

Ken Granville—leukemia—retired Band Director and friend of many
Jerry Green—Covid—friend of Joyce

Debbie Hovanetz—internal problems—neighbor of Tom & Linda Beuck
Janice—heart problems

Kathi—family issues w/son—co-worker of Joyce

Brad Kozar—suffering from propsychotic depression—son of Lorene

Matt Langsten and other peace officers—nephew of Amy

Suzanne Latham—lyme disease—homesick—sister of Marla

Lauren—healing from surgery—step cousin of Diane Lee

Tyler Llutz—hodgkins lymphoma—son of Deb's co-worker

Dave Lauver—stomach cancer—Wolff's cousin

Lori—complications with knee replacement—co-worker of Joyce

Frank Manijak—congestive heart complications—Steve's Dad

The National Guard

Nadine Nicely—lung disease—successful removal of gall bladder—
Joyce's sister-in-law

Samantha Nicely—migraines—granddaughter of Joyce

James Olsen—healing from seizures—friend of Amy

Inge Osborne—battling cancer—past member and friend

Sandi & Ron Platen—health issues—family of Steve Manijak

Karen Power—healing from back fusions—friend of the Earle's

Peter Power—diabetes—friend of the Earle's

Valonte Ragland—paralyzed from car accident—co-worker's son of Amy

Latesha Ragland—learning how to care for Valonte

Art Robinson—relief from pain—co-worker of Steve Hlava

Agnes Rovison—stroke—friend of Amy

Barbara Schrieber—blood clots

Leslie Slanina—continued heling—Gilbert's mom

Mary Small—psoriasis issues—co-worker of Steve Hlava

Thelma—her daughter's issues—friend of Robin

Tim Tolodzieski—recovering—brother-in-law of Steve Crile

Kenneth Udovic—cancer—brother-in-law of Tom Beuck

Linda Velatta—health and emotional problems—neighbor of Robin

Tara Vargo—in hospice—friend of Marla

Tim Wheeler—bladder cancer surgery—friend of Amy

COVID 19 virus patients

Welcome to St. Thomas Lutheran Church



Epiphany IV
10:00 a.m.
January 31, 2021

Rev. Dr. Christian F. Just, Pastor
St. Thomas Lutheran Church
9042 S.R. 43, P.O. Box 2247
Streetsboro, Ohio 44241

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Thank you** everyone for joining us this morning for our worship service. Please join us inside or you can listen to the service on your car radio at 96.9. If you miss the service you can always watch it on our Facebook page. If any problems happen doing the service please let Del or Rory know so they can fix the problem immediately. Thank you again!
- **The Vigil Candle** is given to the Glory of God.
- **Steve will** be watching from the door and will bring out bulletins and communion cups to those who stay in their cars. Those coming inside can pick up your bulletin and communion cup as you enter the sanctuary.
- **The Prayer book** is available on the desk by the door. Steve can bring it to the cars.
- **The Lay Reader** list is available for volunteers for the month of January. Please see the sign-up sheet in the Narthex or let Steve know you would like to sign up. **Our lay reader today is Robin Hoffman.**
- **Ushers are Jim inside and Steve outside.**
- **New envelopes** are available in the Narthex.
- **The January-March Portal of Prayers** are available now.
- **Today is the 5th Sunday of the month.** We are taken donations to benefit the Redeemer Crisis Center to help with the recent break in they had. They had damage done and lost their food.

Remember in prayer members list continued

Kenny Nicely IV—Epilepsy
Diane Pencin—having 2 outpatient surgeries in January
Carol & Heather Poston—strength and healing from MS
Diane Seman—searching for job
Joyce Torres—healing of her foot after fall
Becky Larkins—fostering Holly, a new preemie—1 month old
Our College Students— Abigail Ayers, Corey Hautmann, Joanna Nicely, Grace Rohaley
Troy Roman—joined the Marines

