

**FROM OUR PASTOR**



Luke 14:16-24 But he said to him, “A man once gave a great banquet and invited many. <sup>(17)</sup> And at the time for the banquet he sent his servant to say to those who had been invited, ‘Come, for everything is now ready.’ <sup>(18)</sup> But they all alike began to make excuses. The first said to him, ‘I have bought a field, and I must go out and see it. Please have me excused.’ <sup>(19)</sup> And another said, ‘I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I go to examine them. Please have me excused.’ <sup>(20)</sup> And another said, ‘I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come.’ <sup>(21)</sup> So the servant came and reported these things to his master. Then the master of the house became angry and said to his servant, ‘Go out quickly to the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in the poor and crippled and blind and lame.’ <sup>(22)</sup> And the servant said, ‘Sir, what you commanded has been done, and still there is room.’ <sup>(23)</sup> And the master said to the servant, ‘Go out to the highways and hedges and compel people to come in, that my house may be filled. <sup>(24)</sup> For I tell you, none of those men who were invited shall taste my banquet.’”

Jesus told this parable at a banquet once given by a prominent Jew. The immediate context is important people in Judea were hearing Jesus preach and teach, hearing his invitation to join him in his kingdom. But many of those who heard Jesus, who should have known him and who he was because they studied the Scriptures, did not believe Jesus or follow him. They refused the invitation given to them.

We see the excuses people gave for not following Jesus. “I just bought a field.” “I have bought five oxen and need to examine them.” In other words I have business to take care of and that is more important than joining you in your kingdom, your wedding banquet. Another said, “I just got married.” In other words, I have family commitments that prevent me from following you and joining you in your kingdom and banquet. The apostles, pastors and evangelists went out and found the lost and the least of the Jewish people and invited them to follow Jesus and join him in his kingdom and banquet.

But that is not enough. Jesus sends the Church out into the world to gather and even compel people on the highways and byways, the hedges

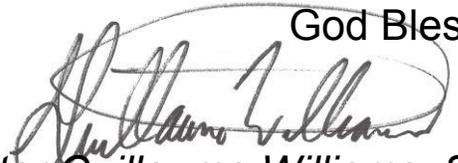
and the like. In other words, Jesus invites the Gentiles also to come and follow him and join him at his banquet.

A most horrifying thing says Jesus, "For I tell you, none of those men who were invited shall taste my banquet." The banquet hall, the wedding feast of the Lamb will be full. Those who refused the invitation will not be let in. Those who had better things to do will be rejected. There will be no room left for them.

What excuses do we make for not joining Jesus on Sunday morning to dine with him at his feast, at his banquet, at the Lord's Supper? I have to work? I have family keeping me from it? I don't like the other guests? I have better things to do? I can eat and pray at home? Sounds a lot like those Jews who refused to follow Jesus and come to his banquet. Now you may try to say, "But I believe in Jesus, isn't that enough?" Seriously? If you believed Jesus then you would be where He is giving you the everlasting food of his banquet. If you trusted Jesus you would be where his body is gathering around his word and listening to it. As it is, if you reject coming to his table and to listen to him teach for whatever excuse you may have, I'm afraid the Spirit of the Lord may not be with you. Your faith may indeed be a sham. Those who hear his voice and follow him go where his voice is heard. And that is in Church.

I hope to see you here sometime where Jesus promises to be, at his banquet, the Lord's Supper.

God Bless!



*Pastor Guillaume Williams, Sr.*

## **ELDERS**

We are concerned that so few of Hope's members are attending Bible Study classes. Even though many of us pray daily, it is important that we learn or refresh our understanding of God's guidance for our lives and for eternity by frequent study of His Word. We have meetings at 11:20 am on Sunday following worship and at 10 am on Wednesday's.

Please don't hesitate to contact your assigned Elder if you have any questions or concerns.

