



With summer comes some downtime and some time for planning. This edition of The Journey will cover both June and July. The next edition will be published in August.

### **Pastor's Vacation and Education Leave**

Pastor Robb will be taking a combination of vacation and education leave from June 12- July 4, returning to the office on July 5. If you have a need, please call the church office and leave a message. Someone will return your call within 24 hours. Please pray for Pastor Robb and his family as they travel.

### **Sunday School Hiatus**

Sunday School has gone on hiatus for the summer. It will return after Labor Day.

### **Council News**

The church council will not meet during the month of June due to travel schedules. The next meeting will be July 16. If you have business you would like to bring to the council, please speak with Mary Shulak, our council president.

### **Air Conditioner Offering**

Thank you for the wonderful response to our appeal for funds to replace the broken air conditioning unit. We raised over \$4,000 the first week. There is still time to contribute.

Please visit <https://www.storyofgod.org/online-giving/> and select the blue "A/C Repair Offering" button, or write a check with A/C repair in the memo line.

### **Faith and Art Invitation**

Resurrection Lutheran Church in Newnan is hosting a lunch & learn geared toward senior adults (although all are welcome) that focuses on faith and art - June 20th at 11 AM at the church. A local artist from Newnan who specializes in metalwork and creating religious art will be present to talk about art and faith. For more information, or to RSVP, please contact Pastor Jennifer Roberts at [rev.jennifer.rlc@gmail.com](mailto:rev.jennifer.rlc@gmail.com).

## The Gathering

The Gathering and St. Luke Guys will meet at Buckner's on Friday, June 23, at 11:30 am for lunch. Afterward, both groups will go to the Joyner's home. The women will do their Bible study and the men will go out on the boat.

## Vacation Worship

With Pastor away, worship will look a little different during his absence. On June 18 and 25 we will celebrate a lay-led Service of the Word. On July 2, we will have a service of hymns and readings. Let us know your favorite hymns by using the QR code and filling out the online form, or by speaking to Krista Crews.



## Synod Assembly Recap

The Southeastern Synod met in Assembly June 2-4 in Chattanooga, TN. This year's theme was "Journeying with Jesus...Formed in Faith." Pastor Robb and Ezel went as our voting members.

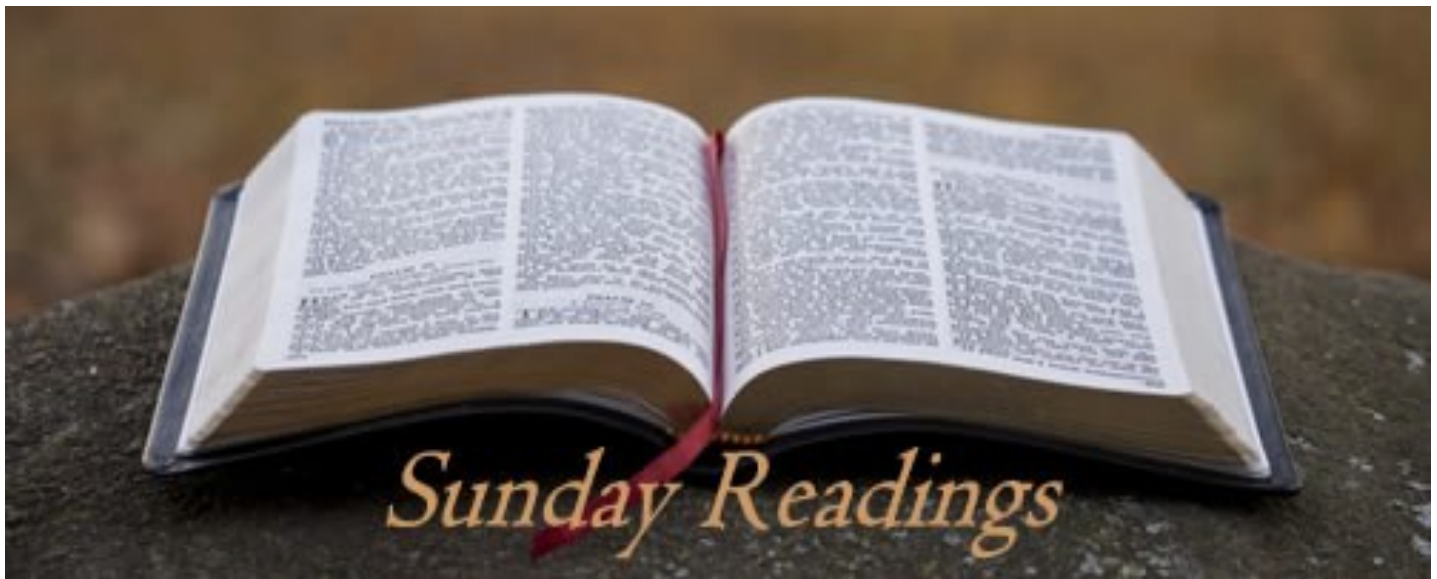
Phyllis Solgere, a member of Christ Lutheran in Oakwood, GA, was elected Synod Vice-President to replace Imran Siddiqui, who was elected Vice-President of the ELCA last year. David Lemcke, a member of All Saints in Lilburn was elected Treasurer. The Assembly approved a Ministry Funding Plan (budget), Compensation Guidelines which suggest a cost of living increase for clergy, and new synod council and committee members.

