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, Norton

LUKE 24:6

early disciples continually preached.

"Christ is risen!" This is the saving message testified to by the empty tomb. This is the same saving comfort Christ announced to his followers. This is the same truth hundreds of people saw when Jesus appeared after his death and resurrection.

"Christ is risen!" saving message is our living hope. Too many today look only for the Lord's help in this life. Our human thinking often limits the divine blessings that our loving, heavenly Father desires to give us. Jesus' triumph over death gives us our eternal victory.

Today's society offers very little hope about a better future. In fact many keep on predicting and promoting more doom and gloom. This world will continue to increase in sin and wickedness until the Last Day. We are not to live

in despair or hopelessness. "Christ is risen" is our

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message those women told also entered the world because for our sins. to Jesus' disciples. This is of sin. Jesus lived and died and

living hope for every day. so also the result of one act of horrifying sacrifice Jesus "Christ is risen!" This Adam and Eve sinned. They righteousness was justification paid for our sins. is the saving message the ruined God's perfect creation. that brings life for all men" angels spoke to the women. Death entered the world as a (ROMANS 5:18). This is for all, the righteous for the This is the same saving consequence of sin. Christ God's guarantee of forgiveness unrighteous, to bring you to

the powerful message these rose again to take away the sins hope forever. Our sins bring the Spirit" (1 PETER 3:18). of the world. "Consequently, us to God's throne of grace. just as the result of one trespass We seek His forgiveness. The was condemnation for all men, cross reminds each of us of the

Christ died for sins once and God. He was put to death in "Christ is risen" is our living the body but made alive by Jesus' victory over death is our eternal victory.

"Christ is risen!" This is the simple message of God's gospel. This is the saving message intended for all people. God's gospel is planted in our hearts by God's living and active and powerful Word. Only by God's grace do we know, believe, and confess that eternal truth: "Christ is risen!"

"Christ is risen!" is our living hope for every day and forever. God guarantees it. Jesus's victory is also our eternal victory.

Jesus spoke to Martha before He raised Lazarus from the dead. "Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do vou believe this?"" (JOHN 11:25, 26). Only by God's grace we can and will boldly and confidently confess: yes, Yes, YES!

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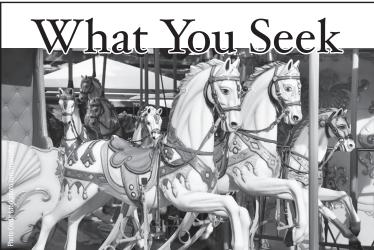
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Weekly Scripture Reading

Romans Romans Romans Romans 15:1-13 6:1-23 Scriptures Selected by the American Bible Society

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