In God's Service,

Gene Scheiter (470-0251)  
Chuck Kiel (480-5335)  
Alan Wiese (573-424-4600)

## FROM OUR PRESIDENT

It is June already. Time to start making plans for friends and family to visit you and vacation's. A busy time, but an enjoyable one. When making those plans for summer fun, don't forget to make Sunday church plans also. The church office can help you in finding a LCMS church close by where you are staying.

Now for some really good news, the help that we needed for the Adopt a Budget item is working. We are cutting into the deficit due to the good response that we have had. The Lord helps those that help themselves and their neighbor. Thanks be to God for this Blessing.

Do come to bible classes on Wednesday at 10 am and Sunday at 11:15 am. It will be a wonderful experience and time well spent.

God's blessing to you all!  
*Don Hunkeler*  
*Congregational President*

## BIBLE STUDIES

**Sunday's Bible Study Classes** - The Sunday morning Bible Study for adults is a topical study on the teaching of Two Kingdoms. It consists of video and discussion. Wanting to learn more about living as a Christian with one foot in this world and one foot in the Kingdom of God? Come and join us! Led by Pastor Williams will meet in the downstairs fellowship hall at 11:20 am.

# MISSIONARY MAHLBURG



Dear Friends in Christ:

On Easter Sunday, our family gathered with three congregations at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church located in the Sri Lankan mountains. Rev. Nadaraja conducted the service; Evangelist Anton assisted; I preached about the resurrection of our Lord.

During this service, we rejoiced as God raised three souls to new life in the waters of Holy Baptism. We thanked God as six baptized children of God confessed their faith in Jesus Christ and were confirmed.

After the service concluded, we learned of the terrorist attacks against three Christian churches and three luxury hotels. Rev. Nadaraja called the worshipers back together to pray for the victims and for the country. We were shocked and saddened by the terrible news.

I made several phone calls and learned that our fellow missionary family, the Naumanns, were unharmed. I also learned that all of our partner church congregations, mission stations, pastors, and evangelists were unharmed as well. Praise be to God.

At the advice of several local people, we decided not to return home to Colombo on Sunday. Later, the government imposed a curfew that would have prevented us from returning. Monday morning, they lifted the curfew, and we returned to Colombo with no problems. We were thankful to find that our apartment complex had implemented extra security measures.

Monday, we learned that Duncan and Rose's friend from school was at one of the hotels that was attacked, and he was among the fatalities. Lord, have mercy.

All schools and universities were cancelled the week after Easter. Our children's school is closed until further notice as they implement new safety protocols. The country is on high alert. Social media is blocked. Traffic in Colombo is lighter than normal. Many shops and restaurants have closed or have shortened hours. We have stayed in our apartment as much as possible. It is clear that this attack was mainly directed at Christians at a time that the churches would have been full. Satan was behind these attacks.

During my Easter morning sermon I proclaimed: "The devil and the demons tried to stop Jesus. When Jesus hung on the cross dead, He looked defeated. Looks are deceiving. When Jesus hung on the cross dead, He had defeated Satan and the evil spirits. Jesus rose from the dead."

This terrorist attack may seem like a defeat, but Jesus rose from the dead and has given us the victory. All those martyred Christians are with Jesus in heaven and will be raised on the last day. Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die" (John 11:25–26).

Please pray for the injured and the mourning. Pray for Sri Lanka. Pray for the terrorists. Pray for the spread of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Thank you for all your prayers and concerns,

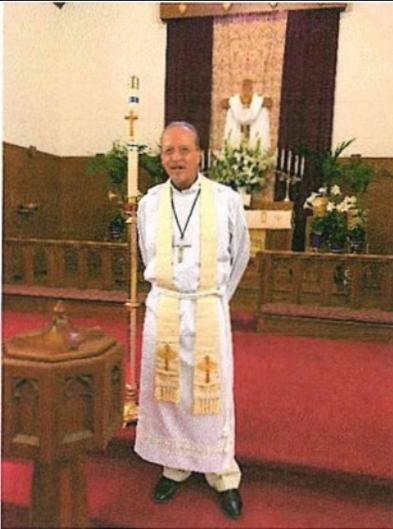
*Pastor Steven Mahlburg*

*Serving the Lord in Sri Lanka*

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## From Our Seminary Student



Greetings from Lubbock, Texas:

Call Day has now come and gone. Last Wednesday evening I officially received Call documents from Redeemer Lutheran Church here in Lubbock, Texas. Before I can accept the Call, though, I must complete my full year of vicarage which will run through the end of June. We are currently targeting July 28<sup>th</sup> for the Ordination/Installation service.

