

The Shield of Faith

JUNE, 2022

*Be strong in the Lord and
in His mighty power...Take
up the shield of faith.
Ephesians 6:10, 16*

ONLY JESUS NO OTHER NAME

(***Note from Pastor Stebbins***)

Below is an article I wanted to share with you all. It is written by our Synod President, Matthew Harrison and presented by the LCMS Reporter. Enjoy!)

AND THERE IS SALVATION IN NO ONE ELSE, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved” (ACTS 4:12). Thus Peter proclaimed before the Jewish authorities when he was questioned about his miraculous healing in the temple. Thus we proclaim before the world: Only Jesus.

For 175 years, the LCMS has believed, taught and confessed Jesus Christ as the only way to the Father. He alone is the atonement for sins. He alone is the eternal Son of God. He is Lord and Christ. He will return to judge the living and the dead. Until He does return, the church will confess, as His Body, her Lord and her Savior, Jesus. As we celebrate 175 years as a Synod, we praise God for His faithfulness and pray for His strength to proclaim Jesus Christ and Him crucified until He returns.

Paul wrote to the Christians in Corinth: “For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures” (1 COR. 15:3–4). This echoes what Paul wrote at the beginning of that same letter: “We preach Christ crucified” (1 COR. 1:23). Though the world considers the preaching of Jesus Christ crucified to be foolishness, the Gospel is the power of God for salvation for all who believe (ROM. 1:16–17).

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This is echoed by Luther in the Smalcald Articles: “Jesus Christ, our God and Lord, died for our sins and was raised again for our justification (ROMANS 4:24–25). He alone is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world (JOHN 1:29), and God has laid upon Him the iniquities of us all (ISAIAH 53:6). ... Nothing of this article can be yielded or surrendered, even though heaven and earth and everything else falls [MARK 13:31]. For there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved (ACTS 4:12)” (SA II I 1–5).

Only Jesus. Jesus is the only way that anyone can know the Father (JOHN 1:18) and the only way anyone can come to the Father (JOHN 14:6). Jesus’ name, which means “YHWH saves,” marks who He is and what He accomplished. The angel of the Lord told Joseph, “You shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins” (MATT. 1:21). The name of Jesus is above every name, and every knee will bow and confess Jesus as Lord (PHIL. 2:10–11). We are thus baptized into this name and pray in His name. Our worship is focused on Jesus, as we begin in God’s holy name and leave with His name placed on us. Jesus is the only way to salvation, and yet this salvation is available to all. “If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. ... For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. For ‘everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved’” (ROM. 10:9–13).

WE HUMBLY THANK GOD FOR 175 YEARS OF THE LCMS, especially that His Holy Spirit has kept us in the one true faith in Jesus Christ. We pray that He would thus keep us in Christ Jesus and Him only until He comes. What we have confessed before the world since the founding of the Synod until today — “only Jesus” — will be our message every day forward. As long as God permits this church body to exist, we will without hesitation or trepidation confess “Only Jesus: No Other Name” as our only hope for salvation.

By God’s grace, through faith, all on account of Jesus, sinners are justified. There is no other name given under heaven by which we must be saved. Only Jesus.

Thursday Bible Study

Our next book choice, "The Screwtape Letters" will be available from the library on June 11 and the study will start on Thursday, June 16.

Please sign the list on the bulletin board if you are interested in joining us and you will receive a book on Sunday, June 12.

Monday, July 4th**Holiday Cookout**

Hosted by the Discipleship Board. Hamburgers, Hot Dogs and water will be provided. Bring one or two food items to share, your lawn chairs and a yard game if you have one. Please sign the sheet on the bulletin board to let us know how many to plan for.

We are looking for more volunteers to host the Sunday morning fellowship time after church. The responsibilities would be to make coffee, set out drinks and snacks, and clean up after Sunday School and Bible Class is over. The snacks and supplies will be provided so you won't need to purchase anything. There are instructions posted for guidance on the kitchen cabinet above the microwave. You can volunteer solo, with a friend, spouse, or even your whole family. Please sign up for the Sunday(s) on the fellowship hall bulletin board if you would like to help.

Thanks to all who have already volunteered.

Rainforest Explorers Vacation Bible School

--Will take place from June 6th-10th, 9:30-noon at Faith. VBS is for ages 3 through high school. Our older youth have a separate experience of learning and fun. If you are available to help in any way during that week, we need adults to go around with the groups of children and lead and supervise them. We also need help preparing snacks each day and making decorations. If you are able to help in any way, either with prep or during the week, please talk to Liesl Beaton or write her at liesl.beaton@gmail.com or text to 910-803-1090. Look for sign up sheets in the fellowship hall to let us know soon if your children will be there!

Servants For June

June Birthdays

	<u>Assistant</u>	<u>Reader</u>
6/5	Steve Anderson	John Roehrig
6/12	Greg Sullinger	Greg Sullinger
6/19	Darrell Pryor	Josh Rosenthal
6/26	John Roehrig	John Roehrig

3 Maureen Harrod
8 Kenneth Harrod
22 John Roehrig
22 Lydia Rosenthal

24 Matthew Wegner
24 Claire Wegner
27 José Beaton
30 Barbara Anderson

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