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One in Christ

For in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith
Galatians 3:26

“We tend to romanticize the past as more peaceful, just and beautiful in ‘the golden, olden days.’ We may think the church was never as divided and contentious as it is today. The New Testament, however, corrects our ‘soft focus’ view of the early church, reminding us of the struggles and debates early followers of Jesus had.

Early church leaders were deeply divided about whether and how Gentiles could become a part of the community of Jesus. The book of Acts records their struggle to eventually grasp and proclaim God’s expansive vision. Paul’s and Peter’s letters to early congregations also reveal that the communities debated the roles of women and people enslaved—even as such individuals already served as preachers, worship leaders, and missionaries.

Though the church has always had difficulty embodying the truth that we are all one in Christ Jesus, we press on, trusting that by the Spirit’s work, it will at last be fully true.

Dear God, by the power of the Holy Spirit, help us see our unity in Christ Jesus and embody your love. Amen

NOTE: Who/What is a gentile—any person not Jewish. The word stems from the Hebrew term *goy*, which means a “nation,” and was applied both to the Hebrews and to any other nation.

It was agreed that Peter would be the principal apostle to Jews and Paul the principal apostle to Gentiles.

August 2020 Reflections - Cashmere Sweater *by Jeannie*

I was going to be in 8th Grade that Fall (middle year of Junior High as it was called then) and my girlfriends were all excited about the newest fashion for school that year, cashmere sweaters. I had seen the perfect one, pale blue and ever so soft at Frederick & Nelson's in Bellevue Square, but at \$32.95 plus tax it was way out of my family's price range (equivalent to \$300 in 2020). I could save my babysitting money for it, but though I was no math genius, I figured that at 35 cents an hour, that was going to be a LOT of babysitting over the summer.

Marilyn, my girlfriend, and I were lamenting about the cost when her older brother suggested that we look into berry picking for money. Monday morning, Marilyn and I were in the Albertson's parking lot, getting onto a bright red "strawberry" bus to be driven up to the farms around Carnation. We picked strawberries for 3 hours a day for 50 cents a flat—an hour's ride up and an hour back, no breaks and they didn't want to feed us, we were all eating enough of the strawberry crop as it was ... at least for that first week. At first, I was picking 2 flats an hour, the next week I managed 3 flats an hour, but I knew there was only one more week of picking and I was falling short of my goal—even at my top speed and not eating any strawberries!

The last Monday of picking as we were getting ready to line up for the bus, a blue colored "Blueberry" bus pulled up and asked if we wanted to pick blueberries for \$1 a flat. Double the money!!! I was the first one on that bus—I didn't say I thought it thru very well. It never occurred to me that 1. blueberries were harder to pick (to tell the truth, I am not sure I even knew blueberries grew on tree-like bushes-I just knew it was not picking bent over) and 2. they were a whole lot smaller and it was going to take a lot more picking to get the same flat count. Though not too bright, I CAN learn, so I only picked blueberries for one day and then went back to strawberries.

I finished out the season and was able to earn the remaining amount needed for that cashmere sweater by babysitting non-stop for pretty much the rest of August. In my family we were never paid for chores around the house—my parents didn't have the money for allowances or chores, it is what you did for your family.

My Mother took me to the Frederick & Nelson store—we seldom shopped at such a high-end store-and the sweater was still there and, in my size, too. I counted out the hard earned \$32.95 plus tax and took it home in its carefully tissue wrapped Frederick & Nelson box.

Day one of 8th Grade, I wore my cashmere sweater for the first time. As we were learning our class schedule, the day got warmer ... I got warmer ... and warmer ... and started to not feel too well. In my home room class just before lunch, my teacher came up and asked if I was feeling ok? That I appeared quite flushed and red. He sent me to the nurse, and that is when I found out that I am very allergic to wool, especially, cashmere wool. I never wore that sweater again; I gave it to my Mother and didn't eat strawberries for a year!

