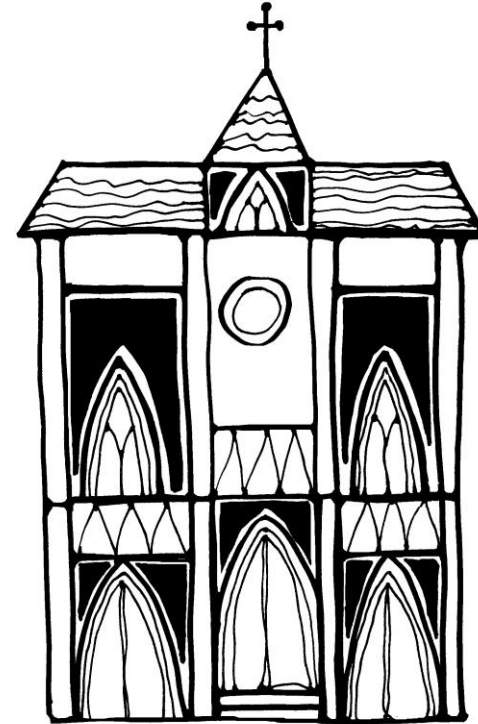


Jeff Hunter—hospitalized for tests—cousin of Amy
 Janice—heart problems
Jaime—suffered a stroke-having weekly TIAs—Joyce’s son’s fiancé
 John—multiple health issues--neighbor of Joyce
Julie—reaction to Parkinson’s medicine and her husband Craig for support of Julie—friend of Diane Lee
 Suzanne Latham—lyme disease—sister of Marla
 Laura—family relationship problems—Joyce’s sister
 Dave Lauver—stomach cancer—Wolff’s cousin
 Kevin Lesoveo—COVID in ICU—friend of Rory & Deb
 Lori—complications with knee replacement—co-worker of Joyce
 Frank Manijak—congestive heart complications—Steve’s Dad
Joe Manijak—back surgery soon—brother of Steve Manijak
 Inge Osborne—cancer—doing well—no chemo—friend of St. Thomas
 Sandi Platen—health issues—sister of Steve Manijak
 Jodie Powers—addiction healing—niece of Steve and Marla
 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—starting to take steps—co-worker’s son of Amy
 Latesha Ragland—learning how to care for Valonte
 Jessica Reker—job searching—friend of Amy
 Leo Rohaley—declining health—uncle of Amy
 Samantha—ear barotrauma{swelling} from being hit by a wave in Ocean City--granddaughter of Joyce
Gay Shope—failing health-in hospice—friend of the Wolffs
 Leslie Slanina—healing—Gilbert’s mom
 Tim Tolodzieski—recovering—brother-in-law of Steve Crile
Margarete Trivisonno—passed away—aunt of Sherry Crile
 Kenneth Udovic-cancer-brother-in-law of Tom Beuck
 Linda Veletta and family—family issues—friend of Robin
 Jay Veletta—head injury—neighbor of Robin
 Bennie Wegener—pancreatic cancer—friend of the Wolff’s
 Dan Wiley—diagnosed with lymphoma—friend of Diane Lee
Kenneth Wolff—passed away—uncle of Rory Wolff
 Denny Wood—cancer surgery recovery—friend of Joyce
 Carol Yurkschatt—hospitalized—Rocky and Kim Kinder
 Doris Zimmerman—newly diagnosed lung cancer—friend of the Wolff’s
All victims of the wild fires, tropical storms, landslides and other natural disasters
Safety for our soldiers from the Taliban
Homeless served by LMM—space in Independence
COVID 19 virus patients

Welcome to St. Thomas Lutheran Church



LORD · TO · WHOM · SHALL · WE · GO?
 YOU · HAVE · THE · WORDS · OF · ETERNAL · LIFE

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Pentecost XIII
10:00 a.m.
August 22, 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 in celebration of Marla Manijak and Lori Ludeman's birthdays.
- **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 stand by the bulletin stand. Seve can bring it to the cars.
- **The Lay Reader** list is available for volunteers for the month of August. Still need volunteers. Please see the signup sheet in the Narthex or let Steve know you would like to sign up. **Our lay reader today is**
- **Ushers are Del inside and Steve outside.**
- **August Service Project...**Summer is a hard time for the children of our community. With school out there is no free breakfast and lunches for them. Let us continue this service project through August and help them out by bringing food items to be donated to the Streetsboro Community Pantry. Monetary donations would be great too. A basket is set up in the narthex waiting for your donations. Thank you!!

