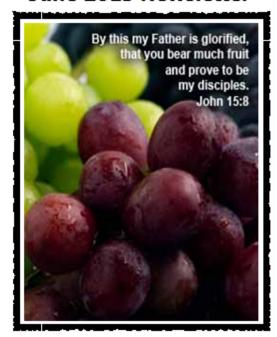


June 2013 Newsletter



"Communicating the Love of Jesus"
Worship Hours:

Christian Growth Hour: 9:00 a.m. Worship Service: 10:00 a.m.

Living Word Lutheran Church

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What we aim to do:

Make disciples for Jesus - as we go, wherever we go.

What we aim to be:

A joyful, caring, Christ-centered family of God.

Question for Pastor...

Do we go to heaven when we die - or to a new earth?

This is a question I received not long ago during one of our studies on the book of Revelation. I think you are going to like the answer for a couple of reasons. First, it will hopefully clear up a lot of confusion about what happens after we die. And second, the answer is a pretty short one.

And the answer is ... Yes.

"But wait. You can't answer 'Yes' to an either / or question. It's either one or the other."

Actually the answer is yes to both parts of the question. Here's how it works:

At death, the spirits of those who trust in Jesus as their Lord and Savior immediately go to be with Jesus. We call that place "heaven." Jesus also referred to it as "paradise." When one of the thieves on the cross next to Him said (as recorded in Luke 23:42), "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom," Jesus replied, "I tell you the truth, today you will be with me in paradise."

The Bible also makes it clear (cf. John 5:28-29, 1 Corinthians 15) that on the day Jesus returns to earth, the bodies of everyone who has ever lived will be raised from our graves and be reunited with our spirits for Judgment Day. Those who by virtue of their trust in Jesus have their names written in God's Book of Life will spend eternity with Him in total happiness.

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The last couple chapters of Revelation indicate that this eternity will be spent with Jesus on a New Earth that God will create. This new earth will be similar to our current earth as it existed prior to the time when sin messed everything up. It will be an earth where everyone will live in the physical, visible presence of God and where there will be no sin - and thus none of the effects of sin, like sickness, pain, evil, suffering, fear, or death.

Thanks for asking Pastor David

Send your questions to pastor@livingwordlutheran.net

A Request...

Hello friends,

I am writing with a need for a local family. If possible, please pass along to people you know that may be interested in helping out or print in your bulletin.

Currently, the child care assistance program at the county does not have funds to assist working people with their childcare costs through the program called "Basic Sliding Fee". The family I am working with has been put on the waiting list.

Here's the situation: Mom will be working full-time this summer and is able to afford half of the costs of childcare. She likes her job and wants a positive environment for her young, elementary-aged children.

It is approximately \$120/week for one child or \$240 for both children.

I am looking for twelve sponsors to donate \$120 to the Link that will help this family continue to move forward toward their goals. Can you help sponsor one week?

To sponsor a week, send a check to The Link, C/O Faith Lutheran Church, 310 Medayto Drive, Spicer MN 56288.

Blessings, Rhonda Otteson Link Director

When I Say, "I Am a Christian"

When I say, "I am a Christian" I'm not shouting, "I've been saved!" I'm whispering, "I get lost sometimes That's why I chose this way"

When I say, "I am a Christian" I don't speak with human pride I'm confessing that I stumble needing God to be my guide

When I say, "I am a Christian" I'm not trying to be strong I'm professing that I'm weak and pray for strength to carry on

When I say, "I am a Christian" I'm not bragging of success I'm admitting that I've failed and cannot ever pay the debt

When I say, "I am a Christian" I don't think I know it all I submit to my confusion asking humbly to be taught

When I say, "I am a Christian" I'm not claiming to be perfect My flaws are far too visible but God believes I'm worth it

When I say, "I am a Christian" I still feel the sting of pain I have my share of heartache which is why I seek God's name

When I say, "I am a Christian" I do not wish to judge I have no authority I only know I'm loved



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F-Mail Humor

The Penny

My husband and I had just finished tucking our five young ones into bed one evening when we heard sobbing coming from three-year-old Billy's room. Rushing to his side, we found him crying hysterically. He had accidentally swallowed a penny and was sure he was going to die. No amount of talking could change his mind.

Desperate to calm him, my husband palmed a penny that he happened to have in his pocket and pretended to pull it from Billy's ear. Billy was delighted. In a flash, he snatched it from my husband's hand, swallowed it and demanded cheerfully, "Do it again, Dad!"

