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WEEKLY SERMONETTE

"What's so good about today?"

By Rick Rostek, Pastor, Immanuel Lutheran Church

We call today Good Friday, but what's so good about it? This is the day we commemorate death, and a very excruciating death at that. Jesus died by crucifixion, a particularly cruel form of capital punishment in which the victim's hands and feet were nailed to a wooden cross. While a horrible form of death that often involved breaking the victim's legs to hasten death. While Jesus' legs were not broken, He suffered no less. We call this good?

The truth of the matter is that when sin entered the world, death came along with it. Anyone who has lost a loved one knows the pain of death. There are many who suffer mightily because of the diseases that ultimately take their lives. Death is not a pretty thing. It is, indeed, the final enemy, the wages of sin. So how can today be any good?

That Jesus suffered from crucifixion is one thing. But Jesus also suffered in another way. When He was nailed to the cross, God laid on Him the sins of the world. As He bore those sins, Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" It's

perhaps a rhetorical question as Jesus quoted from Psalm 22, but the answer to the question is the reason why today is good.

St. Paul tells us in 2 Corinthians, "God made Him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God." Jesus

died on the cross to bring forgiveness of sin — all sin! In dying on the cross, Jesus redeemed us from the curse of sin. Since we have forgiveness, God's wrath is turned away so that we can come into His presence and have eternal life. This is Good Friday because Jesus has taken away our sin!

Hearing again the account of Jesus' death is not a pleasant thing. We wince as we hear in our minds the hammer coming down again and again, pounding in the nails that would kill Jesus. Yet, we know this was God's plan of salvation, and He proved it on that first Easter morning when Jesus rose from the dead. This is where God wants us to put our trust: in the death and resurrection of Jesus. Believing that Christ has paid the price, you too may have forgiveness and everlasting life. Indeed, this is a Good Friday.

Easter Lily

Pale, pure and still... Christ's body lay wrapped in burial linen, hidden in the darkness of the grave.

So the lily slumbers, appearing without life or luster, its petals tightly closed in the gloom of night. God created the lily to blossom in the light of day... to open wide its pale, pure, translucent petals to greet the heavens.

Christ's crucifixion and resurrection were like the blossoming of the lily. Though we are born into sin and darkness, because God sacrificed His son, we can blossom and flourish since our sins are forgiven.

How beautiful are the lilies as they open to the sunrise, their glorious white petals spread wide with promise. On Easter morning, let us open our hearts with praise and thanksgiving for God's gift of salvation! Alleluia!

Sunday Matthew 21.1-17	Monday Matthew 21.18-46	Tuesday Matthew 26.1-35	Wednesday Matthew 26.36-75	Thursday Matthew 27.1-26	Friday Matthew 27.27-56	Saturday Matthew 27.57-66
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PRAIRIE LAND ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC. REQUESTS FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

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LEGAL NOTICE
Prairie Land Electric Cooperative, Inc. (PLEC), in cooperation with Sunflower Electric Power Corporation (Sunflower), requests public comment on its proposed Rhoades to Phillipsburg 115-kV Transmission Line Building Project. PLEC and Sunflower have prepared an ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT (ER) for evaluation by the UNITED STATES, DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, and RURAL UTILITY SERVICES (RUS). This ER may be reviewed at the office of PLEC, located at 1101 W. Hwy. 36, Norton, Kansas. RUS will either prepare its own independent Environmental Assessment or adopt the ER prior to its decision to grant financial assistance for the proposed facilities. Sunflower has determined that this project is necessary for reliable service and to meet the requirements of the Regional Transmission Organization (RTO), Southwest Power Pool (SPP). This project also provides for additional system load growth for PLEC. The proposed Rhoades to Phillipsburg 115-kV transmission line is approximately 30.6 miles in length and will generally require a 100 foot wide right-of-way. The proposed line will run along section lines from the Rhoades substation (located in Section 10, Township 3S, Range 23W, Norton County, Kansas) to the Phillipsburg substation (located in the middle quarter of Section 23,

Township 3S, Range 18W, Phillips County, Kansas). There will either be six to eight double pole structures per mile or eight to ten single pole (Braced Post Insulator) structures per mile. The transmission line conductor will consist of three conductors and two static wires. Conductors are 795,000 KCM Aluminum Conductor Steel Reinforced (ACSR) type with a conductor outside diameter of 1.108 inches. Static wires are Extra High Strength (EHS) steel with a wire outside diameter of 3/8 inch. Most of the ground the line will cross is pasture or cultivated farm ground in Norton and Phillips counties and is privately owned. Modifications to the existing Rhoades and Phillipsburg substations will be required for the addition of this transmission line. The modifications of both substations will include additional circuit breakers, switching devices, aluminum bus work and steel supporting structures. These additions will require approximately 1.0 acres of new substation area and will include earth work to level and compact soil to match the existing substation grade. Interested parties are invited to comment in writing within 30 days of this notice to:

Sunflower Electric Power Corporation
301 W 13th Street
Hays, Kansas 67601
ATTN: Al Tamimi, P.E.
Transmission Engineer II
A copy of all comments will be sent to RUS for its review.

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NOTICE OF HEARING ON ADOPTION OF NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION PLAN BEFORE THE CITY OF EDMOND AND EDMOND CEMETERY DISTRICT

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NOTICE OF HEARING ON ADOPTION OF NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION PLAN BEFORE THE CITY OF EDMOND AND EDMOND CEMETERY DISTRICT
You are hereby advised, pursuant to the provisions of KSA 12-17, 117, a public hearing will be held in the basement of the Methodist Church, Edmond, on the 1st day of April, 2008 at 5:30 p.m. to consider whether the above mentioned taxing districts should

adopt a "Neighborhood Revitalization Plan" for all of the area and territory lying within the corporate limits of their district. The Norton County Commission enacted the Neighborhood Revitalization Plan for Norton County, Kansas on November 13, 2007. The proposed Neighborhood Revitalization Plan is available for public review and consideration at the office of the Norton County Clerk in the Norton County Courthouse during regular business hours or online at <http://www.discovernorton.com>.

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