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Resurrection tampers with our sense of reality. There are some things we know that are constant and these give us a sense that even if we cannot control them, such as natural processes, at least we can predict them and thereby manage them. Our ancestors survived long, cold winters because they knew that beginning in late June the days would get shorter and that winter would come. Even though they could not control the reality of shortening days they could prepare for and thereby manage six months without any crops by storing food for themselves and for their livestock. Similarly they could anticipate the fact that the older generation(s) would grow infirm, necessitating the need for them to plan that they would not only cease to be productive but would also cease to exist. The older generation would fade requiring a new generation to be born.

The resurrection of Jesus for those who were first notified of the event, without the benefit of seeing it, was unbelievable (literally, not capable of being believed). The women's account of the raised Jesus violated the unchangeable laws of the universe. Everything that the disciples knew about the way things were supposed to work was being threatened. The order of reality was being called into

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question. Like the earthquake in today's Gospel reading the ground under their feet was being shaken. To say that such news was unsettling would be a gross understatement. The world as they knew it was about to be turned on its head. The closest analogy would be if the forces of gravity were suddenly reversed. Even though death was an enemy, it at least was an enemy that they knew and for which they had made accommodations. In their own way they had taken the reality of death and had made provisions for it. They may not have liked death, but if the raising of Jesus were true, it would shatter their understanding of reality, of themselves and of their religion and God.

As Jesus' disciples today what does the resurrection mean for you and for me? Perhaps another question would be more instructive, if Jesus had not been raised, what would be the implications for us today? Traditional Jewish teaching of Jesus' time declared that upon death life ceased and the deceased individuality, identity, hopes and dreams would be vanquished once and for all. If this were our belief how would we look differently at our lives and at our deaths? If life is a journey then it would be a journey that would end with our careening of a cliff into a free fall into the endless abyss of non-existence. If we knew that a planned trip would end in assured death, how would that impact the hours/days prior to the

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inevitable and tragic conclusion? If eternal death is the only destination in the journey of our lives then our entire life will be colored, or more aptly put, darkened, by the specter of death. Joy and light would be filtered through the dark lens of our unavoidable and eternal demise.

With Jesus' resurrection we recognize that death is defeated. The blackness of the gaping tomb is replaced by the light of his resurrection. Despair is vanquished by hope. Fear is supplanted by confidence. Pessimism is replaced by optimism. The "reality" of eternal death is overcome by the confidence of eternal life. In Jesus' resurrection we (through faith) have been guaranteed that we too would be raised from the dead. Death has been plucked out of our human created (and thereby, failed) calculus of how the universe/our lives work. Like a house of cards our world view is toppled and in its place is a house made of brick with solid rock not shifting sand as a foundation. Because Christ not only was raised but continues to live through the Holy Spirit in our lives, our lives will never be the same and our lives will never be our own for we are God's children and no longer orphans in a world that lives in the all-encompassing shadow of death. We do not live in a failed kingdom subject to decay and death (that of our own making) but in God's

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kingdom of light and life in the reflection of the resurrection. In Christ the old has gone and the new has been born. The world and our lives will never be the same.

In conclusion I'd like to leave you with a quote from a seminary professor of mine, Donald Juel: "Jesus is full of surprises. Old skins cannot contain the new wine. The world's uneasiness in the presence of Jesus is fully justified. He will not be found by tradition that defines human life; even death has no final power over him. The end only marks a new beginning--a beginning of the good news that Jesus, the one who is the ultimate threat to our autonomy, now becomes our source of life. It is only fitting that just as the tomb will not contain Jesus, neither can the Gospel writer's story. Jesus is not bound by its Gospel story's ending; he continues into the future God has in store for the creation. In the meantime there is only the Word, the bread, and the wine, and the promise that "you will see him." We walk by faith and not by sight. We can only trust that God will one day finish the story, as God has promised."

