority to the Bible. This resulted in many practices that were in fact contradictory to the Bible. Martin Luther, who is considered the father of the Protestant Reformation, was publicly rebuking the Church of his time for its unbiblical teachings.

We know that the Bible is the Word of God. The Bible declares itself to be God-breathed, inerrant, and authoritative. We also know that God does not change His mind or contradict Himself. So, the only way to know for sure what God expects of us is to stay true to what we know He has revealed—the Bible. We can know, beyond the shadow of any doubt, that Scripture is true, authoritative, and reliable.

The Word of God is the only authority for the Christian faith. Traditions are valid only when they are based on Scripture and are in full agreement with Scripture. Traditions that contradict the Bible are not of God and are not a valid aspect of the Christian faith. *Sola scriptura* is the only way to avoid subjectivity and keep personal opinion from taking priority over the teachings of the Bible. The essence of *sola scriptura* is basing your spiritual life on the Bible alone and rejecting any tradition or teaching that is not in full agreement with the Bible. [Second Timothy 2:15](#) declares, “Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a workman who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth.”

Sola scriptura does not nullify the concept of church traditions. Rather, *sola scriptura* gives us a solid foundation on which to base church traditions. There are many practices, in both Lutheran and non-Lutheran churches, that are the result of traditions, not the explicit teaching of Scripture. It is good, and even necessary, for the church to have traditions. Traditions play an important role in clarifying and organizing Christian practice. At the same time, in order for these traditions to be valid, they must not be in disagreement with God’s Word. They must be based on the solid foundation of the teaching of Scripture.

Scripture’s authority is universal; because it is God’s Word, it is His authority. The fact that Scripture was not readily available, or that people could not read it, does not change the fact that Scripture is God’s Word. So, traditions are not the problem. Unbiblical traditions are the problem. *Sola scriptura* ultimately points us back to the God who always speaks the truth, never contradicts Himself, and always proves Himself to be dependable.

The challenge for the American Christianity of today is that we live in a nation in which the political climate has become so extremely partisan. More and more citizens of our nation have lined up behind the political ideology of their choice to the point where anything said or done outside of that political space is ignored or vigorously criticized. On the other hand, anything that is said or done within that political space is supported and advocated without question. In this context,

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Ladies Guild OCTOBER

The Holy Spirit ... my partner in prayer!

And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests.

Ephesians 6:18a

Of the Word

Do you have an active prayer life? Are your prayers long or short? Can you comfortably voice your prayer concerns to God? The Holy Spirit comes to our aid as we pray. He comes with open arms and places them around us to guide us in truth. (John 16:13) The Holy Spirit is our greatest support in prayer.

In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groans that words cannot express. And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints in accordance with God's will.

(Romans 8:26-27)

What great comfort to know that the Holy Spirit is our guide to truth and that He is within us! He is our prayer partner. If you're having a difficult time praying, remember the Spirit is in you, to support you. You are not alone in prayer!

Walking with my Lord

Dear Lord, thank You for sending the Holy Spirit. No longer will I need to worry over the correct words or proper form because I know the Spirit will help guide my thoughts and words to You in prayer. In Jesus' name, I pray. Amen.



Spirit of NY Cruise - October 6, 2018

Tuscarora Fall Retreat - October 12 - 14, 2018

Walking Without FEAR

LWML SUNDAY - October 21, 2018

Mini Women's Retreat led by Joyce Albert

November 10, 2018 - location St. John's College Point.

More information to come.

Our next meeting will be on **Tues. OCT. 23, 2018 @ 7:00pm**



Always Remember your Mite Boxes ...

In Christ,

Debbie Sichler

President Ladies Guild



CHURCH STAFF:

Pastor: Rev. James T. Gajadhar

Elder: Tom McNeely

Church Office: (718) 463-4292

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Musicians: Flautist - Heather Valente; Percussionist - Ralph Valente

Ministers: All the Members



2018 CHURCH COUNCIL: President: Gary Carella, Vice President: Vacant

Elder: Tom McNeely; Secretary: Dottie McNeely;

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OCTOBER 2018

"Look" GOD IS PAINTING THE MOUNTAINS
and

AUTUMN LEAVES FALL THE SON RISES



BIBLE TRIVIA

LAUGHERS and DANCERS ...

Who told Job that God would certainly fill a righteous man with laughter

ANSWER: Bildad JOB 8:21

LOOKING AHEAD TO OCTOBER TRIVIA QUESTION

LAUGHERS and DANCERS ...

What book says, "Our dance is turned into mourning?"

HINT: LOOK IN THE BOOK OF LAMENTATIONS



- **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: Sonja Munzenmaier; **in NURSING HOMES:** Dorothea Gruenwald and Harriet Rose; those with **OTHER CONCERNS:** Lynn, Connie, Marie Cappello, Diana Green, Kathy, Karen Carella, Grace Serro, Antony Gajadhar, Jennifer Gajadhar, Joanne Gajadhar, Marilyn Lang, Heather Valente, Ralph Valente, Danielle Valente, Juliette Valente, Eileen Alvarez, Tim, Nicole, Ricky Stanton, Ronnie Sowa, Anita Reinert, Pastor Sam, Tom McNeely, John Ulicny, Anthony Novitske, Julie and Baby Brielle Timmers, Derek Zacchino, Joanne Voltmer, Howie Voltmer and Audrey Jones.