In addition to that milestone, I have also completed my first season of Lent behind the pulpit. The series of monologues given from the perspective of key figures in the Holy Week narrative was well received. And Easter Sunday was a special day for me, having the honor of delivering my very first Easter Sunday sermon.

Next Sunday will also conclude my first academic year serving the college students on the Texas Tech campus. It has been a learning experience, for sure. And what I've learned to this point is that I have a whole lot more to learn about campus ministries. After all, learning is what vicarages are all about.

As we approach the end of our time with Concordia Seminary, My wife

and I would like to thank everyone at Hope Chapel once again for supporting us through the Adopt-A-Student program at Concordia Seminary. We have been honored by your faithfulness and generosity. Thank you for being a part of preparing future pastors for service in God's Church and in His mission fields.

In Christ,



Vicar <sup>W.</sup>Jeff Jenkins,  
 Vicar Lutheran Student Center  
 and Redeemer Lutheran Church  
 Lubbock, Texas

## 2019 FELLOWSHIP

Do you have an idea for an event/activity for us? Just let the church office know and we will put it on the calendar.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Host(s)</u>
July <i>TBD</i>	Ice Cream Social w/ Lake Area Orchestra	<i>Need Volunteer Host</i>
October <i>TBD</i>	Octoberfest	<i>Need Volunteer Host</i>
September 21 <sup>st</sup>	Junk 'n the Trunk	Ladies Guild
December <i>TBD</i>	Caroling	Debbie Thompson

*We still need someone to chair this committee. This committee is in charge of helping organize all fellowship activities and potluck's at Hope Chapel. They also help get volunteers to pick up donuts and make coffee for Sunday Fellowship. If you are interested in chairing this committee, please let Pastor, Don Hunkeler, or Kathy Heinemann know.*

# MUSICAL NOTES

Choir is on break till Fall



# GIFT/CARD SHOP

The Card Shop is located off the narthex on the landing at the top of the stairs to the lower level.

Single purchase Easter cards are on the display rack on the table. It is time for confirmations, graduations, showers (yes, we have wedding shower cards), weddings, baby congratulations and baptism cards. If you are having a party, there are "God bless this Special Occasion" napkins and others. There is the normal selection of birthday, thinking of you, get well, thank you cards. All cards have a bible verse and are 50¢ each or \$5 by the box.



The relation of gift items is limited, but there are some to choose from. If you have a special need or request, please let us know. All proceeds benefit our library or a special need at Hope.

Brighten someone's day! Share your heart and share God's Love.

Thanks for stopping by.

God's best to you! God's Blessings to you! *Philemon 1:3*

*Doris Meyer, 346-7681  
Hope Lutheran Ladies Guild*

# BUDGET INFORMATION

FYI – to keep in mind our 2019 Budgeted weekly amount is \$3,442.87.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Service Type</u>	<u>Total Offerings</u>	<u>Total Attend.</u>
April 7, 2019	Sunday	\$ 2,130.61	44
April 14, 2019	Sunday	\$ 1,309.47	35
April 21, 2019	Sunday	\$ 3,254.74	82
April 28, 2019	Sunday	\$ 1,031.30	29

# STEWARDSHIP

Some disciples of John the Baptist were questioning him about the baptism and preaching of Jesus. Many disciples were going to Jesus instead of John the Baptist.

John the Baptist answers: “A person cannot receive even one thing unless it is given him from heaven” (John 3:27).

