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## ADULT EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

September, 2022

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### THE PSYCHOLOGY OF CHRISTIAN NATIONALISM Why People Are Drawn In and How to Talk Across the Divide

Fridays, 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., in the Parlor  
The cost of the book is \$17.00.

How do we overcome polarization in American society? How do we advocate for justice when one side won't listen to the other and cycles of outrage escalate?

These questions have been pressing for years, but the emergence of a vocal, virulent Christian nationalism have made it even more urgent that we find a way forward.

Pamela Cooper-White, Professor of Psychology and Religion at Union Theological Seminary in New York, uncovers the troubling extent of Christian nationalism, explores its deep psychological roots, and discusses ways in which advocates for justice can safely and effectively attempt to talk across the deep divides in our society.

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| <b>September 9</b>  | INTRODUCTION<br>Unholy Alliances: Christian Nationalism, White Supremacy, and the Pursuit of Power |
| <b>September 16</b> | Why Are People Drawn In by Extremist Beliefs?<br>Conscious Needs and Unconscious Lures (pp. 39-71) |
| <b>September 23</b> | Why Are People Drawn In by Extremist Beliefs?<br>Conscious Needs and Unconscious Lures (pp. 71-99) |
| <b>September 30</b> | How to Talk Across the Divide: Creating Human Ties across (Extreme) Difference<br>(pp. 100-119)    |

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### THIRD SUNDAY PROGRAM

Sunday, September 18, at 6:00 p.m.

#### **"The Voice" - Frederick Douglass**

Guest Speaker: The Honorable John T. Cook  
Circuit Court Judge, Twenty-fourth Judicial Circuit in Virginia



Frederick Douglass (1817 or 1818-1895) went from being a slave on Maryland's Eastern Shore to becoming one of the more famous African Americans in our nation's history. In 1852, "The Voice" delivered his famous speech "What to the Slave Is the Fourth of July?" about the hypocrisy of American Independence Day to an American slave. Join us as Judge Cook shares insights into the brilliance of this American social reformer, abolitionist, orator, writer, and statesman.

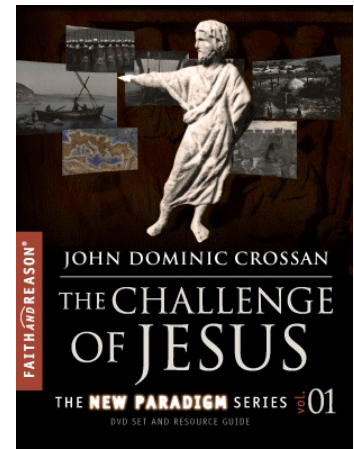
We begin with a light supper at 6:00 p.m., followed by the program at 6:30 p.m.  
Please make reservations in the narthex or Fellowship Hall.

# THE CHALLENGE OF JESUS

Thursdays, 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., in the Parlor

*"Why did Jesus happen when he happened? Why then? And, Why there? Why did two separate movements, the Baptist movement of John and the Kingdom movement of Jesus happen in the 20's in the territories of Herod Antipas, son of Herod the Great? Why then; why there? Why is there so much 'fishy' stuff in the gospels? Why are we always hearing about boats and the Sea of Galilee? Why are the major followers of Jesus from small fishing villages on the Sea of Galilee? Think of Mary of Magdala in the major fishing village on the Sea of Galilee before the foundation of Tiberias. Think of Peter and Andrew; they're both from Bethsaida, a small fishing village to the north. And Jesus is from Nazareth, a hill-side village inland. What's he doing over there by the lake all the time?"*

- John Dominic Crossan



In The Challenge of Jesus, renowned historical Jesus scholar John Dominic Crossan presents his life's work exploring the matrix of Jesus of Nazareth's unique time and place. Drawing on scholarly texts, excavations, and history, Dr. Crossan introduces us to the flesh and blood people who shaped the world into which Jesus was born. In these DVD presentations, we meet a Jesus we've not known before.

**September 8** PROLOGUE  
Peace Through Victory  
**September 15** On Stone and Marble

**September 22** Acts of the Divine Augustus  
**September 29** Olympian Imperial Gods

## PASTOR'S INFORMATION CLASS

Sunday, September 25  
2:00 - 4:00 p.m.  
in the Parlor



Join Pastor Roberts for an overview of Lutheran Church history, theology, liturgy, the church year, ecclesiology, and life at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church.

## THE EXTRAORDINARY WOMEN WHO SHAPED OUR FAITH

Mondays, 7:00 - 8:00 p.m., via Zoom

We live in a patriarchal society in which the vast majority of our history and faith are written from the masculine viewpoint. However, the masculine is incomplete without the feminine and the feminine is incomplete without the masculine. This class explores women in light of the great strength and faith they bequeathed to us, and to help us reclaim the feminine in our lives.

**September 12** - The Four Immortal Roles Women Have Played in History  
**September 19** - Understanding Feminine and Masculine: It is NOT About Anatomy  
**September 26** - Eternal Aspects of the Feminine: The Sacred Prostitute

## TABLE TALK

Tuesday, September 27, 7:00 - 8:00 p.m., in the Parlor  
The cost of the book is \$14.00.

