



We Believe.... An explanation of the Nicene Creed

By Pastor Mundinger

***I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.***

“Everything, therefore, in the Christian Church is ordered to the end that we shall daily obtain there nothing but the forgiveness of sin through the Word and signs, to comfort and encourage our consciences as long as we live here. Thus, although we have sins, the [grace of the] Holy Ghost does not allow them to injure us, because we are in the Christian Church, where there is nothing but [continuous, uninterrupted] forgiveness of sin, both in that God forgives us, and in that we forgive, bear with, and help each other.” Martin Luther

When we confess the one, holy, catholic and apostolic church we are confessing much more than a building for the church is not just the building which we gather every Sunday. The church is the gathering of God’s saints around the bridegroom, Christ Jesus, where He gives to us through the work of the Holy Spirit forgiveness of sins and where there is forgiveness of sins there is life and salvation. We confess that there is only one church, not many. The church is one since all members of the



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church, in spite of all differences in their earthly circumstances, believe in one and the same thing, namely that God remits their sins by grace, for Christ's sake, without the deeds of the law. (John 10:16, 1 Cor 12:12).

While there are many buildings which can rightfully be called churches, all who share in the one true faith are all part of the universal church. Though we do strive for unity, we do need to have different synods because pure doctrine must not be perverted by false teaching. We must separate ourselves from earthly fellowship with other church bodies because we must guard our pure confession. That is not to say other churches aren't part of the one universal church. For those who may be confused, catholic (with a little c) means universal. We are part of the one catholic church.

The church is holy because it is founded by the Holy Spirit, and He is the one who sanctifies it. The Holy Spirit is the one who calls, gathers, enlightens, and keeps the church in the one true faith. It's holy because Christ has made it holy through the shedding of his blood and Holy Baptism. (***"Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish."*** Eph 5:26-27).

The church is considered apostolic because it follows the teaching of the Apostles who follow the teachings of Christ. What we preach and teach is merely an extension of that which the apostles in the New Testament taught. We do not add doctrines that are contrary to what they have preached, and we do not subtract from what they have taught in Scripture.

We know that the early church followed the teaching of the apostles who were told to go out and baptize in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit and teach the world all that the spirit has revealed to them. (***"And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers."*** Acts 2:42)

What we teach and preach at Holy Cross is the same thing that was taught 2000 years ago as the apostles went out into the world bearing the gospel of Christ. We all belong to the same one church, founded upon the teaching of the Apostles, and ultimately built upon the cornerstone that is Christ. This is what we confess in the Nicene Creed, that we belong to the church that is built and sustained by the Holy Spirit, with Christ as her bridegroom.



Thank you to everyone at Holy Cross for your prayers & comforting messages. The surgery was a success & has taken away all my pain. I am so blessed to worship & have fellowship with all of you. God Bless, Marlene Roberts

Update on Ken Sunoo: Results of the 2nd scan conducted on 3/31/22 showed no cancer in his stomach and whatever little left in his lungs can be treatable by the pill form chemo every 3 weeks, starting middle of April. We thank God for His Grace of healing and thank you for all prayers, Cat Tong

Leonard Van Orden shares thanks and praise for the successful saving of four of his fingers and for the healing that has taken place ahead of his surgeon's estimated time frame. Thank you, Chris Roman

A SPECIAL SERVICE

Thursday, May 26, 2022



Ascension Day

And he led them out as far as Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. While he blessed them, he parted from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, and were continually in the temple blessing God. Luke 24:50-53

5:45pm Pre-Service Pizza Supper
7pm Worship Service

Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Concord, CA



Janet	5/2
Brycen	5/7
Cherylene	5/8
Pastor Mundinger	5/13
Nick	5/17
Ruth	5/20
Joyce	5/21
Amy	5/21
Finnley	5/24
Jack & Pat	5/19
Howard & Judy	5/22
Eric & Chris	5/26
Mike & Amy	5/30



Abbi Roman has a new address:
240 Lawton Street Apt. B
Antioch CA 94509



SATURDAY, MAY 21, 2022

Walker Check-in: 9:00am • Walk Begins: 10:00am

Golden Hills Community Church • Brentwood

FREE LUNCH + AMAZING PRIZES + FAMILY FUN

2 WAYS TO PARTICIPATE:

1

REGISTER TO WALK

2

SPONSOR A WALKER

Register/Donate @ optionshealth.org/events



QUESTIONS? (925) 827-0100 or info@optionshealth.org



There is still time! It's not too late!

Lives are being saved at Options Health!

Please join Options Health on **May 21 during the annual Walk for Life** at Golden Hills Community Church in Brentwood. Please visit www.optionshealth.org/events to register, support our **TEAM HOLY CROSS**, or make a donation. Register as a walker by May 10 to get your FREE tee shirt!

