

ST. JOHN'S JOURNAL

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LIFE TOGETHER

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The Nicene Creed was originally composed in Greek. No matter how good a translation is, sometimes subtle meanings of words and phrases in the original language are lost in the translation. I have been reading the Creed in Greek and studying some of its terminology looking for some of these subtle meanings. Here are a few.

The word for Father is Pater. We get the word patriarch from this word and also patriarchy which is a word that has fallen out of favor in some circles today. But it is also the root of our word patriot, which can give us something to think about.

The word for Almighty is Pantokratora. The prefix pan in Greek means everything. The suffix kratora means power or rule. You can see in the suffix kratora, our word cratic as in demo-cratic. Demo is the word for people so demo-cratic is rule or governing by the

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people. God is the ruler of all things or Pantokratora. There is nothing He does not rule over.

He is also the creator of all things visible or invisible. The word for creator is the word poieten and is the word from which we get our word poet or poetry. God is not a creator in a mechanical sense but a composer, a maker of beautiful things. You could even say He sings or rhymes all life into existence. This makes sense when we remember that God has created all things through His Word. He speaks and all things come into being. You are his creation. You are his poetry.

We confess in the Creed that Christ is the only begotten Son of the Father. The word for only begotten means uniquely generated. He is the only one who is like His Father. He is the express image of the Father. There is never, nor can there ever be, another Son of God. When this unique Son of God takes flesh and becomes man He does so in order to make us sons and daughters of God. We can't become a son or daughter in the sense that we share the unique nature of Christ, but we can share in the Divine life of God by adoption. The uniqueness of the Son is further illustrated by the statement that He is begotten not made. He is not even beautifully poetically made like everything else in creation. He is the very nature of God.

Christ the Word is "Light from Light". The word for light is phos which means light and is the root of our word photo as in photograph.

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Prayer Concerns

Please be praying for these friends and church family members.

Those with health concerns:

*Brian Wininger (church member)
 *Bryan Adams (church member)
 Charlie Little family (friend of Drew Davis)
 Charlie Tedrow (friend of Julinda Adams)
 Chris Haag (brother to T. Haag, cousin to J. Love)
 Dave Harder (friend of Linda Goldman)
 David Welch (brother-in-law of Doug & Rita Denson)
 Helen Bauer (wife of Augie Bauer)
 JJ Jones (friend of the Goldman family)
 Jennifer Nolting (friend of Mason Grubbs)
 Jim Leistner (friend of Goldman family)
 Joan Haag (mother of Tony Haag)
 Joseph Hart (friend of Barbara Prince)
 Lee Sipes (brother of Tammy Wininger)
 Marg Otto (friend of Barbara Prince)
 *Mary Hudson (church member)
 Pam Bullock (friend of Linda Goldman and others)
 Rick Gibson (friend of Tammy Wininger)
 Steve Deckard (friend of Hilbert Fuhrman)

Those in the nursing home and homebound:

*Phyllis Lynch (Gentry Park, Bloomington)
 *Verneeda Roach (her home)

Our College/Graduate Students:

*Alex Adams, Ivy Tech, Bloomington
 *Isaac Eagle, University of Southern Indiana
 *Olivia Harker, University of Southern Indiana
 *Carson Shaw, University of Evansville
 *Kenley Shaw, University of Southern Indiana

Our Military Personnel:

*Kody Neukam-Grand Forks AFB, North Dakota

Other concerns:

The spiritual state of our nation and churches
 The leaders in our nation and world
 Our church and leaders of our church
 Our sister church in Dubois and leaders
 Our own individual spiritual state
 Those experiencing war, unrest, and persecution
 Those who suffer depression & mental illness
 Staff and students at our local schools

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These are simply a few words that stuck out to me in looking through the Creed in Greek. Whether in Greek or in English it is well worthwhile to ponder the rich meaning of the Nicene Creed.

