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Deputy Clerk

Pima County Clerk of the Board

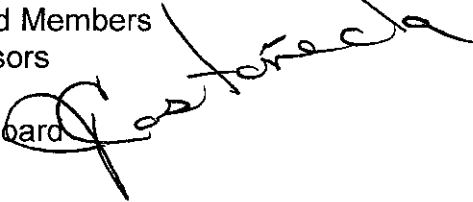
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1640 East Benson Highway
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MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Chairman and Board Members
Pima County Board of Supervisors

FROM: Julie Castañeda, Clerk of the Board 

DATE: February 4, 2020

RE: Petition for Relief of Real Property Taxes – San Juan Bautista Lutheran Church

Pursuant to A.R.S. §42-11109(E), San Juan Bautista Lutheran Church, filed a petition on January 15, 2020, for relief of their Real Property Taxes as follows:

Pending Tax Payments:

<u>Parcel No.</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Taxes due</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Fees</u>	<u>Total</u>
140-24-0260-1	2019	\$ 5,137.38	\$205.50	\$0.00	\$ 5,342.88
140-24-0260-2	2019	\$ 5,137.38	\$ 0.00	\$0.00	\$ 5,137.38
Total		\$10,274.76	\$205.50	\$0.00	\$10,480.26

The Assessor's review of this property indicated that the petition would have been granted the exemption.

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Attachments

- Notice of Hearing
- Treasurer's Tax Reports
- Assessor's Review Forms
- San Juan Bautista Lutheran Church submission



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January 23, 2020

San Juan Bautista Lutheran Church
Attn: Diana Miranda, Administrator
1130 E. Bilby Road
Tucson, AZ 85706

RE: Petition for Relief of Taxes – Parcel No. 140-24-0260

Dear Ms. Miranda:

Please be advised that your Petition for Relief of Real Property Taxes for tax year 2019, has been scheduled before the Pima County Board of Supervisors on Tuesday, February 4, 2020, at 9:00 a.m., or thereafter, at the following location:

Pima County Administration Building
Board of Supervisors Hearing Room
130 West Congress, 1st Floor
Tucson, AZ 85701

If you have any questions regarding this hearing, please contact this office at 724-8449.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Castañeda", is written over a horizontal line.

Julie Castañeda
Clerk of the Board

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PIMA COUNTY TREASURER'S OFFICE

Beth Ford, CPA
Pima County Treasurer

240 North Stone Avenue
Tucson AZ, 85701-1199
(520) 724-8341

ACCOUNT BALANCE

LUTHERAN CHURCH OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST
1130 E BILBY RD
TUCSON AZ 85706-5609

ACCOUNT: 140240260
PROPERTY TYPE: Real Estate
PROPERTY LOCATION: 1130 E BILBY RD
LEGAL DESC: LOS RANCHITOS NUMBER 5 E300' LOT 183 EXC N10'

Account Balance as of January 22, 2020

Tax Year	Cert No	Interest Date	Interest Percent	Amount	Interest Due	Fees Due	Penalties Due	Total Due
2019 - 1		11/2/2019	16.0	5,137.38	205.50	0.00	0.00	5,342.88
2019 - 2		5/2/2020	16.0	5,137.38	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,137.38
Totals				\$10,274.76	\$205.50	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$10,480.26

If you have any questions about the items on this statement, please contact our offices.



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Petition to the Board of Supervisors - Review Form

Pursuant to ☐ A.R.S. §42-11104(G) (educational/library property) or
☒ A.R.S. §42-11109(E) (religious property)

Taxpayer San Juan Bautista Lutheran Church

For tax year(s) 2019 - Parcel No. 140-24-0260

- 1) Did the organization file an affidavit as required by A.R.S. §42-11153?
☐ Yes ☒ No
- 2) Was the affidavit filed on or before March 1 of the tax year as required by A.R.S. §42-11153?
☐ Yes ☒ No
- 3) If the affidavit had been filed timely, would the Assessor have granted the exemption?
☒ Yes ☐ No
- 4) If the answer to Number 3 is "No", why was the exemption denied?
☐ The required ownership of the property was not in effect during the time period required by statute.
☐ The property was not being used for the exempt purpose during the time period required by statute.
☐ The requesting church, educational or library property did not furnish the required documents requested by the Assessor at the time of application per A.R.S. §42-11152(3)&(B)
☐ Other:

Completed by: Justina Olivares Date: Jan 22, 2019

c: Honorable Bill Staples, Pima County Assessor



San Juan Bautista Lutheran Church
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
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January 6, 2020

To whom it may concern,

Our intent is to request for exemption for the year 2019. San Juan Bautista Lutheran Church is a nonprofit religious organization. Its construction occurred in 1954 as Bethany Lutheran Church and was later renamed in 1982 as San Juan Bautista Lutheran Church. The site is used strictly for religious events. Every Sunday of the year, a Mass is celebrated with Holy Sacrament and a family religious class is offered after the mass. During the week other events occur, such as Bible study every Wednesday, Woman of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America meeting every month, Choir guitar practice twice a week, and the council participates in yearly assemblies offered by Grand Canyon Synod. Other services offered by request are weddings, quinceaneras, funerals, pastoral counseling and blessings. Furthermore, all events occurring at site are for religious purposes. We have attached annual report from Arizona corporation commission, 501(c)(3) letter, Constitution and By-laws, Financial Report, and Liturgy Service Program. Any questions feel free to contact us.

In Christ,


Diana Miranda
Administrator

Parcel # 140-24-0260
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EXEMPTION TYPE: Church

2019

AFFIDAVIT FOR ORGANIZATIONAL TAX EXEMPTION

Pursuant to A.R.S. §§ 42-11101 through 42-11155

ORGANIZATION NAME: Lutheran Church
of St John the Baptist

Mailing Address:

Mailing Address:
Lutheran Church of St John the Baptist
DBA San Juan Bautista Lutheran
1130 E. Bilby Rd
Tucson AZ 85706-5409

CONTACT INFORMATION (Address if different than Applicant)		
NAME:		
ADDRESS:		
CITY:	STATE:	ZIP CODE:
TELEPHONE # FOR APPLICANT: (520) 288-1438		
Contact Email:		
NOTES:		

EXEMPTION TYPE:

RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATION	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION	<input type="checkbox"/>
CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION	<input type="checkbox"/>	EDUCATIONAL PROPERTY	<input type="checkbox"/>
VETERANS ORGANIZATION	<input type="checkbox"/>	CEMETERY	<input type="checkbox"/>
OTHER (SPECIFY TYPE)	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>

NOTE: SIGNATURE MUST BE NOTARIZED OR SIGNED IN THE PRESENCE OF ASSESSOR'S OFFICE PERSONNEL

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STATE OF ARIZONA / PIMA COUNTY

I HEREBY CERTIFY UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY THAT I HAVE
READ OVER THE FOREGOING FACTS BEFORE SUBSCRIBING MY
NAME HERETO AND THAT ALL MATTERS HEREIN STATED ARE
TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE.

X _____
PROPERTY OWNER / AGENT DATE

☒ DEPUTY ASSESSOR / NOTARY COMMISSION EXPIRES

NON-PROFIT AND RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS
Property Tax Information and Questionnaire form

QUESTIONNAIRE FOR PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION
ALL QUESTIONS MUST BE ANSWERED TO BE CONSIDERED FOR EXEMPTION

1. Name & Address of Organization:
Lutheran Church of St John the Baptist
Iglesia Luterana San Juan Bautista
1130 E. Bilby Rd Tucson, AZ 85706
2. Under which section of Title 42, Chapter 11, Article 3 does your organization claim exemption? Religious
(Arizona Revised Statutes can be found at: www.azleg.gov)
3. Are there any type of business activities such as snack bars, cafés or restaurants operating on the premises? Yes ☐ No ☒
4. Is the organization exempt from Federal and/or State income taxes?
Yes ☒ No ☐
5. Is the Organization a 501 (C)? Yes ☒ which type 3. No ☐
5. Give day, month, and year deed/title was acquired by applicant.
Day _____ Month _____ Year 1952
6. Claimant is: Owner/Operator ☒ Owner only ☐ Operator only ☒ ✓/DM
7. Exemption is claimed on:
All land ☒ Buildings & Improvements ☐ Personal Property ☐
8. Is any portion of the property used as a place of residence? Yes ☐ No ☒
If yes, state number of individuals occupying the premises and the duration of the occupancy. _____
9. Does applicant receive any income? (other than free will offerings in connection with this property) Yes ☐ No ☒
10. Is any portion of the property being leased or rented to a non-profit and/or a for-profit organization(s)? Yes ☐ No ☒ If yes, please list the name(s) of the organization(s) _____
11. List date of occupancy: Month _____ Day _____ Year 1952



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Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
Group Exemption Number: 9386

**CERTIFICATION OF FEDERAL INCOME TAX EXEMPTION
UNDER SECTION 501(c)(3)**

for

Iglesia Luterana de San Juan Bautista
1130 E Bilby RD
Tucson, AZ 85706
EIN: 86-0519767

Iglesia Luterana de San Juan Bautista is listed on the official roster of congregations with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) and is recognized by the ELCA as being included under our Group Exemption Ruling. This inclusion establishes that this entity is exempt from Federal Income Tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and is not a private foundation as defined in Code Section 509(a). The four-digit Group Exemption Number 9386 is the same for the ELCA, its synods, its congregations and its related entities. The nine-digit Employer Identification Number (EIN) is different for each synod, for each congregation and for other employing entities. The nine-digit number is used, for example, when federal withholding and Social Security contributions are filed by the employer.

The IRS issued the attached Group Exemption Letters dated April 5, 1988 and July 13, 1988, to the ELCA. In accordance with the terms of the April 5, 1988 letter, entities affiliated with the ELCA, who have provided the ELCA with their federal employer ID number, are exempt from Federal Income Tax under ELCA's Group Exemption Ruling.

