



EMMANUEL NEWS

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Pentecost Dreams

Rev. Tom Sinning

When it comes to church holidays, Christmas and Easter get all the attention, but what about Pentecost? This year, Pentecost Sunday falls on May 19. But many of us may be hard pressed to put in plain words the real impact of the day.

Pentecost is the day considered to be the birth of the church. On that day, the Holy Spirit came to fill and inspire believers. Jesus had ascended, but he sent the Spirit so His followers could continue with the comfort, guidance, and the empowering presence of God. Each year, Pentecost comes 50 days after Easter Sunday and gets its' meaning from the Greek word for 50 which is Pentecost. The beginning of Pentecost is recorded in Acts 2:1-2.

It was also a Jewish festival, the Festival of Weeks or Shavuot, the commemoration God giving the Torah to the nation of Israel at Mt Sinai. The disciples of Jesus had gathered together for this festival when:

"Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them."

Pentecost brings the 50-day Easter season to a close but more importantly, it points the church forward toward new beginnings, for it's when we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit and the new horizons that are opening up in the story of God's commitment to the world.

Pentecost Sunday isn't just about celebrating the past. It is a powerful invitation to dream, to dare, to commit. Because when a faith community stops dreaming dreams, what does it have to offer itself or the world around it?

When the Holy Spirit descended some 2,000 years ago, Peter, explained the event to a mystified crowd by reminding them of the Prophet Joel's words: *"In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy."*

Words such as "prophecy" and "visions" might scare some of us.

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Rev. Tom Sinning, Deacon
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Just ask the Bible study group who has been studying Ezekiel. This isn't about seeing into the future, but rather seeing God as active and visible in the world now that Jesus is ascended and the Spirit is with us.

Pentecost is a time for us at Emmanuel (God with us), as we move toward Total/Shared Ministry, to be reminded that we're a bunch of dreamers, as well. Every time we pray for guidance, in our seeking mission and ministry at Emmanuel, we are saying not only are we dreamers, but we are asking how we discover together what it is and what it can be to become a vehicle for manifesting God's vision in Alexandria and the world.

Senior Warden Report - May 2013

Karen Reicks

Total Ministry: This is a short update on Total Ministry. We have found two fine co-mentors.....Rev. Glenn Derby and Rev. Linnae Hegg. They will be working together to give our Team Members the experience and view points of two experienced priests. The names of the TM team will be listed in the next newsletter. It has been a long time since we started the process in the fall of 2011, but we are just about ready to begin the actual training of the Total Ministry team.

Coffee Hour: I know how much we all enjoy the coffee hour after church. But we need volunteers to bring treats. It does not have to be anything fancy...just something to munch on while we drink our coffee. If we all take a turn, it does not have to be very often. Bette will not be doing the scheduling for a while. If you are willing to take your turn, please call or email Karen with possible dates.
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Parish Pot Luck—April 21st



Emmanuel Episcopal Church



SALAD SUPPER

Tuesday, May 14th

4:30 PM – 7 PM

LAKE STREET & 12TH AVENUE

ALEXANDRIA, MN



TICKETS AVAILABLE
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320-763-3201

ADULTS \$6
CHILDREN \$4
(AGES 5 - 12)

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JUMBLE SALE WILL BE OPEN.

Emmanuel Episcopal Church
Summer Concert Series

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June 23 **Stephen Marq**, International Steinway Piano Composer playing contemporary classical music.

July 21 **Mikko Cowdery**, Songfest of Hymns and Gospel Music

August 4 **Christian Zamora**, Associate Concertmaster for the South Dakota Symphony Orchestra in solo violin recital.

Sundays at 4:00 p.m. Reception following.



