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June
2023

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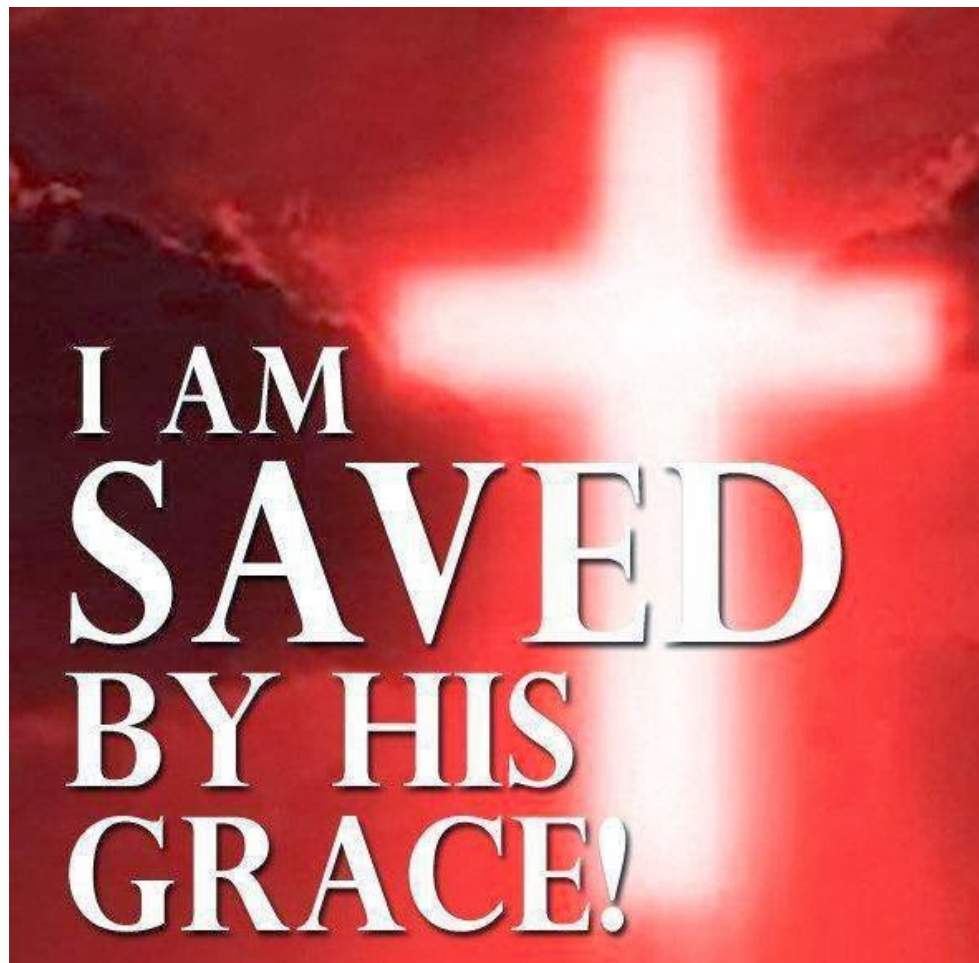
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I am struck by the sudden desire, by some, who feel a need for the country to become Christianized. The type of Christianizing that our country and even our community leaders seem to be pushing has little to do with Jesus.

Rev. Benjamin Cremer wrote:

*When we Christians become
convinced that we are the only
authority on truth, that anyone who
opposes us is evil, and that things
will only get better if we are in
charge of all positions of power, that
is when we know we are no longer worshiping God.
We are worshiping ourselves.*

When we try to manipulate God to fit our personal needs – well – that is sin.

I get nervous when people start telling me that we need to get Christianity back in our schools. And I want to say – whose Christianity? I am not saying that as Lutherans we always have it right, but I do believe strongly that we have a gracious, forgiving God. That through our faith we are justified by God's grace – it has nothing to do with me! I do not need to accept Jesus as my personal Lord and Savior – because I am already accepted – just as I am and far from perfect. But it is only through Jesus' death on the cross and resurrection to new life that I am saved – along with all the children of the world - and get to receive the gift of new life.