The text for Easter (Matthew 28:1-10) is as follows:

1 After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. 2 And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending

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from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. 3 His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. 4 For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. 5 But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. 6 He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. 7 Then go quickly and tell his disciples, "He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you." 8 So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. 9 Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. 10 Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

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Grace and peace,
Pastor Bruce

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Announcements and Assignments

Coffee and Cookie Servers

(when services resume)



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| May 3 | Sue Kassenborg | June 7 | Germaine Gress |
| May 10 | Barb Grover | June 14 | Polly Hanson |
| May 17 | Clinton Babolian | June 21 | Carolyn Edwards |
| May 24 | JoLyn Johnson | June 28 | Irene Olson |
| May 31 | Kathy Krogstad | | |

If you know of someone in the hospital or in need of a home visit, or if you'd just like to talk through your concerns about the pandemic, contact Pastor Bruce at 218-329-2245.



Mother's Day
Sunday, May 10

Think in the morning. Act in the noon. Eat in the evening. Sleep at night.

~William Blake

Heritage Luncheon Cancelled



This year our planned program was Alex Rydell and his Irish band. Because of the virus problem we have cancelled the luncheon for this year, 2020, but will again have our luncheon next year. Alex and his band graciously accepted the cancellation for this year and the invitation to be our program for the luncheon next year in 2021. We have a year to plan ahead to keep this date **May 15, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.** open for the heritage luncheon and a most enjoyable program of Irish music. Guaranteed to be a special program and lunch!!



Memorial Day Service Cancelled

Due to the coronavirus, Concordia's annual Memorial Day Service has been cancelled. Please take the time to read through the list of Concordia's Veteran's on page 14 as a way of paying respect and honoring their service.

We look forward to seeing you all again as we honor our veterans on Memorial Day, Monday, May 31, 2021!

Happy Sytennde Mai (May 17)!

May da ruts always fit da wheel on your pickup,

May your ear muffs always keep out da nort vind,

May da sun shine varm on yur lefse

May da rain fail soft on yur lutefisk

And 'till we meet again

May da Good Lord protect us from any and all unnecessary Uff-Da's.

Our Memories *by Lenore Hetrick*

If we remember those who are gone they then live again.

They are here once more, they smile & speak, just as do living men.

So let us give our thoughts to the brave on this Memorial Day.

In spiritual fellowship let us speak, and listen to what they have to say.

For a soldier who died for his country must know so much he could tell!

And if we hear the message right it should service us long and well.

With Our Thanks
Donations

Concordia Cemetery Association

*In Memory of Sally Horpedahl
Ruth & Bill Farabee*

Donation

Gloria Tomas



We Need Your Support

With worship services and other activities suspended, your donation to the general fund of any amount can help fill that gap. Donations to the cemetery fund and newsletter are always greatly appreciated as well.

If you wish, your donation can be made in honor or in memory of a loved one or event.

General Fund:

Make checks out to Concordia Lutheran Church and mail to:

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Glyndon MN 56547

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Being a Mother



When you are a child, she walks before you to set an example.

When you are a teen-ager, she walks behind you to be there should you need her.

When you've grown she walks next to you so that you can enjoy life together.