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Hymn of the Month

#209 "We Walk by Faith, and Not By Sight"

Words: Henry Alford (1810-1871)

Hymn Tune: *St. Boltoph*, Gordon Slater
(1896-1979)

Tim Johnson

The composer of the words for this hymn was Henry Alford (1810-1871) who was educated at Trinity College, Cambridge, England and graduated with honors in 1832. One year later, he began his career that involved several parishes and institutions and culminated with the Deanery of Canterbury which he held to his death. During his career, he also held many literary positions and developed his edition of the Greek testament which took 20 years to complete. Alford also performed extensive work with hymnology and poetry not only composing hymns of his own but also translating them from other languages. One of his compositions is a hymn that we associate most often with the Thanksgiving holiday in this country "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come".

If you look at the bottom left of each hymn in the hymnal, you will notice that each has a tune name listed in *italics*. The reason for this is that often a tune may be used with one or more other hymns. For example, the tune name for Hymn #209 that we are learning during the month of May is also the tune that is used with #603 in our hymnal.

This is by no means unusual; you may notice that we use the same tune for "All Creatures of Our God and King" that we use for "Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones".

The tune that is assigned to #209 in our hymnal is "St. Botolph" and was composed by Gordon Slater (1896-1979). Interestingly, this tune was first published in England in a collection entitled "Songs of Praise for Boys and Girls" and so it was very possibly originally used as a Sunday school hymn. The tune was named for St. Botolph's Parish Church in Boston, Lincolnshire, England, where Slater served as organist for a time. The church honors St. Botolph, the seventh-century abbot of an influential monastery thought to have been northeast of Ipswich in Suffolk, England. This monastery was destroyed during the Danish invasions of that time. Slater also served a time as organist and choirmaster at Lincoln Cathedral where he supervised the rebuilding of the cathedral's organ in 1960. During those years he was also the conductor of the Lincoln Symphony Orchestra. He taught at various British Colleges and universities, was a well-known organ recitalist for the BBC, and composed anthems and hymn tunes. In British churches, the hymn "Jesus, the Very Thought of You" is often sung to St. Botolph.

Source: <http://www.hymnary.org>



REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS (please take this list home and use as a daily prayer list): Bishop Brian Prior - All clergy serving Emmanuel - Mission Project 2013 - The Organ rebuilding project - John & Cleone Sherman - Doug & Buzzi Rollins - Riley - Bill & Josie Heegaard - Mike & Lana Ennis - Donna's brother Ken - Mike & Lana's daughter Nicki - Pat Weimann - Linnae's sister Linda - Military personnel, especially Andy -- The Food Shelf - Peace in the world - The future of the Episcopal Church - Our friends in Rwanda - The people of Ziwa and the Rift Valley



Lectionary Readings for April:

May 5 Sixth Sunday of Easter

[Acts 16:9-15](#)

[Psalm 67](#)

[Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5](#)

[John 5:1-9](#)

May 12 Seventh Sunday of Easter

[Acts 16:16-34](#)

[Psalm 97](#)

[Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21](#)

[John 17:20-26](#)

May 19 Day of Pentecost
Whitsunday

[Acts 2:1-21](#) or [Genesis 11:1-9](#)

[Psalm 104:25-35, 37](#)

[Romans 8:14-17](#) or [Acts 2:1-21](#)

[John 14:8-17, \(25-27\)](#)

May 26 First Sunday after Pentecost
Trinity Sunday

[Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31](#)

[Psalm 8](#) or [Canticle 2](#) or [13](#)

[Romans 5:1-5](#)

[John 16:12-15](#)



Holy Trinity, fresco by Luca Rossetti da Orta, 1738-9 (St. Gaudenzio Church at Ivrea, Torino).

Trinity Sunday

Trinity Sunday is celebrated in all the Western liturgical churches: Roman Catholic, Anglican, Lutheran, (most) Presbyterians, Methodists, and many churches within the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship.

The Sundays following Pentecost, until Advent, are numbered from this day. In traditional Catholic usage, the *First Sunday After Pentecost* is on the same day as Trinity Sunday. In the Church of England, following the pre-Reformation Sarum use, the following Sunday is the "First Sunday after Trinity", while the Episcopal Church in the United States of America (ECUSA) now follows the Catholic usage, calling it the Second Sunday after Pentecost. The liturgical color used on Trinity Sunday is white.

