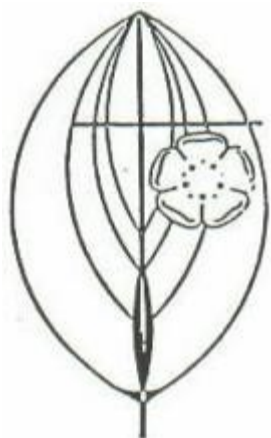

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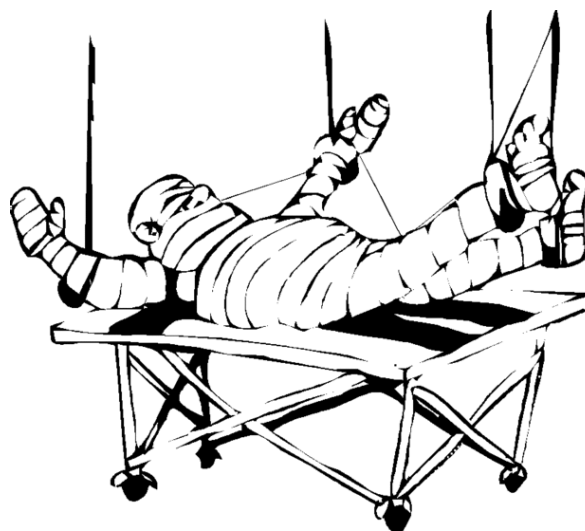
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A Tense Life

If you've ever been put in medical traction, you'll know that it's not a lot of fun. Traction involves applying tension to broken or dislocated body parts to slowly pull them back into place. Dental braces, for example, are a form of tooth traction.

The Christian life is lived in traction, or, as you may hear it more often, in tension. We are pulled in different directions by freedom and responsibility, work and rest, our needs and others' needs, our desires and what love requires of us. Contrary to popular opinion, the life of a Christian disciple is no cop out, no palliative to dull our sensitivity to the inconvenient truths and needs of our fallen world. With the ultimate comfort we have in God's promises comes considerable penultimate tension and discomfort. Seen another way, however, recognizing our lives as a pilgrimage on which God calls us to love one another allows us to see through the immediate drudgery of a task to a more excellent purpose.



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So if you're feeling torn and overwhelmed, like the demands of life are coming at you too fast to keep up with, or like you don't have enough time or energy or money or emotional resources to meet all your obligations, take heart.* That feeling of inadequacy comes with the conscientiousness required of Jesus' disciples. Though we'd like to be competent to take charge of our lives, we are not. Nor does God call us to be. He calls us instead to acknowledge our weakness and to depend on him and on one another. Naturally, we chafe at admitting our need and that we are not our own. We don't want to let go of our delusions of competence or of authority over ourselves, our time, or our possessions. We rebel at the idea of submitting to the inconvenient demands of love, in which there seems to be little upside for us.

Christian life is one of tension between our continually resurfacing desire to take charge and make things right, and our confession that God is someone other than us. It's uncomfortable, it's disconcerting, and it can be frustrating. But that tension guides us on our way, motivating us to achievement and acts of service, and at the same time humbling us, comforting us, and reminding us that we are the Lord's.

In our lives of tension, let us say with Peter on the mountain of transfiguration, "It is good, Lord, that we are here," receive God's good gifts along the way, and devote ourselves to the people whose needs pull us in so many directions.

Pastor Erhardt

*For a funny and encouraging commentary on being overwhelmed by life's demands, see <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ljKdZG3uUP8>.



Visit our website to listen to audio recordings of Sunday Sermons.
<http://www.princetonlutheranchurch.org/services.html>

CHURCH CALENDAR & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Daily Bible Reading Guide:

In 2017, the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod, the Lutheran Church – Canada, and the North American Lutheran Church jointly prepared a 3-year calendar of daily Bible readings for 2018-2020.

Reading *the* Word
of **GOD**



More information about this helpful resource is available at:

<https://www.thenalc.org/projects/daily-bible-readings> & <https://blogs.lcms.org/2017/lcms-lcc-and-nalc-compile-three-year-schedule-of-daily-bible-readings>

UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday August 3

Movie Night



Thursday, August 9, 7 pm

Executive Board Meeting



Saturday, August 25, 9 am

Men's Forum at Wegmans



Saturday, August 25, 4 pm

Church BBQ



Sunday, September 2, 10:30 am

10:30 am Worship Resumes



Saturday, September 8

ISI Garage Give Away



Sunday, September 9, 9 am

Christian Education Resumes



ANNOUNCEMENTS



All are invited to a Church Summer BBQ at 4pm on Saturday, August 25!

Fun was had by all at the Trenton Thunder Game in May!



OPEN YOUR HEART & HOME

To Sophie a Lutheran exchange student from Germany for the coming 2018-2019 school year

A volunteer host family (with or without children) or a single parent is needed to provide food, a bed and a loving home to Sophie (16) for the coming school year starting in late August. All EMF students have medical insurance, spending money for their personal expenses and expect to share their host

family's daily life including household responsibilities. They speak English, are well-screened and eager to experience life in America. Their stay here is sponsored and supervised by EMF (Educational Merit Foundation), a non-profit, educational exchange program. It is not too late to apply. For more information on EMF students, please call Marie-Claude Dijoud now at 1-800-467-8363 or visit our web site at www.emfusa.org



ANNOUNCEMENTS



News from
Grant Schultheis

Grant and his father at the white coat ceremony at Jefferson Medical School in Philadelphia



Grant's thoughts after receiving his jacket at the white coat ceremony

COME SING IN THE CHOIR!