~Unknown

Recipe of the Month

Taco Pizza



Ingredients

Crust

3 large eggs

½ cup olive oil

¼ cup coconut flour

1 tsp salt

1 cup full fat coconut milk

3 cups tapioca flour

1 TB baking powder

Taco Meat

2 TB canola oil

1 diced green pepper

2 garlic cloves, minced

1 lb hamburger

2 TB hot sauce

1 diced red pepper

½ yellow onion, diced

½ jalapeno, diced

Juice of ½ lime

2 TB taco seasoning

Pizza Toppings

¾ cup guacamole dip

¼ cup sliced black olives

½ cup diced green onion

½ cup nacho cheese dip

1/3 cup sour cream

2 cups chopped iceberg lettuce

½ cup diced cherry tomatoes

Directions

- Preheat oven to 350 degrees.
- Line a baking sheet with parchment paper.
- In a medium bowl, mix eggs, coconut milk and olive oil.
- In a large bowl, mix the flours, baking powder and salt.
- Combine wet and dry mixtures and whip until smooth.
- Pour dough on baking sheet and use spatula to even it out.
- Cook for 10-12 minutes.
- While crust is cooking, pour canola oil in large frying pan on medium high heat. Add peppers and onions.
- Saute until peppers have browned and onions are translucent.
- Add hamburger and brown thoroughly
- Add garlic, jalapeno, lime juice, hot sauce and taco seasoning. Simmer for 5 minutes.
- Layer guacamole and sour cream on warm crust. Spread hamburger mixture evenly. Top with tomatoes, olives, lettuce and onion.
- Warm nacho dip in microwave and pour on pizza. Serve immediately!

Concordia's Veterans



In Concordia Cemetery

Civil War

Aanund Kragnes

Andreas Rice

World War I

Almer Gunderson

Signe Lee

Andrew Gunderson

John Morken

George Gunderson

Obert Morken

Leon Hammett

Thomas Olson

Ovean Hite

Paul Skarstad

Joseph B. Johnson

Eugene Studlien

Andrew Kosen

Goodwin Thortvedt

Fred Lee

Ed Wilson

World War I and World War II

Roy Gorder

Robert Olson

World War II

Harold Bekkerus

Lester Kragnes

Florence Grover

Oberlin Kragnes

Gerald Grover

Emmett Gunderson
Orvis Gunderson
Norman Hanson
Everette Hite
Harold Johnk
Ann Thortvedt Johnson
James Juve
Eloise Olson Kincaid
Davis Kosen
Bernard Kragnes

Russell Kragnes
Vernon Kragnes
Gust Langlie
Donald LaPash
Eddie Menholt
Sidney Morken
Henry Skolness
Thorance Snartland
Ralph Stevenson
Carl Swanson
Mable Gunderson Young

Korea, Vietnam, Cold War

Joe O. Babolian
Donald Bekkerus
Clarence Brown
Robert Burke
Ed Edwards
Walter Engesetter
Victor Gress
Valdemar Hagene
Harold Horpedahl

Eugene Kragnes
Burton Kragnes
Donald Johnson
Harold Lohse
Merle Meyer
Alton Mjolsness
Jerry Sabo
Sidney Snartland
Jay Rex Stoutenberg

Allan Kassenborg

Richard Tommerdahl

Glenn Kassenborg

Veteran Sons of Concordia Buried Elsewhere

Merle Bekkerus

Dennis Nelson

Daniel Christianson

Donald Nelson

Allen Gunderson

Robert Nelson

William Gunderson

James Oberg

Bernhard Hegland

John Oberg

Arnold Horpedahl

Vernon Oberg

Ralph Johnk

Aulden Olson

Henry Kragnes

LeRoy Olson

Olaf Midgarden

Robert Tommerahl

Robert Morken

Harold Wik



Mother's Day Word Search

M A M H O M O I C A R N C N G
A P A R E N T A A C O S H N E
S A L N A T H A R F A M I L Y
T R E O N G S T D M A T L O O
C H I L V D R E F L I L D A Y
E H O L D I A Y S E A S R T E
K C A L N D N G F L O W E R S
E T R Y I N S G L E C Y N Y M
B M O A F D M I W O A E R S O
R I O E Y O A N S R R F L O T
O T A M O A Y Y L E I W M B H
T H Y E A R C R A V N E A R E
E R A M O T C H I L G R Y A R
C E L E B R A T E M O Y J E R
A F I A M I L I S T M O N T S



CARD
CARING
CELEBRATE
CHILDREN
FAMILY
FLOWERS
HOLIDAY
LOVING
MAY
MOM
MOTHER
PARENT



Dates to Remember

Worship Services and all other congregation activities have been suspended until further notice. A decision about resuming Sunday worship and activities will be made at the appropriate time based on circumstances and synod/government guidelines and directives.

Sunday Worship Coffee Hour: 9 a.m. Service: 10 a.m.

Birthdays

May 8- Osie Juve

May 17 – Orpha Hoelstad

May 24 – Barb Grover

May 27 – Ralph Grover

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