A grandmother is giving directions to her grown grandson who is coming to visit with his wife.

"You come to the front door of the apartment. I am in apartment 301. There is a big panel at the front door. With your elbow, push button 301. I will buzz you in. Come inside, the elevator is on the right. Get in, and with your elbow push 3. When you get out, I'm on the left. With your elbow, hit my doorbell."

"Grandma, that sounds easy, but, why am I hitting all these buttons with my elbow?

"What?! You're coming empty handed?"

I was thinking about how people seem to read the Bible a whole lot more as they get older Then it dawned on me . . . they were cramming for their finals.

Congratulations!

Becca Johnson - on your engagement to Levi!

Emily Fuglie - on your graduation from NL-S!

Anthony Dauk - on your graduation from Dunwoody & job with VAA!

Please email pastor@livingwordlutheran.net if there's someone you'd like us to extend congratulations to.

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Mark Your Calendars...

Mission & Ministry Team

Meets on the 3rd WEDNESDAY of the month for the summer months (May - August)

Living Word is hosting Tuesday's Table

June 11th - see page 16 for more information.

<u>Building—Front Cross Dedication</u> Sunday, June 23

As many of you may know, the Nissen family has donated, in memory of Randy, a wonderful, solid-oak "LC-MS"-style cross for the front of our building. We will be erecting and dedicating this cross in a special ceremony following worship on Sunday, June 23.

NEW This Summer: "The Picnic Service" Beginning Saturday, June 29 -

Now that we have our own land we can hold outdoor worship. So... the Living Word Elders' Team as decided to do just that. The last Saturday of June, July and August we will hold what we are calling "The Picnic Service" at 5:30 p.m. We will worship outdoors - picnic style. That means you bring whatever you want to sit on - a blanket, a lawn chair, a horse even. And the Elders will bring something to throw on the grill after worship - hot dogs, brats or burgers.

As it sounds, The Picnic Service will have a more informal format with camp songs, a message and prayers. It's a great opportunity to utilize the land God has blessed us with, as well as provide an alternative to Sunday morning worship for those who may be out of town that Sunday.

Mark your calendar and bring some friends (and, of course, something to sit on).

Church League Softball...

Come and cheer on your team (We're 2-1 as of June 2)

•	June 6	6:15	Red Field
•	June 13	8:15	Yellow Field
•	June 20	7:15	Yellow Field

June 27 6:15 Red Field



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Sunday School News...

During the summer we have plans to keep the kids connected with a special activity each month:

- JUNE ACTIVITY: VBS Day at Lutheran Island Camp -
 - Wednesday, June 19, Bus leaves at 7:15 a.m. from Redeemer in Willmar and returns at 6:00 p.m.
 - Talk to Mona Hjelle for details or to reserve a spot for your kids. (Adults are welcome to go and check out our camp too!)
- JULY ACTIVITY: Building birdhouses / feeders and placing them around our land.
- JULY ACTIVITY: VBS is set for late August. Possibly Aug. 22-23 (2 sessions with celebration service).
 Celebration Service on the 25th.



LWML News...

Our next meeting will be June 12 at 6:30. We will be sewing more blankets for kids with autism.

Everyone please bring your favorite appetizer to share

Creation-Safari Camp

(at Lutheran Island Camp)

Send your child on the ultimate journey of exploration. God has given us a wonderful place to search for strange animals, neat plants, big fish, and lots of bugs. During our Creation-Safari camps we'll be teaching youth to see just how miraculous those creations are. We'll have fun with butterflies, fish, horses, flowers, and bugs. This year our safari will take us to Christ Serve Ranch where we'll be camping in tents or tipis. At the same time we'll be taking a safari into God's word to hunt dinosaurs, giant fish, exotic plants, and strange weather patterns. Promises of God

Ages:8-11 Cost: \$290; Deposit:\$75

Dates: # 1-July 7-12 Rustic at Christ Serve Ranch,

2-July 14-19 # 3-August 4-9

Opportunities for Growth...

<u>Sunday Morning Study:</u> Sundays at 9:00 am "God's Resurrection Power for His People"

This month we begin a study on the book of Ephesians. The power that God displayed when He raised Jesus from the grave is also available for the church - all believers in Jesus. Join us Sunday mornings to find how that Power is available to you.

Men's Study: Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m.

June 4 "Faith meeting Facts" Evidence for our creation beliefs

June 11: "The Point Is...." Why belief in creation matters.

