

It's a great ministry! CARE to join us on the 2nd Monday of the month in the back of church @ 10:00 a.m. Thank you, Toni McCarty

THE LADIES FELLOWSHIP - The Ladies Fellowship is getting the new year started right! Bowling at Plateau Lanes in Crossville at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday the 11th of January and lunch after. Even if you don't or can't bowl, come watch the rest of us and cheer us on. On Wednesday you can bowl 2 games for \$4.50! Such a deal. Any questions, call Sue Cox 456-9461

THE CIRCUMCISION OF OUR LORD

Living Wisely in the New Year

January 1, 2012

Welcome to Shepherd of the Hills! We thank the Lord for this opportunity to share the joy of Jesus Christ with you as we gather together to worship Him. Our prayer is that each of us will grow in the assurance of Jesus as Savior and have the peace of a daily personal walk with Him.

If you are visiting with us today, and have no church home, we would consider it a privilege to be able to invite you to share in the fellowship of the Shepherd of the Hills family. If you have any questions about Shepherd of the Hills please feel free to ask any of our members or our pastor before you leave today – we care and are here to help. If you already have a church home, we hope you will continue to grow in faith while you are with us and will return to worship again when you have the opportunity.

As we prepare to worship today, we ask that each one be respectful of others as they pray silently and meditate on the great gifts God has both given and promised to all His faithful children.

Today we celebrate the Lord's Supper.
Please note our Holy Communion practice as outlined in this bulletin prior to the Distribution Hymns.

AS WE GATHER

The Scriptures tell us, "The wisdom of this world is foolishness in God's sight" 1 Corinthians 3:19. Living by worldly wisdom and accumulating wealth and status will be useless before the throne of God. Only God's wisdom, found in Jesus Christ, will save you. As we begin this New Year, may we be led by the Holy Spirit to look to Christ alone for salvation, listen to His Word, and sail into this New Year confident of His blessings.

PRESERVICE MUSIC

Piano and Organ Duet "Shepherds in the Fields"
Mrs. Norma Misklevitz and Mrs. Linda Wiegert

RINGING OF THE CHIME and WELCOME

OPENING HYMN

"O Word of God Incarnate" *LSB #523*



1 O Word of God in - car-nate, O Wis - dom from on high,
2 The Church from You, dear Mas-ter, Re-ceived the gift di - vine;
3 O make Your Church, dear Sav - ior, A lamp of bur - nished gold



O Truth un - changed, un - chang - ing, O Light of our dark sky:
And still that light is lift - ed O'er all the earth to shine.
To bear be - fore the na - tions Your true light as of old!



We praise You for the ra - diance That from the hal - lowed page,
It is the chart and com - pass That, all life's voy - age through,
O teach Your wan - d'ring pil - grims By this their path to trace



A lan - tern to our foot - steps, Shines on from age to age.
Mid mists and rocks and quick - sands Still guides, O Christ, to You.
Till, clouds and dark - ness end - ed, They see You face to face!

(Please rise as you are able.)

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of God the Father,

People: who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places; *(Ephesians 1:3)*

Pastor: In the name of His Son, † Jesus Christ,

People: who has redeemed us by His blood through which we have the forgiveness of sins; *(Ephesians 1:7)*

Pastor: In the name of the Holy Spirit,

People: who has called us to faith in order to receive a glorious inheritance with all of God's saints. *(Ephesians 1:17-18)*

All: Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: The Scriptures tell us, "Get wisdom! Get understanding!" *(Proverbs 4:5a)*

People: Yet we must confess that we do not always seek godly wisdom, but rely on the wisdom of this world, which is foolishness to You, O God. Forgive us, Lord.

Pastor: St. Paul writes that the Scriptures are able to make us wise for salvation.

(2 Timothy 3:15b)

People: Yet we have at times neglected Your Word. We do not always read, mark, and inwardly digest it. We can ignore it and treat it as a relic rather than a treasure from You. Forgive us, Lord.

