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from the Pastor...

Rev. Donald Jordan

YOU CAN'T LIVE THE CHRISTIAN LIFE

Life without God is a life that is lost in a hopeless condition. Living today without confidence and assurance leaves one without the promise of forgiveness of sins, eternal life, and salvation.

This story of a hopeless life is one that all of us live in certain ways. For those of us who profess Christianity we know the difficulty of believing in Jesus and still experiencing hopelessness, frustration, and despair, due to our constant sins and shortcomings before God.

So imagine you are dying and that you will soon stand before the judgment throne of God, as our Lord Jesus will judge each of one of us. You appear before Christ and He reviews your life. You indicate to the Lord that almost all of your life you have been trying to be a Christian, always trying to be good and to do what is God-pleasing. But, this has not worked well and you are uncertain that you have tried hard enough.

Into your hospital room walks a fellow Christian who tries to bring you comfort and hope. This person comes to bring you solace and assurance, telling you, "Make sure you give your heart to Jesus." "You must invite Christ to come into your life." "All this is yours when you decide to believe and accept Jesus." However, did this help? Was this of any comfort?

Then, a second Christian enters your room as you are dying. You call out to this fellow believer for help in your despair. "Please, help me." "Please let me know that God will accept me." In response, this person tells you, "You must first change your ways, your habits, and your behavior and then God will accept you." "You must give up your sinful ways, read the Bible, pray more, and do more things for God and other people." However, are any of these admonitions helpful and reassuring?

Finally, in walks another Christian who has come to your side. This believer asks, "Are you ready to die?" Your response might be, "No, I'm not ready to



die but I'm trying to get ready, but it is just no use. I just can't believe and I can't break through into any peace. I've tried as hard as I can, but it's no use."

And so, this faithful Christian then says to you, "Just listen. Don't do anything but listen. While you were God's enemy, the

Father loved you and sent his Son, Jesus Christ, to live, die, and rise from the grave for you. You have been redeemed and accepted in Jesus. The Father saves you all by his grace alone in Christ. You are saved by the work of Jesus, who ascended to the right hand of the Father, who now lives and reigns over His church, always praying for you. This Jesus has given you faith by His Holy Spirit and such faith says, 'Mine are Christ's living, doing, and speaking, His suffering and dying; mine as much as if I had lived, done, spoken, and suffered, and died as he did.' All things necessary for your salvation are done. The victory has been won."

Candidly, you can't live the Christian life because such a life has only been lived by Jesus Christ. You can't please God to earn his favor. All too many are trying and failing miserable in this pursuit of living the Christian life. But the Christian life is the life of Christ which is lived out in the life of faith in the Holy Spirit who continuously calls us to repentance, faith, and holy living in Christ.

"I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God who loved me and gave himself for me." – Galatians 2:20

You and I cannot live the Christian life, for when we look to our performance and accomplishments, we will lack assurance and hope. We will only see sin and rebellion, resulting in death and the wrath of God upon sin. That is what we deserve by nature.

But God is gracious and merciful in Christ. Now we realize that our life is

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REDEEMER FINANCIAL SUMMARY

January 1, 2017 – April 30, 2017

INCOME/EXPENSE – ACTUAL:

TOTAL INCOME: \$62,577.75

EXPENSES:

Administration \$49,211.04

Christian Education 764.96

Evangelism 167.98

Fellowship (surplus balance) -51.90

Stewardship 0.00

Trustees \$14,270.55

TOTAL EXPENSES: \$64,362.55

NET ORDINARY INCOME: \$-1,784.88

CHURCH FAC. RENT INCOME 0.00

TOTAL INCOME \$-1,784.88

RETAINED EARNINGS \$34,374.57

FINAL INC./EXP. BALANCE \$32,589.69

ASSETS/LIABILITIES:

