

Statement of Faith ~ The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen!

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen!

The Disciple: Commanded to Believe and Love

When I was fourteen there was a cold, windy, late Sunday night in December when Dad and I picked up Mom from her job as a cook in her sister's café. When we got home Mom went to change clothes, Dad settled into his rocker and I sat on the daybed taking my shoes off. Suddenly, we heard the fire whistle. (Dad was not a volunteer fireman but we usually responded to fires in case they needed more help.) Dad bolted from his rocker and in two long strides grabbed the telephone receiver off the hook and grasped the ringer crank with his other hand. Then he froze! Without saying a word, he slammed the receiver down, shouted at me, "Get the car out of the barn, Pete's (Dad's brother) house is on fire. I'll tell Mom where we are going and meet you out front." (The Operator received the call of the fire, sounded the whistle, told the Chief where the fire was, plugged into our line and when she heard the click of Dad picking up the receiver started talking!) We roared, horn honking, up our neighbor's driveway to get my older brother and the neighbor, and with my brother shoving me out of the driver's seat we were on our way. We were the first to arrive. The scene was chilling as the entire two stories of the farmhouse were engulfed in flames!

Thankfully, the family was not home. The baby's bedroom was on the corner of the house above where the fire started. The fire was so intense that when the structure collapsed there was not a single board above the level of the limestone foundation walls!

The family moved in with us. The next day the donations started pouring in, first food, then clothing, bedding, kitchen utensils, dishes, table ware, pots and pans, furniture - everything needed for a household. A few days later I heard Dad telling Mom, "I'm running out of storage space. I'm going to move some things from the brooder house to the hayloft because the brooder house is cleaner and more weather-tight. (We weren't brooding chicks in December!) Along with the other items were words of encouragement, promises of prayers and even some cash. Within two weeks the family rented a house and set up housekeeping.

I was awed! Oh, I knew we should help others and we always sent food when there was a death, sickness or an accident and Mom or Dad helped out with chores or housekeeping. But this was love on a magnitude that I had never witnessed before.

This was a living example of what the Epistle of John tells us, "And this is His commandment, that we believe in the name of His Son Jesus Christ and love one another." 1 John 3:23

Go - Love Others



We are God's witnesses, sharing His mercy in our life together with each other, neighbors

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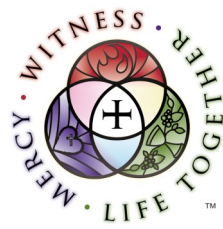


10:45 AM

April 22, 2018

Good Shepherd Sunday

Witness ✠ Mercy ✠ Life Together



Season of Easter ~ Good Shepherd Sunday

The devil knows your name but calls you by your sin. God knows your sin but calls you by your name!

-Ricardo Sanchez

Jesus knows me ~ this I love!



Welcome, Guests!

The Lord bless you as you worship with us!

Information...

●ACTIVITY BAGS for young children are located in the back. You are welcome to use these during the service and return them afterward!

●INFO-KIOSKS: The triangular stands have specific ways you can connect with WITNESS, MERCY, LIFE TOGETHER. Let us help you find ways to serve God!

●DEVOTION BOOKS: Portals of Prayer quarterly booklets are on the welcome tables. They are for you and for sharing with others!



✠ IN THE NAME OF JESUS ✠

Song Set Greg Coplen

This Is Amazing Grace He Is Faithful

Invocation Pastor Greg Zillinger

Confession of Sin and Forgiveness

Song Love Came Down

Scripture Acts 4:1-12 p. 911 [ESV](#)
1 John 3:16-24 p. 1022 [ESV](#)
John 10:11-18 p. 896 [ESV](#)

Offering also Mite* Sunday (4th Sundays)

*mite: a small coin of little value. Tiny amounts of money gathered and given in faith and trust back to the Lord do "mite-y" acts in His kingdom!

Songs ELC and Dayschool K-4th (lyrics inside folder)

Born To Be a Shepherd No Greater Gift (Eph 2:8-9)

Children's Chat Pastor Zillinger

Prayer

Song Do It Again

Message Pastor Tim Puls, Ft. Wayne Seminary

"Wanted: Compassionate Kingdom Workers"

text: Matthew 9:35-10:8 p. 814 [ESV](#)

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Blessing and Sending

✠ TO GOD ALONE ALL GLORY! ✠

Reading from the book of Acts in the Easter Season:

These readings emphasize that the Church, empowered by the Holy Spirit, is the best witness to the resurrection and the work of God in the world in Jesus Christ. We are His *martyria*—His witnesses! "You will be My witnesses to the ends of the earth." Acts 1:8



Born to Be a Shepherd

He was born to be a shepherd,
God planned it from the start,
and placed within His heart
a love for His lambs.

He was born to be a shepherd,
that we might follow Him.

Jesus, Jesus, the Shepherd of men.

He arose to be a shepherd,
God planned it from the start,
and placed within His heart
a love for His lambs.

He arose to be a shepherd,
that we might follow Him.

Jesus, Jesus, the Shepherd of men.

He lives to be a shepherd,
God planned it from the start,
and placed within His heart
a love for His lambs.

He lives to be a shepherd,
that we might follow Him.

Jesus, Jesus, the Shepherd of men.

No Greater Gift

No greater gift than God's great love
for His children ev'ry one,
not a gift that we can earn,
so much more than we deserve.

No greater gift than God's great love
for His children ev'ry one,

It would take a million words
to thank You for Your love!

Based on our theme for the year:
Ephesians 2:8-9

HERE WE STAND
WORD * FAITH * GRACE

VBS 2018

June 10-14



**REGISTRATION
OPENS April 29!**