A resolution sponsored by the SESLYO (Southeastern Synod Lutheran Youth Organization) calling for public support of transgender people was approved. Bishop Strickland and other clergy and voting members participated in a National Gun Violence Awareness Day Press Conference and a Public Litany for Gun Violence was prayed.

Worship and Bible study were held daily. The Rev. Dr. Guy Erwin, president of United Lutheran Seminary, was the Bible study leader and also preached at the opening worship service.

In addition to worship, plenary (business) sessions, and Bible study, several workshops were offered on a variety of topics.

If you have any questions about the proceedings of the Assembly, feel free to ask Pastor Robb. All of the Assembly materials are available on the Synod's webpage at <https://www.elca-ses.org/2023-synod-assembly>

**June 4**

Genesis 1:1--2:4a  
Psalm 8  
2 Corinthians 13:11-13  
Matthew 28:16-20

**June 11**

Hosea 5:15--6:6  
Psalm 50:7-15  
Romans 4:13-25  
Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

**June 18**

Exodus 19:2-8a  
Psalm 100  
Romans 5:1-8  
Matthew 9:35 – 10:8 [9-23]

**June 25**

Jeremiah 20:7-13  
Psalm 69:7-10 [11-15] 16-18  
Romans 6:1b-11  
Matthew 10:24-39

**July 2**

Jeremiah 28:5-9  
Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18  
Romans 6:12-23  
Matthew 10:40-42

**July 9**

Zechariah 9:9-12  
Psalm 145:8-14  
Romans 7:15-25a  
Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

**July 16**

Isaiah 55:10-13  
Psalm 65:[1-8] 9-13  
Romans 8:1-11  
Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

**July 23**

Isaiah 44:6-8  
Psalm 86:11-17  
Romans 8:12-25  
Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

**July 30**

1 Kings 3:5-12  
Psalm 119:129-136  
Romans 8:26-39  
Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

## Upcoming Commemorations

### **June 1 Justin, martyr at Rome, died around 165**

Born of pagan parents, Justin was influenced by an elderly Christian in Ephesus. He became a teacher of philosophy and the Christian faith. Jailed for practicing an unauthorized religion, he refused to renounce his faith and was beheaded.

### **June 3 The Martyrs of Uganda, died 1886**

On June 3, 1886, thirty-two young men were burned to death for refusing to renounce Christianity. The confident manner in which these Christians went to their deaths contributed to a much stronger Christian presence in Uganda.

### **June 3 John XXIII, Bishop of Rome, died 1963**

When elected pope, the former Angelo Roncalli was expected to be a short-term caretaker. He showed great spirit, though, and convened the Second Vatican Council which helped bring great changes to Roman Catholic and other churches.

### **June 5 Boniface, Bishop of Mainz, missionary to Germany, martyr, died 754**

Boniface was a native of England who became a Benedictine monk and was called to missionary work among the Vandal tribes of Germany. With fellow workers, he established churches and schools, and he also worked to reform the church.

### **June 7 Seattle, chief of the Duwamish Confederacy, died 1866**

Noah Seattle led a coalition of tribes, and convinced them to live peacefully with encroaching white settlers. When he became a Roman Catholic, he held morning and evening prayer with his tribe. The city of Seattle is named for him.

### **June 9 Columba, died 597; Aidan, died 651; Bede, died 735; renewers of the church**

These three monks from the British Isles helped keep the light of learning alive during the Middle Ages. Columba founded three monasteries off the coast of Scotland. Aidan was a pastor who led people to works of charity. The Venerable Bede was a Bible translator, historian, and hymnwriter.

### **June 11 Barnabas, Apostle**

Barnabas was not numbered among the twelve apostles, but the book of Acts gives him that title. After Paul was converted to Christianity, Barnabas welcomed him to Jerusalem, and later the two traveled together on missionary journeys.