Pastor: The Psalmist tells us, "Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light unto my path."

(Psalm 119:105)

Stephen Ministry

2:00 p.m.

Girl Scouts

5:30 p.m.

Wednesday

SLF Meeting

11:30 a.m.

KICK Youth Ministry

4:00 p.m.

Thursday

Renovation Committee Meeting

9:15 a.m.

Genesis Bible Study

10:00 a.m.

Friday

Neff Bible Study

1:00 p.m.

Epiphany Worship Service

6:30 p.m.

Saturday

Special Voter's Meeting

9:00 a.m.

Undecorate Church

"Worship Attendance Sunday, December 25, 2011"

Church: One Service = 82

+ NOTES AND NEWS +

Elder: Bill Hinterman

Altar Guild: Ruth Worshik, Kathy Buchtrup, Gayanne Nelson, Emmarie Reed

Greeters: 8:00 a.m. John & Bonnie Bailey, Diane Soenen
10:30 a.m. Andy & Yvette Dolan, Ray Darby

Jan. 8th Greeters:
8:00 a.m. John & Mary Beck, Earl Thomas
10:30 a.m. Reed & Donna Elmore, Dorothy Buuck

LOST & FOUND – If you have lost a bead from your necklace or bracelet please see Donna Elmore.

ALTAR FLOWERS – the new flower chart is on the board across from the mailboxes if you would like to sign-up for altar flowers.

THE KINGDOM HEIRS will be coming to our church on Feb the 12th 3:00PM tickets are \$13.00. As you know we have had great success with the Kingdom Heirs. Get your tickets, but also help promote this event to your friends and neighbors. If you need tickets see me or any Growth committee member. Tom Towers

VISITING FRIENDS - For 7 years a group of folks have been cheering up all those in need of a card, a call or a visit.

Our lives with grace and wisdom Enriching through Your Word.

5) Abide as our Protector Among us, Lord, our Strength;
Let world and wily Satan Be overcome at length.

6) Abide among us always, O Lord, our faithful friend,
And take us to Your mansions When time and world shall end.

Pause for silent reflection and prayer.

(Please be seated.)

ANNOUNCEMENTS and WELCOME OF GUESTS POSTLUDE

Following the service, all are invited for coffee and treats in our Fellowship Hall
(across the parking lot as you leave the Narthex).
It is good to gather together in the joy of the Lord.

ADULT SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASSES

“All About Angels”

Rev. David Lampman Fellowship Hall

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR

Sunday January 8th The Baptism of Our Lord

Gen. 1:1-5 +++ Psalm 29 +++ Rom. 6:1-11 +++ Luke 1:4-11

+ WEEKLY SCHEDULE +

Sunday	Holy Communion Happy New Year	
Monday	Office Closed Men's Golf Bridge	9:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m.
Tuesday	Property Maintenance	8:15 a.m.

People: Yet we have chosen to follow our own wisdom and have often strayed from Your paths in thought, word, and deed. Forgive us, Lord.

Pastor: Hear the Word of God: “If anyone lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all generously without finding fault, and it will be given to him.” *(James 1:5)* God not only promises to give you wisdom; He promises to find no fault in you through the forgiveness of sins. As a called and ordained servant of the Word, I forgive you all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen! Thanks be to God!

INTROIT

(Psalm 9:1; 8:4; 13:5; refrain John 1:14)

Pastor: The Word became flesh and lived for a while among us.

People: We have seen His glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

Pastor: I will praise You, O Lord, with all my heart;

People: I will tell of Your wonders.

Pastor: What is man, that You are mindful of him,

People: the son of man, that You care for him?

