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Pentecost Health Starts With Us Jena Hill

“So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added. They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.” (Acts 2:41-42) Acts is my favorite book of the Bible because there’s so much excitement (and probably confusion and chaos) in the early days after Jesus died was buried and rose again. All of those emotions and feelings are very relatable to us now. And then on Pentecost, the Holy Spirit came to the disciples in the form of wind, flames and speaking in tongues. Because of this, we have the beginnings of the early church. The book of Acts chronicles the acts of the apostles and the Holy Spirit at work in the world beginning on Pentecost.

All of a sudden, Jesus’ closest friends who are probably still in mourning and in a state of shock after seeing Jesus die on the cross, rise from the dead and ascend back into heaven-those people are now preaching the Good News of Jesus’ salvation and it’s catching like wildfire. In one day, three thousand people were added?! As awesome as that all sounds, it was likely very complicated. I’m so intrigued by how the early church formed, how it functioned and survived because with so many people coming from diverse walks of life, it had to be messy. How do you minister to and shepherd that many people who have very different ways of living and being?

Whenever people are involved, there’s always the potential for problems because we each have our own ways of thinking, being and living. So in order to function together, the early church had to figure out how to be healthy by 1) doing the internal work so that they could 2) do the external work. The same is true for us now.

What is the internal work of the church? I think it starts with the work of the Holy Spirit in each of us because each of us is the church!

Just as the song goes:
I am the church.
You are the church.
We are the church together.
All who follow Jesus, all around the world,
Yes, we're the church together!

If we as individuals are not healthy (spiritually or emotionally) then we're not bringing our best to the rest of the community. What areas in your life aren't as healthy as they might be? What impedes your spiritual health? The early church attracted people and gained momentum because of the powerful new message of salvation but new people stayed because of the way that the community functioned. The CAT (Congregation Assessment Tool) that we did over a year ago indicates that we want to be a place that "attracts new people." New people won't stay in a community that isn't healthy. We want to be a healthy community!

Congregational health is not determined by:

- The size of budgets, building, property, programs, staff, attendance, governance

Congregational health might be seen in various ways:

- People are more important than the building, money, etc.
- Individuals are accountable for their actions and behaviors
- Shared vision and commitment to mission with Jesus at the center of all that is done
- Trusting leaders
- Participation
- Emphasis on discipleship (teaching and raising up leaders)
- A community that deals with conflict head on instead of sweeping it aside
- People feel "safe" to show up as they are with different opinions, ideas and ways of thinking

The early church continued to make mistakes hence all of Paul's letters to the churches. Not surprisingly, the church keeps on messing up because the church is made up of imperfect people.

As Trinity celebrates 75 years of ministry, it's tempting to think back on the good old days when the pews were full of people, there were hundreds of members and tons of children and lots of different programs offered. But lots of members and a busy calendar does not necessarily mean lots of disciples or followers of Jesus.

The early church was on fire for the message of salvation! What are you on fire for? They early church was excited to live and work together and because of that, we see that the message of Jesus includes people from all over the world, no matter their background. Are you excited to be part of a church community that welcomes all? Pentecost was the beginning of the disciples carrying out Jesus's commands to love one another, to go and make disciples. That mission is the same for us today. Each day is a Pentecost day because we are filled with the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is in us, the same Holy Spirit that helped the original disciples/apostles spread the Good News is with us too! This long church season we're about to enter, Ordinary Time/The Time After Pentecost, focuses on disciples in action (that's us).

What is the action that we will take? How do we go and make disciples? You might not know it but when we affirm our baptism, we are committing to what the ELCA calls the 5 Gifts of Discipleship that are Inward and Outward focused. You can learn more here <https://www.elca.org/Our-Work/Congregations-and-Synods/Faith-Practices/5-Gifts>.

You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism:

- to live among God's faithful people (Inward Gift),
- to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper (Inward Gift),
- to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed (Outward Gift),
- to serve all people, following the example of Jesus (Outward Gift),
- and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth (Outward Gift)

Discipleship and living in community isn't as complicated as we try to make it. We show up together to worship, learn, receive communion and share life with one another (the Inward Gifts). We do that so that we can go and proclaim the good news, serve other and strive for justice and peace (Outward gifts). It's the same way that God's love works. God loves us so that we can love each other. We get to be the church together!

