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Sisters and brothers in Christ,

On Sunday, October 6, we will sing, for the second time, *For the Healing of the Nations*, as we pray “peace be yours” upon the nations of the world. I remember hearing this sung prayer for the first time at seminary. The main attraction, so to speak, though, was the seminary choir’s rendition of Franz Joseph Haydn’s *Mass in Time of War*. And yet, the sacred mood was set from the start with what’s called the Service of Light. Someone brings in a large, lit candle amidst darkness, singing, “Jesus Christ is the Light of the world.” Those sitting in darkness affirm, “the light no darkness can overcome.”

There was, obviously, recurring armed conflict going on in the world around that time, ten years ago or so. There still is now. It reminds me of a line from *The West Wing*, when (John Amos, the actor form of) the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said, “I don’t know who the world’s leading expert on warfare is, but any list of the top has got to include me, and I can’t tell when it’s peacetime and wartime anymore.” Who knows how many high-ranking military personnel would say the same, but even from the civilian’s perspective...there is some credence to such a thought.

Will there ever come a time when war is no more? Even if war isn’t necessarily declared on another nation or terrorist group, does that mean zero conflict exists? Of course, we’ve come to use the *war* word more haphazardly over time; not just with the *war* on drugs, for example, or even the *war* on the home-front with gang violence, but athletes will describe sporting events as a *war* down in the trenches with all the “blood, sweat, and tears” thrown in for good measure. Regardless of whether we have experienced war directly or not, we human beings have a common experience of some darkness, some of which is much deeper than any night visible to the eyes.

“Jesus Christ is the light of the world,” so we proclaim. Except, I wonder when we sing those words (or even think them, for that matter), if it’s more so with the mindset that



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such divine light is out there, almost surrounding the world, like it's up in the sky, but not necessarily heavenly light-years away. It's out there, but you have to let the light of Christ into your specific country, region, home. It's out there for the taking...I guess(?).

So, if we pray for a specific nation, is it more so with the mindset that we pray they turn from their evil ways and let the light of Christ take over from there? When we pray for said nation, do we have in our minds, in that moment, their leaders, their citizens, those in poverty, the land? Are we under the impression the light of Christ isn't already there amongst them? Are only certain nations blessed with the light of Christ at this present moment? Did some nations have it, and then Jesus decided to take himself and his darkness-shattering light away with him after such and such a heinous act against humanity? What makes Jesus return?

These are not the easiest of questions for us Americans to grapple with regarding our relations with the rest of the world, or for anyone to consider; as many of us would like as much divine light to ourselves to help with our own darkness that we know far too well. And so, we will sing, "peace be yours," to nations all over the world, not because God is waiting for our permission to do so, but to make us aware of God's concern not just for us, but for children of God in the farthest of places away from any concern of ours.

"Jesus Christ *is* the light of the world," the *whole* world. It was unleashed with the "let there be light" Creation refrain, and it was further ignited when Emmanuel came to ransom captive Israel and the whole world along with it. It is "the light no darkness can overcome," because the light will always remain, no matter what the world may say. God unleashed it upon the world, and God blessed with even more assurance at the Resurrection to never, ever take that light away from us and all children of God then, now, and forevermore. Thanks be to God!

In Christ,
Pastor Brad



Please mark your calendars ahead of time for our next congregational meeting, which will be Sunday, November 10. We will begin with a potluck dinner at 5pm and go straight into our discussion. The church will provide the plates and napkins. If you plan on joining us, we would invite you to bring along a dish to share (simply let us know in advance what you would like to bring to avoid ten Jello salads). We hope you can make it!

Don't forget that we fall back one hour on Sunday, November 3!





We ask you to keep the following sisters and brothers in Christ in your prayers:

Jenny Adams
Bev Deitrick
Cathy Gallagher
Richard Jakubcin
John Kurtz
Jean Kurtz
Mary Phillips
Hazel Schwab

Courtney Spencer
George Tomaselli
Martha Wasson
Mardell Weiss
Trudy Weidman
Clara Wilcox
Dave Wilcox

If you wish to send any cards, please send them, or drop them off, to the church office, and we will be sure to deliver them.

- 12 Colin Schatt
- 26 Martha Wasson
- 28 Robert Jakubcin
- 29 Mardell Weiss
- 30 Ron Schroeder



17 Gary & Almut Zvosec



Through October and November we will continue to discuss "Answering the Toughest Questions about Suffering and Evil." Each week we are challenged to consider a different question. Stop by and join in! Mondays at 1pm!





On Sunday, October 6, we will celebrate World Communion Sunday, when we will, also, sing “For the Healing of the Nations,” as we pray and remember God’s love for the entire world!

On Saturday, October 12, and Sunday, October 13, we will have a service of healing, when you will be invited to be blessed with oil, the very mark from our baptism, where God promised to be with us throughout this life, including through all our aches and pains for new life to be made possible.



**Service
Time
Change!**

On Sunday, October 20, we will start worship at 11:30am in order to allow Pastor Brad more time for The Lutheran Church of the Covenant’s congregational meeting after their worship that morning. We apologize for any inconvenience!

On November 3, we will take time to celebrate the saints who walk among us daily, and also remember the sisters and brothers of our Triune family, who now rest in glory.



In recognition of Reformation Sunday on October 27, we offer this little Confirmation-refreshment from Martin Luther's *Small Catechism* on The Creed.

The First Article: *On Creation*

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

What does this mean?

I believe that God has created me together with all that exists. God has given me and still preserves my body and soul: eyes, ears, and all limbs and senses; reason and all mental faculties.

