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RESURRECTION COURAGE: OURS IN CHRIST

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The story the world tells is not hopeful. Every day there's something new to fear, some way your life is outside your control, some grave threat to your person or property, some variation of death. It's easy to get caught up in the hand-wringing, to let our Christian hope be drowned out by the constant cacophony and chaos.

But we know a better story. Every November begins with the Feast of All Saints on Nov. 1. Every time I consider those who have preceded us in life, in faith and in death, I remember the words of the author of the Epistle to the Hebrews.

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God. (Heb. 12:1–2)

All our loved ones whom we rightly — but not hopelessly — grieve on All Saints' Day still surround us. Jesus teaches that our guardian angels (Luther believed Matthew 18 teaches we all — not just children — have a guardian angel) protect us while beholding the face of our Father in heaven. So we sing “with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven” as Christ comes to meet us and feed us with His body and blood. While they surround us, they do not distract us. Rather, like the crowds that swell as the finish line of a race approaches, they sharpen our focus on what lies ahead. So we fix our eyes on Jesus, who endured a shameful death on the cross, and whose victory over the grave guarantees our own bodily resurrection.

The end of our story is guaranteed. The Lord who endured death and triumphed over the grave, who in Baptism joined us into His very death

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and resurrection (Rom. 6:3–4; Col. 2:12; Titus 3), will not abandon us to the grave. We know the end of the story, which gives us courage to face the days between now and then.

Consider him who endured from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted. In your struggle against sin you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood. (Heb. 12:3–4)

The Lord's church is the original resistance movement. She has always resisted the hopelessness, faithlessness and lovelessness of a culture of death. Everything the Lord's church does is founded on this resurrection courage. If nothing can change the future of those who belong to the crucified and risen Christ, then we can face any trial.

Therefore lift your drooping hands and strengthen your weak knees, and make straight paths for your feet, so that what is lame may not be put out of joint but rather be healed. Strive for peace with everyone, and for the holiness without which no one will see the Lord. (Heb. 12:12–14)

The church, so far as she is Christ's, never enculturates herself; even as she brings the Gospel to every tribe and nation in languages and ways in which her message can be received, the church is her own culture. Hers is a culture of life, of forgiveness, of rock-solid hope, of courage. Think of what she does with this courage and invites you to do with this courage.

If I didn't believe in the resurrection, I would tell every married couple not to have babies. Don't bring more lives into this sad, dying world.

If I didn't believe in the resurrection, I wouldn't waste a minute going to church. Don't give attention, time or money to a merely human institution built on a false premise (1 Cor. 15:12–19).

If I didn't believe in the resurrection, I would tell fathers not to teach the catechism to their children. Don't squander the fleeting moments you have with your children on such antiquated fairy tales.

If I didn't believe in the resurrection, I wouldn't tell anyone about the death of Jesus on the cross or invite them to receive the forgiveness given out daily

in His church, which Luther in the Large Catechism says is "the mother that begets and bears every Christian through the Word of God, which He reveals and preaches, and through which He illumines and enkindles hearts, that they understand, accept it, cling to it, and persevere in it" (LC II 42). Don't be the weirdo always talking about Jesus at the water cooler, I'd say.

If I didn't believe in the resurrection, I wouldn't care for my aging parents. Don't spend time with those approaching an inescapable end.

If I didn't believe in the resurrection, I would grasp for every narcotic to numb the pain of this hopeless life. Don't endure any unnecessary suffering. Suffering without resurrection is pointless.

But I believe in the resurrection. I believe Jesus rose from the dead. And I believe all who die in Him will rise with Him on the Last Day (1 Cor. 15; John 11). I believe in the resurrection, so I see the beauty of each precious, new life as a person who will rise on the Last Day.

I believe in the resurrection, so I let the first hours of the first

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day of the week be filled with the Word, saved for going to church.

I believe in the resurrection, so I think the holiest, manliest thing men can do is instruct their families in the catechism.

I believe in the resurrection, so I want to share this hope with any I encounter, even if I'm the weirdo at the water cooler.

I believe in the resurrection, so I find courage in caring for my aging family members, and I know it is a privilege to care for those who have cared so much for me.