January 11, 2019

Very truly yours,

Thomas A. Cunniff
General Counsel

Attachments

April 5, 1988, ELCA Group Ruling Recognition
July 13, 1988, ELCA GEN Assigned

Internal Revenue Service

Department of the Treasury

Internal Revenue
Service Center

Midwest Region
Kansas City, Missouri

2306 E. Bannister Rd., Kansas City, Mo. 64131

► Evangelical Lutheran Church
In America
8765 W. Higgins Rd.
Chicago, Il. 60631

Person to Contact: Ms. Martha Ala

Telephone Number: (816) 926-5401

Refer Reply to: Entity Control Unit

Date: July 13, 1988

Group Exemption Number: 9386

Dear Officer or Trustee:

The four-digit Group Exemption Number (GEN) as shown above has been assigned to your organization. This number is not to be confused with the nine-digit Employer Identification Number (EIN) previously assigned to your organization.

Form 990 (Return of Organization Exempt from Income Tax) and instructions require each central organization and its subordinates to show their group exemption number (GEN) in Item G of Form 990 in addition to their EIN.

Please advise any of your subordinates that are required to file an annual information return, Form 990, to place your group exemption number on their return.

If you have any questions, please contact the person whose name and telephone number are shown above.

Thank you for your help in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

Doris Jean Johnson
Manager, Entity Control Unit *not*

Internal Revenue Service

Department of the Treasury

District
Director

230 S. Dearborn St., Chicago, Illinois 60604

Evangelical Lutheran Church
In America
8765 West Higgins Road
Chicago, IL 60631

Person to Contact:
Peter J. Mazarakos, Jr.
Telephone Number:
(312) 886-1278
Refer Reply to:
EO: 201:PJM
Employer Identification Number:
41-1568278
Effective Date of Group
Exemption Ruling:
January 1, 1988

Date: APR - 5 1988

Dear Applicant:

We have considered your application for a group exemption letter recognizing your subordinates as exempt from Federal Income Tax as organizations of the type described in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

Our records shows that you were recognized as exempt from Federal Income Tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Code. The exemption letter remains in effect.

Based on the information supplied, we recognize your named subordinates on the list you submitted as exempt from Federal Income Tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

Additionally, we have classified the organizations you operate, supervise, or control, and which are covered by your notification to us as organizations that are not private foundations because they are organizations of the type described in Sections 509(a)(1) 509(a)(2) or 509(a)(3) of the Code.

Donors may deduct contributions to you and your subordinates as provided in Section 170 of the Code. Bequests, legacies, devises, transfers, or gifts to you or for your use are deductible for Federal Estate and Gift Tax purposes if they meet the applicable provisions of Sections 2055, 2106 and 2522 of the Code.

APR 08 1988

ELCA SECRETARY

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You and your subordinates are not required to file Federal Income Tax Returns as long as a tax-exempt status is maintained. But under Section 511 of the Code, an organization is subject to tax on its unrelated business taxable income. If you or your subordinates are subject to the tax, you must file an income tax return Form 990-T, Exempt Organization Business Income Tax Return.

You are not required to file Form 990, Return of Organization Exempt from Income Tax, if you meet the exception in Section 6033(a)(2)(A)(i) of the Code. Your subordinates are also not required to file Form 990 if they qualify as churches or intergrated auxiliaries of churches or otherwise meet the exceptions in Section 1.6033-2(g) of the Income Tax Regulations.

As of January 1, 1984, you and your subordinates are liable for taxes under the Federal Insurance Contributions Act (social security taxes) on remuneration of \$100 or more to each of your employees during a calendar year. You and your subordinates are not liable for the tax imposed under the Federal Unemployment Tax Act (FUTA).

A church or a qualified church-controlled organization as defined in section 3121(w)(3) of the Code however, may elect to exclude the wages paid to employees (other than for services performed in an unrelated trade or business) from social security taxes. This election must be made by filing Form 8274 by the day before the date your first quarterly employment tax return would be due under the revised law. If you or your subordinates make this election, your employees who earn \$100 or more during a calendar year become liable for the payment of self-employment tax under section 1402 on the wages that you pay them. Once having made this election, you or your subordinates may not revoke it. For further information regarding this election please contact your Key District Director.

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Each year, at least 90 days before the end of your annual accounting period, please send the items listed below to the Internal Revenue Service Center at the address shown below.

1. A statement describing any changes during the year in the purpose, character, or method of operation of your subordinates;
2. A list showing the names, mailing addresses (including Postal Zip Code), actual addresses if different, and employer identification numbers of subordinates that since your previous report:
 - a. Changed names and addresses;
 - b. Were deleted from your roster; or
 - c. Were added to your roster.
3. For subordinates to be added, attach:
 - a. A statement that the information on which your present group exemption letter is based applies to the new subordinates;
 - b. A statement that each has given you written authorization to add its name to the roster;
 - c. A list of those to which the Service previously issued exemption rulings or determination letters;
 - d. A statement that none of the subordinates is a private foundation as defined in Section 509(a) of the Code if the group exemption letter covers organizations described in Section 501(c)(3);
 - e. The street address of subordinates where the mailing address is a P.O. Box; and
 - f. The information required by Revenue Procedure 75-50, 1975-2 C. B. 587 for each subordinate that is a school claiming exemption under Section 501(c)(3). Also include any other information necessary to establish that the school is complying with requirements of Revenue Ruling 71-447, 1971-2 C. B. 230. This is the same information required by Schedule A, Form 1023, Application for Recognition of Exemption Under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

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4. If applicable, a statement that your group exemption roster did not change since your previous report.

The above information should be sent, "Attention: Entity Control Unit," to the following address:

Internal Revenue Service Center
Kansas City, Missouri 64999

This determination does not apply to any of your subsidiaries organized and operated in a foreign country.

We are enclosing a copy of Revenue Procedure 75-50. This sets forth guidelines and recordkeeping requirements for private schools recognized as exempt from Federal Income Tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Code. You should advise those subordinates that operate schools of the requirement of this procedure.

The Service Center that processes your returns will send you a Group Exemption Number. You are required to include this number on each Form 990, Return of Organization Exempt from Income Tax and Form 990-T, Exempt Organization Business Income Tax Return. Please advise your subordinates of this requirement and provide them with the Group Exemption Number.

The prior group exemption letters of the following subordinates are superseded:

The American Lutheran Church, Lutheran Church in America, and Association of Evangelical Lutheran Churches.

Please notify each of the above subordinates that their exemption letter is superseded.

Sincerely yours,


R. S. Wintrode, Jr.
District Director



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

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Please keep an electronic version of this certification material as it remains valid indefinitely, unless or until your organization's information (business address, legal name or EIN) should change.

Along with this explanation, we've included a 501(c)(3) Certification Letter with your Federal Employer Identification Number and name as currently shown in the group ruling and copies of official IRS letters issued to the ELCA.

If the name or EIN shown in your letter is incorrect, please email 501c3@elca.org with the page from your Articles of Incorporation that shows your legal corporate name, your assignment letter from the IRS, a recent wage statement or IRS Form 941.

Your 501(c)(3) certification letter **plus** the IRS letters issued to the ELCA establishes your federal income tax exempt status as a 501(c)(3) organization.

ELCA congregations or affiliated entities (subordinates) do not have to file, and the IRS does not have to process, separate applications for exemption. Consequently, subordinates do **not** receive an individual exemption letter from IRS (see IRS Publication 4573). Generally, programs and/or ministries within the congregation are included under the congregation's status unless that program/ministry is separately incorporated.

When you receive an outside request for verification of your 501(c)(3) status, please send a copy of the certification letter **plus** the IRS letters issued to the ELCA to the requesting vendor, donee, grant writer, or other nonprofit entity. If you are asked to provide a currently dated letter at some point in the future, please contact this office via email at 501c3@elca.org and we will process your request.

You may print copies of this material at any time, however, you may not change them in any way. Any alternation or modification of the attached material is impermissible and will invalidate your inclusion letter.

PLEASE NOTE

This certification does **not** exempt your organization from state sales tax. Each corporate entity needs to establish their own individual state sales tax exemption. When you apply for state sales tax exemption (in those states where sales tax exemption is permitted by statute), a copy of this 501(c)(3) material should be attached to your application and forwarded by you to the appropriate state office.



ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION
Powering Arizona's Future

Corporations Division

COMMISSIONERS

Chairman, Robert "Bob" Burns
Andy Tobin
Boyd Dunn
Sandra D. Kennedy
Justin Olson

Date: 5/31/2019

Delivered via: Email

Diana Miranda

RE: Entity Name: LUTHERAN CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST
ACC File Number: 05124000
ACC Order Number: 201905310473756
Document Received
Date: 05/31/2019

We are pleased to notify you that the Annual Report submitted for the above-referenced entity have or has been APPROVED for filing.

The Corporations Division strongly recommends that you periodically monitor the corporation's public record, which can be viewed at <https://www.azcc.gov>. If you have questions or for further information, contact Customer Service at 602-542-3026, or, within Arizona only, 800-345-5819.

