



JUNE 2026

ST. MATTHEW LUTHERAN CHURCH – Calgary AB

113 years proclaiming Christ in Bridgeland!

By Rev. Markus Zeuch

Dear friends and family!

The Sundays after Pentecost make up the longest portion of 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 that Sunday (last May 31) we confessed 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 of Advent, which soon follow – when a new church year starts.

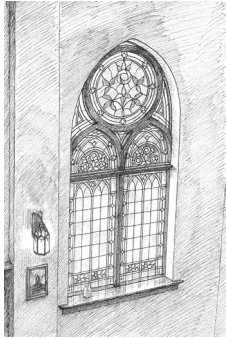
Readings for the season can be Acts 2: 41-47; Ephesians 1: 15-23; Ephesians 3:14-19; Ephesians 1: 15-23; Colossians 3: 12-17.

Some practices and traditions: The church is decorated in green, the colour of growing plants. This marks the season of growth in living in our Baptism and receiving the Lord’s Word and Sacraments. On Trinity Sunday (last May 31), we confessed 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”.

A big thank-you to our altar guild team who is always there, changing the paraments, placing the flowers, preparing the communion ware etc so that the worship service may bring beauty, meaning and awareness of the proper season every Sunday!

In His service.

Pastor Zeuch



Liebe Freunde und Familien!

Die Sonntage nach Pfingsten bilden den längsten Abschnitt des Kirchenjahres. Dies ist die *Zeit der Kirche* – die Zeit, in der wir uns darauf konzentrieren, gemeinsam im Leben der Heiligen Dreifaltigkeit zu wachsen.

Am ersten Sonntag nach Pfingsten feiert die Kirche den Trinitatis-Sonntag. Wir sind auf nur einen Namen getauft, doch dieser Name lautet: „im Namen des Vaters und des Sohnes und des Heiligen Geistes“. Es gibt nur einen Namen, nur einen Gott – aber drei Personen: den Vater, den Sohn und den Heiligen Geist. An diesem Sonntag (am vergangenen 31.

Mai) haben wir das große Geheimnis der Heiligen Dreifaltigkeit bekannt.

Die Sonntage dieser Zeit des Kirchenjahres sind als Sonntage nach Pfingsten (oder Sonntage nach Trinitatis) bekannt. In Anlehnung an Pfingsten als Zeit des Wachstums werden sie oft die *grünen Sonntage* genannt. Die Lesungen richten den Blick auf das Leben Christi in seiner Kirche. Wir hören, wie Jesus seine Jünger lehrt und die Gläubigen heilt.

Da die Pfingstzeit Teil der „gewöhnlichen“ Zeit ist, können Gemeinden einige der kleineren Feste dieser Zeit begehen. Wenn Gedenktage oder Heiligengedenktage auf einen Sonntag fallen, können die Gottesdienstleitenden diese hervorheben, um Lehrmomente über die Vielfalt des Lebens und Wirkens der Kirche zu ermöglichen. Diese besonderen Tage helfen uns Christen, darüber nachzudenken, wie wir „mit Engeln und Erzengeln und mit der ganzen Schar des himmlischen Heeres“ anbeten.

Am Letzten Sonntag nach Pfingsten gibt die Kirche der freudigen Hoffnung auf die Wiederkunft Jesu Ausdruck – zur Auferstehung der Toten und zum Jüngsten Gericht. Der Endzeitfokus dieses letzten Sonntags des Kirchenjahres trägt Themen der Hoffnung und Vorbereitung, die jenen des bald folgenden Advents ähneln – wenn ein neues Kirchenjahr beginnt.

Lesungen für diese Zeit: Apostelgeschichte 2,41–47; Epheser 1,15–23; Epheser 3,14–19; Kolosser 3,12–17.

Einige Bräuche und Traditionen: Die Kirche ist in Grün geschmückt, der Farbe wachsender Pflanzen. Dies kennzeichnet die Wachstumszeit im Leben unserer Taufe und im Empfang von Gottes Wort und Sakramenten. Am Trinitatis-Sonntag (am vergangenen 31. Mai) haben wir das Athanasianische Glaubensbekenntnis gesprochen, das ausführlich den katholischen (universalen) Glauben bekennt, der treu und fest geglaubt werden muss, um gerettet zu werden: „dass wir einen Gott in der Dreifaltigkeit und die Dreifaltigkeit in der Einheit anbeten“.

Ein großes Dankeschön an unser Altarteam, das immer da ist – die Paramente wechselt, die Blumen arrangiert, das Abendmahlsgerät vorbereitet usw. –, damit der Gottesdienst jeden Sonntag Schönheit, Bedeutung und ein Bewusstsein für die jeweilige Kirchenjahreszeit vermitteln kann!

In Seinem Dienst.

Pastor Zeuch





EDUCATIONAL LUNCHEON: Lutheran Hospital Ministries is offering a free **lunch and learn session on June 6th, 2026**, at St. Matthew Lutheran church. This session is open to all Lutheran Members, families and friends. **The topic is "Suicide Prevention and Intervention is Possible"**. We ask that you **RSVP by June 1st**, so we can provide enough food. We hope to see you there!!

OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR POSITION FOOTHILLS LUTHERAN CHURCH: Foothills Lutheran Church is accepting applications for its Office Administrator position. This is a 25-30 hour per week on-site position supporting the work of the congregation and the FLC staff. Familiarity with the Microsoft Office suite and database management is needed to be successful in the position. Please contact Dcn. Miriam Winstanley for more information or a copy of the job description. Resumes should be submitted to office@foothillslutheran.com by June 15, 2026. Applicants should be members of an LCC congregation in Calgary.

SPECIAL STAMPEDE REQUEST: Laura Harlos, a 50-year-old long-time member of Grace Lutheran Church in Edmonton, is seeking temporary accommodation in Calgary during this year's Stampede (approximately two weeks). Laura is an active servant in the church and currently serves as the Director of Missions for Rock Lutheran Inner-City Outreach, where she has been on the board since 2023. Laura plans to do street performance and busking downtown during Stampede and is hoping to find a place to stay near the city centre. She is able to contribute \$50 per night toward lodging. If you have a spare room in your home and would be willing to extend hospitality to a sister in Christ, please contact Pastor Zeuch.

SUMMER PICNIC: Please come and join us in a fellowship and fun for our annual church picnic on **Saturday, June 13th, 2026**. The picnic will be held at **North Glenmore Park, the Snowy Owl Picnic site. We will start to set-up at 3:15 pm. The site is booked until 9:15pm.** We will have hot dogs and burgers going on the grill around 4 pm. 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 10th** 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!

ONE-CHAPTER-A-DAY BIBLE READING PLAN: How is your Bible reading going? Here is a map for the month, so you don't get lost. Don't give up, we should finish the New Testament in August, God willing!

June 1.	1 Thessalonians 2	June 16.	2 Timothy 3
June 2.	1 Thessalonians 3	June 17.	2 Timothy 4
June 3.	1 Thessalonians 4	June 18.	Titus 1
June 4.	1 Thessalonians 5	June 19.	Titus 2
June 5.	2 Thessalonians 1	June 20.	Titus 3
June 6.	2 Thessalonians 2	June 21.	Philemon
June 7.	2 Thessalonians 3	June 22.	Hebrews 1
June 8.	1 Timothy 1	June 23.	Hebrews 2
June 9.	1 Timothy 2	June 24.	Hebrews 3
June 10.	1 Timothy 3	June 25.	Hebrews 4
June 11.	1 Timothy 4	June 26.	Hebrews 5
June 12.	1 Timothy 5	June 27.	Hebrews 6
June 13.	1 Timothy 6	June 28.	Hebrews 7
June 14.	2 Timothy 1	June 29.	Hebrews 8
June 15.	2 Timothy 2	June 30.	Hebrews 9





St. Matthew
LUTHERAN CHURCH
Founded in 1913

OPEN HOUSE

JUNE 20

12:00 PM - 4:00 PM

TOUR OUR CHURCH AND LEARN
MORE ABOUT OUR COMMUNITY

*Bring your family and friends:
we will have crafts for kids,
snacks and coffee for all.*

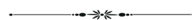


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OPEN HOUSE: We are holding another Open House for this upcoming **June 20th** from **12pm to 4pm**. Mark it on your calendar! We count on your enthusiasm in participating, inviting people, and coming to the great event! There will be snack and crafts for kids, live music, tour around the church etc. Come meet our neighbours and tell them what we are all about!

PASTOR'S EMAIL ADDRESS: We have had some problems with my email and many members of our congregation were not getting them anymore. Others were just bouncing back to me. So, with the help of our webmaster, Arthur, we created a new email address. Please update it on your list and we apologize for that. My new (official) email is now pastor@stmatthewlutheranalgary.com

If you are NOT receiving my emails, please let me know – I am still organizing this mess!



101 BIBLICAL NAMES AND TITLES OF JESUS

Title # 1: **Advocate** (1 John 2:1)

Title # 2: **Almighty** (Matth. 28:18; Rev. 1:8)



WHAT'S HAPPENING IN JUNE?

- June 3 (Wed):** Online confirmation class @ 3:45 p.m. Adult class: 7 p.m.
- June 4 (Thurs):** Board of Elders' online Meeting @ 7 p.m.
- June 6 (Sat):** LHMSA educational luncheon 11:30 a.m.
- June 7 (Sun):** Worship – German @ 9:30 English @ 11 a.m.
- June 10 (Wed):** Online confirmation class @ 3:45 p.m. Adult class: 7 p.m.
- June 12 – 15:** Pastor attends the LCC's synodical convention in Winnipeg, MB
- June 13 (Sat):** Church picnic at North Glenmore Park: 3:15 pm to 9 pm
- June 14 (Sun):** Reading service (no communion) – German @ 9:30 English @ 11 a.m.
- June 17 (Wed):** Online confirmation class @ 3:45 p.m.
- June 20 (Sat):** Men's Breakfast @ 9 a.m. – **Open House** from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m.
- June 21 (Sun):** Worship – German @ 9:30 English @ 11 a.m.
- June 24 (Wed):** Staff luncheon 12 p.m. – Tannenbaum Festival meeting @ 7 p.m.
- June 25 (Thurs):** PPC meeting @ 7 p.m. (in person)
- June 28 (Sun):** Worship – German @ 9:30 English @ 11 a.m.



Thank you for your support and prayers.

In HIS service,

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