



We Believe.... An explanation of the Nicene Creed By Pastor Munding

From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

To be Christian one must confess that Christ will come again someday to raise the dead from their tombs, gather God's saints, and bring judgment to the world. Christ gave us a promise that that day will come, and it will be a glorious day for all of God's faithful. It will be on this day where we will experience the full glory of our Savior and the full gory of all his promises. We will finally experience the new creation for which Jesus came to bring in His incarnation and won for us on the cross.

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But this will also be a day of judgment for all of humanity. Sin cannot stand before a righteous God. All throughout scripture God has spoken to us through the prophets and through Christ Jesus that there is judgement to come for all. In the Middle Ages the judgment that is to come brought great terror to Christians. Just look at paintings done during this time period, and you will be able to peer into the theology of the Middle Ages. The fear that the average Christian felt for the last judgment was extremely severe.



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Young Martin Luther was a product of this kind of thinking and fear when he lived as an Augustinian friar. One day he was asked, “Brother Martin, do you love God?” You know what he said? “Love God? You ask me if I love God? Sometimes I hate God. I see Christ as a consuming judge who is simply looking at me to evaluate me and to visit affliction upon me.” To Luther and to the rest of the church in the west, there was no clear way to know that one was doing enough good works to extinguish the flame of God’s wrath. In the end there was always this fear that we who are unrighteous could never pass the test of a righteous God and certain judgement awaited all of us who fail to measure to the righteous set forth from the Father.



Thanks be to God that it is not our own righteousness that stands before God, it is the righteousness of Christ which He so freely shares with us. This is how we can have confidence in the judgment that is to come, because in baptism we have been united with Christ, and he shares with us all his attributes. We are clothed in His righteousness and now the Father does not see us and our polluted garments, he sees Christ who has covered us. All this is as Luther put it, *extra nos*, which is a Latin phrase that means “outside of ourselves”. There is nothing good in us sinners, our salvation is totally outside of ourselves. Our salvation is in Christ and His work! It does not come from within us, but outside of us in the one who stands before God perfect and blameless, pleading before the Father on our behalf with wounds He sustained on Golgotha.

The last day and the judgment that is to come should not strike terror in our hearts. As St. John puts it, *“We have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.”* The author of Hebrews writes, *“Consequently, he is able to save to the uttermost those who draw near to God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them,”* and Paul has this to say in his letter to the Romans *“Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us.”*

Dear friends, we need not look inside of us to our good works or our keeping of the law to find certainty. If that is our measure, then there is no real certainty and we are doomed come judgment day. Look outside of yourself (that is *extra nos*) to the One who suffered and died for you, to the one who has ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. Look to the one who is pleading for you in the holy of holies before the Father. He is your righteousness, He is your life, and He is your salvation.

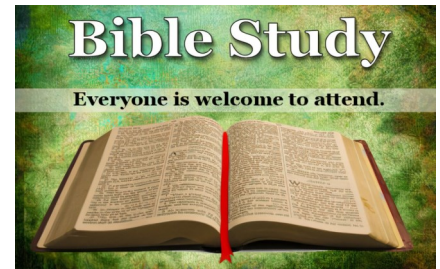
February Bible Studies

The Zoom links for each are the same each week
& are in the Friday Announcements email.

Adult Sunday School, 11am, Parish Hall

Monday Women's Bible Study, 10am, Zoom

Pastor's Wed. Evening Bible Study, 7pm, Zoom



John	2/4
Don	2/5
Sue	2/11
Mike	2/12
Gavin	2/12
Linden	2/15
Maxine	2/19
John	2/20
Mike	2/20
Tina	2/22
Justin	2/27

A Note from the Secretary about Prayer Requests



I have a favor to ask regarding prayer requests.... In order for Pastor Munding & I to have the correct information, I would like to ask that whenever possible, **please email your prayer request to the office** (& also to Pastor if you want/remember – otherwise I pass the info on to him).



Sending a separate email, with prayer request in the “Subject” line is preferable.

I’m not getting any younger & my ability to keep track of texts, slips of paper, emails, vmails, & verbal requests is getting difficult.

I also want to ensure I get the names spelled correctly & the details accurately.

Lastly, feel free to share as little or much information as you want. However, if you give me a paragraph or 2, I prefer you also provide a short recap or synopsis of your request.

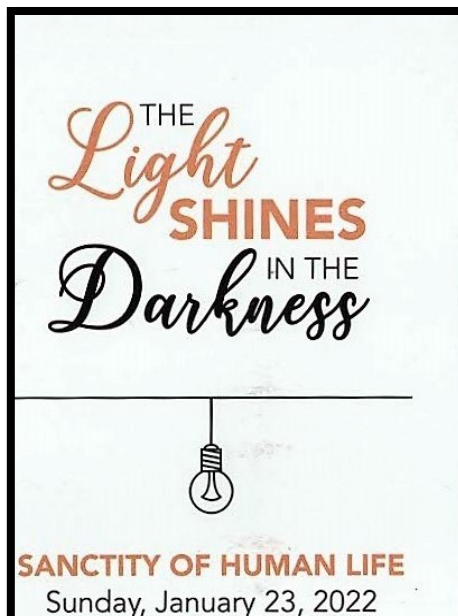
Otherwise, you will rely on Pastor & I to do that.