Division Director Tanya Gibson
1300 W.Washington Street, Phoenix, AZ 85007 | 602-542-3026 | [azcc.gov](https://www.azcc.gov)

2019 ANNUAL REPORT

ENTITY INFORMATION

ENTITY NAME: LUTHERAN CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST
ENTITY ID: 05124000
ENTITY TYPE: Domestic Nonprofit Corporation
CHARACTER OF BUSINESS: RELIGIOUS
AUTHORIZED SHARES:
ISSUED SHARES:

STATUTORY AGENT INFORMATION

STATUTORY AGENT NAME: Matthew Chavez
PHYSICAL ADDRESS: 1130 E Bilby rd, TUCSON, AZ 85706
MAILING ADDRESS:

KNOWN PLACE OF BUSINESS

1130 E. BILBY RD 1130 E BILBY RD , TUCSON, AZ 85706

PRINCIPAL OFFICE ADDRESS

PRINCIPAL INFORMATION

COO (Chief Operating Officer): Diana Miranda - 1130 E. BILBY RD, TUCSON, AZ 85706, USA - - Date of Taking Office: 01/01/2014

Director: Matthew Chavez - 1130 E. BILBY RD 1130 E BILBY RD, TUCSON, AZ 85706, USA - - Date of Taking Office: 07/29/2018

Officer: Andrew Lugo - 1130 E. BILBY RD 1130 E BILBY RD, TUCSON, AZ 85706, USA -
sjbiglesialuterana@gmail.com - Date of Taking Office: 02/10/2019

Officer: Isabel Moreno - 1130 E. BILBY RD 1130 E BILBY RD, TUCSON, AZ 85706, USA -
sjbiglesialuterana@gmail.com - Date of Taking Office: 02/10/2019

Secretary: Liset Estrada - 1130 E. BILBY RD 1130 E BILBY RD, TUCSON, AZ 85706, USA -
sjbiglesialuterana@gmail.com - Date of Taking Office: 02/10/2019

Treasurer: Anabel Estrada - 1130 E. BILBY RD 1130 E BILBY RD, TUCSON, AZ 85706, USA -
sjbiglesialuterana@gmail.com - Date of Taking Office: 02/10/2019

SIGNATURE

COO (Chief Operating Officer): Diana Miranda - 05/31/2019

FELONY JUDGEMENT QUESTIONS

Has any person (a) who is currently an officer, director, trustee, or incorporator, or (b) who controls or holds over ten per cent of the issued and outstanding common shares or ten percent of any other proprietary, beneficial or membership interest in the corporation been:

Convicted of a felony involving a transaction in securities, consumer fraud or antitrust in any state or federal jurisdiction within the seven-year period immediately preceding the signing of this certificate? NO

Convicted of a felony, the essential elements of which consisted of fraud, misrepresentation, theft by false pretenses or restraint of trade or monopoly in any state or federal jurisdiction within the seven-year period immediately preceding the signing of this certificate? NO

Subject to an injunction, judgment, decree or permanent order of any state or federal court entered within the seven-year period immediately preceding the signing of this certificate, involving any of the following: NO

The violation of fraud or registration provisions of the securities laws of that jurisdiction;

The violation of the consumer fraud laws of that jurisdiction;

The violation of the antitrust or restraint of trade laws of that jurisdiction?

BANKRUPTCY QUESTION

Has any person (a) who is currently an officer, director, trustee, incorporator, or (b) who controls or holds over twenty per cent of the issued and outstanding common shares or twenty per cent of any other proprietary, beneficial or membership interest in the corporation, served in any such capacity or held a twenty per cent interest in *any other corporation* (not the one filing this Certificate) on the bankruptcy or receivership of *the other corporation*? NO

**IGLESIA LUTERANA
SAN JUAN BAUTISTA**

*1130 E. BIBLY RD
TUCSON, AZ 85706*

CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS

2013

***PREAMBLE**

We, baptized members of the Church of Christ, responding in faith to the call of the Holy Spirit through the Gospel, desiring to unite together to preach the Word, administer the sacraments, and carry out God's mission, do hereby adopt this constitution and solemnly pledge ourselves to be governed by its provisions. In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Chapter 1.

NAME AND INCORPORATION

- C1.01.** The name of this congregation shall be **Iglesia Luterana San Juan Bautista**.
- C1.02.** For the purpose of this constitution and the accompanying bylaws, the congregation of **Iglesia Luterana San Juan Bautista** is hereinafter designated as "this congregation."
- C1.11.** This congregation shall be incorporated under the laws of the State of Arizona.

Chapter 2.

CONFESSION OF FAITH

- *C2.01.** This congregation confesses the Triune God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
- *C2.02.** This congregation confesses Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior and the Gospel as the power of God for the salvation of all who believe.
 - a. Jesus Christ is the Word of God incarnate, through whom everything was made and through whose life, death, and resurrection God fashions a new creation.
 - b. The proclamation of God's message to us as both Law and Gospel is the Word of God, revealing judgment and mercy through word and deed, beginning with the Word in creation, continuing in the history of Israel, and centering in all its fullness in the person and work of Jesus Christ.
 - c. The canonical Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the written Word of God. Inspired by God's Spirit speaking through their authors, they record and announce God's revelation centering in Jesus Christ. Through them God's Spirit speaks to us to create and sustain Christian faith and fellowship for service in the world.
- *C2.03.** This congregation accepts the canonical Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments as the inspired Word of God and the authoritative source and norm of its proclamation, faith, and life.
- *C2.04.** This congregation accepts the Apostles', Nicene, and Athanasian Creeds as true declarations of the faith of this congregation.
- *C2.05.** This congregation accepts the Unaltered Augsburg Confession as a true witness to the Gospel, acknowledging as one with it in faith and doctrine all churches that likewise accept the teachings of the Unaltered Augsburg Confession.
- *C2.06.** This congregation accepts the other confessional writings in the Book of Concord, namely, the Apology of the Augsburg Confession, the Smalcald Articles and the Treatise, the Small Catechism, the Large Catechism, and the Formula of Concord, as further valid interpretations of the faith of the Church.
- *C2.07.** This congregation confesses the Gospel, recorded in the Holy Scripture and confessed in the ecumenical creeds and Lutheran confessional writings, as the power of God to create and sustain the Church for God's mission in the world.

Chapter 3.

NATURE OF THE CHURCH

- *C3.01.** All power in the Church belongs to our Lord Jesus Christ, its head. All actions of this congregation are to be carried out under his rule and authority.
- *C3.02.** The Church exists both as an inclusive fellowship and as local congregations gathered for worship and Christian service. Congregations find their fulfillment in the universal community of the Church, and the universal Church exists in and through congregations. The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, therefore, derives its character and powers both from the sanction and representation of its congregations and from its inherent nature as an expression of the broader fellowship of the faithful. In length, it acknowledges itself to be in the historic continuity of the communion of saints; in breadth, it expresses the fellowship of believers and congregations in our day.
- *C3.03.** The name Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA or "this church") as used herein refers in general references to this whole church, including its three expressions: congregations, synods, and the churchwide

* Required provision

organization. The name Evangelical Lutheran Church in America is also the name of the corporation of the churchwide organization to which specific references may be made herein.

Chapter 4.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

- *C4.01. The Church is a people created by God in Christ, empowered by the Holy Spirit, called and sent to bear witness to God's creative, redeeming, and sanctifying activity in the world.
- *C4.02. To participate in God's mission, this congregation as a part of the Church shall:
 - a. Worship God in proclamation of the Word and administration of the sacraments and through lives of prayer, praise, thanksgiving, witness, and service.
 - b. Proclaim God's saving Gospel of justification by grace for Christ's sake through faith alone, according to the apostolic witness in the Holy Scripture, preserving and transmitting the Gospel faithfully to future generations.
 - c. Carry out Christ's Great Commission by reaching out to all people to bring them to faith in Christ and by doing all ministry with a global awareness consistent with the understanding of God as Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier of all.
 - d. Serve in response to God's love to meet human needs, caring for the sick and the aged, advocating dignity and justice for all people, working for peace and reconciliation among the nations, and standing with the poor and powerless, and committing itself to their needs.
 - e. Nurture its members in the Word of God so as to grow in faith and hope and love, to see daily life as the primary setting for the exercise of their Christian calling, and to use the gifts of the Spirit for their life together and for their calling in the world.
 - f. Manifest the unity given to the people of God by living together in the love of Christ and by joining with other Christians in prayer and action to express and preserve the unity which the Spirit gives.
- *C4.03. To fulfill these purposes, this congregation shall:
 - a. Provide services of worship at which the Word of God is preached and the sacraments are administered.
 - b. Provide pastoral care and assist all members to participate in this ministry.
 - c. Challenge, equip, and support all members in carrying out their calling in their daily lives and in their congregation.
 - d. Teach the Word of God.
 - e. Witness to the reconciling Word of God in Christ, reaching out to all people.
 - f. Respond to human need, work for justice and peace, care for the sick and the suffering, and participate responsibly in society.
 - g. Motivate its members to provide financial support for the congregation's ministry and the ministry of other parts of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.
 - h. Foster and participate in interdependent relationships with other congregations, the synod, and the churchwide organization of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.
 - i. Foster and participate in ecumenical relationships consistent with churchwide policy.
- *C4.04. This congregation shall develop an organizational structure to be described in the bylaws. The Congregation Council shall prepare descriptions of the responsibilities of each committee, task force, or other organizational group and shall review their actions. Such descriptions shall be contained in continuing resolutions in the section on the Congregation Committees.
- *C4.05. This congregation shall, from time to time, adopt a mission statement which will provide specific direction for its programs.
- *C4.06. References herein to the nature of the relationship between the three expressions of this church—congregations, synods, and the churchwide organization—as being interdependent or as being in a partnership relationship describe the mutual responsibility of these expressions in God's mission and the fulfillment of the purposes of this church as described in this chapter, and do not imply or describe the creation of partnerships, co-ventures, agencies, or other legal relationships recognized in civil law.

Chapter 5.

POWERS OF THE CONGREGATION

- *C5.01. The powers of this congregation are those necessary to fulfill its purpose.
- *C5.02. The powers of this congregation are vested in the Congregation Meeting called and conducted as provided in this constitution and bylaws.

