

Good Shepherd News & Notes

Easter Sunday: March 31, 2024

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"I BELIEVE"

by Daniel Inyang, Masao Shimodate, and Reg Quirk

THE ATHANASIAN CREED

Just as the Apostles' Creed is so named, not because the apostles wrote it, but because it faithfully summarizes their teaching, so the Athanasian Creed accurately portrays the position of Athanasius.

We can divide the creed into two parts. The first deals with the doctrine of the Holy Trinity; the second, with the doctrine of the incarnation. In each case the creed addresses specific errors.

As regards the Trinity, two heresies are tackled, Sabellianism and the previously mentioned Arianism. The former bears the name of the third-century teacher Sabellius, who taught that the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit are merely three manifestations of the one God, so that at one time He appears as Father, then at another as Son and at yet another as Spirit. The creed condemns this error as "confusing the Persons" of the Trinity.

The creed condemns Arianism as "dividing the substance" of the Trinity. It stresses that each Person is uncreated, each is infinite, and each is eternal.

Concerning the incarnation of our Lord, the Athanasian Creed appears to be responding to the danger of Nestorianism. This heresy derives its name from Nestorius, who was condemned at the Council of Ephesus in 431 for distinguishing the human and divine natures of Christ to the point where he appears to teach that there are two distinct persons. So the creed affirms that "although He is God and man, yet He is not two but one Christ.

It is possible the creed also has in mind Eutychianism, which goes back to Eutyches in the fifth century. He was so zealous in countering Nestorianism that he was accused of confessing only one nature of Christ, and allowing no room for His humanity. Again the creed declares our Lord Jesus Christ to be both God and man, "God of the substance of the Father ... man of the substance of His mother."

The creed's value is found in its clear explanation of the Bible's revelation about the Triune God and about the incarnation of Christ. In this it is as valid today as ever it was.

THE NICENE CREED

In the fourth century, the Church experienced an important turning point because of her new relationship with the Roman Empire and an unavoidable (*see page 2*)

confrontation with Hellenistic culture, especially its philosophy.

While the Church was free from persecution after Constantine established Christianity as the imperial religion, it struggled for the integrity of the faith against efforts to distort its nature. The Arians, for example, denied the full divinity of the Son, Jesus Christ, persisting in their own theory of Subordinationism — the Son, Jesus Christ, is subordinate to the Father.

Athanasius and other orthodox theologians saw the Arianism (so-called because it derived from the teachings of Arius) threatened the essence of the Christian faith. They defended the truth that the Son must be of “one substance with the Father.”

The Nicene Creed follows the outline of the Apostles’ Creed. Adapting a baptismal creed, the Council of Nicea added some anti-Arian phrases such as “begotten, not made” and the so-called homoousios (“being of one substance with the Father”), because the Arians denied that the Son is eternal. The chief concern of the council was protecting the divinity of the Son, Jesus Christ.

In 381, the Council of Constantinople expanded the Third Article, confessing that the Holy Spirit is to be worshipped and glorified together with the Father and the Son.

Concerning the proceeding of the Holy Spirit, the so-called filioque (“and the Son”) was later added by the Western church to the Third Article against the continued influence of Arianism. This addition triggered a Trinitarian controversy between Western and Eastern theology. While the former insisted that the addition clearly reflected the true unity of the Trinity, the latter insisted on its omission.

The Nicene Creed is a climax in the confrontation between Christian faith and Hellenistic philosophy. It overcame a Hellenization that might have distorted Christianity.

The Nicene Creed is significant today because it established the divinity of the Son, Jesus Christ, rather than acknowledging Him simply as a historic figure, great prophet, or charismatic leader, as humanists would view Him. He is the unique Savior because He is true God and true man.

The creed proclaims that Jesus Christ is one being with the Father. We believe in the one God. The one God speaks to us in Jesus Christ. God revealed Himself through the divine Word, Jesus Christ, once for all, in a way never to be surpassed.

Accepted today as the essence of Christian faith, the Nicene Creed proclaims the unity of the Trinitarian God and the reliable uniqueness of the Savior.

The Lutheran Witness, May 2005 (Concordia Publishing House, St. Louis, MO) pg.22.

LADIES OF GOOD SHEPHERD

You are invited to join us at the LWML Spring Workshop on Saturday, April 20th at Good Shepherd from 8:30 am—11:30 am. Pastor Moline will lead the prayer service beginning at 9:00 am. We will work on a mission craft project (Bring Scissors). The registration fee is \$5. Refreshments will be served. Please join us!

