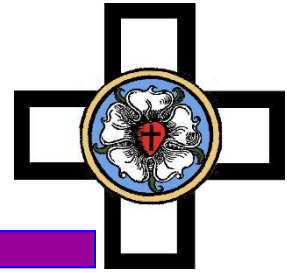


LUTHERAN CHURCH - INTERNATIONAL
and
WORLD LUTHERAN PARISH

LENT

HOLY WEEK

EASTER



Archbishop's letter for Lent/Easter 2019


Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again!

This **BULLETIN** reflects the holiest time of the church year, the seasons of Lent and Eastertide. After forty days of special recollection of God's grace given to us through Our Lord's sacrifice on the cross, we celebrate His glorious resurrection. We are part of a new life in Christ! As we begin a new ecclesiastical semester in the LC-I through service to Christ's people, may we consider all that Our Lord has done for us through His suffering, death and resurrection and reflect this new life with optimistic joy. We have life incorruptible and eternal through His Blood.

As I am writing these few lines the television is showing the smoldering remnants of one of the greatest cathedrals in Christendom, Notre Dame de Paris. The extensive damage to this formerly magnificent monument to the Christian faith located in the heart of a secularized Europe is bringing forth expressions of loss on the part of thousands who usually pride themselves on denouncing the practice of the Christian faith as a collection of outworn and worthless behaviors. These thousands, and millions around the world, mourn not just the loss of an ancient shrine with its precious human treasures of art, but perhaps the loss of the values which this great stone emblem of Christian identity represented. Perhaps in years, or even decades, the cathedral may be rebuilt; but it will be only a facsimile of the original building. The faith that the Cathedral of Notre Dame de Paris once represented was thought to be little more than a dead relic of the past. But the people of Paris on their knees in the streets with hymns on their lips would seem to suggest that the catholic faith still moves the hearts of many Parisians. The church truly is people coming together to worship and serve, united by faith based on Holy Scripture; that Church will endure for it is the City of God.

We, in the LC-I, have a great message of faith active through your proclamation and service as the Easter People of this City of God. Across the globe, we share in keeping this faith alive.

Relying on God's grace, may each and every one of you be blessed  with the strength and resources that you need to be faithful in the Lord. May we all work together in His name, with joy, peace, and always without fear. **Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again!**

Your servant and His,

++ Robert



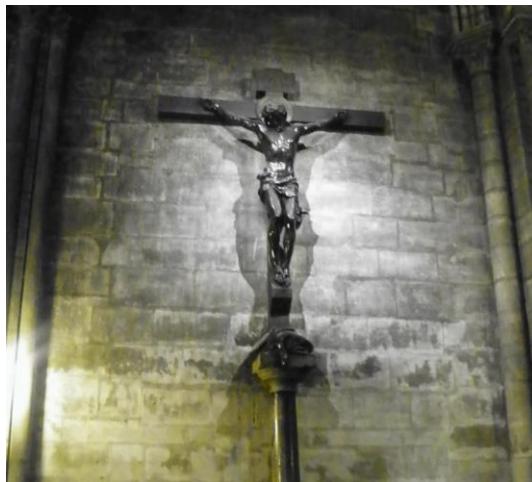


Prayers and remembrances:

- ❖ for the memory of the nearly three hundred Christian martyrs of Sri Lanka and for the recovery of many hundreds injured in terrorist attacks on Easter Sunday worshipers. We entrust them to the Lord.
- ❖ for racial understanding and true Christian love for all people.
- ❖ for peace in our time and an end to the religious and civil strife which betrays both faith and civility.
- ❖ in thanksgiving to God for the life and ministry of the Very Reverend Ordice Gallops, a member of the World Lutheran Parish and friend of the LC-I. May he rest in peace.
- ❖ for strength and health and for the special intentions of Pastor Mark Powell.
- ❖ for strength and health for Deacon Eileen Smith, for Bishop Juan Cepero and for all who are sick or ask our prayers.
- ❖ for the special intentions of ++Robert, our Archbishop.
- ❖ in thanksgiving to God for the life and ministry of the Reverend D. Craig Landis. May he rest in peace.
- ❖ for Pastor Walton Horn as he celebrates his 100th birthday on May 1.
- ❖ for those planning and participating in the 2019 Annual Synod of the LC-I.
- ❖ in thanksgiving for the deacons, deaconesses, chaplains and active congregational ministries of and in cooperation with the LC-I.
- ❖ in thanksgiving for the ministries of all the lay members and clergy in the LC-I.
- ❖ for all those suffering from weather-related disasters and tragedies.
- ❖ for those lay people, clergy and leaders who are alienated from the church, and for the strengthening of faithful ministries discouraged, unrecognized or unappreciated.
- ❖ in thanksgiving for the ministries of all those who have given their lives in the service of others, especially in law enforcement and military service, and for comfort to their families and fellow officers.