In Christ,
Pastor Fleace

Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit. Let us not become conceited, competing against one another, envying one another.
Galatians 5:24-26

Joshua

Commemoration Day September 1

"Joshua, the son of Num, of the tribe of Ephraim, is first mentioned in Exodus 17 when he was chosen by Moses to fight the Amalekites, whom he defeated in a brilliant military victory. He was placed in charge of the tent of meeting (Exodus 33:11) and was a member of the tribal representatives sent to survey the land of Canaan (Numbers 13:8). Later, he was appointed by God to succeed Moses as Israel's commander-in-chief. Joshua eventually led the Israelites across the Jordan River into the Promised Land and directed the Israelites' capture of Jericho. He is remembered especially for his final address to the Israelites, in which he challenged them to serve God faithfully (Joshua 24:1-27), concluding with the memorable words, 'As for me and my house will serve the Lord' (24:15)."

Emanuel Lutheran Hill Church Homecoming

Emanuel Lutheran Hill Church of Dubois, Indiana, will hold its annual homecoming service and dinner on Sunday, 21 September at 2:30 PM. The Reverend Tim Kraemer of Christ Lutheran will conduct the service. Holy Communion will be celebrated during the service. After the service, there will be a carry-in meal in the old schoolhouse. You are invited to attend!

On the Wednesday before the service, on 17 September, a cleaning day for the church and schoolhouse will start at 9:00 AM. Many hands make light work!

The annual meeting will be on Sunday, 5 October starting at 1:30 PM at the church.

The third annual Christmas at Hill Church is on Sunday, 7 December starting at 3:30 PM. Light refreshments will be served.

Next year the current church building will be 125 years old will be celebrated at the 2026 Homecoming. As a part of that, we invite you to share any wedding, confirmation, baptism or other pictures of Hill Church that you have. Please contact Christie Pace at 812-630-7671 or Denise Reuber at 812-695-5502. If you can help identify some people in photographs we have, please see our facebook page entitled Emanuel Lutheran Hill Church. Thank You!

For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.
2 Corinthians 5:21

Gregory the Great, Pastor

Commemoration Day September 3

"One of the great leaders in Europe at the close of the sixth century, Gregory served in both the secular and sacred arenas of his era. As mayor of Rome, he restored economic vitality to his native city, which had been weakened by enemy invasions, pillage, and plague. After he sold his extensive properties and donated the proceeds to help the poor, he entered into full-time service in the Church. On September 3, 590, Gregory was elected to lead the Church in Rome. As bishop of Rome, he oversaw changes and growth in the areas of church music and liturgical development, missionary outreach to northern Europe, and the establishment of a Church Year calendar still used by many church bodies in the Western world today. His book on pastoral care became a standard until the twentieth century."

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Cyprian of Carthage, Pastor and Martyr

Commemoration Day September 16

"Cyprian (ca. AD 200-258) was acclaimed bishop of the North African city of Carthage around AD 248. During the persecution of Roman Emperor Decius, Cyprian fled Carthage but returned two years later. He was then forced to deal with the problem of Christians who had lapsed from their faith under persecution and now wanted to return to the Church. It was decided that these lapsed Christians could be restored but that their restoration could take place only after a period of penance that demonstrated their

faithfulness. During the persecution under Emperor Valerian, Cyprian at first went into hiding but later gave himself up to the authorities. He was beheaded for the faith in Carthage in AD 258."

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Jonah

Commemoration Day September 22

"A singular prophet among the many in the Old Testament, Jonah the son of Amittai was born about hour's walk from the town of Nazareth. The focus of his prophetic ministry was the call to preach at Nineveh, the capital of pagan Assyria (Jonah 1:2). His reluctance to respond and God's insistence that His call be heeded is the story of the book that bears Jonah's name. Although the swallowing and disgorging of Jonah by the great fish is the most remembered detail of his life, it is addressed in only three verses of the book (Jonah 1:17; 2:1, 10). Throughout the book, the important theme is how God deals compassionately with sinners. Jonah's three-day sojourn in the belly of the fish is mentioned by Jesus as a sign of His own death, burial, and resurrection (Matthew 12:39-41)."