Remember in prayer these friends of the congregation

For our Bishop, Jamison Hardy, and the congregations and pastors of the English District and the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod.
Debbie Anderson--multiple myeloma—friend of Deb Wolff
Rick & Alice Artman—both in pain for needed knee replacement—
brother & sister-in-law of Joyce
Roger Black—lung cancer may be back—brother-in-law of Deb
Avis Blowers—praise of thanksgiving—chemo worked—friend of Guy
Ed Boland-COVID19-recovering at home—Praise God!--Pastor's
son-in-law's brother
Tim Borbely—neck surgery—brother of Diane Lee
Peggy Bower—multiple health issues—friend of Steve and Marla
Patty Bowman—covid—Bill & Sharon Crile's daughter
John Butterbaugh—spot on his lung—friend of Joyce
Jeremy Campbell-deployment Afghanistan—cousin of Carol Earle
Carl—in memory care in Arizona—father of Carol Earle
Jerry Chapala—heart attack—Amy's uncle
Dick Corban family—passed away from Covid—Marla's uncle
Leona Corban—shingles—Marla's mom
Scott Corban-Rheumatoid Arthritis—brother of Marla
Tom Corban—Parkinson Disease—Marla's brother
Sommer & Mark Dunlevy-family concerns-friend of the Wolff's
Jamie Dunn—battling cancer—bus driver for Streetsboro
Bill Earle—underwent heart bypass—continued healing—brother of Bob
Billy Earle Jr.—diabetes, leg amputation—in rehab
Sue Ellinwood—liver cancer—friend of the Wolff's
George Foerster—father of Dianne Reynolds
Christine Frank—cancer—friend of Jim
Bridget Gehri—medical issues—friend of Trudy Ayers

Sending

P: Go now, and heed God's message.
Never forget God's wonderful mercy and kindness.
Welcome the freedom that is won in truth,
but never use your freedom to undermine others.
See that your words and actions are worthy of praise.

God uphold you in a lasting covenant;
Christ Jesus free you from all that would harm you;
the Holy Spirit nourish you in wisdom and +
faithfulness.

C: **Amen.**

Closing Song "*He Leadeth Me*" No. 501

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

**OUR WORSHIP IS ENDED—
NOW OUR SERVICE BEGINS!**

- **Our call committee and council** will be meeting soon with pastor Gau to go over our questionnaire we filled out. Thank you to Robin Hoffman, Diane Pencin, Guy Jeanblanc and Gilbert Ayers for volunteering for this important committee.
- **Contact Person:** Please call Pastor Just at 216-789-6688 or Council President Steve Hlava at 330 422-1959 for any emergencies or questions. Pastor Just is in the office on Thursdays.

Attendance last Sunday 17 Adults 0 Children

Towards Budget:

Current Expense	853.68
Building Fund	15.00
Benevolence	5.00
1 + 1 + 1	10.00
<u>Loose</u>	<u>00.00</u>
Total Offering	883.68

Needed each week to meet budget--\$1,112.21

Please remember these members in your prayers

Bill Crile—recovering from surgery

Carol Earle—immediate family for peace and comfort

Deb Earle—health issues

Cory Hautmann—Physiological strength and loss of Grandpa Ron

Linda Hautmann—Strength and healing for Lupus and from
melanoma and loss of her dad Ron Stenglein

Palagia Hlava—complications from MS

Robin Hoffman—healing of facial nerve

Nicole Johnson—healing from side pain and nausea

Lorene Kozar—hospitalized

Joanna Nicely--migraines

Ken Nicely II—complications from diabetes

Kenny Nicelly III-shoulder pain

Welcome and Announcements

Act of Reconciliation

P: Let us confess our sins before God and in the presence of one another.

C: Most holy and merciful Father, we confess to You and to one another that we have sinned both in our actions and in our failure to act.

A brief silence for individual prayer.

P: Our inattention to the voice of God speaking through His Word, we confess to the Lord.

C: forgive us, Lord.

P: Our failure to position ourselves for having our strength renewed, we confess to the Lord.

C: forgive us, Lord.

P: Our failure to become all things to all people so that we might win them for Christ, we confess to the Lord.

C: forgive us, Lord.

P: Our reliance on our own efforts and strength, we confess to the Lord.