OUR PRAYERS FOR AND WITH THE PARISH OF NOTRE DAME DE PARIS

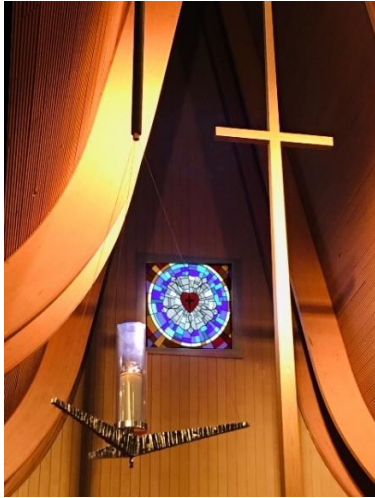


As the world watched in dismay and sorrow, fire caused heavy damage to much of the Cathedral of Notre Dame in Paris, France. Although the building has been damaged, the faith of the people is alive and resilient. Dating back to the mid-1100s, the building and historic treasures will always be remembered through photographs, books and stories; but the faith proclaimed will endure forever in the lives of Christ's church!

A beautiful 360° panoramic image of the cathedral can be seen at 360 VISIO: <https://www.facebook.com/360visio/>.



Pastor Mark Powell Serving as Co-Pastor of World Lutheran Parish



The Rev. Mark J. Powell has accepted the appointment to serve as Co-Pastor of the LC-I World Lutheran Parish, working with Archbishop Robert Hotes.

*Pastor Powell brings a wide variety of pastoral skills and many important contacts to this work. Details of the call will be forthcoming in future issues of the **BULLETIN**.*

The World Lutheran Parish is a non-geographic parish ministry for those lay persons and clergy who want to continue as faithful Lutherans through a connection with the Lutheran Church – International but are not near an LC-I congregation for pastoral support and care. We thank Pastor Powell for his willingness to serve in this unique and special ministry!

THE CHRISTIAN LIFE OF FAITH AND SERVICE

As Christians, our faith and our life is a response to the free gift of salvation which is ours solely through the Life, Death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ, our Savior. This is the Christ-centered (“evangelical”) faith that is shared by and among God’s people, the Church, in all times and places, a true and universal (“catholic”) faith. As Christians who are truly evangelical and catholic, we gladly give thanks to Almighty God for the many examples of faith and life, saints living and dead, as we **give God alone the Glory!**

REMEMBERING DIETRICH BONHOEFFER, APRIL 9

Bonhoeffer (1906 - 1945) was a German pastor, theologian anti-Nazi dissident, a key founding member of the Confessing Church, and Christian martyr.

"To be a Christian does not mean to be religious in a particular way, to make something of oneself (a sinner, a penitent, or a saint) on the basis of some method or other, but to be a man—not a type of man, but the man that Christ creates in us. It is not the religious act that makes the Christian, but participation in the sufferings of God in the secular life."

"Cheap grace is preaching forgiveness without requiring repentance, baptism without church discipline, Communion without confession. ... Cheap grace is grace without discipleship, grace without the cross, grace without Jesus Christ, living and incarnate."





