

Make Church a Part of Your Life

WEEKLY SERMONETTE

"He Is Not Here; He Has Risen!"

By Pastor Timm O. Meyer, Redeemer Evangelical Lutheran Church

Very early in the morning the women rushed to the tomb of the crucified Savior, Jesus. Their task was filled with sorrow. They went to prepare the body of Jesus. On the way the women wondered how they would roll away the stone that covered the entrance to the tomb. Their thoughts were sidetracked from the important task at hand. Their minds wandered to worry about the little things. The small worries of this life try to distract us from our very important purpose of life. At the tomb the stone had been rolled away. God took care of this for them. There was some joy.

They enter the tomb. It is empty. There is sadness once again. Where is the body? What has happened to Jesus? The loving Lord does not leave the women wondering for very long. God never does. The angels ask the women, "Why do you look for the living among the dead?" All too often we may also search for the living among the dead. Today's world does not really offer us any living answers. The truth we need to hear and know comes only from God's living word. "He is not here; he has risen!"

The message of the angels echoed in the empty tomb. "He is not here; he has risen!" This message of the angels filled the ears of the women. They came to see the body of Jesus. Instead

the tomb was empty. "He is not here; he has risen!"

The angels' message filled the hearts of the women. "He is not here; he has risen!" They left the tomb. They told the disciples. The disciples thought this message to be nonsense. It would seem the same to us. Finally, like the women,

the disciples remembered the words of Jesus. Jesus had told them he must go to Jerusalem, be crucified, AND rise again on the third day.

That tomb of Jesus is still empty today. "He is not here; he has risen!" The message of the church is still the same today. "He is not here; he has

risen!" It is this simple soul-saving message that our sin-filled world desperately needs to hear today. All too many today try to keep Jesus in the tomb. Mankind's rejection and the world's denials cannot change the message of the angels. "He is not here; he has risen!"

This powerful message may sound simple. It is. God's message of truth is always, simply powerful. The wisdom of the cross seems as foolishness to the world. The power of the empty tomb appears as weakness in the eyes of those who deny Jesus. But to us who are being saved this message is the wisdom and power of God. "He is not here; he has risen!"

"He is not here; he has risen!" The angels announced it. The women now proclaimed this joyfully. The disciples repeated it. The apostles preached to all who would listen. "With great power the apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and much grace was upon them all" (ACTS 4:33). God's message has not changed over thousands of years. God's truth cannot change. God's truth will not change. In our lives and with our words we still testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus with God's great power. Much grace, God's grace rests upon us. "He is not here; he has risen!"

The Lord Has Risen

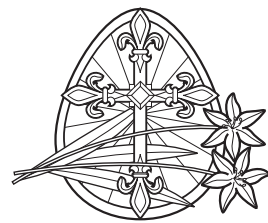
"He was delivered over to death for our sins and was raised to life for our justification."
(Romans 4:25)

Every Easter we rejoice! The gravestone was rolled away and Christ arose from the dead! Likewise, we can arise above spiritual death, our soul intact. As God guides our spirit, the suffocating stones of despair, anxiety and fear are rolled away and we can be filled with joy! Hallelujah... Christ has risen!



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Mark	Romans	Romans	Romans	1 Corinthians	1 Corinthians	Hebrews
16.1-18	5.1-21	10.5-21	15.1-21	15.1-34	15.35-58	4.14 - 5.10

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IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JANE E. URBAN, Deceased

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF NORTON COUNTY, KANSAS In the Matter of the Estate of JANE E. URBAN, Deceased, Case No. 2009-PR-14

NOTICE OF HEARING THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that a Petition has been filed in this Court by Gregory B. Vanover, one of the heirs of Jane E. Urban, deceased, praying that descent be determined of the following described real estate situated in Decatur County, Kansas:

An undivided one half of the East Half of the Southwest Quarter (E/2 SW/4) and the West 15 acres of the West Half of the Southeast Quarter (W/2 SE/4) of Section Twenty-three (23), Township Four (4) South,

Range Twenty-seven (27) West of the Sixth Principal Meridian, Decatur County, Kansas,

and all other Kansas real estate owned by decedent at the time of death, and that all such real estate owned by the decedent at the time of death be assigned pursuant to the laws of intestate succession.

You are required to file your written defenses thereto on or before May 12, 2009, at 9:00 a.m. in the city of Norton in Norton County, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the petition.

Gregory B. Vanover, Petitioner Prepared by: Mark C. Whitney, No. 9607 WHITNEY LAW OFFICE 112 S. Kansas, P. O. Box 208 Norton, Ks 67654 (785) 877-2661 Attorney for the Petitioner

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NOTICE OF HEARING ON AMENDING THE 2008-2009 BUDGET

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NOTICE OF HEARING ON AMENDING THE 2008-2009 BUDGET The governing body of USD 211 will meet on the 30th day of April, 2009 at 7:30 p.m., at 105 E. Waverly, Norton for the purpose of hearing and answering objections of taxpayers relating to the proposed amended use of funds.

Detailed budget information is available at the District Office and will be available at this hearing.

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENTS

Fund	Actual Tax Rate	Adopted Budget 2008-2009	Amount of Tax to be Levied	Expenditures and Transfers	Proposed Amendment 2008-2009 Budget	Expenditures and Transfers
GENERAL				5,370,580		5,485,480
VOCATIONAL				125,065		128,905
						Janice Russell, Clerk