



# The In Touch

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

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## Ramblings from the Sunday School.....

**Shared by Linnaea & Mel**

Would you like ketchup or mustard on your card? Sounds silly doesn't it? But, scientists estimate the total amount of microplastic particles unknowingly eaten by adults equals 50 plastic bags per year or one credit card per week.

A sample of the Great Pacific Garbage Patch (the world's largest collection of floating trash) included 50 pieces of plastic with readable dates, the earliest from 1977. The patch itself was discovered in 1997. Yet we keep using more and more plastic. Why is that?

When Moses climbed down Mount Sinai, what did he see but the people God had parted an ocean for breaking one of the commandments Moses had climbed up a 7,000 foot tall mountain to get? The Second Commandment, in the simplest terms, is essentially "Don't worship an idol." Is that not what we do with plastic? Have we not idolized plastic in our world? We have surrounded ourselves with it. We live with it. We use it everywhere. The convenience of plastic has been preached to the world, and we have listened with open ears. Do we worship the very thing that will cause our demise?

How long do you think it will take for a plastic spoon to decompose in a landfill? **1000 years**

A plastic pop bottle? **450 years**

Monofilament fishing line? **600 years**

And "decompose" is misleading anyway. Plastic breaks down into particles too small to be seen - microplastics - but every bit of plastic ever made is still here in some form. It creeps into plants, water, animals and into us. Microplastics have even been found in breastmilk.

Plastic was made because God gave us minds that think and create. Plastics do have a place in our lives. No more broken glass shampoo bottles in the shower, or the uses they have in clinics and hospitals. But do we need so many cheap toys and trinkets?

In her message on the fourth Sunday of Lent, the Rev. Canon Dana Corsello from the Washington National Cathedral, quoted John chapter 3:

“Jesus said, “Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life....For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life....Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

“For God so loved the world... This verse from John 3:16 rolls off the tongue; most of us can finish the sentence without even thinking about it. God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life.”

For God so loved the world. Not *For God so loved people*. For God so loved the *world*. God loves the dirt, the sky, the grass, the Goblin Sharks and Blob fish. God loves the Seagulls and the bats and the worms. The flowers and the weeds. God loved the sea turtles that have been killed by plastic straws. God loved the coral reefs destroyed by bacteria carried by ocean plastic. God loved the thousands of animals that have died from eating or getting stuck in plastic. For God so loved the world. The world being killed by plastics we make.

We cannot truly worship God without taking care of the world God created. Humans are not the be all and end all of creation, but a tiny piece of the puzzle. The rest of creation: the dirt, the water, the sky, the plants, animals, bacteria, fungi; are all just as important. Without them: we don't have anything. The underlying truth is that we need all, in the broadest sense of the world, need each other.

We believe that everything was created by God's Word, so we have to believe that all of the world is sacred and wonderful and beautiful. We are the ones that have hurt the world, we are the ones that have to fix it.

For God so loved the world, and so must we.



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*On Facebook: Sundays @ 10:00 am*



**5/1 - 5/31 ~ Brad Johnson**  
~ Claire Fontenot  
~ Tom Grim  
~ Pam Davison  
~ Tricia Brennard  
~ Thatcher Jenkinson  
~ Jill Tanem  
~ Rob Meyer  
~ Scott Schlieff



**5/9 ~ Dean & Karen Tveit**  
**5/21 ~ Diana & Bob Russiff**  
**5/30 ~ Jon & Anne Reuter**  
**5/30 ~ Jim & Cori Davison**



**5/13 ~ Andrew Kennedy**  
**5/26 ~ Bill Corrin**  
**5/28 ~ Linnaea Yount**

***Thursday May 16<sup>th</sup> Holy Trinity Community Café'***  
***Volunteers***



***Bulletin Giggles & Smiles!***





# May '24 Sunday Service Lay Responsibilities

Dates	Celebrants	Acolytes	Lectors & Lessons	Greeters
<b>5</b> <b>Holy Eucharist</b> <b>10:00 am</b> <b>6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter</b>	Rev. Dr. Samantha Crossley Deacons: Lee Grim or Melanie Mattsen	Lee Grim Or Melanie Mattsen	Tricia Brennard	
<b>12</b> <b>Happy Mother's Day</b>  <b>Holy Eucharist</b> <b>10:00 am</b> <b>7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter</b> <b>Ascension</b>	Rev. Dr. Samantha Crossley Deacons: Lee Grim or Melanie Mattsen	Lee Grim Or Melanie Mattsen	Carole Johnson	
<b>19</b> <b>Holy Eucharist</b> <b>10:00 am</b> <b>Pentecost Sunday</b>	Rev. Dr. Samantha Crossley Deacons: Lee Grim or Melanie Mattsen	Lee Grim Or Melanie Mattsen	Erik	
<b>26</b> <b>Holy Eucharist</b> <b>10:00 am</b> <b>Trinity Sunday</b>	Rev. Dr. Samantha Crossley Deacons: Lee Grim or Melanie Mattsen	Lee Grim Or Melanie Mattsen	Jeanne Corrin	



# May 2024



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4 <b>Altar Guild</b>
						<b>Tricia</b>
5	6	7	8	9	10	11 <b>Altar Guild</b>
<b>Holy Eucharist</b> 10:00 a.m.						<b>Donna &amp; Karen</b>
12 <b>Mother's Day</b>	13	14	15	16	17	18 <b>Altar Guild</b>
 <b>Holy Eucharist</b> 10:00 a.m.	<b>Ruby's Pantry</b> 5:00 – 6:30			<b>Holy Trinity</b> <b>Community Café</b> <b>Volunteers</b> 4:00		<b>Donna &amp; Karen</b>
19	20	21	22	23	24	25 <b>Altar Guild</b>
<b>Holy Eucharist</b> 10:00 a.m.	Newsletter Deadline <b>(Lee)</b>		Vestry Meeting 5:00 pm			<b>Georgeann &amp; Michele</b>
26	27	28	29	30	31	
<b>Holy Eucharist</b> 10:00 a.m.	 *** HAPPY *** <b>MEMORIAL DAY</b> REMEMBER AND HONOR *****					