CHURCH

Directed Funds (TCB) \$135,971.64

Operating Funds (TCB) \$32,589.69

Mission Trust Fund (Thornburg) \$247,653.25

Scholarship Fund (Stifel Nicolaus) \$298,360.21

TOTAL CHURCH ASSETS/LIAB.: \$714,574.79

TOTAL SCHOOL ASSETS: \$23,144.47

TOTAL ASSETS/LIABILITIES: \$737,719.26

SCHOOL INCOME \$11,400.00

35% to Miss. Trust Inc. 3,000 Miss. \$3,990.00

30% to Scholarship Fund \$3,420.00

20% to Facilities Reserve Fund \$2,280.00

10% to School Reserve Fund \$1,140.00

5% to Musician & Concert \$570.00

SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY

Denominations Comparison is the new Sunday Bible study, June 4, 8:45 a.m., Parish Hall. Come and learn of the differences and similarities of Roman Catholic, Orthodox, Anglican, Lutheran, Presbyterian, Methodist and other churches. A pamphlet and study guide will be given. This informative study of Scripture is meant to edify and build us in the truth of God's Word as we faithfully confess truth to all. Pastor Jordan, teacher.

NO MEN'S/THURSDAY BIBLE CLASSES FOR THE SUMMER

The men's monthly Saturday Bible study and Thursday Bible study will be in summer recess June - August. Last Thursday class is May 25, 9:30 a.m. Sunday Bible class, 8:45, will continue as usual.



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SUBMISSION DEADLINE

for the September Redeemer Review is
Tuesday, August 22, 4:00 p.m.

HYMNS THAT SING OF CHRIST: LSB 733 "O GOD OUR HELP IN AGES PAST"

O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast,
And our eternal home:

Under the shadow of Thy throne
Thy saints have dwelt secure;
Sufficient is Thine arm alone,
And our defense is sure.

Before the hills in order stood
Or earth received her frame,
From everlasting Thou art God,
To endless years the same.

A thousand ages in Thy sight
Are like an evening gone,
Short as the watch that ends the night
Before the rising sun.

Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
Soon bears us all away;
We fly forgotten as a dream
Dies at the op'ning day.

O god, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Be Thou our guard while troubles last
And our eternal home!

This much beloved hymn is another written by Issac Watts, one of many of his in our hymnal. We wrote of Watts in the May Redeemer Review and his hymn, *Come, Let Us Join Our Cheerful Songs*. So as not to repeat ourselves, we will add that Watts contributed many hymns for use in the Lutheran churches. Watts was born in 1674 and died in 1748. He was a prolific writer of hymns.

The tune, *St. Anne*, was written by William Crost (16789-1727). He was born in Nether, Ettington, near Straford-on-Avon, England. In 1700, he became organist at St. Anne's Church, Soho, and Gentleman Extraordinary of the Chapel Royal, sharing the post with Jeremiah Clarke.

In 1713, he received the Doctor of Music degree from Oxford University. He is buried in Wesminster Abbey. His epitaph concludes: "Having resided among mortals for 50 years behaving with utmost condor...he departed to the heavenly choir...that being near, he might add to the concert of angels his own hallelujah."

He Also wrote the tune *Hanover* for *O Worship the King* in our hymnal.

2017 ELDER ASSIGNMENTS

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SUMMER BIRTHDAYS

6/01 KLAUS KEIL
 6/02 RACHEL SCOTT
 6/03 MONICA JORDAN
 6/04 KAYLEE SCHUKEI
 6/04 KYLE SCHUKEI
 6/08 ABBIE BATTIN
 6/16 BETTY ROLLAG
 6/17 EVELYN GRAHAM
 6/20 BILL BAVING
 6/23 KARL WEINREICH
 6/25 DONNA OTTO
 6/27 BRUCE HOLDERBEIN
 6/27 YUFEI WENSLAFF
 6/28 PATRICIA LILLIE
 6/30 REV. LEROY MASON
 7/03 LUCILE HECHT
 7/05 TOM COLLINS
 7/09 RACHEL THOMASON
 7/12 ROBERT ENGELKEN
 7/15 LINDSEY ALLEN
 7/16 DONNA RAMEY
 7/17 MEGAN ALMAND
 7/22 LOUISE URNESS
 7/24 ALEXIS WERNER
 7/26 CAROLINE ZIEGLER
 8/03 CANDACE THURMAN
 8/04 FRED SHERMAN, JR.
 8/04 TIM WENSLAFF
 8/06 HENRY DEGARMO
 8/07 RANDY SIEMENS
 8/08 MICHAEL HOFFIE
 8/08 DAVID LEIMER
 8/09 JULIE EASTMAN
 8/11 DIANE SCOTT
 8/11 LUKE THOMASON
 8/11 DIANNE WILKINSON
 8/13 BONNIE HUNT
 8/14 BRIAN MARSHALL
 8/14 MARY OLD-KOOI
 8/14 CHUCK SCHAFFERT
 8/17 PAUL MAESTAS
 8/17 MATTHEW THOMASON