John the Baptist says this to show that Jesus, His teaching, and His baptism are from heaven. God provides everything we have in body and soul.

We are taught this in the meaning of the Apostles’ Creed in the *Small Catechism*.

In the First Article of the Creed, we learn that God has made us and everything in the universe.

“He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them. He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals, and all I have. He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life. He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil. All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me. For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him.”

In the Second Article of the Creed, we learn that God sent His Son, Jesus, to humble Himself by taking the form of a servant.

In so doing, He “has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death, that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity.”

In the Third Article of the Creed, we learn that the fruits of what Jesus Christ, the Son of God, did are given to us through the work of the Holy Spirit in the Church.

“That I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith. In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith. In this Christian church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all

believers. On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ.”

Indeed, “a person cannot receive even one thing unless it is given him from heaven.”

But how easy is this for us to forget? How easy is it for us to think that what we have in life is because we have earned it?

How easy is it for us to forget that all our skills – the abilities of our hands and minds, the ethic to work diligently, and the desire to improve – is given to us from heaven, just as John the Baptist said?

How easy is it for us to forget that it is Christ alone, and the work of the Holy Spirit, that reveals His salvation to us, delivers it to us, and that none of this is our doing?

Sure, we have responsibility for coming to church, for delving into God’s Holy Word, and for praying without ceasing.

But even these responsibilities are given to us from heaven. These duties are not earned; they are given in response to what He has accomplished for us.

Everything we have, and everything we are – in both body and soul – are gifts from God in heaven.

Let us then respond in thanksgiving and give back to Him as He asks – with a first-fruits, generous proportion offering of what He has given to us.

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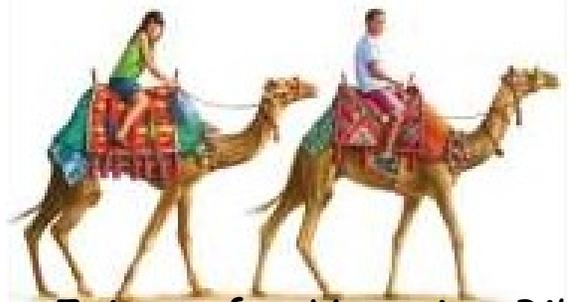
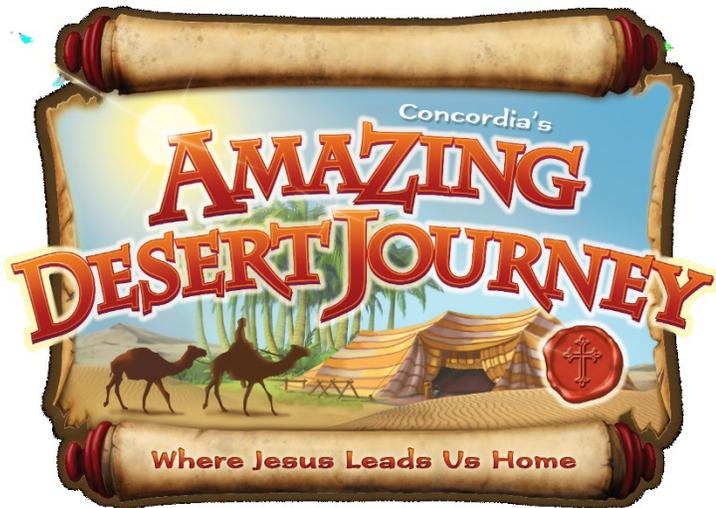
## **DIRECTORY UPDATES**

Our new Pictorial is here! If you haven’t picked up your copy, there are still some available on the credenza in the narthex.

Remember – Pastor has a new cell phone number: 573-280-3427

Please update in your directories - Alan Wiese’s cell no. it is 573-424-4600.

# SUNDAY SCHOOL



Join us for Vacation Bible School!

July 15 - 18 ~ 3 pm till 5 pm.