June 18: Landscaping Work Day

June 25: TBA

Mom's Study: Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m.

"Change the Channel" (dial in a godly attitude)

Reminder: Childcare is provided for the Mom's Study which begins at 9:30

Wednesday Noon Women's Study:

"Change the Channel" (dial in a godly attitude)

Confirmation

June 5 Take our test (Reading assignments due)

Could You Host A Small Group Study This Spring?

One of our Core Values at Living Word is that making disciples (people who are committed to growing to become more like Jesus) happens best in small group settings.

For example, it's easier for people to get connected to Jesus through small groups. It's easier to get to know other Christians in small groups. Caring happens best in small groups. With that in mind we'd like to "plant" more small groups this spring. If you could host a small group study - at your home, a coffee house or at church, please talk to Pastor David. There are many different kinds of studies available. We can find one that fits your situation.

Sunday Night Youth Group

For youth (grades 5+) from 7:00 to 9:00

Sunday nights will include some activities, a short study, and some snacks, along with other special things. Please come and hang out, bring some friends, have some fun, and learn about God. (P.S. we will also try and mix in a special event night every once and a while.)

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Parents & Grandparents:



Do you know the #1 Daily Reminder that will make your parenting/grand parenting so much easier?

Watch your mail for information about the Daily Dozen of Christian Parenting where we will learn about this reminder (and lots of other stuff to help make our jobs easier - AND more effective.)

Thot for a day: If you really want to make

June - Daily Devotionals

We begin the month celebrating HOLY Trinity Sunday. Holiness is a major theme running through the entire Bible. Each day's readings this month teach us what is holy - and how to be holy. Record your insights as you read. God will bless your reading!

Week of June 2 Daily Readings HOLY Things

June	3	Genesis 2:1-3
June	4	Exodus 31:12-18
June	5	Exodus 3:1-6
June	6	Leviticus 10:8-11
June	7	Leviticus 11:41-45
June	8	Leviticus 16:1-2
		Wk of June 9 Daily Readings HOLY Things
June	10	Levitiaus 19:1-18
June	11	Leviticus 20:1-8
June	12	Leviticus 22:31-33
June	13	Leviticus 27:30-33
June	14	Numbers 20:6-12
June	15	Joshua 5:13-15
		Wk of June 16 Daily Readings: More HOLY Things
June	17	Psalm 77:10-15

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June 19	Isaiah 6:1-8
June 20	Isaiah 8:11-13
June 21	Luke 1:67-75
June 22	John 6:66-69
	Wk of June 23 Daily Readings Holy Things
June 24	Romans 7:7-12
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June 25	Romans 12:1-2
June 26	Ephesians 5:3-5
June 27	Ephesians 5:25-27
June 28	Colossians 1:21-23
June 29	1 Thessalonians 4:3-8
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July 1	2 Timothy 1:8-9
July 2	2 Timothy 3:12-15
July 3	Hebrews 2:10-11
July 4	1 Peter 1:13-16
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July 6	Revelation 4:8-11

June 2013 - Living Word Church Calendar of Events

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
June 2 9:00 Adult Study: Ephesians 10:00 Worship wLord's Supper 11:15 Fellowship in honor of NL-S grad Emily Fuglie 7:00 Youth Group	3	6:30 Men's Study "Creation"	9:30 Mom's Study "Attitude" Noon Women's Study "Attitude" 6:00 Meal 6:30 Confirmation	6:15 Church League Softball (Red)	Living Livord	8
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Upcoming Schedules...

Scripture Readers

June 2	Scott Wachter
June 9	Bryson Wachter
June 16	Wendy Robbin
June 23	Mona Hjelle
June 30	Phillip Iverson

July 7	Kevin Welsh
July 14	Linda Dilley
July 21	Mark Fuglie
July 28	Tammy Fuglie

Fellowship Servers

Marcia Welsh / Pam Johnson
Wendy Robbin / Alicia Sawatzky
Nancy Jo Wendt / Tammy Fuglie
Tammy Wachter / Sarah Miller
Mona Hjelle / Elaine Abraham

July 7	Violet Dauk / Laurel Iverson
July 14	Linda Dilley / Bonnie Hansen
July 21	Marcia Welsh / Pam Johnson
July 28	Wendy Robbin / Alicia Sawatzky

Children's Church Schedule

June 2	Mona Hjelle
June 9	Violet Dauk

Jun 16 Michelle Johnson & Eve Bajari June 23 Terrell Abbott & Grace Geer

Children's Church takes a break for the remainder of the summer. Instead, at the end of Children's Message the kids will receive activity bags with books and activities to complete during the sermon.

