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Nicene Creed 1700
Rev. Dr. Boyle

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Aug. 18-20

Pastoral Continuing
Education @ RSLC

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Sunday School
Gamenight

Aug. 25

Classical Academy
First Day of School

Musings on Baptism

Pastor Burgdorf

There have been several baptisms since I joined Risen Savior in November, and It's always a joyous thing to behold. However, what we see is so simple compared to the reality that is going on. All we see with our eyes is water poured on the head and a few words are spoken over them. There is much hoopla over such a small thing. This simple act of pouring water over the head of a child is perhaps the greatest joy we, as the church have, so let us rejoice concerning these things! It is easy to see Baptism as just a symbol, something that we do to show our devotion and intention to serve the Lord, but it is so much more than that.

Baptism is, at its core, not something we do, but something the Lord does to us. Pouring water on the heads of people means nothing without the word of the Lord. It is this Word of the Lord that makes all the difference. How can water alone offer anything of value? If Baptism is our work, it is nothing more than an outward washing. Christ is clear that Baptism is a spiritual cleansing. It gives us entry to the saving ark of the Body of Christ, that is, the church. It gives the forgiveness of sins and declares the one baptized as a redeemed person, bought by the precious blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. It is far more than a simple outward sign or inward choice; it is God calling us His own, claiming us as His beloved children.

Luther talks about seeing baptism with spiritual eyes. He warns against the temptation to dismiss baptism as an outward act and describes it as we ought to see it. As the child is brought to the font, the parents bring a corpse, a lifeless skeleton, dead and without any hope. When the water is poured out upon him and the Word of God is spoken, the skeleton springs to life, flesh returns, and the breath of life enters into him, making him a living creature, alive to God and dead to his sin.

This is how we ought to view baptism. We should cling to it and celebrate it, not because it is our doing, but because it is how our Lord chooses to save sinners from eternal death.

How can water do such great things?

-Small Catechism

Certainly not just water, but the word of God in and with the water does these things, along with the faith which trusts this word of God in the water. For without God's word the water is plain water and no Baptism. But with the word of God it is a Baptism, that is, a life-giving water, rich in grace, and a washing of the new birth in the Holy Spirit, as St. Paul says in Titus, chapter three:

"He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom He poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by His grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life. This is a trustworthy saying." Titus 3:5-8

Installation of our Summer Vicar
Seminarian Joshua Hallock



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Ask Jesus Into Your Heart Pastor Weinkauff

As you may know, this language is EVERYWHERE, Lutherans are not big on this language. Sure, we know that Scripture references the heart as a place of our will, our desires and faith dwells in the heart. The problem is that there is nothing in Scripture about asking Jesus into anyone's heart nor is there anything that would give support to the idea that we make a decision for the Lord. It is the opposite, our hearts are vile, our nature corrupt that anything I solely do is tainted with sin. If faith, salvation rests, at least partly in your actions, the 'subjective' you can never really be sure. Instead God places His works in the 'objective' -outside of us, objective truth that you can be sure. Scripture places so much emphasis on hearing the Word preached, that life's changed by that very Word. The Scriptures record abundant calls to repent and believe but also with the clarification that no one can say Jesus is Lord except by the Holy Spirit. In other words, conversion is not a matter of our will and decision but of God's work in us by the Spirit working through His Word. Period. See also John 1. The danger of making Jesus captive to an emotive feeling or choice made in a moment is that faith becomes a feeling and a choice which can also be unfelt and unwilld as quickly and even more easily than any decision for the Lord.

The danger is also that we remove faith from the concrete of the means of grace (Catechesis, Reading, Preaching, Absolution, Baptism, Lord's Supper) and the work of the Spirit from those means of grace so that even God becomes an idea to inhabit the imagination rather than the God who fills the present so that He might fill eternity with us. The more we distance God from the means of grace the more we distance Him from anything we would call real and unchangeable. God is not an idea. Ok, here is something that will 'blow the minds' of many people: You can even say our faith, our religion is NOT an idea but of/in a Person. He is a personal being who is known to us in a personal way through the concrete of the Word and Sacraments. Faith is not an idea or even an idea of this God. Faith is the trust in the God who has revealed Himself to us and made Himself known to us precisely because without His aid and Spirit, we would be left to a mere idea of Him, not the reality of Him and what He has accomplished for us.