**THERE IS A WAY** you can help with *Vacation Bible School*. There will be an easel in the narthex with numerous bits of paper listing items needed for snacks for VBS. If you could supply us with some of those items, it would be greatly appreciated. There will be a bin under the request board where you can place your donated items. Many different tasks and skills are needed from prayers and donations, to working with the kids and setting up/taking down. If you are interested in volunteering, please see Christina Williams or sign up on the credenza

Decorating Items to borrow:

Basket's

Barrels

Desert theme decorations

Artificial bunches of fruit and veggies

Fabric (lots of it!) in bold, solid colors and stripes

Big floor pillows

Parachutes and or solid color sheets

Jewels, lamps, candles (artificial), shell necklaces

Brown Rope

Canopy's (EZ Ups)

*Artificial plants, trees, cactus and tropical flowers*

*Large stuffed animals (preferably desert)*



# Service Projects

Please place your offerings in the jar or basket during the Sunday School hour and Thank you for your donations!

<u>Month</u>	<u>Beneficiary</u>	<u>Amount Collected</u>
January 2019	Benevolence	\$58.33
February	Seminary Student	\$ 19.90
March	Radio Program	\$37.25
April	Swaddling Clothes	\$23.00
May	Radio Program	TBD
June	Heifer International	TBD

## LWML Ladies Guild News



Our next meeting is the beginning of September as we finish preparations for Junk in the Trunk. Be on the lookout in the bulletins and newsletters to come about this project.

*Kathy Heinemann  
President*

## THRIVENT

It is a new year – so new chances to use your 2 - \$250 Action Teams!! Not sure what is needed to do one? Just ask Gene Scheiter, Jerol Laughlin or Kathy Heinemann and they can point you in the right direction. Kathy has been keeping a list of possible projects. Just ask!

## HELP WANTED!!

**Sound Engineer** – Talk to a Trustee or call the church office. Training is available! We could use 2-3 volunteers to familiarize themselves with the sound system and do sound checks before services.

**Greeters** – Sign up on the credenza Stand in foyer and greet people as they enter the building one Sunday

***Fellowship Host(s)*** – Signup sheet is on the credenza. Pick up donuts for fellowship time and make sure coffee is made and cleaned up (AND POT TURNED OFF) afterwards.

***Communion / Altar setup*** – Call Lois Grawe

***Counters*** – Call the Church Office or speak to Kathy Heinemann or Doris Meyer. *Don't know what a Counter is?* They are the ones that “collect” the offerings from the collection plate after the last Sunday service and get it ready for depositing in the bank. *If you are a communicant member, can count money and make a list, you can help!*

### **Sunday School Teacher Needed!**

Our Board of Education is looking for 1-2 volunteers to help share the word of God with our kiddo's. No previous experience necessary, if you can read, you can teach! Lessons and materials are provided just contact Debbie Thompson, Jan Loman, or Tina Cardin if you are interested!

*(Psst! SS Teachers are not just women 😊 )*

REQUIREMENTS: ~ Love of God ~ Love of kids ~ Can read and write

***Fellowship Chair*** – Call Don Hunkeler or Kathy Heinemann

***Public Relations Chair*** – Call Don Hunkeler or Kathy Heinemann

## **2019 ADOPT A BUDGET ITEM PROGRAM**

May 2019 Update – The Adopt A Budget Item Program seems to be having a positive effect on our offerings. Thank you Everyone!!

Members are asked to prayerfully consider that over and above your normal giving, adopt one of the budget items highlighted below. Special Envelopes are provided on this board for those categories that need a little extra help. If you wish additional special envelopes, just let the church secretary know.

- Choose an Item
- Collect the special envelope
- Fill out (and in) special envelope and place in the offering plate.



Commit to the lord whatever you do, and your plans will succeed. Proverbs 16:3 NIV  
Each person should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. 2 Corinthians 9:7 NIV

## FROM THE CHURCH SECRETARY

**OBSC Country Store** – In case you don't know – there's a country store inside the Senior Center. The ladies make beautiful things and you never know what treasurer's one can find. It is a good place to find gifts. Paul even donates his bird houses there and all proceeds help the Senior Center.

