



Divine Shepherd Lutheran Church

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

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"My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me." [Saint John 10:27]



My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. John 10:27-28

Dear Sheep of the Divine Shepherd:

On June 12th the Church observes the council that brought us the Nicene Creed which we confess as a concise explanation of the Christian faith, specifically the Holy Trinity.

As Lutherans, we recognize the profound significance of the Council of Nicaea, convened in 325 AD, in shaping the foundations of Christian doctrine and unity. This pivotal assembly, called by Emperor Constantine the Great, brought together over 300 bishops from across the Roman Empire to address pressing theological disputes and to establish a unified Christian creed.

The early 4th century was a turbulent time for the Christian church. The Edict of Milan in 313 had granted religious tolerance throughout the Roman Empire, ending centuries of intermittent persecution. However, newfound freedom brought to light internal doctrinal conflicts, the most significant of which was the Arian controversy. Arius, a priest from Alexandria, argued that Jesus Christ, the Son of God, was not co-eternal with the Father but was a created being. This view threatened the unity of the church and the core tenet of Christ's divinity.

Recognizing the need for doctrinal clarity, Emperor Constantine summoned the Council of Nicaea. Lutheran tradition holds the council in high regard for its commitment to scriptural truth and the orthodox faith. The assembly debated vigorously over the nature of Christ and the relationship between the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Athanasius, a staunch defender of Trinitarian orthodoxy, played a crucial role in the council. His arguments against Arianism emphasized the eternal and consubstantial nature of the Son with the Father. This theological position was ultimately encapsulated in the Nicene Creed, our declaration of faith that affirms the full divinity of Jesus Christ and His consubstantiality with the Father: "We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father."

The adoption of the Nicene Creed marked a monumental achievement in the history of Christianity. It provided a unified statement of faith that countered heretical interpretations and preserved the apostolic teaching about Christ's divine nature. For Lutherans, the creed is not only a historical document but also a living confession of faith, recited in our liturgies and embraced in our teachings. Martin Luther himself revered the creeds established by the early ecumenical councils, including Nicaea, viewing them as

faithful expositions of biblical doctrine. The Nicene Creed is central to Lutheran worship, embodying our commitment to the core truths of Christianity.

The Council of Nicaea in 325 AD remains a cornerstone of Christian orthodoxy and unity. Its affirmation of the full divinity of Jesus Christ and the formulation of the Nicene Creed have been vital in preserving the integrity of Christian doctrine through the ages. As Lutherans, we honor this council for its enduring contribution to our faith, ensuring that the truth of the gospel continues to be proclaimed with clarity and conviction.

Pastor Zimmer

Christian Stewardship



The sin of the world is paid for. God's Law has been kept perfectly on our behalf. The prophecies have all been fulfilled. Jesus Christ has finished it all! And that, dear Christians, should fill us with complete confidence in our salvation. Since Jesus has finished all these things in His self-sacrifice, we can be fully certain our sins are forgiven, and we have everlasting life!

St. Paul wrote: "I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship." (Rom. 12:1)

We hear the same teaching in 1 Peter. "As you come to him, a living stone, rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, you yourselves, like living stones, are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ." (1 Peter 2:4-5)

It's the very thing Malachi foretold of the Lord, that He would come and purify His priestly people, that they may offer to Him an offering in righteousness. (Mal. 3:3)

So, what does this mean? In view of God's mercies – that is, because Jesus sacrificed Himself to make us pure, giving His entire self into death – Paul said that we are to sacrifice ourselves entirely to God, offering Him our whole lives. For our Savior did not give Himself for us in part. So, we do not give back to Him in part.

We don't offer ourselves to God just on Sunday mornings or Wednesday evenings, for example. Rather, we give Him our whole selves, all the time. We understand that offering ourselves to God as living sacrifices involves the giving of our time. It requires us to be faithful stewards of the time He has given us. Yes, it means we devote to our Savior all our time. Otherwise, we are not sacrificing our whole lives.

You see, God both teaches us, and has graciously qualified us, to present ourselves to Him as living sacrifices – to live as His holy priests, who offer Him acceptable sacrifices through Jesus Christ, all day, every day, in our various callings.