- *C5.03.** Only such authority as is delegated to the Congregation Council or other organizational units in this congregation's governing documents is recognized. All remaining authority is retained by the congregation. The congregation is authorized to:
- call a pastor as provided in Chapter 9;
 - terminate the call of a pastor as provided in Chapter 9;
 - call or terminate the call of associates in ministry, deaconesses, and diaconal ministers in conformity with the applicable policy of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America;
 - adopt amendments to the constitution, as provided in Chapter 17, amendments to the bylaws, as specified in Chapter 16, and continuing resolutions, as provided in Chapter 18.
 - approve the annual budget;
 - acquire real and personal property by gift, devise, purchase, or other lawful means;
 - hold title to and use its property for any and all activities consistent with its purpose;
 - sell, mortgage, lease, transfer, or otherwise dispose of its property by any lawful means;
 - elect its officers, and Congregation Council, boards, and committees, and require them, the members of the council, to carry out their duties in accordance with the constitution, and bylaw, and continuing resolutions; and
 - terminate its relationship with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America as provided in Chapter 6.
- *C5.04.** This congregation shall choose from among its voting members laypersons to serve as voting members of the Synod Assembly as well as persons to represent it at meetings of any conference, cluster, coalition, or other area subdivision of which it is a member. The number of persons to be elected by the congregation and other qualifications shall be as prescribed in guidelines established by the Grand Canyon Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

Chapter 6. CHURCH AFFILIATION

- *C6.01.** This congregation shall be an interdependent part of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America or its successor, and of the Grand Canyon Synod Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. This congregation is subject to the discipline of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.
- *C6.02.** This congregation accepts the Confession of Faith and agrees to the Purposes of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and shall act in accordance with them.
- *C6.03.** This congregation acknowledges its relationship with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America in which:
- This congregation agrees to be responsible for its life as a Christian community.
 - This congregation pledges its financial support and participation in the life and mission of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.
 - This congregation agrees to call pastoral leadership from the clergy roster of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America in accordance with its call procedures except in special circumstances and with the approval of the bishop of the synod. These special circumstances are limited either to calling a candidate approved for the roster of ordained ministers of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America or to contracting for pastoral services with an ordained minister of a church body with which the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America officially has established a relationship of full communion.
 - This congregation agrees to consider associates in ministry, deaconesses, and diaconal ministers for call to other staff positions in the congregation according to the procedures of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.
 - This congregation agrees to file this constitution and any subsequent changes to this constitution with the synod for review to ascertain that all of its provisions are in agreement with the constitution and bylaws of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and with the constitution of the synod.
- *C6.04.** Affiliation with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America may be terminated as follows:
- This congregation takes action to dissolve.
 - This congregation ceases to exist.
 - This congregation is removed from membership in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America according to the procedures for discipline of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.
 - This congregation follows the procedures outlined in *C6.05.
- *C6.05.** A congregation may terminate its relationship with this church by the following procedure:
- A resolution indicating the intent to terminate its relationship must be adopted at a legally called and conducted special meeting of the congregation by a two-thirds vote of the voting members present. Such meeting may be held no sooner than 30 days after written notice of the meeting is received by the bishop of the synod, during which time the congregation shall consult with the bishop and the bishop's designees, if any. The times and

manner of the consultation shall be determined by the bishop in consultation with the Congregation Council. Unless he or she is a voting member of the congregation, the bishop and the bishop's designees, if any, shall have voice but not vote at the meeting.

- b. The secretary of the congregation shall submit a copy of the resolution to the bishop, attesting that the special meeting was legally called and conducted and certifying the outcome of the vote, and shall mail a copy of the resolution to voting members of the congregation. This notice shall be submitted within 10 days after the resolution has been adopted.
- c. The bishop of the synod and the congregation shall continue in consultation, as specified in paragraph a. above, during a period of at least 90 days after receipt by the synod of the notice as specified in paragraph b. above.
- d. If the congregation, after such consultation, still seeks to terminate its relationship, such action may be taken at a legally called and conducted special meeting by a two-thirds vote of the voting members present. Notice of the meeting shall be mailed to all voting members and to the bishop at least 10 days in advance of the meeting. Unless he or she is a voting member of the congregation, the bishop and the bishop's designees, if any, shall have voice but not vote at the meeting.
- e. A copy of the resolution, attesting that the special meeting was legally called and conducted and certifying the outcome of the vote, shall be sent to the bishop within 10 days after the resolution has been adopted, at which time the relationship between the congregation and this church shall be terminated subject to paragraphs g., h., and i. below. Unless this notification to the bishop also certifies that the congregation has voted by a two-thirds vote to affiliate with another Lutheran denomination, the congregation will be conclusively presumed to be an independent or non-Lutheran church.
- f. Notice of termination shall be forwarded by the bishop to the secretary of this church, who shall report the termination to the Churchwide Assembly.
- g. Congregations seeking to terminate their relationship with this church which fail or refuse to comply with each of the foregoing provisions in *C6.05. shall be required to receive Synod Council approval before terminating their membership in this church.
- h. Congregations which had been members of the Lutheran Church in America shall be required, in addition to complying with the foregoing provisions in *C6.05., to receive synodical approval before terminating their membership in this church.
- i. Congregations established by the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America shall be required, in addition to complying with the foregoing provisions in *C6.05., to satisfy all financial obligations to this church and receive Synod Council approval before terminating their membership in this church.
- j. If a congregation fails to achieve the required two-thirds vote of voting members present at the congregation's first meeting as specified in paragraph a. above, another special meeting to consider termination of relationship with this church may be called no sooner than six months after that first meeting. If a congregation fails to achieve the required two-thirds vote of voting members present at the congregation's second meeting as specified in paragraph d. above, another attempt to consider termination of relationship with this church must follow all requirements of *C6.05. and may begin no sooner than six months after that second meeting.

***C6.06.** If this congregation considers relocation, it shall confer with the bishop of the synod in which it is territorially located and the appropriate unit of the churchwide organization before any steps are taken leading to such action. The approval of the Synod Council shall be received before any such action is effected.

***C6.07.** If this congregation considers developing an additional site to be used regularly for worship, it shall confer with the bishop of the synod in which it is territorially located and the appropriate unit of the churchwide organization before any steps are taken leading to such action.

Chapter 7.

PROPERTY OWNERSHIP

***C7.01.** If this congregation ceases to exist, title to undisposed property shall pass to the Grand Canyon Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

***C7.02.** If this congregation is removed from membership in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America according to its procedure for discipline, title to property shall continue to reside in this congregation.

***C7.03.** If a two-thirds majority of the voting members of this congregation present at a legally called and conducted special meeting of this congregation vote to transfer to another Lutheran church body, title to property shall continue to reside in this congregation, provided the process for termination of relationship in *C6.05. has been followed. Before this congregation takes action to transfer to another Lutheran church body, it shall consult with representatives of the **Grand Canyon Synod**.

***C7.04.** If a two-thirds majority of the voting members of this congregation present at a legally called and conducted special meeting of this congregation vote to become independent or relate to a non-Lutheran church body and have

followed the process for termination of relationship in *C6.05., title to property of this congregation shall continue to reside in this congregation only with the consent of the Synod Council. The Synod Council, after consultation with this congregation by the established synodical process, may give approval to the request to become independent or to relate to a non-Lutheran church body, in which case title shall remain with the majority of this congregation. If the Synod Council fails to give such approval, title shall remain with those members who desire to continue as a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

C7.05. Notwithstanding the provisions of *C7.02. and *C.7.03. above, where this congregation has received property from the synod pursuant to a deed or other instrument containing restrictions under provision 9.71.a. of the *Constitution, Bylaws, and Continuing Resolutions of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America*, this congregation accepts such restrictions and:

- a. Shall not transfer, encumber, mortgage, or in any way burden or impair any right, title, or interest in the property without prior approval of the Synod Council.
- b. Shall—upon written demand by the Synod Council, pursuant to ¶S13.23. of the constitution of the Grand Canyon Synod—reconvey and transfer all right, title, and interest in the property to the synod.

Chapter 8. MEMBERSHIP

***C8.01.** Members of this congregation shall be those baptized persons on the roll of this congregation at the time that this constitution is adopted and those who are admitted thereafter and who have declared and maintain their membership in accordance with the provisions of this constitution and its bylaws.

***C8.02.** Members shall be classified as follows:

- a. **Baptized** members are those persons who have been received by the Sacrament of Holy Baptism in this congregation, or, having been previously baptized in the name of the Triune God; have been received by certificate of transfer from other Lutheran congregations or by affirmation of faith.
- b. **Confirmed** members are baptized persons who have been confirmed in this congregation, those who have been received by adult baptism or by transfer as confirmed members from other Lutheran congregations, or baptized persons received by affirmation of faith.
- c. **Voting** members are confirmed members. Such confirmed members, during the current or preceding calendar year, shall have communed in this congregation and shall have made a contribution of record to this congregation. Members of this congregation who have satisfied these basic standards shall have the privilege of voice and vote at every regular and special meeting of the congregation.
- d. **Associate** members are persons holding membership in other Christian congregations who wish to retain such membership but desire to participate in the life and mission of this congregation, or persons who wish to retain a relationship with this congregation while being members of other congregations. They have all the privileges and duties of membership except voting rights and eligibility for elected offices or membership on the Congregation Council of this congregation.

***C8.03.** All applications for confirmed membership shall be submitted to and shall require the approval of the Congregation Council.

***C8.04.** It shall be the privilege and duty of members of this congregation to:

- a. make regular use of the means of grace, both Word and sacraments;
- b. live a Christian life in accordance with the Word of God and the teachings of the Lutheran church; and
- c. support the work of this congregation, the synod, and the churchwide organization of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America through contributions of their time, abilities, and financial support as biblical stewards.

***C8.05.** Membership in this congregation shall be terminated by any of the following:

- a. death;
- b. resignation;
- c. transfer or release;
- d. disciplinary action in accordance with ELCA constitutional provision 20.40. and the accompanying bylaws; or
- e. removal from the roll due to inactivity as defined in the bylaws.