Almighty and eternal Father, who in Your tender love for humanity, sent Your Son Jesus Christ as a man to dwell among us and in mortal flesh to suffer death upon the cross, so that all people might learn true humility; In Your mercy, grant that we may follow Him in His sufferings and share in His resurrection; Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and rules with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.



Common Prayer 2011

**LORD, REMEMBER US IN YOUR KINGDOM,
AND TEACH US TO PRAY.**

Prayers for Easter Sunday

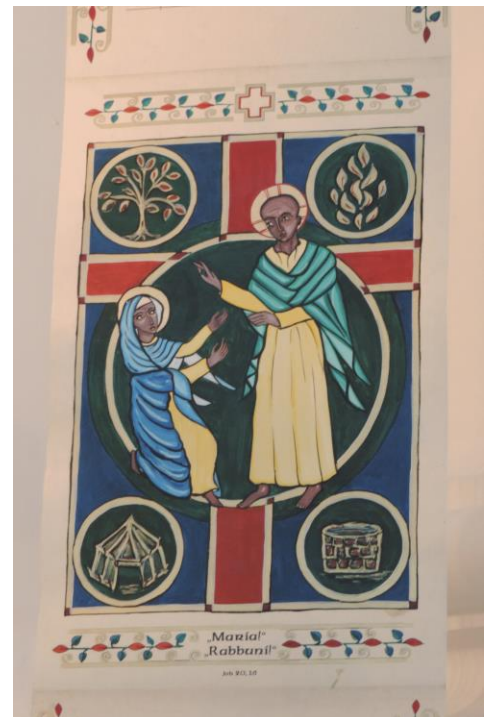
Almighty and eternal God, Heavenly Father, we praise and thank You for Jesus Christ Your Son, who on this day broke the bonds of death and rose victorious over the grave. By Your Word and the Sacrament of His Body and Blood, make us certain that because He is risen, we shall also rise to live a new life in Your Kingdom forever.

Grant that the light of our risen Lord Jesus Christ may dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds, removing all doubt, fear, and unfaithfulness. Free us from every evil and cast out Satan sin from our lives

As Your Holy Spirit has clothed us in the righteousness of Christ, grant that we make walk in holiness and righteousness all our days. Give us compassionate hearts and the will to serve others as Christ has served us. Help us to faithfully carry out the work of our various vocations for the good of our neighbors, and sanctify all our daily labor. Amen.

Pastor Jack Whritenour

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2019 ANNUAL SYNOD PLANNING CONTINUES

Special presentations by The Rev. Arthur C. Sziemeister, theological chairman of the LC-I, and The Rev. Mark J. Powell, Co-Pastor of the World Lutheran Parish and a hospice chaplain, on the life of the church through faith active in service.

Don't forget to register for this outstanding Annual Synod and its special presentations. Bring guests - and return your registration forms today!



THEOLOGICAL REFLECTION

from the writings of the influential Swiss theologian Hans Urs von Balthasar

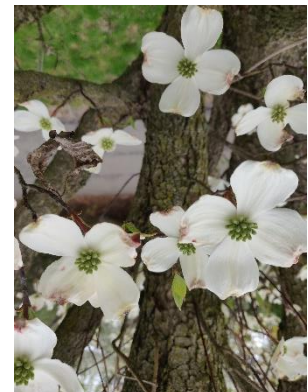
The word “merit” insofar as it concerns some value conferring a right to something, is theologically an unhappy term that would be better dropped. (In tradition it very often has a quite different sense, namely “being found worthy” by God: *tu quae meruisti portare...*) We need have no qualms about dropping the word, for there is a biblical word ready to replace it: fruitfulness. God responds to Abraham’s faith in this way: “I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you” (Gen 17:6). The Lord is always using the word in His parables. In John it is the grain of wheat, which dies in the earth, that brings forth much fruit. The metaphor of the vine is even clearer. Apart from Jesus a man can do “nothing”, but if he abides in Him he brings forth “much” fruit. If he fails to do this, he is removed; if he succeeds, he is “cleansed”, cut back in order to produce even more fruit.

