



A Word from Pastor Schielke

(From the committal service of Lorene Finstad)

1 Corinthians 15:42-49: "So is it with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable; what is raised is imperishable. It is sown in dishonor; it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness; it is raised in power. It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a natural body, there is also a spiritual body. Thus it is written, "The first man Adam became a living being"; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. But it is not the spiritual that is first but the natural, and then the spiritual. The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. As was the man of dust, so also are those who are of the dust, and as is the man of heaven, so also are those who are of heaven. Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we shall also bear the image of the man of heaven."

In these words from St. Paul to the Corinthians, we are given a glimpse of what the day of resurrection will be like. People often have many questions about the resurrection, and while we certainly don't have all the specific details, we do know some things. We know that these bodies die. Death, especially the death of a loved one, is a stark and jarring reminder of the fallenness, the brokenness of this world and of our bodies. They are perishable, but Paul tells us they will be raised imperishable. These bodies are weak, subject to the ravages of time, subject to sickness, yet they will be raised in power, perfect, healthy, whole. These bodies are natural, subject to this fallen natural world, subject to our own fallen wills and desires that run contrary to God's will, but they will be raised as spiritual in perfect harmony with God's design for humanity. As we return

bodies to the earth in burial, we are reminded that all of us share that end, for as did Adam, all die. But there is another man, a man of flesh and blood, yet a man that is also true God, Jesus Christ, who Paul calls here the man of heaven. And this man rose from the dead, and this was witnessed by hundreds of people, several of whom wrote about it. And since He rose from the dead, He promises us that those who trust His saving work will also rise from the dead on the last day to eternal bliss and glory, and we, who bear His image now in our baptisms, will one day bear it fully in the resurrection of the dead. And for this we give thanks to God, for that is our hope.

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1 Corinthians 15:57

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The Augsburg Confession - Below is part 1 of the twenty-seventh article of the Augsburg Confession. The Confessions are what we believe and confess as a Lutheran congregation. When they say “they teach” they mean our churches teach.

Article XXVII - Of Monastic Vows

- ¹What is taught on our part concerning Monastic Vows, will be better understood if it be remembered what has been the state of the monasteries, and how many things were daily done in those very monasteries, contrary to the Canons.
- ²In Augustine’s time they were free associations. Afterward, when discipline was corrupted, vows were everywhere added for the purpose of restoring discipline, as in a carefully planned prison.
- ³Gradually, many other observances were added besides vows.
- ⁴And these fetters were laid upon many before the lawful age, contrary to the Canons.
- ⁵Many also entered into this kind of life through ignorance, being unable to judge their own strength, though they were of sufficient age.
- ⁶Being thus ensnared, they were compelled to remain, even though some could have been freed by the kind provision of the Canons.
- ⁷And this was more the case in convents of women than of monks, although more consideration should have been shown the weaker sex.
- ⁸This rigor displeased many good men before this time, who saw that young men and maidens were thrown into convents for a living. They saw what unfortunate results came of this procedure, and what scandals were created, what snares were cast upon consciences! They were grieved
- ⁹that the authority of the Canons in so momentous a matter was utterly set aside and despised. To
- ¹⁰these evils was added such a persuasion concerning vows as, it is well known, in former times displeased even those monks who were more considerate.
- ¹¹They taught that vows were equal to Baptism; they taught that by this kind of life they merited forgiveness of sins and justification before God.
- ¹²Yea, they added that the monastic life not only merited righteousness before God but even greater things, because it kept not only the precepts, but also the so-called “evangelical counsels.”
- ¹³Thus they made men believe that the profession of monasticism was far better than Baptism, and that the monastic life was more meritorious than that of magistrates, than the life of pastors, and such like, who serve their calling in accordance with God’s commands, without any man-made services.
- ¹⁴None of these things can be denied; for they appear in their own books. [Moreover, a person who has been thus ensnared and has entered a monastery learns little of Christ.]
- ¹⁵What, then, came to pass in the monasteries? Aforetime they were schools of theology and other branches, profitable to the Church; and thence pastors and bishops were obtained. Now it is another thing. It is needless to rehearse what is known to all.
- ¹⁶Aforetime they came together to learn; now they feign that it is a kind of life instituted to merit grace and righteousness; yea, they preach that it is a state of perfection, and they put it far above all other kinds of life ordained of God.
- ¹⁷These things we have rehearsed without odious exaggeration, to the end that the doctrine of our teachers on this point might be better understood.
- ¹⁸First, concerning such as contract matrimony, they teach on our part that it is lawful for all men who are not fitted for single life to contract matrimony, because vows cannot annul the ordinance and commandment of God.
- ¹⁹But the commandment of God is 1 Cor. 7:2: To avoid fornication, let every man have
- ²⁰his own wife. Nor is it the commandment only, but also the creation and ordinance of God, which forces those to marry who are not excepted by a singular work of God, according to the text Gen. 2:18: It is not good
- ²¹that the man should be alone. Therefore they do not sin who obey this commandment and ordinance of God.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4 Divine Service 10 a.m Bible Study / Sunday School 11 a.m. Lunch noon	5	6	7	8	9	10
11 Divine Service 10 a.m Bible Study / Sunday School 11 a.m. Lunch noon	12	13 Women's Bible Study 1 p.m.	14	15	16	17
18 Divine Service 10 a.m Bible Study / Sunday School 11 a.m. Lunch noon	19	20 Women's Bible Study 1 p.m.	21	22	23	24 Men's Bible Study 8:30 a.m.
25 Divine Service 10 a.m Bible Study / Sunday School 11 a.m. Lunch noon	26	27 Women's Bible Study 1 p.m.	28	29	30	