In addition, God daily and abundantly provides shoes and clothing, food and drink, house and farm, spouse and children, fields, livestock, and all property; along with all the necessities and nourishment for this body and life. God protects me against all danger and shields and preserves me from all evil. And all this is done out of pure, fatherly, and divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness of mine at all! For all of this I owe it to God to thank and praise, serve and obey him. This is most certainly true.

The Second Article: *On Redemption*

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead [*or, "he descended into hell," another translation of this text in widespread use*]. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

What does this mean?

I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father in eternity, and also a true human being, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord. He has redeemed me, a lost and condemned human being. He has purchased and freed me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil, not with gold or silver but with his holy, precious blood and with his innocent suffering and death. He has done all this in order that I may belong to him, live under him in his kingdom, and serve him in eternal righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as he is risen from the dead and lives and rules eternally. This is most certainly true.

The Third Article: *On Being Made Holy*

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.

What does this mean?

I believe that by my own understanding or strength I cannot believe in Jesus Christ my Lord or come to him, but instead the Holy Spirit has called me through the gospel, enlightened me with his gifts, made me holy and kept me in the true faith, just as he calls, gathers, enlightens, and makes holy the whole Christian church on earth and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one common, true faith. Daily in this Christian church the Holy Spirit abundantly forgives all sins—mine and those of all believers. On the last day the Holy Spirit will raise me and all the dead and will give to me and all believers in Christ eternal life. This is most certainly true.



Lutheran World Relief
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We would like to thank all of you who helped provide supplies for 50 personal care kits to be put together for Lutheran World Relief, which provides immediate and long-term support for those in need all over the world. One story of such ministry is shown below.

The ELCA Supports LWR-IMA Response to Venezuelan Refugees in Peru

BALTIMORE—The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), the nation’s largest Lutheran body, has donated more than \$250,000 to support Lutheran World Relief-IMA’s humanitarian outreach to families arriving in Peru who are fleeing the deteriorating humanitarian situation in Venezuela.

The crisis driving the migration from Venezuela is showing no signs of abating. According to the International Organization for Migration, more than 4.3 million Venezuelans have migrated over the past two years, with at least 800,000 seeking refuge in Peru. Lutheran World Relief-IMA has been working at the Peru-Ecuador border and in Lima to assist arriving migrant families with basic services to help them resettle.

The gift from the ELCA will enable Lutheran World Relief and IMA World Health to expand our response to the humanitarian crisis by assisting Venezuelans in Peru with food and non-food items, basic health care services, linkages to updated immigration information, job training and funds for small businesses, along with spiritual accompaniment. In addition, the ELCA provided an additional gift to help cover the cost of freight to ship mission quilts made by Lutheran volunteers to those in need around the world.

“We are so grateful for your on-going partnership in bringing God’s hope, healing and renewal to people whose lives have been disrupted by disasters as well as providing on-going assistance to those in need around the world,” said Ambassador Daniel Speckhard, president of Lutheran World Relief and IMA World Health. “Thank you for allowing us to be servants of the ELCA in their work in the world.”

About Lutheran World Relief and IMA World Health:

Lutheran World Relief and IMA World Health have joined forces to increase our impact on breaking the cycle of poverty and promoting healthier families and communities. The two international humanitarian nonprofits are integrating IMA World Health's global health expertise and Lutheran World Relief's work in rural economies and emergency response, creating a unified organization that will help millions more enjoy a healthier, more prosperous tomorrow.

Minutes of Triune Lutheran Church Council Meeting of 09 September 2019

Meeting opened at 6:05 PM with a prayer by Pastor Brad.

Minutes of last meeting of 11 August 2019 were reviewed, having been previously approved.

Jack reported \$3,306 checking balance and \$150,955 mutual fund closing balance.

From former members, Messinger's, bequest, Jack reported communication from their estate lawyers, including requirement for us to document our financial legal status, which is that of not for profit corporation chartered by State of Ohio (which we have on file). The bequest will include both cash and stock. For the latter, we will have to open a brokerage account to handle this stock.

Pastor reported on Lawrence School request to use our premises as a "safe school" in the event of disaster or shooting. They had made this request some years ago and had obtained keys to our building. It was agreed to continue offering our space. They may have an evacuation drill, walking from the school to our church.

Pastor informed us that Sunday worship on 20 October will be at 11:30 AM because of congregational meeting that day at the Lutheran Church of the Covenant.

Pastor informed us that, for worship on 12th and 13th October, there will include a service of healing.

It was agreed that robes for pastor and the worship assistant will be dispensed with except for Easter, Christmas Eve and funerals.

Dale reported that maintenance appears satisfactory with new custodian.

It was reported that new blades have been installed on our lawn mower.

Meeting closed at 6:40 PM

Next Meeting 6:00 PM Monday 14 October 2019

October 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 AA @ 7pm	2	3 AA @ 8 pm	4	5 WORSHIP @ 5 PM TIM MIZE
6 WORSHIP @11 AM World Communion Sunday	7 Bible Study @ 1 pm	8 AA @ 7pm	9	10 AA @ 8 pm	11	12 WORSHIP @ 5 PM PASTOR BRAD Healing Service
13 WORSHIP @11 AM Healing Service	14 Bible Study @ 1 pm Council Meeting @ 6pm	15 AA @ 7pm	16	17 AA @ 8 pm	18	19 WORSHIP @ 5 PM TIM MIZE
20 WORSHIP @11:30 AM (note start time)	21 Bible Study @ 1 pm	22 AA @ 7pm	23	24 AA @ 8 pm	25	26 WORSHIP @ 5 PM PASTOR BRAD
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If you have something you would like to put in the newsletter, please let us know by email, written letter, phone call or stopping by the office.