

# Make Church a Part of Your Life

## WEEKLY SERMONETTE



### "He Is Not Here; He Has Risen!"

By Pastor Timm O. Meyer, Redeemer Evangelical Lutheran Church, Norton

**LUKE 24:6**  
 "Christ is risen!" This is the saving message the angels spoke to the women. This is the same saving message those women told to Jesus' disciples. This is the powerful message these early disciples continually preached.

"Christ is risen!" This is the saving message testified to by the empty tomb. This is the same saving comfort Christ announced to his followers. This is the same truth hundreds of people saw when Jesus appeared after his death and resurrection.

"Christ is risen!" This saving message is our living hope. Too many today look only for the Lord's help in this life. Our human thinking often limits the divine blessings that our loving, heavenly Father desires to give us. Jesus' triumph over death gives us our eternal victory.

Today's society offers very little hope about a better future. In fact many keep on predicting and promoting more doom and gloom. This world will continue to increase in sin and wickedness until the Last Day. We are not to live in despair or hopelessness. "Christ is risen" is our

living hope for every day. Adam and Eve sinned. They ruined God's perfect creation. Death entered the world as a consequence of sin. Christ also entered the world because of sin. Jesus lived and died and rose again to take away the sins of the world. "Consequently, just as the result of one trespass was condemnation for all men,

so also the result of one act of righteousness was justification that brings life for all men" (ROMANS 5:18). This is God's guarantee of forgiveness for our sins.

"Christ is risen" is our living hope forever. Our sins bring us to God's throne of grace. We seek His forgiveness. The cross reminds each of us of the

horrifying sacrifice Jesus paid for our sins. "For Christ died for sins once and for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in the body but made alive by the Spirit" (1 PETER 3:18). Jesus' victory over death is our eternal victory.

"Christ is risen!" This is the simple message of God's gospel. This is the saving message intended for all people. God's gospel is planted in our hearts by God's living and active and powerful Word. Only by God's grace do we know, believe, and confess that eternal truth: "Christ is risen!"

"Christ is risen!" is our living hope for every day and forever. God guarantees it. Jesus's victory is also our eternal victory.

Jesus spoke to Martha before He raised Lazarus from the dead. "Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?'" (JOHN 11:25, 26). Only by God's grace we can and will boldly and confidently confess: yes, Yes, YES!

## What You Seek

## is What You Get

Maybe you've heard someone say they're on "the merry-go-round of life" as a sentiment of emptiness or frustration...they see one set of problems after another with a result that is dizzy, not merry. But think of how a child sees a merry-go-round...all whirling fun and exhilaration! What makes the difference? Are we resigned to an empty life or one full of beauty and delight? Begin this week at your house of worship. Celebrate with a positive attitude and an expectation of excitement and you'll love the ride!

Weekly Scripture Reading						
Luke	Romans	Romans	Romans	Romans	Romans	Romans
24:36-53	1:1-17	3:9-31	5:1-21	6:1-23	7:1-25	15:1-13
Scriptures Selected by the American Bible Society						

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