Ecumenism

Lutherans are well positioned to pursue ecumenical connections

The RMS Assembly was privileged to welcome ELCA Presiding Bishop



Elizabeth Eaton as she shared insights with the assembly regarding the ELCA's ecumenical life together. Lutherans are well positioned to pursue ecumenical connections.

Eaton said, "Luther never planned to divide the body of Christ—to start a new denomination. "The Lutheran Confessions set a 'low bar,' naming only proclamation of the Gospel and celebration of the sacraments as requirements for other denominations to be considered for ecumenical relationships.

Bishop Eaton related her experience in China where there are few Christians: "All Protestants fit together where divisions don't make sense." She described the first ELCA ecumenical agreement with the Episcopal Church—Called to Common Mission—as a significant historic event. Hopes for an agreement with the Roman Catholic Church include goals in the areas of ministry, eucharist, and ecclesiology.

She also related stories of ecumenical outreach between Lutherans and non-Christians, including Jewish and Muslim

believers. Lutheran World Federation and World Hunger, and the Malaria Campaign provide relief world wide regardless of religious affiliation to those in need. —Dena Williams

Mission

Latter-day Saints and Lutherans find common ground in "mission"

Elder Von G. Keetch of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints' First Quorum of the Seventy addressed the RMS

Assembly along with Bishop Jim Gonia, speaking on the role of "mission" in each tradition.

Noting that the word, mission, never appears in the Bible or the Book of Mormon. Keetch said it is what unites Mormons together. The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints has a four-fold mission: to perfect the saints, proclaim the gospel, redeem the dead, and care for the poor and needy.

Lutherans join Mormons in their focus on Jesus' new commandment to "love one another even as I have loved you" even as there are major differences in theology and tradition. Bishop Gonia said it is the Church that carries out God's mission in the world.

Elections

2016 CHURCHWIDE ASSEMBLY

The Rev. Jerry Reynolds

Ms. Kayla Aspeslaugh

Mr. Bob Erickson

The Rev. Tim Orlowski

Ms. Marti Weber

Mr. Richard Burk

The Rev. Emily Ewing

The Rev. Alena Lamirato

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CAMPUS MINISTRY

Ms. April Flanigan Mr. Andrew Lubansky The Rev. Brigette Weier

CONGREGATION & LEADERSHIP HEALTH

The Rev. Michael Tassler The Rev. Karen Thompson Ms. Andrea West

Three resolutions were adopted:

Resolutions

Addressing Mental Health and Wellness

Expresses love and concern for all people struggling with mental health conditions, urges education and compassion, and calls for a task force to address mental health and wellness in our congregations and communities.

Making US Aid to State of Israel Contingent on Halt to Settlement Construction

Urges the Congress of the United States to make future U.S. aid to Israel contingent on Israel's halt to all settlement-building in the West Bank and calls on members of our synod's congregations to contact their Congressional Representatives and Senators, asking them to apply this condition to future U.S. aid to Israel.

Memorial

preliminary budget for 2016.

of expenses! Thank you!

One Memorial to the 2016 ELCA Churchwide Assembly was adopted:

The 2015 fiscal year ended on January 31, 2015. The

closing figures show total income of \$2,740,382 and

deficit of \$15,704. We are grateful for the generous

expenses of \$2,756,086. Thus, for the year we showed a

partnership with our congregations, which provided 99%

The revised 2015 finances were approved as well as the

Designating Lay Rostered Voting Members for Churchwide Assemblies

Calls for amending the ELCA governing documents to designate voting members at synod and churchwide assemblies be made up of at least 60% non-rostered lay voting members, with the remaining voting members be rostered leaders drawn from all four ministry rosters of the ELCA, reflective of the current ratio of ordained, consecrated, and commissioned leaders of that synod.



Called to Set the Captives Free: A Call to Increased Awareness and Action to Confront the Practice of **Human Trafficking**

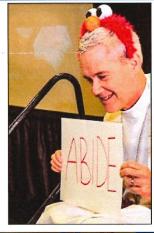
Calls for education and advocacy, formation of partnerships with local agencies, and creation of an RMS task-force on the issue of human trafficking.



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Assembly highlights

A Rocky Mountain Synod assembly takes place in the unique context of Salt Lake City every 12 years. Those present had the opportunity to visit Temple Square and other Mormon sites. Additionally, they shared in dialog about what it means to be a Lutheran in a context where Lutherans are a very, very small minority. The ten Utah congregations were gracious and welcoming hosts!



