

# JUNE 2025

## ST. MATTHEW LUTHERAN CHURCH – Calgary AB

*112 years proclaiming Christ in  
Bridgeland!*

By Rev. Markus Zeuch

The season after Pentecost begins the day after Pentecost and ends with midday prayer on the Saturday before the First Sunday in Advent.

The Sundays after Pentecost make up the longest portion on the Church Year. This is the Time of the Church – the time we focus on growing together in the life of the Holy Trinity.

On the first Sunday after Pentecost, the church celebrates Holy Trinity Sunday. We are baptized into only one name, but that name is “of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit”. There is only one name, only one God – but there are three persons: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. On this Sunday, we confess the great mystery of the Holy Trinity.

The Sundays of this time of the church Year are known as Sundays after Pentecost (or Sundays after Trinity). Picking up on Pentecost as the season of growth, they are often referred to as the Green Sundays. The readings focus on the life of Christ in His church. We hear Jesus’ teaching His disciples and healing the faithful.

Because the Pentecost season is part of “ordinary” time, congregations may choose to observe some of the lesser festivals of the season. When saint days or commemorations fall on Sundays, worship leaders could highlight these to offer teaching moments about the breadth of the church’s life and work. These noteworthy days enable Christians to reflect on how we worship “with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven.”

On the Last Sunday after Pentecost, the church gives voice to the joyful hope of the second coming of Jesus for the resurrection of the dead and the last judgement. The end-times focus of the Last Sunday of the Church Year bears themes of hope and preparation that are similar to those in Advent, which soon follows.

## **During the Time of the Church, we focus on growing together in the life of the Holy Trinity.**

Readings: Acts 2:41-47; Ephesians 3:14-19; Ephesians 1:15-23; Colossians 3:12-17

### **PRACTICES AND TRADITIONS**

- The church is decorated in green, the colour of growing plants. This marks the season of growth in living our Baptism and receiving the Lord’s Word and Sacraments

- On Trinity Sunday, we confess the Athanasian Creed, which goes into great detail to confess the catholic (universal) faith that must be faithfully and firmly believed to be saved: "That we worship one God in Trinity, and Trinity in Unity."

From the "pastoral Desk Diary 2025" (CPH)

**OPEN HOUSE:** Our Board of Elders decided to open our church doors to our neighbours. We will have an Open House event on June 14<sup>th</sup>, from 12 to 3 pm. We need volunteers to help planning and just be there for our community, welcome them, and tell them our history and what we are all about!

**MEN'S BREAKFAST:** The board of Elder's is hosting a Men's Breakfast on the morning of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of every month, with the next one being held on **JUNE 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025**. A complimentary breakfast is served at 9 am followed by a 1-hour bible study starting at 10 am. We started an interesting study on the Psalter and will be continuing that study for the next several months. Hope to see you all there for a morning of food, fun and fellowship. All are welcome!

**NEW OFFICERS:** We now have a new elder in our congregation: Chris Eue and a new envelope secretary: Margrit Owen. We thank God for them and we also thank Debora Klaus for all these years serving as the envelope secretary. Chris and Margrit were both accepted at our last congregational meeting. Their installation will take place at a later time, since Chris gets ready to undergo a heart surgery. We will keep him in our prayers.



**LIBRARY:** The PPC has decided to reorganize our parish library in preparation for adding new books. If you would like to assist in this project, please speak to Thomas Weitz.

**SUMMER PICNIC:** Please come and join us in a fellowship and fun for our annual church picnic on **Saturday, June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025**. The picnic will be held at **North Glenmore Park, the Snowy Owl Picnic site. We will start to set-up at 11 am. The site is booked until 2:45 pm.** We will have the hotdogs and burgers going on the grill around noon. The site has shelter, a main fire pit, several picnic tables and smaller fire boxes. The washrooms and playground are close by and there are lots of grassy areas to play some games. St. Matthew will provide hotdogs and burgers and buns with some condiments. We ask you to bring a salad or snack or fruit or dessert to share. There are several parking areas around the picnic sites, but lot L is closest. **Please RSVP to the church office if you are coming by June 17<sup>th</sup>** so we have enough food supplies. Please also let us know if you are bringing something to the picnic to share. If You have a portable BBQ we could borrow, please contact Lori at 403-862-9690. We truly hope to see you there!

**ADULT BAPTISMS:** We are so joyful and thankful to God to announce the baptism of two young ladies who have attended our church lately: Zoey (Chujing) Yu and Hailey Stirling. They will be brought to the baptismal waters during the worship service on June 22. Through Holy Baptism, they enter God's family and become voting and communicant members of our church. Please give them a big welcome!

## COMMEMORATIONS IN JUNE

This year and this month we commemorate 1700 years since the Ecumenical Council of Nicaea. On June 5 we commemorate Boniface of Mainz, Missionary to the Germans

	<p><b>The Ecumenical Council of Nicaea</b> June 12</p> <p><b>Year</b> AD 325</p> <p><b>What do we celebrate?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The first ecumenical council was convened by the Roman Emperor Constantine to address the subject of Jesus' divinity.</li> <li>• The council ruled against Arian heresy, which taught that Jesus was not the true Son of God.</li> <li>• The council confessed the eternal divinity of Jesus and adopted the earliest version of the Nicene Creed.</li> <li>• It set the pattern of Church leaders meeting to confess doctrine, reject error, and offer guidance on practical questions of Church life.</li> </ul>		<p><b>Boniface of Mainz</b> June 5</p> <p><b>Time Period</b> 7th–8th century AD</p> <p><b>Who was he?</b> Bishop and missionary to Germany.</p> <p><b>Did you know?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• At receiving a papal commission in 719, he devoted himself to planting and reforming churches and monasteries in Germany.</li> <li>• After becoming an archbishop, he was assigned to the See of Mainz.</li> <li>• He resigned in 753 to engage in mission work in the Netherlands.</li> <li>• Boniface and his companions were murdered by robbers while awaiting a group of converts for confirmation.</li> </ul>
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If you read this on a computer or any other electronic device, you may ctrl+click on the right picture (Boniface) to hear President Teuscher's devotion about this minor festival.