I believe in the resurrection, so I can endure suffering without needing to escape. Suffering sharpens my hope for what is to come, for resurrection. And it reminds me that the kingdom of this world was never meant to satisfy me eternally. I am awaiting another kingdom. And that kingdom cannot be shaken.

But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the firstborn who

are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel. ... Therefore let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, and thus let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe, for our God is a consuming fire. (Heb. 12:22–24, 28–29)

INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH AT LMC



*“Rejoice in hope,
be patient in tribulation,
be constant in prayer.”*

Romans 12:12

A HYMN FOR ALL SAINTS' DAY OH, WHAT THEIR JOY

- 1 Oh, what their joy and their glory must be,
Those endless Sabbaths the blessed ones see!
Crowns for the valiant, to weary ones rest;
God shall be all, and in all ever blest.
- 2 In new Jerusalem joy shall be found,
Blessings of peace shall forever abound;
Wish and fulfillment are not severed there,
Nor the things prayed for come short of the prayer.
- 3 We, where no trouble distraction can bring,
Safely the anthems of Zion shall sing;
While for Your grace, Lord, their voices of praise
Your blessed people shall evermore raise.
- 4 Now let us worship our Lord and our King,
Joyfully raising our voices to sing:
Praise to the Father, and praise to the Son,
Praise to the Spirit, to God, Three in One.

Public domain text of LSB 675.

BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS

God's Child

God's Child	Rebirth Date
Cheryl Toll	Nov.
Zoe Kempf	Nov. 1
Levi Ledic	Nov. 3
Allison Clark	Nov. 4
Piera Siegmann	Nov. 6
John Boldt	Nov. 7
Jonathan Hagedorn	Nov. 12
Michael Kohut	Nov. 12
Karen Hagedorn	Nov. 14
Kathleen Knutsen	Nov. 14
Kirk Reiter	Nov. 16
Hans Paterson	Nov. 20
Allison Pelsis	Nov. 20
Dexture Iusi II	Nov. 22
Ruth Paterson	Nov. 24
Rev. Jason Lane	Nov. 25
Keziah Wieting	Nov. 29



MEMBER NEWS

BAPTIZED on 9-22-2022:

Isaiah Wayne Wieting, son of Benjamin & Erica. Born 9-22-2022.

CONFIRMED on 10-30-2022:

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REJOICE, BELIEVERS

Rejoice, rejoice, believers,
And let your lights appear;
The evening is advancing,
And darker night is near.
The Bridegroom is arising
And soon is drawing nigh.
Up, pray and watch and wrestle;
At midnight comes the cry.

The watchers on the mountain
Proclaim the Bridegroom near;
Go forth as He approaches
With alleluias clear.
The marriage feast is waiting;
The gates wide open stand.
Arise, O heirs of glory;
The Bridegroom is at hand.

The saints, who here in patience
Their cross and suff'rings bore,
Shall live and reign forever
When sorrow is no more.
Around the throne of glory
The Lamb they shall behold;
In triumph cast before Him
Their diadems of gold.

*Stanzas 1-3 of LSB 515,
a public domain hymn.*

PREPARATION FOR THE LORD'S DAY IN NOVEMBER

Date	Name of Day	First Reading	Psalm	Epistle	Gospel	Hymn of the Day
Tuesday, Nov. 1	All Saints' Day	Rev. 7:2-17	Psalm 33	1 John 3:1-3	Matt. 5:1-12	LSB 676
Nov. 6	Twenty-fifth S. after Trinity	Ex. 32:1-20	Psalm 31	1 Thess. 4:13-18	Matt. 24:15-28	TLH 407
Nov. 13	Twenty-sixth S. after Trinity	Dan. 7:9-14	Psalm 56	2 Peter 3:3-14	Matt. 25:31-46	LSB 508
Nov. 20	Last S. of the Church Year	Is. 65:17-25	Psalm 45	1 Thess. 5:1-11	Matt. 25:1-13	LSB 515
Nov. 27	First S. in Advent (Ad Te Levai)	Jer. 23:5-8	Psalm 25	Rom. 13:8-14	Matt. 21:1-9	LSB 332