MISSION PROJECT FOR MARCH: WOMEN’S CARE CENTER

Easter Sunday, March 31st will be the last opportunity this year to support the Women’s Care Center as a mission project of Good Shepherd with your donations. Check the bulletin table for information and donation envelopes.



PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK

If you have a prayer request, please contact the church office at (402) 423-7639. Your request will appear for 6 weeks. If you would like to keep it on the prayer list, you may

call during the 6th week to renew it.

- **Barb Poppe**, with short-term memory issues (3)
- **Leena Mackey**, grand-daughter of Linda Clark, with continued medical issues (6)
- **Elaine Egner**, that her chemo and radiation treatments would be successful (5)
- **Peggy Cather**, doing rehab and recovering at home (5)
- **Don Olson**, recovering from a knee replacement (5)
- **Pastor Scott Porath**, having medical issues (3)
- **Trudy**, friend of Angela Von Busch, hospitalized with health issues (5)
- **Mike**, friend of Holly Herrod, recovering from surgery for a broken wrist (5)
- **Karen**, sister of Janice Densberger, diagnosed with Parkinson's disease (4)
- **Lori Mader**, daughter of the Densbergers, diagnosed with breast cancer (4)
- **Lori Sidlo**, dealing with continuing health problems (3)
- **Ben Sandman**, recovering from a mystery illness at home (4)
- **Robert Nichols**, grandfather of Grace Marshall, in declining health and struggling with fear & uncertainty about his faith (6)
- **Irma Brandt**, in hospice care (3)
- **Bud Lichtenfeld**, uncle of Rich Lichtenfeld, in ICU (3)
- **Terry Fitzgerald**, recovering from surgery (2)
- **Dawn Zieg**, former member of Good Shepherd and friend of the Stehliks, battling cancer (3)
- **Ramon Marciano**, struggling with family issues (6)
- **Irene**, friend of Linda Clark, being treated for lung cancer (1)

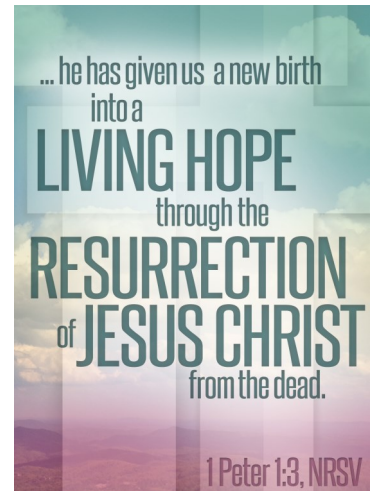
- **John Proescholdt**, cousin of Barb Proescholdt, dealing with a new diagnosis of bone marrow cancer (6)
- **Sharon Burke**, being treated for Parkinson's (1)
- **Dee Crisler**, with health issues (4)
- **Tanya Schlamann**, former member of Good Shepherd, thanksgiving for a successful lung transplant and prayers for recovery and blessings on anti-rejection treatments (4)
- **Rita**, mother of Rich Lichtenfeld, having surgery (1)
- **Janine Melton**, sister of Bob Rathjen, having medical tests (2)
- **Karen Kumm**, daughter of Barbara Kumm, hospitalized (2)
- **Nick Hyde**, that he would receive the certification he needs before a trip to Minnesota (3)
- **Sarah Stepp**, starting on a new medication for EOE. Pray that it will work to bring healing and that insurance issues are eliminated. Pray also that her celiac disease continues to be responsive to just a gluten-free diet (3)
- **Thanksgiving for Crew Clint Poppe**, who has been released from the NICU (3)
- **Thanksgiving that Eleanor**, great-granddaughter of Bob & Sondra Rathjen was able to go home from the hospital (2)
- **The family of Jerry Smith**, grandfather of Beth Huff, who was taken to his eternal home recently. (2)

KNNA-LP 95.7FM NOTES

One of the most popular programs on KNNA-LP 95.7 FM The Cross is The Word of the Lord Endures Forever. Pastor Will Weedon takes us verse by verse, in rapid speed and style, through the Bible. His knowledge of the Holy Scriptures and the Ancient Church Fathers shines through in this daily Bible study. Hear him at 10am weekdays and other times throughout the week. Thanks for listening!