Confirmation Meal

June 5 Vicky Skotterund

Custodian

June Chuck Weflen

July CUSTODIAN FAMILY NEEDED

<u>Elders</u>

June 2	Kevin Welsh & Brady Sharp
June 16	Troy Hansen & Scott Wachter
July 7	Kevin Welsh & Brady Sharp
July 21	Mark Fuglie & Scott Wachter

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Usher Schedule

June 2	Jason Miller & Bryson Wachter
June 9	Lonny Robbin & Jason Olson
June 16	Troy Hansen & Brady Sharp
June 23	Mark Fuglie & Tim Geer
June 30	Linda Dilley & Mona Hjelle
July 7	Kevin & Noah Welsh
July 14	Jamie & Phil Iverson

July 21 Duane Hansen & Chuck Weflen July 28 Jason Miller & Bryson Wachter

Make A Meal Volunteers

June Bonnie Hansen

July Scott & Tammy Wachter & Nancy Jo Wendt

Acolyte (little brothers & sisters can help)

June 2	Carson Jaspersen
June 9	Noah Miller
June 16	Andy Sharp
June 23	Lance Sawatzky
June 30	George Arends-Schmidt

July 7	Carson Jaspersen
July 14	Noah Miller
July 21	Andy Sharp
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Altar Guild

June	Mona Hjelle
July	Nancy Jo Wendt

Accompanying Musicians

June 2	Sharon Willen
June 9	Pam Johnson
June 16	Scott Wachter
June 23	Scott Wachter
June 30	Scott Wachter

June Discipleship Verse...



This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.

John 15:8

We're Hosting Tuesday's Table!

June 11th

Tuesday's Table is a free weekly meal - open to anyone in the community - sponsored by The Link and served at a different church each week from 6:00 to 6:30 p.m. Living Word will be hosting Tuesday's Table this month on June 11.

Tuesday's Table typically serves close to 180 people, so we need lots of folks to help out. Here are some ways you can serve God by serving others:

Monday evening

- Prep food
- Move pews
- Set up tables / chairs
- Bake cake (Bring to church either Monday evening or Tuesday morn)

Tuesday morning

Cake drop off

Tuesday afternoon / evening

- Finish food prep
- Set plates, etc... at tables
- Make coffee
- Serve food
- Greet people
- Clean up

Elaine Abraham, Laurel Iverson, Marcia Welsh, and Nancy Jo Wendt are coordinating our effort. Please talk to one of the coordinators to volunteer (or you will find a sign-up sheet on the refrigerator at church).

WE HAVE NEW PEW BIBLES!

These were given in memory of Geneva Olson by her family.

We Also Have New Today's Light Bibles

- 1) For our Bible Studies
- 2) To take home or give to someone who needs a Bible

These were also given in memory of Geneva Olson by her family.

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One of the roles the Link plays is the role of advocacy. Advocacy for those who don't

have a voice. Advocacy for those who are oppressed or don't have the strength right now to stand up to the oppressors or the things that oppress their hope. The work of advocacy is standing alongside and standing for people.

Right now, there is an effort, county-wide, to invite congregations to advocate and provide overnight accommodations for families who are experiencing homelessness. It's called Family Promise. You may have read about it in last month's Link newsletter. As people of faith, it's what Jesus calls us to: a life and ministry of standing with "the widow, the orphan, and the stranger."

As a New London-Spicer community, as local congregations, let's stand together with families who need us to step forward in faith and give families hope. Families need us!

If you have questions about what your church can do next in standing with families in need and become a partner congregation, please give me a call at 320.796.2522. For more information about Family Promise, visit www.familypromise.org, Let's do this toaether!

Pastor Mark Kopka - Faith Lutheran Church Link Advisory Board Member

Tuesday's Table in May: All are welcome!

June 4, 2013: Our Lady of the Lakes Catholic Church

June 11, 2013: **Living Word** June 18, 2013: Faith Lutheran Church June 25, 2013: Peace Lutheran Church

Summer Fundraising Events to Support the Work of the Link!

Sunday, July 28th from 4-6 pm Spicer Music in the Park featuring the Mill Pond Jazz Quartet Bring a lawn chair!