Please remember these members in your prayers

Bill & Sharon Crile—recovery from hospital stay and illness

Jim Doerfler—serious mouth surgery—continued healing

Carol Earle—immediate family for peace and comfort

Cory Hautmann—Physiological strength

Linda Hautmann—Strength and healing for Lupus and from melanoma

Palagia Hlava—complications from MS

Laurene Kozar—recovering from stomach surgery—home—send cards

Becky Larkins—fostering Holly—possible adoption

Ken Nicely II—complications from diabetes

Kenny Nicely III—shoulder pain—healing from surgery

Kenny Nicely IV—Epilepsy

Stephen Nicely—traveling mercies to work in Normal, Illinois for 2 months

Carol & Heather Poston—strength and healing from MS

Amy Rohaley—new job situation

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.

Alexa—swollen spleen—granddaughter of Joyce

Aaron—marriage problems—brother of Joyce

Roger Black—lung cancer--hospitalized—brother-in-law of Deb

Patty Bowman—covid—Bill & Sharon Crile's daughter

Carl—in memory care in Arizona—father of Carol Earle

Lana Carnes—heart attack and stroke—friend of the Wolff's

Anna Cooper—heart surgery complications—friend of Wolff's

Bryan Corban—G.I.S.T. tumor on stomach—Marla's brother

Leona Corban—pulled muscle in her back—Marla's mom

Scott Corban—Rheumatoid Arthritis—brother of Marla

Tom Corban—Parkinson Disease—Marla's brother

Mike Dalbaugh—medical leave for head injury—superintendent of Streetsboro Schools

Sue Ellinwood—liver cancer—friend of the Wolff's

Dan Erlandson—severe depression-hopelessness—friend of Robin

George Foerster—father of Dianne Reynolds

Christine Frank—cancer—friend of Jim

Ken Granville—leukemia—retired Band Director and friend of many

Anita Hlava—speedy recovery from hip surgery—Steve's mom

Charles Hovavetz—triple bypass surgery—friend of Beuck's

Debbie Hovavetz-internal problems-neighbor of Tom & Linda Beuck

Closing Song “Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises”
WOV No. 557

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
C: **Thanks be to God.**

Our Worship Is Ended— Now Our Service Begins!

- **Council had their** meeting on July 18 and have decided to not make any changes at this time because of the uptick in the CoVid 19 new variants. Mask wearing is not required by is still an excellent idea. We will continue to monitor the situation and make adjustments as seem appropriate. Any suggestions please let Pastor or council members Steve Hlava, Jim Doerfler, Diane Lee, Deb Wolff, Marla Manijak, Joyce Torres or Del Groff know.
- **The prayer list** is getting a little long. I will not remove anyone unless I’m told to. If there is anyone we can take off with good news, please let Marla know or put a card in the offering plate
- **The July-September Portal of Prayers** are available now.
- **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 18 Adults 0 Children

Towards Budget:

Current Expense	944.34
Building Fund	5.00
Benevolence	5.00
Mission	5.00
1 + 1 + 1	20.00
Town square mtg.	50.00
Loose	20.00
Total Offering	1049.34

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

Welcome and Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

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

C: **Amen.**

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 quickness to take offense at Christ's teachings, we confess to the Lord.

C: **forgive us, Lord.**

P: Our failure to put on the whole armor of God, and our readiness to rely on our own strength, we confess to the Lord.

C: **forgive us, Lord.**

P: Our idolatry in chasing after resources other than God, we confess to the Lord.

C: **forgive us, Lord.**

P: Our failure to proclaim the Good News to those we know, 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: 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: You have the words of eternal life, O Christ,

C: **You ARE the Word of eternal life.**

P: Having feasted on Your goodness, guide us to lives of service,

C: **and at last to eternal life.**

P: We bless You now and evermore.