EXCERPTS FROM THE LARGE CATECHISM BY MARTIN LUTHER: ON BAPTISM, PART 4



But as our would-be wise, new spirits assert that faith alone saves, and that works and external things avail nothing, we answer: It is true, indeed, that nothing in us is of any avail but faith, as we shall hear still further. But these blind guides are unwilling to see this, namely, that faith must have something which it believes, that is, of which it takes hold, and upon which it stands and rests. Thus faith clings to the water, and believes that it is Baptism, in which there is pure salvation and life; not through the water (as we have sufficiently stated), but through the fact that it is embodied in the Word and institution of God, and the name of God inheres in it. Now, if I believe this, what else is it than believing in God as in Him who has given and planted His Word into this ordinance, and proposes to us this external thing wherein we may apprehend such a treasure?

Now, they are so mad as to separate faith and that to which faith clings and is bound though it be something external. Yea, it shall and must be something external, that it may be apprehended by the senses, and understood and thereby be brought into the heart, as indeed the entire Gospel is an external, verbal preaching. In short, what God does and works in us He proposes to work through such external ordinances. Wherever, therefore, He speaks, yea, in whichever direction or by whatever means He speaks, thither faith must look, and to that it must hold. Now here we have the words: He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved. To what else do they refer than to Baptism, that is, to the water comprehended in God's ordinance? Hence it follows that whoever rejects Baptism rejects the Word of God, faith, and Christ, who directs us thither and binds us to Baptism.

In the third place, since we have learned the great benefit and power of Baptism, let us see further who is the person that receives what Baptism gives and

profits. This is again most beautifully and clearly expressed in the words: He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved.

That is, faith alone makes the person worthy to receive profitably the saving, divine water. For, since these blessings are here presented and promised in the words in and with the water, they cannot be received in any other way than by believing them with the heart. Without faith it profits nothing, notwithstanding it is in itself a divine superabundant treasure. Therefore this single word (He that believeth) effects this much that it excludes and repels all works which we can do in the opinion that we obtain and merit salvation by them. For it is determined that whatever is not faith avails nothing nor receives anything.

But if they say, as they are accustomed: Still Baptism is itself a work, and you say works are of no avail for salvation; what, then, becomes of faith? Answer: Yes, our works, indeed, avail nothing for salvation; Baptism, however, is not our work, but God's (for, as was stated, you must put Christ-baptism far away from a bath-keeper's baptism). God's works, however, are saving and necessary for salvation, and do not exclude, but demand, faith; for without faith they could not be apprehended. For by suffering the water to be poured upon you, you have not yet received Baptism in such a manner that it benefits you anything; but it becomes beneficial to you if you have yourself baptized with the thought that this is according to God's command and ordinance, and besides in God's name, in order that you may receive in the water the promised salvation. Now, this the fist cannot do, nor the body; but the heart must believe it.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 9:00am Divine Service 10:15am Congregational Meeting	31 7:00pm Divine Service	1 6:30pm Divine Service for All Saints' Day	2 8:30am Matins	3 9:30am LEARN Home-schoolers	4	5
6 9:00am Divine Service 10:15am Coffee Break 10:45am Bible Study, Catechism, Sunday School	7 7:00pm Divine Service	8 6:00pm Trustees	9 8:30am Matins	10 9:30am LEARN Home-schoolers	11	12
13 9:00am Divine Service 10:15am Coffee Break 10:45am Bible Study, Catechism, Sunday School	14	15 6:30pm Choir Rehearsal	16	17 9:30am LEARN Home-schoolers	18	19
20 9:00am Divine Service 10:15am Coffee Break 10:45am Bible Study, Catechism, Sunday School	21 7:00pm Divine Service	22 6:30pm Choir Rehearsal	23 8:30am Matins	24 9:00am Thanksgiving Day Service	25	26
27 9:00am Divine Service 10:15am Coffee Break 10:45am Bible Study, Catechism, Sunday School	28 7:00pm Divine Service	29 6:30pm Choir Rehearsal	30 8:30am Matins	1	2	3