Saturday, August 17th from 12-6 pm New London Music Festival

Bring a lawn chair! More info: http://newlondonmusicfestival.com/

Donations can be sent to:

The Link 310 Medayto Drive Spicer, MN 56288 www.thelinknls.org 320,796,2522

Needs: Household Exchange donations of gently used furniture, household goods and kitchenware.

Get signed up for the Link e-mail network to respond to needs of our community members as they arise. Email flc link@tds.net for an Interest Survey!

Opportunities to be a Friend Like Jesus...

Use Our Make-A-Meal Program

Several years ago we began the Make-A-Meal program as a way to share Jesus' love/mercy with people going through a tough time. **Please use the Prayer and Care cards in the attendance pad at worship** or call Pastor David or Meal Coordinator Linda Dilley if you know of someone who could use a meal as a reminder that we are thinking of them. Thanks!

Be a Childcare Substitute

We are looking for a couple people to put on a "Substitute" list of childcare providers for our Wednesday morning Mom's Study. (9:30-11:30) Please talk to Pastor

Elders Available For Prayer After Worship

God tells us in the book of James (5:14-15), "Is any one of you in trouble? He should pray.... Is any one of you sick? He should call the elders of the church to pray over him and anoint him with oil in the name of the Lord." Our Living Word Elders (Troy Hansen, Kevin Welsh, Scott Wachter, and Brady Sharp) will be available each week after worship to pray with you.

Still Collecting Items for a Time Capsule

Bring something that signifies our faith and church at this point in time. Maybe a cd, movie, book, photos, predictions, news clippings, etc.... Also bring a favorite Bible passage to show even though some elements of our faith and religion change over the years, the most important - the rock-solid foundation that is the Living Word of God - never will..

Help with Our Tuesday's Table, June 11

(Sign up sheet on the fridge)

Finish Installing Baseboards

The moldings are ready to install in the hallway and bathrooms. All that's needed is a volunteer to put them on.

Be a Custodian for the Month of July

We still need families to volunteer for July-December. A checklist of duties is provided. Talk to Trustee Lonny Robbin and choose your month. Thanks!

Coordinate Our Water Days Parade Outreach

Saturday, July 20

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generation just by loving her own child well.

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Please talk to Pastor David if you (or your group) could coordinate our annual parade outreach. Thanks

Landscaping Activities To Watch For

(and maybe even volunteer to help with)

- Dragging the ground
- Picking rocks
- Planting grass
- Installing sidewalk pavers on south side
- Installing the new Living Word sign
- Installing the new cross in front of building
- · Planting trees / shrubs
- Designing a picnic area
- Designing a playground area
- Expanding the parking lot (to the southwest)

Please talk to one of our Landscape Team members (Tim Geer, Jason Miller, Brent Sawatzky, Mona Hjelle, Pastor David) if you'd like to help with (or coordinate) any of these activities. Thanks!

You can help with our Support of Heidy

We have committed to \$32/month to help pay for basic needs and Christian education opportunities for Heidy. Donations may be placed in the "Heidy" box on the usher table at church.

Elected to Serve...

Officers elected to serve beginning July 1:

Vice Chairman Tim Geer
Treasurer Jason Olson
Congregational Outreach Linda Dilley

Elders: Mark Fuglie, Kevin Welsh

Christian Growth - Education Mona Hjelle

You're invited!

The Congregation is Invited . . .

To a graduation reception for Emily Fuglie Saturday, June 15 from 2-6pm at her home 13034 42nd St NE, Spicer, MN 56288

Thot for a day: A mother can touch a whole

E-Mail Wisdom... (received via e-mail)

THINGS TO LEARN FROM A DOG

- Never pass up the opportunity to go for a joyride.
- Soak up the experience of fresh air and the wind in your face.
- When loved ones come home, always run to greet them.
- When it's in your best interest, practice obedience.
- Let others know when they've invaded your territory.
- Take naps and stretch before rising.
- · Run, romp and play daily.
- Eat with gusto and enthusiasm.
- Be loyal.
- Never pretend to be something you're not.
- If what you want lies buried, dig until you find it.
- When someone is having a bad day, be silent, sit close by and nuzzle them gently.
- Thrive on attention and let people touch you.
- Avoid biting when a simple growl will do.
- On hot days, drink lots of water and lay under a shady tree.
- When you're happy, dance around and wag your entire body.
- No matter how often you're scolded, don't buy into the guilt thing and pout. Run right back and make friends.
- Bond with your pack.
- Delight in the simple joy of a long walk.

