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Siblings in Christ of Triune,

At some point in the next few months, we expect a couple “diaper dandies” (term stolen from a college basketball analyst) to arrive on our home-front, which will require a several week time-frame for me to step away and (very) gradually learn how to do this whole dad thing with double the trouble and all. Although the due date is not until mid-July, there is no way to know exactly when for sure. With that in mind, here’s what to expect...whenever that happens:

- In place of the daily emailed Scripture and prayers based off *The Daily Texts* or *Christ In Our Home*, you will, instead, be invited to subscribe to *God Pause*, which is a daily devotion written by alumni of Luther Seminary (St. Paul, MN). A separate email will be sent to you to remind you of this opportunity as the time gets closer, but you can access the devotion at any time by going to their website: <https://www.luthersem.edu/godpause/> You can also subscribe to the devotion, so that you receive it automatically through your email on a daily basis.
- There will continue to be an extended devotion provided on Wednesday’s, as I will put them together beforehand focusing on some of my favorite hymns in our *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* hymnal, which we choose from for our worships on Sunday mornings. The idea being that, at some point in the early fall, we hope to have a favorite hymn sing on a Sunday morning. The Wednesday devotions will be an opportunity for you to consider your own favorite hymns (whether they be from our ELW hymnal or not), and to let Edith or Jan know by a date to be determined later in the summer, so that, as we hope circumstances continue to improve with COVID-19, we may more boldly sing together the very hymns we have longed to sing together with joy.



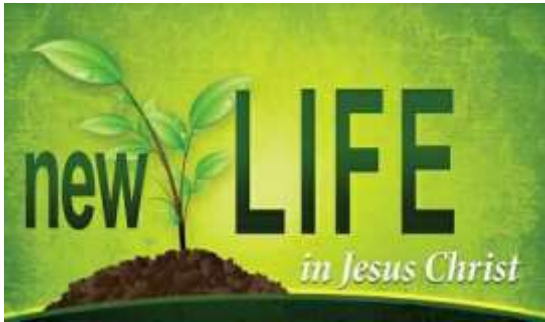
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God's work. Our hands.

- Pastor Harry Werner, who has served as a weekend supply pastor in recent years at Triune, will serve as an emergency pastoral contact if the need ever arises. Both Dale and Jan will have his contact information. As for presiding for our weekend worships, Jennifer Lasher-Dobush, parish administrator at Covenant, is currently working on finalizing the list of those pastors, who have agreed to serve both congregations. We are incredibly grateful for their flexibility in scheduling, since there is no way for me to let them know when those weekends would be (the “diaper dandies” haven’t sent us a message when they plan to crash the party just yet).



Sarah and I are forever grateful for your continued support and encouragement during this new adventure for us. A communication will be sent out to the congregation when the “diaper dandies” are born. From that point forward, for several weeks, I will not be able to respond to messages (assuming the two of them will demand a certain level of attention), but please know you will always be in our hearts with heartfelt appreciation, and we pray that you experience the new life of God in Jesus Christ, our Risen Savior and Lord, each and every day. Blessings to all of you!

In Christ,  
Pastor Brad

**A prayer for Mother's Day**

Lord, we remember the mothers  
who have gone before us.  
**For their love, sacrifice, struggle  
and joy, we thank you.**

Lord, we remember the mothers of  
Scripture who are a part of our story  
as we are a part of your story.  
**For their courage, faith, love and  
fierceness, we thank you.**

Lord, we remember those who have not  
given birth to us, but are mothers to us.  
**For their gift of themselves that they  
have given, we thank you.**

For the women who struggle with  
fertility, for those women whom  
society labels as less in their childlessness,  
for those women who have lost children.  
**For their tears, for their strength,  
for their wisdom, for their lives,  
we thank you.**

In your name we pray. Amen. *by Claire Schoepp*



We ask you to keep the following sisters and brothers in Christ in your prayers:

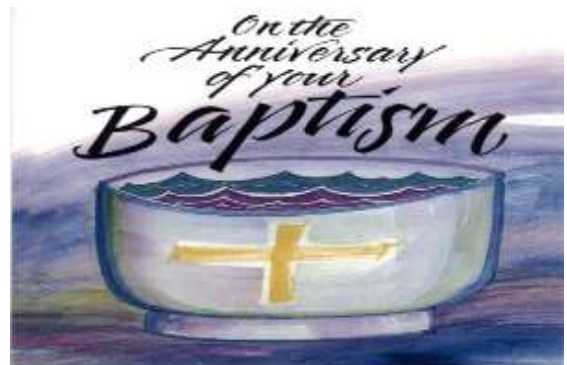
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| Cathy Gallagher  | Rick Schmidt     |
| Richard Jakubcin | George Tomaselli |
| Donna Matter     | Mardell Weiss    |
| Brian Roderick   | Clara Wilcox     |
| Gloria Roderick  | Dave Wilcox      |

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.



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| 3  | Charlotte Jackson |
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Bible study  
continues Mondays at 1pm.  
JOIN US ANY TIME!