8/18 SONYA BROWN
 8/19 RYAN GODSIL
 8/19 JANET JOKSCH
 8/21 REBECCA BERGENDAHL
 8/21 MEGAN GODSIL
 8/23 SHERRY GODSIL
 8/25 WALTER GODSIL
 8/29 LARRY POHLAD



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6/01 ABBIE BATTIN
 6/01 KLAUS KEIL
 6/01 TYLER YOUNG
 6/04 ROSEMARY SMITH
 6/07 REV. ROBERT ROBERTS
 6/07 DOTTY TEFELSKI
 6/09 KURT JORDAN
 6/11 PAUL DEGARMO
 6/11 MATTHEW THOMASON
 6/12 ABBY EASTMAN
 6/12 BROCK EASTMAN, JR.
 6/12 EMMA EASTMAN
 6/12 RILYN EASTMAN
 6/12 LORI JORDAN
 6/15 MONICA JORDAN
 6/29 ALICE WESCOATT
 7/00 DR. NORMAN MCCANN
 7/04 BROCK EASTMAN
 7/05 ANDREW WEINREICH
 7/14 DUSTIN SIEMENS
 8/01 BRUCE HOLDERBEIN
 8/02 ROBERT ENGELKEN
 8/09 LACEY DEGARMO
 8/16 ALEXIS WERNER
 8/17 PAUL MAESTAS
 8/21 FRED SHERMAN, JR.
 8/21 KARL WEINREICH
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FROM THE PASTOR, CONTINUED

really the life of Jesus who always pleased the Father for our sake. Joy is now yours. Hope is your possession. Baptized into Christ, fed with his body and blood, receiving holy absolution, hearing the Gospel, living in the fellowship of Christ's church, this life is yours.

The Christian life is not one of doing and giving, but of receiving from Christ Jesus His gifts given in the means of grace, which are the source and foundation of the Christian's life. And this life in Christ is fully of faith and action – not your action, but the action of the Holy Spirit as evidenced in the fruits of the Spirit.

It is true. None of us can live the Christian life. Thank God we don't have to do so, but that Jesus has called us into his life and he has done and will do all the work necessary to give us eternal life, which is now, and into eternity.

Pastor Jordan

LWML NOTES

We met for our last regular gathering for the summer on Saturday, May 6th. Updates on ministries were given. Plans were developed for a tea/jewelry sale to take place after church on Sunday, September 24. LWML will host the fellowship hour that day. The proceeds will go to LWML projects. Reminders and announcements will be in the bulletins. An informal lunch planning session is going to be held at Farmer's Skillet, Saturday, July 22, 11:30 a.m. The planning is for the tea/jewelry sale fellowship and the Zone 12 Fall Rally, which Chico is hosting Saturday, October 21, 2017, 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

The large Mite box will be out all summer. Mites go to the mission grants of the LWML.

Over the summer, the DCM Kenyan orphan will continue to have a fourth Sunday collection basket in the narthex.

Coins for Christ, seminarian support will continue each worship day.

May the Lord bring His peace and joy to each of you this summer.

Your Sister in Christ, Kathy Sweet

LWML GENERAL MEETING

Saturday, July 22, 11:30 a.m., Farmer's Skillet (Cohasset and Rio Lindo), to plan September tea and October Zone Rally.

PASTOR JORDAN'S SERMONS

www.kkxx.net (live and podcasts) KKXX Chico, CA
930 AM Saturday/Sunday 1:00 PM
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MERCY IN KENYA

Check out a video on Diakonia Compassionate Ministry. You can find it via Facebook or visit www.dcmkenya.com There are many facets to the ministry at Point of Grace Academy. Rev. Dennis and Deaconess Lorna Meeker have connected schooling needs, family needs, and medical needs with Gospel outreach.

