

Thursday, June 4, 2020

Dear Members, Friends, and Guests of Desert Hills Lutheran Church,

This weekend is Holy Trinity Weekend, which always follows Pentecost. It was Pope John XXII who created the feast of Holy Trinity to follow Pentecost somewhere between 1316-1334 A.D. In the Eastern Church Pentecost itself was Holy Trinity. Trinity Sunday celebrates the doctrine of the Trinity, the three persons of God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. My sermon will be based on 2 Corinthians 13:13. The sermon title is "Dance."

This week the council and staff has been working on our protocol for opening on July 4/5 all five services. Masks are optional so if you are at all uncomfortable, please continue to worship online or if you find a church with mandatory masks, please feel free to worship there. Christ is present in all churches with or without masks. The protocol we have created will be very soon sent to you via our webpage. We are also upgrading our air filtration in the sanctuary as well as upgrading cameras for our worship services.

Continue to pray for our country. This is the most violent we have been since 1968. My guess is that most Americans believe what happened to George Floyd was evil. I do. I don't know if most Americans believe that looting and burning buildings and murder of civilians and police officers is evil. I'm hoping the majority of Americans believe it is evil. I do. So, in the next days and weeks and months, pray as you have never prayed before. I don't care what your politics are, pray.

In the meantime, the family of quail, mom and dad and thirteen muffin sized youngsters continue to visit our backyard three or four times a day. I find it comforting to watch them and every day I count the babies knowing that nature is a dangerous place. But I love to watch mom and dad doing all they can to protect the young.

I'll close with 2 Corinthians 13:13 in honor of Trinity Sunday: "the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you." We celebrate our Triune God and call upon him in time of need.

Blessings,

Pastor Martin