Heavenly Father - forgive us for doubts and weakness. Strengthen our faith and help us to come to you with petitions that are pleasing in Your sight. Then help us to listen for Your timely answers. In Jesus' name. 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"
1 Thessalonians 5: 17, 19

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it is very easy to become so immersed in the political noise around us that the message of the Bible gets drowned out. As Christians, both clergy and lay, we are not unaffected by this reality. As such we are part of a significant majority of our nation who are more inclined to accept, support and advocate for our own particular political agenda with little or no regard to Holy Scripture. This is quite a conundrum for the church because the very essence of 'Sola Scriptura' is that our lives individually and corporately is to be guided by Holy Scripture.

Supporting political ideas and advocating for them is not the issue. Good healthy political debate is often very helpful and desirable. The challenge is that oftentimes political discourse and actions contradict the Word of God. Whenever it does, Christians must stand up for the Word of God and not for the ideas or policies that contradict the Word of God. This is not easy in this highly partisan context in which we live. So we have to ask ourselves, do we as Christians have the courage to speak out in favor of the Word of God in disagreement with others in our political space?

In the time of the Reformation the challenge for the church was 'traditions' versus the Word of God. It seems to me that in today's context the challenge for the Church and its membership is 'political loyalty' versus the Word of God. The question for every Christian therefore, is: "Is 'Sola Scriptura' just empty words or is it a genuine belief that guides the practice of our faith?"

Peace in Christ,

Pastor James T. Gajadhar



Sunday, October 7, 2018

Pastor
Appreciation



God's Blessings to all celebrating this month.

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

- Oct. 2 Joel Gonzalez
- Oct. 7 Eleanor Johnson
- Oct. 24 Douglas Gonzalez



OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES



- Stephen and Ada Gavora - October 4th
- Walter and Wilma Wichern - October 7th



Celebrating 25 Years of Giving Shoebox Gifts to Children in Need

Operation Christmas Child, a project of Samaritan's Purse, has delivered 157 million shoeboxes to boys and girls around the world. We praise God for so many children whose lives have been transformed because of a simple gift.

Contact person is:

DEADLINE IS NOV. 12th Liane Runco (718) 357-4681

No toothpaste or candy

These items are no longer allowed in shoeboxes due to customs regulations.



\$9 Donation

A \$9 donation per shoebox gift is critical to cover shipping and other ministry expenses.

It is with sympathy and sadness that we announce passing



of our dear sister in Christ, **KAREN DUDIN** on Monday, September 17, 2018.

A Funeral Service was held at Resurrection Lutheran Church on Thursday, September 20, 2018 officiated by Rev. James. T. Gajadhar.

Our thoughts and prayers are with the Dudin Family during this difficult time.

We acknowledge with gratitude the following gifts that were made to the Resurrection Memorial Fund or other funds this past month to the Glory of God and in memory of:

JOSEPH DUNLOP

from the following individuals are:

- Ilse Albers
- Darlene & Lawrence Peterson
- RuthAnn Wessel and
- Mark Dunlop and families



In Loving Memory of

KAREN DUDIN

from the following individuals are:

- Gary & Karen Carella
- Eleanor Johnson



Those we love don't go away, They walk beside us every day. Unseen, unheard, but always near; Still loved, still missed and very dear.




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OCTOBER 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat		
	1	2	3 NO HEALING SERVICE NO BIBLE STUDY 7:30pm Choir Practice	4	5	6 Spirit of NY Cruise		
Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost 9:15am Resurrection Lutheran 11:15am Immanuel Lutheran 2:00pm Indo-Pak 4:00pm Glory Lutheran Pastor Appreciation Sunday	 COLUMBUS DAY Office Closed	8	9	 9:00am HEALING SERVICE Mid-Week Bible Study 10:00am 7:30pm Choir Practice	10	11	12	13 Food Pantry At Corona 9am AD LWML 2018 Annual Fall Retreat - Tuscarora Inn, October 12-14, 2018
Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost 9:15am Resurrection Lutheran 11:15am Immanuel Lutheran 2:00pm Indo-Pak 4:00pm Glory Lutheran Stewardship Sunday NEWSLETTER MEETING	14	15	16	17	18	19	20  NewsLetter DEADLINE	
Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost 9:15am Resurrection Lutheran 11:15am Immanuel Lutheran 2:00pm Indo-Pak 4:00pm Glory Lutheran LWML Sunday	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	
REFORMATION SUNDAY 9:15am Resurrection Lutheran 11:15am Immanuel Lutheran 2:00pm Indo-Pak 4:00pm Glory Lutheran	28	29	30	 REFORMATION Shared Faith Ministries Service @ 7:30pm Resurrection 8:30pm Choir Practice	1			

Serving Schedule:

