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More on Tradition

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On the last Sunday of August our Gospel reading featured Jesus speaking to us about tradition (Mark 7). There's still something to be said on this topic. The way Lutherans worship is traditional; the orders of service in our worship book preserve the best of our worship tradition. But truth be told, not every pastor follows the rubrics of any given service with the same devotion, rigor and fidelity. Survey our Synod on any given Sunday and you will be hard-pressed to find two congregations that go about it the same way. As sure as the sun rises in the east your new Pastor will have his own way of leading you through the service.

Our worship tradition is just that, tradition; it is not of itself *the Word of the Lord*. Worship we must. But how we worship is more or less an open question. When a thing is neither commanded by the Word nor prohibited, this is called an adiaphoron. Lutherans with their concern for law and gospel are keenly aware of this distinction. The rule of thumb we learned in seminary: if a thing compliments the gospel, you may go with it; but if a rite or tradition impedes the gospel, then it should be omitted.

An example of an adiaphoron is whether to use on any given day (or Sunday) the Nicene or the Apostles' Creed. Properly, Lutherans use the Apostles' Creed as part of their daily prayers. The Apostles' is the baptismal creed. It is committed to memory as part of the Catechism; it is an ancient and useful outline of the Gospel. On the other hand, the Nicene Creed was composed by the Council of that name early in the fourth century to combat the Arian heresy. Coming from the Council it had a certain authority. In time it became "an ordinary of the mass," meaning that it was an unchanging part of the text for worship.

Along came the Reformation. And during Luther's absence from Wittenburg, it was if the liturgy was run through a blender. Not everyone has the same feel for the music of worship. Not every pastor has the same grasp on history, tradition and theology. That's because we

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don't graduate from the same school or have the same professors. In 2024 most worship leaders tend see the two creeds as being relatively equal, if not interchangeable.

Another tradition which struggles to remain alive among us is the use of Psalms as part of our private and corporate worship. Tables exist to help the Christian read the Psalms in an orderly way. One such table is found in LSB page 304: a more simplified version can be found in LW page 292. And we should notice that an effort has been made to restore chant to worship; whether this will take hold in years to come is anyone's guess.

Divine Service Three is a reworking of the service as we knew it in The Lutheran Hymnal (1940). Some of us grew up with this service. Back then the choir or someone able chanted all or part of a Psalm (called an Introit) as the formal beginning of the service. It was an entrance rite. The congregation concluded this Psalm (portion) it with the Gloria Patri: it was never intended to stand alone. But that's how many of our congregations used it. Currently, the committee also sought to restore the Gloria Patri to its rightful position, at the close of each Psalm, give each a Christian (read Gospel) focus.

We could go on but enough has been said for now. There is always tomorrow, another day to praise our God and Savior, Jesus Christ. And there's always another way to bend our knee to the Lord.

Pr. Steve



News from the Call Committee

The Call Committee is pleased to announce that we are ready to take the next step in the call process. We have interviewed a Pastor and his wife and the Committee would like to recommend them to the Congregation.

A short biography will be presented to the Congregation a few days prior to the Congregation meeting on September 29th after the combined service at 9:30. Please plan to attend and bring any questions you may have for the Call Committee. There will not be a meal provided at this meeting.

A Meet and Greet via zoom to meet Pastor Scott and his wife Sonja will be on Saturday, October 5th at 11:00am. A light snack will be provided.

Linda Snyder, Call Committee

Stewardship News

Bring all the tithes into the storehouse, That there may be food in My house, And try Me now in this," Says the Lord of hosts, "If I will not open for you the windows of heaven And pour out for you such blessing That there will not be room enough to receive it. Malachi 3:10

The Stewardship Committee meets on the 4th Sunday of the month after the 10:30am service.

Our current committee members are:

Cheryl Bingham, Chair; David Bingham, Ron Hajduk, Caroline Twentier, Bill Steele, and Reyne Harris.

Here are some of the items the Stewardship team is working on.

Praying in Color: This ministry continues to provide prayer cards as a support ministry for those in need. If you know someone who needs this ministry, please reach out to Eileen St. Clair.

First Time Visits with Local Guests: This is an outreach ministry that visits local guests who have joined us for service. To date we've completed 8 Total In-Person visits. We encourage everyone to reach out and welcome anyone who joins us for service. We have Welcome Packets in the Narthex to provide information to them about Holy Lamb. If anyone wants to join the team, please contact Dave or Cheryl Bingham.

Visitor Thank You Card Outreach: This is an outreach that mails out Thank You cards to visitors from outside the Myrtle Beach area for worship service. To date, for 2024 we've sent out **26** thank you cards. We want to plant seeds for those who've joined in hopes that they'll visit us again in the future.