Recipe Corner

Eiko's Frozen Dessert— from Eiko Harding: *"I think I made this in my High School Homemaker class."*

1 c **margarine or butter**, softened
1 c **flour**
1/2 c **nuts**, chopped

Mix together
Press into a **9x13** baking pan

Bake at 350 degrees—15 minutes

3 oz **cream cheese**, softened
1 c **powdered sugar**
1 c **cool whip**

Mix together
Spread over cooled crust

2 pks of **instant lemon pudding mix**
1 tsp **lemon juice**
3 c **milk**

Beat well
Spread over top of cream cheese layer

1 c **cool whip**

Spread over top of pudding layer

Additional chopped **nuts**

Sprinkle over top

Place in freezer

Eiko added: "I think the original recipe called for something called Dream Whip."

Jeannie's Frozen Dessert— Jeannie Davis—*"Eiko's reminded me of this from my High School Home-Ec class—well actually I can't remember that well—it was in my recipe box!"*

1/2 c **sugar**
2—3 oz pkg **cream cheese**
1 tsp **vanilla**

Beat well together

1 c **cool whip**
1 large can **fruit cocktail**, well drained

Fold in

Maraschino Cherries

Place brown paper (yes we used brown paper, grocery sacks—but you can use parchment paper—this was before plastic wrap was invented!!) in the bottom and up the sides of a loaf pan so that it extends over the sides of the pan

Place mixture inside pan and **freeze overnight**— to serve, remove and slice—can also be frozen in ice cube trays or muffin tins.

Sent from Emanuel's Council President, Cheryl Ohlsen

From Columbia City Church of Hope

This is my Covid garden. I know: it looks like someone dumped a few bags of compost in the kids' sandbox, tossed in some random seeds, then left for a month. (Yep, precisely.) Why am I telling you this? (1) so you can feel better about the state of your own Covid projects; and/or (2) because Jesus is telling a lot of gardening parables in our Bible readings this month, and they are baffling.

This week, in the parable of the Wheat and the Weeds (Matthew 13:24-30) Jesus compares the kingdom of heaven to grain growing in a field, then someone comes in and sows weeds among it. When the workers ask if they should uproot the weeds, the farmer says, No. Let them grow together and we'll sort it out later. If you try to get the weeds out, you'll pull up the wheat along with them.

Obviously I'm not much of a gardener. Still, this seems like questionable advice. Let the weeds grow?! So they get bigger and stronger and take up all the sunlight and water and nutrients in the soil? Jesus, were you not listening in last week's parable, the part about the thorns that choked the seeds?

You can't always tell the difference between the weeds and the grain, I hear in this parable. Or even if you can, sometimes you cannot eradicate the weeds without harming the grain. Sometimes they have to come up together: the sadness alongside the joy, the regret alongside the hope, the struggle alongside the growth.

But this feels so much like giving up, complacency—the kind of thing like white silence that makes such a mess of the world and then refuses to take any responsibility for cleaning it up.

So much of life—of faith—is finding the story that makes sense of our experience, a story that tells us who we are and how to live. But for a moment, can we drop the storyline, as Buddhist nun Pema Chodron counsels? Just drop it for a moment, and sit with the raw feelings for a while?

It will get sorted out, the parable says. Jesus isn't advocating total surrender to the weeds of evil in the world. He isn't gaslighting us, saying, "What weeds? All looks like wheat to me!" He's saying you can't always tell. You don't always know. Sit with the unknowing, longer that you want to. Slow down, look more closely. Pay attention to what you see and hear and feel without assuming that you already know what it means or what it asks of you. Notice the line between good and evil that runs through your own heart, as Aleksander Solzhenitsyn observed that it does for all of us. Confess that you don't always know where that line zigs and zags, what's true and what isn't, what is holy and what's a hot mess. And let God hold it all, and all of you, for this moment.