## QUIPS & QUOTES:

**"Before you flare up at anyone's faults, take time to count ten – ten of your own"**

From "Quips & Quotes for Church Bulletins" by E.C. McKenzie (Baker Book House, Grand Rapids, Michigan), 1993

## A LITTLE HUMOUR:

Who was the smartest person in the Bible? Abraham, he knew a Lot.



## WHAT'S PLANNED FOR JUNE?

**June 1 (Sun):** Worship services – German @ 9:30 English @ 11 a.m.

**June 3 (Tues):** Online Bible Study @ 7 pm

**June 5 (Thurs):** Confirmation class (online) 7 p.m.

**June 8 (Pentecost Day):** Worship services – German @ 9:30 English @ 11 a.m.

**June 9 (Mon):** Pre-marriage counselling

**June 10 (Tues):** Online Bible Study @ 7 pm

**June 12 (Thurs):** Board of Elders' online meeting 7 p.m.

**June 12 (Thurs):** Confirmation class (online) 7 p.m.

**June 14 (Sat):** Men's Breakfast @ 9 a.m. followed by Bible study

**June 14 (Sat):** Open House 12 – 3 p.m.

**June 15 (Sun):** Worship services – German @ 9:30 English @ 11 a.m.

**June 16 (Mon):** Pre-marriage counselling

**June 17 (Tues):** Online Bible Study @ 7 pm

**June 18 (Wed):** Meeting for the Tannenbaum Lighting Festival

**June 19 (Thurs):** Confirmation class (online) 7 p.m.

**June 20 (Fri):** Summer solstice!

**June 21 (Sat):** Church picnic 11 a.m. to 2:45 p.m.

**June 22 (Sun):** Worship services – German @ 9:30 English @ 11 a.m.

**June 24 (Tues):** Last online Bible Study before summer break @ 7 pm

**June 25 (Wed):** Pastor attends the Calgary Circuit Winkel

**June 26 (Thurs):** PPC meeting @ 7 pm

**June 29 (Sun):** Worship services – German @ 9:30 English @ 11 a.m.



## DER ALTE UND DER NEUE MENSCH – IN EINFACHER SPRACHE

Wir lesen im Neuen Testament dreimal vom „alten Menschen“ (Röm 6,6; Eph 4,22; Kol 3,9) und dreimal vom „neuen Menschen“ (Eph 2,15; Eph 4,24; Kol 3,10). Wenn man alle diese Stellen liest, erkennt man: Der „alte Mensch“ wurde von Gott mit Christus

gekreuzigt, und der „neue Mensch“ wurde von Gott geschaffen. Christen haben den „alten Menschen“ ausgezogen und den „neuen Menschen“ angezogen. Doch wie kann man das alles verstehen?

Der „alte Mensch“: Das ist das, was einen Sünder ausmacht. Es ist die Summe von bösen Eigenschaften: lügen, stehlen, betrügen und so weiter. Alle Menschen ohne Gott sind so. Man spricht vom „alten Menschen“, weil es so ein böses Leben schon seit Adam gibt. Am Kreuz auf Golgatha hat Gott die Sünde an Jesus Christus gerichtet. So ist der „alte Mensch“ mit Christus gekreuzigt worden. Gott hat das verurteilt, was wir als Sünder *sind*. Wenn wir an den Herrn Jesus glauben, gilt das auch für uns persönlich. Wir haben bei unserer Bekehrung den „alten Menschen“ ausgezogen. Wir wollten das Böse nicht mehr tun, wollten nicht mehr wie Sünder leben. Daran müssen wir jeden Tag denken. Und wenn wir doch wieder etwas Böses tun, müssen wir es schnell wieder ablegen.

Der „neue Mensch“. Das ist das, was jemand ausmacht, der aus Gott geboren ist. Es ist die Summe aller guten Eigenschaften: Freundlichkeit, Großzügigkeit, Treue und so weiter. Man spricht von einem „neuen Menschen“, weil es neu war, so zu leben. Der Herr Jesus hat vollkommen gelebt, ganz anders als alle vor ihm. Nach seinem Tod und seiner Auferstehung hat er allen Gläubigen sein Leben und seinen Geist gegeben. Damit wurde der neue Mensch geschaffen. Bei unserer Bekehrung haben wir den neuen Menschen angezogen. Wir wollten nun als Heilige und Gerechte leben. Daran müssen wir jeden Tag denken und immer wieder das Gute anziehen, das Gute tun.

Der alte Mensch: So wie Sünder leben seit Adam an. Der neue Mensch: So wie die Gläubigen leben, nachdem der Herr Jesus gestorben und auferstanden ist.

Aus: [bibelstudium.de](http://bibelstudium.de)



Thank you for your support and prayers.

In His service, Pastor Zeuch

Serving St. Matthew Lutheran Church for 16 years, 8 months and...a few days!

Calgary, June 9, 2025 A.D.