Pastor: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,

People: and to the Holy Spirit;

Pastor: as it was in the beginning,

People: is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Pastor: The Word became flesh and lived for a while among us,

All: We have seen His glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

HYMN OF PRAISE

“Angels from the Realms of Glory” *LSB #367*



1 An - gels from the realms of glo - ry, Wing your flight o'er
4 Saints be - fore the al - tar bend - ing, Watch - ing long in
5 All cre - a - tion, join in prais - ing God the Fa - ther,



all the earth; Ye who sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry,
hope and fear, Sud - den - ly the Lord, de - scend - ing,
Spir - it, Son, Ev - er - more your voic - es rais - ing

Now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth,
 In His tem - ple shall ap - pear.
 To the e - ter - nal Three in One.

Refrain

Come and wor - ship, come and wor - ship;
 Wor - ship Christ, the new - born King.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And with your spirit.

Pastor: Let us pray ... *(silence is kept for a moment)* ... Lord God, You made Your blessed Son, our Savior, subject to the Law to shed His blood on our behalf. Grant us true circumcision of our hearts that we may be purified from all sin; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

(Please be seated.)

OLD TESTAMENT Numbers 6:22–27

The LORD spoke to Moses, saying, "Speak to Aaron and his sons, saying, Thus you shall bless the people of Israel: you shall say to them,

The LORD bless you and keep you;

the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;

the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

So shall they put my name upon the people of Israel, and I will bless them."

Elder: So far the readings.

PSALMODY Psalm 8

Elder: O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

People: You have set your glory above the heavens.

Your saving grace my eyes have seen, Prepared before God's people.

"Glory to God in highest heav'n, Who unto us His Son has giv'n."
 With angels sing in pious mirth, A glad new year to all the earth!

St. 1 text adapted from Nunc dimittis, [LW p.152] by Rev. Mark Anderson

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

Pastor: Lord God, heavenly Father, we give You thanks and praise for blessing us with the forgiveness of sins and the strength to live a new life in this blessed Sacrament. We ask that You would not forsake us in this New Year, but evermore rule our hearts and minds with Your wisdom, that we may serve You now and forevermore; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

BENEDICTION

Pastor: Go in peace. Enter this New Year with God's wisdom, Jesus Christ. Serve the Lord with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength this day, this year, and all the days of your life.

People: Amen.

Pastor: The Lord gave the benediction to Moses and Aaron to bless His people. Receive, therefore, with believing hearts, the benediction of our God:

The Lord bless you and keep you;

the Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you;

the Lord lift His countenance upon you, and † give you His peace.

People: Amen!

CLOSING HYMN

"Abide with Us, Our Savior" *(tune: LW #287)*

1) Abide with us, our Savior, Nor let Your mercy cease;
 From Satan's might defend us, And give our hearts Your peace.

2) Abide with us, our Helper, Sustain us by Your Word;
 Let us and all Your people To living faith be stirred.

3) Abide with us, Redeemer, O Light, eternal Light;
 Your truth direct and guide us To flee from error's night.

4) Abide in princely bounty With us, large-hearted Lord,

scep - ter, His the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! His the
left in sor - row now; Al - le - lu - ia! He is
earth our food, our stay; Al - le - lu - ia! Here the
nip - o - tent we own; Al - le - lu - ia! Born of

tri - umph, His the vic - to - ry a - lone.
near us; Faith be - lieves, nor ques - tions how.
sin - ful Flee to You from day to day.
Mar - y, Earth Your foot - stool, heav'n Your throne.

Hark! The songs of peace - ful Zi - on Thun - der
Though the cloud from sight re - ceived Him When the
In - ter - ces - sor, Friend of sin - ners, Earth's Re -
As with - in the veil You en - tered, Robed in

like a might - y flood: "Je - sus out of
for - ty days were o'er, Shall our hearts for -
deem - er, hear our plea Where the songs of
flesh, our great High Priest, Here on earth both

ev - 'ry na - tion Has re - deemed us by His blood."
get His prom - ise: "I am with you ev - er - more"?
all the sin - less Sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea.
priest and vic - tim In the eu - cha - ris - tic feast.

5) Alleluia! Sing to Jesus; His the scepter, His the throne;
Alleluia! His the triumph, His the victory alone.
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion Thunder like a mighty flood:
"Jesus out of ev'ry nation Has redeemed us by His blood."

