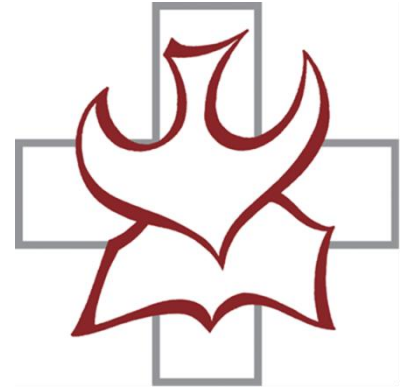


The Weekly 05.27.12

☞ When the Counselor comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who goes out from the Father, he will testify about me.

John 15:26 (NIV)



☞ Understanding Jesus: Jesus & the Holy Spirit

John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15
Pastor Marty Strohschein

☞ Readings for Next Sunday:

Isaiah 6:1-8; Acts 2:14a, 22-36; John 17:20-26

☞ **Sermon Series: Understanding Jesus.** Today we celebrate the Day of Pentecost, when God gave the gift of His Holy Spirit to Jesus disciples and the Christian Church was born. Our focus will be on John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15, with the theme "Jesus and the Holy Spirit."

☞ Welcome Guests! Here is what's going on at Living Water:

- ☞ For general information, such as our nursery during the service and our communion practice, please see the back of the The Weekly.
- ☞ **TODAY** - Each month on the 4th Sunday we offer a traditional Christian-Lutheran worship service. We will do our best to explain the meaning behind the service so that you can be spiritually enriched even if you aren't familiar with it.
- ☞ **June 10** - Each month on the second Sunday of the month you're invited to a pot-luck after the service. We also encourage everyone who eats to bring a non-perishable food item to donate to the local food bank. Join us for a great time of food and fellowship!
- ☞ **June 11-15 – Vacation Bible School!** Learn more and register your children at our website, www.livingwateraz.org.

☞ For Reflection before Worship

The Third Article of the Apostles' Creed

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

What does this mean?

I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith. In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith. In this Christian Church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers. On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ. This is most certainly true.

From Luther's Small Catechism

✠ Paul exhorts Christians to examine themselves before they receive Holy Communion (1 Corinthians 11:28). Here are five key questions to examine yourself and prepare your heart for Holy Communion:

1. Am I sorry for my sins and burdened by my sinful nature?
Examine your life and heart in light of the Ten Commandments.
2. Do I believe in Jesus to forgive?
Consider what God has done to give you forgiveness, which we confess in the Apostles' Creed.
3. Do I want God's grace to turn from sin and change?
Entrust your entire life to God's mercy, as we do when we pray The Lord's Prayer.
4. Do I believe that Jesus body and blood are truly present in the bread and wine, as he promised?
Examine the words of Jesus, "This is my body ... This is my blood."
5. Do I share the beliefs and unity of this congregation?
Communing with us indicates that you share the Christian-Lutheran confession of faith.

✠ About Holy Communion: The Lord's Supper is celebrated here in the belief and glad confidence that our Lord gives us as he says, not only bread and wine, but his very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with him and with one another. Our Lord invites to his table baptized Christians who trust his words, repent of all sin, and forgive and love as he forgives and loves us. If you share our confession of faith, we welcome you to join us at the Lord's Table. All who have not yet received communion instruction are invited to come forward to receive a blessing, or to remain where you are and use this as a time for reflection, song or prayer. Guests who have questions about communion are encouraged to speak with Pastor Marty.

5-20-12 Attendance: 67 Giving: \$1576

Set-up 6-3-12 7:15am Martinez, Grabau, Tyler, Richie