This Pentecost, may you be challenged by the winds of the Holy Spirit to do the internal work that you need to do so that together we can get fired up about making disciples!

People of God, do you promise to support and pray for one another in your life in Christ? **We do and we ask God to help and guide us!**

COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REPORT – KAREN COUTURIER

Sharing briefly some highlights of May 8, 2023 Council meeting and activities in May.

- This month's Council activity reminds me that we are deep in the midst of a season of change and transition. Review of Ministry Staff, Governance and Ministry Team reports show a lot of activity and work in progress happening at Trinity.
- Pastor Nathan's report lists a full schedule of Guest Pastors covering his Sabbatical including Pastors visiting for the 75th anniversary celebration and Preachers invited through the "I Have a Dream" grant. In addition to Pastor Cliff Gerber there are nine guest clergy who will preach at worship July through September. Cantor Mark presides at 8:00 a.m. Morning Prayer service on several Sundays. Elder Calvin Cummings of The Church of God in Christ is here for a summer residency program and will lead Sunday adult forum at 9:00 a.m. on "Sounds of the Black Church". Please see the full schedule in the bulletin and newsletter and plan to attend worship. We can share in Pastor's sabbatical by participating fully in worship and study here at Trinity.
- Jena shared that the Synod will be introducing "The Landscape" a tool to share ideas and perceptions in preparing a Synod profile in advance of a new Bishop's election in 2024. This is also a time of change and transition at our Synod level.
- Treasurer Nancy Fontneau's report noted Trinity's Financial picture is strong as of the end of April. Council promised a mid-year review of our Budget in June to make sure our projections for the year are on target. Council will review the Budget in detail on June 13.

- The Congregation voted for a deficit budget in January and Council needs to plan how to address this. The Council will present an update on the Budget to the Congregation, Sunday June 18 following the 10 am service.
- Updates on Building use include ongoing discussion with the Clemente group. Six members of Council and Staff met with Elizabeth Bacon, Community Coordinator for the Clemente Program to clarify details of a Micro College program proposal. More information to be shared at June 12 Council meeting.
- Pastor Nathan and Frank Ricardo have been in ongoing conversation with TEC School director Rupali Sharma regarding updated building use agreement for the upcoming year. We are also in contact with Kelleher and Sadowsky realtors regarding search for building use. No formal agreement has been signed as of this time.
- June 30, 2023 will mark the closure of the TLC Preschool. Students celebrate graduation on June 22. The TLC Preschool Board met May 1 to consider steps for closure of the school including logistics of closing the classroom space. Financial considerations for closing the preschool and timeline for dissolving the corporation were discussed. Balance sheet and Profit and Loss statement were reviewed in consideration of anticipated expenses, building use fees, accounting and legal fees. Labor Attorney Joseph Bartulis Jr. provided recommendations regarding severance for staff which the TLC Preschool Board voted to approve.

There were concerns raised at the Council meeting that the TLC Preschool Board made financial decisions without approval of Council. There was conflicting interpretation of the documents that govern the TLC Preschool and the Trinity Council. The TLC Preschool has Bylaws and Articles of Incorporation covering the activity of the Board. The Council uses the Trinity Lutheran Church Constitution. A Memo of Understanding July 23, 2018 and Emails from Attorney Mike Duffy in 2019 contributed additional information.

At this time, decisions made by the TLC Preschool Board have been communicated with the Preschool Staff. The Council will work together toward closing the TLC Preschool in good faith.

During this time of change and transition with closure of the Preschool, new beginnings with building use partners, and Pastor Nathan's upcoming sabbatical, rumors and gossip seem to abound! Please feel free to speak with a Council member or Ministry Staff for clarifying information. I encourage everyone to consider Martin Luther's explanation to the 8th Commandment found on page 1161 of the ELW hymnal where he encouraged believers to *"come to our neighbor's defense, speak well of them, and interpret everything they do in the best possible light."*

- A reminder that Council meetings are open to all members of the congregation. Please speak with a Council member if you have questions. Next regular Council meeting is June 12, 2023 @ 6:45 pm. Council Budget review meeting is June 13 @ 6:45pm