**If we confess our sins, he is
faithful and just to forgive
us our sins and to cleanse
us from all
unrighteousness.**

1 John 1:9

Lectionary Readings for September

Please find below the daily lectionary readings for this month. Reading the Bible every day will increase your spiritual health in the same way that exercise helps you physically to stay well. We encourage you to make time in your day for the care of your soul.

- 1 1 Kings 18:1-19; Ephesians 1:1-23
- 2 1 Kings 18: 20-40; Ephesians 2:1-22
- 3 1 Kings 19:1-21; Ephesians 3:1-21
- 4 2 Kings 2:1-18; Ephesians 4:1-24
- 5 2 Kings 2:19-25, 4:1-7; Ephesians 4:25-5:14
- 6 2 Kings 4:8-22, 32-37; Ephesians 5:15-33
- 7 2 Kings 4:38-5:8; Ephesians 6:1-24
- 8 2 Kings 5:9-27; Philippians 1:1-20
- 9 2 Kings 6:1-23; Philippians 1:21-2:11
- 10 2 Kings 9:1-13; 10:18-29; Philippians 2:12-30
- 11 2 Chronicles 29:1-24; Philippians 3:1-21
- 12 2 Chronicles 31:1-21; Philippians 4:1-23
- 13 2 Chronicles 32:1-22; Colossians 1:1-23
- 14 2 Chronicles 33:1-25; Colossians 1:24-2:7
- 15 2 Chronicles 34:1-4, 8-11, 14-33; Colossians 2:8-23
- 16 2 Chronicles 35:1-7, 16-25; Colossians 3:1-25
- 17 2 Chronicles 36:1-23; Colossians 4:1-18
- 18 Nehemiah 1:1-2:10; 1 Timothy 1:1-20
- 19 Nehemiah 2:11-20, 4:1-6; 1 Timothy 2:1-15
- 20 Nehemiah 4:7-23; 1 Timothy 3:1-16
- 21 Nehemiah 5:1-16, 6:1-9, 15-16; 1 Timothy 4:1-16
- 22 Nehemiah 7:1-4, 8:1-18; 1 Timothy 5:1-16
- 23 Nehemiah 9:1-21; 1 Timothy 5:17-6:2
- 24 Nehemiah 9:22-38; 1 Timothy 6:3-21
- 25 Malachi 1:1-14; Matthew 3:1-17
- 26 Malachi 2:1-3:5; Matthew 4:1-11
- 27 Malachi 3:6-4:6; Matthew 4:12-25
- 28 Deuteronomy 1:1-18; Matthew 5:1-20
- 29 Deuteronomy 1:19-36; Matthew 5:21-48
- 30 Deuteronomy 1:37-2:15; Matthew 6:1-15

**So do not fear, for I am with you;
do not be dismayed, for I am your
God. I will strengthen you and
help you; I will uphold you with
my righteous right hand.
Isaiah 41:10**

Servers for September

7 September Sunday 13 after Pentecost
Lector/Comm Asst: **Deron Steiner**
Communion helper: **Angie Steiner**
Acolyte: **Deron Steiner**
Greeters: **Glenn Crim, Leanne Love**
Nursery: **Tammy Wininger**
Color: **Green**

14 September Holy Cross Day

Lector: **Karen Whorrall**
Acolyte: **Karen Whorrall**
Greeters: **Duane & Karen Mann**
Nursery: **Jennifer Holt**
Color: **Red**

21 September Sunday 15 after Pentecost

Lector/Comm Asst: **Jennifer Holt**
Acolyte: **Jennifer Holt**
Greeters: **Deron & Angie Steiner**
Nursery: **Sarah Adams**
Color: **Green**

28 September Sunday 16 after Pentecost

Lector: **Sarah Adams**
Acolyte: **Sarah Adams**
Greeters: **Dick & Kay Barber**
Nursery: **Lynette Harker**
Color: **Green**

Financial Assistant: TBD
Altar Care: **Tammy Wininger**
Church Cleaning: TBD

**May the God of hope fill you with all joy
and peace as you trust in Him, so that
you may overflow with hope by the
power of the Holy Spirit.
Romans 15:13**

The Church Mouse

Hey, did you guys go to the Joint Service and Picnic? There were a lot of people there! This time I got a close-up view of everything cause I snuck into Pastor's pocket and rode along with him. The service was (once again) really good. Pastor can preach a fine sermon. The food was phenomenal!! (Did I spell that right?) Anyway, it was really good! I really like it when everybody brings their favorite thing. Did I mention how good the food was? And did you hear that band that played again? I think they were called Mountain Harmony. I really like listening to them.