Rev. Mark, Stefanie, and family are doing well. Opportunities for service take many forms as they live and share the Gospel. Students, families, and all who they contact daily are benefited.

The next Mercy trip is scheduled for 2018.

Prayer is lifted for all these who serve East Africa.

Your Sister in Christ, Kathy Sweet

HEALTH MINISTRY

This issue will take us to September. We want to let everyone know that another CPR class will be offered in the near future. It is encouraged that staff, members of boards, greeters, and ushers be trained in CPR every 2 years. Our church has had 2 AEDs in place since 2012. We are thankful that no major emergency has occurred since the installation of the AEDs. (Look for announcement for the next available CPR class.)

We are happy to announce the November 12th blood drive will be a reality. We have willing hands to keep this faith based blood drive on-going here at Redeemer. For you regular donors, please continue your donations at Blood Source over the summer but refrain from donating after September 12th to be eligible for November 12th giving. DONATING REALLY DOES HELP SAVE LIVES.!

WOMEN'S KAFFEEKLATSCH

Mondays, 10:00 A.M. - 12:00 NOON

June 19, July 17, August 21

Sharon Schaffert's



ALTAR FLOWER CHART

Altar flower chart has multiple openings. Please sign up in Parish Hall or call the office to sponsor flowers for services in memory of a loved one or to commemorate an event.

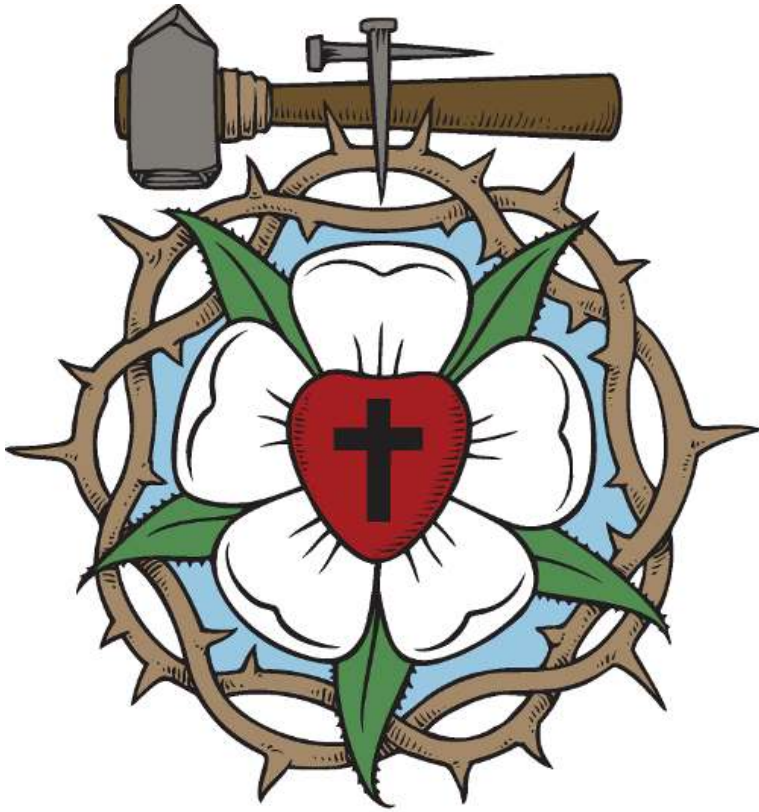
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ALTAR GUILD

Are you looking for a different area of service at Redeemer? Altar Guild could use your talents! Altar Guild members prepare the communion elements every Sunday, change altar paraments as needed, maintain oil candles and ensure there are flowers on the altar for every service. Two members typically sign up for service each month, but we are very flexible and frequently cover a week as needed for each other. Men and women of all ages are welcome to serve! If this area of service to our Lord interests you, please see Lori Jordan.

YOUTH TO ATTEND HIGHER THINGS



From July 17 - 21 our youth will attend the Higher Things Youth Conference, "Here I Stand," in Bozeman, Montana. Participating are Emma Eastman, Yuhuan Wenslaff, Yufei Wenslaff, Monica Jordan. Pastor Jordan and Lianna Nilsson are chaperones. We are grateful for the mission monies and youth fund that allow our participation, as well as the beverage container recycling funds. See www.higherthings.org for more information. It is vital that our young people "Dare to Be Lutheran" as they faithfully learn and confess our doctrine and practice in our world today. Thank you to all who pray for them and support them.

