

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WEEK OF JUNE 26, 2022

IN OUR PRAYERS: Jim Cleveland; Jack & Lureen Vaught; Tony Sikora; Darlene Welsh; Brenda LeFever; Sandy Sloffer

TIN CAPS TICKETS: we have tickets for Sunday, July 10. \$10 each includes lunch and the baseball game. Sign up by the doors to reserve your tickets! **We need a final count tomorrow – sign up today!!**

FAITH LUTHERAN T-SHIRTS: the shirts are in! Many of you have already picked yours up and paid for them. **Some still need to pay! Please take care of this soon.** If you did not order a shirt and would like one, check with Pr. Mullet – we have some extras!!

VBS: many thanks to all who helped and participated in our first VBS evening this past week. We learned a lot about how Moses points us to Jesus and how Jesus is *the* Prophet to come after Moses! Mark your calendars for our next VBS evening, Tuesday, July 12, beginning at 5:30pm with a potluck supper. We'll dive into the Old Testament priesthood and see how Jesus is our Great High Priest! Sign up by the doors so we know how many to expect.

CALENDAR

Sun. Jun. 26 (Trinity 2)	8:00 & 10:00am Divine Service 9:00am Bible Study
Tue. Jun. 28	8:30am Greek Study
Wed. Jun. 29	8:30am Matins 9:00am Book of Concord Study 7:00pm Divine Service
Thu. Jun. 30	7:00pm Bible Study (Philippians)
Sun. Jul. 3 (Trinity 3)	8:00 & 10:00am Divine Service 9:00am Bible Study

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We've reached the "green part" of the Church Year. Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Lent, Easter, Pentecost, these all make sense. We know we're following the earthly life and ministry of Jesus during those seasons. We can sort of predict what readings we'll hear and which hymns we'll sing. The paraments change color somewhat frequently, and that part of the calendar year has all the best holidays in it, too.

But now we're back to the Trinity Season, the "green season," the "long summer part," the—dare we say it—*boring* part of the Church Year. No longer do we recount the events in the earthly life of Jesus, at least not in any readily discernable order. The temptation to skip a Sunday or three is already much higher during the summer months, and the seeming monotony (or perhaps, on the other hand, the seeming disorganization!) doesn't help.

Let me offer some encouragement and perhaps a new way to think about this half of the Church Year. Through the first half of the Church Year (Advent through Pentecost) we focus on the main events in the earthly life and ministry of our Lord Jesus. The second half focuses on our lives as Christians lived in response to God's gift of salvation and, in fact, is sometimes called the "Church Half" of the Church Year.

It may not seem like it, but even within this long season there is a logical flow to the Sundays. The first five Sundays after Trinity, right after Pentecost and Holy Trinity Sunday, focus on the work of the Holy Spirit within the Christian Church and how He is the basis for our Christian life. Consider the gospels (all from St. Luke!) of these first five Sundays:

June 19 & 22: Luke 16:19-31 (Lazarus and the Rich Man)

The Holy Spirit works faith through the Word of God

June 26 & 29: Luke 14:15-24 (The Great Banquet)

The Holy Spirit Invites Us (Unworthily!) to Fellowship with God

July 3 & 6: Luke 15:1-32 (Lost Sheep, Lost Coin, & Prodigal Son)

The Holy Spirit Works Repentance and Faith in Our Hearts

July 10 & 13: Luke 6:36-42 (Good Measure & Discipleship)

The Holy Spirit Preserves and Perfects Our Discipleship

July 17 & 20: Luke 5:1-11 (Miraculous Catch of Fish)

The Holy Spirit Calls, Sanctifies, & Sends to Make Disciples

Maybe this can help you consider smaller "seasons" within the Trinity Season. Stay tuned—in a few weeks we'll cover the next group. Blessings!