Such persons who have been removed from the roll of members shall remain persons for whom the Church has a continuing pastoral concern.

Chapter 9. THE PASTOR

- *C9.01. Authority to call a pastor shall be in this congregation by at least a two-thirds majority ballot vote of members present and voting at a meeting legally called for that purpose. Before a call is issued, the officers, or a committee elected by the Congregation Council to recommend the call, shall seek the advice and help of the bishop of the synod.
- *C9.02. Only a member of the clergy roster of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America or a candidate for the roster of ordained ministers who has been recommended for the congregation by the synodical bishop may be called as a pastor of this congregation.
- *C9.03. Consistent with the faith and practice of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America,
 - a. Every ordained minister shall:
 - 1) preach the Word;
 - 2) administer the sacraments;
 - 3) conduct public worship;
 - 4) provide pastoral care; and
 - 5) speak publicly to the world in solidarity with the poor and oppressed, calling for justice and proclaiming God's love for the world.
 - b. Each ordained minister with a congregational call shall, within the congregation:
 - 1) offer instruction, confirm, marry, visit the sick and distressed, and bury the dead;
 - 2) supervise all schools and organizations of this congregation;
 - 3) install regularly elected members of the Congregation Council; and
 - 4) with the council, administer discipline.
 - c. Every pastor shall:
 - 1) strive to extend the Kingdom of God in the community, in the nation, and abroad;
 - 2) seek out and encourage qualified persons to prepare for the ministry of the Gospel;
 - 3) impart knowledge of this church and its wider ministry through distribution of its periodicals and other publications; and
 - 4) endeavor to increase the support given by the congregation to the work of the churchwide organization of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) and of the Grand Canyon Synod of the ELCA.
- *C9.04. The specific duties of the pastor, compensation, and other matters pertaining to the service of the pastor shall be included in a letter of call, which shall be attested by the bishop of the synod.
- *C9.05. a. The call of a congregation, when accepted by a pastor, shall constitute a continuing mutual relationship and commitment, which shall be terminated only by death or, following consultation with the synodical bishop, for the following reasons:
 - 1) mutual agreement to terminate the call or the completion of a call for a specific term;
 - 2) resignation of the pastor, which shall become effective, unless otherwise agreed, no later than 30 days after the date on which it was submitted;
 - 3) inability to conduct the pastoral office effectively in the congregation in view of local conditions;
 - 4) physical disability or mental incapacity of the pastor;
 - 5) suspension of the pastor through discipline for more than three months;
 - 6) resignation or removal of the pastor from the roster of ordained ministers of this church;
 - 7) termination of the relationship between this church and the congregation;
 - 8) dissolution of the congregation or the termination of a parish arrangement; or
 - 9) suspension of the congregation through discipline for more than six months.
- b. When allegations of physical disability or mental incapacity of the pastor under paragraph a.4) above, or ineffective conduct of the pastoral office under paragraph a.3) above, have come to the attention of the bishop of this synod,
 - 1) the bishop in his or her sole discretion may investigate such conditions personally together with a committee of two ordained ministers and one layperson, or
 - 2) when such allegations have been brought to the synod's attention by an official recital of allegations by the Congregation Council or by a petition signed by at least one-third of the voting members of the congregation, the bishop personally shall investigate such conditions together with a committee of two ordained ministers and one layperson.
- c. In case of alleged physical disability or mental incapacity under paragraph a.4) above, the bishop's committee shall obtain and document competent medical opinion concerning the pastor's condition. When a disability or incapacity is evident to the committee, the bishop of this synod may declare the pastorate vacant and the pastor shall be listed on the clergy roster as disabled. Upon removal of the disability and the restoration of the pastor to health, the bishop shall take steps to enable the pastor to resume the ministry, either in the congregation last served or in another appropriate call.

- d. In the case of alleged local difficulties that imperil the effective functioning of the congregation under paragraph a.3) above, the bishop's committee shall endeavor to hear from all concerned persons, after which the bishop together with the committee shall present their recommendations first to the pastor and then to the congregation. The recommendations of the bishop's committee must address whether the pastor's call should come to an end and, if so, may suggest appropriate severance arrangements. The committee may also propose other actions that should be undertaken by the congregation and by the pastor, if appropriate. If the pastor and congregation agree to carry out such recommendations, no further action need be taken by the synod.
- e. If either party fails to assent to the recommendations of the bishop's committee concerning the pastor's call, the congregation may dismiss the pastor only at a legally called meeting after consultation with the bishop, either (a) by a two-thirds majority vote of the voting members present and voting where the bishop and the committee did not recommend termination of the call, or (b) by a simple majority vote of the voting members present and voting where the bishop and the committee recommended termination of the call.
- f. If, in the course of proceedings described in paragraph c. or paragraph d. above, the bishop's committee concludes that there may be grounds for disciplinary action, the committee shall make recommendations concerning disciplinary action in accordance with the provisions of this church's constitution, bylaws, and continuing resolutions.

***C9.06.** At a time of pastoral vacancy, an interim pastor shall be appointed by the bishop of the synod with the consent of this congregation or the Congregation Council.

***C9.07.** During the period of service, an interim pastor shall have the rights and duties in the congregation of a regularly called pastor and may delegate the same in part to a supply pastor with the consent of the bishop of the synod and this congregation or Congregation Council. The interim pastor and any ordained pastor providing assistance shall refrain from exerting influence in the selection of a pastor. Unless previously agreed upon by the Synod Council, an interim pastor is not available for a regular call to the congregation served.

***C9.08.** This congregation shall make satisfactory settlement of all financial obligations to a former pastor before calling a successor. A pastor shall make satisfactory settlement of all financial obligations to this congregation before beginning service in a call to another congregation or employment in another ministry setting related to the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

***C9.09.** When a pastor is called to serve in company with another pastor or pastors, the privileges and responsibilities of each pastor shall be specified in documents to accompany the call and to be drafted in consultation involving the pastors, the Congregation Council, and the bishop of the synod. As occasion requires, the documents may be revised through a similar consultation.

***C9.11.** With the approval of the bishop of the synod, the congregation may depart from *C9.05.a. and call a pastor for a specific term. Details of such calls shall be in writing setting forth the purpose and conditions involved. Prior to the completion of a term, the bishop or a designated representative of the bishop shall meet with the pastor and representatives of the congregation for a review of the call. Such a call may also be terminated before its expiration in accordance with the provisions of *C9.05.a.

***C9.12.** The pastor of this congregation:

- a. shall keep accurate parochial records of all baptisms, confirmations, marriages, burials, communicants, members received, members dismissed, or members excluded from the congregation;
- b. shall submit a summary of such statistics annually to the synod; and
- c. shall become a member of this congregation upon receipt and acceptance of the letter of call. In a parish of multiple congregations, the pastor shall hold membership in one of the congregations.

***C9.13.** The pastor(s) shall submit a report of his or her ministry to the bishop of the synod at least 90 days prior to each regular meeting of the Synod Assembly.

***C9.14.** The parochial records of this congregation shall be maintained by the pastor and shall remain the property of the congregation. The secretary of this congregation shall attest in writing to the bishop of this synod that such records have been placed in his or her hands in good order by a departing pastor before the installation of that pastor in another field of labor or the granting by the synod of retired status to the pastor.

C9.20. Ecumenical pastoral ministry

C9.21. Under special circumstances, subject to the approval of the synodical bishop and the concurrence of this congregation, an ordained minister of a church body with which the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America officially has established a relationship of full communion may serve temporarily as pastor of this congregation under a contract between the congregation and the ordained minister in a form proposed by the synodical bishop and approved by the congregation.

CONGREGATION MEETING

- C10.01. The semi-annual meeting of this congregation shall be held at a time specified in the bylaws.
- C10.02. A special Congregation Meeting may be called by the pastor, the Congregation Council, or the president of this congregation, and shall be called by the president of the congregation upon the written request of 50% of the voting members. The president of the Congregation Council shall call a special meeting upon request of the synodical bishop. The call for each special meeting shall specify the purpose for which it is to be held, and no other business shall be transacted.
- C10.03. Notice of all meetings of this congregation shall be given at the services of worship on the preceding two consecutive Sundays and by mail or electronic means, as permitted by state law, to all voting members at least 10 days in advance of the date of the meeting.
- C10.04. 50% voting members shall constitute a quorum.
- C10.05. Voting by proxy or by absentee ballot shall not be permitted.
- C10.06. All actions approved by the congregation shall be by majority vote of those voting members present and voting, except as otherwise provided in this constitution or by state law.
- C10.07. *Robert's Rules of Order*, latest edition, shall govern parliamentary procedure of all meetings of this congregation.

Chapter 11. OFFICERS

- C11.01. The officers of this congregation shall be a president, vice president, secretary, and treasurer.
 - a. Duties of the officers shall be specified in the bylaws.
 - b. The officers shall be voting members of the congregation.
 - c. Officers of this congregation shall serve similar offices of the Congregation Council and shall be voting members of the Congregation Council.
 - d. If the Congregation Council elects its officers, the president, vice president, and secretary shall be selected from the elected membership of the Congregation Council. [If the treasurer is not selected from the elected membership of the Congregation Council, the treasurer shall have voice but not vote at the meetings of the Congregation Council.]
- C11.02. The pastor shall be *ex officio* president of the congregation and the Congregation Council. The congregation shall elect by written ballot the other officers of the congregation who shall serve for one year or until their successors are elected. Their terms shall begin at the close of the annual meeting at which they are elected.
- C11.03. No officer shall hold more than one office at a time. No elected officer shall be eligible to serve more than two consecutive terms in the same office.

