



St. Paul's ePistle from McHenry  
May 23, 2018



New & Notable

Thoughts from Lori

This Sunday is TRINITY SUNDAY, which is always the Sunday after Pentecost. It's the only feast day in the church calendar that isn't about some historical event in the Christian story, but rather is about a doctrine; that is, about the doctrine of the Trinity. We say it all the time - Father, Son, and Holy Spirit *or* Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifying Spirit - but we rarely think about it. What does it mean to say that we believe in One God in Three Persons? Theologically speaking, almost every explanation or illustration poses some heresy. Ultimately, it's a mystery, one that we will honor and observe this Sunday.

It's also Memorial Day weekend. Many of us will remember family members who died in (or as a result of) wartime. Whether you are, like us, planning to do yardwork or having a cookout, take time to reflect of lives given in service.

As the program and school year wind down and vacations begin, consider visiting local Episcopal Churches as you travel - and remember to bring back their service sheet for the parish hall bulletin board. Meanwhile, put August 5th on your calendar for our annual parish picnic. More on that to come.

Trinitarian blessings on your holiday weekend.

Faithfully,  
*Lori*

## *Presiding Bishop Michael Curry's Sermon at the Royal Wedding*

*Click below for the video and text:*

<https://www.episcopalnewsservice.org/2018/05/19/video-text-presiding-bishops-royal-wedding-sermon/>

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## *Pentecost at St. Paul's and Reception for the Jannottas and Rowes*

*We gathered to celebrate Pentecost and to bid God's speed to two beloved couples Dan and Bev Jannotta who are moving to Mexico, and Darrell and Karen Rowe who are moving to Texas. Thanks to all who helped with the Tex-Mex reception!*



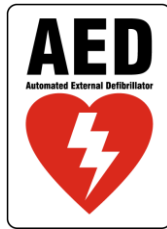
## Children's Chapel

**No lesson this Sunday!**

Children are invited to gather **June 4th** in the Children's Chapel after the service to hear a story, have a snack, and enjoy an activity.



*Not quite new but still notable....*



We were recently given a generous donation of an Automated External Defibrillator (AED). We will be scheduling a CPR course, which will include instructions on the use of the AED. Look for information soon. Meanwhile, if you know you will be interested in this course, please let us know. Call or email Lisa at 815-385-0390 / [lisa@stpaulmchenry.com](mailto:lisa@stpaulmchenry.com) OR there is a sign-up in the narthex.

### **No-cost Diabetes Self-Management Program**

*Take charge of your diabetes workshops offered at locations throughout county*

Are you at risk, diagnosed with, or caring for someone with diabetes? If so, the McHenry County Department of Health (MCDH) is offering several no-cost 6-week classes focusing on improving physical activity, self-care, nutrition and individual action steps. According to Carol Waggoner, RN, an Educator for McHenry County Department of Health, "Diabetes is a chronic progressive disease which requires knowledge and support to manage. We are offering these free classes in a variety of community settings so that they are accessible to all" The curriculum was developed by Stanford University to increase the confidence of participants to manage or prevent diabetes. The class includes a variety of interactive activities such as brainstorming and problem solving.

Registration is underway for several classes. A class will begin at 6 pm on August 1st:  
St. John the Baptist Catholic School  
2304 W Church Street in Johnsburg

Two classes are offered for Spanish speaking residents:  
Crystal Lake Food Pantry, 42 East Street, Crystal Lake IL  
Miércoles, 18 de Abril al 23 de mayo, 10:00 am - 12:30 pm  
Illinois Migrant Council, 62 N Ayer St, Suite D, Harvard IL  
Miércoles, 18 de Abril al 30 de mayo, 6:30 pm - 9:00 pm

The classes are open for registration at [www.mcdh.info](http://www.mcdh.info) or by calling Carol Waggoner, RN, at 815-334-4580.

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*The usual fare...*

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*A Word from the Rev. William P. McLemore*

**Feast of Bishop Jackson Kemper**

The feast day of the first missionary bishop of the Episcopal Church, the Rt. Rev. Jackson Kemper (1789-1870) is today, May 24th. Kemper was born in Pleasant Valley, New York, December 24, 1789. He graduated from Columbia College in 1809 and was ordained a deacon in 1811 and priest in 1814, and in 1835 consecrated Bishop.



Assigned by the Episcopal Church to Missouri and Indiana, he laid foundations also in Iowa, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Nebraska, Kansas, and made extensive missionary journeys in the South and Southwest. Discovering the rough and harsh life of the frontier, Kemper founded several schools to prepare men for the ministry in these areas. His first was Kemper College in St. Louis, Missouri, which failed in 1845 for lack of financial support. In 1842, he founded Nashotah House in Wisconsin which remains an active seminary of the Episcopal Church. In 1852, he established Racine College in Racine, Wisconsin, close to Lake Michigan.

