



AECST
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THE ANNUAL BLESSING OF ANIMALS

IN CELEBRATION OF The Feast of St. Francis of Assisi

October 3, 2021 at 2:00 PM on the Great Lawn



THE AFRICAN EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS • FIRST BLACK EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN THE USA
THE VERY REVEREND CANON MARTINI SHAW, 17TH RECTOR
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THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
Stewardship Sunday Kick-Off
Sunday, October 3, 2021
10:00 AM

FROM THE RECTOR

Whoever you may be and where you may find yourself experiencing life's journey, do know that you are always welcome at St. Thomas Church.

ST. THOMAS IS OPEN FOR IN-PERSON SERVICE

Due to CDC and Diocesan recommendations, we can only accommodate **150** people in the church. All others will be directed to Anderson Hall. There will be a **sign-in sheet**. Masks are **MANDATORY** for all in attendance. Seating will be spaced. Please check the signs on each pew before you enter. **Hand sanitizer** will be available.

The ventilation system has been changed to let in outside air. We request that all in attendance be **VACCINATED**. Unvaccinated individuals are requested to watch the Service via Live Stream.

TODAY at 2:00 PM

We will bless the animals, in celebration of The Feast of St. Francis of Assisi on the Great Lawn. If they bark, meow, tweet, jump, swim, fly or run, bring them to get blessed.

A NOTE FROM THE RECTOR

Greetings My Dearest Sisters and Brothers,
Grace and Peace to you.

Let me first express enormous gratitude to you for your commitment and dedication to stewardship. Because of your continued and amazing support during the past Pandemic year, we have been able to accomplish so much around our church in upgrades and beautification, both inside and outside.

As we look forward to coming out of the Pandemic, we can now further focus our attention and energies on Re-Imagining ministry. This will require your continued and increased support.

Please find enclosed your 2022 Faithful Giving Card. I ask that you, using the enclosed chart to assist you prayerfully fill it out. Please place it in the offering plate, postal mail, or electronically on our website (www.aecst.org).

Again, thanks so much for your continued support to the ministries of our amazing parish.

“To whom much is given, much is required”. Luke 12:48

Faithfully,
Fr. Martini Shaw
Martini Shaw +
(The Very Rev. Canon) Martini Shaw,
17th Rector and
Dean of the Schuylkill Deanery

THE CIRCLE OF PRAYER MINISTRY

Please join us
for the Circle of Prayer Ministry Call
on **Monday, October 4, 2021 at 6:30 AM!**

Thank you Fr. Martini Shaw, Cynthia Muse,
Elizabeth Derr, Wanda Tarawaly, Carolyn Summers,
Binky Seay, the members and all others who continue
to participate and support our weekly
Circle of Prayer call.

We encourage you to reach out to us at:
circleofprayer@aecst.org to submit prayer requests
or if you are interested in leading the Intercessory Prayer,
Offer a Prayer(s) or provide a Meditation in Song.

The Teleconference call number is:

605-313-6361

Access Code is: **268105**. Prayer is the Answer!

THE MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR

The Reverend Dr. Sadie S. Mitchell "Pastor Sadie" who transitioned on 12/16/2020 will be held on Saturday, **October 30, 2021, 10:00 AM**, at The AECST. Her ashes will be inurned in the columbarium at that time. The family requests that those attending the service be fully vaccinated. Masks must be worn. Social distancing will be in effect. The service will be in-person, only. In lieu of flowers, we ask that you please donate to the AECST's JFA, Sr. Scholarship Fund, noting in the check's memo, "In memory of Pastor Sadie." We look forward to celebrating our mother's life with you. Lovingly,
The Family

**ST. THOMAS
CIRCLE
OF
PRAYER MINISTRY**

**PLEASE JOIN
US WEEKLY FOR
MONDAY MORNING
PRAYER CALL**

AT 6:30 AM

**THE TELECONFERENCE NUMBER IS:
(605) 313-6361 CODE: 268 105**

**YOU ARE WELCOME TO SEND
AN INTERCESSORY PRAYER
REQUEST TO:**

CIRCLEOFPRAYER@AECST.ORG

**PHYLLIS B. CATER * DAPHNE GILSTRAP
FACILITATORS**

**THE VERY REV. CANON MARTINI SHAW
RECTOR**



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THE PANDEMIC HAS EMPOWERED THE CHURCH TO RE-IMAGINE

Please join our rector in RE-IMAGINING.