LEFT: Bishop Jim
Gonia channels Elmo
who says the word of
the day is "Abide" at
the Assembly Gosing
Worship. BELOW:
The Joyful Noiz
marimba band from
Zion, Salt Lake City,
shared truly joyful
music, along with the
Zion children's choir.







LEFT: Wearing ELCA "Church Together" t-shirts, assembly participants learned about the Mormon-Church by visiting Temple Square in Salt Lake City, Utah. **ABOVE:** A combined choir from ELCA congregations in Utah joined forces to sing at opening and closing worship, demonstrating that we are "better together!"

ASSEMBLY OFFERINGS totaled \$11,814. Betela Seminary in Madagascar will receive \$3,364, World Hunger \$4,225, and First Third of Life Ministry \$4,225.

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Rocky Mountain Synod
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
God's work, Our hands.

We are Church: better together

The story of Mt. Hope, El Paso, illustrates our interconnectedness

That "the church" is much more expansive than each individual congregation was highlighted over and over at the 2015 Rocky Mountain Synod Assembly that took place in Salt Lake City, Utah, May 1-3.

"Our form and structures may change, the extent of our actual usefulness to God may wax and wane, but that God can and does work in and through us: this is a promise," said Bishop Jim Gonia, addressing the assembly.

To illustrate how the church is like a body made up of many parts, he told the story of Mt. Hope Lutheran Church in El Paso, Texas, and its new pastor, the Rev. Matt Barnhouse. Their story included these interconnected parts, and more:

- Transition meetings at Mt. Hope with Bishop Gonia and Pastor Moening
- Intentional interim in place, specially trained for interim ministry
- Vision meetings and Comprehensive Ministry Review with Pastor Quick Espinoza, Erin Power, and a team of volunteers
- Matt Barnhouse has periodic meetings with the RMS Candidacy Committee as he attends Wartburg Seminary in Dubuque, Iowa
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 nsion, Cheyenne, Wyo., and is assigned to the Rocky Mountain
- Matt completes his internship year at Ascension, Cheyenne, Wyo., and is assigned to the Rocky Mountain Synod
- As Mt. Hope is approved by the ELCA as a redevelopment site (and the recipient of ELCA grants), Matt attends ELCA redeveloper training and works with a coach in Upstate New York as he begins serving as the Mt. Hope pastor
- Matt partners with Cristo Rey, El Paso, for border ministry partnerships
- The First Third of Life Team provides resources for working with families, children, and youth at Mt. Hope
- · El Paso congregations partner together for activities and ministry
- 120 attend worship on Easter, a symbol of resurrection life at Mt. Hope!
- · A follow-up Ministry Review will take place soon

The people of Mt. Hope Lutheran Church in El Paso have embraced the hard work of redevelopment, and the congregation is being revitalized through a network of people and communities. The congregation is not alone in its work.

"I believe with all my heart that God uses us best, when as congregations, as ministries, as a synod and as a national and global church, we live together from the promise and conviction that we are always Jesus' church better together," said Bishop Gonia.

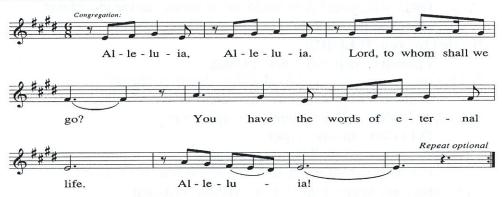
is appropriate for you who began last year not only to do something but even to desire to do something — ¹¹now finish doing it, so that your eagerness may be matched by completing it according to your means. ¹²For if the eagerness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has — not according to what one does not have. ¹³I do not mean that there should be relief for others and pressure on you, but it is a question of a fair balance between ¹⁴your present abundance and their need, so that their abundance may be for your need, in order that there may be a fair balance. ¹⁵As it is written,

"The one who had much did not have too much, and the one who had little did not have too little."

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



*GOSPEL: Mark 5:21-43

The holy gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²¹When Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered around him; and he was by the sea. ²²Then one of the leaders of the synagogue named Jairus came and, when he saw him, fell at his feet ²³and begged him repeatedly, "My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well, and live." ²⁴So he went with him.