THANK YOU!

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Dear Holy Cross Family,
Thank you for your prayers and kind thoughts throughout last year for my mom's health. The Lord graciously took her to her heavenly home on January 16, 2022, after a massive stroke. We thank God for giving her two wonderful healthy and painless months before that. This photo was taken about two weeks before she passed away. She was holding Yoyo, my little Chihuahua. He too passed away 4 days after my mom. I appreciate your condolences, cards and prayers during this difficult time.

God bless you for your kindness,
Grace Gin



On January 23 we celebrated Sanctity of Life Sunday. Pregnancy organizations, LCMS churches, and many other churches across the Bay Area joined in the March for Life in San Francisco. This was a celebration for **all** human life!

Thank you to everyone that picked up a **Change for Life Baby Bottle Bank** at Holy Cross after the worship service. Your participation in this Options Health campaign enables them to continue to provide at no cost, programs and services that can make a positive difference in the lives of women and families facing an unplanned pregnancy. Fill your bottle with coins, cash, checks, or even a written prayer. For more information about Options Health you can visit www.optionshealth.org.

If you did not get a bottle last week, there is still time to participate. See Cherylene Brueckner.

Bottles will be collected at church on Sunday, February 20.

2nd Annual Rajin' Cajun Occasion

JOIN US FOR A SHORT PRE-LENT DEVOTIONAL SERVICE
& CAJUN SHRIMP BOIL. WE WILL ALSO HAVE GUMBO
& OTHER SOUTHERN SIDE DISHES
FOR THOSE WHO ARE NOT A FAN OF SHRIMP.

Sunday, Feb. 20, 2022 4pm
Holy Cross Lutheran Church

1/27: 1st Nifty Fifty outing of 2022!





LSS of Northern California

January 21 at 2:01 PM · 🌐

A Thank You from LSS's Facebook Page

THANK YOU! LSS is thrilled to share that with the generosity of hundreds of individuals on their own or through churches and other partners, our first all-organization Holiday Gift Drive was a tremendous success! 3,800+ gifts went to our neighbors, from new toys to handmade blankets and scarves and snowflakes! For a list of our partners and more pictures, go to:

<https://www.lssnorcal.org/.../give/holiday-gift-drive.html>



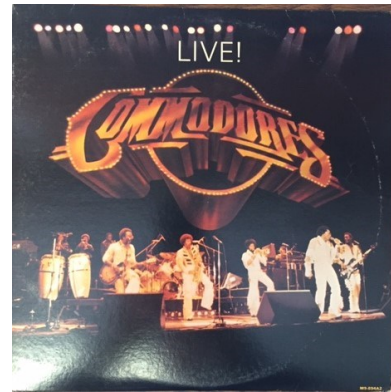
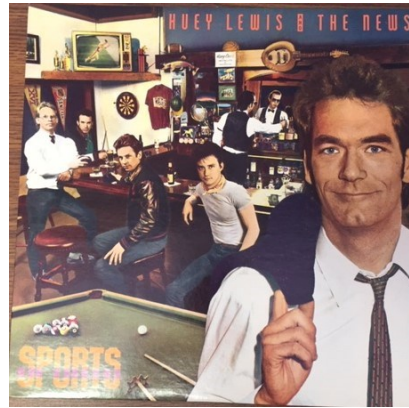
HOLIDAY GIFT DRIVE 2021

LSS of Northern California's holiday gift drive 2021 was a tremendous success, and we couldn't have done it without the dedication and generosity of individuals, churches and companies who wanted to make the holiday season brighter for the vulnerable people we serve. With your help 3,800+ people that we serve received a gift for the holiday, and for many this was an unexpected and welcome surprise. Many of them had not received a gift in years, and for others, this was their first gift!

Many thanks to our following partners:

Advent Lutheran Church, Citrus Heights
All Saints Lutheran Church, Novato
Bombas
Child Action Inc.
Davis Lutheran Church, Davis
Emanuel Lutheran Church, Modesto
Faith Lutheran Church, Fair Oaks
Family Connection Centers
Family Giving Tree
Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Concord
Hope Lutheran Church, Daly City
Hope Lutheran Church, El Sobrante
IORG Masonic Youth Group
Lutheran Church of the Resurrection, Granite Bay
McNair Scholars Program of California State University Sacramento
St. James Church, Redding
St. John's Lutheran Church, Sacramento
St. Mark's Lutheran Church, SF
St. Matthews Lutheran Church, SF
Trinity Lutheran Church WELCA, Fresno
Trinity Lutheran Church, Pleasanton
Trinity Lutheran Church, Sacramento
Zion Lutheran Church, SF

We also thank the many individuals who donated gifts and funds, as well as knitted hats and scarves to keep people warm during this cold winter.