CONFIRMATION

PAUL "P.J." AARON MAESTAS
MAY 14, 2017



TRANSFER OUT

GEORGETTE ALMAND
MAY 24, 2017

Paschaltide

from Easter Sunday to Pentecost

The Theme

The long season of Lent, so somber and penitential, is over. Like the caterpillar, we burst from the prison of our sins, and soar like the butterfly to the very heights of heaven on the wings of faith.

This is Easter! This is life! This is joy that knows no bounds! Such great things cannot be celebrated in just one day. The feast goes on for a full fifty days, a week of weeks, a “jubilee.” It celebrates the freedom Christ has won for us. God created the world in six days and rested the seventh day. Christ re-created the world which has been ruined by sin, beginning on the first day of the week (Palm Sunday), and ending His work on the sixth day (Good Friday), resting on the seventh day, in the grave.

Easter Day, then is the day after the Sabbath, the first day of the new creation. Easter is the type, now, of the eternal rest which we will enter when Christ comes again. So it is fitting that we should celebrate the resurrection for forty-nine days, and culminate it with the Feast of Pentecost, the fiftieth day, the eighth day (that is, the eighth Sunday) of the week of weeks.

Holy baptism, by which we are born anew to eternal life, is the theme of the Easter Vigil, which may be celebrated in the evening of Holy Saturday or in the early hours before the dawn of Easter Sunday. The original purpose for the long vigil, with its many Old Testament readings concerning types of baptism, was to cover the time when dozens and even hundreds of converts were being baptized in buildings separate from the church building. The newly-baptized then returned to the church, dressed in white robes, and the first mass of Easter was celebrated at which they received their first communion. As time went on, more children were baptized than adults, and so the baptismal rite was included in the vigil itself, in the presence of the congregation, and the congregation renewed their vows as well, and received a splashing of baptismal water with a palm branch.

The blessing and lighting of the Paschal Candle is indicative of Christ rising from the grave. With great joy we greet the risen Christ. The cry rings out, “The Light of Christ!” to which we reply, “Thanks be to God!” The congregation’s hand candles are lit, and the procession wends its way into the church. The glorious singing of the Exultant or Easter Proclamation concludes this stirring ceremony.

After the vigil, which is conducted in the dark by candle light, all the lights in the church are turned on, and we view for the first time the glorious display of Easter lilies, the gold or white paraments adorning the altar, and the splendid vestments of the celebrant and the assistants in the chancel. The mass is fittingly chanted, incense may be used in profusion, the organ swells to heights of beauty, the “Alleluia” sounds forth once again, and the bells peal forth the glad news to the world that Christ is risen and is present among His people, as He appeared to the amazed disciples that first Easter Day. He is our host as well as the banquet as we commune at His festive table.

The Mood

The mood and the theme are inextricably bound up together, and what has been said above practically covers the subject. Unrestrained joy is enhanced with all the ceremonial aids possible by which it can be expressed. Easter is rightly called the queen of feasts, the high point of the church year, around which all the rest of the days revolve as planets around the sun. Every Sunday is a little Easter, and reflects some of this joy, even in the penitential season.

The Color

The color for Paschaltide is white. This may be enhanced by using gold, a glorified white, for Easter Day through to the Octave Day, the following Sunday.

White is the color for purity, holiness, and light, thus appropriate for Christ, the Light of the World, and the eternal God. It is a joyful color, helping to express the exhilaration which the risen Christ imparts to those who partake of His life-giving Word and Sacraments.

Pentecost

From Pentecost through the following Saturday

The Theme

The season of Pentecost is actually not a “season,” but an octave, or week-long celebration of the Feast of Pentecost. Most congregations participate in the feast only on the Sunday of Pentecost itself, but where there is opportunity to do so, there should be a celebration each day of the week following.

This feast closes the festival half of the church year. It is often called “The birthday of the church,” although the church has existed from the creation. The event commemorated is the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the church, giving a new meaning to the Old Testament feast celebrated that day. Christ had promised that He would send the Spirit after He ascended into heaven, so that His work would continue after He withdrew His visible presence.