Clearly, this does not mean externally quantifiable results. As far as the Kingdom of God is concerned, Mary, sitting at the feet of Jesus, is more fruitful than the busy Martha. When Mary anoints the Lord’s feet at the meal in Bethany and Judas protests at this “waste” and thinks how much money the ointment would have yielded, he is rebuked: the fruitfulness of this prodigal gesture that takes no account of “merit” is far more important to Jesus than some work of charity.

In the Fullness of Faith by Hans Urs von Balthasar and included in *For All the Saints, Volume 1*, ALPB



ALLELUIA!



PEACE OFFICERS MEMORIAL DAY, MAY 15

In a Joint Resolution (1962), the United States Congress designated “May 15 of each year as Peace Officers Memorial Day in honor of the Federal, State, and municipal officers who have been killed or disabled in the line of duty.” In the first 110 days of 2019, 35 officers have died in the line of duty; 163 officers died last year. Many congregations throughout the country observe Police Memorial Sunday on the Sunday on or before May 15.

“Peace Officers Memorial Day and Police Week pay tribute to the local, State, and Federal law enforcement officers who serve and protect us with courage and dedication. These observances also remind us of the ongoing need to be vigilant against all forms of crime, especially to acts of extreme violence and terrorism.”

President George W. Bush in his 2002 Presidential Proclamation of Peace Officers Memorial Day and Police Week.





A VERY SPECIAL BIRTHDAY!

Fifty-three years of active ministry is quite an accomplishment, but rarely seen in a second- or especially in a third-career pastor. The Rev. Walton R. Horn will be celebrating a lot this year – starting with his 100th birthday on May 1! Pastor Horn was born in 1919, ordained in 1966 after careers in law enforcement and business, and is still serving as an ELCA pastor in a UCC congregation in Reading PA. Although his health has forced him to recently take a temporary reprieve from his pastoral duties, he maintains regular contact with others through email and Skype. A WWII veteran (U.S. Navy), Past Commander and Chaplain of the local American Legion Post 280, and noted speaker especially to students in Middle and Senior schools, he is also believed to be the oldest presently living former U.S. Border Patrol agent. Another milestone was set when he became the first Lutheran pastor in America sponsored by a son [Pastor Richard W. Horn] for ordination into the Lutheran ministry. All of us in the LC-I extend our birthday wishes, our thanks for his service to God and country, and our prayers for his health and strength.



REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

all people who seek to worship God in faith, love, and service yet fear for their safety and for their lives. Churches need to reflect the openness of their faith while also seeking to protect those who gather together for worship and prayer. Actions of intimidation and of violence cannot be accepted, and preparations need to be made in anticipation of any overt actions that could endanger the lives or safety of parishioners and visitors. Violence has taken many forms against churches and other places of worship including the use of physical abuse or force, firearms, arson and explosions.

Insurance companies who serve churches have many educational resources for planning and implementing procedures to deal with possible acts of violence. Basic common-sense advice is crucial but is not enough. The best places to start planning is with local authorities, community resources, and with your insurance carrier. Know who is a first responder or community resource within your own congregation. Know how to seek local assistance (police/fire/EMS) and to provide immediate care as needed and appropriate. Plan ahead with available resources. Know

how other congregations have planned. Make sure that your congregational leaders and community resources (especially police) are consulted and aware of your plans. If you already have a plan, review it, update it and implement the precautionary steps.

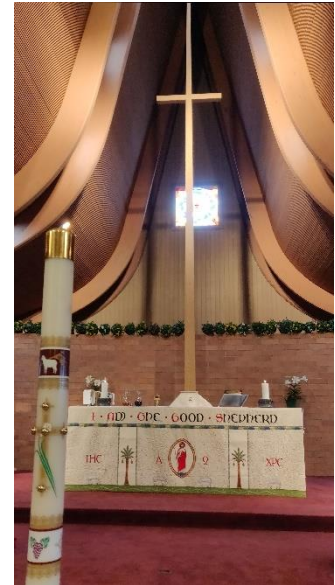
One further action is to implement a safety response team that can provide individuals, couples or small groups for use in chaplaincy services in your community, schools and other congregations. Remember that you are NOT ALONE! If you need, or can provide help, reach out in faith and in service!



