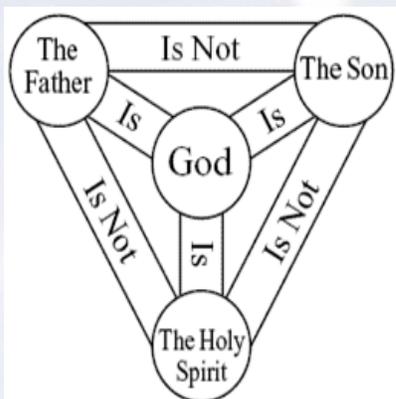


# *The Pacific Hills* Messenger

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## Holy Trinity Sunday



This is one of the few celebrations of the church year that commemorates a doctrine rather than an event. On this day many churches remember and honor the one eternal God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit in part by confessing the Athanasian Creed which offers a clear exposition as to the equality and unity of God.

Early in the fourth century, a north African pastor named Arius began teaching that Jesus

Christ was not truly God. The Church responded decisively in A.D. 325 with a statement of faith (The Nicene Creed), which confessed that Jesus is, in fact, truly God. Toward the end of the fifth century, another creed was written that delved further into the mystery of the Trinity. Though attributed to Athanasius, a fourth-century opponent of Arius, the creed, many scholars believe, came at a later stage. Nevertheless, the creed confesses the faith of Athanasius and the entire Christian Church.

The Athanasian Creed proclaims that its teachings concerning the Holy Trinity and our Lord's incarnation are "the catholic faith." In other words, this is what the true church of all times and all places has confessed. More than 15 centuries later, the church continues to confess this truth, confident that the Triune God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, has given Himself for our salvation.

Blessings,

Pastor Drebes

## Church Events

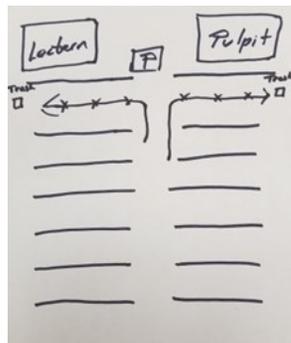
**In June**, guideline changes continue relating to coronavirus distancing: Families to stay together distancing 6 feet from others.

Sundays	<u>June 7, 14, 21, 28</u> 8:00am Eucharist 10:30am Eucharist <u>June 7</u> 11:30am Outreach Board Meeting <u>June 14</u> 11:30am Worship & Music Comm.
Thursday	<u>June 11</u> 7:00pm Elders Board Meeting
Wednesday	<u>June 16</u> 7:00pm Directors Board Meeting
Thursday	<u>June 18</u> 6:30pm Trustees Board Meeting

**Sunday Worship Notes** -- The Elders and Pastor recommend that everyone wear some kind of face covering in worship. Also, there are no children's messages on Sunday mornings, due to social distancing requirements. Thank you.

**Sunday's altar flowers** are given to the glory of God by Paul and Kristen Karl in thankfulness for Daniel's 7<sup>th</sup> birthday.

**Need a fast and easy Father's Day gift?** How about a Pacific Hills coffee mug?! Fill it with his favorite jerky, candy or fishing lures! Just \$5. Please see Lisa McCoy on Sunday morning, or email ahead at [LGRM@cox.net](mailto:LGRM@cox.net).



### OUR SOCIALLY DISTANCED COMMUNION PRACTICE

The Ushers will dismiss one pew at a time, alternating between the pulpit and the lectern side, so that there are only a very small number of people present for Communion at any given time to maintain social distancing. When you come forward you will take a prepackaged communion kit from the center of the chancel. Pastor

will be standing in the center at the spot marked with a P. You will then proceed until you are in position in front of the altar rail, again no kneeling or touching the rail. Once you are in position you will be instructed to "take and eat" and "take and drink." Once you are dismissed you will dispense with your used cup and depart down the side aisles to your seat. Those seated in the transepts will be ushered up from their respective sides.

### Returning to God, Tithes and Offerings

As you know the church's ministry and expenses continue even though services and programming are a bit different. You can still give your tithes and offerings by mail. You can set up your bank account to give electronically or you can utilize MyEOffering. There is also a link to MyEOffering on our web page, on the top menu. Our web page is:

[www.PacificHillsLutheran.org](http://www.PacificHillsLutheran.org). You can sign up at <https://members.myeoffering.com>. Your church needs people like you to continue their regular patterns of giving despite virus-related closures to maintain current ministry. Consider the following passages: **2 Corinthians 9:7** - Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. **Malachi 3:10** - Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. And thereby put me to the test, says the Lord of hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you a blessing until there is no more need. **Proverbs 11:24** - One gives freely, yet grows all the richer; another withholds what he should give, and only suffers want. **Luke 6:38** - Give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you."

### BIBLE VERSE OF THE WEEK

"Go ... baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit."

(Matt. 28:19).."

### Note from the Board of Missions and Social Ministry:

Mission offerings collected during April and May have been sent to agencies providing emergency services related to the Covid-19 pandemic.