We will Re-imagine new ways to view our relationship
with Jesus Christ.

We will Re-imagine new ways to proclaim the Gospel.

We will Re-imagine new ways to feed and nurture others.

We will Re-imagine new ways to evangelize
and grow the church.

We will Re-imagine new ways to serve
our seniors and youth.

We will Re-imagine new ways of community
outreach and service.

We will Re-Imagine new ways to engage in
social justice and politics.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

is now being scheduled. If you or someone you wish to be baptized, please go to our website www.aecst.org, go to "About The AECST". Use the drop down to click on [Holy Baptism](#). All the information about baptism and the [electronic application form](#) can be found there.

A Virtual Call to Prayer for our Nation & the World

Please join The St. Thomas Chapter
The Order of the Daughters of the King

With a Call to

TRANSFORM, REVIVE and HEAL

Our NATION & The WORLD

*Featuring voices from the African Episcopal Church St. Thomas
and a special video Sermon from
Bishop Michael Curry -
Current Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church*

Sunday, October 17, 2021

3:00pm - 4:00pm

*e must PRAY for our Children & Educators
e must PRAY for an end to Gun Violence
e must PRAY for Voting Rights across our Nation
e must PRAY for those affected by Climate Change
e must PRAY for Citizens of Haiti & Afghanistan
e must PRAY to end the Pandemic
e must PRAY for World Peace
e MUST PRAY FOR OUR NATION & the WORLD*

*Zoom Information
Forthcoming*

*Or Contact:
Monica Lewis Jones
Email: mblj03@gmail.com*

*The Very Rev. Canon Martini Shaw
17th Rector
The African Episcopal Church of St. Thomas*

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AECST
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The African Episcopal Church
of
St. Thomas
Church School
is

BACK!

Calling ALL AECST
Students K-12, Parents and Teachers

WELCOME TO A NEW AND EXCITING YEAR
OF ADVENTURE IN OUR CHRISTIAN JOURNEY
- LEARNING AND LIVING THROUGH CHRIST

**KNOW JESUS.
CHANGE THE WORLD!**

**JOIN US
THE AECST CHURCH SCHOOL
EVERY SUNDAY AT NOON**

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED.

Please register using our AECST Church School Registration Link
<https://forms.gle/nat7CGEYd7WNcS6X8>

Once you register, you will receive the Zoom link to attend.
All parents and church school aged children
are encouraged to attend.

If you need more information please contact
Dottie Archey at 215-474-2815
or you can send an email to
churchschool@aecst.org for more information.



WELCOME BACK VIRTUAL CHURCH SCHOOL!

Church school will meet by ZOOM Sundays at noon. You can still register your child using AECST Church School [Registration Link](#)

Once you register, you will receive the Zoom link to attend Church School. All parents and church school aged children are encouraged to attend. If you need more information please contact Dottie Archey at 215-474-2815 or you can send an email to churchschool@aecst.org for more information.

PLEASE JOIN US FOR [WORSHIP LIVE STREAM](#)

on the St. Thomas website homepage aecst.org, on Facebook or Youtube.com every Sunday morning at 10:00 AM.

SPEARHEAD EMAILS

If you are not receiving the Spearhead emails, or have someone else you wish to receive, please visit <http://eepurl.com/djyGiD> to subscribe. Your information will NEVER be shared or sold and you can UNsubscribe at anytime by following the instructions provided at the bottom of every email message.