### **June 14 Basil the Great, Bishop of Caesarea, died 379; Gregory, Bishop of Nyssa, died around 385; Gregory of Nazianzus, Bishop of Constantinople, died around 389; Macrina, teacher, died around 379**

The Cappadocian fathers, as the three men in this group are known, explored the mystery of the Holy Trinity. Basil's monastic rule forms the basis for Eastern monastic life. Gregory of Nazianzus defended orthodox Christianity in Constantinople. Gregory of Nyssa, Basil's younger brother, wrote on the spiritual life. Macrina, older sister of Basil and Gregory of Nyssa, was the leader of a

### **June 17 Emanuel Nine, martyrs, died 2015**

On June 17, 2015, Clementa C. Pinckney, Cynthia Marie Graham Hurd, Susie Jackson, Ethel Lee Lance, DePayne Middleton-Doctor, Tywanza Sanders, Daniel Lee Simmons, Sharonda Coleman-Singleton, and Myra Thompson were murdered by a self-professed white supremacist while they were gathered for Bible study and prayer at the Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church (often referred to as Mother Emanuel) in Charleston, South Carolina. Pastors Pinckney and Simmons were both graduates of the Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary. A resolution to commemorate June 17 as a day of repentance for the martyrdom of the Emanuel Nine was adopted by the Churchwide Assembly of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America on August 8, 2019. Congregations of the ELCA are encouraged reaffirm their commitment to repenting of the sins of racism and white supremacy which continue to plague this church, to venerate the martyrdom of the Emanuel Nine, and to mark this day of penitence with study and prayer.

### **June 21 Onesimos Nesib, translator, evangelist, died 1931**

Onesimos was born in Ethiopia. Captured, enslaved, and taken to Eritrea, he was there freed by Swedish missionaries. He translated the Bible into his native Oromo and returned to preach there.

### **June 24 John the Baptist**

John said, "[Jesus] must increase, but I must decrease." And so his birth is celebrated half a year before Jesus', just as the daylight in the northern hemisphere begins to wane. Jesus honored John as being the greatest prophet.

### **June 25 Presentation of the Augsburg Confession, 1530**

On this day in 1530 the German and Latin editions of the Augsburg Confession were presented to the Emperor Charles of the Holy Roman Empire. The Augsburg Confession was written by Philipp Melanchthon and endorsed by Martin Luther, and consists of a brief summary of points in which the reformers saw their teaching as either agreeing with or differing from that of the Roman Catholic Church of the time.

### **June 25 Philipp Melanchthon, renewer of the church, died 1560**

Though he died on April 19, Philipp Melanchthon is commemorated today because of his connection with the Augsburg Confession. Colleague and co-reformer with Martin Luther, Melanchthon was a brilliant scholar, known as "the teacher of Germany."

### **June 27 Cyril, Bishop of Alexandria, died 444**

Cyril defended the orthodox teachings about the person of Christ. After a conflict involving all of the major Christian leaders of the time, it was decided that Cyril's interpretation, that Christ's person included both divine and human natures, was correct.

### **June 28 Irenaeus, Bishop of Lyons, died around 202**

This important early church leader tried very hard to hold to the faith handed down by the apostles. An opponent of the movement known as gnosticism, Irenaeus was one of the first to speak of the church as catholic, or linked together.

### **July 3 Thomas, Apostle**

Though frequently remembered as "doubting Thomas," this apostle also demonstrated a willingness to suffer and die with Jesus (John 11:16), and finally claimed the risen Christ as "my Lord and my God!" By tradition, he later worked as a missionary in India. Long commemorated on December 21, Thomas's celebration is moved to July 3 in agreement with ecumenical calendars.

### **July 6 Jan Hus, martyr, died 1415**

Hus was a Bohemian (present-day Czech Republic) priest who spoke against abuses in the church, and was seen by Martin Luther as his predecessor in the reforming movement. He was found guilty of heresy by a council of the church, and burned at the stake.

### **July 11 Benedict of Nursia, Abbot of Monte Cassino, died around 540**

Benedict is known as the father of the Western monastic movement. Educated in Rome, he went to live as a hermit, and eventually gathered a community of monks around him. He wrote a rule for living in monasteries that is used by Benedictines and adapted by others.

### **July 12 Nathan Söderblom, Bishop of Uppsala, died 1931**

A winner of the Nobel Prize for peace for his efforts to unite peoples after the First World War, Söderblom also called attention to the revival of early church worship principles, and helped to lay the groundwork for the World Council of Churches.