And a large crowd followed him and pressed in on him. ²⁵Now there was a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years. ²⁶She had endured much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had; and she was no better, but rather grew worse. ²⁷She had heard about Jesus, and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, ²⁸for she said, "If I but touch his clothes, I will be made well." ²⁹Immediately her hemorrhage stopped; and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. ³⁰Immediately aware that power had gone forth from him, Jesus turned about in the crowd and said, "Who touched my clothes?" ³¹And his disciples said to

him, "You see the crowd pressing in on you; how can you say, 'Who touched me?" ³²He looked all around to see who had done it. ³³But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling, fell down before him, and told him the whole truth. ³⁴He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease."

"Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the teacher any further?" ³⁶But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the leader of the synagogue, "Do not fear, only believe." ³⁷He allowed no one to follow him except Peter, James, and John, the brother of James. ⁸When they came to the house of the leader of the synagogue, he saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. ³⁹When he had entered, he said to them, "Why do you make a commotion and weep? The child is not dead but sleeping." ⁴⁰And they laughed at him. Then he put them all outside, and took the child's father and mother and those who were with him, and went in where the child was. ⁴¹He took her by the hand and said to her, "Talitha cum," which means, "Little girl, get up!" ⁴²And immediately the girl got up and began to walk about (she was twelve years of age). At this they were overcome with amazement. ⁴³He strictly ordered them that no one should know this, and told them to give her something to eat.

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

CHILDREN'S TIME

SERMON

Silence for reflection.

*HYMN:

"We Come to You for Healing, Lord"

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Ushers will gather Prayer Requests cards during the hymn.

*APOSTLES' 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

Trusting the Spirit's power, we pray for the church, the world, and all of God's creation.

A brief silence.

For the church of Christ, that as we are strengthened in faith we will be sent forth in peace. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

For your Spirit flowing through the natural world, that we delight in creation's goodness and protect what is threatened. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

For those who govern, that they lead with wisdom and listen with compassion. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

For those who cry out from disease, distress, poverty, or powerlessness, that they be raised up in the arms of Christ. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

For ministries of healing in this congregation, that your Spirit's power flow through us. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

With thanksgiving for your mercy shown to your saints throughout the ages, that all be made well in your eternal keeping. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Receive these prayers, gracious God, and those prayers known only to you. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

PSALM: Psalm 30

¹I will exalt you, O LORD, because you have lift- ¹ed me up and have not let my enemies triumph ¹ over me.

²O LORD my God, I cried out to you, and you restored me to health.

³You brought me up, O LORD, ¹ from the dead; you restored my life as I was going down ¹ to the grave.

⁴Sing praise to the LORD, | all you faithful; give thanks in ho-| ly remembrance.

⁵God's wrath is short; God's favor | lasts a lifetime.

Weeping spends the night, but joy comes in the morning.

⁶While I felt se- | cure, I said,

"I shall never | be disturbed.

⁷You, LORD, with your favor, made me as strong ¹ as the mountains." Then you hid your face, and I was ¹ filled with fear.

⁸I cried to 1 you, O LORD;

I pleaded with my Lord, saying,

9"What profit is there in my blood, if I go down to the pit?
Will the dust praise you or de-clare your faithfulness?

10Hear, O LORD, and have mer- 1 cy upon me; O LORD, 1 be my helper."

¹¹You have turned my wailing into dancing;

you have put off my sackcloth and clothed | me with joy.

¹²Therefore my heart sings to you without ceasing;

O LORD my God, I will give you thanks forever.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son:

and to the | Holy Spirit;

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

SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 8:7–15

A reading from 2 Corinthians.

⁷Now as you excel in everything — in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in utmost eagerness, and in our love for you — so we want you to excel also in this generous undertaking.

⁸I do not say this as a command, but I am testing the genuineness of your love against the earnestness of others. ⁹For you know the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich. ¹⁰And in this matter I am giving my advice: it

*PRAYER OF THE DAY: (In unison)

Let us pray.

Almighty and merciful God, we implore you to hear the prayers of your people. Be our strong defense against all harm and danger, that we may live and grow in faith and hope, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

RECEVING THE WORD: "Listen, God Is Calling" (refrain only x 2) #513

FIRST READING: Lamentations 3:22–33

A reading from Lamentations.

²²The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases, his mercies never come to an end;

²³they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.