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SUNDAY

OCTOBER 10, 2021, 10:00 AM

PLEASE JOIN US FOR
THE ANNUAL
CELEBRATION

OF THE
LIFE

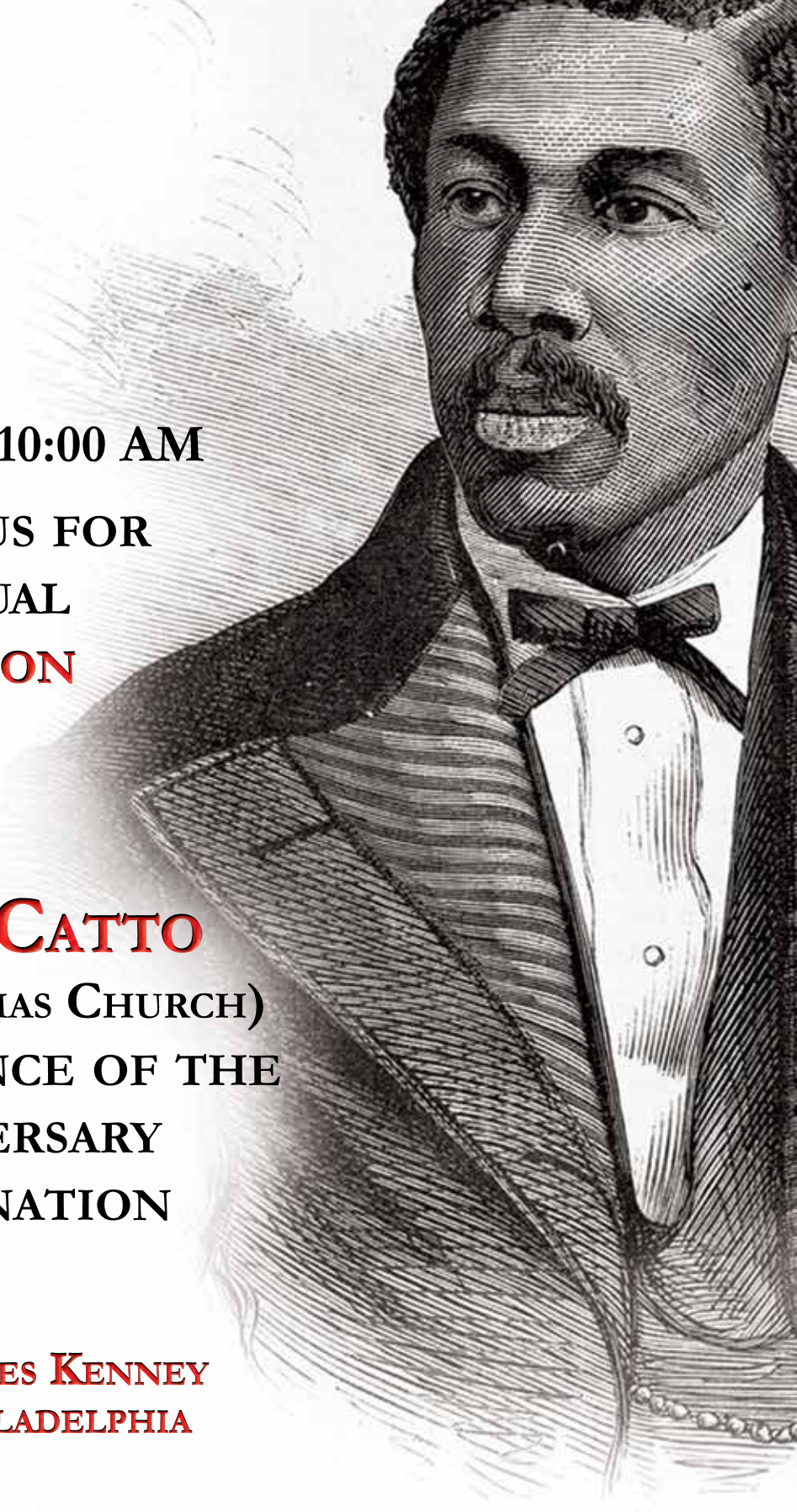
OF
OCTAVIUS V. CATTO

(MEMBER OF ST. THOMAS CHURCH)

AND THE OBSERVANCE OF THE
150TH ANNIVERSARY
OF HIS ASSASSINATION

GUEST:

THE HONORABLE JAMES KENNEY
MAYOR, CITY OF PHILADELPHIA



Live Stream link found on our website, Facebook, or YouTube.

