

Dear Friends in Christ:

June is here whether we are ready for it or not. While school and church programs wind down a bit, the calendar keeps ticking off the days. Sunday school on Thursdays and Catechism on Saturday mornings end with the end of May. Please, no tears. We will start again in the Fall.

Community Meal is the 6<sup>th</sup> and the 20<sup>th</sup>.

Hiking is the 13<sup>th</sup>.

Bible Study on Wednesday mornings will continue on into June.

The end of May saw Pentecost Sunday (5-24) and Holy Trinity Sunday (5-31). While rain on the 24th did its best to quench the Spirit, Holy Trinity attendance was a little better. We had wonderful attendance at worship prior to Easter and then people started staying away—perhaps to leave extra seating and elbow room for St. Somebody Else. Sadly, St. Somebody Else has not been present for ever so long. All of those generous and thoughtful people are welcome to come back. June begins the ordinary season following Pentecost. It is ordinary not in the sense of being drab and uneventful; it is ordinary in the sense of the Sundays having ordinal numbers attached to them. June 7 is the Second Sunday after Pentecost. June 14 is the Third Sunday after Pentecost, et cetera. These ordinal numbers continue until the end of November when we celebrate Christ the King Sunday. This is the second of the two ordinal seasons—the first being the Season after Epiphany. In that season the Gospel readings are focused on the gradual revealing of who and what Jesus is. In the Season after Pentecost, the Gospel texts focus on the nature and growth of the Kingdom of God. Since we are in Year A of our three-year lectionary, the texts from Matthew's Gospel will lean into Jesus as the one who fulfills the Word of God spoken through the law and the prophets, and the nature of the kingdom of God will be revealed with reference to God's Word through the law and the prophets.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor John.