²⁴"The LORD is my portion," says my soul,
"therefore I will hope in him."

²⁵The LORD is good to those who wait for him, to the soul that seeks him.

²⁶It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the LORD.

²⁷It is good for one to bear

the yoke in youth,

²⁸to sit alone in silence

when the LORD has imposed it,

²⁹to put one's mouth to the dust

(there may yet be hope), ³⁰to give one's cheek to the smiter,

and be filled with insults.

³¹For the LORD will not

reject forever.

³²Although he causes grief, he will have compassion according to the abundance of his steadfast love;

³³for he does not willingly afflict or grieve anyone.

Word of God, Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

*PEACE

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

OFFERING

*CONGREGATIONAL OFFERTORY



*PRAYER

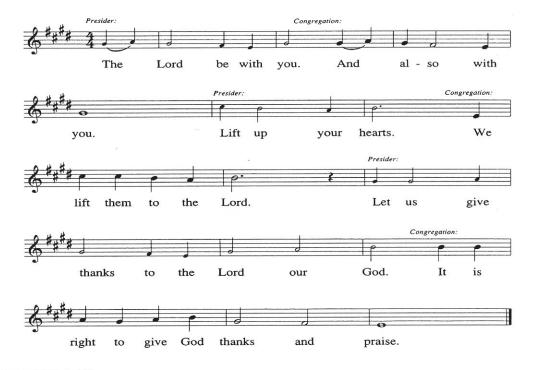
Let us pray.

God of mercy and grace, the eyes of all wait upon you, and you open your hand in blessing.

Fill us with good things at your table, that we may come to the help of all in need, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and Lord.

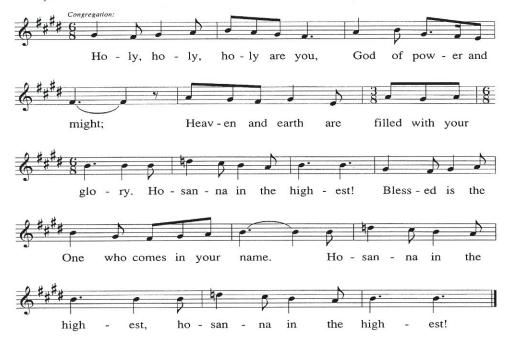
Amen.

*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



*PROPER PREFACE

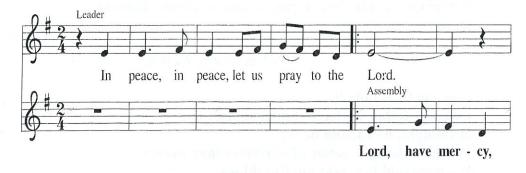
*HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



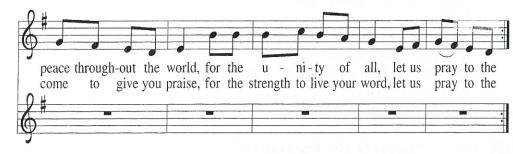
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*WORDS OF INSTITUTION

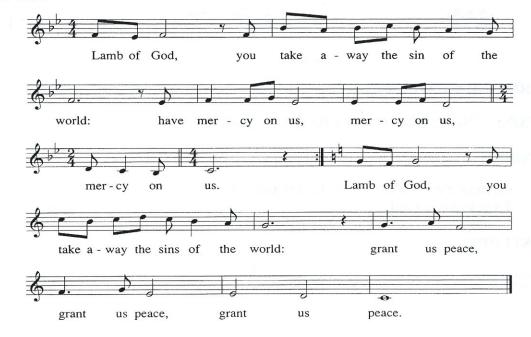
*THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

*INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Jesus said, "Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

LAMB OF GOD



DISTRIBUTION HYMN: "Healer of Our Every Ill"

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*POST COMMUNION BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ Strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

*POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Wise and generous God, we thank you that at this holy table you have fed us again with the food of everlasting life. Send us with your blessing to seek the good of our neighbor and call others to your feast; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

*BENEDICTION

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: "God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending"

#678

*SENDING

Go in peace. Live in love, as Christ loved us.

Thanks be to God.

*POSTLUDE

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Before God and in the company of our sisters and brothers, let us confess our sin.