~ Betty Merli



### Office Secretary Hours for June

*Monday thru Friday - 8 am to 12 pm.*

### New Article/Bulletin Deadlines:

*Newsletter Articles – 2<sup>nd</sup> to last Sunday of the Month*

*Bulletin Notes – Wednesdays at 9 am*

**WARNING:** *Articles not received by their deadline will not be included.*  
Articles for the church newsletter, "The Anchor," or notices for the bulletins, may be put in the in-box on the church secretary's desk or sent by e-mail to:

[office@hopelutheranchapel.org](mailto:office@hopelutheranchapel.org)

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# It does not once say Me

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You cannot pray the Lord's Prayer  
And even once say "I."



You cannot pray the Lord's Prayer  
And even once say "My."



Nor can you pray the Lord's Prayer  
And not pray for another;



For when you ask for daily bread  
You must include your brother.

For others are included

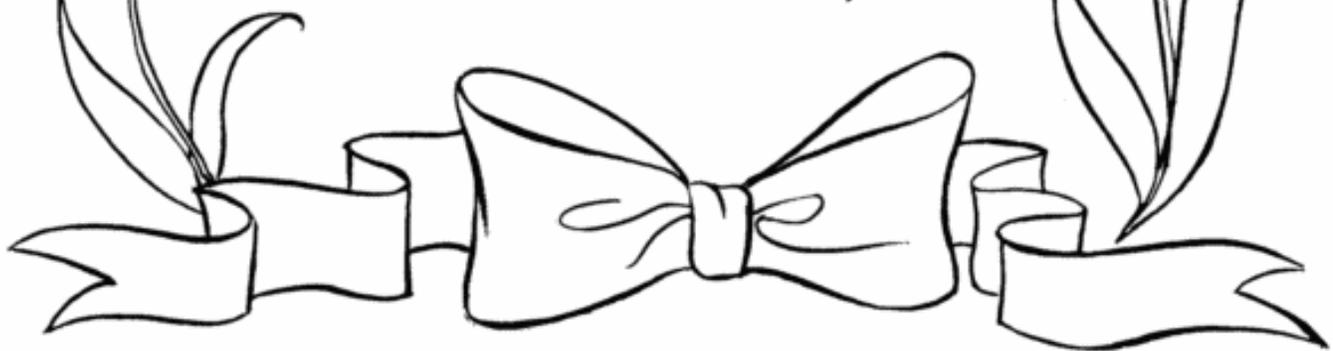
In each and every plea,



From the beginning to the end of it



It does not once say "Me."



COLOR CAREFULLY AND FRAME THIS PAGE FOR YOUR ROOM



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***NEW FACEBOOK PAGE!*** We have a new facebook page. Please like, rate and post a good review so we pop up higher in the newsfeeds : )

[fb.me/HopeChapelOBMO](https://fb.me/HopeChapelOBMO)

***Collections requested:***

*“infant items”* – for Swaddling Clothes mission

*“Cancelled stamps”* – for missions (LWML)

*“Money-off coupons – no expiration date”* - for Concordia Seminary Food Bank (LWML)

*“Portals of Prayer”* – Prison Ministries (LWML)

*“Empty Inkjet Cartridges”* – Offset office supplies & Habitat for Humanity

## ***Daily Devotions***

Our Pastor publishes daily devotions on our website, facebook, twitter, and linkedin.

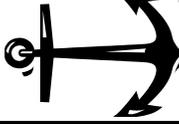
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#### Service Schedule

11 a.m. Fellowship  
11:20 a.m. Sunday School/Adult Bible Study  
10 a.m. Communion Worship Service

Special **COME AS YOU ARE** Drive In Worship  
Services for Easter, Memorial Day, Independence  
Day, and Labor Day

Sunday Communion Worship Services (Ind.  
Cup)

Communion 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday (Common Cup only)

June 2019