C: forgive us, Lord.

P: Our ingratitude for the blessings God has showered into our lives, we confess to the Lord.

C: forgive us, Lord.

After the final bidding the prayer of confession concludes:

P: Merciful Father, give us pardon and peace and free us from our sin for the sake of Christ, our Savior.

C: Amen.

P: As a called and ordained servant of the Church of Christ, and be his authority, I declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the + Holy Spirit.

All are invited to take the communion packet that was provided as you came to worship this morning.

P: Take and eat, this is the Body of Christ, broken for you to be made whole.

All are invited to open the larger cup from the communion packet and partake of the wafer therein.

P: Take, drink, the Blood of Christ, poured out for you to be filled with His endless life.

Please open the smaller cup to consume the wine.

P: The Body of our Lord Jesus Christ and His precious Blood strengthen and preserve you in true faith to life everlasting.

C: Amen.

Post-Communion Prayer

P: Filled with this rich food, O Christ,

C: we are strengthened to accomplish what You came to do.

P: Send us out, O Christ,

C: to proclaim Your message throughout the world.

P: You are the Lord for evermore.

C: Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

**C: Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy Name,
Thy Kingdom come,
Thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil;
for Thine is the Kingdom, and the power,
and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

Communion

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine, but His very Body and Blood to eat and drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may honor His sacrifice by continuing His mission in the world.

C: Thanks be to God, Amen.

Entrance Hymn "*O Christ the Healer, We Have Come*"
Insert

Kyrie

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

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P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: Help, save comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: Amen.

***The Hymn of Praise—“Now the Feast and Celebration”
With One Voice No. 789**

The Prayer for the Day

P: Almighty God,

C: You know that we are placed in the midst of such great dangers that we cannot stand upright because of our human frailty. Make us whole in

mind and body. Support us in all dangers and carry us through all temptations. We ask this through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

All readings are from the New Revised Standard Version

The First Lesson Deuteronomy 18:15-20

The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet.¹⁶ This is what you requested of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said: “If I hear the voice of the LORD my God any more, or ever again see this great fire, I will die.”¹⁷ Then the LORD replied to me: “They are right in what they have said.¹⁸ I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command.¹⁹ Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable.²⁰ But any prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, or who presumes to speak in my name a word that I have not commanded the prophet to speak—that prophet shall die.” This is the Word of our Lord

C: Thanks be to God!

Psalm Song “*I Will Praise You, Lord*” Psalm 111 Insert

The Second Lesson 1 Corinthians 8:1-13

Now concerning food sacrificed to idols: we know that “all of us possess knowledge.” Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up.² Anyone who claims to know something does not yet have the necessary knowledge;³ but anyone who loves God is known by him.

He proclaimed Your mercy and peace.
Turning His back on the acclaim of the crowds,
He faithfully followed Your call
all the way to death on a cross.
You raised Him up
and promised that all who trust in Him
will rise up with wings like eagles
and run the race without ever growing weary
Therefore with all Your faithful people we join the
unending hymn of praise:

**C: Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of truth and light,
heaven and earth are full of Your glory.
Hosanna in the highest!
Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the
Lord.
Hosanna in the highest!**

P: On the night when He was betrayed our Lord Jesus
took bread into His hands, gave thanks, broke it, and
gave it to His disciples with the words,
*“Take and eat; this is My Body,
given for you.
Do this in remembrance of Me.”*

In the same way He took the cup, spoke a prayer of
thanks over it and said,

*“This cup is the new covenant in My blood,
which is shed for you and for all
for the forgiveness of sins.
Each time you drink of this cup,
do it in remembrance of me*

C: Amen.

**The Prayers of the Church* pg. 65

P: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.....

(after each petition the following is said)

P: Lord in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

P: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right to give You thanks and praise, O God, for You strengthen the powerless and renew those who wait for You in trust.

You are the Creator of the earth
who stretched out the sky like a curtain
and sent down rain, clothing the mountains in
green.

You gathered Your people from exile,
healing the broken hearted and binding their
wounds.