Pastor Mundinger, Brian Jackson, Joyce Liebe and Cherylene Brueckner are registered on **TEAM HOLY CROSS** so far, and some of you have already made pledges to support them.

Thank you! Questions? See Cherylene Brueckner after church.

Together we can provide hope and life-affirming options to women considering abortion.

Be a voice for the voiceless!

For our 2nd year, we will have **Baby Essentials** drive from Mother's Day (5/8) through Father's Day (6/19). Details:



Items needed for the next Distribution Event:



Diapers (Sizes 1 - 6)



Baby Wipes

DROP-OFF DETAILS:

Location: Church Office or the Narthex • Dates/Times: Collection runs Mother's Day to Father's Day

Unable to drop off items? Purchase items from the Amazon Wishlist!

Find the Amazon Wishlist, make a donation, or learn more at: optionshealth.org/diapers

This year they also need Size 2 boys & girls clothing (gently used or new).

WOMEN OF HOLY CROSS

Join us TODAY, 5/1, 11am, Parish Hall



Refresh!

Women's Ministry

There is interest in re-starting in-person women's gatherings & activities. Join us as we re-connect, discuss, & plan for our future.



**Lutheran
Women
in Mission**

LWML SPRING EVENT

Bearing Each Other's Burdens

Saturday, May 14, 2022

Faith Lutheran Church
50 Woodsworth Lane
Pleasant Hill, CA 94553

Join in fellowship with your sisters in Christ at the Spring Event. In addition to a bible study and a short business meeting, we will have speakers from Hillcrest Congregational Church which has a Clothing Room serving Contra Costa County where free clothing is offered to anyone in need. Lunch will be served.

Registration opens at 9:00 a.m. Registration fee is \$10.00. We are also gathering new or gently used towels to support the mission of our speakers.



For the first time in over 2 years, our Zone 7 is having an in-person Spring Event (formally known as Rally)! Faith Lutheran in Pleasant Hill is our host this time, just a few minutes from where most of us live!

Here is the flyer with details. A sign-up sheet is posted in the parish hallway - please sign up so I can give a count for lunch (YES, guests are welcome to join you).

Also, there is a box in the parish hall for our Ingathering items (new or gently used towels). We welcome donations even if you cannot attend the Event - we will make sure all donations are delivered to Faith.

These gatherings are always a great way to catch up with our Zone sisters, be inspired, motivated & feel God's love. I look forward to a good showing from our church.

NOTES:

- If you want a ride, note on signup sheet (or contact me).
- Breakfast is not provided this time.
- Masks are not required, but if you feel more comfortable wearing one, that is certainly acceptable.

Blessings, Joyce Liebe



BREAKING NEWS LWML CNH District

CNH Mites News

Your mighty mites have funded all twenty-two mission grants for this biennium!

The mites collected totaled \$125,005.31, and the mission grant goal was \$124,000, which means that \$1,005.31 will roll into our 2022-2024 biennium mites fund. We are thankful! We are blessed!



Yes, per Psalm 33:21 "our heart shall rejoice in Him, because we have trusted in His holy name."

Holy Cross Family:

Thank you Cherylene for providing these "Mite" updates. Some more info: there are 2 different groups of Mission Grants:

- ◇ CNH (CA, NV, HI) District Mission Grants (referenced on the left).
- ◇ LWML National Mission Grants (referenced below).

In the 2020-2022 biennium, Holy Cross donated \$4547 to Mites! 25% went to National & 75% went to District. **THANK YOU FOR YOUR MITE DONATIONS!**



**Lutheran
Women
in Mission**

LWML President Debbie Larson reports in the spring LWML Donor Newsletter that Mite giving has helped LWML pay our current mission grants at a rate that *exceeds every other biennium*. We are blessed. Praise the Lord! You can see a new poster on the Parish Hall bulletin board showing the funding of all the 2021-2023 LWML Mission Grants.

- \$720,430 in 9 mission grants has been PAID IN FULL!
 - Gospel Outreach to Women and Children in Mongolia
 - The Littlest and Least of These in Dallas, Texas
 - Spiritual and Physical Food for Children of Peru
 - Ministry Vehicle Fund, Ethiopia and Sierra Leone
 - Hope of Christ for Cancer Patients
 - Strengthening the Lutheran Mission to Kuna, Idaho
 - Deaconess Ministry Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch
 - Caring for and Sharing Christ with Hurting People
 - Mercy House Belize Lutheran Campus
- \$123,500 in partial payments to 4 mission grants has been paid.
 - Mission and Outreach to the Least of These
 - Thirst to Learn: Bible Books for Africa's Children
 - Helping Hands for Lutheran Deaf Outreach
 - Showing God's Love in the International District, Albuquerque, NM
- And there is more to do as we pay all 28 2021-2023 LWML Mission Grants!