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DAILY RECOMMENDED BIBLE READINGS

Readings For
The Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost
October 3rd

First Reading: [Genesis 2: 18-24](#)
[Psalm 8](#)

Second Reading: [Hebrews 1: 1-4; 2: 5-12](#)
The Holy Gospel: [Mark 10: 2-16](#)

Week of 10/4/2021

Monday - [Luke 6: 39-49](#)

Tuesday - [Luke 7: 1-17](#)

Wednesday - [Luke 7: 18-35](#)

Thursday [Luke 7: 36-50](#)

Friday - [Luke 8: 1-15](#)

Saturday - [Luke 8: 16-25](#)

Readings For
The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
October 10th

First Reading: [Amos 5: 6-7, 10-15](#)
Psalm [90: 12-17](#)

Second Reading: [Hebrews 4: 12-16](#)
The Holy Gospel: [Mark 10: 17-30](#)

UPCOMING SUNDAYS IN OCTOBER

October 3rd

Stewardship Kick-Off Sunday

The Annual Blessing of Animals
In Celebration of the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi
at **2:00 PM** on the Great Lawn.

October 10th

Annual Observance and Celebration of
The Life of Octavius V. Catto and
the 150th Anniversary of his assassination.

October 17th

Chosen 300 Sunday with The Rev. Brian Jenkins
of Chosen 300 Ministries.

October 24th

Youth Sunday

TUESDAY ZOOM BIBLE STUDY CLASSES

Tuesdays at **7:00 PM** via Zoom.

Please contact Fr. Jay by email to be added
to the list and receive the Zoom link at:

[**jcoll1906@gmail.com**](mailto:jcoll1906@gmail.com)



**GFS FUN DAY
CHERRY CREST FARM'S
PUMPKIN FESTIVAL!**



150 CHERRY HILL ROAD, RONKS, PA 17572

SAVE THE DATE:

11.6.21

ANIMALS, RIDES, GAMES, CORN MAZE, AND FOOD!

Calling all GFSers AND girls ages 3+ interested in joining GFS!
Parents, tag-a-longs, and GFS leaders are all welcome.

Please contact Nikkol Simms at njsimms@verizon.net if interested.

For their COVID policies:

<https://www.cherrycrestfarm.com/covid>

Varying discounts are available on regular ticket price.

RECOVERING AT HOME

Harold Yates

IN THE HOSPITAL

Alice Cropper

PLEASE KEEP IN PRAYER

Suzanne Closson, Shirley Caldwell, Carl Dean, Lisa Woodley, Adinah Edwards, Francina Norris, Isedora "Gwen" Francis, Kenneth Dow, Shirley Winkfield, Robert Brown, Joan Hall, Judith Simpkins-Booth, Stephanie Williamson, Linda Holmes, Ridart "Butch" Farmer, Georgia Sawyer, Rosalind Roberts Smalls, Dr. Thomas Snowden, Leatrice Snowden.

WE PRAY FOR

those who are Incarcerated and their families/loved ones, as well as those affected by their actions.

OUR CONDOLENCES AND PRAYERS TO

Linda Holmes, Stbyl Couche Wilson and family, on the death of her aunt and sister, **Adean Utterback**.

Church School Supt. Dorothy (Dottie) Archey, her husband Michael, daughter Asia, son Michael Jr., and family on the death of her sister **Earline Christian**.

May **Adean** and **Earline's** souls rest in peace and rise in glory!

ST. THOMAS COLUMBARIUM INURNMENT

If you have a loved one who has passed away in the last year and would like to schedule a St. Thomas Columbarium Inurnment, please contact the church office at **215-473-3065**.

The African Episcopal Church of Saint Thomas
6361 LANCASTER AVENUE
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The Very Reverend Canon Martini Shaw, Rector

PEW MEMORIAL PLAQUES



THE FEAST OF ALL SAINTS
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2021
DEDICATE A PEW PLAQUE
IN MEMORY OF YOUR LOVE ONES

\$500.00

(Payment Deadline: October 10, 2021)

Checks or money orders can be made payable to: AECST.

You may pay also through the “givi” app.

Make certain to indicate your wish to purchase a
Pew Memorial Plaque and include contact information.

Visit the Church’s website at <http://www.aecst.org/donations.htm>
for other Payment options.

For additional questions or information contact:

Victoria A. Mosley Rivers

victoria.rivers@verizon.net or 215-878-3651



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

To our members born in October.

