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“Set Free to Serve One Another”
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Sisters & brothers in Christ of Triune,

In a couple weeks, the wider church will further recognize and celebrate the work of Florence Nightingale, who died on August 13, 1910. Since 1965, though, her birthday of May 12, has been celebrated as International Nurses Day. And since she was born in 1820, the World Health Organization has claimed this 200th anniversary year of Nightingale’s birth as the “International Year of the Nurse and Midwife.” Some would say 2020 has not been overly kind to the nursing profession with the coronavirus still rearing its rather ugly head. And yet, if only we knew all the stories of how nurses continue to serve humanity at their absolute worst, COVID-19 or not. One such story of Florence Nightingale in England may not only encapsulate her relentless dedication to caring for others, but for those who remain at work today.

*When the Crimean War began in 1854, the British were unprepared to deal with the number of sick and injured soldiers. The lack of medical supplies, overcrowding, and unsanitary conditions caused many people to complain. Newspapers began to report about the terrible state of medical care. The Secretary of War, Sidney Herbert asked Nightingale to manage a group of nurses that would go treat the wounded soldiers. She agreed, and on November 4, 1854, Nightingale and 38 nurses arrived at the British camp outside of Constantinople. When they got there, the doctors were unwelcoming because they did not want to work with female nurses. However, as the number of patients increased, the doctors needed their help. The nurses brought supplies, nutritious food, cleanliness, and sanitation to the military hospital. They also provided individual care and support. Nightingale was known for carrying a lamp and checking on the soldiers at night, so they gave her the nickname “the Lady with the Lamp.” Within six months, Nightingale and her team transformed the hospital. The death rate went down from 40 percent to 2 percent because of their work. **



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For those of us who have been patients in the hospital setting, or wherever else, we often appreciate those Nightingale-equivalent “Lady with the Lamp” moments: the nurses who check in on us without fail, those we develop a connection with over those brief, but incredibly important, moments, share our vulnerabilities, unleash the must needed humor to diffuse the not-overly-pleasant situation. But, of course, it wasn’t just the personal social component of patient interaction for Nightingale. She was an advocate for those in desperate circumstances, holding other medical professionals to a higher standard of care,

including through the sanitary conditions to stave off seemingly unstoppable infections.

Many nurses serve as such advocates for their patients today, including for those who have no family of their own. And many of those nurses working in emergency rooms, intensive care units and beyond, will be quick to point to the work of others to ensure the healthiest and safest environment for those in need: medics, technicians, respiratory therapists, those who clean the rooms. All with their own personal contribution so that we may heal and experience a gift of new life that may not be possible otherwise.

Of course, that personal attention to others is not limited to the medical profession. All children of God are called to go above and beyond the bare minimum expectations in caring for one another. Our Baptism calls us into such a service as a present-day disciple of Christ. At confirmation, when we personally affirm that baptismal vow, it gets kicked up a notch in our individual responsibility realm. When we take Communion, the gifts are meant not just for our own spiritual healing, of sorts, but to nourish us with a renewed jolt of love and compassion for those around us, empowered by the encapsulation of that insistent sacrifice in Jesus Christ.

This year has most certainly tested how much we are willing to bring out a lamp of awareness to see and hear others’ pain and anguish, not just in terms of wanting to keep our physical distance, but with our all-around patience and tolerance to bear someone else’s burdens beyond our own. And when we offer our prayers to God to care for such people, God may just use that transformative moment of a personal connection with the Divine to light the path ahead of us, so that we may do our part, too. Nevertheless, we give thanks for the witness of Florence Nightingale, and for those who continue to do their part not just in 2020, not just with COVID-19, but throughout a lifetime of service for those in desperate need of hope, and even just a semblance of care at the side of a bed. God be with them all! Amen.

In Christ,
Pastor Brad

Image: “Miss Nightingale in the Hospital in Scutary,” 1856 (c). Colored lithograph by Max and Simeon A Beeger. No 2 in the series ‘Les Actualites.’

* Alexander, Kerri Lee. “Florence Nightingale.” National Women’s History Museum. 2019. www.womenshistory.org/education-resources/biographies/florence-nightingale.



