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Missouri Synod

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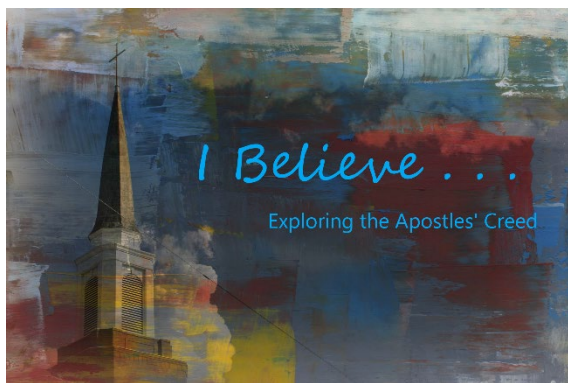
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Our Mission Statement:

**"Give thanks to the Lord, call on his name;
make known among the nations what he has done."**

Psalm 105:1



Credo: Who is the Son?

As Christians, we need to be able to answer a simple question. A question that has implications for faith. The question is Who is the son? Or to put it in a more biblical wording: Who do you say I am? This is the question Jesus asks to the disciples and becomes pivotal to each Christian confessing their faith. So, it should be no surprise when we find this question is answered in the Creed.

Before we answer the question, the importance cannot be overstated. If we do not answer this question right, we give up faith. We give up the only thing we can hope for namely Jesus Christ and His death on the cross for the forgiveness of sins. It may sound like I am being a little alarmist here, but it is not. If we do not understand the person of the Son correctly, we give up forgiveness. So, with that let's jump right into it.

We start by hearing the catechism say, "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" This tells us what we need to know about the person of Jesus. He is both God and man at the same time. He is the one who was born of flesh and blood but was true God.

We term this the Two Natures of Christ and it is found in the scriptures. Not together but in parts and put together to have a full understanding of the identity of Christ. Romans 9:5 says, "To them belong the patriarchs, and from their race, according to

the flesh, is the Christ, who is God over all, blessed forever. Amen." We see Scriptures calling Jesus God. They are going to go on and speak of Him in the same terms and attributes as God the Father: Eternal (John 1:1-2), immutable (Heb. 13:8), omnipresent (Matt 28:20), omnipotent (Matt 28:18), omniscient (John 21:17), and he forgives (Matt 9:6), create (John 1:3), judges (John 5:27), and preserves (Heb. 1:3).

Here we see no questions that Jesus is true God. Not only do scriptures tell us He is God but they layout how Jesus shares the same attributes as God. Now that we know Jesus is God we can look at what the scriptures say about Him being Man.

1 Timothy 2:5 "For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus." Clear as day scriptures call Jesus man. Then we see Jesus shares in many of the same things as man: He has a body and soul (Luke 24:36-43), has feelings (John 11:28-37 and Heb. 4:14-16), and hungering and thirsting (Matt. 4:2).

No questions Jesus is man and God at the same time often referred to as the Godman. The importance of this comes into the redemption or salvation or forgiveness of sins whichever term you want to use. If Jesus is not a man, He cannot die on the cross to forgive sins, God cannot die and then there is no death for the atonement of sins. If Jesus is not God then only a man dies on the cross who has sin and no payment for sins is made.

This is the reason why we need to answer the question of Who is the Son? It tells us about who came and died to forgive our sins and gives us assurance the death on the cross was enough to pay the price for our sins.

Your Servant in Christ,
Pastor Welton



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Fidelity to God's Word



Did You Know?

The next time you put on a pair of jeans, you can thank a Latvian-born tailor. Allow me to introduce you to the man pictured above. His name is Jacob Davis. And after emigrating from Latvia to the U.S. as a young man, Davis was asked by one of his customers to make a more durable pair of pants for her husband who was a woodcarver. What resulted was the material today known as denim.

Before long, news of these working man trousers had spread so quickly that Davis could not keep up with demand. That's when Davis joined forces with another tailor and supplier of materials. Perhaps you've heard of their company, the Jacob W. Davis and Levi Strauss and Company.



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The Rajek family at the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Latvia's headquarters in Riga. On July 16, 2022, the church celebrated "Church Day" and the consecration of two new bishops.

She was an amazing and beautiful gift from God. Anyone looking at her would notice that Eve was unique and different from her husband, Adam. Yet the two complimented and fit each other perfectly, just as God intended. And through this union, God would bring blessings upon blessings to our world!

