

Sunday August 5 through Sunday August 12

- Please make sure that the children take their activity packets with them over the next couple of weeks. These are perfect opportunities to have some quality time with the family and to reinforce the sermons over the next couple of weeks. We hope that they will be conversation starters at home.
- Pastor Robert will continue his Sermon Series *Entering the Kingdom of Heaven*. This week he will focus on being blinded by the world.
- UMYF will meet this evening at 5 pm.
- Boy Scouts will meet Monday at 7 pm.
- Prayer Team will meet Wednesday at 6 pm. All are invited to join in this time of prayer with God.
- Choir Practice will be Wednesday at 7 pm. All are invited to join in lifting up their voices to praise God.



This WEEK at Trinity

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Sunday August 5

10:00 am—10:45 am Sunday School
11:00 am—12:00 pm Morning Worship
5:00 pm—UMYF

Monday August 6

7:00 pm—Boy Scouts

Tuesday August 7

7:00 pm—Girl Scouts
7:00 pm—NOW Team

Wednesday August 8

6:00 pm—Prayer Team
7:00 pm—Choir Practice

Thursday August 9

No Scheduled Activities

Friday August 10

9:00 am—MEOC

Saturday August 11

No Scheduled Activities

Sunday August 12

10:00—10:45 am Sunday School
11:00 am—12:00 pm Morning Worship
5:00 pm—UMYF Meeting



FROM OUR PASTOR

Christmas: Jesus is Hope and Good News of Great Joy Given to the World

Jesus is the Seed, of God's Mercy, Grace, and Love, sown on the path: The angel of the Lord appeared to a young woman named Mary. Gabriel, the angel, was sent with a message: "Mary, you have found favor with God. You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus." (Luke 1: 31) As you can imagine this confused Mary. She asked, "How can this be?" The angel answered, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you." (Luke 1: 34-35) **Symbols:** Your Prayers, Your Presence, Your Gifts, and Your Service

Jesus' Baptism and His 40 Days of Trouble and Persecution

Jesus is the Young Plant who teaches us the WAY to survive rocky ground: You must be born of water and Spirit. Jesus was Baptized by John in the water of the Jordan and led by the Holy Spirit into the wilderness where Satan tempted Him for 40 days and nights. "Then Jesus was led by the Holy Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil." Matthew 4:1 **Symbols:** Baptism Water and Anointing Oil

Maundy Thursday: The Life of Service and Communion of the Saints

Jesus is the Mature Plant who teaches us the WAY to survive thorny ground: On Maundy Thursday Jesus taught us that God's love is revealed two WAYS. First, the washing of His Disciples feet. "I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you." John 13:15. Second, the Lord's Supper. Lifting a loaf of bread, he blessed and broke it saying, "Take eat this is my body." Then, lifting the cup he blessed it and said, "This is my blood of the New Covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins." Matthew 26:28-30

Symbols: Holy Communion and Washing Feet

Good Friday: Suffering transformed into Love

Jesus is the Flower who teaches us that the Good Soil is made of God's mercy, grace and love. On Good Friday Jesus suffered our sin and conquered the penalty of death. Before He died He said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing." The flower gives its life to become fruit! Flowering tells the plant it has completed its task and is time to die. **Symbols:** The Cross

Easter through Pentecost: Life that Reflects the Image of God

Jesus is the Fruit of God's Love who rose from the dead on Easter Morning. He appeared to His disciples for 40 days; then ascended into heaven. Ten days after Jesus ascended into heaven God fulfilled His Promise. He poured the Holy Spirit out upon all flesh. **Symbols:** Fire, Meditation, Your Witness or Personal Gospel Story, Know by God's Love, Bearing the Fruit of the Spirit

The Life Cycle of the Kingdom of God: The Kingdom is NOW and YET Jesus is to Come Again

Jesus is the First and Last who teaches us Life in the Kingdom of God. It begins with something like a seed. The Angel told Mary, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you." (Luke 1:35) Then, it ends with that same Spirit being sown into the hearts of Disciples who desire to be Christ like. Therefore, the first shall be last, and the last shall be first.