(Silence for reflection)

God and Father of all,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed.
We have thought better of ourselves than others.
We have told lies, said hurtful things,
acted in ways we wish we could take back,
and looked the other way when action was needed.
In your mercy, O God,
forgive us, cleanse us, and heal us,
for the sake of Jesus, our Savior.
Amen.

If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; everything has become new!

In Christ, + you are a new creation: your sins are taken away and you are made new. Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you.

Amen.

*HYMN: "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

#733

*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

Sunday, June 28, 2015 – 5th Sunday after Pentecost Holy Communion

*Stand as you are able

INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

A woman finds healing by touching Jesus' cloak, and a girl is restored to life when he takes her by the hand. In both cases a boundary is crossed: in Jesus' time the hemorrhaging woman was considered ritually unclean, polluting others by her touch, and anyone who touched a corpse also became unclean. In Mark's gospel Jesus breaks down barriers, from his first meal at a tax collector's house to his last breath on the cross as the temple curtain is torn in two. We dare to touch Jesus in our "uncleanness" and to live as a community that defines no one as an outsider.

PRELUDE

WELCOME

*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the creator of wind and rain, field and ocean, the bread of life coming down from above, the power at work within us and this world. **Amen.**

Announcements

<u>CHRIST IS PRESENT WITH US</u> as we worship today. We are grateful that <u>you</u> are among us. If you are looking for a church home, please speak with Pastor Rachel and indicate your interest on the pew pad.

Everyone is invited to receive Holy Communion. White grape juice is available in the glass chalice. Gluten free bread is available. If you are unable to approach the communion rail, please let one of the ushers know.

A nursery is provided during worship just off the South Lobby area, for children ages 5 and younger.

<u>PRAYER REQUEST CARDS</u> 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. <u>PEW PADS</u> are found at the inside end of each pew. Please sign, pass them down to the end, and then return them to the center.

<u>TODAY'S FLOWERS</u> are given to the glory of God by Margot Birkholz in celebration of Canada Day, July 1.

<u>CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK</u>: Beau Heggie, (June 29); Dodi Heggie, (June 29); Kelby Wilkison, (June 29); Frances Loehr, (July 1); Makayla Renneisen, (July 2); Janet Benson, (July 3) and Jaymes Talbott, (July 3). Happy Birthday!

STARTING THIS SATURDAY, JULY 4 the Men's Breakfast Group will be meeting at Burger King instead of McDonald's for their monthly gathering. All men are welcome to join us.

THIS YEAR TRINITY WILL HAVE A BOOTH at the Freedom Has a Birthday celebration in Washington Park. We will be handing out informational cards about Trinity, serving ice cold lemonade & gingersnaps and offering a 7x7ft. Connect Four for people to enjoy. Volunteers are needed; help with setting up and tearing down the booth, decorating the booth, serving lemonade & cookies, and hosting the Connect Four game. If you would like to help, there is a sign-up sheet in the Gruver Room and stop by and talk with Kris Oolman after the service.

<u>HOME DELIVERED MEALS' DRIVERS NEEDED</u>: This volunteer position involves delivering meals to Laramie residents who have signed up for Home Delivered Meals. Volunteers need to have their own transportation and be available for one hour each week. Please contact the Eppson Center for Seniors @ (307) 745-5116 for details.

Serving the Church

TODAY (6/28) NEXT SUNDAY (7/5) 9:00 a.m. Diane Fiedler 9:00 a.m. Mark Rehwaldt Lector: 9:00 a.m. Madie Jablin 9:00 a.m. Connor Frick Acolyte: Ushers: 9:00 a.m. Ed & Lois Hiller 9:00 a.m. Jason & Jolene Roesler 9:00 a.m. Debbe, Lindsay Georgia Mitchell Greeters: 9:00 a.m. & Lily Conyers Barb Rouse Nursery: 9:00 a.m. Tracy Kidwell 9:00 a.m. Katherine Jablin

> Stewards Lindsay Conyers

Altar Guild: Diane Fiedler / Mike Smith

Coffee Fellowship: Emily A. Consonni

This Week at Trinity

Sunday, June 28 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:00 a.m. Coffee Fellowship Wednesday, July 1 10:00 a.m. Women's Study Saturday, July 4 8:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast @ Burger King

PREPARATION FOR NEXT WEEK: The 6th Sunday after Pentecost:

Ezekiel 2:1-5; Psalm 123; 2 Corinthians 12:2-10; Mark 6:1-13.

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