

CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: Aletha Garson, (May 19); Mark Jablin, (May 19); Murdick Matheson, (May 19); Brianna Wright, (May 19); Denise Bock, (May 20); Hanna Heggie, (May 20); Alex Lewis, (May 21); Maia Anderson, (May 22); Carol Frost, (May 23); Eric Wright, (May 23) and Kalli Koepke, (May 24). Happy Birthday!

TODAY'S FLOWERS are given to the glory of God by Judi Weatherwax in honor of Maia Anderson's birthday.

ARTICLES for the June newsletter are due by *noon* tomorrow, May 19th.

SUNDAY SCHOOL is finishing up *today!* Jennie Lawrence is doing a planting project with us. We will also be singing a song in church at both services.

ORGAN CONCERT AT TRINITY, *This evening* 7:30 p.m. is Trinity's first time to participate in the organ concert series in town, which rotates among venues with pipe organs. Rather than featuring one performer, several people will play.

SUMMER HYMNS: You would like to choose hymns during the summer months. Starting on June 1st and going through August 31st the congregation is invited to pick their favorite hymns. The sign-up sheet is posted on the pole in the Gruver Room. This year we are asking for only 2 hymns each Sunday and if you would like to provide special music or not. Also listed on the sign-up sheet is the list of Gospel readings for each of the Sundays during summer to help with choosing appropriate hymns.

OUR CONFIRMATION BREAKFAST will take place on Sunday June 1 @ 8:00 a.m. This breakfast is an opportunity to recognize our young adults in this important milestone in their Christian faith. We have a tradition of providing a breakfast of egg casseroles and breads for the honored guests and their families. Please call Kris Oolman 399-8801 or sign up on the pole in the Gruver room. Thank you in advance.

VBS: This year our cooperative VBS is scheduled for the week of June 9-13, from 9 a.m.-noon for kids 4 yrs- 6th grade. The registration fee is \$5. Registration cards for campers and youth helpers are available in the church office and with Lindsay Conyers. There are flyers posted around the church and there is an article in May's newsletter. Trinity will be providing the snack on Friday (Goldfish crackers).

DINNER FOR EIGHT CONTINUES! Our May 18 potluck is postponed! Since all the groups for our dinner's group now have eight members, our monthly potluck for this month has been cancelled. This will allow all the groups to finish out with one last dinner.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN SHARING A CUP OF COFFEE with your fellow worshipers? We need people to be willing to sign up to bring goodies and prepare the coffee as well between the morning worship services. See the pole in the Gruver room. Thanking you in advance!

INTERFAITH is *really* in need of food, especially protein (canned tuna, salmon, etc.) and canned fruit? Of course any donation is always appreciated. People can leave the food in the box at the church, or take their donations directly to Interfaith. Thank you for your thoughtfulness!

OUR FINANCIAL PICTURE

Four month 2014 Financial Update, January-May

Jan-April budgeted expenses: \$73,537.18

(yearly budget divided by 12 * 4)

Jan-April actual expenses (checks written): \$72,803.22

Jan-April actual deposits, not including organ fund: \$77,314.27

Financial status: Deposits versus expenses as of 4/30: + \$4,511.15

Jan.-April organ fund deposits: \$5,786

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PREPARATION FOR NEXT WEEK: 6th Sunday of Easter: Acts 17:22-31; Psalm 66:8-20; 1 Peter 3:13-22; John 14:15-21.



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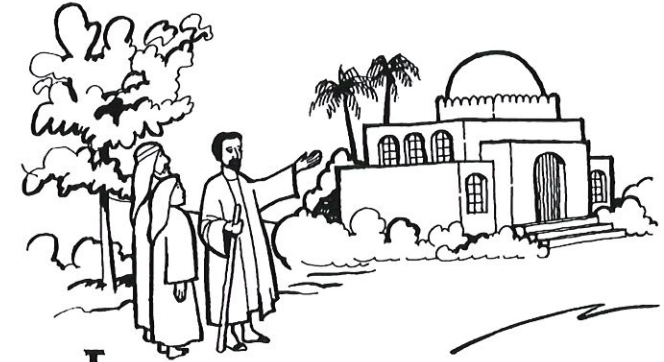
	<u>TODAY (5/18)</u>	<u>NEXT SUNDAY (5/25)</u>
<i>Lector:</i>	8:00 a.m. Eric Wright 10:30 a.m. Thom Edgar	8:00 a.m. Bobbie Schimek 10:30 a.m. Diane Fiedler
<i>Acolyte:</i>	8:00 a.m. Kelcey Anderson 10:30 a.m. Eric Vanwig	8:00 a.m. Albert Steiner 10:30 a.m. Emily Brande
<i>Ushers:</i>	8:00 a.m. Mark Rehwaldt Jennie Lawrence 10:30 a.m. Trey & Jason Sherwood	8:00 a.m. Al Schimek 10:30 a.m. Georgia Mitchell Barb Rouse
<i>Greeters:</i>	8:00 a.m. Mari & Mikayla Martinez 10:30 a.m. Roland Kidwell	8:00 a.m. Mark Rehwaldt Jennie Lawrence 10:30 a.m.
<i>Nursery:</i>	8:00 a.m. Hailey Anderson 10:30 a.m. Tracy Kidwell	8:00 a.m. Hailey Anderson 10:30 a.m. Rosalind Kidwell