Through Jesus' dying, the law was abolished because there was no way any of us were going to measure up. So, the Law of the Old Testament no longer holds us bond but rather points us to the life saving grace of Jesus. One of my pet peeves – is when people pick and choose which law is going to be enforced on people or when they choose just one verse out of scripture. When really, the whole Bible presents to us stories of faith to help us stay focused on the cross. As a Lutheran Church we believe that scriptures are the inspired word of God. We do NOT believe that the Bible is inerrant! The world has changed since the days of old when the scriptures were recorded. Through the Holy Spirit, God has remained constant and continues to open our eyes with inspiring, new possibilities for ministry!

And that's really where I think our leaders are missing the point. Have we become so stuck in the past with this sense that the days of old were better because we thought Christian Values and Morals were present or being taught? I can tell you – they were not. The Law of old caused plenty of hurt and pain – and even unnecessary death - because we were not able to see all children as beloved by God.

But here's the thing, we get to help change that old perspective in the world. And that's what you get to do as a congregation – especially now as you are in the call process. You get to call a new pastor who will help you see new possibilities of how the Holy Spirit is working, not only here at Trinity but in your community. God's plan for the future is bigger than all of us but wouldn't it be nice to be able to catch a glimpse of it now as we work together and move into the world with a sense of grace and forgiveness?

Pastor Cathy

Youth and Family



We would like to thank everyone who took the time to help put flags on the Veterans graves at the Venice Cemetery for Memorial Day. It was an honor to be asked to do this as it was one simply way for us to honor and give our respect for those who gave up their lives for us to live with the freedoms we enjoy daily. And we would like to thank Mason Russell for playing the taps and Andrea Warner for providing the music for us.

This year we will have 3 young adults who were confirmed here at Trinity, graduating from high school. From Perkins we have Topanga Farlow, and from Margaretta we have Evan Miller and Koral Russell. These 3 will be honored at our worship services on Sunday, June 4. Congratulations to them and God's blessings on them with their new journeys in life.



FATHER'S DAY EVENT! All dad's, grandpa's, uncles and kids are invited to attend a Father's Day event on Sunday, June 18 starting at 9:15 with breakfast and then we'll move on to some fun activities that are being planned. To help us with our planning, please sign up on the bulletin board across from the church office if you plan to attend.

We would like to thank Carrie Killingsworth and Shelby Koch for teaching our Sunday school kids again for another school year. They put a lot of time and resources into helping our kids learn about Jesus!



Vacation Bible school will be held in conjunction with Grace Lutheran and the Congregational church in Castalia, July 10-13 at Grace Lutheran. The "TWIST AND TURNS" VBS will begin each day at 6:00pm and last until 8:00pm Please watch for more information coming to our students in the mail. But if you have a child you would like to attend, please see Sally Warner for registration forms.



Upcoming changes starting in September that were approved at the May Council Meeting.

The offering plates will still be located at the entrances to the sanctuary and not passed during the service. However, the ushers will be asked to gather the plates and bring them to the altar and acolytes as in the past.

There will be more information on this as it gets closer.

The cookie/coffee hour will be done on the first Sunday of each month between services. There will be a sign-up sheet posted each month for people to sign-up to bring cookies.

In September communion will be served each week at alternating services. The first and third Sunday of each month communion will be served at the 8:00 am service only. Then on the second and fourth Sunday of each month communion will be served at the 10:30 am service only. The fifth Sundays will have no communion. Sundays in Advent and Lent will have communion at both services each Sunday. This will be done through the end of the year and then evaluated to see if it should be continued this way.

With the addition of communion each Sunday at one service or another there is a need for additional altar committee helpers. Please let Pat Wiedenheft or the church office know if you would like to help with this ministry.



Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Congregation of Sandusky, Ohio - Sandusky OH
Balance Sheet as of April 30, 2023

Wednesday, May 24, 2023

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Account #	Account Name	YTD Balance
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Assets

1.100.102	Checking Account	78,297.77
1.100.104	Petty Cash Fund	20.00
1.100.106	Thrivent Bond Fund Checking	58,759.09
1.200.114	Thrivent Money Market Account	855.18
1.220.116	Endowment Savings Thrivent	91,805.59
1.220.118	Mission Plus Investments (3 CD's)	3,904.32
1.220.120	Edward Jones Mutual Fund	275,648.32
1.220.122	Edward Jones CD	19,971.20
1.400.110	Thirvent Moderate Fund (Reserve)	51,635.11
1.400.112	Thrivent Moderate Fund - Pavement	2,493.84
Total Assets		<u>\$583,390.42</u>

Liabilities

2.100.216	Ohio Treasurer of St	42.00
2.100.218	R.I.T.A.	44.96
2.100.219	Ohio Department of Taxation	7.80
Total Liabilities		<u>\$94.76</u>

Fund Balances

3.100.300	Current Fund Balance	71,436.85
3.210.300	Community Mission Fund Balance	9,289.76
3.220.300	<i>Designated Giving Fund Balance</i>	
3.221.300	Memorial Fund Balance	39,895.57
3.222.300	Endowment Fund Balance	95,709.91
3.223.300	Building Improvement Fund Balance	37,186.30
3.225.300	Pavement Fund Balance	2,493.84
3.227.300	Charity Fund Balance	275,648.32
	<i>Total Designated Giving Fund Balance</i>	<i>\$450,933.94</i>
3.400.300	Reserve Fund Balance	51,635.11
Total Fund Balances		<u>\$583,295.66</u>
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances		<u>\$583,390.42</u>



The Call Committee interviewed another candidate. However, they declined a second interview with council.

COUNCIL UPDATE

TRINITY CONGREGATION COUNCIL Meeting Highlights - May 18, 2023 - 7:00 pm (These are unapproved meeting minutes)

Attending: Nancy Vollmer, Pat Wiedenheft, Kathy Bango, Betsy Stierhoff, Pastor Ralph, and secretary, Carol Dahs. Not in Attendance: Carrie Wiedenheft, Jim Bertsch, and Millie McCready

Meeting called to order by Vice-President – Nancy Vollmer, Opening devotions were given by Betsy Stierhoff

Visitor to Council – Mike Markley presented council with two quotes for replacing the concrete in the front of the church. Kreimes Co. gave a quote of \$9,200.00 and Hula Construction gave a quote of \$7,899.50. Pat made a motion to accept the Hula Construction quote. 2nd by Kathy. Motion passed. \$7500 was approved for this project in October of 2021 from the Building Improvement fund. In October of 2022 this amount was increased to \$8500 with the expectation that the work would be done in 2023. Mike will have them put us on the schedule.

Minutes of previous meeting (April 2023) were reviewed. Pat made a motion to accept the April meeting minutes. 2nd by Kathy. Motion passed.

Treasurer's report for April 2023 was reviewed. Carol presented a request from Jim to move another \$20,000 from current funds to a CD which most are making right around 5% interest. Betsy made a motion to accept the treasurer's report including the approval of the \$20,000 to a CD. 2nd by Kathy. Motion passed.

President's Report: Pat said that the last candidate that was interviewed declined our invitation to meet with council. They do have another candidate to consider.

Congregational Life – Kathy Bango – The Mother's Day gifts were well received. They were an angel key ring. Kathy already has the gifts for Father's Day.

Faith Builders – Pat Wiedenheft – The kids will be participating in several Memorial Day activities on May 28.

Mission Service – Betsy Stierhoff – Betsy has been working on Sundays, so she has been unable to get with Bonnie and Jim on what they want to do next.

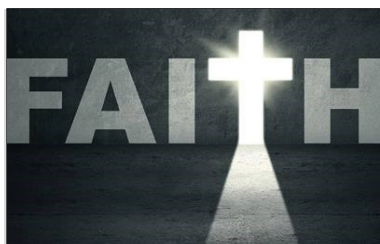
Property – Council went over a couple outstanding things with Mike since he was there for the concrete proposal. He will check into them. Carol forgot to get with Mike on the parking lot sealing that needs to be done this year.