This isn't the only story Jesus tells. This doesn't explain everything. But can you sit for a moment with the truth that you don't always know? Living with uncertainty is obviously a life skill that we desperately need these days.

What don't you know? And where is God in that?



Some of you have been asking about father David Fell from the Episcopal Church that meets in our Facility. You knew he was graduating soon, so here is an update first from his wife Reneta:

Fr. David completed his 4-year program from Bastyr University, earning his Medical Degree as a Naturopathic Doctor on June 21st, 2020. We plan to move back to our house in Clearwood Community in Yelm at the beginning of August.

Here is a note that David posted on Facebook recently:

“My formal medical training is complete; but the learning has just begun. My role as a pastor has not ended. Rather, this is part of fulfilling the vision God put on my heart to establish a local parish that is a place of hope and healing.



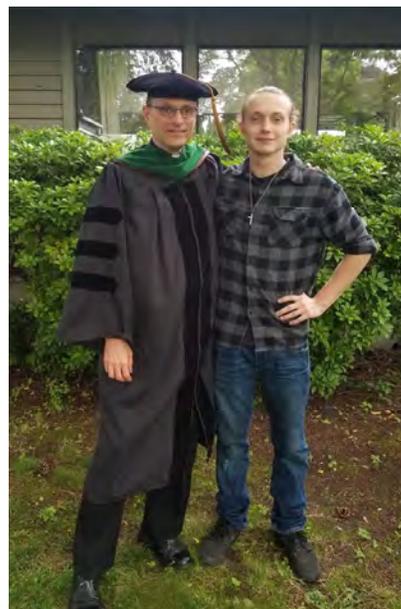
A special thank you to the wonderful people of Christ the King Church, Yelm, WA. It has been, and still is, a blessing to serve as your pastor. Thank you for your patience and support over the last many years. Together we will continue to glorify God and shine the light of Christ in our community.

Christ the King with Father David Fell will resume meeting at Emanuel Lutheran Church facility beginning August 8th at 10:30 am for the time being.

Father David & Reneta



Father David & Ben



Notices:

- **WORSHIP SERVICES** - We are continuing to not have scheduled Worship Services at Emanuel, perhaps not even until there is a vaccine available for the Coronavirus. We certainly will not do so if it would be a danger to our participants – and most of our Congregation is in the target areas. We are trying to follow all of the mandates of gathering during our time of COVID 19. Please keep yourselves safe and well as God wishes.
- The **COVID 19 rules** to be followed to be able to use our facility as determined by our Council following the Govender's mandate, have been posted on our front bulletin Board including: appropriate wearing of a mask at all times while in the building, frequent sanitization of hands, all touched surfaces sanitized after use especially in the bathrooms, kitchens, tables, pews and door handles. Please see list for complete details, or call and I will email a copy to you.
- **Christ the King** – Episcopal church with Father David Fell will resume meeting at Emanuel beginning August 8th when they will be meeting at 10:30 am until such time that Emanuel is able to resume having Worship Services again.
- **Mark Buckler** – the Tacoma Veteran Counseling Services has resumed seeing people at Emanuel on Wednesday's in the back patio. Phone number for appointments 253-565-7038 for veterans and their families.
- **Giving Thanks Dinner** has been serving an average of 45-55 meals every Tuesday night. We give thanks and praise to the very devoted crew headed by Karen Vosse, Andrea Baldwin and Jolene Mason every single week. God Bless them all!
- **Bible Study**- "The Travels of Jacob" are about to end soon. He is finally going to get there! Where would you like to go next? Any suggestions or areas you would like to study? I am open to suggestions. Are you tired of listening to me, I understand. Would you like to take it over for a week or more? It is OK, just let me know. Otherwise in the next week or two, I will pick another topic unless I hear otherwise from you—though I might give you a week or two off and begin a new series in September. We will see.
- **Worship Packet**—also, give me some feed back on this endeavor as well, what you like, want added or expanded? We are following the liturgical calendar for the most part. Also let me know if you wish the expanded or shortened Prayer List each Sunday.