Stewards: R. Kidwell / M. Stayton *Altar Guild:* The Oolmans

Coffee Fellowship:

This Week at Trinity

Sunday, May 18	8:00 a.m. Worship (HC) 9:15 a.m. SS Finale / Fellowship 10:30 a.m. Worship (HC)
Tuesday, May 20	9:00 a.m. Quilters
Wednesday, May 21	10:00 a.m. Women's Study 7:00 p.m. Confirmation Class
Thursday, May 22	7:00 p.m. Seekers



**I AM GOING TO PREPARE
A PLACE FOR YOU** JN. 14: 2

WE ARE HAPPY to have you with us today. We hope that our worship service has meaning for you and that you will come back and worship with us again soon. Everyone is invited to receive Holy Communion. If you are unable to approach the communion rail and would like to receive communion, please let one of the ushers know and we will come to you. Grape juice (yellow) is available in the center of each tray. For those who wish, a nursery is provided during the worship service just off the South Lobby area, for children ages 5 and younger.

PRAYER REQUEST CARDS are found in the back of the pew in front of you. If you wish, please fill them out and hand them to the usher during the hymn after the sermon. PEW PADS are found at the inside end of each pew. Please fill them out, pass them down to the end, and then return them to the center.

PLEASE RECYCLE THE BULLETINS: You are encouraged to take home any part of the bulletin that you would like. **Please** recycle the pieces that you do not choose to keep by putting them at either end of the pews at the back of the church. Help us save some trees! Thanks.

RIDE MINISTRY: Since there are now several people at church who need rides to worship, we are forming a Ride Ministry. If you are interested in helping out please call the church office @ 745-4222 or talk with Lois Hiller, 742-6455.

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Congregation:

Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we
go? You have the words of e - ter - nal
life. Al - le - lu - ia! *Repeat optional*

***GOSPEL: John 14:1-14**

Glory to you, O Lord.

On the night that he is to be arrested, Jesus shares final words with his disciples. As the one through whom God is known, he promises to go before them and act on their behalf.

Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me.
²In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. ⁴And you know the way to the place where I am going."
⁵Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" ⁶Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him."

⁸Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied."
⁹Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'?" ¹⁰Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. ¹¹Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. ¹²Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. ¹³I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S TIME:

Pastor Keith Prekker

SERMON: "Building A Life"

Pastor Keith Prekker

***HYMN:** "Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation"

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***APOSTLE'S CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

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

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Made alive in Christ and filled with his Spirit, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of God's creation.

A brief silence.

God our salvation: you have made us your living stones in the waters of baptism. We pray for the church and its leaders; for the newly baptized; for missionaries around the world. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

God our home: your Spirit dwells with creation. We pray for the earth; for clean water and air; for the earth's foundation; for the lands all creatures inhabit. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

God our way: you call us to paths of justice. We pray for nations and leaders; for courts and legislatures; for strife-torn communities; for our enemies. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

God our refuge: you deliver us in times of trouble. We pray for the rejected and persecuted; for neglected infants and children; for the sick; for all in need. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

God our shelter: you draw all people to yourself. We pray for those who are homeless and those with inadequate housing; for all who come to this building seeking a safe haven. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

God our life: you prepare a place for us. We give thanks for the witness of your saints. Lead us also in Christ's way and truth. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Receive our prayers, merciful God, and dwell in us richly, through Jesus Christ, our life and our redeemer.

Amen.

***PEACE**

The peace of the Lord be with you always,
And also with you.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

¹⁶Let your face shine up- ¹ on your servant;
save me in your ¹ steadfast love.

