



Making disciples who make disciples
The Day of Pentecost
May 31, 2020

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Next Parish Council Meeting

June 24, 2020

Reminder...We are gathering for worship in addition to the virtual live-stream on Facebook at 11:30 a.m. Please join us!

In Words – Spiritual Gifts

Every once in a while, Scripture gives me a reality check. Actually, it's more of a "you're really just figuring this out now?" sort of moment. This week's passage from 1 Corinthians 12 is one of those moments.

The fear many people have regarding evangelism is failure. "I don't know enough about the Bible" or "I don't have enough training" freezes us in our tracks because we feel that the person believing or not believing in Jesus after we speak with him or her becomes our responsibility once we start the conversation.

Yet Paul reminds us that that isn't so.

Therefore I make known to you that no one speaking by the Spirit of God says, "Jesus is accursed," and no one is able to say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit. — 1 Corinthians 12:3 (LEB)

The Holy Spirit enables people to accept Jesus as their Lord and Savior, not me and not you. It's like a great weight is lifted off our shoulders. Once, years ago, I noticed my car's engine seemed to be revving pretty high, but it was driving sluggish. I realized after a few moments that I'd been trying to drive with the emergency brake on. When I released it, the car drove much better.

Thinking that I'm responsible for convincing people that Jesus is our Lord was like driving with the brakes on. The Christian's job is to deliver the good news, like a mail carrier. We deliver the news; we can't make anyone do anything with it. God does that. Or to use a different metaphor, we plant the seed and God brings forth whatever harvest he wants from it. There's an old saying that anyone can count how many seeds are in an apple, but only God can count how many apples are in a seed. The harvest size is

totally up to God.

God sends his Holy Spirit to provide each Christian with whatever gifts are needed for the particular purpose God has planned. The gifts vary, but the purpose is the same—to show God’s glory to others, so that everyone has the opportunity to realize his power.

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit,⁵ and there are varieties of ministries, and the same Lord,⁶ and there are varieties of activities, but the same God, who works all things in all people.⁷ But to each one is given the manifestation of the Spirit for what is beneficial to all. — 1 Corinthians 12:4–7

Some Christians believe a particular gift must be shown in order to be considered really Christian. Paul told the church in Corinth (and, by extension, us as well) that that notion is false.

Apparently, the Corinthian congregation had ranked certain spiritual gifts as being more valuable than others, and demonstrated them as a show of personal pride instead of as intended to edify others and demonstrate God’s power. Speaking in tongues was more noticeable than administration, and more desired, but blurting things out during worship in a foreign language that no one understood was distracting, not discipling. Without someone to interpret what the first person was saying (back into the language everyone else present understood), the haphazard sounds were gobbledygook that created a sideshow in the midst of worship.

Paul also reminded them that different people receive different gifts from the spirit, and that which gifts those are is decided by the Holy Spirit, not the recipient.

For to one is given a word of wisdom through the Spirit, and to another a word of knowledge by the same Spirit,⁹ to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit,¹⁰ to another miraculous powers, to another prophecy, to another distinguishing of spirits, to another kinds of tongues, to another interpretation of tongues.¹¹ But in all these things one and the same Spirit is at work, distributing to each one individually just as he wishes.¹² For just as the body is one and has many members, but all the members of the body, although they are many, are one body, thus also Christ.¹³ For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free persons, and all were made to drink one Spirit. — 1 Corinthians 12:8–13

The fact that you are reading this proves you have spiritual gifts. If you didn’t believe Jesus is Lord, you wouldn’t be reading this far into the article, and the only way you can believe Jesus is Lord is by the Holy Spirit who is promised to all believers.

The New Testament list about 26 specific gifts, but there are others besides those that are named. Do you know what yours are? Have you ever taken a test to determine what they might be?

Paul uses the example of an athlete training to describe Christian discipleship. Keeping that metaphor then, skiers are issued skis, not javelins, and pole vaulters get poles, not boxing gloves. Whatever purpose God has for you will be doable by means of the spiritual gifts he has given

you. When someone gives us a present, we open it. We don't just say, "thank you" and then put it in the closet still wrapped, having no idea what we've been given. Well, except gifts from God. Christians do that all the time. We get spiritual gifts and often make no effort to unwrap them and see what we've been given.

There are many Spiritual gift assessments and tests available. Most are a just few bucks and there are also books describing gifts in detail (such as at Amazon.com). I'm going to suggest, however, that you try this free version on the Spiritual Gift Test website. It will rank about a dozen gifts according to your personal responses to some questions, with your top three listed in detail.

You are important to Christ's mission for his church. He chose you deliberately for a specific purpose and has given you the tools to achieve that purpose through the local congregation to which he led you. Before doing any ministry you should determine if it's what God has gifted you for. You wouldn't slalom down a mountain without making sure you had skis. God calls us to have the same intentionality in serving him.