In the traditional Divine Office, the Athanasian Creed (*Quicumque vult*) is said on this day at Prime (first hour of daylight.) Before 1960, it was said on all Sundays after Epiphany and Pentecost which do not fall within Octaves (eighth day after a feast) or on which a feast of Double rank or higher was celebrated or commemorated, as well as on Trinity Sunday. The 1960 reforms reduced it to once a year, on this Sunday.

The Creed of Saint Athanasius, although not often used, is recited in certain Anglican churches, particularly those of High Church tendency. It may be found in the Historical Documents section of the 1979 Book of Common Prayer, but its use is not specifically provided for in the rubrics of that prayer book.

Trinity Sunday has the status of a Principal Feast in the Church of England and is one of seven principal feast days in the Episcopal Church

Thomas Becket (1118–70) was consecrated Archbishop of Canterbury on the Sunday after Whit Sunday, and his first act was to ordain that the day of his consecration should be held as a new festival in honor of the Holy Trinity. This observance spread from Canterbury throughout the whole of Christendom.

Source: Wikipedia

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Important Dates

5/14 Salad Supper 4:30—7:00 p.m.
5/16 Vestry Meeting 5:00 p.m.
5/19 Whitsunday—wear red
5/25 & 5/27 I-94 Rest Stop Ministry
5/26 Trinity Sunday

Birthdays

Margaret VanKempen
Mary Lu Rich
Laird Barber
Don Krueger
Nancy Hanson
Cleone Sherman

Anniversaries

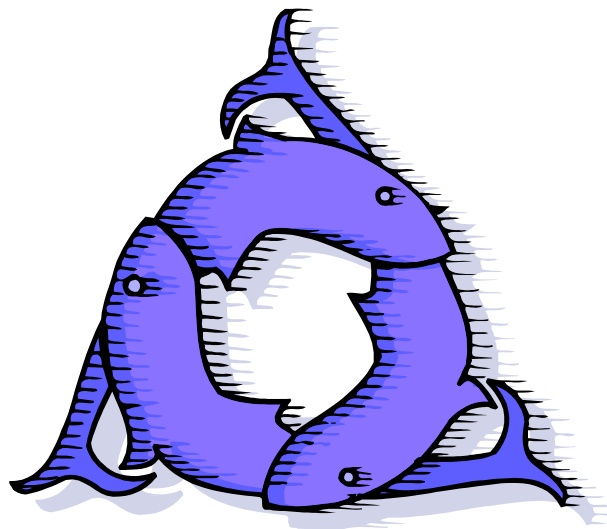
Mark & Karen Reicks

May 2013



May 5	Holy Eucharist
Celebrant	Rev. Charles Preble
Organist	Margaret Kalina
Lector 1	Mark Reicks
Lector 2	Laird Barber
Altar/Intrcsr	Mary Sinning
Usher	Karen & Mark Reicks
Coffee	JoEllen & Belvin Doebbert
Godly Play	Verlie/JoEllen
May 12	Holy Eucharist
Celebrant	Rev. Glenn Derby
Organist	Diane Alvshere
Lector 1	Karen Reicks
Lector 2	JoEllen Doebbert
Altar/Intrcsr	Edith Kelly
Usher	JoEllen & Belvin Doebbert
Coffee	Baptism Celebration
Godly Play	Alison/Wendy

May 19	Holy Eucharist
Celebrant	Rev. Charles Preble
Organist	Margaret Kalina
Lector 1	Edith Kelly
Lector 2	Belvin Doebbert
Altar/Intrcsr	Karen Reicks
Usher	Edith Kelly
Coffee	Josie & Bill Heegaard
Godly Play	Verlie/Wendy
May 26	Holy Eucharist
Celebrant	Rev. Glenn Derby
Organist	Nancy Anderson
Lector 1	Alison Derby
Lector 2	JoEllen Doebbert
Altar/intrcsr	Mary Sinning
Usher	Tim Johnson
Coffee	Karen & Mark Reicks
Godly Play	Verlie/Mark



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