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STEWARDSHIP MOMENT— John 20: 1 “Now on the first day of the week ...” All is made new by the resurrection of Jesus! Even the day of worship has transitioned from the Old Testament’s Sabbath (Saturday) to the Lord’s Day of the New Testament (Sunday). For the Lord has made all things new: In rising from the dead as the new Adam, He has begun a new week for a new creation. We are also made new in Him — a new heart, a new life, new desires, a new outlook toward God. All this comes from our risen Lord’s grace.



BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES (March 31 thru April 6)

People celebrating birthdays are:

Arylss Ketelsen	Trindon Twarling
Deborah Grimmette	Renee Jackson
Jacob Schlatter	Darla Posner
Ivy Theewen	Paige Renter
Hannah Swor	Brent Travis
Melissa Peters	Helen Snook

Couples celebrating anniversaries are:

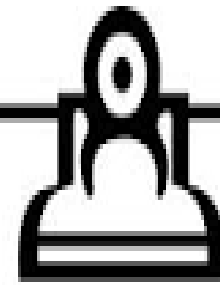
Curt & Corie Christiansen
Steve & Joyce Eckhoff

LIFE MOMENT

Conventional wisdom once equated slaves with property instead of people. The Gospel Paul proclaimed in Philemon, about God Incarnate as humankind’s slave and becoming our brother, eventually ended the injustice. And will we not delight to declare it and demonstrate the same sanctity of every human life until abortion and assisted suicide also become obsolete?

COLLEGE STUDENT MEAL

On Sunday, April 14th, after the second service, there will be a meal for all our college students as they prepare for the end of the academic year. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex if you would be willing to bring food or help serve. We are trying something a little different — build your own burrito and yogurt bars, so if you have questions about the items or amounts, please contact Elizabeth Moline (701-640-7989). College students, plan to attend and bring a friend!



FINANCIAL INFORMATION
MARCH 24, 2024

WEEKLY BUDGET NEED:
\$ 11,184.00

ATTENDANCE:
WED., MARCH 20: 122
MATINS, MARCH 21: 33
SUN., MARCH 24: 256

GENERAL FUND OFFERING:
\$ 9,693.54

OUR OUTSTANDING MORTGAGE: \$ 1,636,542.68

Our goal is to pay off the mortgage by 2030. We need \$2,300 per week donated in principal only payments to accomplish this.

Between Jan 1 & March 24, 2024
We have received
\$ 26,598.04
in principal only gifts.

Vicarage Fund Jan 1 — March 24,
2024:
\$ 21,832.00

SERVING AT GOOD SHEPHERD THIS WEEK:

DOORKEEPERS: (Maundy Thurs.): 6:30 pm: Olson
(Good Friday): 12:15 pm:
(Good Friday) :6:30 pm: Higgins
(Easter Vigil): 6 pm:
(Easter Sunday): 8 am: Higgins
10:30 am: Perrin

ELDER TODAY: (Mon., Tues, & Thurs): Wayne Gudgel
(Wed.): Joel Kaldahl
(Good Friday): Ken Knaus, Chad Renter
(Easter Vigil): Ken Knaus
(Easter Sunday): Curt Christiansen

USHERS: (Easter Sun., March 31) 8 am: Kaldahl, Higgins, Von Busch
10:30 am: Fitzgerald, Princes

ACOLYTES: (Wed., March 27): Zach Von Busch
(Maundy Thurs.): Cole Walker
(Good Friday): 7:30 pm: Nolan Keller
(Easter Vigil): 6 pm: Gabe Moline
(Easter Sunday): 8 am: Aaden Von Busch
10:30 am: Rhett Bauer
Wed., April 3): Broderic Beed

ALTAR GUILD ASSISTANT: (Maundy Thurs): Claire Moline
(Easter Vigil): Ingrid Ehrich
(Easter Sun., March 31): Brittani Jackson
(Wed., April): Brileigh Twarling

COMMUNION SET-UP: (Maundy Thurs.): Sue Stolcpart
(Good Friday): 12:15 pm: Marilyn Meyer
(Easter Vigil): 6 pm: Marilyn Meyer
(Easter Sunday): Linda Reigle

COMMUNION CLEAN-UP: (Maundy Thurs., March 28): Sue Stolcpart
(Easter Vigil): Marilyn Meyer
(Easter Sunday): Marilyn Meyer

COFFEE SERVERS: (Easter Sun.): Loraine Harnett, Sandy Langemeier

"BUILDING FAITH IN THE HOME"

The next class in this series of parenting sessions will be a continuation of "Sexuality and Chastity." Pastor Moline will lead this session on April 28th following the 10:30 am service. A taco/nacho bar and drinks will be provided for lunch. **Please bring a side or dessert to share.** The children will be able to participate in board games in the classrooms again while the parents meet with Pastor in the fellowship hall for the class after lunch. Contact Jerika Perrin with any questions at (402) 525-2379.