Come join us for an exciting choir season which starts the first Sunday after Labor Day. The first rehearsal is Wednesday, Sept. 5th at 7:30pm. The old saying, "Sing once and pray twice" is true. We need you! Also, we have an urgent need for a soprano, especially in September.

Come and sing to the Lord a new song. Satisfaction guaranteed!



THE 35TH ISI ANNUAL GARAGE GIVE-AWAY FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS AND SCHOLARS

PLACE: LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE MESSIAH

DATE: **SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2018 (Rain Date 9/15)**

TIME: 8:00 – 9:00 A.M. DONATION DELIVERY TIME

8:00 – 10:00 A.M. SET UP TIME

10:00 – 11:00 A.M. OPEN TO STUDENTS & SCHOLARS

11:00 – 12:00 Noon CLEAN UP TIME

HELPERS ARE NEEDED BETWEEN 8:00 A.M. – 12:00 Noon

Drivers with pickups, vans, and bigger vehicles are needed

MUCH SOUGHT AFTER ITEMS:

KITCHEN: POTS, DISHES, SILVERWARE

BED & BATH: SHEETS, BLANKETS, PILLOWS, TOWELS,
COMFORTERS, THROW RUGS

APPLIANCES: TOASTERS, IRONS, HEATERS, FANS

FURNITURE: DESKS, DINETTE, LAMPS, CHAIRS,
COUCHES, BEDS, BOOKSHELVES, BICYCLES (Hot item)



NOT NEEDED: TELEVISIONS, COMPUTERS, MONITORS, TOYS, CLOTHES, GAMES, BOOKS,
CURTAINS

* DONATED ITEMS MUST BE **CLEAN AND IN GOOD WORKING CONDITION.**

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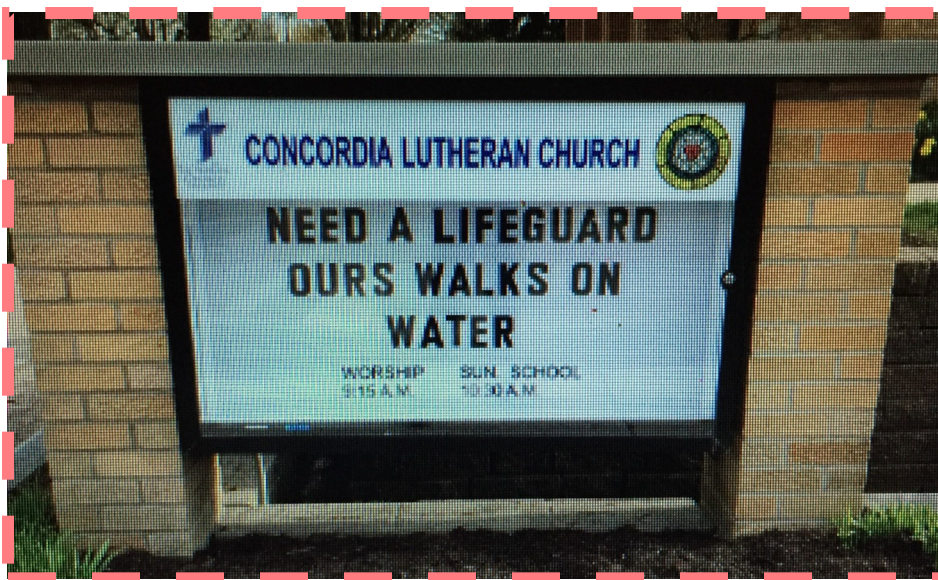
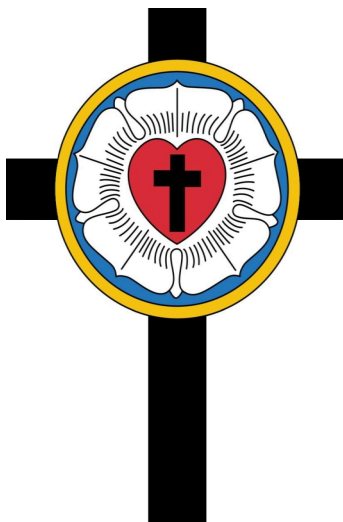


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LECTIONARY READINGS FOR AUGUST

LENT HOLY WEEK YEAR B	FIRST READING	PSALM	SECOND READING	GOSPEL READING
The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost August 5, 2018	2 Samuel 11:26-12:13a	Psalms 51:1-12	Ephesians 4:1-16	John 6:24-35
The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost August 12, 2018	2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33	Psalms 130	Ephesians 4:25-5:2	John 6:35, 41-51
The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost August 19, 2018	1 Kings 2:10-12, 3:3-14	Psalms 111	Ephesians 5:15-20	John 6:51-58
The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost August 26, 2018	1 Kings 8:1, 6, 10-11, 22-30, 41-43	Psalms 84	Ephesians 6:10-20	John 6:56-69



August 2018



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3 <i>Movie Night</i>	4
5 <i>9:30am Holy Communion</i> <i>11am Faith & Life Video</i>	6	7	8	9 <i>7pm Executive Board Meeting</i>	10	11
12 <i>9:30am Holy Communion</i> <i>11am Faith & Life</i>	13	14	15	16	17	18
19 <i>9:30am Holy Communion</i> <i>11am Faith & Life Video</i>	20	21	22	23	24	25 <i>9am Men's Forum</i> <i>4pm Church BBQ</i>
26 <i>9:30am Holy Communion</i> <i>11am Faith & Life Video</i>	27	28	29	30		



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