In the passages from Romans and 1 Peter, we hear several examples of Christian self-sacrifice: serving, teaching, encouraging, giving, leading, showing mercy, living peaceably with others, submitting to governing authorities and those over us in the workplace, wives submitting to husbands, husbands honoring wives, showing compassion, and suffering patiently in doing good.

In all these things, and in all our other everyday activities, we sacrifice ourselves by using our time, not just for our own benefit, but also and especially for the well-being of others. Work time, school time, exercise time, study time,

mealtime, chore time, recreation and relaxation time, even sleep time – it’s all God’s gift to us to use for purposes that please and honor Him.

This challenges us to think about the way we spend our time, how we utilize our talents, and the way we spend our treasures. Whatever it is I’m doing, am I doing it “for the Lord”? (Col. 3:23) Am I presenting God a living sacrifice? Am I conducting myself as a holy priest, whose sacrifice is acceptable to God?

Because our Lord sacrificed Himself wholly for us, we offer ourselves wholly to Him as living sacrifices. This is following Jesus in self-sacrifice. By His saving mercy, yes, our sacrifice is acceptable to God. For the sake of Jesus’ finished work, God is pleased with us.

LCMS Stewardship Ministry: lcms.org/stewardship



Week of June 2-8

Sun, June 2, 8:30 am Divine Service
Sun, June 2, 9:40 am Fellowship
Sun, June 2, 10:00 am Bible Study

Week of June 9-15

Sun June 9, 8:30 am Divine Service
Sun, June 9, 9:40 am Fellowship
Mon, June 10, Noon Women’s Bible Study
Mon, June 10, 7:00 pm Elders Meeting

Week of June 16-22

Sun, June 16, 8:30 am Divine Service
Sun, June 16 11am-1pm Garage Sale Drop Off
Mon, June 17, 4-7 pm Garage Sale Drop Off
Mon June 17, 6:00 pm Council Meeting
Tue, June 18, 4-7 pm Garage Sale Drop Off
Wed, June 19, 4-7 pm Garage Sale Drop Off
Thu, June 20 3-7 pm Garage Sale
Fri, June 21, 9am-2 pm Garage Sale
Sat, June 22, 9am-1 pm Garage Sale

Week of June 23-29

Sun, June 23, 8:30 am Divine Service
Sun, June 23, 9:40 am Fellowship

Week of June 30

Sun, June 30, 8:30 am Divine Service
Sun, June 30, 9:40 am Fellowship

June Birthdays

06 Colleen Donaldson
13 Emily Pruett
16 Bradley Learnahan
19 Aubrey Learnahan
23 Scott Collins



June Baptismal Anniversaries

03 Ron Ruisz
16 Jesse Pape
27 Benjamin Nazario
?? Keith Fox



June Wedding Anniversaries

17 Jonathan & Jasmine Fritsch
22 Ted & Ruth Ogden

Caring Network

We will be doing an outreach project of the Baby Bottles again starting May12. There are 3 ways you can donate:

- Pick up a bottle in the narthex and return with your donation before June 16
- Visit the web site CaringNetwork.com/baby-bottle-drive to donate
- Mail a donation to Caring Network, 1200 Roosevelt Rd, Suite 114, Glen Ellen, IL 60137 (with a notation of baby bottles).

Please Include your name, address, and church’s name and location on all donations.

Please help in Changing Hearts and Saving Lives. See **Barb Potempa** with any questions.

Prayer Chain



Several members are part of a church prayer chain. If you (men or women) would like to join them in praying for our congregation's special needs, please contact Bobbie Light at **630-251-7860**

Ladies Aid



Please start collecting kitchen items, office materials, clothing, crafts, bedding, and linen items for the rummage sale to be held in June.

If you have large items, or more than you can transport, contact **Judy Yuenger** who will arrange a pick-up time for you.

Rummage sale items may be dropped off:

- **Sunday, June 16, 11:00 am – 1:00 pm**
- **Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, June 17-19, 4:00 pm – 7:00 pm**

Please do not drop off large items in Luther Hall until the week of the sale. We appreciate receiving all the items by Wednesday. It is very difficult to sort any items after the sale begins.