Chapter 12. CONGREGATION COUNCIL

- C12.01. The voting membership of the Congregation Council shall consist of the pastor(s) and the members of the congregation council, at least one of whom shall be a youth and at least one of whom shall be a young adult. Any voting member of the congregation may be elected, subject only to the limitation on the length of continuous service permitted in that office. A member's place on the Congregation Council shall be declared vacant if the member a) ceases to be a voting member of this congregation or b) is absent from four successive regular meetings of the Congregation Council without cause. Consistent with the laws of the state in which this congregation is incorporated, the congregation may adopt procedures for the removal of a member of the Congregation Council in other circumstances.
- C12.02. The members of the Congregation Council except the pastor(s) shall be elected by written ballot to serve for 1 years or until their successors are elected. Such members shall be eligible to serve no more than two full terms consecutively. Their terms shall begin at the close of the annual meeting at which they are elected. Newly elected Congregation Council members shall be installed at worship the Sunday prior to the date they assume office.
- C12.03. Should a member's place on the Congregation Council be declared vacant, the Congregation Council shall elect, by majority vote, a successor until the next annual meeting.
- C12.04. The Congregation Council shall have general oversight of the life and activities of this congregation, and in particular its worship life, to the end that everything be done in accordance with the Word of God and the faith and practice of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. The duties of the Congregation Council shall include the following:

- a. To lead this congregation in stating its mission, to do long-range planning, to set goals and priorities, and to evaluate its activities in light of its mission and goals.
- b. To seek to involve all members of this congregation in worship, learning, witness, service, and support.
- c. To oversee and provide for the administration of this congregation to enable it to fulfill its functions and perform its mission.
- d. To maintain supportive relationships with the pastor(s) and staff and help them annually to evaluate the fulfillment of their calling or employment.
- e. To be examples individually and corporately of the style of life and ministry expected of all baptized persons.
- f. To promote a congregational climate of peace and goodwill, and, as differences and conflicts arise, to endeavor to foster mutual understanding.
- g. To arrange for pastoral service during the sickness or absence of the pastor.
- h. To emphasize partnership with the synod and churchwide organization of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America as well as cooperation with other congregations, both Lutheran and non-Lutheran, subject to established policies of the synod and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.
- i. To recommend and encourage the use of program resources produced or approved by the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.
- j. To seek out and encourage qualified persons to prepare for the ministry of the Gospel.

C12.05. The Congregation Council shall be responsible for the financial and property matters of this congregation.

- a. The Congregation Council shall be the board of directors of this congregation, and as such shall be responsible for maintaining and protecting its property and the management of its business and fiscal affairs. It shall have the powers and be subject to the obligations that pertain to such boards under the laws of the State of Arizona, except as otherwise provided herein.
- b. The Congregation Council shall not have the authority to buy, sell, or encumber real property unless specifically authorized to do so by a meeting of the congregation.
- c. The Congregation Council may enter into contracts of up to \$ _____ for items not included in the budget.
- d. The Congregation Council shall prepare an annual budget for adoption by this congregation, shall supervise the expenditure of funds in accordance therewith following its adoption, and may incur obligations of more than \$ \$10,000.00 in excess of the anticipated receipts only after approval by a Congregation Meeting. The budget shall include this congregation's full indicated share in support of the wider ministry being carried on in partnership with the synod and churchwide organization.
- e. The Congregation Council shall ascertain that the financial affairs of this congregation are being conducted efficiently, giving particular attention to the prompt payment of all obligations and to the regular forwarding of benevolence monies to the synodical treasurer.
- f. The Congregation Council shall be responsible for this congregation's investments and its total insurance program.

C12.06. The Congregation Council shall see that the provisions of this constitution, and its bylaws are carried out.

C12.07. The Congregation Council shall provide for an annual review of the membership roster.

C12.08. The Congregation Council shall be responsible for the employment and supervision of the staff of this congregation. Nothing in this provision shall be deemed to affect the congregation's responsibility for the call, terms of call, or termination of call of any employees who are on a roster of this church.

C12.09. The Congregation Council shall submit a comprehensive report to this congregation at the annual meeting.

C12.11. The Congregation Council shall normally meet once a month. Special meetings may be called by the pastor or the president, and shall be called by the president at the request of at least one-half of its members. Notice of each special meeting shall be given to all who are entitled to be present.

C12.12. A quorum for the transaction of business shall consist of a majority of the members of the Congregation Council, including the pastor or interim pastor, except when the pastor or interim pastor requests or consents to be absent and has given prior approval to the agenda for a particular regular or special meeting, which shall be the only business considered at that meeting. Chronic or repeated absence of the pastor or interim pastor who has refused approval of the agenda of a subsequent regular or special meeting shall not preclude action by the Congregation Council, following consultation with the synodical bishop.

C12.13. The Congregation Council and its committees may hold meetings by remote communication, including electronically and by telephone conference, and, to the extent permitted by state law, notice of all meetings may be provided electronically.

Chapter 13.

CONGREGATION COMMITTEES

- C13.01.** The officers of this congregation and the pastor shall constitute the *Executive Committee*.
- C13.02.** A *Nominating Committee* of six voting members of this congregation, two of whom, if possible, shall be outgoing members of the Congregation Council, shall be elected at the annual meeting for a term of one year. Members of the Nominating Committee are not eligible for consecutive re-election.
- C13.03.** An *Audit Committee* of three voting members shall be elected by the Congregation Council. Audit Committee members shall not be members of the Congregation Council. Term of office shall be three years, with one member elected each year. Members shall be eligible for re-election.
- C13.04.** A *Mutual Ministry Committee* (in the absence of a mutual ministry committee, the duties shall be fulfilled by the executive committee) shall be appointed jointly by the president [vice president¹] and the pastor. Term of office shall be two years, with three members to be appointed each successive year.
- C13.05.** When a pastoral vacancy occurs, a *Call Committee* of six voting members shall be elected by the Congregation Council. Term of office will terminate upon installation of the newly called pastor.
- C13.06.** Other committees of this congregation may be formed, as the need arises, by decision of the Congregation Council.
- C13.07.** Duties of committees of this congregation shall be specified in the bylaws.
- C13.08.** The [senior] pastor of this congregation shall be *ex officio* a member of all committees and boards of the congregation. [The president of this congregation shall be *ex officio* a member of all committees and boards of the congregation, except the Nominating Committee.]

Chapter 14.

ORGANIZATIONS WITHIN THE CONGREGATION

- C14.01.** All organizations within this congregation shall exist to aid it in ministering to the members of this congregation and to all persons who can be reached with the Gospel of Christ. As outgrowths and expressions of this congregation's life, the organizations are subject to its oversight and direction. This congregation at its meeting shall determine their policies, guide their activities, and receive reports concerning their membership, work, and finances.
- C14.02.** Special interest groups, other than those of the official organizations of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, may be organized only after authorization has been given by the Congregation Council [and specified in a continuing resolution].

Chapter 15.

DISCIPLINE OF MEMBERS AND ADJUDICATION

- *C15.01.** Persistent and public denial of the Christian faith, willful or criminal conduct grossly unbecoming a member of the Church of Christ, continual and intentional interference with the ministry of the congregation, or willful and repeated harassment or defamation of member(s) of the congregation is sufficient cause for discipline of a member. Prior to disciplinary action, reconciliation and repentance will be attempted following Matthew 18:15-17, proceeding through these successive steps, as necessary: a) private counsel and admonition by the pastor, b) censure and admonition by the pastor in the presence of two or three witnesses, c) written referral of the matter by the Congregation Council to the vice president of the synod, who will refer it to a consultation panel drawn from the Consultation Committee of the synod, and d) written referral of the matter by the consultation panel to the Committee on Discipline of the synod. If, for any reason, the pastor is unable to administer the admonitions required by paragraphs a. and b. hereof, those steps may be performed by another pastor chosen by the Executive Committee of the Congregation Council.
- *C15.02.** The process for discipline of a member of the congregation shall be governed as prescribed by the chapter on discipline in the *Constitution, Bylaws, and Continuing Resolutions of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America*. If the counseling, censure, and admonitions pursuant to C15.01 do not result in repentance and amendment of life, charges against the accused member(s) that are specific and in writing may be prepared by the Congregation Council, signed, and submitted to the vice president of the synod. The vice president shall select from the synod's Consultation Committee a panel of five members (three lay persons and two clergy). A copy of the written charges shall be provided to the consultation panel and the accused member(s). The consultation panel, after requesting a written reply to the charges from the accused member(s), shall consider the matter and seek a resolution by means of investigation, consultation, mediation, or whatever other means may seem appropriate. The panel's efforts to reach a mutually agreeable resolution shall continue for no more than 45 days after the matter is submitted to it.
- *C15.03.** If the consultation panel fails to resolve the matter, that panel shall refer the case in writing, including the written charges and the accused member's reply, to the Committee on Discipline of the synod for a hearing. A copy of the

¹ For use if the pastor is president of the congregation under two of the options in C11.02.

panel's written referral shall be delivered to the vice president of the synod, the Congregation Council, and the accused member(s) at the same time it is sent to the Committee on Discipline of the synod. The Executive Committee of the Synod Council shall then select six members from the Committee on Discipline to decide the case, and shall appoint a member of the Synod Council to preside as nonvoting chair. Those six members plus the nonvoting chair comprise the discipline hearing panel for deciding the case. The Congregation Council and the accused member(s) are the parties to the case.