(Please rise as you are able.)

PASTORAL DISMISSAL AND BLESSING

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

(tune: LSB #358)

Lord, let Your servant now depart In peace according to Your Word;

Elder: Out of the mouth of babes and infants, you have established strength because of your foes, to still the enemy and the avenger.

People: When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, what is man that you are mindful of him, and the son of man that you care for him?

Elder: Yet you have made him a little lower than the heavenly beings and crowned him with glory and honor.

People: You have given him dominion over the works of your hands;

Elder: you have put all things under his feet, all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field, the birds of the heavens, and the fish of the sea, whatever passes along the paths of the seas.

People: O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

EPISTLE Galatians 3:23-29

Now before faith came, we were held captive under the law, imprisoned until the coming faith would be revealed. So then, the law was our guardian until Christ came, in order that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian, for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise.

Elder: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

(Please rise as you are able.)

GRADUAL Psalm 118:6-7

Pastor: The Lord is with me; I will not be afraid.

People: What can man do to me?

Pastor: The Lord is with me; He is my helper.

People: I will look in triumph on my enemies.

GOSPEL Luke 2:21

(The first drops of His blood are shed for our redemption as Jesus is circumcised according to the Law.)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 21st verse of the 2nd chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

And at the end of eight days, when he was circumcised, he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

NICENE CREED

(spoken responsively)

Pastor: I believe in one God,

People: the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

Pastor: And in one Lord Jesus Christ,

People: the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds,

Pastor: God of God, Light of Light,

People: very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made;

Pastor: who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven

People: and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man, and was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate.

Pastor: He suffered and was buried.

People: And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

Pastor: And I believe in the Holy Spirit,

People: the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets.

Pastor: And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,

People: I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come.

All: Amen.

(Please be seated.)

SERMON HYMN

“Thus Far the Lord Has Brought Us” *(tune: LSB #899)*

Thus far the Lord has brought us By His surpassing favor;
His mercies every day were new, His kindness did not waver.
God to this day has been my Guide, And His good pleasures He supplied,
And to this day has helped me.

I praise and thank You, Lord, my God, For Your abundant blessing,



1 Here, O my Lord, I see Thee face to face;
2 Here would I feed up - on the bread of God;
3 This is the hour of ban - quet and of song;
4 I have no help but Thine; nor do I need



Here would I touch and han - dle things un - seen;
Here drink with Thee the roy - al wine of heav'n;
This is the heav'n - ly ta - ble spread for me;
An - oth - er arm but Thine to lean up - on.



Here grasp with firm - er hand the e - ter - nal grace,
Here would I lay a - side each earth - ly load,
Here let me feast and, feast - ing, still pro - long
It is e - nough, my Lord, e - nough in - deed;



And all my wea - ri - ness up - on Thee lean.
Here taste a - fresh the calm of sin for - giv'n.
The brief bright hour of fel - low - ship with Thee.
My strength is in Thy might, Thy might a - lone.

5) Mine is the sin, but Thine the righteousness; Mine is the guilt, but Thine the cleansing blood;
Here is my robe, my refuge, and my peace: Thy blood, Thy righteousness, O Lord my God.

6) Too soon we rise; the vessels disappear; The feast, though not the love, is past and gone;
The bread and wine remove, but Thou art here; Nearer than ever; still my shield and sun.

7) Feast after feast thus comes and passes by, Yet, passing, points to that glad feast above,
Giving sweet foretaste of the festal joy, The Lamb's great marriage feast of bliss and love.

“Alleluia! Sing to Jesus” *LSB #821*



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; His the
2 Al - le - lu - ia! Not as or - phans Are we
3 Al - le - lu - ia! Bread of heav - en, Here on
4 Al - le - lu - ia! King e - ter - nal, Lord om -

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PASTORAL EXHORTATION

Pastor: In this bread and this wine is hidden the Wisdom of God and a great mystery. In this bread and this wine are Christ's true body and blood. God does not ask us to understand how this can be. God simply asks us to believe that in this bread and wine, Christ's body and blood are truly present. Come with believing hearts; receive God's wisdom; trust in His forgiveness; leave this altar strengthened to live a holy life.