Sale dates are:

- **Thursday, June 20, 3:00 - 7:00 pm**
- **Friday, June 21, 9:00 am - 2:00 pm**
- **Saturday June 22, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm**

Helpers are needed on drop-off days, sale days, and on Saturday after 1:00 pm to help pack up the items that do not sell. Can you spare even 1-2 hours to help? All help is greatly appreciated. The unsold items will be given to a charity. Being a volunteer at drop-off days, sale days, or pack-up time is a great way to get to know other members of the congregation. Join us.

Do you have a folding table you can loan Ladies Aid? If so, bring it to church (with your name on it) by Sunday June 16. Thank you.

We will be doing the \$5 bag again; larger items and some clothing will be priced. You would be surprised to know just how much these sales have brought to provide for the necessary repairs and new items needed for the church.

Thank you for supporting Ladies Aid.

Bible Studies

All Bible studies will resume in September. There will be fellowship after the divine service during the summer, unless otherwise noted.

Sunday Treats



Do you enjoy treats and fellowship after Sunday services? If so, please consider signing up on any given Sunday(s).

Why not sign up with a friend? *Empty slots mean no treats.* To enable our diabetic members to enjoy these treats, please consider supplementing some of the “sugary goodies” with crackers and cheese and/or fruit. The signup sheet is posted on the Luther Hall bulletin board.

Trustee's Corner



A special thank you to our church's cleaning crew for all their hard work in helping to clean our church facilities on a regular basis. This volunteer cleaning crew works diligently to vacuum, dust, scrub, mop, tidy, empty trash, and prepare our facilities each weekend. If you can clean the church the 2nd or 4th weekend of each month, please contact Kelly.

Do you like to garden, have a green thumb, if so, bring your own tools and help beautify the gardens. There is always weeding, pruning/etc to be done.

Kelly Stewart, Trustee

Altar Flowers



The 2024 flower charts are posted. This is a wonderful way to help beautify God's house, celebrate a birthday or anniversary, or remember a departed loved on. If you would like to contribute flowers to help beautify the sanctuary on a Lord's Day, please add your name to any open Sunday on the flower charts. Ruth Ogden will do two altar bouquets for **\$30**. **Karen** will contact you to get your flower request, and a brief note to place in the worship bulletin. When the worship service is over, you are welcome to take your bouquets home.



Directing Choice Dollars is a great way for eligible Thrivent members to show support for what matters most to them. Thank you to everyone who donated their choice dollars – Divine Shepherd received over \$1,300 since the first of the year. Monies received are used for various church projects.



Shop with Scrip cards are available throughout the year for everyday expenses and gifts for any special occasion **Next order date is June 11**. Pre-purchased cards are available after Sunday services and forms are on the bookcase in Luther Hall. These cards make many of the Ladies Aid projects possible, and best of all they do not cost members anything beyond the face-value amount. Script pays us to use their service. What is more, many of these cards can be reloaded so you do not have to continually buy new cards.

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Twitter: @dslc60440

Important Phone Numbers

Church office: 630-759-5300

Pastor Zimmer: 630-759-5300

Prayer Chain: 630-251-7860 (Bobbie Light)

Head Elder: 630-360-5573 (Scott Collins)

Newsletter info: 630-759-3188 (Karen Moritz)

(Due June 24)

Flag Day



Lord God, You display Your love for us so freely and openly that we cannot help but praise You. We are blessed that You have given us such a beautiful nation. You provide sun have given us a country in which we are free to worship You. Through our nation, You give us rights and opportunities that people in many places have give us in this land and for the many blessings You have shown us here. Cause us to honor our nation and our nation's flag in thanksgiving for the blessing this land has been to us. As we honor her, let us always rely on You. In Jesus' name. Amen

Father's Day Prayer



Heavenly Father, we give thanks for your provision and care. We pray for our earthly Fathers: in thanks for loving fathers who support and care for their children. For single fathers, they may find encouragement, community, and stable work. For forgiveness and healing for those whose relationship with their father is difficult or broken. For those who mourn their fathers' death that they may comforted. Guide us to regard your sacred earth and all creation as a Loving father cares for his own. And bless all fathers everywhere, that they may be strengthened in love for their children, just as you have first loved us through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

The best fathers not only give us life – they teach us how to live it.