That was God's intent when He created them male and female—that He might bring blessings to the world. And that's what God desires of our marriages—husband and wife each complementing the other with the unique gifts He gives even as they bring blessings into this world.

It's interesting how far our world has strayed from what God had intended. Recently, I had the privilege of celebrating the consecration of two bishops in the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Latvia. It was quite a celebration with bishops from many of the surrounding Lutheran Churches in attendance. One such bishop has been in the news recently. Perhaps you've heard of him. His name is Rev. Juhana Pohjola, the Bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Mission Diocese of Finland (ELMDF). As an aside, our Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod is in fellowship with the ELMDF.

Fidelity to God's Word, cont.

Bishop Pohjola and one of his members, Dr. Päivi Räsänen (who is also a member of the Finnish Parliament), were charged by Finland's Prosecutor General in incitement against a group of people for writing and publishing a booklet espousing the biblical view of marriage.

"As a Christian, I do not want to and cannot discriminate against or despise anyone created by God," said Rev. Dr. Pohjola. "Every human being, created by God and redeemed by Christ, is equally precious."

In the beginning, Adam and Eve had a perfect marriage. Unfortunately, all of that was lost after they fell into sin. As a result of sin, their familial relationship and their relationship with God was undeniably damaged. And

without intervention, all would have been lost forever.

And that's why Jesus Christ came. He came to bridge the divide and repair the damage sin caused. When He suffered and died on the cross, He satisfied God's anger toward our sins. And when He rose to life again on the third day, He brought hope and health to our wearied lives. Even more, He promises to live with us and make our relationships more fulfilling. Finally, when He returns, He will make His world—and each of us—perfect forever. While, in that day, there will be no marriage as we have come to know it, we will once again enjoy a perfect and lasting relationship with each other. Just as God had intended from the beginning.

Thanks be to God, on March 30, 2022, the Helsinki District Court in Finland issued a decision acquitting both Bishop Pohjola and Dr. Päivi Räsänen of their charges. While this decision brings some resolution to the matter, it is not over as the opposition has vowed to appeal.



Rev. Rinalds Grants and Rev. Uldis Galitis (now bishops) at their consecration in the Riga Dome on July 16, 2022.

In the meantime, the church continues to pray for both Bishop Pohjola and Dr. Räsänen that God's Word would continue to be proclaimed to all, even to those in power as the Psalmist writes, "I will also speak of your testimonies before kings and shall not be put to shame" (Ps 119:46 ESV). As Bishop Pohjola expressed to me in our conversations, he is encouraged and uplifted by all the prayers and words of support he has received from so many within the church.



Bishop Pohjola and me at a reception following the consecration of bishops on July 16, 2022.



*Rejoice in hope, be
patient in tribulation,
be constant in prayer.
(Rom. 12:12 ESV)*

PLEASE PRAY:

- That the war between Ukraine and Russia does not expand into other countries.
- For the incoming cohort to Luther Academy in Riga that God would bless their studies.
- For all the students and faculty of Luther Academy as we gear up for the fall semester.
- For my daughter, Emiley, as she adjusts to life back in the states without mom, dad, and sister.

GIVE THANKS:

- For the staff of OIM who have been incredibly supportive during this time of transition for Emiley.
- For the many congregations and individuals who pray for us, encourage and support us in this important mission.

PRAISE GOD:

- For faithful church leaders like Bishop Pahjola, Jaity like Dr. Rasanen and others who stand up for biblical truth in the face of persecution.

Ministry and Family Update



L to R: Lexi, Emiley, Jenny and Cory

Ministry Update

This past month has been continuing my year-end tasks of checking other class assignments for academic integrity and planning for my upcoming fall semester class on dogmatics. Additionally, I have been planning with a local Lutheran pastor setting up English services in Riga. Much of the hard work had been already been done by my predecessors Drs. Bombaro and Cortright. Unfortunately, Covid-19

closed down the English services. Now that tourism in Riga has come back, we are offering services in English once again. Thanks be to God!

Family Update

As you read this newsletter, my oldest daughter will have already gone back in the U.S. It will most certainly be a time of transition for her and for her parents. Please continue to keep all of us in your prayers as we experience this milestone.



My family and I at lunch after going to church in Old Town, Riga on July 10, 2022.

I would like to sincerely thank you for your support of the Lord's mission in Eurasia. We could not be touching peoples' lives with the message of Jesus Christ without you. Please prayerfully consider sharing this mission with others. Tell them of the good that God is doing throughout this exciting mission.

Once again, from the bottom of my heart, thank you and the Lord be with you.