Families Read – This is a ministry that works with Families Read and Socastee Methodist Church to clean books for Forest Brook Elementary School students. We have setup the Little Free Book Fair stand at the school for the 24-25 school and will be replenishing it 2 to 3 times a month. We will continue to clean books monthly. Our next cleaning is scheduled for **Saturday, September 7th from 10:00am – Noon**. Please join us for a morning of fun and fellowship for a great cause. As well we need gently used children's books. If you have any or know anyone who would like to donate them, we would greatly appreciate it. Please place the books under the black table in the Narthex. If you have any questions, reach out to Cheryl Bingham.

Day Trip Opportunity: This is an opportunity to get to know and fellowship with other members of Holy Lamb. We're looking at scheduling the day tour to the Georgetown Historical district on Saturday, October 5th. The trolley is an open-air trolley with a covering so we're waiting for cooler weather. The cost is \$15 per person and is limited to 14 people. We are working with the owner to reserve all 14 seats for the 11:00 AM tour. There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex. If you have any questions reach out to Cheryl Bingham.

Help 4 Kids Big Shoe Fundraiser Cookout – We wish to thank all the volunteers and those who joined us for the Big Shoe fundraiser and cookout. We had a beautiful day of fellowship. In total, we served 87 people for lunch; collected 43 pairs of shoes and 366 pairs of socks. A total of \$1,326.00 was raised for Help4Kids. TO GOD GOES THE GLORY!

Line Dance Class - We have started an absolute beginner line dance class on Fridays at 6:00 PM at the Socastee United Methodist Church on the corner of highway 707 and Dick Pond Rd. The address is 5575 Dick Pond Rd, Myrtle Beach, SC 29588. If you have never line danced or have little experience or if you have line danced but it was a long time ago this would be a great class to join. We will be dancing in the building behind the church building. Please use the double door side entrance facing Dick Pond Road. There is a donation request to offset the costs of the class of 1 to 2 dollars per person. If you have questions, please contact Cheryl Bingham or David Bingham.

If you have any ideas or are interested in joining us, please let us know.

In His Service,

Cheryl Bingham, Chairperson

Evangelism - Expansion Ministries Committee

Building Expansion Committee

The building committee met on August 9th and completed the review of the responses and ideas. A summarized report is being created and will be made available to the congregation soon. No names of the contributors will be in the report. We have briefly looked at the original plans of the church that were created in 1989, which will be continued at the next meeting on August 28th at 2:00 PM. We are also looking to meet with folks who recently built a church on highway 707 to ask questions about what and how of their building and their experiences. If you have an idea for the building expansion, it is not too late to submit it. If you have questions, please contact anyone of the committee members Tom & Pat Marquardt, Bill & Monica Steele or Dave Bingham.

1 Chronicles 28:20 And David said to his son Solomon, “Be strong and of good courage, and do it; do not fear nor be dismayed, for the LORD God—my God—will be with you. He will not leave you nor forsake you, until you have finished all the work for the service of the house of the LORD.

Restaurant Dining Group

Our next dining meeting will be at Lil Tokyo Japanese Steakhouse & Sushi Bar on September 24th at 5:15 PM. The address is 780 Coastal Grand Cir #V-02, Myrtle Beach, SC. If you plan to attend, there is a sign-up sheet in the narthex rack. If you have questions, please contact Dave or Cheryl Bingham.

Dining with Friends

We will be having a potluck at the church at noon (12:00 PM) on September the 21st. If you are planning on attending, there is a sign-up sheet in the narthex rack. If you have questions, please contact Dave or Cheryl Bingham.

Visitor Packets

A friendly reminder that in the narthex rack there are red binders that are labeled Holy Lamb Visitor Packets. We want to give these packets to all visitors to Holy Lamb. If you are talking to or see someone new in the church, please give them one of the packets as it contains more information about our church. Please note that when people are looking for a new church, the number one thing they look for is a welcoming and caring church. Greeting and talking to a visitor is the first and very important step to growing a church's membership. If you are a bit hesitant about doing this, take someone with you and simply introduce yourself and ask them if they are visiting on vacation or have, they moved here. They will take the conversation from there. Note, when we meet someone for the first time, it is not what was said that we remember, but how they made us feel.