Worship and Music – Nancy Vollmer – Their next meeting is August 9. Pastor Cathy told Nancy where to find the information the ELCA has on their website on parish nurses. Zion has currently tabled their work on it due to the individual in charge of the project has been ill. Currently Trinity will continue to keep our options open on the program. Should we keep the 5th Sunday Unity services was one of the things asked on the Congregational Life survey. For this year July 30 will still be one service. In October the 5th Sunday is Reformation Sunday so this will be two services. December 31 is New Year's Eve Day and will be a single service with carols. This will be added to the Congregational Meeting agenda. They discussed if we should resume the passing of the peace during service. It was determined not to start that back up at this time. Passing of the offering plate was also discussed. Pat made a motion that in September we start to have the ushers bring the offering up the isle to the acolyte and then to the altar as done in the past. The plates will not be passed but will continue to stay by the entrances for now. 2nd by Betsy. Motion passed. Cookies between services will be reinstated for the first Sunday of the month starting in September. There will be a sign-up sheet posted each month for this. Kathy made a motion to approve the request of Worship & Music to have the 4th Sunday of Advent (December 24) at 9:00 am only and then at 7:00 pm that night to be the Christmas Eve candle service only. 2nd by Pat. Motion passed. Kathy made a motion to approve the request of Worship & Music to have communion every Sunday on the following schedule: On the 1st and 3rd Sunday's communion will be at 8:00 am only, on the 2nd and 4th Sunday's communion will be at 10:30 am only. Nothing on a 5th Sunday and during Advent and Lent there will be communion every Sunday at both services. 2nd by Betsy. Motion passed. The new senior ministry group consists of Jim B., Pat W., Cathy W., Nancy V., and Candy B. They will be getting together to see what they want to work on first.

Old Business – Carol finally got the new directory printed and distributed. She still needs to work on the video/sound system.

New Business – Trinity received a letter from Viewpoint Senior Housing to help fund their garden project. Betsy made a motion to take the loose offering gathered on June 4 along with any balance needed from the council discretionary fund to make \$200 to donate to them. 2nd by Pat. Motion passed. Carol will be on vacation from July 26 through August 7. Carol will find someone to cover on Tuesday and Thursday from 9 am to 11 am. Pastor Ralph will cover Monday and Wednesdays. On Fridays the office will be closed. Carol presented a proposal from Perry Protech on a new copier with a new contract. This would give us the ability to staple/fold and have 1,000 color copies per month in the new contract. The price per month should actually go down just a little bit. Kathy made a motion to accept the new proposal. 2nd by Pat.

Motion passed. Carol will get ahold of Perry Protech.



FAITH Member Ministry

Friends and Family **A**biding in Christ **I**n **T**heir
Homes/Hospitals/Healthcare Centers

“You never know when a moment and a few sincere words can have an impact on a life forever.” – Zig Ziglar

FAITH Members (as of 5/22/23)

At the Commons of Providence Assisted Living Building, 5000 Providence Drive, Sandusky

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Ruth Sieb Apt #107 Birthday - Sept. 19

At the Commons of Providence Memory Care Unit, 4901 Providence Drive, Sandusky

Ruby Stierhoff Rm #114 Birthday - July 26

At the Willows of Bellevue, 101 Auxiliary Drive, Bellevue, Ohio 44811

At Providence Care Center, 2025 Hayes Avenue, Sandusky, Ohio 44870

Paul Wiedenheft Birthday - Oct. 11

At Heritage Village, 700 Helen Street, Clyde, Ohio 43410

At The Meadows of Osborn Park, 3916 Perkins Avenue, Huron, Ohio 44839

Shirley Miller Birthday - April 3

Parkvue Community, 3800 Boardwalk Blvd, Sandusky OH 44870

Ray Remy Apt. 112 Birthday - Feb 9

Otterbein Senior Life, 9400 North Shore Blvd, Lakeside-Marblehead OH 43440

Dan Miller Rm #224 Birthday May 24

In their homes:

Brian & Mary Ann Hickman 51 N. Harbors End, Port Clinton 419-732-7398 B: May 25 MA: July 10

Bernie & Mary Ann Neidler 1305 Ogontz St, Sandusky 419-625-4839 B: Nov. 16 MA: Dec. 30

Pat Nielsen 1502 Martins Point Road, Sandusky 419-684-5627 June 6

Judy Welser 5619 Debra Drive, Castalia 419-684-7232 Feb. 11

Should you like to join our team in making home visits, where we offer conversation, prayers and communion, please contact Patty Swartz at 419-626-4970.