The work of the Holy Spirit is that of building the church. He does this through the means of grace, the word and sacrament. He does not call attention to Himself, but always points to Christ and His work. The Nicene Creed succinctly lists the things that the Holy Spirit does: He is the giver of life; He speaks by the prophets; He creates the one holy catholic and apostolic church; He is poured out on a person when he is baptized; He gives forgiveness of sins; He will resurrect the bodies of all people; He will give eternal life to those who believe in Christ.

Luther’s Small Catechism explains this work, under the third article of the Apostle’s Creed:

I believe that I cannot, by my own reason or strength, believe in Jesus Christ, or come to Him, but the Holy Ghost has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the one true faith; even as He calls, gathers, enlightens and sanctifies the whole Christian church on earth and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith; in which Christian church He daily and richly forgives all sins to me and to all believers, and will at the last day raise up me and all the dead, and give to me and all believers in Christ eternal life. This is most certainly true!

The Mood

The mood of this feast is joyful, as people rejoice at a wedding, or at a bountiful harvest. The Old Testament people brought their “first fruits” of their crops to the temple on this day. It was a joyful harvest festival. We, the new Israel bring our selves as a living sacrifice to God. We rejoice in His manifold blessing.

The Holy Spirit empowers us to follow Christ’s command to go and preach the Gospel in all the world. “You shall be My witnesses, in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.” (Acts 1:8). This was emphasized by the disciple’s speaking the good news to those who came from various countries in the language of their homeland.

The Color

The color of this feast is a glorious, joyful red. It signifies the appearance of what looked like tongues of fire over the heads of the disciples on that first Christian Pentecost.

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Season after Pentecost

From Trinity Sunday through the Saturday before the First Sunday in Advent.

The Theme

The church year as we have it is like a beautiful Gothic cathedral. It has been built over many centuries, not all at once. The progress of one of the Gothic churches can be traced through various stages; the later ones do not match the precious ones exactly, but reflect different styles. The two towers do not match. There are many digressions, nooks, and crannies tucked away here and there; concessions to some individuals who were generous patrons; idiosyncrasies of various architects, artists, or bishops. There is a movement from the classic to the high Gothic, all in the same building. Yet the finished product exhibits a pleasing wholeness and beauty.

So the church year has been built over the centuries, each age modifying, but not destroying its predecessor's work, while adding something of its own. Unlike the Gothic cathedrals, the church year is never finished and set in stone. It continues to incorporate the best and worst of each age, changing slowly.

The church year is divided into two roughly equal halves. The first half, from Advent to Pentecost, is called the festival half; the second part is called the non-festival half, but is named the season after Pentecost. It is sometimes called "ordinary time."

The Theme

The season could more properly be called the Season of Pentecost, because it has to do with the work of the Holy Spirit in building the church through word and sacrament. His work is also called "sanctification," the making of saints out of us sinners. Every Sunday is a little Easter, when we hear the good news of what God has done for us in Christ, as was emphasized during the festival half of the year. But now there is the follow-up, the fruits of faith.

The season follows the outline of Jesus' parable of the farmer and the seed, in St. Mark 4:26-29: "The kingdom of God is as if a man should scatter seed upon the ground,... The earth produces of itself, first the blade, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. But when the grain is ripe, at once he puts in the sickle, because the harvest has come." (RSV)

On the one hand, we are the plants in the field, which the Holy Spirit has planted and nourishes until we mature into "ripe grain" ready for harvest. On the other hand, we are also the Holy Spirit's field hands, who are to be busy planting the seed throughout the world. So the theme is "growth," of ourselves, and growth of the church.

The season is unevenly divided into three parts: The first part being from the Feast of the Holy Trinity until September 28th; the 2nd from September 29th, the 3rd from November 1st to the Saturday before the First Sunday in Advent (All Saints' Tide). In this division we can see the outline of the parable mentioned above--the planting, sprouting and growing of the seed during the 1st section; then the battle against the Devil who tries to destroy the plants, but who is warded off by the holy angels; and finally the time of harvest for the mature plants, full of fruit, and the gathering into the heavenly granary.