## *The Trinity: A Straightforward, Reliable Map*



A young, American woman was an exchange student in Paris. One day she stopped by a small bookshop to buy a map of France. The shopkeeper was a small, elderly man. He went to the back of the store and came back carrying an armful of maps. With great ceremony the man announced, “Here is a map of Paris. And here is a map of Lyons. And here is a map of Marseille. Here...” At this point the young woman interrupted him and said, “But sir, I just want a map of France, just one.” The little man drew himself up to his full stature and exclaimed, “But Mademoiselle, France is much too big to be on just one map!”

This is Holy Trinity Sunday and I must say that, like France, the doctrine of the Trinity is much too big for just one sermon. It is big and sprawling and complex and nuanced. Truth is, you can't explain the Trinity, not really. One of my teachers in seminary put it this way, “Any attempt at a logically consistent explanation of how God can be three and one at the same time is, from the beginning, more wrong than right; more untrue than true. There is no way to explain it that actually does it justice.”

We cannot explain it, but we can explore it. Instead of pulling it apart in an attempt to see how it works, we can leave it intact and think about what the Trinity has to say about our personal faith and our life together as the people of God. The Trinity helps us to retain a healthy balance in our view of God. Most of us, most of the time, are what I call “closet Unitarians.” That is to say that, while we may affirm the orthodox idea of three-in-one, for all practical purposes we gravitate to one of the three persons of the Trinity as our favored understanding of God-ness.

Some of us tend to see God as high, mighty and powerful — as “the big guy upstairs,” as a bit of an “unmoved mover” of the universe, as the creator and sustainer of all that was, is or ever will be. We envision God as a loving yet stern parental figure, making rules and dispensing judgment.

Others of us center our faith more directly on Jesus the Christ. This includes everything from “Have you accepted Jesus as your personal Savior?” evangelicals, through “What would Jesus do?” activists, on to many traditional Lutherans who talk and think a great deal about “Christ and him crucified.”

And thirdly, there are those of us for whom “feeling the touch of the Spirit” means everything. This includes everybody from tongues-speaking, faith-healing Pentecostals through charismatic Catholics and all those in between, including people who say they are “more spiritual than religious” and wait for feelings and circumstances to guide them in their daily lives.

Now, all of us are a little bit of each of these, and almost none of us is completely one of them. But all of us favor one more than the other two. And the point is each is an authentic way to experience God, and none of them is complete in itself, not for a healthy Christian spiritual life.

For this, balance is needed. The doctrine of the Trinity keeps us balanced, helps us to remember the other parts of God that we must pay due attention to, individually and as a community of faith.

The Holy Trinity reminds us that the God who created the universe is also the God who lived among us in the person of Jesus of Nazareth and is also the same God whose Spirit moves us in our moments of spiritual clarity.

As a community of faith, it is not necessary that we be identical in our understanding of God. Rather it is important and vital to our communal health that we share our understandings with one another openly so that we can learn and benefit from each other. In biblical terms: “so that we may build up the body of Christ.”

As a church, we all need each other; we need those with a deep reverence for the Creator God, for “Our Father who art in heaven.” We need those who are head over heels in love with Jesus. And we need those whose souls are in tune with the wispy wind of the Spirit. We need each other in order to live fully as God’s people in this place at this time.

My late father-in-law used to love to tell the story of a man, “a city feller from up in Raleigh,” who got his rented fishing boat stuck on a sandbar along the Outer Banks of North Carolina. When the Coast Guard rescued him, he kept saying he couldn’t understand how it happened. He was experienced, he knew how to navigate; there must be something wrong with his map. He was right. There was something wrong with his map. It was a place mat from Captain Tony’s Sanitary Fish Market restaurant in Morehead City.

In order to find our way through life, we need a good map. Sometimes we need very elaborate maps, like the Frenchman’s many charts of France. But most of the time a map like that is too much, it confuses us. Sometimes we need a very simple map, something to give us the lay of the land, or the water as the case may be. A place mat sketch is enough for that. But if you’re trying to go somewhere, get from here to there, a straightforward, readable map is exactly what you need.

The Holy Trinity is just such a map. It reminds us that we are all the children of God and that we were created with purpose and promise. It reminds us of what God has done for us in Jesus the Christ and what we are called to do for others in Jesus’ name. And it promises us that as we go forth we will never, ever be alone.

Amen and amen.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 WORSHIP @ 5 PM  TIM MIZE
2  WORSHIP @11 AM	3  Bible Study @ 1 pm	4  AA @ 7pm	5	6  AA @ 8 pm	7	8  WORSHIP @ 5 PM  PASTOR BRAD
9  WORSHIP @11 AM  Mother's Day	10  Bible Study @ 1 pm	11  AA @ 7pm	12	13  AA @ 8 pm	14	15  WORSHIP @ 5 PM  TIM MIZE
16  ASCENSION SUNDAY WORSHIP @11 AM	17  Bible Study @ 1 pm  Council @ 6pm	18  AA @ 7pm	19	20  AA @ 8 pm	21	22  WORSHIP @ 5 PM  PASTOR BRAD
23  PENTECOST SUNDAY WORSHIP @11 AM	24  Bible Study @ 1 pm	25	26	27	28	29  WORSHIP @ 5 PM  TIM MIZE
30  HOLY TRINITY SUNDAY WORSHIP @11 AM	31  Bible Study @ 1 pm  Memorial Day					