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**ST PAUL'S GREENWOOD, TRINITY MARBURG, TRINITY OAKEY,**

25 July 2021

9<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

**HYMNS:** 344 409 146 85 358 526

**INTROIT:** Give thanks to the LORD! For He is good. For His mercy endures for ever.

Give thanks to the God of gods! For His mercy endures for ever.

Give thanks to the Lord of lords, for His mercy endures for ever; to Him who alone does miraculous things, for His mercy endures for ever; to Him who by understanding made the heavens, for His mercy endures for ever; to Him who spread out the earth on the waters, for His mercy endures for ever; to Him who made the great lights, for His mercy endures for ever; the sun to rule over the day, for His mercy endures for ever; the moon and stars to rule over the night, for His mercy endures for ever.

Psalm 136:1-9

**COLLECT:** Almighty and most merciful God, the protector of all who trust in You, strengthen our faith and give us courage to believe that in Your love You will rescue us from all adversities; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

**READINGS:** Genesis 136:1-9 God's Covenant with Noah.

Ephesians 3:14-21 The Law, which was added later, did not abrogate the promise to Abraham.

Mark 6:45-56 Jesus walks on the water.

**SERMON:** Mark 6:45-56 We can only be at peace when Jesus is in the church

The Lord's Supper has always been seen as a sign of unity between those who commune together at the Lord's table (1 Cor. 10:17). When Christians partake of the Lord's Supper in a church body that has a confession of faith, they thereby declare that they believe that they are one in faith with those who commune with them. Since people cannot honestly hold two differing confessions at the same time, they cannot honestly commune with those whose confession is in conflict with their own. If any do this nevertheless, they deny their own confession, and so deny Christ Himself (2 Cor. 6:14-18). **We ask visitors who are communicant members in a church not in fellowship with the AELC, or are not familiar with the AELC Statement of Faith, to refrain from communing today. If you have questions, please speak with the pastor after service.**

## Gay Men's Choir Sings "We'll Convert Your Children"

The battle lines are being drawn more clearly each day in our western nations. The devil is coming after our children through the schools, media, streaming platforms, various political leaders, courts, and even some churches!

A couple weeks ago, the San Francisco gay men's choir published a video in which they sing, "We'll convert your children... we're coming for your children." And no, that's not an exaggeration - that's word-for-word what they repeated throughout the song.

The video is now private, and some people are claiming it was meant as satire or a joke. But there is no indication in the original post or in the song itself that it was intended as a satirical joke - and even if it was, it's what they actually believe! Besides, actual satirical sites will usually state what they post is satire. Here are some of the lyrics:

*You think we're sinful. You fight against our rights. You say we all lead lives you can't respect. But you're just frightened. You think that we'll corrupt your kids if our agenda goes unchecked. It's funny. Just this once, you're correct.*

*We'll convert your children. Happens bit by bit. Quietly and subtly, and you will barely notice it. You can keep him from disco, warn about San Francisco. Make him wear pleated pants. We don't care. We'll convert your children. We'll make them tolerant and fair.*

They repeat the words "we'll convert your children" and "we're coming for your children" over and over again.

Many people have pointed out that LGBT activists originally said they just wanted equal rights and that it's "none of your business what two adults do in the bedroom" - and now, just a few short years later, these activists are singing about converting children, purposefully undermining the morality instilled in them by their parents.

The Word of God warns us about this: "*Be self-controlled and alert! Your enemy, the Devil, is prowling around like a roaring lion, looking for someone to devour*" (1 Peter 5:8). And be reminded, "*For the LORD gives wisdom. Knowledge and understanding come from His mouth... to deliver you from any evil way, from anyone who speaks perverse things,* <sup>13</sup> *from people who abandon straight paths to walk on dark ways,* <sup>14</sup> *from people who enjoy doing evil, from people who rejoice in the perversity of evil,* <sup>15</sup> *from people whose*

*paths are crooked and who are devious in their ways” (Proverbs 2:6, 12–15).*

Fathers, be the head and lead your family as God commanded. The world is out to capture our children with perverse ideologies. We must train up our children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord so they won’t get captured by the philosophies of our day.

### **Elephant Trunks - More Complicated Than We Thought**

Evolutionists can’t explain the complex design and usefulness of the elephant trunk, but Christians know who made it.

*by Ken Ham*

Elephants use their incredibly dexterous trunks almost like a hand with fingers. This trunk boasts around 40,000 individual muscles and can be used to suck up food and water. But the elephant’s trunk isn’t just a “simple straw” - and new research shows it’s more complicated than was initially thought.

A recent study detailed measurements during one zoo elephant’s feeding time. They discovered the elephant can “dilate its nostrils to boost its trunk’s carrying capacity.” Each of an elephant’s two nostrils can increase in volume by a stunning 64%! The “flow rate of water through the trunk averaged about 3.7 litres per second, or the equivalent of the amount of water pouring out of 24 shower heads at once.”

But the elephant doesn’t always need this extra space. They actually have the ability to “vacuum” up their food by breathing deeply. They estimate “that airflow through the narrow nostrils could at times exceed 150 metres per second - more than 30 times as fast as a human sneeze.”

Sadly, the researchers give credit for this incredible trunk to random chance processes over millions of years, saying that “elephants are the only living land animals to evolve a long, boneless appendage like a trunk.” But this complex appendage isn’t the result of evolution - it clearly showcases the brilliancy of God’s handiwork. As we say here, it’s designed to do what it does do! It’s a reminder of Romans chapter 1: *“For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse” (Romans 1:20).*

The more we look into what God’s made, the more we realize how little we know and how amazing our Creator God is!

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**Please notify pastor of anyone who is unwell or in need of a visit.**

## COMING SERVICES

1 August 10 Pentecost	8 August 11 Pentecost	15 August 12 Pentecost
8.30am OAK LR 8.30am TMBA LR 9.30am GRN LR 9.30am AUB LR 9.00am LOWOOD HC	8.30am OAK LR 8.30am TMBA LR 9.30am GRN LR 9.30am AUB LR 9.00am LOWOOD LR	8.30am OAK LR 8.30am TMBA LR 9.30am GRN LR 9.30am AUB LR 9.00am LOWOOD LR
<b>Sunday, 1 August</b>		
READINGS: Exodus 16:2-15; Ephesians 4:1-16;		John 6:22-35
HYMNS: 306 347 771 (835 847) 368		
<b>Sunday, 8 August</b>		
READINGS: 1 Kings 19:1-8; Ephesians 4:17-5:2;		John 6:35-51
HYMNS: 444 308 398 647		

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor is taking holidays from the 5<sup>th</sup> to the 21<sup>st</sup> of August. He will still be available if there is any emergency during this time.