Crossroads Homeless Shelter Meal for June 21, 2023

**Pork & Gravy over Mashed Potatoes
Corn & Green Beans
Salad
Bread/Butter
Dessert**

Jim is still cooking monthly meals for Crossroads. If you would like to support this ministry please send your donation to the church and mark it Homeless Meal.



**TODAY'S CHRISTIAN MUSIC
IN A SPIRIT-FILLED
ATMOSPHERE!
COME, WORSHIP, AND SING!**

JUNE 11, 2023

**BETWEEN SERVICES,
9:30-10:00 AM,
IN THE SANCTUARY.**



From the website "My Selfless Act" it suggests that there are benefits to volunteering in general. They include:

- Gaining a sense of purpose
- Meeting new people and making new friends
- A serotonin boost from making a difference for others
- Feeling like a valued part of a team.
- Learning and developing new skills
- Giving back to the communities where you work or live
- Gaining confidence and self-esteem



JUNE MILESTONES

BIRTHDAYS

2 Weston Miller
 5 Patty Swartz
 6 Patricia Nielsen
 7 Julie Overmyer
 Trevor Ramsdell
 Rodney Velliquette
 8 Eric Cox
 Meredith Dietrich
 9 Barbara Wiedenheft
 Kaitlin Miller
 10 Rebecca Miller
 11 Elaine Drossman
 Rex Stierhoff
 Kaitlin Hemmer
 13 Angela Ramon
 Lou Neill
 Bryce Davie
 14 Nathan Smith
 15 Laura Miller
 Hannah Wright
 16 Jude Hacker



18 Shirrell Myers
 19 Allie House
 20 Michael Markley
 21 Kaiden Rose
 24 Vincent Carrozzino
 Annette Siverling
 25 Richard Miller
 26 Grace Heilmann
 Jamie Opfer
 27 Marilee Werner
 28 Claire Miller
 29 Jennifer Lesch
 30 Carol Radebaugh
 Breanna Neill

ANNIVERSARIES

16 Tal & Ann Streaun - 22nd
 18 Pete & Gail Lococo - 68th
 24 Scott & Sharon Swartz - 28th
 Michael & Regina Strauss - 6th
 27 Kurt & Nicole Heilmann - 25th
 28 Richard & Sheryl Miller - 48th



Helen McConnell, Anonymous in
 memory of Barb Wiedenheft

Anonymous in memory of Norm
 Stierhoff

Jim Bertsch, Larry & Pat
 Wiedenheft, David & Sally Warner
 in memory of Carol Keegan



*In Our
 Thoughts
 and Prayers*



On behalf of the people of Trinity, our Congregation Council thanks:

- To all who donated food/money for Grace's Table.
- To all who helped with the Mother's Day celebration.
- To Mark and Tyler Wiedenheft for helping Jim spread mulch around the church.
- To Mike Markley for getting the quotes and cement project going this summer.
- To Cyclone Services for their continued trash pickup.



JUNE 2023

9 S U N	M O N	T U E S	W E D	T H U R S	F R I	S A T
				1	2	3 NA 11:00
4 The Holy Trinity Communion Service 8:00 & 10:30 am Piano/Keyboard Lesson Mfg 9:15 am	5	6	7 NA 7:00 pm	8	9 Office Closed Carol on Vacation	10 NA 11:00 am
11 Second Sunday of Pentecost Worship Service 8:00 & 10:30 am Jam Session 9:30 am	12	13	14 NA 7:00 pm	15 Council Mtg 7:00 pm	16	17 NA 11:00 am
18 Third Sunday of Pentecost Communion Service 8:00 & 10:30 am Father's Day Event 9:15 am	19	20	21 Crossroads Meal 1 pm NA 7:00 pm	22	23	24 NA 11:00 am
25 Fourth Sunday of Pentecost Worship Service 8:00 & 10:30 am	26	27	28 NA 7:00 pm	29	30	