Judy Willoughby shared this prayer (from ELW pg.76) *"God, our refuge and strength, you have bound us together in common life. In all our conflicts, help us to confront one another without hatred or bitterness, to listen for your voice among competing claims, and to work together with mutual forbearance and respect; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen."*

PASTOR PIPHO'S SABBATICAL: JULY TO SEPTEMBER 2023

During the months of July, August, and September 2023, Pastor Nathan will be stepping away from pastoral duties at Trinity for a period of intentional Sabbath rest. The three-month sabbatical was approved by the Trinity Congregational Council at its October 2022 meeting, after Pastor Nathan consulted the Personnel Committee, in accordance with the Trinity Sabbatical Policy which grants a sabbatical leave after every four years of service. Pastor Nathan is in his seventh year of ministry at Trinity.

Pastor Nathan has been in conversation with the Council, Ministry Staff, Pastors Cliff Gerber and Ed Sproul, the Personnel Committee, the Ministry Cabinet, and the Stewardship Committee to make sure all aspects of ministry are covered during the three months.

Who do I turn to when Pastor Nathan is away on Sabbatical? We give thanks that Trinity is blessed with professional and support staff, lay leadership, and retired clergy who will continue to provide direction and support to the ministry during Pastor Nathan's sabbatical.

Sabbatical Contact List

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TRINITY 75TH ANNIVERSARY

SUNDAY, JUNE 4 – Trinity Luncheon and Silent Auction Fundraiser / Please plan on attending the luncheon and silent auction fundraiser to be held in Jeppson Hall immediately following the 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist. Over 30 items have been donated for the Silent Auction. A special anniversary booklet of reflections by former pastors will be presented to the congregation. We look forward to seeing you there!

DID YOU KNOW? The bell in Trinity Lutheran's steeple ...

- First hung in the steeple of First Lutheran and was the first bell in any Lutheran church in Worcester. It was originally cast in Sweden for another New England church, but the difference in climates between the two continents, made the tone unacceptable and was discarded.
- Was discovered by Reverend Eckstrom in a scrap heap behind a factory in New Britain, Connecticut. Mrs. John Jeppson bought it and had it recast by the Meneely Bell Company in Troy, New York. The bell was remelted and its alloy content was adjusted to correct the tone.
- Was first used on Palm Sunday in 1911; and was rung there for about 40 years. Mrs. Jeppson wrote in a letter to the church: "It is my hope that the bell will remind us of our duty to God, the church and ourselves."
- Weighs 2,500 pounds. It is inscribed with the text of a Swedish hymn:

"Ajar the temple gates are swinging
Lo! Still the grace of God is free.
Perhaps when next the bells are ringing
The grave shall open up for me.
And I am laid beneath the sod
No more to see this "House of God."

LIFT EVERY VOICE

Centering the Voices of Clergy of Color in Preaching & Worship Leadership

During Pastor Nathan Piphó's sabbatical this summer, the people of Trinity will have the opportunity to hear different voices preaching and leading our worship services. The Trinity Sabbatical Team has invited several local and national ELCA ministers of color to preach and preside on the Sunday mornings listed below.

These guest preachers have been intentionally invited to bring to the center of our congregational life voices and perspectives that have been pushed to the margins or silenced altogether in our church denomination. We hope that the people of Trinity will use these experiences to examine their own current practices and make necessary changes to become a more welcoming congregation for people of color.

- July 9** **Pastor Rafaela Morales-Rosa**
Worcester, MA
Preaching & Presiding at 8:00 am and 10:00 am
- July TBD** **Elder Calvin Cummings**
Assistant Director of Religion and Spiritual Life at WPI
Ordained Elder in the Church of God in Christ
- August 20** **Pastor Tiffany Chaney ***
Pastor Developer for Gathered by Grace, Montgomery AL
ELCA Commission for a Renewed Lutheran Church
Preaching & Presiding at 10:00 am **
- August 27** **Pastor Angela Khabeb ***
"Grounded in Grace" Columnist - *Living Lutheran*
Minneapolis, MN
Preaching & Presiding at 10:00 am **
- September 3** **Pastor Rafaela Morales-Rosa**
Worcester, MA
Preaching & Presiding at 8:00 am and 10:00 am