VIC Happenings

Garage Sale - We will be having a garage sale in the month of October to raise funds for the Board of Evangelism. If you have any items to donate to the garage sale, please bring them to church. If you have any questions, please see Robin Kroeger.

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September Anniversaries

8 Herb and Leann Safford

September Birthdays:

2 Dana McClain

3 Scott Rohloff

10 Marty Groves

12 Ruth Rohloff



For 2022, I would like to challenge every member of this congregation to read or continue reading through the Bible in one year. The Bible readings for September and part of October are listed below.

Sept. 1: Ezekiel 9-12

Sept. 2: Ezekiel 13-15

Sept. 3: Ezekiel 16-17

Sept. 4: Ezekiel 18-20

Sept. 5: Ezekiel 21-22

Sept. 6: Ezekiel 23-24

Sept. 7: Ezekiel 25-27

Sept. 8: Ezekiel 28-30

Sept. 9: Ezekiel 31-33

Sept. 10: Ezekiel 34-36

Sept. 11: Ezekiel 37-39

Sept. 12: Ezekiel 40-42

Sept. 13: Ezekiel 43-45

Sept. 14: Ezekiel 46-48

Sept. 15: Daniel 1-3

Sept. 16: Daniel 4-6

Sept. 17: Daniel 7-9

Sept. 18: Daniel 10-12

Sept. 19: Hosea 1-7

Sept. 20: Hosea 8-14

Sept. 21: Joel

Sept. 22: Amos 1-5

Sept. 23: Amos 6-9

Sept. 24: Obadiah & Jonah

Sept. 25: Micah

Sept. 26: Nahum

Sept. 27: Habakkuk &
Zephaniah

Sept. 28: Haggai

Sept. 29: Zechariah 1-7

Sept. 30: Zechariah 8-14

Oct. 1: Malachi

Oct. 2: Matthew 1-4

Oct. 3: Matthew 5-6

Oct. 4: Matthew 7-8

Oct. 5: Matthew 9-10

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Oct. 7: Matthew 13-14

Oct. 8: Matthew 15-17

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