**Glory be to the Father and ¹ to the Son:
and to the ¹ Holy Spirit;**

**As it was in the beginning, is now and e- ¹ ver shall be:
world without end. ¹ Amen.**

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 2:2-10

Christ is the cornerstone of God's saving work and the foundation of our lives. We are God's chosen, holy people who continuously celebrate and declare the mercy of God we experience through Jesus Christ.

²Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation — ³if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

⁴Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and ⁵like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

⁶For it stands in scripture:

"See, I am laying in Zion a stone,
a cornerstone chosen and precious;
and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame."

⁷To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe,

"The stone that the builders rejected
has become the very head of the corner,"

⁸and

"A stone that makes them stumble,
and a rock that makes them fall."

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

⁹But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

¹⁰Once you were not a people,
but now you are God's people;
once you had not received mercy,
but now you have received mercy.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY:** (In unison)

Let us pray.

Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Give us grace to love one another, to follow in the way of his commandments, and to share his risen life with all the world, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

FIRST READING: Acts 7:55-60

Stephen was one of the seven men chosen by the apostles to serve tables so that the apostles could be free to serve the word (Acts 6:1-6). Stephen does more than distribute food, however. For his preaching of God's word, he becomes the first martyr of the faith.

⁵⁵But filled with the Holy Spirit, he gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. ⁵⁶Look, he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" ⁵⁷But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. ⁵⁸Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. ⁵⁹While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." ⁶⁰Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he died.

PSALM: Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16

¹In you, O LORD, have I taken refuge; let me never be ¹ put to shame; deliver me ¹ in your righteousness.

²**Incline your ¹ ear to me;**
make haste to de- ¹ liver me.

³Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe,
for you are my crag ¹ and my stronghold;
for the sake of your name, lead ¹ me and guide me.

⁴**Take me out of the net that they have secretly ¹ set for me,**
for you are my tow- ¹ er of strength.

⁵Into your hands I com- ¹ mend my spirit,
for you have redeemed me, O LORD, ¹ God of truth.

¹⁵**My times are ¹ in your hand;**
rescue me from the hand of my enemies,
and from those who ¹ persecute me.

***CONGREGATIONAL OFFERTORY**

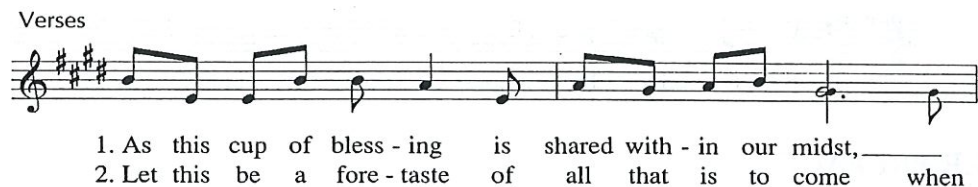
Refrain

Congregation:



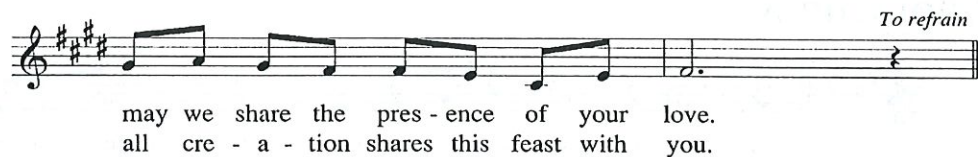
As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were
gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread;
so may all your peo - ple from all the ends of earth be
gath - ered in - to one in you.

Verses



1. As this cup of bless - ing is shared with - in our midst, _____
2. Let this be a fore - taste of all that is to come when

To refrain



may we share the pres - ence of your love.
all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

***PRAYER**

Let us pray.

Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Presider: The Lord be with you. *Congregation:* And al - so with
you. *Presider:* Lift up your hearts. *Congregation:* We
lift them to the Lord. *Presider:* Let us give
thanks to the Lord our God. *Congregation:* It is
right to give God thanks and praise.

*PROPER PREFACE

*HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Congregation: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and
might; Heav - en and earth are filled with your
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est! Bless - ed is the
One who comes in your name. Ho - san - na in the
high - est, no - san - na in the high - est!

*NOW THE FEAST

Refrain
Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion, all of cre - a - tion
sings for joy to the God of life and love and free - dom;
praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!