- *C15.04. The discipline hearing panel shall commence and conduct the disciplinary hearing in accordance with the provisions governing discipline of congregation members prescribed in the *Constitution, Bylaws, and Continuing Resolutions of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America*.
- *C15.05. By the vote of at least two-thirds of the members of the discipline hearing panel who are present and voting, one of the following disciplinary sanctions can be imposed:
 - a. suspension from the privileges of congregation membership for a designated period of time;
 - b. suspension from the privileges of congregation membership until the pastor and Congregation Council receive evidence, satisfactory to them, of repentance and amendment of life;
 - c. termination of membership in the congregation; or
 - d. termination of membership in the congregation and exclusion from the church property and from all congregation activities.
- *C15.06. The written decision of the discipline hearing panel shall be sent to the vice president of the synod, the accused member(s), and the Congregation Council as required by the *Constitution, Bylaws, and Continuing Resolutions of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America*. The decision of the discipline hearing panel shall be implemented by the Congregation Council and recorded in the minutes of the next council meeting.
- *C15.07. No member of the congregation shall be subject to discipline a second time for offenses that a discipline hearing panel has heard previously and decided pursuant to this chapter.
- *C15.10. **Adjudication**
- *C15.11. When there is disagreement among factions within this congregation on a substantive issue that cannot be resolved by the parties, members of this congregation shall have access to the synodical bishop for consultation after informing the chair of the Congregation Council of their intent. If the consultation fails to resolve the issue(s), the Consultation Committee of the synod shall consider the matter. If the Consultation Committee of the synod shall fail to resolve the issue(s), the matter shall be referred to the Synod Council, whose decision shall be final.

Chapter 16.

BYLAWS

- *C16.01. This congregation may adopt bylaws. No bylaw may conflict with this constitution.
- *C16.02. Bylaws may be adopted or amended at any legally called meeting of this congregation with a quorum present by a majority vote of those voting members present and voting.
- *C16.03. Changes to the bylaws may be proposed by any voting member, provided that such additions or amendments be submitted in writing to the Congregation Council at least 60 days before a regular or special Congregation Meeting called for that purpose. The Congregation Council shall notify the congregation's members of the proposal with the council's recommendations at least 30 days in advance of the Congregation Meeting. Notification may take place by mail or electronic means, as permitted by state law.
- *C16.04. Approved changes to the bylaws shall be sent by the secretary of this congregation to the synod.

Chapter 17.

AMENDMENTS

- *C17.01. Unless provision *C17.04. is applicable, those sections of this constitution that are not required, in accord with the *Model Constitution for Congregations of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America*, may be amended in the following manner. Amendments may be proposed by at least 5 voting members or by the Congregation Council. Proposals must be filed in writing with the Congregation Council 60 days before formal consideration by this congregation at a regular or special Congregation Meeting called for that purpose. The Congregation Council shall notify the congregation's members of the proposal together with the council's recommendations at least 30 days in advance of the meeting. Notification may take place by mail or electronic means, as permitted by state law.
- *C17.02. An amendment to this constitution, proposed under *C17.01., shall:
 - a. be approved at a legally called Congregation Meeting according to this constitution by a majority vote of those present and voting;
 - b. be ratified without change at the next annual meeting by a two-thirds majority vote of those present and voting;
 - and

c. have the effective date included in the resolution² and noted in the constitution.

***C17.03.** Any amendments to this constitution that result from the processes provided in *C17.01. and *C17.02. shall be sent by the secretary of this congregation to the synod. The synod shall notify the congregation of its decision to approve or disapprove the proposed changes; the changes shall go into effect upon notification that the synod has approved them.

***C17.04.** This constitution may be amended to bring any section into conformity with a section or sections, either required or not required, of the *Model Constitution for Congregations of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America* as most recently amended by the Churchwide Assembly. Such amendments may be approved by a simple majority vote of those voting members present and voting at any legally called meeting of the congregation without presentation at a prior meeting of the congregation, provided that the Congregation Council has submitted by mail or electronic means, as permitted by state law, notice to the congregation of such an amendment or amendments, together with the council's recommendations, at least 30 days prior to the meeting. Upon the request of _____ voting members of the congregation, the Congregation Council shall submit such notice. Following the adoption of an amendment, the secretary of the congregation shall submit a copy thereof to the synod. Such provisions shall become effective immediately following a vote of approval.

Chapter 18.

CONTINUING RESOLUTIONS

***C18.01.** The congregation in a legally called meeting or the Congregation Council may enact continuing resolutions. Such continuing resolutions may not conflict with the constitution or bylaws of this congregation.

***C18.02.** Continuing resolutions shall be enacted or amended by a majority vote of a meeting of the congregation or a two-thirds vote of all voting members of the Congregation Council.

Chapter 19.

INDEMNIFICATION

***C19.01.** Consistent with the provisions of the laws under which this congregation is incorporated, this congregation may adopt provisions providing indemnification for each person who, by reason of the fact that such person is or was a Congregation Council member, officer, employee, agent, or other member of any committee of this congregation, was or is threatened to be made a party to any threatened, pending, or completed civil, criminal, administrative, arbitration, or investigative proceeding.

² Such an effective date must be stated in relation to the requirements of *C17.03. to allow time for synodical review of the amendment.



San Juan Bautista Lutheran Church
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
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Financial Report 2019

Income

Private Individual Donations	\$ 500.00
Sierra Vista	\$ 1,140.00
Desert Hills LC*	\$ 7,700.00
Santa Cruz LC	\$ 1,200.00
Our Saviours LC*	\$ 1,400.00
Tanque Verde LC	\$ 550.00
	<i>\$ 12,490.00</i>
 ELCA Grant	 \$ 16,500.00
Synod Grant	\$ 20,000.00
	<i>\$ 36,500.00</i>
 Sunday Offering	 \$ 8,278.49
Specil Services(weddings, etc)	\$ 400.00
fundraiser	\$ 1,457.00
	<i>\$ 10,135.49</i>
 Grand Total Income	 \$ 59,125.49

Expense

Adminstration

Utilities

Water	\$ 1,002.26
Electric	\$ 3,254.84
Cox	\$ 2,017.37
Gas	\$ 503.62
Insurance	\$ 2,291.50
	\$ 9,069.59

Staff

Diana	\$ 11,520.00
Pastor	\$ 15,000.00
Pastor Housing	\$ 9,000.00
Pastor Health Insurance	\$ 7,232.00
	\$ 42,752.00

Marketing

Banner	\$ 98.79
Banner Hangers	\$ 22.63
Shopping Bags logo	\$ 175.95
	\$ 297.37

Maintanance

Wall	\$ 863.44
Roof Repair	\$ 437.81
Window	\$ 152.66
Cooler Upgrades	\$ 484.15
Floor Material	\$ 2,020.67
New A/C offices	\$ 3,319.00
General Misc.	\$ 129.88
Janitorial	\$ 490.17

Office Supplies

Ink	\$ 128.70
Paper	\$ 65.64
writing utencils	\$ 11.95
Router	\$ 53.04
Auxillary Cable	\$ 16.00
Amazon Prime	\$ 51.94
	\$ 327.27

Altar Supplies

Candles	\$ 24.98
Wine	\$ 112.18
Grape Juice	\$ 40.74
Special(lent,etc.)	\$ 185.72
Communion cups	\$ 46.89
Wafers	\$ 46.90
Pulpit Supply	\$ 300.00
Plegaria Y Palabra	\$ 550.00
	\$ 1,307.41

Ministries

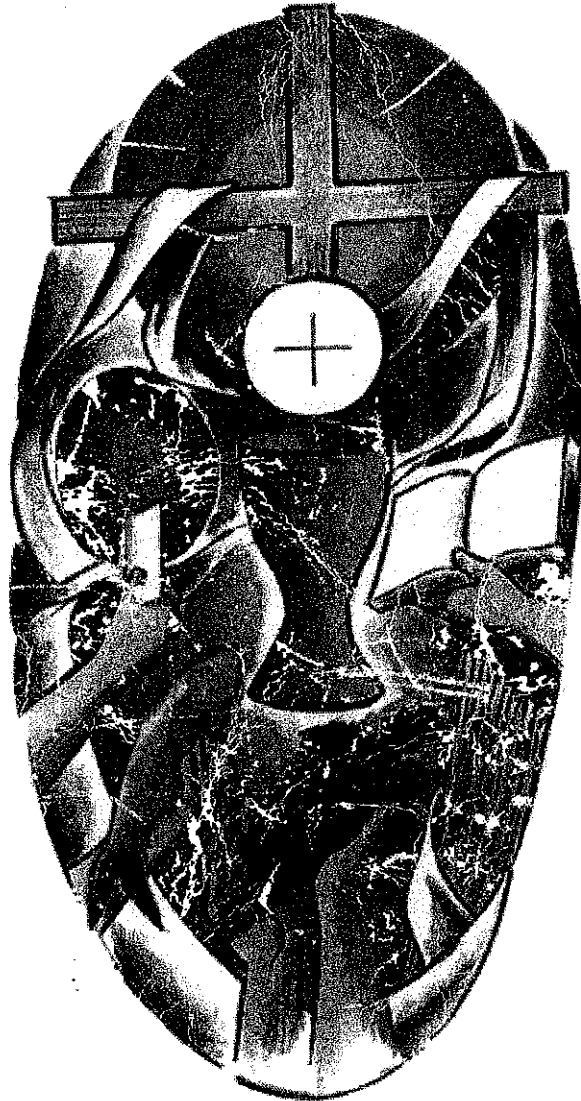
Fellowship	\$ 1,328.48
Rondalla	\$ 103.11
Kings Day	\$ 575.88
WELCA	\$ 250.00
youth Group	\$ 305.00
	\$ 2,562.47

Misc

Synod Support	\$ 870.00
Synod Assembly	\$ 551.44
First Call	\$ 600.00
Mural	\$ 264.47
Arizona Corp.	\$ 10.00
	\$ 2,295.91

TOTAL EXPENSE \$59,102.19

Bilingual Liturgy
Liturgia Bilingue



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Iglesia Luterana San Juan Bautista

Welcome to your church

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Guía bilingüe para la Santa Misa

Bilingual Worship Guide

Rev. Pastor Ricardo Miller- Interim Pastor

Seminarian Mateo Chavez

Music: Audio and Guitarist Mateo Chavez and Pastor Ricardo

Please DONT take home or dispose

Thank you!

**Por favor de no llevarselo
a casa o tirarlo a la basura**

Gracias!