HELPERS AT WORSHIP - June 2023 and July 2023

Date	Chancel Flowers	Memorial Flowers	8:00 am Service			10:30 am Service		
			Ushers	Lector	Acolyte	Ushers	Lector	Acolyte
Altar Care for June: Cathy Wobser								
Communion Assistant - 8:00 - Sally Warner and 10:30 - Candy Beatty								
June 4	Gary & Bonnie Lieb		Sally Warner	Carrie Wiedenheft	Lincoln Smith	Gary Lieb	Candy Beatty	Mason Russell
June 11	Paul, Wendy, Dave Wiedenheft		Sally Warner	Sally Warner	Emma Killingsworth	Gary Lieb	Gayle Thompson	Claire Conner
June 18	Linda Gantz		Fred Wobser	Guy Miller	Mariska Farlow	Ken Schenk	Natalie Thompson	Natalie Thompson
June 25			Fred Wobser	Joyce Patterson	Carlie Wiedenheft	Ken Schenk	Jim Bertsch	Eli Conner
Altar Care for July: Sheryl Miller, Cathy Wobser, Candy Beatty								
Communion Assistant - 8:00 - Guy Miller and 10:30 - Gayle Thompson								
July 2		Greg Norman	Rich Miller	Millie McCready	Erica Miller	David Wobser	Jim Bertsch	Mason Russell
July 9	David & Cathy Wobser	Candy Beatty	Rich Miller	Russ Stephens	Tyler Wiedenheft	David Wobser	Candy Beatty	Brock Parker
July 16			Greg Norman	Carrie Wiedenheft	Mya Smith	Denny Sessler	Cathy Wobser	Eli Conner
July 23	David & Sally Warner		Greg Norman	Sally Warner	Zane Warner	Denny Sessler	Natalie Thompson	Claire Conner
July 30	Tom & Peggy Kingsborough		Greg Norman	Jim Bertsch	Mason Russell	Greg Norman	Jim Bertsch	Mason Russell

Prayers, Readings and Psalm for the month of June

June 4 - The Holy Trinity Sunday

Genesis 1:1--2:4a - *The creation of the heavens and the earth*

Psalm 8 - How majestic is your name in all the earth! (*Ps. 8:1*)

2 Corinthians 13:11-13 - *Paul's farewell to the church at Corinth*

Matthew 28:16-20 - *Living in the community of the Trinity*

Prayer of the Day: Almighty Creator and ever-living God: we worship your glory, eternal Three-in-One, and we praise your power, majestic One-in-Three. Keep us steadfast in this faith, defend us in all adversity, and bring us at last into your presence, where you live in endless joy and love, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

June 11 - Second Sunday of Pentecost

Hosea 5:15--6:6 - *God desires steadfast love*

Psalm 50:7-15 - Call upon me in the day of trouble, says your God. (*Ps. 50:15*)

Romans 4:13-25 - *The promise to those who share Abraham's faith*

Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26 - *Christ heals a woman and raises a synagogue leader's daughter*

Prayer of the Day: O God, you are the source of life and the ground of our being. By the power of your Spirit bring healing to this wounded world, and raise us to the new life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

June 18 - Third Sunday of Pentecost

Exodus 19:2-8a - *The covenant with Israel at Sinai*

Psalm 100 - We are God's people and the sheep of God's pasture. (*Ps. 100:3*)

Romans 5:1-8 - *While we were sinners, Christ died for us*

Matthew 9:35—10:8 [9-23] - *The sending of the Twelve*

Prayer of the Day: God of compassion, you have opened the way for us and brought us to yourself. Pour your love into our hearts, that, overflowing with joy, we may freely share the blessings of your realm and faithfully proclaim the good news of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

June 25 - Fourth Sunday of Pentecost

Jeremiah 20:7-13 - *The prophet must speak despite opposition*

Psalm 69:7-10 [11-15] 16-18 - Answer me, O LORD, for your love is kind. (*Ps. 69:16*)

Romans 6:1b-11 - *Buried and raised with Christ by baptism*

Matthew 10:24-39 - *The cost of discipleship*

Prayer of the Day: Teach us, good Lord God, to serve you as you deserve, to give and not to count the cost, to fight and not to heed the wounds, to toil and not to seek for rest, to labor and not to ask for reward, except that of knowing that we do your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.