The Mood

The mood is subdued during this season. Having had our most joyful celebrations for half of the year, we are in need of the "ordinary time" to concentrate on absorbing all that we have celebrated, time to grow. Just as our lives consist of activity during the day, and rest at night, so the church year has its periods of joyful celebration and quiet contemplation.

The Colors

The color of this season is the color of growing things--green. In some congregations, different shades of green are used to indicate the sprouting of the seed (light green); the growing of the plant (a little darker shade); and finally, after St. Michael's, the dark green, to indicate the mature plant ready for harvest. The Feast of the Holy Trinity, however, is White, and other feasts which may fall on a Sunday have their proper colors. But overall, the color green predominates.

Ereaders, Tablets or Computers

Investigating *ereaders* and apps to read *ebooks* on your computer was the focus of last month's article. Primarily we talked about the Kindle. This month we will mention just a bit more about the Nook, the *ebook* reader from Barnes & Noble. This is also an app that you can download to your computer.

However, before we discuss the Nook here is a link that might be of interest as a means to helping you think about an *ereader* versus a tablet, or even just your computer. <https://ebookfriendly.com/tablet-or-ereader-questionnaire/>

The internet is a great place to compare *ereaders* but be sure to look at the date of the article. Much has changed from 2012 to 2017. It would be best to search for the name of the device you want plus the year, such as "Nook 2017" and then "Kindle 2017" or whatever device you want to research. Even doing that will bring up articles older than 2017.

Both Nook and Kindle offer free samples of most of their books; however, Nook has a "read in store" feature. When you take your Nook device to a Barnes & Noble store and turn it on it will automatically search for the B&N wifi hotspot (as long as you have wifi activated) then you will be asked if you want to read a book or cancel. Once you say you want to read then you can search for a book (unfortunately magazines and children's books not included). You will be able to read for 1 hour. The good news is that if you go back the next day you can read again for another hour. Note: this information may change at any time.

If you currently have an *ereader* and are upgrading to a new one, you might consider deleting your account and reformatting the device it to give to somebody who might want to try out reading electronically. It may not have all the features the person wants, but it is a way to allow somebody to get a feel for reading an *ebook*. If you don't know how to do this go online and search for the topic, making sure to include the make and model.

The once clear lines between a phone, a smartphone and a tablet as well as an *ereader* are now pretty blurry. The difference in technology of even a couple of years ago makes you rethink what you might need if you are looking for a new device. Search carefully, evaluate your needs and keep an open mind. What

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you may have thought was essential 2 years ago may be very different this year and the next. The only thing certain about technology is that it is changing and will continue to do so at a rapid pace.

Do you remember the days when your local library had a summer reading program and there was a prize at the end? Well Concordia Publishing House has a summer reading program called "Read Like a Lutheran" and there are prizes. Here is the link to find out more about it: <http://books.cph.org/read-like-a-lutheran-2017>

Obviously, this program is focused on keeping kids reading during the summer, but why not join together with some of your friends and have a summer reading program for adults? You could all read the same book and then get together weekly over coffee or iced tea and discuss it, or each read for your own interest and then maybe at the end of the summer get together and give a short summary of your reading. The link for the adult list is: <https://www.cph.org/c-2067-adult.aspx?REName=Sales%20%26%20Seasonal&plk=1958>

When you look at the various selections, look for the tab "other formats" and you can find out if this is available in an *ebook* format. A brief look at the reading lists did not find any electronic format books for children but there are some for teens. Many of the adult reading choices do show electronic format.

If you are looking for a way to connect with grandchildren who live a distance away, this could be something you could adapt via email or text to do with them over the summer even if not signed up for the program with CPH. Use your imagination and let us know what you did!

Enjoy your summer reading!