I was sad to hear that Mike Qualkenbush died on the ninth. He put up quite the fight. I am praying for Debbie and all the family.

On a more positive note, did you see that they (whoever they is) got the fence put up in the back yard of the church. It looks really good. Now I hear that soon they... will start working on the hallway behind the sanctuary. Oh boy...!

**If we have died with him,
we will also live with him;**

**If we endure,
we will also reign with him;**

**If we deny him,
he will also deny us;**

**If we are faithless,
he remains faithful --**

for he cannot deny himself.

2 Timothy 2:11

a little lutheran levity!

Danny had recently passed his driving test and decided to ask his clergyman dad if there was any way he could get a car for Christmas, which was still some months away. "Okay," his father replied, "I'll tell you what I'll do. If you can get your 'C' level grades up to 'A's and 'B's, study your Bible and get your hair cut, I'll consider the matter very seriously.

A month later Danny went back to his father who said, "I'm really impressed by your commitment to your studies. Your grades are excellent and the work you have put into your Bible studies is very encouraging. However, I am disappointed that you have not yet gotten your hair cut."

Danny was smart and never lost for an answer. "Look, dad, in the course of my studies in the Bible, I have noticed that Moses, John the Baptist, Samson and even Jesus had long hair."

"Yes, I am aware of that..." his dad replied, "but did you notice that they walked wherever they went?"

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Why didn't anyone want to fight Goliath?

It seemed like a *giant* ordeal.

Golden Mouthed

"For fifteen centuries this day in church history has belonged to John Chrysostom, who died on September 14, 407, at age sixty. His powerful sermons gave him the reputation as the greatest orator in Christian history. Indeed, the name Chrysostom means 'Golden Mouthed.'

John was born in Antioch, Syria. His father, a high-ranking Roman officer, died shortly after John's birth. His mother, Anthusa, devoted herself to raising John in the nurture of the Lord. She placed him in the finest schools, and under the well-known orator Libanius, John mastered the art of rhetoric.

John became a lawyer, well known for powerful speaking. His legal studies led him to reexamine Christianity's beliefs, and he became so impressed with Scripture that he resigned the law, was baptized, and wanted to join a monastery. When his mother persuaded him to remain home and comfort her in her old age, John turned his home into a person monastery, eating simply, making few purchases, and spending much time in study.

After his mother's death, John studied and worked quietly as a monk for six years, followed by two more Elijah-like years in a hermit's cave. Then he began preaching. His messages were practical, powerful, and sprinkled with humor. He effectively led his listeners through the Bible in exegetical fashion. His oratory was so powerful that his audiences frequently burst into spontaneous applause, a practice he disliked.

In 398, John was elected patriarch of Constantinople, but when his plainspoken messages riled priests and politicians there, he was banished to a remote spot on the Black Sea. 'The doctrine of Christ did not begin with me,' he told saddened parishioners, 'and it shall not die with me.' His forced departure caused a riot in Constantinople, and on the night of the riot, a powerful earthquake shook the city. The public officials immediately sent for him, and he returned in triumph. But John's blunt, biblical sermons continued to rankle the authorities, and he was again deposed and entered a period of ministry through letters and epistles before dying on this date in the year 407, his last words being, 'Glory be to God for all things. Amen.'"

