

COUNSELOR'S CORNER

"Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven." Acts 1:11

Alleluia! Christ is Risen! He is Risen Indeed. Alleluia!

You do realize that the resurrection of Jesus Christ had no witnesses to this actual event. But did it really need any? After His resurrection, we're told in 1 Corinthians 15:

"He appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then He appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time ... Then He appeared to James, then to all the apostles. ... He appeared also to me [Paul]."

From God's Word, Jesus shows Himself to those described earlier. This verifies that He rose from the dead.

So to prove that Christ rose from the dead, you didn't have to be there to witness the actual event. For people saw Him for 40 days after Easter. Now after the 40 days, you celebrate Christ's Ascension into heaven. In which He removes His visible presence from men and passes into the heavens. This marks His highest degree of exaltation, sitting at the right hand of God, now fully using His divine attributes.

Scripture says that Christ rose visibly upward, before the eyes of His disciples until a cloud received Him out of their sight in order that this event might be established also for us, the Church. In the catechism, we're told that Christ "as your Prophet, by the power of the Holy Spirit, sends people to proclaim the saving Gospel. As your Priest, He pleads and prays for you before the Father. As your King, rules and protects His Church and governs over all the world, especially for the benefit of His Church."

Dear saints in Christ, you should find comfort and peace in Christ's Ascension. Christ Jesus the God-man is seated at the right hand of God and He prepares a place for you in heaven. You are baptized into Christ. Baptized into His death, baptized into His resurrection and baptized into His Ascension. Believe in Christ's promises. Alleluia! Christ is Risen! He is Risen Indeed. Alleluia!

Rev. Don Klatt
Lakeland Region Pastoral Counselor

Children of God and Heirs of God's Abundant Love

Come join us for the 27th Biennial Convention of the LWML Minnesota North District at the Willmar Conference Center, June 20-22.



Attend breakout sessions

Plan on coming early to convention and attend breakout sessions. The presentations will be offered beginning at 1 p.m. on Monday, June 20, and another will be held at 2:15 p.m. Each session is one hour and will be presented twice.

The convention offers three sessions to choose from: "Joyful as God's Heir" presented by Cheryl Mattil, national LWML Strategic Plan facilitator; "My grace is sufficient for you," presented by

the Rev. Jeffrey Lee, Minnesota North District Mission and Ministry facilitator; and "The First Rosa" a DVD produced by the LCMS on the life of Rosa J. Young, will also be shown.

Join other attendees Wednesday morning for the Kandi-land Krusade Mite Walk. Enjoy a stroll while supporting the new mite goal. T-shirts are available for mite-walk participants for a \$10 entrance fee.

Entertainment: The Chord-Ayres

Relax after a day of convention business on Tuesday evening at 7:30 p.m. for a concert by the Chord-Ayres. The group sings a variety of styles that include barbershop, sacred, popular, classical and patriotic.

Non-registered convention attendees will be able to purchase a ticket at the convention registration desk.



The cost is \$10 per ticket. You can find out more and listen to musical selections by visiting chord-ayres.com.

Registration

Forms can be found in the Spring packets distributed to societies and zones after the April 12 Board of Directors meeting.

They are also available to download at lwmlmnn.org.

PLEASE NOTE: Delegate registration for the district convention is due May 15.

Registration costs increase after May 15.



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