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May 28	29	30	31	Jun 1	2	3
Mite Box Sunday Pentecost (R) 8:45am SS/Adult Bible Class 10:00am Divine Service 11:15am Fellowship (Parish) 11:30am Board of Elders	(C) Boniface of Mainz, Missionary to the Germans Office Closed - Pastor's Day Off Pentecost Evening/Mon (R)	6 10:00 Adult Catechism - Sacrament of the Altar Pentecost Tuesday (R) 9:00am Quilters (Parish Hall)	7	8 [C] Justin, Martyr	9 Office Manager's Day Off	10 1:00pm KXXX Sermon 1:30pm Lutheran Hour
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[F] St. Barnabas, Apostle (R) Holy Trinity (W) 8:45am SS/Adult Bible Class 10:00am Divine Service - Rite 11:15am Fellowship (Parish) 11:30am Special Voters	(C) The Ecumenical Council of Nicaea, AD 325 Office Closed - Pastor's Day Off	13 7:00pm LWML Mary/Martha	[C] Elisha	Office Manager's Day Off	Office Manager's Day Off	1:00pm KXXX Sermon 1:30pm Lutheran Hour
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2nd Sunday after Pentecost 8:45am SS/Adult Bible Class 10:00am Divine Service 11:15am Fellowship (Parish) 1:00pm KXXX Sermon 1:30pm Lutheran Hour	Office Closed - Pastor's Day Off 10:00am Women's Kaffeeklatsch (Sharon Schaffert's)	9:00am Quilters (Parish Hall)		[Other] Lutheran Layman's League organized (1917)	Pastor's Vacation Office Manager's Day Off	[F] The Nativity of St. John the Baptist (W) 1:00pm KXXX Sermon 1:30pm Lutheran Hour
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(C) Presentation of the 3rd Sunday after Pentecost Kenya Orphan Student 8:45am SS/Adult Bible Class 10:00am Divine Service -	[C] Jeremiah Office Closed - Pastor's Day Off	Pastor's Vacation [C] Cyril of Alexandria, Pastor and Confessor	[C] Irenaeus of Lyons, Pastor	[F] St. Peter and St. Paul, Apostles (R)	Office Manager's Day Off To Jul 5 ->	

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[C] Ruth 6th Sunday after Pentecost 8:45am SS/Adult Bible Class 10:00am Divine Service 11:15am Fellowship (Parish)	24	25	26	27	28	29
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7th Sunday after Pentecost Kenya Orphan Student 8:45am SS/Adult Bible Class 10:00am Divine Service 11:15am Fellowship (Parish)	31	Aug 1	2	3	4	5
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Jul 30	31	Aug 1 6:00pm National Night Out	2	3 [C] Joanna, Mary, and Salome, Myrtbearers	4 Office Manager's Day Off	5 1:00pm KXXX Sermon 1:30pm Lutheran Hour
6 9th Sunday after Pentecost Mile Box Sunday 8:45am SS/Adult Bible Class 10:00am Divine Service 11:15am Fellowship (Parish) 1:00pm KXXX Sermon	7 Office Closed - Pastor's Day Off	8 9:00am Quilters (Parish Hall)	9	10 [C] Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr	11 Office Manager's Day Off	12 1:00pm KXXX Sermon 1:30pm Lutheran Hour
13 10th Sunday after Pentecost 8:45am SS/Adult Bible Class 10:00am Divine Service 11:15am Fellowship (Parish) 1:00pm KXXX Sermon 1:30pm Lutheran Hour	14 Office Closed - Pastor's Day Off	15 [F] St. Mary, Mother of Our Lord (W)	16 [C] Isaac	17 [C] Johann Gerhard, Theologian	18 Office Manager's Day Off	19 [C] Bernard of Clairvaux, Hymnwriter and Theologian 1:00pm KXXX Sermon 1:30pm Lutheran Hour
20 [C] Samuel 11th Sunday after Pentecost 8:45am SS/Adult Bible Class 10:00am Divine Service 11:15am Fellowship (Parish) 1:00pm KXXX Sermon	21 Office Closed - Pastor's Day Off 10:00am Women's Kaffeeklatsch (Sharon Schaffert's)	22 9:00am Quilters (Parish Hall) 4:00pm Newsletter Deadline	23	24 [F] St. Bartholomew, Apostle (R)	25 Office Manager's Day Off	26 1:00pm KXXX Sermon 1:30pm Lutheran Hour
27 [C] Monica, Mother of 12th Sunday after Pentecost Kenya Orphan Student 8:45am SS/Adult Bible Class 10:00am Divine Service 11:15am Fellowship (Parish)	28 [C] Augustine of Hippo, Pastor and Theologian Office Closed - Pastor's Day Off	29 [F] The Martyrdom of St. John the Baptist (R)	30	31	Sep 1	2

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