Pumpkin Patch Delivery

We have confirmation for the delivery of the pumpkins on Saturday, October 12th at 11:00 AM. We need volunteers to set up skids prior to 11:00 AM, setup a Photo Opportunity, unload the truck, count the pumpkins as they are unloaded and supervise the placement of the pumpkins on the church grounds. We need wagons & wheelbarrows to unload the truck. If you have one and would be willing to let us borrow it, we would deeply appreciate it. The sign-up sheet will be available in the narthex rack on September 1st. If you have any questions, please contact Dave Bingham, Sylvia Stedina or Henry Twentier.

Pumpkin Patch Sales

We need volunteers to help with the sales of the pumpkins. The shifts each day are 11:30 AM to 2:00 PM, 2:00 PM to 4:30 PM and 4:30 to 6:30 PM. The pumpkin sales will be every day of the week from October 12th to October 31st. The sign-up sheet will be available in the narthex rack on September 1st. If you have any questions, please contact Dave Bingham, Sylvia Stedina or Henry Twentier.



Cancer Issues

Linda G., Carol Stocum's goddaughter
Sami, friend of Dave & Linda
Terri, Pat Allison's daughter
Mary, friend of Paul & Jane
Pastor Omar Krieger
Michael, Brother-in-law of Lois Murphy
Sue Bennett
Les Cotton
Paula, friend of Lois Murphy
Ted, friend of Ed & Sylvia Stedina
Dorothy O., Adell Keeney's friend
Eleonore Kidder

For Healing

Verlene , sister of Myrle	
Ron , Ed's Cousin	
Scott , son of J.R.	
Brian , Son of Adell Keeney	
Joan , friend of Marsha Dunn	
Nathan , B-I-L of Blain & Christel Lefort	
Alice , friend of Doug & Rose	
Eric , brother-in-law of Doug	
Bobby , brother of Sharon Bumgarner	
Brian , friend of Hayley Lauritsen	
Bill , stepdad of Darcy Taiani	
Nancy , mother of Warren Gall	
Maureen , neighbor of Chuck/ Sharon Bumgarner	
Pat Allison	Norm Boulet
Marsha Dunn	Merle Falke
Theresa Falke	Mary Lee
Karen McCarthy	Kathy Orlowski
Steven Rehm	Marty Reynolds
Doug Ruddick	Bob & Myrle Rumsey
Sylvia Stedina	Doc & Nancy Rehm
Monica Steele	Al Heiber
Theresa Zweigle	Jim & Erin Murphy

For Our Homebound

Sue Alderson, Ron and Joan Johnson, Mary Margaret Kluge, Bob and Myrle Rumsey, Brenda Tainter

The Call Process

Please continue to pray for our call committee and congregation leadership. Please also pray for God to prepare the way and the heart of our future pastor and his family.

Prayer Requests

Unless otherwise requested, prayer request information will be announced in worship, shared with our prayer chain, and published in our bulletin or newsletter. To respect the privacy of those for whom we pray:

- * With regards to health issues last names will not be given in worship or in print unless they are members of Holy Lamb.
- * Information regarding conditions, diagnosis, or procedures will be given only at the initial church announcement, not in print.
- * Please update the church office of your prayer request by the newsletter deadline or fill out a prayer request form which are on the podium in the Narthex.



Bible Study Opportunities



Sunday Morning & Tuesday Morning Bible Study

The Sunday and Tuesday morning bible study will beginning on September 8th. We will be using Living Way Bible Study on Ephesians. We hope you can join one or both of these bible studies as each discussion will be a little different depending on participants involved!

Thursday Evening Women's Bible Study

ALL WOMEN are welcome to join us to delight in God's word as sisters in Christ every Thursday at 6:30pm on Zoom (use Holy Lamb's standard meeting code).

We are continuing our study of the book of Luke using our Lutheran Study Bible as our guide. If you have any questions contact:
Darcy Taiani (call or text) 724-840-0888
(email) darcytaiani@gmail.com.



LWML News

September 1 is Mite Box Sunday. Please put your mite box or money from mite box in a plastic bag and deposit in the large purple mite box. Don't forget to pick up another box if you are leaving yours. Checks are also accepted made out to Holy Lamb and in the memo area put LWML MITES. Thank you very much.

A little background on what happens to the money you put in the mite boxes. Holy Lamb is part of the Carolinas District, where the money is sent. Their mission goal for 2022-2024 (voted on every 2 years at the district convention) is \$32,361, which has been MET. A new goal will be voted on at convention September 20-21 as well as mission grants to fund. Our district sends a portion of the mites collected to the National LWML. Their mission goal is \$2,350,000 (yes, that is millions) for the biennium 2023-2025. They have 31 grants to fund by March 2025. The national convention is June 26-29, 2025 in Omaha, Nebraska.

