

# Augsburg Church

# May 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					<b>1</b> (B) Greg Parrish	<b>2</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> (B) Alex Gramlick (B) Renee Smith	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> (B) Shelby Kleinik	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> (A) Josh and Rachel Koonce 15
<b>10</b> (A) Greg & Amy Schaal 86 (B) Ashtin Harrison	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> (B) Bob Lotz	<b>16</b> (B) Paige Ehrat
<b>17</b> (B) Amanda Torbeck	<b>18</b> (B) Alex Kleinik (B) Charles Grandt	<b>19</b> (B) Rachel Brooks (B) Shelby Sasse	<b>20</b> (B) Bea Cearlock (B) Betty Rethorn	<b>21</b> (B) Janice Torbeck	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> (B) Alan Gephart
<b>24</b> (B) Albert Wefer	<b>25</b> (B) Zach McCaslin	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> (B) Arthur Schukar (B) Dennis Meseke (B) Eleanor Newcomb (B) Matthew Sasse	<b>28</b> (B) Fran Schaal (B) Logan Sasse (B) Thomas Wolf	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> (A) Adam and Jamie Tischhauser 15 (A) Thomas & Denise Wolf 99 (B) Arleen Sasse
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**The Ladies Aid / LWML soup luncheon has been postponed to a later date to be announced.**

**The benefit for Matt Benning has been postponed to a later date to be announced.**

**Ladies Aid meeting** will be rescheduled.

**Council Meeting & Voters Meeting** have been postponed till a later date.

**Augsburg is collecting Christian materials**, bibles, Portals of Prayer, Sunday School and VBS materials, Lutheran Witness, books, etc., to be given to the mission in Butler to distribute worldwide. Please put them on the table in the middle of the basement.

**Trimming Stamps for Mites** -- Trim each stamp leaving paper measuring 1/8 of an inch or less around the stamp. Be careful not to trim too close to the stamp. No corners or edges should be cut. The stamps must be 100% complete. If there is a group of stamps trim around the whole group.

### **God is Like TV Commercials**

A fifth grade teacher in a Christian school asked her class to look at TV commercials and see if they could use them in some way to communicate ideas about God.

Here are some of the results:

God is like BAYER ASPIRIN... He works miracles.

God is like A FORD... He's got a better idea.

God is like COKE... He's the real thing.

God is like HALLMARK CARDS... He cares enough to send His very best.

God is like TIDE... He gets the stains out that others leave behind.

God is like GENERAL ELECTRIC... He brings good things to life.

God is like SEARS... He has everything.

God is like ALKA-SELTZER... Try Him, you'll like Him

God is like SCOTCH TAPE... You can't see Him, but you know He's there.

God is like DELTA... He's ready when you are.

God is like ALLSTATE... You're in good hands with Him.

God is like VO-5 Hair Spray... He holds through all kinds of weather.

God is like DIAL SOAP... Aren't you glad you have Him? Don't you wish everybody did?

God is like THE POST OFFICE... Neither rain, nor snow, nor sleet nor ice will keep Him from His appointed destination.

God is like CHEVROLET... the heartbeat of America

God is like MAXWELL HOUSE... Good to the very last drop>

God is like BOUNTY... He is the quicker picker upper can handle the tough jobs and He won't fall apart on you.

## Some Thoughts from Pastor

### A Good Word for An Anxious Heart

Well, we're still at it – staying at home, keeping our distance from people, and wearing face masks when we are near others. And there is still much fear and anxiety – fear of getting the dreaded virus ourselves, fear of carrying it to someone else, fear of death, fear of loss of income, anxiety over not being able (allowed) to hug children and grandchildren, anxiety over not being able to gather as the people of God in His House to receive His gifts. There's also the anxiety that many feel over having to spend so much more time with their family. Add to this the disruption over schools being closed and graduation plans unknown and there's more than enough fear and anxiety to go around.

Yet, God tells us, "Anxiety in a man's heart weighs him down [or causes depression], but a good word makes him glad." (Prov. 12:25).

With all that going on, or not going on, there is much to cause anxiety or depression. So God gives us a good word to make us glad. Alleluia! Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

You see, Christ is risen from the dead. He who bore your griefs and sorrows (and your fears and anxiety) has overcome sin and death for you. He still lives to bring you life and salvation. Even in the midst of all the confusion, uncertainty, anxiety, and everything else, Jesus is still with you. A pastor recently said, "Jesus is with you even when I can't be." He was speaking to pastors who are distressed and anxious at not being able to be with their people to serve them. It was encouragement that Jesus is with His people even when the pastor can't be (and a reminder to the pastors that Jesus is with them too). And that is a good word which makes one glad.

### Now, a couple of notes:

May 10 is Mother's Day. Remember to honor your mother (4<sup>th</sup> Commandment), as you should every day. If you are able, give or send her a card, or call her. You may not be able to visit her, but you can still let her know that you love her.

May 21 is Ascension Day. It's the day we celebrate our Lord Jesus' ascension into heaven forty days after His resurrection. You can learn more about that by reading Acts 1:1-11.

May 31 is Pentecost when we celebrate the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the Church. You can read about it in Acts 2. When the people were terrified that they had killed the Messiah, their Savior, Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself." (Acts 2:38-39). Then we're told, "those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls." (Acts 2:41). And yet that wasn't the end of things. For they then "devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers." (Acts 2:42). What a marvelous miracle wrought by the Holy Spirit!

So, here's something to consider from Luther's explanation of the Third Article of the Creed in his Large Catechism:

<sup>40</sup> Learn, then, to understand this article most clearly. You may be asked, “What do you mean by the words *I believe in the Holy Spirit?*”

You can then answer, “I believe that the Holy Spirit makes me holy, as His name implies.”

<sup>41</sup> “But how does He accomplish this, or what are His method and means to this end?”

Answer, “By the Christian Church, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. <sup>42</sup> For in the first place, the Spirit has His own congregation in the world, which is the mother that conceives and bears every Christian through God’s Word [[Galatians 4:26](#)]. Through the Word He reveals and preaches, He illumines and enkindles hearts, so that they understand, accept, cling to, and persevere in the Word” [[1 Corinthians 2:12](#)].<sup>i</sup>

So, you see, the Holy, Christian, and Apostolic Church is the Mother of every Christian as the Holy Spirit continues to conceive and bear children and nourish them through Baptism, preaching, Absolution, and the Lord’s Supper. So we honor our Mother not just one day a year, but every time we gather in God’s House to receive His gifts of forgiveness and life. For that’s how She gives birth and that’s how She sustains us in this life-giving faith. Thus we show love and honor to our Mother and to our Savior as we gather faithfully and frequently to be fed by Her as she feeds us Jesus. God grant us to show such love and honor to our Holy Mother Church.

And, by the way, that honors our earthly mothers and makes them happy too.

God bless you always, keep you safe, and bring us all together again soon.

Pastor Landskroener

P. S. If you are in need of pastoral care (a visit, prayers, Holy Communion, etc.), please let me know. My cell phone is 330-204-4180. I also use text messaging.

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I’m on Facebook. Send me a friend request.

I post my sermons on Facebook and will gladly mail or email them to anyone who asks.

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<sup>i</sup> Concordia : The Lutheran Confessions. Edited by Paul Timothy McCain. St. Louis, MO : Concordia Publishing House, 2005, S. 403