AGNUS DEI

(tune: LSB #363)

O Christ, Lamb of God, Takes away all our sin,
Lord, Your mercy be upon us. Christ, the very Lamb of God,
Mercy give to us, Grant to us Your peace.

Text to Agnus Dei altered 2001 by Rev. Mark Anderson

(Please be seated.)

Holy Communion

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of their sins, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so at their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the Sacrament, are asked first to speak with the Pastor or an Elder.

(For further study, see Matthew 5:23ff; 10:32ff; 18:15-35; 26:26-29; and 1 Corinthians 11:17-34.)

(White grape juice is available in the center of each tray of individual cups for those who cannot consume alcohol.)

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

“Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face” *LSB #631*

Which You have granted unto me, And I am still possessing.
Inscribe this on my memory: “The Lord has done great things for me,
And to this day has brought me.”

Help me, forever, O my God, Help me on each occasion;
Help me each day in every way; Help me through Jesus' Passion.
Help me in life and death, O God, Help me through Jesus' dying blood
To trust You now and ever.

All glory, praise, and honor due To God, our Heav'nly Father;
And to the Word of God made flesh, Our wisdom and salvation;
And to the Spirit praise is due, For bringing faith and life anew,
Thus far, O Lord, You've brought me.

*Sts. 1–3 altered from TLH 33, “The Lord Has Helped Me Hitherto”
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SERMON *“And on the 8th Day ...”* (Luke 2:21)

OFFERING

*The offering is an act of worship for members and friends of Shepherd of the Hills Church,
moved by God's love, to support this ministry.*

Guests should not feel obligated, but we thank you for your gifts as well.

However, we do ask at this time that each member and guest kindly complete the attendance folder that is found at the end of each pew. Thank you.

(Please rise as you are able.)

OFFERTORY

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” *LSB #805*



Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise Him, all



crea - tures here be - low; Praise Him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly



host: Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: Our heavenly Father, as we begin this New Year, we look to You alone for Your guidance and protection. Be with us throughout this New Year, as You have promised in Your Word. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Lord Jesus, the hidden Wisdom of God revealed at Bethlehem, we thank You that You fulfilled the Law of God in our stead and bore its curse to Calvary's cross. Help us this New Year to hear Your promises of forgiveness and peace. We remember those who are sick and in need of Your care this day, whom we name before You, **especially ...** . Give each Your comfort and Your peace. Care for them in body as well as in soul. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Holy Spirit, as we begin this New Year, we ask that You would continue working in our hearts and lives. Direct us to follow Your wisdom in our daily lives rather than our common sense. Lead us in the paths of righteousness for Jesus' sake. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Almighty God, we ask that You would be with those who govern this nation. Give them wisdom that comes only from You, that they may be faithful to their calling. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: These and all the concerns of our heart we commend to Your hands, knowing that Your will alone is best. We pray in the name of Jesus, our Savior, who lived, died, and rose again for us.

People: Amen.

+ SACRAMENT +

PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And with your spirit.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, for in the mystery of

the Word made flesh You have given us a new revelation of Your glory that, seeing You in the person of Your Son, we may be drawn to those things which are not seen. Therefore, with angels and with archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

SANCTUS

"Holy, Holy, Holy" *LSB #507*



1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!
2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore Thee,
3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide Thee,
4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!



Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to Thee;
Cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
Though the eye of sin - ful man Thy glo - ry may not see,
All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea.



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!
Cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore Thee,
On - ly Thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side Thee,
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!



God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
Which wert and art and ev - er - more shalt be.
Per - fect in pow'r, in love, and pu - ri - ty.
God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray.

All: 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.