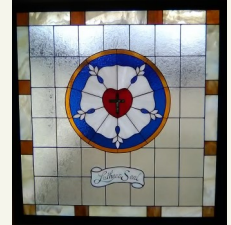


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Birthdays

- 6/08: Hallee Wright
6/11: Dorothea
Dennis
6/12: Rick Thomas
6/13: Amanda Weber
6/14: Tara Martin
6/18: Sophia
Granderson
6/19: Larry Wright
6/23: Cheryl Lile
6/26: Jim Troyke
6/26: Rob Springer
6/30: Bryant Doss

Anniversaries

- 6/12: Byron & Tara
Martin
6/19: Jeeper & Teg
Meyer
6/14: Rick & Bernie
Thomas
6/24: Don & Cindy
Wolf

Jesus is Risen... (Part 2)



"Jesus is risen. That means your sins are forgiven. That means that death cannot hold you anymore. And Jesus is coming back soon for you."

We continue a series on these four sentences. Last month we reflected on why I said these sentences. This month, we will reflect on what each sentence confesses.

"Jesus is risen." We start with a Name: Jesus. Jesus is "true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the Virgin Mary." He is the Word who became flesh and dwelt among us (John 1:14). What did this Jesus do for us? Jesus "is risen." Those last two words confess that Jesus was born, suffered, died, was buried, and descended into hell. And yet, He is no longer dead. He rose from the dead and is still risen from the dead even to this day. Today, He lives ascended at the right hand of God. "Jesus is risen" confesses briefly the whole of who Jesus is and what He has done in His life, death, and resurrection.

"That means your sins are forgiven." **Because** Jesus is risen, your sins are forgiven. Jesus' life, death, and resurrection won for you the forgiveness of all your sins. Sin no longer gets the final word. Even though you know that you daily sin much and surely deserve nothing but punishment, you know that *Jesus is risen*, and **this means that your sin is forgiven!** Jesus delivers you through the forgiveness of sin He won for you through His life, death, and resurrection. "There is now no condemnation..." (Rom. 8:1).

"That means that death cannot hold you anymore." **Because** Jesus is risen, your death cannot hold you anymore. Jesus' life, death, and resurrection makes it so that not even death gets the final word. As Jesus says, "Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live" (John 11:25). When you die, death is not holding you – Jesus is. This means that when you die, you are with Jesus, as Stephen says, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit" (Acts 7:59). What's more, this means you will not stay dead. On the last day, just as Jesus rose from the dead, so you will rise from the dead when Jesus calls you out of your grave.

"And Jesus is coming back soon for you." Jesus is risen, and the risen Jesus ascended into heaven. Here, we confess that Jesus "who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven" (Acts 1:11). When He comes back, He will come back **for you**. The risen Jesus will return and He will bring you to Himself, whether you are dead (He will raise you) or alive. One way or another, when Jesus comes back, He'll come back **for you** so that "where [He is] you may be also" (John 14:3).

Next month, we will reflect on how we can use these sentences in our daily lives.

In Christ's Service, Pastor Heitshusen

¹ *Small Catechism*, the second article: <https://bookofconcord.cph.org/en/small-catechism/apostles-creed/>.



H A P P E N I N G S A T G R A C E

UPCOMING EVENTS

June 4: Project Rise meal will be served at 5:30 p.m. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex for anyone who would like to help.

June 6: City Wide Garage Sale from 7 a.m. until 3 p.m. - donations are still being accepted. Please mark any items for sale. Members may also have their own area for sales.

June 18: Council Meeting at 11 a.m. - anyone can attend.

June 20: Game Night, starts at 6 p.m. - an evening of fun for everyone.

June 28: Outreach Ministry Team meeting after services - open to anyone that would like to come.

August 16: Joint Trinity and Grace worship service at Trinity Lutheran Church, Freistatt.

ONE LIFE

For life's adventure, Lord I ask
 Courage and faith for every task.
 A heart kept clean by high desire,
 A conscience purged by fire.

In conflict help me to be strong,
 Supporting right, resisting wrong.
 Not weakening under any blow,
 But honoring the best I know.

Down every road that leads to Thee
 Help me to journey valiantly.
 From winsome byways turn aside
 In Thy will always to abide.

I have one precious life to live,
 One span of years to Thee to give.
 Help me to heed no other voice
 Save Thine, dear Lord, my happy
 choice.

- Thomas Bruce McDormand

Dad's Best Gift to His Children

J. Edgar Hoover spoke about a father's involvement when he said, "If I had a son, I'd do one thing. I'd tell the truth. I'd never let him catch me in a lie. In return, I'd insist that he tell the truth. When children go astray it isn't the fault of the children but of the parents. A spoiled boy grows into a spoiled man. I'd try to be a pal to my boy. I'd have my son go to church. What's more, I'd go with him."

The way to be anxious about nothing is to be prayerful about everything.

GAME NIGHT was held on Saturday, May 16th. The evening was filled with good food, fellowship and lots of competition.

An eight-year-old youngster accompanied his mother to the grocery store where he carefully checked every brand of bacon. After each inspection, he wrote down the name of a city. When he returned home, the boy went at once to some uncompleted homework and filled in the names of cities he had compiled. His mother, who had pursued a policy of watchful waiting, couldn't resist a peek at the question he was answering: "Where does bacon come from?"