THANK YOU

I would like to thank everyone for their prayers, cards of a speedy recovery, food and visits after my hip surgery - See you soon - Arlette Raveling

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Update from Jade Dohls...

Second Annual Pass on the Blessing "Sale" is Coming Up

This June, my family in Minnesota will having their second annual "Blessing Sale." It's like a

garage sale, but there are no prices or obligations to pay. If they like, people can make a donation, and 100% of those donations will go to support my work with Life Raft in Thailand. The idea is to bless those in need in Willmar, while also supporting my work in Thailand.

This year, they are short on items, so if anyone has clothing, furniture, or miscellaneous items to donate, please let them know. You can contact my mom, Milly Dols, at stevescoffeegirl@gmail.com or by phone at 320.220.0721. They can store stuff ahead of time.

Also, please re-post this to spread the word. The more donations we receive, the more we can bless those in need in Willmar and refugees in Thailand.

Thanks!

Sign up to have this newsletter sent directly to you by e-mail. Send your email address to:

newsletter@livingwordlutheran.net

Living Word Lutheran Church on the Web

Our Website:

Information about our church, calendar of events, schedules, past newsletters, and more at http://www.livingwordlutheran.net

Our Blog:

Keep up with the latest news and scripture lessons from Pastor Dave at http://livingwordlutheranlcms.blogspot.com/

Facebook:

Posting the daily bible readings, church activities, and taking prayer requests! Go to www.facebook.com to sign up for your free account. Already on Facebook? Go to http://www.facebook.com/people/Living-Word-Lutheran-Church/100002935463148

*Link is also found on home page of our website

Thot for a day:

I thought I got in the last word..

Story Behind The Song...

"Holy, Holy, Holy"

We've just recently celebrated "Trinity Sunday," the day we highlight the three-in-one aspect of our God. It is common to sing doxologies on Trinity Sunday. The word "doxology" comes from the Greek word that means "to give glory," so a doxology is a song (or verse of a song that gives glory or praise to the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Our hymnal is filled with many doxologies, and we don't just limit their singing to Trinity Sunday.

Probably the most famous doxology is the single-verse hymn often referred to as "The Doxology," "(Praise God from whom all blessings flow, praise Him all creatures here below...."). But "Holy, Holy, Would come in a very close second and is almost viewed as an absolute essential for Trinity Sunday. Here's the story behind it...

Reginald Heber (1783-1826) was a Bishop in the Church of England. He wrote hymns in an attempt to improve the singing in his little congregation at Hodnet, near Birmingham, England and is thought to be the first to compile a hymnal ordering hymns around the church calendar. He wrote the hymn Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty in 1826 for Trinity Sunday celebration.

After Heber's unexpected death at age 43, his wife found the song amongst some of his writings, and passed it on to noted musician John B. Dykes (1823-1876), who composed and arranged the hymn for publication. He called the tune: Nicaea after the church council in 325 a.d. which established the doctrine of the Trinity as the true biblical description of our God.

Heber wrote the lyrics for 57 hymns. During his lifetime his most famous hymn was "From Greenland's Icy Mountains," which exhorted missionary efforts to be made in the more difficult and remote cultures and climates. His "Holy, Holy, Holy" is based on the words ascribed to God in worship in the 'heavenly throneroom' as heard by both Isaiah (Isaiah 6:1-8) and the Apostle John (Revelation 4:8) in their visions of heaven.

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty! Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee; Holy, Holy, Holy! Merciful and Mighty! God in Three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, Holy! all the saints adore Thee, Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;

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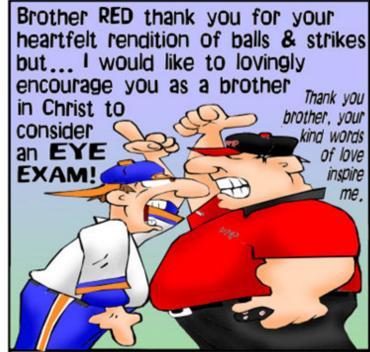
Cherubim and Seraphim falling down before Thee, Which wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, Holy, Holy! though the darkness hide Thee, Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see: Only Thou art holy, there is none beside Thee, Perfect in power, in love, and purity.

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty! All Thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea; Holy, Holy, Holy! Merciful and Mighty! God in Three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Editor's note: Enjoy a great version by Michael W Smith at http://youtu.be/YV4so2jZLrq

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A gentle answer turns away wrath, but harsh words stir up anger. Proverbs 15:1