Of all the things that are dangerous to Christianity, one of them is surely the idea that we turn God on and off like a feeling, that we decide for Him or against Him at will and whim, and that He lives in us as an idea in our imagination. So go to worship and wave hands in the air to connect and feel God to entertainment forms of worship. So worship fits how I keep giving my heart to Jesus. That we can shape God to fit our choices and decisions of life. Many of the Christian platitudes and modern trends are like this, not very good. Certainly not a God of whom we should overly concern ourselves with His doctrine. This God is not the God of Abraham and the prophets, and not the God who was made flesh in Jesus Christ. While I can only hope that evangelicals will tire of this view of God, I can warn the Lutherans who want to be like the evangelicals that this is not view of God in Scripture, the God of our Confession, not the God of our liturgy, not consistent with historical Christianity and the God who comes -not you moving your heart, giving your heart, to Him- but endears to come to you with His means.



Cathy Manis, Music Director cmusicgal@gmail.com 913-416-0007

Thank you for all who participated this music year, for your dedication and gift of music unto the Lord. What an amazing year!

After Labor Day, choirs resume. Prayerfully consider joining. No experience necessary



Sunday School

3 yr. old - 8th grade

Amanda Harbord, Board of Education
913.544.4133 mdy2404@gmail.com



**Sunday School
Gamenight /
Parent Datenight**

Aug. 22, Fri. 5-7 pm
No cost. Food provided.

New Sunday School Year!
Begins Aug. 17



higherthings.org

Youth Group

High School
Pastor Burgdorf

August 3
6:00-8:00 pm
Invite any friends.

Sunday Class 9:15!



Table Talk

19-39 year old
Pastor Burgdorf

No TableTalk Aug. 1
(Monarchs Game)

Next: September 5
Invite any friends. Bring any snacks or beverages if you wish.
Plan for the FIRST Fridays

Risen Savior Night @



Friday, August 1 6:35 pm

Sioux Falls Canaries vs Kansas City Monarchs

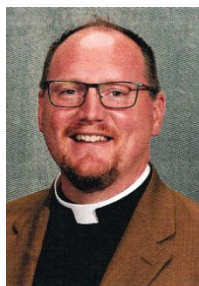
Tailgating with the Pastors begins at 5:00 pm

Over 70 bought tickets!

If you didn't get tickets, come and hangout in the parking lot.

If you go to the game and don't have tickets, purchase them at the gate and sit with us.

**Special Promotions: K-State Night &
Fireworks after the game**



Pastoral Continuing Education @ RSLC

Risen Savior is hosting a Concordia Theological Seminary, Pastoral Continuing Education site, Aug. 18-20. It will be on the Medieval Church, its preaching and implication for today. Some pastors may stay overnight on-site. Members are welcome to come by as much as possible. See a pastor for the schedule of lectures and worship times.

Rev. Dr. Boyle, Seminary Professor will be leading it.

Sunday, Aug. 17 he will be preaching, teaching Bible Class and with us that evening for our Book of Concord study moved to this night.



Bible Classes

Sundays 9:15 am Luke

**Weds. 8:30 am Matins
9:00 am Romans**



**Aug. 4
6:30 pm**

Book Club

meets 1st Monday of the month

All are invited to come and listen to the lively discussion! (Even if you haven't finished the book or it hasn't come yet!) We will decide on which horse is the prettiest, as we discuss Cormac McCarthy's: All the Pretty Horses. We are also voting on what the next books will be for several upcoming months, bring your suggestions.

August 4: Sword and the Scimitar by Raymond Ibrahim

Sept. 8: (1 week later due to Labor Day) All the Light We Cannot See by Anthony Doerr



**Aug. 21
6:30 pm**

Katie's Sisters

Joy Mustapich, coordinator; usually meet 3rd Thurs.

Ladies Night Out, sisters of Katie Luther

Our next gathering will be Aug. 21, 6:30 pm. All women of the congregation and any friends welcome. Watch for mailbox flyers.



Aug. 17

Voter's Assembly & Potluck

Bret Curtis, President

Congregation Potluck & Quarterly Voter's Assembly, Aug. 17, after the 10:30 Service. Agenda available Aug. 10. For our potluck, members last name:

A-M: bring a side dish, salad, dessert, or bread;

N-Z: bring a main dish.



**Aug. 1
9:00 am**

1st Friday Trustee Work

Nick Bretz, Board of Trustees

We will meet August 1, 9:00 following Matins to work on various projects inside or outside and wrap-up by 10:00.



**Aug. 29
7:00 pm**

Men's GameNight

Usually 4th Friday of the month

We will have trivia night. If you are not very smart you could sit this one out or just come and offer jeers to the players. All men and friends over 18 welcome.