Bishop Kemper pushed for the Episcopal Church to pay more attention to the Native American tribes in his missionary region and encouraged the translation of worship services into their native tongue. He described a service he attended among the Oneida Indians as marked by "courtesy, reverence, worship-and obedience to that Great Spirit in whose hands are the issues of life." From 1859 until his death in 1870, Kemper was the diocesan Bishop of Wisconsin, but more aptly referred to unofficially as "The Bishop of the Whole Northwest."

What we learn from Bishop Kemper is the value of faith and fervor in our Christian journey. We see the importance of respecting the history of our church in its early formations in the western territories as well as honoring the peoples who settled our continent long before we arrived. The prayer for Kemper's day pleads, "Grant that the Church may always be faithful to its mission, and have the vision, courage, and perseverance to make known to all people the Good News of Jesus Christ."

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**Lessons and Hymns for this Sunday, May 27, 2018**

**(Trinity Sunday - Year B)**

**by the Rev. William P. McLemore**

**THE SCRIPTURE LESSONS:**

**The First Reading:** Isaiah 6:1-8. This passage describes vividly Isaiah's encounter with the Lord's appearance and call for him to serve as a prophet. The familiar 'sanctus' in our Eucharist is taken from this passage: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth

is full of his glory." **The Psalm:** Psalm 29 or Canticle 2 or 13. The Psalm calls for us to ascribe to the Lord, "Glory and Strength." Canticle 2 (page 49 in the Prayer Book) is taken from the Apocrypha, "The Song of the Three Young Men," with seven blessings to God. Canticle 13 is similar but instead of "Blessed," it uses the phrase "Glory to You." **The Epistle:** Romans 8:12-17. Paul affirms that everyone who is led by the Holy Spirit is a intimate part of God's family ("Children of God") being adopted by Jesus the Christ. **The Gospel:** John 3:1-17. Here we have the encounter of Jesus with the intelligent Nicodemus who wants a rational explanation of the Holy Spirit.

#### THE HYMNS:

**Processional:** No. 362. "Holy, holy, holy." This hymn was written by Reginald Heber (1783-1826) an Anglican priest who became the bishop of Calcutta in 1823 and was given the pastoral care of all of India His likeness is among those carved into the reredos of our cathedral in Washington D.C. The text is based on images from the Book of Revelation-the final stanza: "Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty, God in three persons, blessed Trinity." The tune, "Nicaea," was composed by John Bacchus Dykes (1823-1876) who's genius at composition is that not a note of it has been altered since it was composed.

**Sequence:** No. 365. "Come thou almighty King." Students of hymnody have searched far and wide for the true author of this hymn. Some feel it has the composition style of a Charles Wesley's music. The 1982 hymnal simply calls it "Anonymous" (ca. 1757). The first three verses present each person of the Trinity and the final verse begins, "To thee, great one in three."

**Presentation:** No. 48. "O day of radiant gladness." This hymn is the first one in Chrstopher Wordsworth's "Holy Year, 1862." It has been in the Hymnal since 1874. The first line in the 1940 hymnal was, "O Day of Rest and Gladness." Thus it has been altered for this hymnal, including the 3<sup>rd</sup> verse written by the Rev. Dr. Charles Philip Price (1920-1999), Professor of Systematic Theology at Virginia Theological Seminary, Alexandria, Virginia. Though primarily a hymn for Sundays, it extols the Trinitarian nature of God. The tune, "Es Flog Ein Kleins Waldogelein," is a German folk song which has been harmonized by George Ratcliff Woodward (1848-1934).

**Communion:** "In the Lord I'll be forever thankful." This hymn was written and set to music by Jacques Breathier for the Taize religious community in France. 1991. It is based on Philippians 4:4-6.

**Recessional:** No. 473. "Lift high the cross." This hymn was written by George William Kitchin in 1887 when he was Dean of Winchester Cathedral in England. The tune "Crucifer" was composed by Sydney Hugo Nicholson, Warden of the Royal School of Music in England. This hymn is new to the 1982 hymnal and has become very popular as a processional and recessional hymn. "So shall our song of triumph ever be; praise to the crucified for victory."

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## Servants for May 20th

Bill Lang - *Usher*  
Charles Sterbis - *Lector*  
Barb Moriarty - *Intercessor*  
Pam Dietmeyer, Charles Sterbis - *Eucharistic Ministers*  
Barb Moriarty - *Vestry Person of the Day*  
Cassidy Obermeyer - *Children's Crucifer*  
Nan Patnaude, Beth Lukas, Ashley Pecoraro - *Altar Guild*  
Kathy Biggerstaff, Patrice Braun - *Flower Guild*

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### *On the Calendar...*

**June Vestry Meeting** - Sunday, June 24, 12:30 pm  
**Annual Parish Picnic** - Sunday, August 5, 4:00 pm  
**Men's Breakfast** resumes September 8th

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From the cartoons created by  
*The Rev. William P. McLemore*



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