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Siblings in Christ of Triune,

Greetings! One of our nieces will be celebrating her 21st birthday this month, amidst this summer before she enters her senior year of college. It is that time of year of graduation parties and commencement ceremonies, not to mention the usual lines written in graduation cards: “You can do anything you set your mind to!” or “Shoot for the stars!” or something along the lines of “Find the path God has chosen for you.” The equivalent of that last one may have good intention and all, but that also comes with plenty of pressure, as if there is truly *one and only* path that we better find or else... That pressure not only emerges amidst high school graduates trying to figure out the *one and only* college (4-year, community, technical, etc.) for them or vocational school or apprenticeship or job or whatever else. It carries over to young people trying to figure out that *one and only* career, as if that decision is going to make or break the rest of their life, and even affecting the presence of God in their life. I doubt that’s what supportive family and friends envision when they write or say anything along the lines of referring to “the path of God,” but perhaps we need to be more open to the holy *flexibility* of God.

After all, our niece isn’t normal in a variety of ways. Not only is she a Division-I swimmer, she also went into college with the mindset of doing something related to criminal justice, and continues with that gameplan for her life. Most teenagers and twenty-somethings (well, people in general, I suppose) tend to change their minds about such matters of life-doings. And as she does some job-shadowings this summer, and whatever else may happen during her final year on campus, she may very well change her mind about what she wishes to do after she picks her up college diploma. And you know what? I have this sneaking suspicion that God is going to be right there beside her on that curveball-of-life path, too.



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I don't believe this God is waiting for us to find the right path, as if God is standing on this pre-determined route of holy goodness regarding not only our job, but our all-around behavior, our public worship attendance, or whatever else that happens with our life. I can't go along with anything along the lines of "we better find that route, or else we're going to be distantly separated from this almighty God!" No, there remains truth to the Gospel, including, absolutely nothing "will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Romans 8:39 NRSV). And that *absolutely nothing* includes whatever school or job these

precious young children of God take, as well as however many times they change their minds about such pivotal decisions. In the end, there's already enough pressure placed on them and us by the world in a variety of ways. So, let's add our Gospel lines. Let's put in our Great News remarks of hope and joy and new life. Wherever they or we go, our Risen Lord is never ever leaving us alone. Thanks be to God, indeed!

In Christ,
Pastor Brad

As we celebrate Pentecost Sunday on June 5, including hearing the account from Acts 2 with the speaking of numerous languages, we will include a time to sing "For the Healing of the Nations," as we have often done so for World Communion Sunday in October. We are fully aware of many nations who desperately need the refrain of this moving song: "Peace be yours." And so, we will do our humble part on Pentecost Sunday.



We ask you to keep the following siblings in Christ in your prayers:

Niki Grigsby
Jan Halishak
Richard Jakubcin
Dan Maldovan
Jill Maldovan
Gloria Roderick
Dennis Schatt

Achim Schnaebel
Annie Slaughter
Stacy Szendel
Mardell Weiss
Clara Wilcox
Dave Wilcox

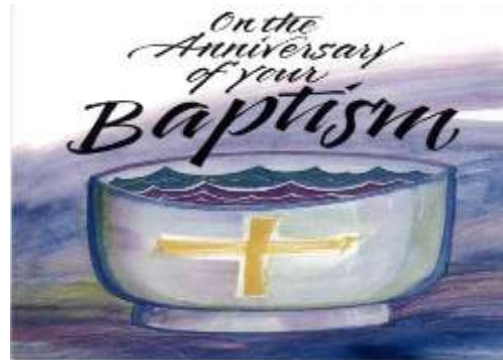


If you wish to send any cards, please send them, or drop them off, to the church office, and we will be sure to deliver them.



9 Jan Halishak

26 Evan Schwab



26 Alan & Elaine Siggelkow

The Monday Discussion Group

We'll be continuing our discussion of
"DISAPPOINTMENT WITH GOD:
Three questions no one asks aloud" by Philip Yancey.



We wish to extend our heart-felt appreciation to our own Albert Roderick, who has taken on the essential custodial role for Triune. Thank you for your great work already, Al!