You came among us, as one of us,
in Your child Jesus the Christ,
sharing our weakness in order to save us.
Healing the sick and casting out demonic powers,

⁴Hence, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that “no idol in the world really exists,” and that “there is no God but one.”⁵ Indeed, even though there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as in fact there are many gods and many lords—⁶yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.

⁷It is not everyone, however, who has this knowledge. Since some have become so accustomed to idols until now, they still think of the food they eat as food offered to an idol; and their conscience, being weak, is defiled.⁸ “Food will not bring us close to God.” We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do.⁹ But take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak.¹⁰ For if others see you, who possess knowledge, eating in the temple of an idol, might they not, since their conscience is weak, be encouraged to the point of eating food sacrificed to idols?¹¹ So by your knowledge those weak believers for whom Christ died are destroyed.¹² But when you thus sin against members of your family, and wound their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ.¹³ Therefore, if food is a cause of their falling, I will never eat meat, so that I may not cause one of them to fall.

This is the Word of our Lord

C: Thanks be to God!

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Gospel Verse: Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.

*The Holy Gospel according to Mark 1:21-28

C: Glory to you, O Lord. Pg. 63

They went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. ²² They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. ²³ Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, ²⁴ and he cried out, “What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God.” ²⁵ But Jesus rebuked him, saying, “*Be silent, and come out of him!*” ²⁶ And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. ²⁷ They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, “What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him.” ²⁸ At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee. This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ Pg. 63

Sermon “*With Authority and Power*”

Hymn of the Day “*Songs of Thankfulness and Praise*”
No. 90

Affirmation of Faith

**C: We believe in God,
who made the world and reaches out to it
with a love fierce and passionate, tender and
kind.**

**We believe in Jesus the Christ—God revealed in a
human life.**

**He touched the untouchable,
pardoned the unforgivable and**

**unmasked the powers that enslave us.
In fear and arrogance we cast him, lifeless, into
the grave, and with him went our hopes of
salvation.**

**Raised by God, he is parting the sea of evil and
despair and leading us across into the land of
freedom and promise.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit—God’s mysterious
presence with us—
whose breathing gives life;
whose fire purges and renews;
whose wisdom surprises, prompts and questions,
awakening courage, humor and hope.**

**We believe that we ourselves are made in the
image of God and growing to wholeness in Christ.
Gathered by the Spirit, we have been baptized
into a common life:
a life laid open to all;
overflowing with love and mercy;
richer than mind can measure,
but appearing foolish to the world.**

**And we trust that the foolishness of God will
prove wiser than the wisdom of the world,
and that the suffering of God will heal the earth
and fulfil our hopes of justice and peace.
Amen.**

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Kyrie

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P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: Help, save comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: Amen.

P: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

**The Hymn of Praise—Glory to God pg. 59*

Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father: We worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God: You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

**The Hymn of Praise—This is the feast pg. 60*

People: Refrain: This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

- 1. Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. Refrain**
- 2. Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are his. Refrain**
- 3. Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:**
- 4. Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. Refrain**
- 5. For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia. Refrain**

Pg. 62 Gospel Verse: Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.

**Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness pg. 56*

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, + and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just to forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness....*silence for reflection*

P: Most Merciful God,
C: **we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

P: Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen**

**The Prayers of the Church* pg. 65

P: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.....
(after each petition the following is said)

P: Lord in your mercy,

C: **Hear our prayer.**

P: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

We pray the prayer the Lord taught us...

**THE LORD'S PRAYER* pg. 71

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

**We believe in Jesus Christ the Lord,
Who was promised to the people of Israel,
Who came in the flesh to dwell among us,
Who announced the coming of the rule of God,
Who gathered disciples and taught them,
Who died on the cross to free us from sin,
Who rose from the dead to give us life and hope,
Who reigns in heaven at the right hand of God,
Who comes to judge and bring justice to victory.**