September 10 **Pastor Nelson Rabell-Gonzalez ***
Iglesia Luterana Santa María Peregrina, Stockton, CA
Preaching & Presiding at 10:00 am **

September 24 **Pastor Susan Gaeta**
Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church, Ayer, MA
NEAR (New England Anti-Racism) Core Team Member
Preaching & Presiding at 10:00 am **

* Travel expenses for Pastor Chaney, Pastor Khabeb, and Pastor Rabell-Gonzalez are funded through a \$5,000 grant Trinity received from the New England Synod's "I Have a Dream Fund." This fund was established by the Rev. Margaret and John Payne to provide financial resources for those who long for an end to racism and an increase in understanding across cultural barriers.

** *On Sundays, Aug 20, Aug 27, Sep 10, and Sep 24 the Sunday 8:00 a.m. liturgy will be sung Morning Prayer led by Cantor Mark. Guest preachers will preach and preside only at the 10:00 a.m. Eucharist.*

NEWS & UPDATES

ELDER KALVIN CUMMINGS BEGINS A SUMMER RESIDENCY AT TRINITY

MAY 30 / Rev. Calvin Cummings (he/him) is the Assistant Director for Religion and Spiritual Life at WPI and an ordained elder in the Church of God in Christ. In addition to his responsibilities at WPI, Elder Calvin is working on a Master of Arts in Religion (MAR) with a concentration in Religion and Literature at Yale Divinity School. To satisfy the degree requirements a residency of up to 370 hours in a local congregation is required. After conversation with Pastor Nathan and Cantor Mark, and in consultation with the Trinity Council, an agreement was reached for Elder Calvin to complete his residency at Trinity beginning Tuesday, May 30 and ending on Sunday, August 13.



During his time at Trinity, we will address Rev. Cummings as Elder Calvin. The title “elder” is used in his denomination like the titles “pastor” and “cantor” are used at Trinity. Elder Calvin will be immersed in all aspects of the ministry with a specific responsibility of leading a summer Adult Forum Series focusing on “Sounds of the Black Church.” Elder Calvin will also preach on one of the Sundays of Pastor Nathan’s sabbatical.

Elder Calvin was born in Chicago and raised in Tennessee. During undergraduate study, he became a student leader with Intervarsity Christian Fellowship and found passion in helping to build multicultural community on campus. Elder Calvin went on to attend graduate seminary at Emmanuel School of Religion and was ordained as an Elder in the Church of God in Christ while serving as a youth and campus pastor at East Tennessee State University. Prior to WPI, he served as Lead Clinical Social Worker at New Reach Inc. where he oversaw the Connecticut Housing and Engagement Supportive Services (CHESS) program in the Greater New Haven area.

In September, Elder Calvin will begin his second year as the Assistant Director for Religion and Spiritual Life at WPI. Within his role, Elder Cummings is primarily responsible for the coordination, implementation, and assessment of campus spiritual life programs and religious observations.

He provides leadership and oversees all aspects of the Collegiate Religious Center (CRC) and its functions, supervises the University Campus Chaplains, supports student organizations of faith, as well as leads and coordinates the office’s community service efforts.

Elder Calvin received his Bachelor of Science degree in Biology from East Tennessee State University and a Master of Arts degree in Religion from Milligan University (both in Johnson City, TN). He also continued graduate study in a Master of Counseling Psychology program at Milligan University.

Please offer Elder Calvin a warm welcome and let us give thanks to the Holy Spirit for the ways the Holy Spirit brings together the people of God in new forms of relationship, faith, and service!

SYNOD ASSEMBLY EUCHARIST AT TRINITY – FRIDAY, JUNE 9 at 7:30PM /

All members of Trinity are invited to attend the Friday evening Holy Eucharist of the New England Synod hosted by Trinity. Bishop Regina Hassanally of the Southeastern Minnesota Synod, ELCA will be the guest preacher. Cantor Mark Mummert will be the principal musician and Pastor Nathan will be assisting in the service. The New England Synod Assembly “Death and Resurrection in the 21st century church” will be held on Friday, June 9 and Saturday, June 10 at the DCU Center in Worcester. Pastor Nathan Pipho, Dale Mattice, and Karen Carlson will be representing Trinity as voting members of the assembly. For more information, visit www.nelutherans.org/assembly.