### **July 17 Bartolomé de Las Casas, missionary to the Indies, died 1566**

A native of Spain, Las Casas first came to the Western hemisphere while serving in the military. Upon arriving in the West, Las Casas was granted a large estate with Indigenous enslaved people whom he freed after he was ordained a priest. He worked in the Caribbean and Central America to improve the lives of the native peoples.

### **July 22 Mary Magdalene, Apostle**

Sometimes called "the apostle to the apostles" because she told them of her encounter with the risen Lord, Mary was a woman of Galilee who followed Jesus throughout his ministry. She was present at Jesus' crucifixion and his burial.

### **July 23 Birgitta of Sweden, renewer of the church, died 1373**

Birgitta married at age thirteen and had four daughters. Widowed at age thirty-eight, she gave all that she owned to the poor, and founded a community of monks and nuns led by a woman. Her work is continued today by the Society of St. Birgitta.

### **July 25 James, Apostle**

James and his brother John were the sons of Zebedee, fishermen by trade before their call from Jesus. He was the first of the twelve apostles to be martyred, and his death is the only one recorded in scripture (Acts 12:1-2).

## **July 29 Mary, Martha, and Lazarus of Bethany**

Friends of Jesus, Mary and Martha are remembered for the hospitality of their home that they offered him – Martha focused on serving their guest, and Mary on listening to him. Their brother Lazarus was raised from the dead as a sign of the greater resurrection to come.

## **July 29 Olaf, King of Norway, martyr, died 1030**

Considered the patron saint of Norway, Olaf went from a life of piracy to becoming Christian and declaring himself king of Norway. He revised the laws and tried to administer them fairly. Driven



# PRAYER REQUESTS

Steven Pridemore

Christy

Eric

Candice Busch

Lisa Hansen

Chris Hansen

Judy Jenkins

Ron and Chong Brauer

Joyce Smalley

Angelina DeWent

Stephanie Joyner

Freddie Clark

James Taylor

Nilgul Taylor

Layla Kemp

Louise Harrison

Sherry Scott

Nancy Voss

Hiltunen and Johnston families

Rose Denzin

Bill Maloy

## June 2023 Sunday Servants

### June 4

Assistant: Kelly Glow

Lector: Dave Barkdoll

Ushers: Preston Foster and Larry Egas

Counters: Paul Egas and Barbara Little

Cleaners: Susan Sparrow

### June 11

Assistant: Debbie Lundell

Lector: Shelia Kelley

Ushers: John Shaw and Tony Kelly

Counters: Beverly and Mark Rettig

Cleaners: The Egas Family

### July 2

Assistant: Kelly Glow

Lector: Dave Barkdoll

Ushers: Preston Foster and Larry Egas

Counters: Beverly and Mark Rettig

Cleaners: Susan Sparrow

### July 9

Assistant: Debbie Lundell

Lector: Shelia Kelley

Ushers: John Shaw and Tony Kelly

Counters: Judy Barkdoll and Vickie Pace

Cleaners: The Egas Family

### June 18

Assistant: Mark Rettig

Lector: Conrad Busch

Ushers: Dave Barkdoll and Ed Joyner

Counters: Judy Barkdoll and Vickie Pace

Cleaners: The Kelley Family and Barbara Little

### June 25

Assistant: Mary Shulak

Lector: David Ludley

Ushers: Mark and Beverly Rettig

Counters: Paul Egas and Barbara Little

Cleaners: The Barkdolls and Vickie Pace

### July 16

Assistant: Mark Rettig

Lector: Conrad Busch

Ushers: Dave Barkdoll and Ed Joyner

Counters: Paul Egas and Barbara Little

Cleaners: The Kelley Family and Barbara Little

### July 23

Assistant: Mary Shulak

Lector: David Ludley

Ushers: Mark and Beverly Rettig

Counters: Beverly and Mark Rettig

### July 30

Assistant: Barbara Little

Lector: Eric Heckman

Ushers: Ed and Judy Joyner

Counters: Judy Barkdoll and Vickie Pace



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4 Worship 11 am	5 Al-Anon 12 pm	6	7	8	9	10 AA 9 am
11 Worship 11 am	12 Al-Anon 12 pm	13	14	15	16	17 AA 9 am
18 Worship 11 am	19 Al-Anon 12 pm	20	21	22	23	24 AA 9 am
25 Worship 11 am	26 Al-Anon 12 pm Deadline for newsletter submissions	27	28	29	30 Gathering 11 am	July 1 AA 9 am
July 2 Worship 11 am	July 3 Al-Anon 12 pm					

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