

A MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

“A Resurrection People”

The motto of the Upstate Synod of the ELCA is: **“We are a resurrection people who pray first, walk together and change lives.”**

I would be comfortable if it were St. Timothy’s motto as well.

I find it particularly relevant in this time of Lent to posit being a “resurrection people.” Certainly the good news of the Gospel of Jesus Christ is this: not only was Christ raised from the dead, but God raises us from the dead as well. The joy of Easter resides in that fact.

However, embedded in the notion of resurrection is the presumption that something is dead and needs to be raised. Therein lays the relevance for Lent. In the Lenten Journey is the call to repentance and dying to our old self. It is for we who find ourselves dead in sin that the promise of resurrection takes on concrete meaning. We who are dead can be made alive! That is good news. It is also descriptive of the life in Christ. We who were once dead have been made alive.

On that basis we have a claim to be called “resurrection people.” St. Timothy’s people are resurrection people!

As such, it is appropriate that we “pray first,” that we “walk together” and get on with “changing lives” through being instruments of the One who brings us from death into life.

That is our calling. To that I am committed. How about you?

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