JUNE SENIOR LUNCHEON / The next Senior Luncheon will be held on Monday, June 12 at Noon in Jeppson Hall at Noon. The suggested meal donation is \$5/person. All are invited to attend for a time of food and fellowship!

WORLD HUNGER CHALLENGE / Thanks to all who have contributed to the World Hunger Matching Grant Challenge. The challenge ends on Pentecost, May 28, so you still have time to donate, if you haven’t already. In a zoom meeting on May 17, I learned that so far nearly \$80,000 has been raised throughout the synod. This is unprecedented in the ELCA, and I am really excited. We can really make a difference, both here in the US and around the world!

Thank you! Bess Sproul

TRINITY BOOK CLUB / The book club will meet on Monday, June 26 at 1:30 p.m. in the Library. The book that will be discussed is: *The Body in the Gallery* by Katherine Hall Page. If you have any questions, please contact Susan Brown srown5453@gmail.com.

THE MISSION ENDOWMENT FUND – NANCY FONTNEAU, TREASURER

Since some Trinity members were unable to attend either of the Congregational meetings about the Mission Endowment Fund held on April 23 and May 21, 2023, I have summarized the first quarter financial review and a review of the current Mission Endowment Fund (MEF) guidelines. During the meetings there was also a group discussion about the future of the MEF. This summary is intended to bring you up to date on the finances if you weren’t able to get to one of the meetings.

First Quarter Finances, 2023

At the end of the first quarter, we were doing really well! Pledges were greater than expected by 37% and continued to be 30% greater than expected at the end of April. Many members give their whole yearly pledge in January, so this excess may continue to taper off over the year. For the last few years, pledge income has continued to be greater than expected for the whole year. This is a wonderful trend! Use of the building, which generates a large portion of what it costs to maintain it, was also greater than expected. Because of greater than expected pledge income we have not had to take even the budgeted amount from the MEF to date in order to support the operating budget. Thank you to all who Stepped Up in last fall's stewardship campaign! After a year (2022) of severe losses, the MEF and the Scholarship funds made a modest recovery in the first quarter. This continued in April.

MEF Policies:

In the MEF policy ratified by the Church Council in 2014, the council stated that the MEF was intended to provide financial support for current and future ministry at Trinity. This policy was developed to encourage future gifts and bequests to the MEF by assuring donors that the fund would sustain Trinity's ministries. Investment guidelines were developed to maintain the value of the fund by having a professional investment company manage the funds (Bartholomew was selected as the manager). The fund trustee makes annual recommendations on the amount of the fund that can safely be spent, as well as investing in a mix of funds to balance income, growth, and risk. One investment goal is to reduce fund erosion due to overspending and market volatility. The Council also introduced a policy to allow some of the annual distribution from the MEF to be used for internal and external grants for ministry. Most MEF funds come from donor designated gifts, most often from bequests from parishioners' estates. We also divide undesignated gifts over \$1000 into four parts, the largest of which (45%) is placed in the MEF as a Trinity Designated fund. The other portions go into the House of the Lord fund (for building repairs and upgrades) and the Altar and Organ fund (for instruments and worship resources). We also designate a tithe (10%) of these undesignated gifts to the Synod or another Lutheran agency. We do have a bit more flexibility in using the Trinity Designated funds, but a significant change would require amendment of our current policies.

A variety of questions and opinions came out in the group discussion, and people recognized that there is no single correct way to go forward with the MEF. If you have thoughts on this please feel free to let me know at treasurer@trinityworc.org, find me after worship, or speak to a finance committee member.

NEIGHBORHOOD SUPPORT TEAM

Our Afghan families continue to work toward independence. Rahmat and Noorina and baby Ameena Sahil, now nearly 6 months old, are settled in their apartment. Rahmat likes his job. We have recently had a sewing machine donated for them, which they will probably both use, since Rahmat was a tailor in Afghanistan, and Noorina is a fine seamstress.

The Shams family members continue with school and work. Noor Jamal is participating in English classes at Ascentria twice a week. Thanks to Barb Grusell for arranging drivers for that, and thanks to the volunteers who are driving.

