



The In Touch

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Our Mission: To Seek, Know, Love and Serve Christ in all Persons and in all Creation

Ramblings from the Bishop

“Are you surviving?” came the question to me when I answered my phone.

And then, before I was able to respond, “are you and yours well?”

And again, with no time to answer, the caller said, “it’s crazy, isn’t it? Listen I have a question for you...”

Since the beginning of the COVID-19 crisis, almost every conversation I have includes some reference to the current pandemic. Every person on the planet, it seems, is being impacted by this crisis. For some, it represents an inconvenient impediment to their normal lifestyle, while for others, it is literally life or death.

Almost from its onset, I have experienced a tension between grief and gratitude. This pandemic has brought so much suffering to our world. And this suffering, as many have pointed out, is different in that it is ongoing rather than a one-time, cataclysmic event.

And in the face of this suffering, I have encountered incredible acts of kindness and generosity. Richard Rohr often talks about this tension between tragedy and transformation. Along that same line of thinking, Steve Mullaney, Director of University Episcopal Community, reminded me of the Stockdale Paradox from author Jim Collins, based on Rear Admiral James Stockdale’s experience of being a prisoner of war. Steve’s succinct summarization of the Stockdale Paradox: “The storm is brutal and the storm will pass.”

The tension between grief and gratitude, tragedy and transformation, the brutal storm and the storm’s inevitable end, are at the core of our sacred story in salvation history.

It is the journey we have just walked through in Holy Week, culminating in the ultimate tension of the cross and the empty tomb.

And yet, as followers of the Way of Jesus, what always gives us strength for the tension and the journey is the knowledge that the light has overcome the darkness, and the hope of new life continues to beckon us forward.

Alleluia! Christ is Risen!
The Lord is Risen indeed!

Blessings, Brian

*During our Shelter in Place Order
Watch Holy Trinity Services Livestream
On Facebook: Sundays @ 10:00 am*



- 5/2 ~ **Brad Johnson** (son of Byrne & Carole Johnson)
5/4 ~ **Claire Fontenot** (grandson Byrne & Carole Johnson)
5/6 ~ **Tom Grim** (son of Lee & Carol)
5/7 ~ **Pam Oettinger** (daughter of Gary & Carolyn Davison)
5/12 ~ **Olga Reuter**
5/12 ~ **Tricia Brennard**
5/19 ~ **Thatcher Jenkinson** (son Matthew & Edith, greatgrandson of Byrne & Carole Johnson)
5/23 ~ **Jill Tanem**
5/26 ~ **Rob Meyer** (son of Lynn Naeckel)
5/27 ~ **Scott Schlieff** (son of George Schlieff)



- 5/13 ~ **Andrew Kennedy**
5/26 ~ **Bill Corrin**
5/28 ~ **Linnaea Yount**



- 5/9 ~ **Dean & Karen Tveit**
5/21 ~ **Diana & Bob Russiff**
5/30 ~ **Jon & Anne Reuter**
5/30 ~ **Jim & Cori Davison**

May '20 Sunday Service Lay Responsibilities

Dates	Celebrants	Acolytes	Lectors & Lessons	Greeters
3 Holy Eucharist 10:00 am 4th Sunday of Easter	Rev. Samantha Crossley Deacons: Lee Grim or Melanie Mattsen	Lee Grim Or Melanie Mattsen	Gavia Yount or Linnaea Yount Lee Grim	
10  Mother's Day Holy Eucharist 10:00 am 5th Sunday of Easter	Rev. Samantha Crossley Deacons: Lee Grim or Melanie Mattsen	Lee Grim Or Melanie Mattsen	Gavia Yount or Linnaea Yount Lee Grim	
17 Holy Eucharist 10:00 am 6th Sunday of Easter	Rev. Samantha Crossley Deacon: Lee Grim or Melanie Mattsen	Lee Grim Or Melanie Mattsen	Gavia Yount or Linnaea Yount Lee Grim	
24 Holy Eucharist 10:00 am 7th Sunday of Easter	Rev. Samantha Crossley Deacon: Lee Grim or Melanie Mattsen	Lee Grim Or Melanie Mattsen	Gavia Yount or Linnaea Yount Lee Grim	
31 Holy Eucharist 10:00 am Pentecost	Rev. Samantha Crossley Deacon: Lee Grim or Melanie Mattsen	Lee Grim Or Melanie Mattsen	Gavia Yount or Linnaea Yount Lee Grim	



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2 Altar Guild
						Tricia
3	4	5	6	7	8	9 Altar Guild
Holy Eucharist 10:00 am						Tricia
10 <i>Mother's Day</i>	11	12	13	14	15	16 Altar Guild
 Holy Eucharist 10:00 a.m.	<i>If Allowed</i> <i>Ruby's</i> <i>Pantry</i> <i>Reg. 4:30 Dist.</i>	<i>If Allowed</i> Vestry 5:00 pm Team 6:00				Donna & Karen
17	18	19	20	21 Ascension Day	22	23 Altar Guild
Holy Eucharist 10:00 a.m.		Newsletter Deadline				Donna & Karen
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Holy Eucharist 10:00 a.m.	 Memorial Day Remember & Honor					Georgeann
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Holy Eucharist 10:00 a.m.						