**We believe in God His Father,
Who raised Him from the dead,
Who created and sustains the universe,
Who acts to deliver His people in times of need,
Who desires all people everywhere to be saved,
Who rules over the destinies of people and nations,
Who continues to love people even when they reject Him.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,.
Who is the form of God present in the church,
Who moves us to faith and obedience,
Who is the guarantee of our deliverance,
Who leads us to find God's will in the Word,
Who assists those whom He renews in prayer,
Who guides us in discernment,
Who implies us to act together.**

**We believe God has made us His people,
To invite others to follow Christ,
To encourage one another to deeper commitment,**

To proclaim forgiveness of sins and hope,
To reconcile all people to God through word and deed,
To bear witness to the power of love over hate,
To proclaim Jesus the Lord over all,
To meet the daily tasks of life with purpose,
To suffer joyfully for the cause of right,
 To the ends of the earth,
 To the end of the age,
 To the praise of His glory. Amen.

**The Apostles Creed pg.65*

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Lord, now you let your servant go in peace; your word has been fulfilled. My own eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared in the sight of ev'ry people: A light to reveal you to the nations and the glory of your people Israel. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

**The Nicene Creed pg. 64*

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the

resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

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And we trust that the foolishness of God will prove wiser than the wisdom of the world, and that the suffering of God will heal the earth and fulfill our hopes of justice and peace. Amen.

Gospel Verse: Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
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OFFERING AND OFFERTORY pg. 66

Let the vineyards be fruitful Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing. Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gather the hopes and the dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer now. Grace our table with your presence, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

OFFERTORY PRAYER: pg. 67

- A: Let us pray together; Merciful Father,
C: we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING* pg. 68

- P: The Lord be with you.
C: And also with you.
P: Lift up your hearts.
C: We lift them to the Lord.
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.
P: It is indeed right...join their unending hymn
C: Holy, holy, holy Lord. God of Power and might: Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

P: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

***THE LORD'S PRAYER** pg. 71

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

****PLEASE NOTE:**

+ *If you are a baptized Christian and have been instructed in the Lord's Supper, you are most welcome to join us today. You receive the bread in your hand. You may dip the bread into the chalice or use an empty individual cup provided to receive the wine.*

DISTRIBUTION HYMN: pg. 72

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the

world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

Communion is served.

*After everyone has been served, please stand

***POST COMMUNION BLESSING**

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen

POST COMMUNION CANTICLE: pg. 72

Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev'ryone what he has done. Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear his name. He recalls his promises and leads his people forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia. Alleluia.

***POST COMMUNION PRAYER:**

A: Let us pray. Almighty God, you gave your Son both as a sacrifice for sin and a model of the godly life. Enable us to receive him always with thanksgiving, and to conform our lives to his; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

P: Amen,

Closing Dialog

P: God the Father created us.

God the Son restored us by his blood.

God the Holy Spirit re-creates us day by day into what God wants us to be.

C: All praise to the Father, all praise to the Son, all praise to the Spirit, the great Three-In-One.

P: God the Father formed us out of dust.
God the Son transformed us by his grace into
God's beloved children.

God the Holy Spirit reforms and informs us so
that we can serve the Lord.

**C: All praise to the Father, all praise to the Son, all
praise to the Spirit, the great Three-In-One.**

P: God the Father said, "Let there be light!"

God the Son said, "I am the Light."

God the Holy Spirit enlightens everyone with
the truth of the Gospel.

**C: All praise to the Father, all praise to the Son, all
praise to the Spirit, the great Three-In-One.**

P: God the Father said, "Be fruitful!"

God the Son said, "If anyone remains in me and
I in him, he will bear much fruit."

And the fruits of the Spirit, which are given to us, are
love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness,
faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

**C: All praise to the Father, all praise to the Son, all
praise to the Spirit, the great Three-In-One.**

**C: All praise to the Father, all praise to the Son, all
praise to the Spirit, the great Three-In-One.**

P: For all of the blessings of Father, Son, and Spirit,

C: we praise our triune God. Amen.