OCTOBER 2018

October 7, 2018	October 14, 2018	October 21, 2018	October 28, 2018	October 31, 2018
Elder: Tom McNeely	Elder: Tom McNeely	Elder: Tom McNeely	Elder: Tom McNeely	 Elder: Tom McNeely Usher: Stephen Gavora Altar Care: Cynthia Myers Ida Myers
Reader: Debbie Sichler	Reader: Jenny Gajadhar	Reader: Walter Hartman	Reader: Eleanor Johnson	
Usher: Stephen Gavora	Usher: Stephen Gavora	Usher: Stephen Gavora	Usher: Stephen Gavora	
Greeter: Ada Gavora	Greeter: Dottie McNeely	Greeter: Sharon Rouzier	Greeter: Eleanor Johnson	
Altar Care: Eleanor Johnson Dottie McNeely	Altar Care: Karen Carella Eleanor Johnson	Altar Care: Debbie Sichler Ada Gavora	Altar Care: Ada Gavora Debbie Sichler	

PASTOR APPRECIATION DAY



A pastor never gets to say "I'm off duty". Never gets to punch out at 5 o'clock. Never gets to have a normal schedule. We don't know how many sleepless nights they spend on their knees praying for their congregation. How much opposition they face. How many family opportunities they miss to meet with hurting people. We can't carry their burden for them, but we can do what the Bible tells us to do:

PRAY FOR THEM
ENCOURAGE THEM
SUPPORT THEM

By blessing them we will only be blessed in return.



Fall Back
 DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS
 November 4, 2018



DEADLINE:
Newsletter Articles
 OCTOBER 19, 2018

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.



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

Bible Wordsearch

Wordsearch 273

Matt. 18:1-18

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The Lost Sheep

ANGELS BROTHER
 BELIEVE CHILDREN
 CAUSES COLLECTOR
 CHANGE CHURCH
 DEPTHS ETERNAL
 ENTER FATHER
 EYES GREATEST
 FEET HAPPIER
 HANDS HEAVEN
 HILLS HUMBLER
 JESUS KINGDOM
 JUST LISTEN
 LIFE LOOSED
 NECK MILLSTONE
 SHEEP TESTIMONY
 THINK WELCOMES
 TREAT WILLING
 TRUTH WITNESSES

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

Stewardship is a Way of Life

OCTOBER is Stewardship Month - the theme is: "*Stewardship is a Way of Life*"

"How shall I be a good steward for the Lord, for all the good things God has done for me?"

STEWARDSHIP is about realizing how gifted one is and then properly using all the gifts - our **TIME**, **TALENT** and **TREASURE**. *The core of stewardship is gratitude* - a gratitude that overflows into giving as a "Way of Thankfulness" for all that God has given us. For most people, when they hear the word "stewardship," they immediately think "its all about the money." But *Stewardship is a Way of Life!* - *It's about offering up our grateful hearts to God.* May we see that Stewardship is a "*Way of Life*" and that you will think about how to use your gifts of **TIME**, **TALENT** and **TREASURE** - to the glory of God.

Please note the following dates:

OCTOBER 14th - STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY

Stewardship packets will be given out.

NOVEMBER 18th - LOYALTY SUNDAY

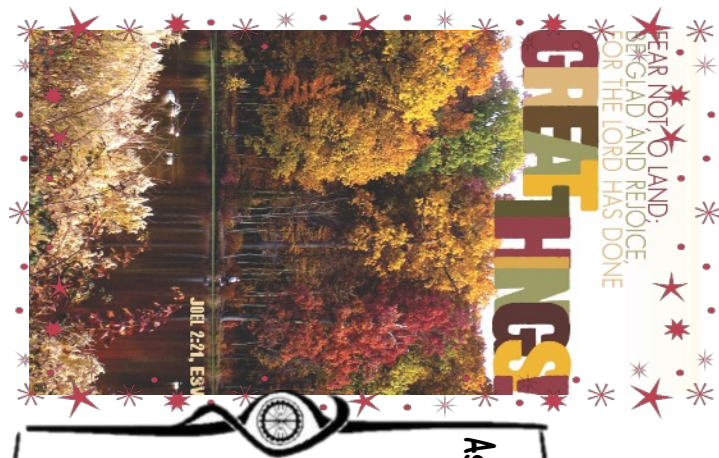
A day when we show our Loyalty and commitment in thankfulness - a way of giving back. The Stewardship packets are to be brought back on this Sunday and will be offered up during the service.



"She out of her poverty has put in everything she had."

MARK 12:44





*Growing in the knowledge and love of Christ,
ministering to one another and to those in the
community, sharing the Gospel with unbelievers
so that the Holy Spirit draws them into a faith
relationship with Jesus.*

*As disciples of Jesus and in obedience to God's word,
the mission of Resurrection Lutheran Church is:*

Our Mission Statement

Resurrection Lutheran Church

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Sunday Worship 9:15am

* (Pre-Worship Singing begins at 9:05am)

Immanuel Lutheran Service 11:15am

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

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



WORKMANSHIP



May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ be upon
YOU