Our next meeting is Saturday, September 14 at 10:00 am in the Fellowship room. Eileen St. Clair will be our Bible study leader.

Karen Bombria, President, LWML of Holy Lamb



In His Service September 2024

Altar Guild	Linda Davis	Hayley Lauritsen
Newsletter Proofer	Merilynn Sell (September 26th)	
Bulletin Assembly	Linda Davis	

September 1 8:00 AM 10:30 AM

Elder	N/A	George Hulshart
Ushers	Pat Allison	Rose Ruddick
Ushers	N/A	Hayley Lauritsen
Audio	Phil Harris	Julia Diem
Video	N/A	Seth Rylander

September 8 8:00 AM 10:30 AM

Elder	N/A	Bill Steele
Usher	Dave Bingham	Warren Gall
Ushers	N/A	Paul Jankowski
Audio	Don Piel	Linda Snyder
Video	N/A	Fred Reimer

September 15 8:00 AM 10:30 AM

Elder	N/A	Larry Lauffer
Ushers	Pat Allison	Rose Ruddick
Ushers	N/A	Bill Steele
Audio	Phil Harris	Julia Diem
Video	N/A	Hayley Lauritsen

September 22 8:00 AM 10:30 AM

Elder	N/A	Tom Marquardt
Ushers	Pat Allison	Warren Gall
Ushers	N/A	Paul Jankowski
Audio	Don Piel	Linda Snyder
Video	N/A	Tom Marquardt

September 29 8:00 AM 10:30 AM

Elder	N/A	Larry Lauffer
Ushers	Pat Allison	Hayley Lauritsen
Ushers	N/A	Bill Steele
Audio	Phil Harris	Julia Diem
Video	N/A	Fred Reimer

Volunteers Needed Ushers (both services) Audio and Video (both services)

Our church relies on volunteers to help us run our worship services smoothly. Without you, it would be difficult to do the many things we need to do. We are in need of volunteers to run the sound system (8am and 10:30am) and video (10:30am) services. **Just one hour a month is all we're asking ~ male or female.** Please volunteer!

Please consider helping out with this important part of our worship services. We could always use more ushers for both services too, especially 10:30am.

Contact Bill Steele if you can help.



Family Game Night

The next family game night will be **Saturday, September 7th, from 4pm-7pm.**

Please bring a finger food to share. Bring your favorite game or plan to learn a new one.



Flowers purchased to the Glory of God for September, 2024



September 1 ~ In honor of
Dave & Linda Katai's 42nd anniversary

September 8 ~ *Available*

September 15 ~ To the glory of God in honor
of Doug Ruddick's birthday

September 22 ~ In memory of Lois' father,
Edgar Smith from the Murphy family

September 29 ~ In honor of Dave & Cheryl
Bingham's anniversary

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP CLUB

At our August meeting, we had a special guest speaker, Ms. Kathy Jenkins from New Directions of Horry County. She is in charge of all the various homeless programs in our county. Ms Jenkins was very informative and was able to speak to us informally while we all enjoyed Domino's pizza and Caesar Salad for lunch in our Fellowship Hall. The lunch meeting was attended by Henry Twentier, Les Cotton, Dave Bingham, Duane St.Clair, Jack Sell and Pastor Steve. Lunch was served by Eileen and Merilynn with help from Henry and Dave. Duane served his famous homemade cookies. When Ms. Jenkins finished, the club presented her with a donation of \$400 to help her homeless efforts. The funds came from the clubs

*Create in me a clean
heart, O God;
and renew a right spirit
within me.*
Psalm 51:10

Lutheran Hour Ministries is a Recognized Service Organization (RSO) of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod. It provides various publications and Bible studies but its primary function is providing a weekly sermon for radio broadcast. The Lutheran Hour has been broadcast since 1933.

There are new ways to listen to the Lutheran



Listen to 'The Lutheran Hour' on **Sirius-XM Family Talk** 131 Sundays at 10:00am ET

You can download "The Lutheran Hour" app and listen there or wherever you listen to podcasts

AFN Version: If you're interested in the weekly AFN (American Forces Network) version of *The Lutheran Hour*, you can listen to it by clicking on the sermon title on their website² or directly on the AFN page

Flower Purchase Reminder

If you are purchasing flowers for our altar, please use the Flower Fund envelopes from the Flower Chart bulletin board and place in the collection plate or drop off at the church office.

The cost is \$40.00.

If special flowers are requested, there may be an additional charge.

**Please do not put flower payments
in
weekly offering envelope.**

If you have questions, please contact Linda Snyder.

There are several openings for altar flowers during 2024. Remember a loved one or honor a special occasion with flowers.



