



The In Touch

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Our Mission: To Seek, Know, Love and Serve Christ in all Persons and in all Creation

Ramblings from the Archdeacon.....

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Shed Abroad This Gift: A Pentecost Call in a Season of Division

On the day of Pentecost, God's wild, reckless, uncontainable love set the early church on fire, igniting in the first Christians a singular passion to fold the whole hurting world into the healing arms of God's love. Every Pentecost is an invitation to allow God to rekindle that fire in us, renewing our own passion to join God's project to knit together the beautiful spectrum of human diversity into a communion of perfect love, reflecting how the very heart of God, the three in one, is difference without division and unity without uniformity. In an election season that both features and plays out against the backdrop of what seems like a never-ending assault on the vulnerable, the poor, and the marginalized, with a dangerous white Christian nationalism threatening both the fabric of our common life and the integrity of the church's public voice, the gift and fire of Pentecost are as urgently needed right now as they have ever been.

I am writing today to offer some pastoral framing and guidance that I hope will be useful as we navigate all of this together. In particular, I want to offer **THREE PRIMARY SPIRITUAL ANCHORS** for our own hearts and leadership.

1. Make your home with Jesus, in the power of the Spirit. Pentecost reminds us that Jesus has not signed off for some distant home in heaven, waiting passively for us to finish our course on earth and join him there. Rather, through the Spirit, Jesus remains present, real, and active in the world, in our communities, and in our lives. God's project of restoring, healing, and liberating the whole world is not accomplished because we work hard enough, but because we allow ourselves to be caught up in God's power. We can only do that if we are dedicating real time, every day, to make our home with Jesus: to spend time with him, abide in him, and learn from him, through prayer, steeping in scripture, and celebrating the sacraments through which our union to him is ever deepened. So while there is much work to do, and many demands on all of us, our efforts will only be faithful if they are drawn from the deep well of the Spirit's power. Do not neglect to soak yourself in that power each and every day.

2. Study the saints who have gone before us. In countless times of political division and turmoil, the church has not only survived, but thrived and found new life. While the particulars may be unique in this moment, we have been here before, and we have elders and ancestors who can not only teach and guide us, but are, as part of the church triumphant, actively guiding us, walking beside us, and urging us on. So study the lives saints like Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Dorothy Day, who have been part of God shedding abroad the gift of the Spirit in their own times, as they stood with the oppressed and forgotten in the face of political threat, chaos, and human meanness. Study the works of our ancient ancestors like the apostle Paul who did the same in his own day. They offer patterns we can learn from as we seek to do the same.

3. Boldly reclaim Jesus from those who have corrupted his name. As you undoubtedly know, white Christian nationalism refers to a diverse set of groups and movements that wrap the name of Jesus around a promise to restore white, American, and predominantly male privilege to a place from which they feel it has been unjustly removed by outside threats. They seek to restore that privilege through authoritarian social control. And they invoke the name of Jesus to support these aims and undergird these values, in direct contrast to the values Jesus taught and to which the entire arc of the scriptures point. It is a corruption and an abomination. And yet, many secular Americans simply assume this is what it means to be a Christian.

It is imperative that we use our voice boldly to refute these claims, and make sure that all the work we are already doing to care for the poor, to embrace those on the margins, to engage racial justice and healing, to offer welcome for those coming to our country fleeing unimaginable horrors, to proclaim the dignity and belovedness of LGBTQ+ persons-- we are doing unapologetically in the name of Jesus. Our preaching and teaching should not simply shout critique, but inspire, empower, and exhort the whole people of God to bear witness to the Jesus of scripture, and the Jesus of the overwhelming weight of Christian history, in their daily lives.

The gospel of Jesus is not partisan, but it is always political. We are not simply a political party at prayer, but the good news of Jesus, and our proclamation of it, always has to do with the real world, and with the real ways resources are managed, distributed, and shared. **In our polarized culture, we have an opportunity to offer a third way, one that is not of the left or the right, but that is of God, and of Jesus' way of love.** The key to our preaching and teaching in this moment is to not simply parrot the rhetoric of one side, or critique that of the other, but to ground all we say and do in the real life and teaching of Jesus, in the witness of the scripture about who God is and how God works in the world. As you seek to navigate the polarization in your own contexts, keep it grounded in Jesus, rooted in the Bible, and steeped in the power of the Spirit.

I hope you will join me in praying for the fire of the Spirit to fall afresh on each of us, and on the communities, we serve, that we might be continually revived, refreshed, and sent out to take our share in God's healing of the nations.

Grace and Peace,

The Right Reverend Craig Loya

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6/1~6/30 ~ Caryn Noland
 ~ Shane Mattsen
 ~ Edith Jenkinson
 ~ Riley Wright
 ~ Christine Kent
 ~ Connor Weir
 ~ Erik Strand
 ~ Mark Grim
 ~ Tara Johnson
 ~ Carly Toder
 ~ John Klatt
 ~ Jeannie Strand
 ~ Jon Reuter



6/11 ~ Diana Russiff
 6/16 ~ Laura Smith
 6/24 ~ Clayton Rasmussen
 6/24 ~ Addison Strand



6/10 ~ Dr. Samantha Crossley &
 Jim Yount
 6/21 ~ Ladd & Lucy Corrin
 6/22 ~ Cindy & Bruce Cassibo
 6/25 ~ Brent & Lisa Schlieff
 6/26 ~ Sara & Dale Kennedy

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Sundays @ 10:00 am
Services can also be viewed on KCC-TV



Voyageurs Park Service Dates Will Be:
July 21st, Aug. 4th & 18th

June '24 Sunday Service Lay Responsibilities

Dates	Celebrants	Acolytes	Lectors & Lessons	Greeters
2 Holy Eucharist 10:00 am 2nd Sunday after Pentecost	Rev. Dr. Samantha Crossley Deacons: Lee Grim or Melanie Mattsen	Lee Grim Or Melanie Mattsen	Georgeann & Andy	
9 Holy Eucharist 10:00 am 3rd Sunday after Pentecost	Rev. Dr. Samantha Crossley Deacons: Lee Grim or Melanie Mattsen	Lee Grim Or Melanie Mattsen	Jeannie Corrin	
16 Holy Eucharist 10:00 am 4th Sunday after Pentecost	Rev. Dr. Samantha Crossley Deacons: Lee Grim or Melanie Mattsen	Lee Grim Or Melanie Mattsen	Molly Pavleck	
23 Holy Eucharist 10:00 am 5th Sunday after Pentecost	Rev. Dr. Samantha Crossley Deacons: Lee Grim or Melanie Mattsen	Lee Grim Or Melanie Mattsen	Carole Johnson	
30 Holy Eucharist 10:00 am 6th Sunday after Pentecost	Rev. Dr. Samantha Crossley Deacons: Lee Grim or Melanie Mattsen	Lee Grim Or Melanie Mattsen	Tricia Brennard	



JUNE 2024



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 Altar Guild
						Georgeann & Michele
2	3	4	5	6	7	8 Altar Guild
Holy Eucharist 10:00 a.m.						Carolyn & Molly
9	10	11	12	13	14	15 Altar Guild
Holy Eucharist 10:00a.m.	Ruby's Pantry 5:00 - 6:30					Carolyn & Molly
16	17	18	19	20	21	22 Altar Guild
 Holy Eucharist 10:00 a.m.	Newsletter Deadline (Melanie)		Vestry 5:00 pm ?			Tricia
23	24	25	26	27	28	29 Altar Guild
Holy Eucharist 10:00 a.m.						Tricia
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Holy Eucharist 10:00 a.m.						