Here is the hyperlink to your spiritual gift test: <https://spiritualgiftstest.com/>. Once you've determined where your gifting is, search out or create the ministry that God is calling you to as you continue to venture on your journey with our Lord Jesus.

It's the gift that keeps on giving.

Grace and Peace,

Fr. Austin

Readings for the Day of Pentecost

Acts 2:1-21; Psalm 104:25-35,37;
1 Corinthians 12:3b-13; John 7:37-39

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Those Who Serve

Lessons- Alan Kircher
Prayers – Motty Durham

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I would like to thank the anonymous individual for the gift you have given me. I appreciate it and may God bless you and your family.

*Thank you again,
Karen Packard*

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On Sunday, March 1, Adriana, from New Life was at Christ the Redeemer and brought baby bottles for us to fill as a fundraiser for them. If you took one home with you, please return your baby bottle this Sunday, or as soon as possible. If you have questions, please contact Ann Traverso.



Our brother, Tom Molyneux, from the Order of St. Luke and Christian Healing Ministries, returned home with our Lord May 23. Funeral

service details have not yet been determined, but if you wish to send a sympathy card to his wife, Susan, the address is:

13459 E. 48th St.
Yuma, AZ 85367

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EVENTS

Mark Your Calendar

Sunday, May 31, The Day of Pentecost

11:30a.m. Worship Service (in church & via Facebook)

Tuesday, June 2

6:30 a.m. Bible Study (2nd Chronicles) via ZOOM

Wednesday, June 3

2:00 p.m. Bible Study (Pauline Letters) via ZOOM

5:30 p.m. Worship Service (in church & via Facebook)

Sunday, June 7, Trinity Sunday

11:30 a.m. Worship Service (in church & via Facebook)

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The Women's Fellowship Luncheon will **NOT** meet in June due to the Covid-19 guidelines of social distancing. We hope to meet again in July if the guidelines are relaxed.

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They're Here!

The new *Book of Common Prayer 2019* of the Anglican Church in North America has arrived. They are available for a donation of \$25 (to offset the cost). For more information, see Mary Sue Houston.

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June Birthdays

Birthday blessings to you!

Deacon Linda Stokes	June 2
Frank Durham	June 3
Karn Bennett	June 4
Diane Olp	June 7
Neil Taylor	June 7
Gerry Pyper	June 10
Robert Towner	June 12
Merle Shyne	June 17
Everett Whitacre	June 17
Mary Lou Slater	June 25
Dorothy Warner	June 29

If your name should be listed here and isn't, please contact the office. Thanks!

Varieties of Spiritual Gifts

1 Corinthians 12:1-11

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ACCURSED	ANOTHER	ASTRAY
BROTHERS	CONCERNING	EACH
GIFTS	GIVEN	HOWEVER
IDOLS	IGNORANT	JESUS
KNOW	KNOWN	LORD
MAKE	PAGANS	SAME
SPEAKING	SPEECHLESS	SPIRIT
SPIRITUAL	THERE	THEREFORE
THINGS	TONGUES	VARIETIES
WANT	WHEN	WORD

CTR PRAYER PROJECT

Romans 5:3-4... we also rejoice in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope.

As I write this, today's news is all about numerous lawsuits being filed throughout the USA by people who are suffering. When we think of suffering as Christians, we are reminded that in the 1st Century A.D., believers were fed to the lions, imprisoned in chains (without televisions in their cells), beheaded, hunted like animals, and stoned to death. Those filing the lawsuits today are suffering financial loss due to the pandemic, having lost their jobs, having been forced to close their businesses, or having been denied certain Constitutional civil rights. I think the 1st Century martyrs would call us "sissies". Many of us have fallen into that pity pit. Don't get me wrong, please. There definitely have been some injustices, but that's the point Paul and I am making. Paul wrote to the Church in Rome reminding them to rejoice in their sufferings, because God is using those sufferings to mature our faith. Why does God want us to learn perseverance? I think it is because He alone has seen the future, and He doesn't want us to give up the fight before the victory bell sounds. He wants us to stand firm in our faith, no matter what, so we will reap the reward He has in store for us and be able to enjoy our inheritance as Children of God. It enables us to turn the other cheek, so to speak; to not get upset at the slightest provocation; to develop patience, humility, and submission. God developed Joseph's character when his brothers sold him into slavery and he was carried off to Egypt, and God saved the nation of Israel in the process. If we refuse to endure God's testing, we will be in danger of losing hope. Jesus knew the suffering He would endure when He rode that donkey into Jerusalem, and He could have thrown in the towel while sweating drops of blood in the Garden of Gethsemane, but His perseverance and character were strong enough to fill Him with the hope of a brighter eternity. And, He'll do the same for us when we, too, rejoice in our sufferings and ask

Him, "What are You trying to teach me through this, Lord?"