ACELC CONFERENCE

You are invited register for the ACELC Conference at Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Kansas City, MO on June 18-19, 2024. A range of presenters will offer their perspectives on the issues facing the Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod. Check the ACELC (Association of Confessing Evangelical Lutheran Churches) website for updates on speakers and topics and for registration details.

GOOD SHEPHERD SHUT-IN MEMBERS:

Several of our shut-in members have requested to be listed in the News & Notes in order that members might pray for them.

Ron Amack (at home)
Betty Bluhm (at The Grand Lodge)
Joe & Sharon Burke (at home)
Jim & Peggy Cather (at home)
Elaine Egner (at home)
Shirley Kalina (Pemberly Place)
Janet Kniep (at home)
Tish Loomis (at home)
Dorian Merritt (at home)
Cindi Olson (Country House)
Dean Posner (Holmes Lake Rehab)
Alice Urbach (at home)

Anita Armitstead (at home)
Irma Brandt (Yankee Hill Village)
Jim & Marilyn Carr (at home)
Georgene Duer (at home)
Verneda Gerdes (at home)
Arlyss Ketelsen (at home)
Jerry Kohl (The Woodlands)
Lynda Mahloch (Legacy Estates)
Brent & Cherie Travis (at home)
Francine Poppe (Azria Health, Central City)
Marvin & Joyce Thompson (The Woodlands)
Don Wiese (Southlake Village)

On the tall table next to the pro-life display is a way for you to send birthday and anniversary greetings to our shut-in members. There are cards to sign or you may write a short note to those having birthdays and anniversaries in the current month. Beginning on **March 27th** there will be cards available for **Marvin Thompson, Georgene Duer, and Cindi Olson** as they celebrate their birthdays. These cards will be available to sign until **Sunday, April 14th**. Thank you to everyone who has taken advantage of these opportunities to stay in touch with our shut-in members.

EASTER BREAKFAST

The youth, with the help of Dee Indgjer, will be serving an Easter Breakfast Potluck this year! **We are asking members to bring in their favorite baked goods, ready-to-serve fruit or other breakfast, snacky food** they would like to share with their fellow church members. Muffins, bars, cookies, nutter-butters, cheese sticks, Gogurt, pudding, cantaloupe in manageable pieces, cut up strawberries and cleaned grapes are all welcome additions!

Feel free to bring them to church ahead of time and leave them in the kitchen fridge or on the counter. The youth will take it from there. Thank you for your help and remember "He is Risen".

APRIL MISSION PROJECT: LUTHERANS IN AFRICA

There are millions of Lutherans in Africa. There are more Lutherans in Ethiopia than there are in the entire United States...but most of these Lutherans are Lutheran in name only. Rev. James May founded Lutherans in Africa in 2010 and started teaching Lutheran doctrine to the Lutherans in Africa. Now Rev. May and others are teaching Lutherans about Luther's Small Catechism. LIA has also partnered with the Lutheran Heritage Foundation which translates teaching materials.

ISSUES, ETC. "MAKING THE CASE" CONFERENCE

There is a great speaking lineup for the 2024 Issues, Etc. "Making the Case" Conference on Friday, July 12 and Sat., July 13 at Concordia University Chicago. Speakers include Riley Gaines (All-American Swimmer), Mark Hemingway (RealClear Investigations), Mollie Hemingway (The Federalist), Aaron Renn (The American Conservative), Pastor Bryan Wolfmueller (Has American Christianity Failed?), Pastor Chris Rosebrough (Fighting for the Faith), and Pastor Will Weedon (The Word of the Lord Endures Forever). Early Bird Registration is \$140 and includes 3 meals. Attendance is limited to 500. Register at issuesetc.org.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRAW

The next opportunity to donate blood at Good Shepherd will be on Friday, April 19th from 8 am — 2 pm. Check the poster at the information center for contact information, how to sign up to donate, etc.