~Cory J. Rajek



There are many opportunities to serve as short-term or GEO missionaries. Check out the current list and download an application at lcms.org/service. Click on "Service Opportunities."

Prayerfully consider partnering with the LCMS to support the work of Rev. Dr. Cory J. Rajek. Make checks payable to:

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod
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St. Louis, MO 63166-6861

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Mission Central
40718 Highway E 16
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On the memo line include *Rajek-Latvia*

Give securely from any device: lcms.org/givenow/rajek
Call a donor care representative: 800-930-4438

St. Peters Lutheran Church **Inflows & Outflows by Class**

Cash Basis

April through June 2022

	Building		Total unclassified		TOTAL	
	Apr - Jun ...	Jan - Jun ...	Apr - Jun ...	Jan - Jun ...	Apr - Jun ...	Jan - Jun ...
Income						
4001 · Interest Income	0.28	0.71	0.00	0.00	0.28	0.71
4011 · General Fund	0.00	0.00	43,827.00	77,829.84	43,827.00	77,829.84
4015 · Sunday School Donations	0.00	0.00	252.00	626.00	252.00	626.00
4019 · Refunds	0.00	0.00	0.00	283.00	0.00	283.00
4020 · Building Fund	1,071.00	2,205.00	0.00	0.00	1,071.00	2,205.00
4053 · Designated Funds	0.00	0.00	1,479.75	3,417.50	1,479.75	3,417.50
Total Income	1,071.28	2,205.71	45,558.75	82,156.34	46,630.03	84,362.05
Expense						
5180 · District/Synod Support	0.00	0.00	1,937.49	3,874.98	1,937.49	3,874.98
5182 · Together in Mission	0.00	0.00	987.51	1,975.02	987.51	1,975.02
5186 · Conference & Workshops	0.00	0.00	192.72	900.26	192.72	900.26
5189 · Mission Work - local	0.00	0.00	372.00	620.00	372.00	620.00
5190 · Designated Funds Expen...	0.00	0.00	1,111.00	1,306.00	1,111.00	1,306.00
5195 · Sunday School-mission ...	0.00	0.00	0.00	300.06	0.00	300.06
5201 · Pastor's Salary	0.00	0.00	5,037.48	10,074.96	5,037.48	10,074.96
5202 · Housing Allowance	0.00	0.00	8,937.54	17,875.08	8,937.54	17,875.08
5203 · Social Security Offset	0.00	0.00	833.00	1,666.00	833.00	1,666.00
5205 · Worker Benefit Plan	0.00	0.00	8,420.33	16,597.97	8,420.33	16,597.97
5206 · Church - Health Savings ...	0.00	0.00	600.00	1,300.00	600.00	1,300.00
5207 · Pastor's pymts to HSA	0.00	0.00	900.00	1,800.00	900.00	1,800.00
5209 · Mileage	0.00	0.00	304.20	704.93	304.20	704.93
5301 · Organist Salary	0.00	0.00	1,575.00	2,250.00	1,575.00	2,250.00
5641 · Vacation Bible School	0.00	0.00	43.63	43.63	43.63	43.63
5690 · Publications	0.00	0.00	446.11	748.36	446.11	748.36
5695 · Miscellaneous Expense	0.00	0.00	2,944.16	3,635.53	2,944.16	3,635.53
6001 · Secretary's Salary	0.00	0.00	3,240.00	7,020.00	3,240.00	7,020.00
6020 · Office Expense	0.00	0.00	276.79	713.57	276.79	713.57
6030 · Postage	0.00	0.00	148.02	383.61	148.02	383.61
6070 · Telephone/Internet	0.00	0.00	298.94	598.98	298.94	598.98
6301 · Janitor's Salary	0.00	0.00	1,725.00	3,450.00	1,725.00	3,450.00
6320 · Janitorial Supplies	0.00	0.00	80.03	80.03	80.03	80.03
6344 · Copier Lease	0.00	0.00	853.35	1,668.49	853.35	1,668.49
6372 · Utilities - Church	0.00	0.00	3,147.30	6,981.70	3,147.30	6,981.70
6373 · Insurance	0.00	0.00	534.69	534.69	534.69	534.69
6374 · Repairs & Maintenance	0.00	0.00	18,730.31	20,065.69	18,730.31	20,065.69
6560 · Payroll Expenses	0.00	0.00	379.82	800.95	379.82	800.95
Total Expense	0.00	0.00	64,056.42	107,970.49	64,056.42	107,970.49
Net Income	1,071.28	2,205.71	-18,497.67	-25,814.15	-17,426.39	-23,608.44