Let us pray. O God the Father, the fountain and source of
all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-
begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake
You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and
we ask you not to forsake Your children but always to rule
our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be
enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your

Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy
Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Let us pray. Almighty God, you gave your Son both as a
sacrifice for sin and a model of the godly life. Enable us to
receive him always with thanksgiving, and to conform our
lives to his; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

Let us pray. We give you thanks, almighty God, that you
have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of
life; and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen
us, through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love
toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Let us pray. Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have
given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper
of your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true
faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of
His coming, we may, together with all Your saints,
celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom
which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our
Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.

Luther's Explanations to the Creed

I believe that God has created me
and all that exists;
He has given me and still sustains
my body and soul,
all my limbs and senses,
my reason and all the faculties of my mind,
together with food and clothing,
house and home, family and property;
that he provides me daily and abundantly with all the
necessities of life,
protects me from all danger, and preserves me from
all evil.
All this he does out of his pure, fatherly,
and divine goodness and mercy,
without any merit or worthiness on my part.
For all of this I am bound to thank, praise, serve, and
obey him.
This is most certainly true.

I believe that Jesus Christ —
true God, begotten of the Father from eternity,
and also true man, born of the virgin Mary —
is my Lord,
who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned
creature,
delivered me and freed me from all sins,
from death, and from the power of the devil,
not with silver and gold but with His holy and
precious blood
and with His innocent sufferings and death,
in order that I may be His own,
live under him in his kingdom, Amen.

He is united because God has taken humanity into himself;
he does not transform deity into humanity.

He is completely one in the unity of his person,
without confusing his natures.

For as the rational soul and body are one person,
so the one Christ is God and man.

He suffered death for our salvation.

He descended into hell and rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand
of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

At his coming all people shall rise bodily
to give an account of their own deeds.

Those who have done good will enter eternal life,
those who have done evil will enter eternal fire.

This is the catholic faith.

One cannot be saved without believing this
firmly and faithfully.

The Athanasian

Creed

Whoever wants to be saved should above all cling to the Catholic faith.

Whoever does not guard it whole and inviolable will doubtless perish eternally.

Now this is the catholic faith:

We worship one God in trinity and the Trinity in unity, neither confusing the persons nor dividing the divine being.

For the Father is one person, the Son is another, and the Spirit is still another.

But the deity of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit is one, equal in glory, coeternal in majesty.

What the Father is, the Son is, and so is the Holy Spirit.

Uncreated is the Father; uncreated is the Son; uncreated is the Spirit.

The Father is infinite; the Son is infinite; the Holy Spirit is infinite.

Eternal is the Father; eternal is the Son; eternal is the Spirit:

And yet there are not three eternal beings, but one who is eternal;

as there are not three uncreated and unlimited beings,

but one who is uncreated and unlimited.

Almighty is the Father; almighty is the Son; almighty is the Spirit;

And yet there are not three almighty beings, but one who is almighty.

Thus the Father is God; the Son is God; the Holy Spirit is God.

And yet there are not three gods, but one God.

Thus the Father is Lord; the Son is Lord;

The Holy Spirit is Lord:

And yet there are not three lords, but one Lord.

As Christian truth compels us to acknowledge each distinct person as God and lord, so catholic religion forbids us to say that there are three gods or lords.

The Father was neither made nor created nor begotten;

the Son was neither made nor created,

but was alone begotten of the Father;

the Spirit was neither made nor created,

but is proceeding from the Father and the Son.

Thus there is one Father, not three fathers;

One Son, not three sons;

one Holy Spirit, not three spirits.

And in this Trinity, no one is before or after,

greater or less than the other;

but all three persons are in themselves, coeternal and coequal;

and so we must worship the Trinity in unity and the one God in three persons.

Whoever wants to be saved should think thus about the Trinity.

It is necessary for eternal salvation that one also faithfully believe that our Lord Jesus Christ became flesh.

For this is the true faith that we believe and confess:

That our Lord Jesus Christ, God's Son,

is both God and man.
He is God, begotten before all worlds
from the being of the Father,
and he is man, born in the world
from the being of his mother—
existing fully as God, and fully as man
 with a rational soul and a human body;
equal to the Father in divinity,
 subordinate to the Father in humanity.
Although he is God and man, he is not divided,
but is one Christ.