

This Week at Trinity – May 16, 2021

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Tuesday, May 18th 6:30 p.m. – Boy Scouts, Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, May 19th 10:00 a.m. Prayer group via Zoom * Choir Rehearsal 6:00 pm

Dear Friends in Christ,

Jesus led his disciples to the town of Bethany and blessed them. Then he withdrew from them, says Luke, and “was carried up into heaven”.

The Ascension is celebrated Thursday and the 50-day season of Easter ends Sunday. May 23 is the Festival of Pentecost and Bishop Candeia will be with us for the installation. On Pentecost you are encouraged to wear Jayhawk RED.

The Ascension represents the conclusion of the earthly ministry of Jesus. To understand this passage, theologians help us look at what led up to the ascension. Jesus appears to his disciples and to others in Jerusalem. We know the story of the resurrection, and how Jesus reveals himself to two of his followers on the road to Emmaus. He then appears to the disciples in Jerusalem, and at first they think he is a ghost. But Jesus says, “Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and blood as you see that I have” (Luke 24:39). Then he asks them for some food. They give him a piece of broiled fish, and he takes it and eats it in their presence (vv. 41-43). *“While this might seem like an odd or humorous action,”* says Professor Henrich, the people of the first century *“would have recognized it as proof that Jesus was no disembodied spirit.”*

Jesus *“opens the minds”* of his followers to understand their mission. He knows that he has limited time between the day of resurrection and the day of the ascension, so he stresses that *“everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled”* (v. 44). Jesus presents himself as the word of God in human form, the one who completes everything that God began to say through the law, the prophets and the psalms. But Jesus knows that this is a lot for people to absorb — not only for the disciples, but for us as well. So Jesus *“opens their minds”* to understand the Scriptures (v. 45). Jesus gives them the gift of understanding, so they can better comprehend what God has been doing, from ancient times through the death and resurrection of Jesus.

As always you are encouraged to read the appointed readings before worship:

MAY 13, The Ascension of our Lord (no formal worship service)

Acts 1:1-11: Jesus sends the apostles

Psalm 47: God has gone up with a shout. (Ps. 47:5)

Ephesians 1:15-23: Eyes to see the risen and ascended Christ

Luke 24:44-53: Christ present in all times and places

MAY 16, the 7th Sunday of Easter

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26: Matthias added to the apostles

Psalms 1: The Lord knows the way of the righteous. (Ps. 1:6)

1 John 5:9-13: Life in the Son of God

John 17:6-19: Christ's prayer for his disciples

MAY 23, Pentecost (wear RED)

Acts 2:1-21: Filled with the Spirit to tell God's deeds

Psalms 104:24-34, 35b: Send forth your Spirit and renew the face of the earth. (Ps. 104:30)

Romans 8:22-27: Praying with the Spirit

John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15: Christ sends the Spirit of truth

In Christ,

Jeffery Alvestad, Pastor

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Installation of Leaders in the Congregation, The following people have been elected to positions of leadership

Ted Smith, President

Beth Llewellen-Hull, Vice President

Harriet Shaffer, Secretary

Barb Bishop, Treasurer

Lorin Maletsky

Webb Hecker

Ken Brancaccio

Brenda Albright

Susanne Shaw

Javis Stirn

We give thanks for their willingness to serve. In baptism we are welcomed into the body of Christ and sent to share in the mission of God; we rejoice now that these sisters and brothers will lead us in our common life and our mutual mission as a congregation.

A reading from First Corinthians: There are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. (*1 Corinthians 12:4-7*)

You have been elected to positions of leadership and trust in this congregation. You are to see that the words and deeds of this household of faith bear witness to God, who gathers us into one together with the whole church. You are to seek to involve all members of this congregation in worship, learning, witness, service, and support, so that the mission of Christ is carried out in this congregation, in the wider church, in this community, and in the whole world. You are to be faithful in your specific area of serving, that the Spirit who empowers you may be glorified. You are to be examples of faith active in love, fostering peace, harmony, and mutual understanding in this congregation. On behalf of your sisters and brothers in Christ, I ask you: Will you accept and faithfully carry out the duties of the offices to which you have been *elected*?

Response: I will, and I ask God to help me.

The assembly stands. Those being installed face the assembly. The presiding minister addresses the assembly.

People of God, I ask you: Will you support these, your elected leaders, and will you share in the mutual ministry that Christ has given to all who are baptized?