IN ANY LANGUAGE THIS IS THE MESSAGE OF SALVATION:

Christ is Risen!

Albanian: Krishti Ungjall! – Vertete Ungjall!
Arabic: Al Maseeh Qam! – Haqqan Qam!
Armenian: Christos harjav i merelotz! – Orhniale harutjun Christosi!
Byelorussian: Khristos Uvoskros! – Zaprowdu Uvoskros!
Chinese: Helisituosi fuhuole! – Queshi fuhuole!
Coptic: Pikhirstof aptonf! – Khen o methni aptonf!
Czech: Kristus vstal zmrtvy'ch! – Skutec ne vstal!
Danish: Kristus er opstanden! – Ja, sandelig opstanden!
Dutch: Christus is opgestaan! – Hij is waarlijk opgestaan!
English: Christ is Risen! – He is Risen indeed!
Estonian: Kristus on surnuist ülestõusnud! – Tõesti ülestõusnud!
Finnish: Kristus nousi Kuolleista! – Totisesti Nousi!
French: Christ est Ressuscité! – En Vérité, Il est Ressuscité!
Gaelic: Erid Krist! – G'deya! n erid she!
Irish Gaelic: Tá Críod ar éirigh! – Go deimhin, tá e ar éirigh!
Scots' Gaelic: Tha Críod air èiridh! – Gu dearbh, tha e air èiridh!
Georgian: Kriste aghsdga! – Cheshmaritad aghsdga!
Greek: Christos Anesti! – Alithos Anesti!
Hebrew: Ha Mashiyach qam! – Ken hoo qam!
Hungarian: Krisztus feltámadt! – Valóban feltámadt!
Italian: Cristo è risorto! – È veramente risorto!
Japanese: Harisutosu Fukkatsu! – Jitsu Ni Fukkatsu!
Latin: Christus resurrexit! – Vere resurrexit!
Norwegian: Kristus er oppstanden! – Han er sannelig opstanden!
Polish: Khristus Zmartvikstau! – Zaiste Zmartvikstau!
Portugese: Christo Ressuscitou! – Em Verdade Ressuscitou!
Romanian: Hristos a Inviat! – Adevarat a Inviat!
Russian: Khristos voskres! – Voistinu voskres!
Serbian: Hristos Vaskrese! – Vaistinu Vaskrese!
Slavonic: Christos Voskrese! – Voistinu Voskrese!
Slovak: Kristus vstal zmr'tvy'ch! – Skutoc ne vstal!
Spanish: Cristo ha resucitado! – Verdaderamente ha resucitado!
Swedish: Kristus är upstånden! – Ja, Han är sannerligen uppstånden!
Syriac: Meshiha qam! – Bashrira qam!
Ukranian: Kristos Voskres! – Voistinu voskres!
Welsh: Atgyfododd Crist! – Atgyfododd in wir!



He is Risen, Indeed! ALLELUIA!

May the blessing of God: Father, Son (+) and Holy Spirit be with you now and always, strengthening your faith through the Word and the Sacraments.

++Robert, Archbishop





2019 LC-I Annual Synod XXII

Tuesday through Thursday June 4 – June 6



Location: First Lutheran Church

35 Broad Street

Lyons NY

• Registration(s) confirmed

• Registration(s) PAID by _____

Registration: \$60 per person includes synod materials (meals at the church included)

Synod Hotel: Newark Garden Hotel

125 North Main Street

Newark NY 14513

• Room reservation(s) made

Confirmation number: _____

Please make hotel arrangements by calling 1-315-331-9500

Mention the LC-I: reduced rate of \$99 per night per room, no state tax; includes breakfast

↓ DETACH AND MAIL THIS REGISTRATION ↓

PLEASE NOTE: Your prompt response is needed!

REGISTRATION FEE of \$60 per person (includes synod materials, snacks and meals at the church)

Total amount enclosed: _____ or by electronic transfer: _____

Mail registration to: First Lutheran Church

% 2 Sunset Drive

Lyons NY 14489

Phone: 1-315-946-9251 [M/W/F 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.]

