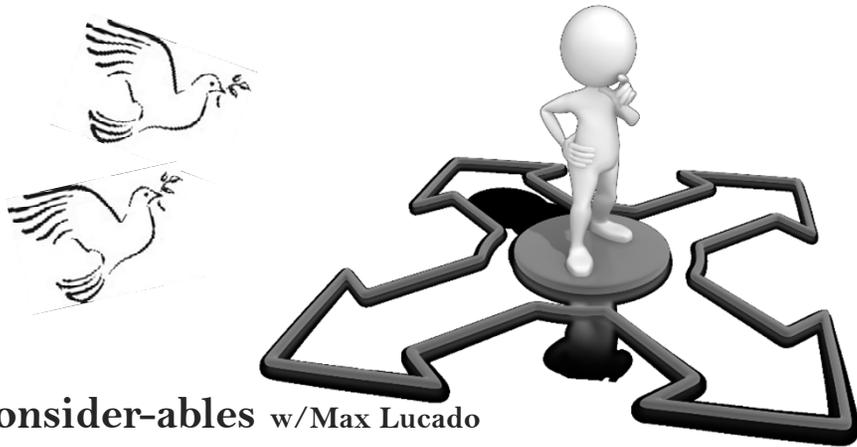


Prayer Concerns:

- Hans & Ellen – each with medical issues – pray speedy recovery -- 05/25/18
- Landon – Personal issues & addiction – pray: healing & recovery – 05/09/18
- Becky – Broken femur, surgery to fix; pray all goes well and soon – 05/08/18
- Jennifer – Personal issues; pray: diagnosis & remedy/control – 05/08/18
- JoAnne – Pray for help & comfort in hard times – 05/02/18
- Joyellyn – Health-issues struggle; pray: speedy resolution – 04/28/18
- Butch – Moved to assisted living facility; pray: successful transition – 04/22/18(upd)
- Jack – Kidney replacement surgery; pray: successful outcome – 04/22/18
- Floyd – Knee-replacement surgery; pray: speedy/full recovery – 04/22/18
- Bill M. – Continuing difficulties; pray: full recovery – 04/10/18 (upd)
- Lila – Continued improvement; pray for return to normal – 04/10/18 (upd)
- Lisa – Addison’s Disease – Pray: Successful treatment/outcome – 03/20/18
- Ginger – Cancer surgery – Pray: Successful outcome – 03/18/18
- Gwen – Back surgery – Pray: Successful outcome – 03/11/18
- Cathy – Heart issues – Pray: Complete diagnosis & repair – 03/11/18



Consider-ables w/Max Lucado

When Everything Changes

Are you on the eve of change? A new chapter? A new season? Heaven’s message for you is clear: when everything else changes, God’s presence never does. You journey in the company of the Holy Spirit, who “*will teach you everything and will remind you of everything*” he has told you (John 14:26 NLT). So, make friends with whatever’s next.

Change is a part of life, and a necessary part of God’s strategy. To use us to change the world, he alters our assignments. But, someone might ask, what about the tragic changes God permits? Some seasons make no sense. They do, however, if we see them from an eternal perspective. What makes no sense in this life will make perfect sense in the next. As Paul wrote, “*These troubles are getting us ready for an eternal glory that will make all our troubles seem like nothing*” (2 Corinthians 4:17 CEV).

Responsive Reading: Psalm 29:1-9

ALL: Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

PC: The voice of the LORD is over the waters.

PC: The voice of the LORD is powerful.

PC: The voice of the LORD is full of majesty.

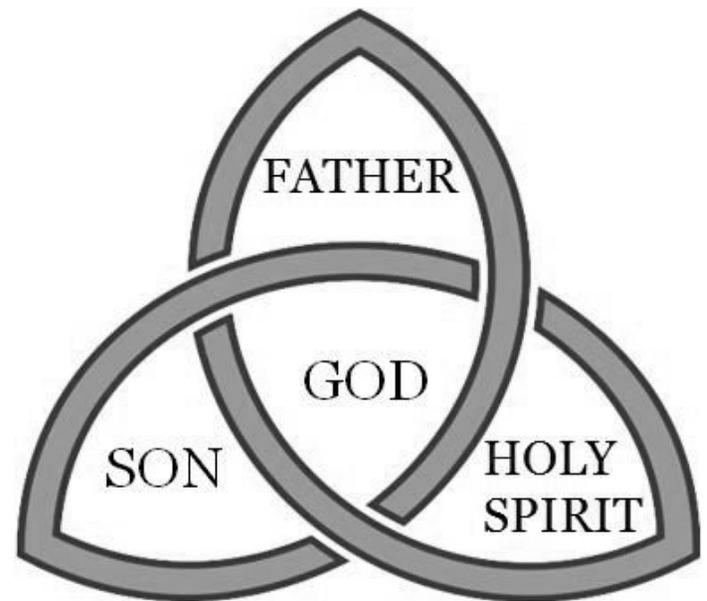
PC: The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars.

PC: The voice of the LORD flashes forth flames of fire.

PC: The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness.

PC: The voice of the LORD causes the oaks to whirl.

ALL: Ascribe to the LORD the glory of his name; worship the LORD in holy splendor.



Lesson: Romans 8:12-17

So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh--for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God.

You did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, “*Abba! Father!*” it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ--if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

Gospel: John 3:1-15

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, *"Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God."*

Jesus answered him, *"Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above."*

Nicodemus said to him, *"How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?"*

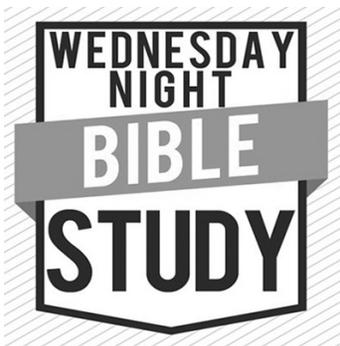
Jesus answered, *"Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit."* Nicodemus said to him, *"How can these things be?"*

Jesus answered him, *"Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And 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."*

Announce-able(s)...



Memorial Day Honor Guard service here
@ 9:15am Monday, 28 May 2018



Catechism-able...

Holy Baptism

What is Baptism?

Baptism is not merely water; it is water used according to God's command and connected with God's Word

What is this Word of God?

It is the Word of our Lord Jesus Christ as recorded in the last chapter of Matthew: *"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit."*

Matthew 28:19

Grin-able(s)...

For the Sunday golfer...

There was this pastor who decided to skip the service one Sunday morning and go play golf. He told his assistant he wasn't feeling well, and he drove to a golf course in another city where nobody would know him. He teed off on the first hole and suddenly the wind picked up his ball and carried it an extra hundred yards and blew it right into the hole for a 420-yard hole-in-one! An angel looked at God and said, *"What did you do that for?"* God, with a bemused grin on His face said, *"Who's he going to tell?"*



Wrinkles...

There was this little girl who was sitting on her grandfather's lap and she noticed how wrinkled his face was. As she contemplated the differences between her face and his, she asked, *"Grand-daddy, did God make you?"* He laughed and said, *"Yes, honey, God made me a long time ago."* She said, *"Well, did God make me?"* He said, *"Yes, God made you just a little while ago."* She thought about this for a moment or two and said, *"Grand-daddy, God's getting better at it, isn't he?"*



Calendar...

- Memorial Day service ... 9:15am tomorrow
- Bible Study – May 30th
- Heritage Day – June 10th
- Next Council Meeting – June 12th @ 6:30pm
- Next/First Communion – June 17th
- Natasha makes presentation of Haiti trip (after the service) – June 24th