**Aug. 14
6:00 pm**

Women In Mission

Dayle Reynolds, President 913-680-5366

Thank you for your help in supplying our Risen Savior Classical Academy students with supplies for school. We are so blessed.

We have been invited to "A Bountiful Harvest" hosted by Trinity LWML on August 11 at 6:00 pm. After dinner the speaker this year will be Mrs. Ashley Nelson from St. Paul Lutheran in Leavenworth who will be speaking about the Deaconess program. An RSVP is due by August 2 if you would like to attend contact Dayle Reynolds, 913-680-5366

Our next meeting will be on August 14 at 6:00 pm, all ladies are welcome to join us.



Available Help

If you want to be added, send email to: weinkauf@rslcms.church

Babysitting Needs

Bridget Harbord, 14. Safe Sitter certified (1/2024) in First Aid/CPR, child care, and safety skills. Available most weekends (day or evening), watch toddler-age and above. Will keep kids busy with activities and play. Call 913.544.4133 (Amanda, mom) or mdy2404@gmail.com.

Pick-up Truck If you need to borrow a pickup truck, please contact Pastor Weinkauf.



LWML Gift Tree



1700th Nicene Council/ Creed banner replaces the 500th Reformation banner.



Katie's Sisters gun shoot and training rained out; 25 came to Trivia Night.



RISEN SAVIOR CLASSICAL ACADEMY

VERITAS AETERNA

Open House/Parent Orientation Aug. 4, Monday 10:00 am

1st Day of School August 25

- ☐ If anyone is interested in homeschooling, invite them to come for a site visit.
- ☐ If you wish to teach a subject or be on a substitute list, please contact our parent coordinator Katlyn Selbe or Pastor Burgdorf.



End of Year
Picnic and
Yearbook
Signing.



VBS 2025

Theme was "A New Song" based on Canticles of Scripture.

Theme hymn LSB 960, *Isaiah Mighty Seer in Days of Old*, Luther's hymn based on Isaiah 6.

Special thanks to all who helped: Amanda Harbord, Kim Dunn, Liz Friedman, Maddi Selbe, Gus White, Bruce Harbord, Jodi Weinkauff, Janise Selbe, Katlyn Selbe, Krista Wright, Violet Luebke, Jeanette Curtis, Claire Burgdorf, Forrest Erickson, Bridget Harbord, Cathy Manis, Jonathan Shaw. Your efforts were a great blessing to the 50 students in attendance!



The Liturgical Art project combined symbols of the 5 lessons/ Canticles.



Higher Things 2025 Youth Trip, 26 youth, 7 chaperones attended, this year at Concordia University, Seward, Neb. This was our 16th year attending as they are held at campuses throughout the US. About 1000 youth, classes taught by LCMS pastors, 5 worship services daily, we use the cafeteria for meals, lodge in dorms, use classrooms, have free time, a venue of entertainment, activities, and games on their fields and student unions.



Compline Service at 11 pm each night is done in smaller groups or each youth group, As commonly happens over the years, other groups join our group to sing and chant, this night led by Pastor Burgdorf.



Pastor Burgdorf dominates the mechanical bull.



Chaperones



July 4 Open House at Pastor Weinkauff with over 70 people.



Pre-K Sunday School getting out.



Sunday School Pig Roast at Pastor Burgdorf home with over 70 people. As this new annual event of ours will falls on June 24, the Nativity of St. John the Baptist, we had the customary pigs head on a platter, along with Pastor Burgdorf leading hymns and liturgy.