We ask you to keep the following sisters and brothers in Christ in your prayers:

Bev Deitrick
Cathy Gallagher
John Kurtz
Jean Kurtz
Matthew Loede
Mary Phillips
Hazel Schwab

Karen Schrodel
George Tomaselli
Martha Wasson
Mardell Weiss
Clara Wilcox
Dave Wilcox

If you wish to send any cards, please send them, or drop them off, to the church office, and we will be sure to deliver them.

8th Brigitte Kiemschies



5th Dale & Linda Kirk
11th Matthew & Meghan Shatt

"Misguided Zeal" will be the topic when the Monday discussion group resumes meeting on Monday, August 3, at 1 pm in Willmann Hall.

Thanks to Pastor Brad and his "team" for making this possible.

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Worship at Triune FYI

As we continue to do our best at Triune Lutheran Church to provide the safest environment for everyone to limit the fears and worries over COVID-19, and so better focus on the spiritual nourishment of worshiping together, we continue with these expectations for each other as we enter the building.

- We ask that you please, **please** wear a mask as you enter the building, and leave it on until you exit the building.
- Please use the front main entrance doors to enter the fellowship hall for worship going forward, and use the side door by the kitchen of the fellowship hall to exit following worship.
- Bathrooms are still available for use. Please be sure to wash your hands and use a paper towel to open the door as you exit.
- Chairs are already placed at the CDC recommendation of six feet apart. Some chairs are placed in pairs for those from the same household. An additional chair (which will have your worship bulletin and Communion elements) will be placed by the chair you choose sit on for worship. Please leave the chairs where they are placed.
- Please use hand sanitizer when you enter the fellowship hall and before you exit.
- There will not be a time during worship to collect offerings. Instead, an offering plate is placed at the back of the fellowship hall.
- We will not be leaving our seats to share the peace during worship or to come forward to receive Communion. Instead, Communion will be done so from where we are seated, with the elements already provided when you enter. The blessing spoken by the pastor applies to all the elements throughout the room.
- According to many published scientific studies, we will continue not to sing together or speak as a group indoors. Nevertheless, the prayers spoken silently are just as meaningful to God as they would be spoken aloud.

We encourage you to let us know how you think worship is going so far. We know none of this is ideal, but again, we hope to provide the safest environment, while also ensuring a worshipful experience. Feel free to let Pastor Brad, Edith, or council members know your thoughts!



Lutheran Disaster Response

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COVID-19 PANDEMIC RESPONSE SITUATION REPORT JUNE 14, 2020: UNITED STATES*

SITUATION

The COVID-19 pandemic continues to affect countless lives across the country. As of June 14, there have been a total of 2 million cases in the United States and over 114,000 people have lost their lives. This number continues to grow daily, despite the many preventative actions that communities are taking.

Response

Lutheran Disaster Response is supporting ELCIA synods and affiliated social ministry organizations around the U.S. in response to the pandemic, with attention to vulnerable communities, e.g. homeless, senior, and unemployed populations. LDR is helping synods to support congregational feeding ministries, such as food pantries, hot meal delivery, and meal distribution. These ministries prioritize ethnic communities, underrepresented groups, and those whose livelihoods have been affected by the COVID19 pandemic. LDR has most recently supported the following synods:

Rocky Mountain Synod
Southwest California Synod
Delaware-Maryland Synod
Greater Milwaukee Synod
Southeast Michigan Synod
Central States Synod
South Dakota Synod
Montana Synod
Sierra Pacific Synod
Virginia Synod
Minneapolis Area Synod



HOW YOU CAN HELP

Give contribute to Lutheran Disaster Response (General Fund), and/or pray: "Let us pray for the people who have been affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. May God's healing presence give them peace and hope in their time of need."

* For more up to date information, please visit LDR's website at LDR.org.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Worship @ 5pm Tim Mize
2	3 Bible Study @ 1 pm Council Meeting @ 6	4 AA @ 7pm	5	6 AA @ 8 pm	7	8 Worship @ 5pm Pastor Brad
9 Worship @ 11am	10 Bible Study @ 1 pm	11 AA @ 7pm	12	13 AA @ 8 pm	14	15 Worship @ 5pm Tim Mize
16 Worship @ 11am	17 Bible Study @ 1 pm	18 AA @ 7pm	19	20 AA @ 8 pm	21	22 Worship @ 5pm Tim Mize
23 Worship @ 11am	24 Bible Study @ 1 pm	25 AA @ 7pm	26	27 AA @ 8 pm	28	29 Worship @ 5pm Pastor Brad
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