- Our Mission of the Month for April was Orphan Grain (\$500) from Norfolk, Nebraska. OGT provides disaster relief and distributes food, clothing, and medical supplies to those in need in the US and throughout the world. During the Covid-19 pandemic they have collected and distributed personal protective equipment and food to rural areas and around the world.
- Westside Schools Food Pantry (\$200) has been providing breakfast and lunches for students in the district during this time of school closures. PHLC has supported our neighborhood food pantry for many years through the collection of nonperishable items donated to our food bin in the narthex. Food donations will now be welcomed to our food bin.
- Food Bank for the Heartland (\$200) distributes food items to small food pantries throughout Omaha and Nebraska.
- Stephen Center (\$200) homeless shelter has experienced increased expenses caring for those in the shelter who contracted the Covid-19 virus.
- Siena Francis House (\$150), Omaha's largest homeless shelter, has provided extra meals and personal safety items for their residents.

Thank you for your Mission offerings which makes it possible to support agencies serving those in need!

### Events of Other Congregations and Agencies

**Are you ready to take a look at Concordia Schools of Omaha without having to leave the comfort of your home?** Below are three opportunities to join them for a very exciting VIRTUAL TOUR!

- June 9th for Senior High
- June 11th for Junior High
- June 16th for Concordia Academy.

Advanced registration is required. Reach out to Dawn Cooksey at 402-990-9444 or [www.concordiaomaha.org/virtualtour](http://www.concordiaomaha.org/virtualtour).

# PRAYER LIST

June 5, 2020

*Family and Friends: Please call the church office to add/remove names below.)*

**Readings for Sunday, June 14:** Exodus 19:2-8;  
Psalm 100; Romans 5:6-15; Matthew 9:35, 10:4

## **Anniversaries**

Bob & Sandra Glissmann 6/7  
Randy & Joan Workman 6/11  
Larry & Judy Webster 6/12

## **Birthdays**

Vern Cornish 6/8  
Paul Shultz 6/10  
Dave Haar 6/11  
Ruth Mumma 6/12

**PHLC Members:** Doris Anderson, Anita Bladt, Frank Bladt, Kermit Brashear, Dan Bredfeldt, Mary Lou Chastain, Vern Cornish, Pastor Bryan Drebes, Duane Fieck, Sandy Frazier, David Haar, Tim Haar, Don Hafsaas, Freda Harris, Mike Horton, James Johnson, James Koun, Connie Korbitz, Mike Lessmann, Andrew McCoy, John Mumma, Barbara Nelson, Jacob Osborne, Jean Schmieding, Leon Siedlyk, Carolyn Vierck, Adelyn Vogel, Scott Wrasse, Sara Young

**In Assisted Living Facilities:** Don Adams, Charlotte Berkland, Anita Bladt, Frank Bladt, Mary Lou Chastain, Lois Eggers, Duane Fieck, Natalie Fraser, Freda Harris, David Haar, Mike Lessmann, Barbara Nelson, Vernon Pearson, Jean Schmieding, Helene Stigge

## **Friends and Relatives:**

Ann Blessner (sister of JoAnn Stastny)  
Duane Dougherty, (friend of Randy & Joan Workman)  
Jerry Fisher (brother-in-law of Sara & John Young)  
Mary Alice Fisher (sister of Sara Young)  
Rev. Tim Gierke  
Marie Harper (mother of Ellen Wilson)  
Bob Henrichsen (cousin of Nan Johnson)  
Mary Johnson (friend of Carol Priest)  
Tom Johnson (brother of Marilyn Haman)  
Philip Kander in Military (nephew of Alice Osborn)  
Sharon Larson (cousin of Dennis Grindle)  
Renita Laubscher (sister of Joan Workman)  
Barbara D. Nelson (sister-in-law of Doris Anderson)  
Bob Nelson (son of Barb and Lew Nelson)  
Both Nyun (family of Peter Chol)  
Erik Pearson (son of Vernon Pearson)  
Jo Anna Perkins (friend of Dennis Grindle)

Randy Peters (friend of PHLC Dorcas Quilters)  
Gavin Webster (grandson of Larry and Judy Webster)  
Andy Whiteing (brother of JoAnn Stastny)  
Jim Wood (friend of Joan Workman)  
Andy Young (son of John and Sara Young)  
Jerry Zulfer (father of Joan Johnson)

## **Special Intercessions:**

Those who travel and those who protect us  
All who lead us ecclesiastically and politically  
Missions/Missionaries of the Church  
Our Campus Ministry program  
Our Lamb of God Preschool  
All Lutheran Schools  
The pastors, staff and members of our North Circuit congregations, schools, and preschools  
Ministry of Concordia Lutheran Schools of Omaha  
Concordia University, Seward  
Mentally ill, their caregivers, and PHLC Care Ministries  
The ill, hospitalized, dying, and grieving  
Health and protection of all children, including the unborn  
Unemployed/financial difficulties  
End to terrorism and justice and peace among all nations  
The incarcerated  
Pray for God's grace and mercy upon all who face trials, chronic illnesses, or addictions, and upon all who lack a saving faith in Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior  
Unrest in the U.S. and the world  
Victims of fires, floods and storms across the country