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Phone #: (home): _____ (cell): _____

LC-I Congregation or other Church Body: _____

Lay Delegate: Yes: _____ No: _____

Clergy Delegate: Yes: _____ No: _____

Guest: Yes: _____ No: _____ / Lay: _____ Clergy: _____

Days attending: (June 3) _____ June 4 _____ June 5 _____ June 6 _____

(NOTE: Executive Board meets on the evening of Monday June 3)

Arrival: Day, Time: _____

Departure: Day, Time: _____

Need transportation? Yes: ____ No: ____ If needed, please notify First Church with your reservation.


Please list any **food allergies or intolerances:** _____

The 2019 Annual Synod is **hosted by First Lutheran Church, Lyons NY** (Northeastern Diocese).

Attendees must call 1-315-331-9500 for reservations at the Newark Garden Hotel, Newark NY.

APRIL, 2019

based on *A Calendar of Seasons and Saints* +RWHorn (2019)

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3 <i>Luther D. Reed (1972); Paul Zeller Strodach (1947): pastors, theologians</i>	4 Benedict the African (1589): confessor	5	6 Lucas Cranach (1553); Albrecht Dürer (1528); Matthias Grünewald (1529); Michelangelo (1564): artists
7 FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT: JUDICA	8 Martin Chemnitz (1586): pastor and confessor	9 Dietrich Bonhoeffer (1945): theologian, martyr	10 Mikael Agricola (1557): Bishop of Turku	11	12	13
14 SUNDAY OF THE PASSION / PALM SUNDAY: PALMARUM	15 MONDAY IN HOLY WEEK	16 TUESDAY IN HOLY WEEK	17 WEDNESDAY IN HOLY WEEK	18 HOLY THURSDAY / MAUNDY THURSDAY	19 GOOD FRIDAY	20 HOLY SATURDAY
21 THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD, EASTER DAY	22 * see notes	23 Toyohiko Kagawa (1960): renewer of society	24 Johann Walter (1570): musician	25 SAINT MARK: Evangelist	26	27
28 SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER: QUASI MODO GENITI	29 Catherine of Siena (1389): theologian	30	* Commemorations transferred to April 22: April 19 - Philipp Melanchthon (1560); Laurentius Petri (1573): Archbishop of Uppsala; Olaus Petri (1552): priest: renewers of the church (White) April 20 - Johannes Bugenhagen (1558): pastor (White) April 21 - Anselm (1109): Archbishop of Canterbury, theologian (White)			



MAY, 2019

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 SAINT PHILIP and SAINT JAMES: Apostles	2 Athanasius (373): Bishop of Alexandria	3	4 Monica (387): mother of Augustine Friedrich Wyneken (1864): pastor, missionary
5 THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER: MISERICORDIA	6 transferred: Frederick the Wise (1525): Christian ruler	7 Carl F. W. Walther (1887): pastor, theologian	8 Julian of Norwich (c. 1416): renewer of the church	9 Nicolaus Ludwig von Zinzendorf (1760): renewer of the church, hymnwriter Job: patriarch	10	11 Cyril (869) and Methodius (885): missionaries to the Slavs
12 FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER: JUBILATE	13	14 SAINT MATTHIAS: Apostle	15	16	17	18 Erik (1160): King of Sweden, martyr
19 FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER: CANTATE	20	21 Emperor Constantine (337): Christian ruler; Helen (c. 330): mother of Constantine; John Eliot (1690): missionary to the American Indians	22	23	24 Nicolaus Copernicus (1543); Leonhard Euler (1783): teachers, scientists Esther: matriarch	25 Bede the Venerable (735): theologian
26 SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER: ROGATE	27 John Calvin (1564): renewer of the church	28	29 Jiří Třanovský (1637): hymnwriter	30 THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD	31 THE VISITATION OF MARY TO ELIZABETH	REMINDER: 2019 LC-I Annual Synod June 4 - 6