1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has
freed and u - nit - ed us to be one great peo - ple of God. *Refrain*

2 Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and might, all hon - or and
glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er. *Refrain*

3 For God has come to dwell with us, to make us peo - ple of
God; to make all things new. *Refrain*

*KYRIE

Leader

In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Assembly

Lord, have mer - cy,

3rd time to Coda

For the reign of God, and for
For your peo - ple here who have

Christ, have mer-cy, Lord, have mer - cy.

peace through-out the world, for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the
come to give you praise, for the strength to live your word, let us pray to the

Coda

Help, save, and de-fend us, O God.

cy. A - men.

*WORDS OF INSTITUTION

*THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread;
Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those
who sin against us;

Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.

*LAMB OF GOD

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world: have mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us,
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you
take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace,
grant us peace, grant us peace.

DISTRIBUTION

*POST COMMUNION HYMN



Thanks be to you for ev - er! Rais - ing high the
Thanks be to you for ev - er! Truth and jus - tice



weak and low - ly: Thanks be to you for - ev - er!
you have taught us: Thanks be to you for - ev - er!



Strong is your faith - ful - ness, strong is your love, re -



mem - b'ring your cov - e - nant of life with us.



3. Praise to you O God of mer - cy: Thanks be to you for



ev - er! Rais - ing high the weak and low - ly:



Thanks be to you for ev - er. Thanks be to you for - ev - er!

*POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Rejoicing in Christ's victory over sin and death,
let us come before God who calls us to repentance.

(Silence for reflection)

God of life,
**by the resurrection of your Son
you make everything new.**
Newness scares us,
and we confess to shutting our doors in fear.
We have not listened to voices that challenge us.
We have resisted the Holy Spirit
moving us in new directions.
Our hearts are slow to believe your promises.
Forgive us, O God,
and renew us to embrace without fear
the new life you have given us in Jesus Christ.
Amen.

People of God:
Christ is alive, and death has lost its power.
Through the waters of baptism
you have been born anew by the living word of God.
Know that your sins are forgiven in + Jesus' name
and that the Spirit of the risen Christ is alive in you
both now and forever.
Amen.

*GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

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God's Work...
... Our Hands

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Sunday, May 18, 2014 – 5th Sunday of Easter
Holy Communion

*Standing

INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

As we continue to celebrate the fifty days of Easter, today's gospel includes Jesus' promise that he goes to prepare a place for his followers in his Father's house. Our baptism commissions us to share Jesus' mission in the world. As First Peter reminds us, we are a holy people, called to proclaim the one who called us out of darkness into light. In words and deeds we bear witness to the risen Christ—our way, our truth, our life.

PRELUDE

WELCOME

*HYMN: “Awake, My Heart, with Gladness” #378

*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord + Jesus Christ,
by whose Spirit we have been reborn to a living hope
through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.
Amen.

*BLESSING

Presider: May God bless us and keep us.
May God's face shine on us and be gracious.
May God look on us with favor and + give us peace.



PARISH SHARING TIME

*HYMN: “We Know That Christ Is Raised” #449

*SENDING

*POSTLUDE

Home Is Where We Are

Just before his death, Jesus talks to his disciples about *home*. We all long for it: a place called home. As children we may have experienced home as the place we belonged and were accepted. Or we may first have experienced home when we started making our own home, away from our family of origin. At many times in life it can feel like we are far away from home. If only we could click our ruby-slipped feet three times and say, "There's no place like home," and then magically be transported there!

The disciples are gathered with Jesus for a final evening meal. They are starting to feel their feathers getting ruffled and are scared to stretch their wings. Jesus was home for them. He gave them a kind of belonging that felt like home. There was a powerful, divine acceptance in him that had changed them and given them peace. But Jesus was talking about going away, and it felt like being kicked out of the nest.

Then Jesus promises them: Wherever I am, you will be. And wherever you are, I abide with you and God abides with me. You are always home because God is always with you through me. Home is wherever you are because I am wherever you are.

Home is who you are with and belong to, where you are more than where you were. We belong to God through Jesus in the Spirit. This is the gift of baptism, the gift of belonging. Wherever we are, we are home because God is with us as gracious and loving presence.

If you've ever felt like you have no place to belong, welcome home. Eat supper, rest, and be at peace. In Christ, you are home, and there's no place like it.

COMMEMORATIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, May 18, 2014 - Erik, King of Sweden, martyr, died 1160

Erik is considered the patron saint of Sweden. As king of that nation, he tried to bring peace in the region, and to spread Christianity in Scandinavia. He was also known for his attempts to make fair laws and to protect those who were poor or sick.