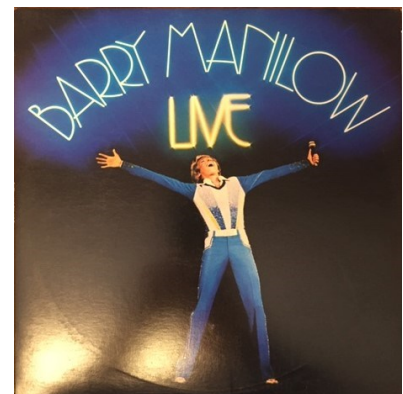
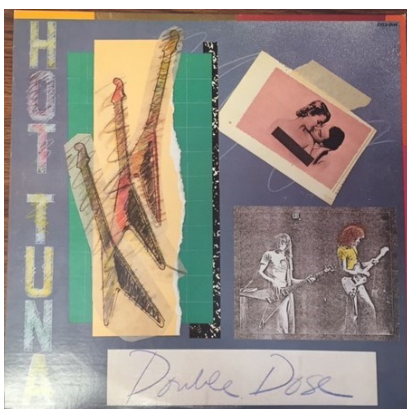
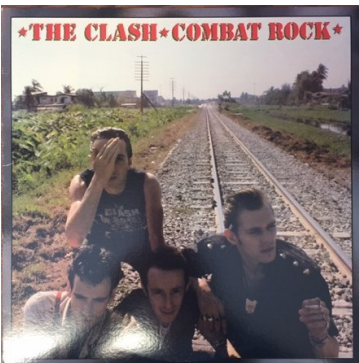
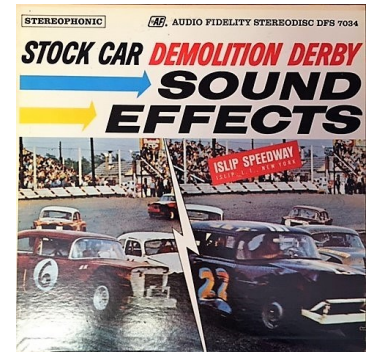


A Message from Mike Liebe

No Taylor Swift?

Do you, a family member or friend collect vintage vinyl record albums? If so, you are in luck! We have two boxes in the copier room filled with an eclectic collection of somewhat gently used vintage albums. And just like the boxes of puppies in front of the Safeway, they are free to a good home! Selections from rock, Motown, pop, disco?, punk, and even some holiday favorites (some examples pictured). Please take a look and take those of interest to you. Money back guarantee!

Disclaimer: Donor takes no responsibility for album content if they are played backwards.



25 Beautiful One-Liners

1. Give God what's right...not what's left.
2. Man's way leads to hopeless end...God's way leads to an endless hope.
3. A lot of kneeling will keep you in good standing.
4. He who kneels before God can stand before anyone.
5. In the sentence of life, the devil may be a comma, but never let him be the period.
6. Don't put a question mark where God puts a period.
7. Are you wrinkled with burden? Come to the church for a face-lift.
8. When praying, don't give God instructions...just report for duty.
9. Don't wait for six strong men to take you to church.
10. We don't change God's message...His message changes us.
11. The church is prayer-conditioned.
12. When God ordains, He sustains.
13. WARNING: Exposure to the Son may prevent burning.
14. Plan ahead...It wasn't raining when Noah built the ark.
15. Most people want to serve God, but only in an advisory position.
16. Suffering from truth decay? Brush up on your Bible.
17. Exercise daily...walk with the Lord.
18. Never give the devil a ride...he will always want to drive.
19. Nothing else ruins the truth like stretching it.
20. Compassion is difficult to give away because it keeps coming back.
21. He who angers you controls you.
22. Worry is the darkroom in which negatives can develop.
23. Give Satan an inch & he'll be a ruler.
24. Be ye fishers of men...You catch them & He'll clean them.
25. God doesn't call the qualified, He qualifies the called.

Submitted by Joyce, who found this in a stack of papers she kept from before she retired in 2009.
The original email came from my friend, Pele, & was dated 1/18/2006.



FEBRUARY 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 10:30am Prayer Group, Sanctuary 7pm Trivia, Calicraft	2 7pm Pastors Bible Study, Zoom	3	4	5 10am Vision Mtg, Zoom
6  9:30am Worship Service AFTER: Voters Mtg 11am Adult Sunday School /PH	7 OFC CLOSED 9-9:45am Women's Coffee Zoom 10-11:30am Ladies Bible Study Zoom	8 10:30am Prayer Group, Sanctuary 7pm Trivia, Calicraft	9 7pm Pastors Bible Study, Zoom	10	11	12
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cl=choir loft, C=Conference Room, E=Ed Bldg., PH=Parish Hall

YVCS School Hours:

Monday-Thursday: 8:45am—3:30 pm, Friday: 8:45am—2:15pm



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Sunday Service 9:30AM

Adult Sunday School 11 AM (In person & Zoom)

Youth Bible Study 11AM

Sunday School 11AM (on hold)

Week Day Bible Study Schedule:

Monday (Ladies) 10AM Zoom

Wednesday (Adult) 7PM Zoom

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