God's Grace Notes. . . 🎵

Let them thank the Lord for his steadfast love, for his wondrous works to the children of man! And let them offer sacrifices of thanksgiving and tell of his deeds in songs of joy! (Psalm 107:21-22)

By God's grace we become His children in baptism.
By God's grace, our hearts are filled with His love for His people.
By God's grace, we give and are filled with the joy of the Lord, Alleluia!

GRACE NOTES QUOTED FROM OFFICIAL LWML DONOR NEWSLETTER SPRING 2022

Submitted by Cherylene Brueckner



Here are the ladies whose musical talents enhanced our Easter Worship service. ❤️
 Thank you Ruth for being our organist. Ruth has also stepped up to coordinate solo & small group pieces - performed by Grace Gin, Kaytlyn Coyne (also flute), Janet O'Leary, & Anna Liedtke.

Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. Colossians 3:16

New Camera and New Opportunities to Share Our Worship from Mike Liebe

You may have noticed we have a new video camera perched in our choir loft. This is our next step in sharing our worship and Pastor's messages well beyond our Sunday services. After some testing and trial runs with Kaytlyn, and editing by Pastor, our Easter service was the first new posted video on YouTube, to be followed by each of our services. The videos can be viewed by anyone nearly worldwide by using the steps below (or go to YouTube and search "Holy Cross Lutheran Church Concord CA worship service" and follow steps below). There is a library of almost 100 recordings for those who are interested in another view or binge watching...



Please note: The videos are edited to exclude our service of communion and the camera angle is intended to capture the altar area, Pastor and the Elders rather than participating worshippers.

Steps, from Joyce:

1. Click on this link: https://youtube.com/channel/UCoNUJ8cT2zH1y29SyVz_pDg
2. Click on 'VIDEOS'
3. You can "SORT BY" newest, oldest, most popular
4. Click on one & watch/listen



Do you remember Rev. Jerry Lawson,

his wife Patty, and children Cosette, Juliette and Aleksander?

The Lawson family visited Holy Cross in 2018 prior to their departure to St. Petersburg, Russia. The Lawsons have been serving the church as missionaries in Koltushi, Russia, where Jerry has taught theology at the Theological Institute of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Ingria.

This photo was taken March 16, 2018 at their "Service of Sending" in St. Louis.

Allen and I have followed the Lawsons' ministry in Russia since their visit to Holy Cross. We receive newsletters from the family and



updates from LCMS Mission Central. St. Petersburg is some distance from the war in Ukraine, but we have been concerned about the family's welfare. In a recent correspondence from Mission Central, we were happy to hear that they are safe, and now in Prague in the Czech Republic. To quote Mission Central, "They have been reassigned there and have left St. Petersburg, Russia. They are helping to reach out to the three-quarters of a million refugees that have fled to the Czech Republic. They will be teaching there and also providing help for the refugees from Ukraine." Rev. Lawson and family are on our Holy Cross Prayer List. Please keep them and their new assignment in your prayers.

... Cherylene Brueckner

Kitchen Remodel Vote: The Votes are In!

Thank you for participating in our special Kitchen Refresh vote these past couple of weeks. The results are in and there is strong support for the Council recommendation to split the cost between our accrued Kitchen Club fund and operations funds. Now to get busy. The Kitchen Refresh committee will keep us informed of timing and work schedule as we get closer. Since the kitchen will not be available during part of the work we will have a back-up plan for coffee fellowship or other activities if needed. Thank you for your votes and your contributions to the project.







Alleluia
Christ is risen

TRIVIA TUESDAY



The Cheese Curds represent, no matter who or how many team members can play! On April 12 Mike & I felt bad when Pastor texted that he wasn't up to joining us. But then we were pleased when John & then Kaytlyn came! Many questions were a challenge; however we did our best. It was a fun evening nevertheless. Come join us next week! By Joyce Liebe

Tue, Apr 5, 2022

Quizmaster: TrickyNikki

1	Quiz Me Up, Quizzy	75
2	Theres a doctor in the house	75
3	The Cheese Curds	65
4	Definite Maybe	61
5	introverts	58
6	Better Late Than Pregnant	54
7	Quiz pro quo	54
8	Tall n Bald	49
9	Porch Pounders	47
10	Quietly Quizzing	46
11	the oozies	40
12	Deezy	40
13	Team Evergreen	35
14	The C Team	26



Alright... the Cheese Curds did well tonight (April 5)! Maybe it was Kaytlyn's tasty chocolate chip cookies (a secret ingredient makes a difference). Or maybe Mike's snacks... Either way, a fun & successful evening! When you're recuperated and/or available, join us Tuesday evenings!