From the Desk of Jim Smith

- For 2000 years ago Jesus ended the debate of which lives matter, he died for all!!
- The Son of God became a man to enable men to become sons of God (C.S. Lewis)
- **You are the only Bible some people will ever read!**

AMEN!!!!!!

Prayers of the People

Afflicted with cancer

Baker, Martin
Calhoun, Jason
Dale, Jacque
Hugli, Dennis
Humbert, Randy
Humbert, Sue
LeDuc, Mike
McGriff, Sean
Risch-Sheldon, Danny
Risch, Roger
Runion, Beverly
Thompson, Gene
Tinker, Gena

Homebound/Care Facility

Ball, Martin
Keena, Almyra
Slater, Lanny
Springer, Mike
Stanton, Tom

Difficult Times

Pennington, Catherine
Springer, Lillian
Meredith, Bill

Military, Law Enforcement and E/R Workers

Lusher, Aaron
Sleese, Brian

Receiving Medical Care

Graham, Mary Ann
John—Allan's friend
Meredith, Karen
Newcomer, Bill
Pennington, Allie
Sandberg, Karl
Sandberg, Kris
Sleese, Kathy
Snyder, Carmen
Stiner, Kim
Thompson, Greg
Walter's son, Walter

Williams, Angel

Friends & Family in Mourning

Jan Fell

SPECIAL THANKS

Allie received her chair-lift!

Please also pray for those in Service in combat and/or suffering from PTSD and/or other injuries

Special Prayers

Pray for those dealing with Coronavirus issues in our community, our state, our nation and the world.

To include someone on the prayer list or add them back, please fill out a prayer card and put it in the offering plate, or email the information to the office along with your name and contact number if questions. Names are removed after 4 Sundays, except for those with cancer, home-bound or in a care facility, and service men and women: these will remain for a year.

Scripture Readings Aug 2020

	1st Reading	Psalm	2nd Reading	Gospel
Aug 2 Pentecost 9	Isaiah 55:1-5	Psalm 145: 8-9, 14-21	Romans 9:1-5	Matthew 14:13-21
Aug 9 Pentecost 10	1st Kings 19:9-18	Psalm 85: 8-13	Romans 10:5-15	Matthew 14:22-33
Aug 16 Pentecost 11	Isaiah 56:1,6-8	Psalm 67	Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32	Matthew 15:21-28
Aug 23 Pentecost 12	Isaiah 51:1-6	Psalm 138	Romans 12:1-8	Matthew 16:13-20
Aug 30 Pentecost 13	Jerimiah 15:15-21	Psalm 26:1-8	Romans 12:9-21	Matthew 16:21-28



Editor's NOTE: I am reading a difficult, dark biography right now, one that can be very dark and depressing, so I balance it off by reading something lighter and Rita Rudner is one of my favorite authors. So, I read the darker biography, then before bed, I switch to Ms. Rudner's book and can go to sleep in a better frame of mind. Here are some tidbits from her *I Still Have It ... I Just Can't Remember Where I Put It* for you.

- ◇ "My mother was the worst cook ever. In school, when we traded lunches, I had to throw in an article of clothing."
- ◇ "I feel that life is broken down into these stages: you're born and you don't know how anything works; gradually you find out how everything works; technology evolves and slowly there are a few things you can't work; at the end, you don't know how anything works." (Amen, Sister!)
- ◇ "I bought a new wrinkle cream. If you use it once a day, you look younger in a month. Twice a day, you look younger in two weeks. I ate it."
- ◇ "I used to be a vegetarian, but I quit because it has side effects. I found myself sitting in my living room, starting to lean toward the sunlight."
- ◇ "Men who have a pierced ear are better prepared for marriage. They have experienced pain and bought jewelry."



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