St. Peters Lutheran Church
Account Balances
As of June 30, 2022

Cash Basis

	<u>Jun 30, 22</u>
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
1010 · Great Western - Checking	4,621.04
1016 · Great Western - Build/Impr...	668.76
Total Checking/Savings	<u>5,289.80</u>
Total Current Assets	5,289.80
Other Assets	
2020 · SD District Ext - Scholar-#4806	1,535.00
2022 · Endowment Fund	3,478.32
Total Other Assets	<u>5,013.32</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u><u>10,303.12</u></u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Equity	
3900 · Retained Earnings	33,911.56
Net Income	-23,608.44
Total Equity	<u>10,303.12</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u><u>10,303.12</u></u>



The 2022-2023 Sunday School year is just around the corner.
Please prayerfully consider being a teacher, substitute
teacher, or helper.

Contact your Board of Education
Loren Lindholm, Scott Feige, or Jason Fischer

VBS Student registration Preschool – 6th grade is on the round table at the
entrance of the Fellowship Hall. Please invite your family, friends, neighbors,
everyone is invited to join us at 5:30 pm August 7th, 8th, and 9th!

VBS Theme is:

FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT

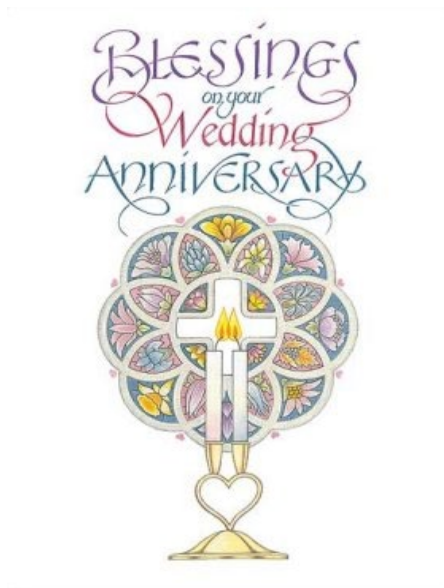
love,
joy,
peace,
patience,
kindness,
goodness,
faithfulness,
gentleness,
and self-control



Galatians 5:22-23

AUGUST WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Rollyn & Connie	Hess	Aug 2, 1969
Carrol & June	Olson	Aug 2, 1968
Mike & Trish	Tammen	Aug 2, 1996
Erik & Lisa	Lindholm	Aug 4, 2001
Adam & Kayla	Welton	Aug 4, 2007
Todd & Carmen	Keupp	Aug 5, 2007
Ryan & Stacy	Lindholm	Aug 6, 2005
Brett & Heidi	Schneider	Aug 14, 2004
Loren & Amy	Lindholm	Aug 23, 1986
Kory & Melissa	Reck	Aug 24, 2002
Noel & Catherine	Wareham	Aug 31, 1996



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Brant	Klawonn	Aug 2, 1989
Carleen	Ooms	Aug 2, 1940
Bill	Hansen	Aug 3, 1947
Dominick	Lindholm	Aug 3, 2012
Hattie	Baumberger	Aug 4, 2016
Jesse	Baumberger	Aug 5, 1989
David	Beeck	Aug 6, 1956
Michael	Lindholm	Aug 6, 1951
Erik	Lindholm	Aug 9, 1978
Glenn	DeGroot	Aug 12, 1967
Dannie	Johnson	Aug 12, 1944
Mikeal	Tammen	Aug 12, 1997
Danielle	Eppe	Aug 13, 1976
AnnaLee	Fedeler	Aug 14, 1996
Melissa	Reck	Aug 17, 1973
Kenneth	Lindholm	Aug 18, 2003
Tyler	Reck	Aug 18, 2003
Kaleb	Lindholm	Aug 19, 2013
Everett	Milbrandt	Aug 19, 2017
Jeffrey	Arneson	Aug 21, 1960
Amanda	Klawonn	Aug 23, 1990
Bonnie	Lindholm	Aug 23, 1956
Brock	Eppe	Aug 24, 2006
Daniel	Voy	Aug 24, 2000
Nathan	Voy	Aug 24, 1996
Heidi	Huwe	Aug 27, 1992
Amanda	Maas	Aug 28, 1982
Abigail	Eppe	Aug 29, 2010
Austin	Tammen	Aug 29, 1998
Misty	Alfson	Aug 30, 1975
Lane	Gehrels	Aug 31, 2021