Praying in One Accord-Sufferings come wrapped in lots of different packages, but they all beg us to be in one accord with God's plan to help us grow and mature in our faith.

Accord Prayers-Lord Christ, You are no stranger to suffering; when we feel overwhelmed or threatened, help us rejoice that You are at work in our lives, building perseverance, character, and hope. In Your Name we pray. Amen.

Prayer of Thanksgiving-Father God, thank You for never giving us more than we can bear in Your strength; thank You for walking with us through our suffering and for putting the Light of Christ at the end of the tunnel. Amen.

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Lord, we ask you to comfort and sustain all who in this transitory life are in sickness, or any other adversity. Open the hearts to know your love and feel your presence.

We pray for Abbie Bundy, Alfredo & Lilian Campa, Betty (Bo Peep) Penny, Donna, Kate Campa, Dcn. Linda, Lorraine Chavez, Steve Chacon, Merle Shyne, Laura, Darlene O., Maddy and Pray for the World.

If you would like to submit prayer requests for this newsletter or if you have any updates, please contact the church office at 928-343-9551, or ctryuma@gmail.com

PRAYERS FOR THE DEANERY OF ARIZONA

The Right Rev. Keith and Gail Andrews, Bishop of the Diocese of Western Anglicans

The Very Rev. Thomas and Elizabeth Phillips, Dean of the Deanery of Arizona

Spencer Johnson, President of the Executive Committee of the Diocese

Roger Pelham, Chairman, the Steering Committee of the Deanery



June 2020

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
	1	2 6:30 a.m. Bible Study via Zoom 2 Chronicles	3 2:00 p.m. Bible Study (Via Zoom) Pauline Letters 5:30 p.m. Worship Service	4	5	6
7 11:30 a.m. Worship (Live & on Facebook)	8	9 6:30 a.m. Bible Study via Zoom 2 Chronicles	10 2:00 p.m. Bible Study (Via Zoom) Pauline Letters 5:30 p.m. Worship Service	11	12	13
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21 11:30 a.m. Worship (Live & on Facebook) <i>Father's Day</i>	22	23 6:30 a.m. Bible Study via Zoom 2 Chronicles	24 2:00 p.m. Bible Study (Via Zoom) Pauline Letters 5:30 p.m. Worship Service 6:30 p.m. Parish Council (Via Zoom)	25	26	27
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Notes

NEW Church Office Hours: Monday – Thursday, 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Bible Studies are held via live stream on Zoom

Prayers and Squares will meet as needed in June.

Christ the Redeemer Parish Council Meeting April 29, 2020

Meeting was held via Zoom

Present: Sherri Wayman, Jennifer Kircher, Pat Fraser, Jeffrey Polston, Ann Traverso, Motty Durham, Mary Sue Houston, Fr Austin Mansfield & Deacon Linda Stokes

Absent: Jo Towner

Fr Austin opened meeting with prayer at 6:35 PM.

Treasurers Report

Jeffrey reported we are staying fairly close to last year on income even with the Covid-19 epidemic. All monies are now being sent to the Post Office. We are okay financially at this time.

Celebration of What We've Done

1. Adapting to all services done with live streaming is going well. Thank you to Motty Durham for being there and streaming it each service.
2. Relocation to Faith Lutheran has gone well. Fr Austin thanked everyone that has been involved in making the move go so smoothly.
3. Mary Sue presented a bill for the rental of a storage unit. Fr Austin paid for a year. Moved by Pat, seconded by Ann, to reimburse Fr Austin \$935 for the rental. Motion carried

How We Can Help Each Other

1. Adjustment to Covid-19 by the congregation has gone well.
2. Parish Administrator salary increase was discussed. There was a mandated raise in January that was a 9% salary increase. It was decided an employee evaluation needs to be done. A salary increase was tabled until normal office hours are resumed and the evaluation is complete.
3. A council member is needed to serve as liaison for the discernment teams for Cecilia Young and Connie Whitener. Motty will serve as liaison on both teams.
4. Electronic Giving will be set up with Washington Federal when they open for customers. Mary Sue will work with Brotherhood Insurance to get this established.
5. The order of new Prayer Books will be put in at the next printing in May. Pat Fraser will Finance one case of the Prayer Book.
6. Mental Health of the Congregation seems to be good. Most are doing some type of daily devotional and studies on their own.

Upcoming Events

1. Mary Sue has agreed to serve on the Steering Committee for the Diocese.
2. Synod is scheduled for October. No decision has been made at this time on canceling

Vision for the Future

1. Developing small groups when it is safe to gather again
2. Changing our DNA to keep up with the times
3. Possible Study of Mike Breen's new book

Deacon Linda hopes to return to services 5/3 (if Everett will let her)

Sherri says moving is going well

Jennifer said no one has brought any concerns regarding the move

Meeting Adjourned at 8:00PM with the Lord's Prayer

Respectfully Submitted,
Mary Sue Houston, Clerk