Himno de Entrada con Procesión

Please Stand Entrance Hymn

Invocación

P: En el nombre del Padre, del Hijo y del Espíritu Santo.
C: Amén

Invocation

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
C: Amen.

Saludo Apostólico

P: La gracia de nuestro Señor Jesucristo, el amor de Dios, y la
Comunión del Espíritu Santo sean con ustedes.
C: Y también contigo.

Apostolic Greeting

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the
communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
C: And also with you.

Breve orden de Confesión

Plegaria y Palabra

Confession and Forgiveness (*please kneel*)

¡ Señor, ten piedad (*Opcional*)

P: En paz, oremos al Señor.
C: Señor, ten piedad.

¡ Lord, have mercy

P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.
C: Lord have mercy.

P: Por la paz de lo alto y por nuestra salvación,
oremos al Señor.

C: Señor, ten piedad.

P: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the
Lord.

C: Lord have mercy.

P: Por la paz del mundo entero, por el bienestar de la iglesia de
Dios y por la unidad de todos, oremos al Señor.

C: Señor, ten piedad.

P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church
of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.
C: Lord have mercy.

P: Por esta familia de la fe y por todos los que aquí ofrecen su
adoración y alabanza, oremos al Señor.

C: Señor, ten piedad.

P: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and
praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord have mercy.

P: Ayuda, salva, consuela y defiéndenos, misericordiosos
Señor.

C: Amén

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
C: Amen.

Oración del Día

P: El Señor sea con ustedes.
C: Y también contigo.

P: Oremos.....
C: Amén

Plegaria y Palabra

Prayer of the Day in Celebrate

P: The Lord be with you.
C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray
C: Amen.

LA SANTA PALABRA

Primera Lectura

después de la lectura:

L: Esta es palabra de Dios.
C: Te alabamos, Señor.

Plegaria y Palabra

First Reading

After the Reading

L: This is the Word of the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God.

in Celebrate

Psalm

Salmo

Segunda Lectura

después de la lectura

L: Esta es palabra de Dios.
C: Te alabamos, Señor.

Second Reading

After the Reading

L: This is the Word of the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God.

in Celebrate

Please stand

De pie

Gospel Acclamation

in Celebrate

Aclamación del Evangelio

Plegaria y Palabra

Please be seated

Sentados

Sermon

Sermón

De pie

Please stand

Credo

Creo en Dios Padre Todopoderoso,
Creador del cielo y la de la tierra.

Creo en Jesucristo, su único Hijo, nuestro Señor.
Fue concebido por obra del Espíritu Santo
y nació de la Virgen María.

Padeció bajo el poder de Poncio Pilato,
fue crucificado, muerto y sepultado.
Descendió a los muertos. Al tercer día resucitó,
subió a los cielos, y está sentado a la diestra del Padre.
Volverá para juzgar a los vivos y a los muertos.

Creo en el Espíritu Santo,
la santa iglesia católica,
la comunión de los santos,
el perdón de los pecados,
la resurrección del cuerpo,
y la vida eterna. Amen.

Las Plegarias

Plegaria y Palabra

Hymn of the Day

Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession (*please kneel*) in Celebrate

LA SANTA CENA

La Paz

P: La paz de Señor sea siempre con ustedes.
C: **Y también contigo.**

Sentados

Presentación de las ofrendas

P: Oremos. Dios misericordioso:
C: con alegría y acción de gracias te ofrecemos lo que tu ya nos has dado: nuestro ser, nuestro día y todo lo que tenemos, símbolos de tu gracia y amor. Acéptalos por amor de aquel que se ofreció a sí mismo por nosotros, Jesucristo nuestro Señor. Amén

Gran Plegaria Eucarística

P: El Señor sea con ustedes.
C: **Y también contigo.**

P: Elevemos los corazones.
C: **Al Señor los elevamos.**

P: Demos gracias al Señor nuestro Dios.
C: **Es justo darle gracias y alabanza.**

P: En verdad es digno, justo y saludable que en todo tiempo y en todo lugar te demos gracias y alabanza.....

..alabamos tu nombre y nos unimos a su himno eterno:
C: **Santo, santo, santo es el Señor, Dios del universo.**
Llenos están el cielo y la tierra de tu gloria.

Hosanna en el cielo.

Bendito el que viene en el nombre del Señor.
Hosanna en el cielo.

The Holy Meal

Peace

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.
C: **And also with you.**

(Please be seated)

Presentation of the offering

P: Let us pray, Holy God:
C: **with joy and thanksgiving we offer what you have given us: our being, our days, and all that we have, symbols of your grace and love. Accept them with love for he that offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.
C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.
C: **We lift them up to the Lord**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.** ☩

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise

... we praise your name and join in their unending hymn:
C: **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might. Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

P: Santo Dios, gran Señor, Padre de infinita bondad:

sin límites es tu misericordia y eterno es tu reino. Tú has infundido luz y vida en toda la creación; cielo y tierra están llenos de tu gloria. Por Abraham prometiste bendecir a todos los pueblos. Rescataste a Israel, tu pueblo escogido. Por los profetas renovaste tu promesa; y, en estos últimos tiempos enviaste a tu Hijo, quien con palabras y obras proclamó tu reino, y se sometió a tu voluntad, aun hasta ofender su vida.

La noche en que fue entregado, nuestro Señor Jesús tomó pan y dio gracias; lo partió y lo dio a sus discípulos, diciendo: Tomen y coman; esto es mi cuerpo, dado por ustedes. Hagan esto en memoria mía.

De igual manera, después de haber cenado, tomo la copa, dio gracias y la dio a todos, diciendo:

Esta copa es el nuevo pacto en mi sangre, derramada por ustedes y por todo el mundo para el perdón del pecado. Hagan esto en memoria mía.

Pues cada vez que comemos de este pan y bebemos de esta copa, proclamamos la muerte del Señor, hasta que vuelva.

C: Cristo ha muerto.

Cristo ha resucitado

Cristo vendrá de nuevo.

P: Por tanto, Padre de gracia, con este pan y esta copa recordamos la vida que nuestro Señor ofreció por nosotros. Y, creyendo el testimonio de su resurrección, esperemos su regreso con poder para compartir con nosotros el gran banquete prometido.

C: Amén. Ven, Señor Jesús.

P: Te rogamos, ahora, que envíes tu Espíritu Santo, el espíritu de nuestro Señor y de su resurrección, para que nosotros que recibimos el cuerpo y sangre del Señor vivamos para alabar tu gloria y recibir nuestra herencia con todos tus santos en luz.

C: Amén. Ven, Espíritu Santo.

P: Une nuestras oraciones con las de tus siervos de todo tiempo y de todo lugar y recógelas con las suplicas perpetuas de nuestro gran sumo sacerdote hasta que el venga como Señor triunfante de todo.

C: Por el, con el, en el, a ti Dios Padre todopoderoso, En la unidad del Espíritu Santo, es dada toda honra y gloria, ahora y siempre. Amén.

P: Holy God, great Lord, Father of infinite generosity: your mercy is unlimited and your reign is eternal. You have given light and life to all creation; heaven and earth are full of your glory. Through Abraham you promised to bless all people. You rescued Israel, your chosen people. Through the prophets, you renewed your promise; and in time you sent your Son, who with words and deeds proclaimed your reign, and who submitted to your will, even offering his life.

The night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: "Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me".

P: Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all To drink, saying: "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this in remembrance of me.

P: Every time we eat this bread, and drink from this cup, we proclaim your death, oh Lord, until you come again.

C: Christ has died.

Christ has risen.

Christ will come again.

P: Father of grace, with this bread and this cup we remember the life that our Lord offered for us. And, believing the testimony of his resurrection, we await his return in glory to share with us his grand banquet.

C: Come, Lord Jesus.

P: We pray now, that you send your Holy Spirit, the spirit of our Lord and his resurrection, so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ will live to praise you in glory and receive our inheritance with all your saints.

C: Come, Holy Spirit.

P: Unite all our prayers with your holy ones of all times and places and receive them along with our prayers until our Lord returns in glory.

C: Through him, with him, and in him, in unity with the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever. Amen.

**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.**

**Padre nuestro que estas en el cielo,
Santificado sea tu nombre. Venga tu reino.
Hágase tu voluntad en a la tierra como en el cielo.
Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada día.
Perdona nuestras ofensas como también
nosotros perdonamos a los que nos ofenden.
No nos dejes caer en tentación y líbranos del mal.
Porque tuyo es el reino, el poder y la gloria, ahora y
siempre.
Amén.**

Sentados

Comunión

Al dar el pan y vino a cada comulgante los ministros dicen:

El cuerpo de Cristo, dado por ti.

La sangre de Cristo, derramada por ti.

De pie

P: El cuerpo y la sangre de nuestro Señor Jesucristo los fortalezca y conserve en su gracia.

C: **Amén.**

Oración

P: Oremos. Derrama sobre nosotros el espíritu de tu amor, oh Señor, y une las voluntades de los que has alimentado con un mismo alimento espiritual; por Jesucristo nuestro Señor.

C: **Amén.**

Bendición

P: El Señor te bendiga y te guarde.

El Señor haga resplandecer su rostro sobre ti y tenga de ti misericordia. El Señor vuelva hacia ti su rostro y te conceda la paz.

C: **Amén.**

Salida

Despedida

P: Vayan en paz. Sirvan al Señor.

C: **Demos gracias a Dios.**

Comunion

Upon giving the bread and wine to each person, the ministers say:

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you

And each person responds Amen.

Please stand

P: May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ fortify and Conserve us in his grace.

C: **Amen.**

Prayer after Communion

P: Let us pray. Spread over us the spirit of your love, oh Lord, and unite the prayers of those you have fed with your spiritual food, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

Blessing

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor, and give you peace.

In the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn

Sending

P: Go forth in peace, to love and serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

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