We will, and we ask God to help us.

I now declare you installed as officers and council members of Trinity Lutheran Church. Almighty God bless you, and direct your days and your deeds in peace, that you may be faithful servants of Christ.

Amen.

The Pet Pantry is now serving the community on the First Saturday of the month. Volunteers are needed...(especially those with muscles) from 9:00 am – Noon on Fridays and Saturdays

Mark your Calendars! VBS will be hosted at Trinity on June 13th and 14th! We are planning to provide a socially-distanced, outdoor VBS this summer! We will follow CDC guidelines. Masks will be required for all participants. We will have crafts, games, music and snacks to go for children 4 to those who have finished 4th grade. Trinity, First Baptist, and Plymouth churches are partnering again to provide a chance for children to be strong in the Lord and explore how we put on the armor of God. \$5 per child. \$10 max per family. Fees can be waived if requested. This money helps defray some of the costs. It will be held from 6-7:30 p.m. in the parking lot, sidewalks, and grassy areas on Trinity property. If you are interested in volunteering or would like more information, please contact Jennifer Alderdice at 785-760-4678 or jralderdice@gmail.com

Altar Flowers are a welcomed gift of love and remembrance for friends and loved ones who have made their journey home. Please call the office with your donation and the name of your friend or loved one to be remembered. The following Sundays are still available, May 30th, June 6th, June 13th, and June 20th. Your donation of \$55.00 is greatly appreciated.

Pentecost Sunday is next Sunday the 23rd. Please join us in wearing red in remembrance. Also Bishop Candea will be here to install Pastor Jeff! It will be a busy and blessed day!

Bulletin Boards Refresh! We have refreshed all of the Bulletin Boards in the church office! We've even added an Announcement Board so you can notify everyone of your special events, items you want to sell, weddings, births or anything special event close to your heart! Just contact Jeanine, the new Office/Communications Manager, and she will be happy to post it for you! All notices are removed after 30 days so the bulletin boards can stay fresh and current!

Books, Baked Goods, Plants For Sale! WELCA is having its annual Book, Baked Goods, and Plant Sale on June 11th and 12th from 8:00 am – 2:00 pm and you're all invited to participate! If you have books and plants to sell or if you want to donate baked goods for the sale contact Carol Ann Salber at 842-3225!

Celebration of Life for Emil Francis Wiley, Friends and family are invited to attend a "Celebration of Life" for Emil Francis Wiley. The celebration will be held on Saturday, May 22nd at 3:00 pm at the Wiley Farm located at 14661 254th Street, Lawrence, KS.

Prayer Group! Don't forget that the Prayer Group will be meeting in the Chapel at 7:15 am every Wednesday. If you want to attend the Zoom Prayer Group at 10:00 am contact Ruth Sarna at rsarna@sunflower.com or (785) 842-2030



PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER

Prayers for comfort and God's peace for the family of Alita Cooper and Kevin Cooper on the death of her brother and Kevin's uncle, Frank York.

Prayers for comfort and God's peace for the family of Donn and Andrea Parson and son Eric and his family on the death of their daughter and sister Erin Marie Parson. There are no services planned at this time.

Prayers for the ill, injured, recovering or for support: Jenny and Corbin (grandchildren of Melanie King), Johnnie Jean and Keith Schult (niece and nephew-in-law of Alita Cooper), Brian Cooper (nephew of Alita Cooper), Mary Jane Riemenschneider (great aunt of Tami McNemee), Debra and Patti (friends of Shelley Lehman Pickardt), Eleanor (Cathy Box's aunt), Jan & John Taft (parents of Karen Nicholas), Marley Hecker (granddaughter of Webb & Anna Hecker), Tylee (granddaughter of Charles & Vivian Baars), Teri Riemenschneider (cousin of Tami McNemee), Vonna Arnold (sister of Charles Baars), Dwight Brinkley, Bob Nyquist, Amy Spain (Kari Lyche's cousin), Donna (Barb Kurtz's daughter), Jacob Hecker family (Webb & Anna Hecker's son), Bob Adams (Anna Hecker's brother-in-law), Tori Scott (Melanie King's daughter).

To add prayer listing requests, contact Harriet Shaffer at shafferharriet@gmail.com or (785) 841-2158 *For prayer chain requests* contact Ruth Sarna at rsarna@sunflower.com or (785) 842-0230.

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