Big news in the Shams family is that Nader Shah has his driver's permit and has bought a car. Thanks to Ken Johnson for giving him driving experience in his own car so Nader Shah can prepare for his road test.

We expect that the older children will be involved in a summer school program. Asma will participate in the day camp at the Mustard Seed. Thanks to Paula Bushey from Blessed Sacrament for arranging that.

We continue to be grateful for all the different ways in which you have helped our families.

Thank you! Bess and Ed Sproul

+ Worship at Trinity Lutheran Church +

Wednesday, May 31 Festival of the Visit of Mary to Elizabeth

1 Samuel 2:1-10 *Hannah prays and exults in the Lord*

Luke 1:39-57 *Mary greets Elizabeth and exults in the Lord*

6:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist (Nave Chancel) Live Video via

www.facebook.com/tlcworchester

Sunday, June 4 The Holy Trinity / First Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 1:1 – 2:4a *Creation of the heavens and the earth*

2 Corinthians 13:11-13 *Paul's farewell*

Matthew 28:16-20 *Living in the community of the Trinity*

Psalmody: Psalm 8 *How majestic is your name in all the earth*

Hymn of the Day: ACS Hymn 946, *The Play of the Godhead*, PERICHORESIS

On every Sunday of the church year, we praise our triune God. Yet on this coming Trinity Sunday, we attend especially to the mystery of our three-in-one God.

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist (Christ Chapel)

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist (Nave) livestreamed at www.vimeo.com/trinityworchester

Wednesday, June 7

Commemoration of Seattle, chief of the Duwamish Confederacy, 1866

Job 39:26 – 40:5 *Creation story from Job; Job's response*

John 14:25-26 *Father, Son, Spirit*

6:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist (Nave Chancel) Live Video via

www.facebook.com/tlcworchester

Sunday, June 11 Second Sunday after Pentecost

Hosea 5:15-6:6 *God desires steadfast love*

Romans 4:13-25 *The faith of Abraham*

Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26 *Christ heals a woman and raises a girl*

Psalmody: Psalm 50:7-15 *Call upon me in the day of trouble, says your God*

Hymn of the Day: ELW Hymn 587, *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy*, ST HELENA

This coming Sunday we hear the call to follow Jesus. In doing so, we join Christ at his table, where we are healed and raised from death. Come to worship, and may your faith make you well.

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist (Christ Chapel)

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist (Nave) livestreamed at www.vimeo.com/trinityworchester

Wednesday, June 14

Commemoration of Basil, Gregory, and Gregory, bishops

Hosea 14:1-9 *God will be merciful to Israel*

Matthew 12:1-8 *Mercy, not sacrifice*

6:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist (Nave Chancel) Live Video via
www.facebook.com/tlcworchester

Sunday, June 18 Third Sunday after Pentecost

Exodus 19:2-8a *The covenant with Israel at Sinai*

Romans 5:1-8 *While we were sinners, Christ died for us*

Matthew 9:35—10:8 *The sending of the twelve*

Psalmody: Psalm 100 *We are God's people and the sheep of God's pasture*

Hymn of the Day: ACS Hymn 1000, *God's Work, Our Hands, EARTH AND ALL STARS*
In the gospel reading for Sunday, Jesus calls the twelve apostles and then sends them out to carry on his work of proclaiming the good news and healing the sick. Come to worship so that you can hear this good news and, at the table of the Lord, be strengthened for the tasks of healing the sick and casting out evil in the name of Jesus.

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist (Christ Chapel)

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist (Nave) livestreamed at www.vimeo.com/trinityworchester

Wednesday June 21

Commemoration of Onesimus Nesib, translator and evangelist, 1931

Proverbs 4:10-27 *Choosing the way of wisdom*

Luke 6:12-19 *Jesus chooses the apostles*

6:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist (Nave Chancel) Live Video via
www.facebook.com/tlcworchester

Sunday, June 25 Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Presentation of the Augsburg Confession, 1530

Philipp Melanchthon, renewer of the church, 1560

Jeremiah 20:7-13 *The prophet must speak*

Romans 6:1b-11 *Buried and raised with Christ in baptism*

Matthew 10:24-39 *The cost of discipleship*

Psalmody: Psalm 69:7-10, 16-18 *Answer me, O LORD for your love is kind.*

Hymn of the Day: ELW Hymn 796, *How Firm a Foundation*, FOUNDATION

In the gospel reading for this coming Sunday, Jesus says several surprising things: that he has come to bring, not peace, but a sword; and that followers must love him more than they love their own family members. Come to worship to meditate on what these sayings might mean, and at the table, be strengthened to live the surprising life of the Christian.