Tue, Apr 12, 2022

Quizmaster: TrickyNikki

1	12 Foot Attorneys	79
2	Better Late than Pregnant-2nd won tie-breaker!	77
3	Chinchillin'	76
4	Something About Wigley	71
5	Quiz pro quo	68
6	Meg Ryan Moments	63
7	Avengers	60
8	The aristocrats	60
9	Steph's Birthday	55
10	The Cheese Curds	54
11	The Resuscitators-adios	27
12	Charlies Angels-adios	16

**Join the Cheese Curds
any Tuesday, 7pm!**



The Cheese Curds Bring Home the Cheese! By Mike Liebe

Sometimes the correct questions (and answers) just come up. And they did on April 26 at Tuesday Trivia when The Cheese Curds had another 1st place finish! We enjoyed a strong start in a round with answers that all started with the letter "T": Teapot Dome Scandal anyone? A dash is 1/16 of a teaspoon in case you are wondering. Followed by a near-perfect music round that was unusually nostalgic and included questions about The Jackson Five and Commodores.

Pastor flexed his rap and pop skills on questions about Tupac, The Spice Girls and Gorillaz. Joyce lit the "disco inferno" in the round on Studio 54 which was once Captain Kangaroo's television studio in the 60s, magic drawing board and all...On to the visual round and the Curds digging deep to recognize obscure characters (in 8-bit pixilation) from The Thing, Dune and Back to the Future.

Pastor pulled out expertise about Warner Brother's cartoons: Who knew Dot lives in the water tower, but Jakko does not? He did! Going into the final, random knowledge round we trailed the leading team by one point. And we rallied by knowing which presidents preceded and followed Warren Harding, and that the much-advertised Rybelsus and Humira are medications and not enemies of Godzilla. And seminary study came through to ice the win with Pastor knowing the Catholic saint-making process is Beatification. A fun night for all!

A rotating line-up of The Cheese Curds compete each Tuesday in the trivia contest at Calicraft Brewery in Walnut Creek. All are welcome to join in, including guests. While there are many tasty beverage choices, anyone can bring their own non-alcoholic preference to enjoy. Come for the snacks, fellowship and lowkey memory exercise. See you soon at Tuesday Trivia.

Tue, Apr 26, 2022

Quizmaster: TrickyNikki

1	The Cheese Curds	84
2	Better late than pregnant	83
3	Chinchillin'	78
4	Its Carol with an E	76
5	sunbathing quizards	74
6	Just Friends	71
7	Quiz pro quo	66
8	Smarty pints	64
9	Social Distancing	60
10	Los perros	50
11	Dicks under the table	47
12	Tequila Mockingbird	40
13	Baldwin's L'il Sharp Shooters	36
14	Team ron	36

MAY 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1  9:30am Worship Service 11am WoHC Gathering 12:30pm—7pm PH Rented/Celebration of	2 OFC CLOSED 9-9:45am Women's Coffee Zoom 10-11:30am Ladies Bible Study, Zoom	3	4 7pm Pastors Bible Study, Zoom	5	6	7 9am Vision Mtg, Zoom
8  9:30am Worship Service	9 OFC CLOSED 9-9:45am Women's Coffee Zoom 10-11:30am Ladies Bible Study, Zoom	10 10:30am Prayer Group, Sanctuary 7pm Trivia, Calicraft	11 7pm Pastors Bible Study, Zoom	12	13	14 9am Zone 7 Event, Faith Lutheran, PH
15 9:30am Worship Service	16 9-9:45am Women's Coffee Zoom 10-11:30am Ladies Bible Study, Zoom 6:30pm Council Mtg	17 10:30am Prayer Group, Sanctuary 7pm Trivia, Calicraft	18 7pm Pastors Bible Study, Zoom	19 OFC C LOSED 9am Men's Mandatory Formation, Huckleberry's	20 OFC CLOSED	21 Options Walk for Life
22 9:30am Worship Service	23 OFC CLOSED 9-9:45am Women's Coffee Zoom 10-11:30am Ladies Bible Study, Zoom	24 OFC CLOSED 10:30am Prayer Group, Sanctuary 7pm Trivia, Calicraft	25 7pm Pastors Bible Study, Zoom	26  5:45pm Pizza Dinner 7pm Worship Service	27	28
29 9:30am Worship Service 11am Pastor's Bible Study/PH	30 OFC CLOSED 	31 10:30am Prayer Group, Sanctuary 7pm Trivia, Calicraft				

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 Worship Schedule:

Sunday Service 9:30AM

Pastor's Bible Study 11 AM (In person)

Youth Bible Study 11AM

Sunday School 11AM

Week Day Bible Study Schedule:

Monday (Ladies) 10AM Zoom

Wednesday (Adult) 7PM Zoom

Bulletin & Cross Currents Publication Deadline:

Bulletin: Noon, Tuesday

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