August 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27 6th Sun. aft Trinity 8:00 Divine Service 9:15 Sun. School/Bible class 10:30 Divine Service 6:00 Book of Concord	28 8:30 Matins	29 8:30 Matins	30 8:30 Matins 9:00 Bible study for all	31 8:30 Matins	1 7:00 Leadership Breakfast 8:30 Matins 9:00 1st Friday Trustee work 6:30 RSLC @ Monarch's 7:00 TableTalk	2 9-10 Private Confession & Absolution
3 7th Sun. aft Trinity 8:00 Divine Service 9:15 Sun. School/Bible class 10:30 Divine Service 6:00 Youth Group	4 8:30 Matins	5 8:30 Matins	6 8:30 Matins 9:00 Bible study for all	7 8:30 Matins	8 8:30 Matins	9
10 8th Sun. aft Trinity 8:00 Divine Service 9:15 Sun. School/Bible class 10:30 Divine Service	11 8:30 Matins Noon Lunch with Pastors 6:30 Board of Elders	12 8:30 Matins 10:00 Bible Study @ Advocacy First 10:00 Newsletter due	13 8:30 Matins 9:00 Bible study for all	14 8:30 Matins 6:00 LWML mtg.	15 8:30 Divine Service <i>Mary, mother of our Lord</i>	16 9-10 Private Confession & Absolution
17 9th Sun. aft Trinity 8:00 Divine Service 9:15 Sun. School/Bible class 10:30 Divine Service 11:40 Potluck/Voter's Assembly 6:00 Book of Concord study	18 8:30 Matins	19 8:30 Matins	20 8:30 Matins 9:00 Bible study for all	21 8:30 Matins 6:30 Katie's Sister	22 8:30 Matins 6:00 Sunday School gamenight, / Parent datenight	23
24 10th Sun. aft Trinity 8:00 Divine Service 9:15 Sun. School/Bible class 10:30 Divine Service <i>St. Bartholomew, apostle</i>	25 8:30 Matins 8:30-3:30 Risen Savior Classical Academy begins new year!	26 8:30 Matins	27 8:30 Matins 9:00 Bible study for all	28 8:30 Matins	29 8:30 Divine Service 7:00 Men's Gamenight <i>Martyrdom St. John, Bapt.</i>	30
31 11th Sun. aft Trinity 8:00 Divine Service 9:15 Sun. School/Bible class 10:30 Divine Service	1 Labor Day 8:30 Matins 8:30-3:30 RSCA	2 8:30 Matins	3 8:30 Matins 9:00 Bible study for all	4 8:30 Matins	5 8:30 Matins 9:00 1st Friday Trustee work 7:00 TableTalk for young adults	6 9-10 Private Confession & Absolution

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

1 Derrick & Sarah Peters
2 Brooklyn Ford
3 Tom Fehlhafer
3 Pastor & Jodi Weinkauff
4 Anita Yarbrough
5 Jaden Kasunic
5 Bob & Eleanor Lenahan
6 Cathy Manis
6 Ella Gary
7 John Kasunic
9 Titus Shaw

14 Meredith Hall
15 Lillian Bretz
15 Jonathan Shaw
17 Larry Hunter
18 Luis & Kacie Arana
19 Jayden & Ashlynn Kasunic
19 Hannah Fehlhafer
20 Deborah Middlemas
12 Rebekah Hillyer
13 Jane Hunter
14 Niles Galyean

21 Kirk & Jeanne Sullivan
21 Hazel Newberry
22 Thomas & Heather Shaulis
22 Courtney Colson
22 Kaelyn Swartz
23 Robert & Summer Schubert
23 Joshua Grimm
24 Erika Colacicco
25 Elwood Martin
26 David & Brenda Benzel
27 Kelcey Knoernschild

27 Johnathan Newberry
28 Andy & Wendy Dedeke
28 Isaac Kalebaugh
28 Erica Turney
28 Bret Curtis

29 Michel Savage
29 Hannah Hillyer
31 Terry Wade
31 Gloria Brimhall
31 River Freeman

Thank You!

- ☒ Our Church Directory photo Updated: Emily Newman, Randy Luebke, Cathy Manis, Sara Bretz
- ☒ All the VBS volunteers
- ☒ Offering Counters
- ☒ Board of Fellowship for the Church Picnic
- ☒ All our summer Sunday School teachers.

2025 Financial

Full report posted in Church Office.

Through end of June:

Offerings \$238,004

Expenses \$228,138

Not included: Dedicated gifts & expenses

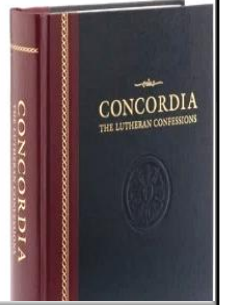
Book of Concord Study

Aug. 17 6:00 pm New time this month

Join us any time for this continuous study.

All welcome to come for an evening of enrichment in our Lutheran doctrine and Scriptural engagements, food, & refreshments.

Last Sunday evening of the month.



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FOR LIFE**

LutheransForLife.org

"We stand together, one in mind and heart, and with one voice, in defense of the lives of our unborn children—God's precious little ones. Yet, what we stand for is not only the lives of these precious unborn children but also the moms, the dads, the grandmas and grandpas, the young and the old, the healthy and the sick and dying. What we stand for is the very value—the very gift—of life itself." "Never apologize for sharing God's Word. Never excuse holding or defending a godly position that clearly states how a life issue stands according to Scripture. Abortion is wrong, as is assisted suicide, and many other life issues happening in our world."

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