September



3rd Rose Ruddick

14th Fred Reimer

14th Doug Ruddick

15th Monica Steele

16th Merle Falke

21st Linda Snyder

24th Patti Rosenthal

29th Tim Jackson

29th Christel Lefort

4th Linda and David Katai

Please notify the office of any changes to the Birthday and Anniversary information so that we are current. Thank you.



Saturday, Oct. 19th 11am to 2pm
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A FREE Family Friendly Event for Our Community!
Games, Kids Crafts, Prizes, Food
Concessions, Baked Goods, and more

We need volunteers to help with the crafts, games, food, wear the pumpkin costume, setup and clean up. The sign-up sheets for the specific duties are in the narthex rack. If you have any questions, please contact David Bingham or Henry Twentier.

NEW CHURCH LED SIGN FUND

As an outreach to our community, a church sign becomes a ministry to all people, every day of the week.

This fall, we will start a "Sign Fund" Drive. Watch for the Little Red Thermometer in the Narthex of the Church as we work towards reaching our goal.

If you would like to be on the sign committee, please contact Tom Marquardt.

2024 Hurricane Preparedness

We are in the hurricane season. There are steps we can take to protect ourselves and our possessions.

- * First and foremost, it is important to monitor local weather reports and follow advisories from local authorities about preparation and evacuation.
- * Know your zone.
 - Zone A**
All areas east of Business 17 up to the intersection with US 17
 - Zone B**
All areas east of US 17 bypass to US 17
All areas south of Hwy 707 and Longwood Drive
All areas in Longwood Plantation (Blackmoor sub division)
 - Zone C**
All areas between Hwy 701 and Hwy 544
All areas east of Hwy 31 to Hwy 90
All areas east of Hwy 90 to US 17 in northern Horry County line
- * Develop a family disaster plan.
- * Prepare an Emergency Supply Kit. Make sure to stock or restock not perishable food items and replace batteries.
- * Put copies of important documents in a safe place, preferably a water tight container.
- * If you have prescription drugs, make sure to document the RX number, name, address and phone number of the pharmacy where you fill your prescriptions. Also record your administering doctor's name and phone number.
- * Create an evacuation plan. Know your evacuation route and decide early when you will leave and where you will go.
- * **Identify an out-of-area emergency contact.**
- * Fill up the gas tank in case you have to evacuate.
- * Have enough cash on hand for a few days because ATM's may not be available due to power outages.

Holy Lamb maintains an **Emergency Contact Sheet** for each of our families. An elder will be contacting you to update your information or complete a new sheet.

Message from the Property Manager

Just a reminder that the kitchen floor is scheduled for replacement on September 1st-6th by flooring contractors.

Thanks, Dave K

Dear members of our Holy Lamb community,

We want to start by expressing gratitude for your unwavering support and generosity towards Holy Lamb. Your contributions have been essential to our ability to continue carrying out our mission and serving the needs of our community.

We also want to take this opportunity to introduce our new e-giving platform, *Vanco*. This platform provides a secure and user-friendly way to give to our church online, and we are confident that it will make giving more convenient for many members of our congregation.

We know that every penny counts! **We are so grateful for your time, talent and financial support. While this new e-giving platform offers convenience, there is a small processing fee of 2.9%, as well as a \$0.45 per transaction fee. However, if you decide to have it drafted from your bank account the fee is only 1%. You have the option to offset the processing fees associated with online giving. Your gift can be one-time or recurring.**

Example: If you wish to donate \$50 to Holy Lamb, covering the processing fee of 2.9% or \$1.45, plus the \$0.45 transaction fee, your total cost would be \$51.90 with Holy Lamb receiving \$50.

You can give now at this link: <https://secure.myvanco.com/L-ZM2G/home>.

You can also find this link on our church website under the **DONATE tab at <https://holylambmyrtlebeach.org/giving-2/>.**

In addition, you always have the option to set up a recurring donation through your bank if that is more convenient for you. Whether you choose to give online or in person, your support is vital to the continued success of our church community. We are so grateful for your generosity and commitment to our shared mission.

Thank you again for all that you do.

Blessings,

Hayley Lauritsen, Financial Secretary

Holy Lamb Financial Profile—Giving

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Month of July (to date)	\$12,513	\$14,220
Year to Date Needs	\$97,774	\$106,650

Coffee Fellowship Sunday

Please join us Sunday September 1st for coffee fellowship after the second service. We look forward to see you there!



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Worship Schedule

Sundays—8:00 am & 10:30 am

Bible Study

Thursday Evening Women's Bible Study 6:30 pm