C: **Amen.**

Sending

P: Go out, and make known the mystery of the gospel. Keep alert and pray at all times.

Draw strength from God's power

and so stand firm against all that would corrupt

God arm you with truth and righteousness;

Christ Jesus give you words of Spirit and life;

the Holy Spirit draw you near to God's presence

and bless you with honor + and grace.

C: **Amen.**

*Each time you drink of this cup,
Do it in remembrance of Me.”*

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.**

Song for the Eucharist “One Bread, One Body”

WOV 710

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.

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

P: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

C: Thanks be to God. Amen.

Entrance Hymn “My Hope is Built” No. 294

The Kyrie pg. 57

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.

C: Lord, have mercy.

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—pg. 58**

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

C: 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 Prayer for the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray. Almighty and eternal God,

C: grant that we may grow in faith, hope, and love; and make us love what You command, so that we may obtain what You promise; through Your Son, 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 Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18

Then Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. ² And Joshua said to all the people, “Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel: Long ago your ancestors—Terah and his sons Abraham and Nahor—lived beyond the Euphrates and served other gods.

¹⁴ “Now therefore revere the LORD, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. ¹⁵ Now if you are unwilling to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD.”

***The Great Thanksgiving**

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 and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven we praise your name and 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: On the night when He was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread into his hands, gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to the 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 sin,*

**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.**

****The Prayers of the Church***

P: Our God is indeed the God of our holy Ancestors,
faithful to all the promises made to His people.
Wanting to serve our God and trusting that we will be
protected in time of trial and preserved in time of
evil, we bring our needs and longings into His divine
presence.

(after each petition)

P: Lord in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: All good and merciful God. You are indeed faithful
to the covenant you have made with Your people.
Hear our prayers as we prepare to return to our daily
lives, that we may go in the confidence that we live
in mystery of Your Son's death and resurrection, and
are ever fed by Him, the Bread of Life. We make
this prayer, as we pray in all circumstances, in His
most blessed name.

C: Amen.

¹⁶ Then the people answered, "Far be it from us that
we should forsake the LORD to serve other gods; ¹⁷ for it is
the LORD our God who brought us and our ancestors up
from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who
did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all
the way that we went, and among all the peoples through
whom we passed; ¹⁸ and the LORD drove out before us all
the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore
we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God."

This is the Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

The Psalm "Come, Learn to Fear the Lord" Psalm 34

Insert

The Second Lesson Ephesians 6:10-20

¹⁰ Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of
his power. ¹¹ Put on the whole armor of God, so that you
may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. ¹² For
our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but
against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic
powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces
of evil in the heavenly places. ¹³ Therefore take up the
whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand
on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand
firm. ¹⁴ Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around
your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. ¹⁵ As
shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to
proclaim the gospel of peace. ¹⁶ With all of these, take the
shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the
flaming arrows of the evil one. ¹⁷ Take the helmet of
salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of
God.

¹⁸ Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and

supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints.¹⁹ Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel,^[c]²⁰ for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak. This is the Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God!

The Verse

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

***The Holy Gospel** John 6:56-69

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

⁵⁶ Jesus taught them]: *“Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them.⁵⁷ Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me.⁵⁸ This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever.”*⁵⁹ He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum.

⁶⁰ When many of his disciples heard it, they said, “This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?”⁶¹ But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, *“Does this offend you?⁶² Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before?⁶³ It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life.⁶⁴ But among you there are some who do not believe.”* For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him.⁶⁵ And he said, *“For this reason I have told you that no*

one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father.”

⁶⁶ Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him.⁶⁷ So Jesus asked the twelve, *“Do you also wish to go away?”*⁶⁸ Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life.⁶⁹ We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.” This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ Pg. 63

The Sermon “*Word Power*”

Hymn of the Day “*You are the Way*” No. 464

Affirmation of Faith

**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 was born of the Virgin Mary, and became man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
He suffered, died, and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in fulfillment of the
Scriptures;**

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.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

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.

Affirmation of Faith

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 fulfill our hopes of justice and peace. Amen.**

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**Gospel Verse: Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.
Pg. 63**

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.

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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.