Ezekiel, I am sending you to the people of Israel. They are just like their ancestors who rebelled against me and refused to stop. They are stubborn and hardheaded. But I, the LORD God, have chosen you to tell them what I say. Those rebels may not even listen, but at least they will know that a prophet has come to them. (Ezekiel 2:3-5)

Budget Report for July 2025

General Fund:	Balance on 7/1/25	\$36,760.28
Total Receipts	\$10,387.88.....	\$47,148.16
Disbursements		
Salaries	\$3,268.24	
Worship	\$262.04	
Office	\$92.82	
Utilities	\$1,488.03	
Rep/Main	\$33.41	
Misc.	\$3,327.45	
Total Disbursements.....		\$13,326.06
	Balance on 7/31/25	\$36,760.28

Special Funds:

Building Fund	\$48,887.53
Good Samaritan Fund	\$1,094.04
Synod Mission Support	\$200.00
Memorial Fund	\$9,286.99
Grace LC Legacy Gift	\$1,558.55

Stewardship Report July 2025

Date	Attendance	Offering
Sunday, 6 July	31	\$1275.00*
Sunday, 13 July	34	\$1156.00
Sunday, 20 July	33	\$2306.00**
Sunday, 27 July	28	\$385.00

Needed weekly to meet the budget \$1004.00

**\$180.00 Ice Cream Social*

***\$646.00 Purdue Fraternity, \$200.00 Benevolence*



This month we have one special birthday to celebrate (members 80 years old and up). We hope you will help us "shower" Kay with love by sending her a birthday card for her special day on the date listed with her name:

Kay Barber
(September 30, 1944)
214 Byron Street
Loogootee, IN 47553

Contact the church office if you know someone who is not listed above. We don't want to miss anyone. Thank you!!

Merciful God, be gracious to me. I am a sinful person and deserve nothing but your disapproval. Yet, regardless of my past life, I know for sure that I am baptized and am made a Christian for the forgiveness of sins. I know without doubt that my Lord Christ was born, suffered, died, and rose for me. He gave his body and blood for the nourishment of the soul and the strengthening of faith. Therefore I am absolved and freed in the name and the power of Christ.

Martin Luther

September 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Commemoration Day for Joshua	2 Commemoration Day for Hannah	3 Commemoration Day for Gregory the Great, Pastor	4 Commemoration Day for Moses	5 Commemoration Day for Zechariah and Elizabeth	6
7 The Divine Service 11 AM Pentecost 13	8	9	10	11	12	13
14 The Divine Service 11 AM Holy Cross Day Holy Cross Day	15	16 Commemoration Day for Cyprian of Carthage, Pastor and Martyr	17	18 Church Council Meeting 6 PM	19	20
21 The Divine Service 11 AM Pentecost 15 Feast Day for St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist	22 Commemoration Day for Jonah	23 Newsletter Items are due today. Thanks!	24	25	26	27
28 The Divine Service 11 AM Pentecost 16 Linger Longer	29 Feast Day for St. Michael and All Angels	30 Commemoration Day for Jerome, Translator of Holy Scriptures				

3 Sharon Hembree

5 Brian & Tammy Wininger (A)

James & Barb Duzan (A)

6 Tom & Lynette Harker (A)

7 Joan Frances Davis

9 Chloe Qualkenbush

10 Aquila Warren Fleace

11 Jalisa Abel

12 Jim & Leanne Love (A)

15 Ross Adams

Celebrations

15 Isadora Christine Fleace

Paisley Wininger

Kinsley Wininger

18 Tammy Salmon

19 Joshua Divine

Ron & Jackie Jones (A)

22 Annette Shaw

Jennifer Holt

Madeline McDonough Fleace

24 Larry Salmon

25 Oliver Wininger

26 Mabel Ruth Fleace Davis

Emmaline Fern Fleace Davis

28 Dewey & Karen Baker (A)

30 Kay Barber

Matthew & Madeline Fleace (A)

Church Council

Chairperson - Deron Steiner

Secretary - Angie Steiner

Treasurer - Duane Mann

Financial Trustee - Karen Mann

Property Trustee - vacant

Worship Deacon - Tammy Wininger

Youth Deacon - Barbara Prince

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