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist (Christ Chapel)

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist (Nave) livestreamed at www.vimeo.com/trinityworcester

Wednesday, June 28

Commemoration of Irenaeus, bishop of Lyons, c. 202

Jeremiah 38:1-13 *Jeremiah imprisoned and released*

Matthew 10:5-23 *Jesus speaks about persecution*

6:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist (Nave Chancel) Live Video via

www.facebook.com/tlcworcester

Sunday, July 2 Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 28:5-9 *Test of a true prophet*

Romans 6:12-23 *No longer under the law but under grace*

Matthew 10:40-42 *Welcome Christ in those Christ sends*

Psalmody: Psalm 89: 1-4, 15-18 *Your love, O LORD, forever will I sing*

Hymn of the Day: ACS Hymn 1038, *God, We Gather as Your People*, WELCOME BE OUR SONG

This coming Sunday is "a cup of cold water" Sunday. Come to worship, to remember the cold water of your baptism and to be strengthened to offer water to a very thirsty world.

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist (Christ Chapel)

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist (Nave) livestreamed at www.vimeo.com/trinityworcester

FAITH FORMATION

CHILDREN'S TIME / During the 10:00 a.m. Eucharist. Children are invited to go with Jena Hill to Christ Chapel for the Children's Time. While adults hear the sermon, sing the Hymn of the day and offer intercessions, children enjoy age-appropriate activities and engagement with each Sunday's scripture stories. Children return to the Nave at the Sign of Peace in time for the Lord's Supper.

FAMILY SUNDAY SCHOOL / First Sunday of each month at 9:00 a.m. in the Multi-purpose Room. The whole family is invited! For more information, contact Jena Hill.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT HOLY EUCHARIST / 6:00 p.m. in the Nave. All are invited to attend this time of song, scripture, reflection and Eucharist. The service is also available to watch live on Facebook at www.facebook.com/tlcworchester.

BIBLE STUDIES / We invite you to join us as we study God's word and the assigned scripture readings for the upcoming Sunday. Bible studies meet in the Trinity Library and are also offered on Zoom. If you are interested in attending, please contact the Bible Study leader for more information, and to receive a Zoom link and other study materials, prior to the study.

- **Tuesdays at 10:45** (note new time) led by Cantor Mark
- **Wednesdays at 9:00 a.m.** led by Dave Horn
- **Wednesdays at 6:45 p.m.** led by Pastor Nathan

SUNDAY ADULT FORUM / 9:00 a.m. in the Library. The forum begins the month of June on break. Watch for more details about a series "Sounds of the Black Church" led by Elder Calvin.

CELEBRATIONS

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

We recognize the birthdays of our members age 75 and older

Janet Johnson – June 2
June Anderson – June 13
Eric VanLeeuwen – June 16
Ronald Aucoin – June 18
Paul Berquist – June 19
Bob Erickson – June 25
June LaJeunesse – June 30

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

We recognize anniversaries beginning with 25 years

Carter & Alice Lindberg – June 4
Andrew & Susan Nagle – June 6
Doug & Nina Behm – June 8
Nancy & David Hagberg – June 11
Steven & Judith Mansur – June 11
Frank & Cynthia Sampson – June 11
Robert & Carol Peura – June 13
David Crowley & Julie Frodigh Crowley – June 14
Warner & Mary Fletcher – June 21
Leonard Levin & Joanna Fuller – June 21
Michael & Lisa Stone – June 22
Randall & Dominika Schmid – June 24
Raymond & Jill Anderson – June 25
Paul & Kristine Gustafson – June 26
Morgan & Kona Enders – June 28

+ DEATHS +

Vernon Erickson – May 5

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