From the Southwest Texas Synod (ELCA):



A moment of prayer for the senseless violence and loss of life at Robb Elementary School in Uvalde, Texas:
God, giver of life, you intend for humans to live together in peace. In this time of grief over gun violence, we pray for your presence among us. That, trusting in your mighty and gentle healing, we may live in hope, we pray:
make us instruments of your peace.

God of resurrection, we remember before you those who have died, children, teachers and staff of Robb Elementary School, in Uvalde, Texas. We commend them to your eternal love. Grant healing and wholeness to the survivors who are wounded or traumatized, and restore all whose spirits are maimed by such violence. That we may serve as your arms of care to those in distress, we pray: make us instruments of your peace.

God of true might and redemptive mercy, receive our prayers, and grant us to become your instruments of peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

- These prayer portions are taken from the Prayer for Lamenting Gun Violence in the hymnal supplement *All Creation Sings*, pg. 107

Image: from Marco Bello (Reuters)

From Pilgrimage to Pentecost

Pentecost didn't happen only once.

The noise intensified. The joy palpable. Community present.

A community that had just met.

A community that came from different countries and different walks of life.

A community that spoke a multitude of languages.

A community of young and old.

A community of people wandering and people searching.

A beautiful glimpse of the kingdom of God.

We all came together for one night while embarking on a longer journey. We came together in flesh. In food. In presence. In song. In bread and wine.

We were pilgrims along the Camino de Santiago in Spain. For this one evening we found a common bond in cooking together and gathering for a meal.

Throughout the 500-mile journey across Spain to reach the town of Santiago de Compostela and the cathedral housing the relics of St. James, pilgrims along the way spend the night in a variety of places. Hostels, hotels, campgrounds and religious institutions.

One community in particular is known for its generous hospitality. It's a community run by brothers from the Taizé community. Every night they invite the pilgrims to prepare and cook dinner. Pilgrims from all over the world chopping, prepping and cooking together. While cooking, stories are shared, lives opened, journeys compared and secrets released. Sometimes the quiet is interrupted by Taizé chants.

When the meal is cooked, everyone gathers at the table to feast. Prayers are offered around the table in the multitude of languages. Toasts shouted loudly as well.

I remember this evening vividly. I remember the fullness of the night—a fullness of hope, food, cheers and spirit. I don't think I'm wrong to believe that the Spirit flourishes in those dinners. That the Spirit binds the people gathered together. That the Spirit offers peace and hope. That the Spirit speaks through us in words and silence.

A multitude of people and languages. Coming together to feast. Coming together to understand one another and to be understood.

That dinner was a Pentecost experience for me. A creating of a community. A sending of a community. A community filled with the Spirit to go out in this world. A community full of the good news that's meant to be shared. A community inspired by the Spirit to bear hope and to witness to the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Pentecost didn't happen only once.

It's still happening.

It's still coming.

The church being brought forth in each of us.

The Spirit working in our lives and bringing us together.

The Spirit wanting us to feast, eat and be filled.

I can't go back to that meal. And even if I did walk again and find myself spending the night there, it would be different. Although no less holy.

The same Spirit that met me in a tiny Spanish village meets me wherever I journey, giving me glimpses of God's kingdom here and now. - The Rev. Kimberly Knowle-Zeller (LivingLutheran.org, May 17, 2018)

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4 WORSHIP @ 5 PM TIM MIZE
5 WORSHIP @11 AM	6 Bible Study @ 1 pm	7 AA @ 7pm	8	9 AA @ 8 pm	10	11 WORSHIP @ 5 PM PASTOR BRAD
12 WORSHIP @11 AM	13 Bible Study @ 1 pm	14 AA @ 7pm	15	16 AA @ 8 pm	17	18 WORSHIP @ 5 PM TIM MIZE
19 WORSHIP @11 AM FATHER'S DAY	20 Bible Study @ 1 pm	21 First Day of Summer AA @ 7pm	22	23 AA @ 8 pm	24	25 WORSHIP @ 5 PM PASTOR BRAD
26 WORSHIP @11 AM	27	28 AA @ 7pm	29 Council Meeting @ 6pm	30 AA @ 8 pm		



If you have something you would like to put in the newsletter, please let us know by email, written letter, phone call or stopping by the office.