

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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SERMON OUTLINE -- MAY 28, 2023

PENTECOST SUNDAY

Things Aren't Always What They Seem

(Acts 2:1-21)

INTRODUCTION: *Hollywood movies...*

I. THINGS AREN'T ALWAYS AS THEY SEEM

- A. This is true when it comes to Jesus
 - 1. He's not just gentle and kind
 - 2. He's also dangerous & a real threat
- B. This is true about His death by crucifixion
 - 1. It **may seem like** weakness, but –
 - 2. It is really the strength of God's eternal plan

II. THINGS AREN'T ALWAYS AS THEY SEEM

- A. Jesus' disciples should have understood, but they didn't (Acts 1:6)
- B. They should have been bold witnesses, but at first they weren't
- C. The miracle of Pentecost **seemed like** no big deal to some (Acts 2:1-13)

III. THE DAY OF PENTECOST IS EVEN MORE THAN IT SEEMS

- A. The 1st Pentecost was the 'birthday of the Church' (Acts 2)
- B. It is a major celebration, though for many today it **seems like** no big deal
- C. Regardless of the 'bad press' the Church gets today...
- D. **Things aren't always as they seem!**
- E. The same Pentecost Spirit does miraculous works today (Acts 2:17-21)

CONCLUSION: *God's promises to you **are exactly as they seem...**
you can count on it!*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Confirmation Today...

Today we celebrate the Confirmation of _____.
Cake and refreshments after the service.

AGM Follow-Up Motion TODAY

1. The minutes of the Annual General Meeting (AGM) are posted on the bulletin board. Copies are available in the church office.
2. Further to our discussion at the AGM, a formal motion to reduce the mortgage by \$150,000, using available funds, should also be passed.
To this end, **a formal vote will be held at the end of each fellowship's worship service today.** This will allow us more flexibility in negotiating a favourable interest rate prior to the end of the current term.

Please note: ONLY THOSE WHO SIGNED-IN AT THE APRIL 30th Annual General Meeting as voters for 2023-2024 are eligible to vote. Voters: please remember to sign-in for today's meeting.

Young Adults Pizza & Game Night

Young Adults are invited to the church this **Saturday, June 3 at 6:00pm** for a Pizza and Games Night. Feel free to bring your favourite board/card game. *Please let Samantha know if you're coming so that we have enough pizza.* samanthaneeb@gmail.com.

Help Needed

... New sign-up sheets are available for Usher and Coffee Service volunteers for July through December. Please consider helping to serve in either of these ways. We also still need some Coffee Service volunteers for the month of June.

Please see the yellow sign up sheets on the bulletin board by the stairs (next to elevator).