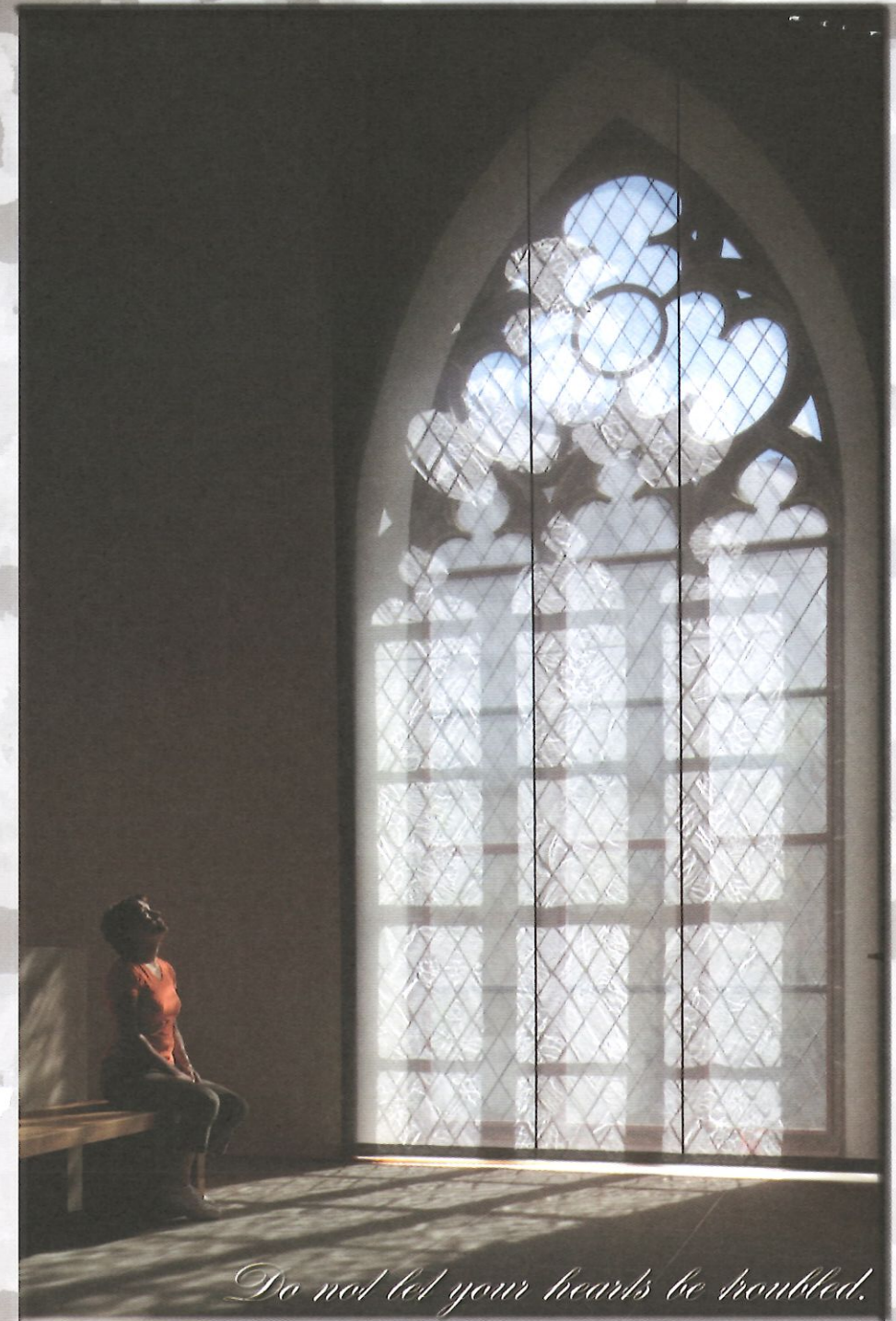
Wednesday, May 21 - Helena, mother of Constantine, died 330

Influenced by her son to become Christian, Helena (or Helen) lived an exemplary life of faith. She is also remembered for traveling through Palestine building churches on the sites she believed to be associated with Christ's life.

Saturday, May 24

Nicolaus Copernicus, died 1543; Leonhard Euler, died 1783; scientists

These two men were both scientists who helped to explain the wonders of God's universe. Copernicus is best known for promoting the idea that the sun, not the earth, is at the center of our solar system. Euler was one of the founders of pure mathematics, and contributed to many other fields.



Do not let your hearts be troubled.
Believe in God, believe also in me