### BY HEART: CONVERSATIONS WITH MARTIN LUTHER'S SMALL CATECHISM

**Session One** - The Story of the Small Catechism



# **SUNDAY MORNING EDUCATION CLASS**

## **THE GOD WE NEVER KNEW**

### **Beyond Dogmatic Religion to A More Authentic Contemporary Faith**

Sundays, 9:30 - 10:20 a.m., in the Parlor  
The cost of the book is \$12.00.

How to have faith—or even think about God—without having to stifle modern rational thought is one of the more vital challenges facing many of us today. Marcus J. Borg, author of the best-selling Meeting Jesus Again for the First Time, traces his personal spiritual journey to the discovery of an authentic yet fully contemporary understanding of God. In a compelling, readable way, he leads us from the distant, authoritarian God of our childhood to an equally powerful, dynamic adult image of God—"the beyond in our midst," the life spirit that is within us and all around us—that reconciles faith with science, history, critical thinking, and religious pluralism.



#### **September 11**

Introduction -  
Meeting God Again for the First Time  
PART I: THINKING ABOUT GOD  
Thinking About God:  
The God I Met the First Time

#### **September 18**

Thinking About God: Why Panentheism?

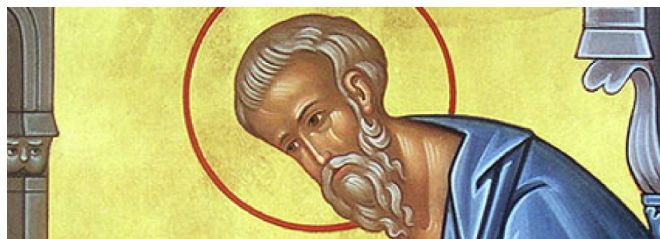
#### **September 25**

PART II: IMAGING GOD  
Imaging God: Why and How It Matters

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## **THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW**

Tuesdays, 1:00 - 2:00 p.m., in the Parlor  
The cost of the book is \$11.00.



The gospel according to Matthew has played a prominent role in Christian worship and practice throughout history, and to this day it retains a central place in most people's experiences of the New Testament and the Christian faith. This gospel speaks well to church communities today, identifying the church as founded by Jesus (16:18) and issuing practical instructions for practicing community (18:1-35). The author envisions the church as made up of sinners and doubters who struggle with faith, temptation, and forgiveness, but ultimately reflect the ministry and presence of Jesus the Christ.

#### **September 6**

The Birth of the Messiah (Matthew 1:18 – 2:12)

#### **September 20**

This Is My Son, the Beloved (Matthew 3:13 – 4:11)

# DAILY BIBLE READINGS

## August 28 - September 3

### **Week of Pentecost 12 (Proper 17)**

- S Luke 14:1, 7-14 Invite the poor to your banquet
- M Isaiah 2:5-17 God condemns the proud
- T Isaiah 57:14-21 God blesses the humble
- W Luke 14:15-24 God's hospitality to the humble
- T 2 Chronicles 12:1-12 King Rehoboam humbles himself
- F Hebrews 13:7-21 Call for faithfulness
- S Psalm 119:65-72 God blesses the humble

## September 4 - September 10

### **Week of Pentecost 13 (Proper 18)**

- S Luke 14:25-33 Give up your possessions
- M Genesis 39:1-23 Joseph does not sin against God
- T 2 Kings 17:24-41 The Assyrians worship other gods
- W Luke 18:18-30 The rich ruler
- T Deuteronomy 7:12-26 The way of obedience
- F 1 Timothy 3:14 – 4:16 Being a servant of Christ
- S Psalm 101 Choosing God's law

## September 11 - September 17

### **Week of Pentecost 14 (Proper 19)**

- S Luke 15:1-10 Looking for the lost sheep and silver coin
- M Amos 7:1-6 God relents from punishing Israel
- T Jonah 3:1-10 God relents from punishing Nineveh
- W Luke 22:31-33, 54-62 Peter denies Jesus
- T Job 40:6-14; 42:1-6 Job repents
- F 1 Timothy 1:1-11 About false teachers
- S Psalm 73 God is my portion

## September 18 - September 24

### **Week of Pentecost 15 (Proper 20)**

- S Luke 16:1-13 Serving God or wealth
- M Proverbs 14:12-31 Oppressing the poor
- T Proverbs 17:1-5 Oppressing the poor
- W Luke 20:45 – 21:4 The rich versus the poor
- T Exodus 23:1-9 Justice for all
- F 2 Corinthians 8:1-9 Generosity to the poor
- S Psalm 12 Help for the poor

## September 25 - October 1

### **Week of Pentecost 16 (Proper 21)**

- S Luke 16:19-31 Poor Lazarus and the rich man
- M Proverbs 22:2-16 The rich versus the poor
- T Proverbs 28:3-10 The rich versus the poor
- W Luke 9:43b-48 Welcoming the little ones
- T Ezekiel 18:5-24 The righteous versus the wicked
- F Revelation 3:14-22 Being rich or poor in God
- S Psalm 62 I wait on God

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