AUGUST BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS

Thatcher	Welton	Aug 2, 2015
Jarrold	Maas	Aug 4, 1985
Chase	Hemmer	Aug 5, 2001
Brad	Minor	Aug 5, 1956
Dick	Lease	Aug 6, 1939
Kylin	Kooiker	Aug 8, 2021
Kormic	Gehrels	Aug 9, 2020
Cheryl	Schriever	Aug 10, 1969
Scott	Feige	Aug 11, 1985
Hattie	Baumberger	Aug 14, 2016
Rollyn	Hess	Aug 15, 1943
Michael	Lindholm	Aug 16, 1951
Mikeal	Tammen	Aug 17, 1997
Randy	Hess	Aug 18, 1968
Carleen	Ooms	Aug 18, 1940
Zhavia	Dean	Aug 19, 2018
Dominick	Lindholm	Aug 19, 2012
Kayla	Tweet	Aug 19, 1990
Jesse	Baumberger	Aug 20, 1989
Alex	Henrichs	Aug 22, 2004
Nathan	Winesburg	Aug 22, 1993
Erik	Lindholm	Aug 27, 1978
Ainslie	Klawonn	Aug 28, 2011
Amanda	Klawonn	Aug 29, 1990
Meredith	Fischer	Aug 30, 1981



To read the Bible in one year:
SUGGESTED BIBLE READINGS
FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST

DATE	FIRST READING	SECOND READING
August 1	Habakkuk 3:2-19	2 Chronicles 1 – 3
August 2	Psalms 57	2 Chronicles 4 – 6
August 3	Psalms 58	2 Chronicles 7 – 9
August 4	Psalms 59	2 Chronicles 10-12
August 5	Psalms 60	2 Chronicles 13-15
August 6	Psalms 61	2 Chronicles 16-18
August 7	Psalms 62	2 Chronicles 19-21
August 8	Psalms 63	2 Chronicles 22-24
August 9	Psalms 64	2 Chronicles 25-27
August 10	Psalms 65	2 Chronicles 28-30
August 11	Psalms 66	2 Chronicles 31-33
August 12	Psalms 67	2 Chronicles 34-36
August 13	Psalms 68	Ezra 1 – 5
August 14	Psalms 69	Ezra 6 -10
August 15	Psalms 70	Nehemiah 1 – 3
August 16	Psalms 71	Nehemiah 4 – 6
August 17	Psalms 72	Nehemiah 7 – 9
August 18	Psalms 73	Nehemiah 10 – 13
August 19	Psalms 74	Esther 1 – 3
August 20	Psalms 75	Esther 4 – 6
August 21	Psalms 76	Esther 7 – 10
August 22	Psalms 77	Job 1 – 3
August 23	Psalms 78	Job 4 – 6
August 24	Psalms 79	Job 7 – 9
August 25	Psalms 80	Job 10 – 12
August 26	Psalms 81	Job 13 – 15
August 27	Psalms 82	Job 16 – 18
August 28	Psalms 83	Job 19 – 21
August 29	Psalms 84	Job 22 – 24
August 30	Psalms 85	Job 25 – 27
August 31	Habakkuk 3:2-19	Job 28 - 30

AUGUST 2022

Altar Guild:

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7 Sunday, August 7 -9:00 am Worship w/Holy Communion Acolyte: Addeyson Olinger Greeters: Todd & Carmen Keupp Organist: Shirley Backus Board of Education Meeting VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL BEGINS 5:30 pm	8 No Altar Guild this month 5:30 pm VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL	9 Secretary Out of Office 5:30 pm VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL	10 7:00 pm Elders Meeting	11	12 Secretary Out of Office	13
14 Sunday August 14 -9:00 am Worship w/Holy Communion Acolyte: Presley Schneider Greeters: Brant & Amanda Klawonn Family Organist: Peggy George	15	16	17 6:00 pm Confirmand Parents Meeting 7:00 pm Sunday School Teacher Meeting	18 Winkle	19	20
21 Sunday, August 21 -9:00 am Worship w/Holy Communion Acolyte: Olerick Welton Greeters: Dick & Helen Lease Organist: Peggy George	22 NEWS LETTER DEAD LINE	23	24 4:00 pm Confirmation & Bible History Class	25	26	27
28 Sunday, August 28 -9:00 am Worship w/Holy Communion Acolyte: Rilynn Zillgett Greeters: Lee Limmer; Adam Limmer Family Organist: Peggy George	29	30	31 4:00 pm Confirmation & Bible History Class			