- 10/4 Paula Stanley Cropper
- 10/6 Kemil Dawkins, David Rivers, Andrew Dumas
- 10/7 Loretta Brockington, Susan Taylor, Denise Akognon
- 10/8 John Kortue, Ashley Hines
- 10/9 Eugene Harris, Denise George, Aminita Thomas
- 10/10 Tiffany Pearsall
- 10/11 Dorothea Bell, Denise Gibson
- 10/12 Angela Holloway, Ronald Campbell
- 10/13 Jeannette Jeffrey
- 10/14 Roosevelt Harris Sr., William Hanscom,
Calais Guglielmi
- 10/15 Clarice Grant, Telena Gunby
- 10/16 Frank Abbott, Yvonne Hyde-Carter
- 10/17 Jordina Koilor, Kayma Sherman-Knickles
- 10/18 Kalif Williams
- 10/19 Quentin Harris
- 10/20 Rasheena Muhammed
- 10/21 Hilda Zack, Vincent Napoleon
- 10/22 Sandra Rushin
- 10/23 Cornelia Camp, Jacquelyn Wallace
- 10/25 Butch Farmer, Gladyce DuBrey, Norma Albritton
- 10/27 Diane Abbott
- 10/28 Velva Smalls, Ian Clementon
- 10/30 Michael Grizzle, Eugene Golson
- 10/31 Arleatha Wilson, Lisa Woodley, Alice Cropper

IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM STEWARDSHIP

The 2022 offering envelopes are now ready for you to pick up in Anderson Hall. If you're unable to pick them up on Sundays after church you may pick them up Monday through Friday from 9-4. And if you have a parishioner who lives near you who can't get to church perhaps you can pick theirs up as well.

If you have moved and have not sent your new address to the church office please do so ASAP. The church has received many returned mailings because of bad addresses. We would appreciate your new address, phone number and email address. Thanks so much for your help.

CAPITAL BUILDING IMPROVEMENT CAMPAIGN

Thank you to all who have contributed to the fund. Everyone is asked to please make a minimum sacrificial gift of \$40 per month. Please use the envelope from your packet or place Building Fund in the Memo section of your check.

PROPERTY UPDATE -GOOD NEWS!

Major work has started on our roof, pointing of exterior and interior stones, and ultimately the cleaning of the interior stones. If you have questions, please speak with our Vestry Property Chair, Ms. Deborah Harrison.

WAYS TO CONTINUE TO BE FAITHFUL TO GOD AND THE CHURCH THROUGH STEWARDSHIP

- 1) Mail in your check or money order to the church.
Please use the following address:
The Historic African Episcopal Church of St. Thomas
c/o Fiscal Administrator.
6361 Lancaster Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19151

- 2) Use the **Givi app**. If you don't already use the app and don't have an account, it's easy to obtain.
Please click the links below for the type of device you own to download the **givi app (givi IOS App)** for your Apple (iPhone, iPad, or iPod touch) or **(givi Android App)** for your Android device.

If you have any questions, please speak with **Deadra Cannon, 215-844-6115**.

- 3) Bring your check directly to the Parish Office during regular business hours. After business hours, drop your envelope in the door mail slot located on the front patio of the Absalom Jones House.

- 4) Church Website: <http://www.aecst.org/donations.htm>.
Simply select the button/s on the page that represents where you'd like your payment to be applied, i.e. your pledge, the AJ House, Easter, etc.
NOTE: please remember to enter your envelope number in the Customer ID field, if you are a member of St. Thomas when filling out your online giving information.

A CHART TO ASSIST US WITH OUR FAITHFUL GIVING

**Holy Scripture commends a minimum tithe of
(10% of our earnings)**

**Where are you on your spiritual journey?
Annual Faithful Giving**

Yearly Income	2%	5%	10%
\$10,000.00	\$200.00	\$500.00	\$1,000.00
\$15,000.00	\$300.00	\$750.00	\$1,500.00
\$20,000.00	\$400.00	\$1,000.00	\$2,000.00
\$25,000.00	\$500.00	\$1,250.00	\$2,500.00
\$30,000.00	\$600.00	\$1,500.00	\$3,000.00
\$40,000.00	\$800.00	\$2,000.00	\$4,000.00
\$50,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$2,500.00	\$5,000.00
\$60,000.00	\$1,200.00	\$3,000.00	\$6,000.00
\$70,000.00	\$1,400.00	\$3,500.00	\$7,000.00
\$80,000.00	\$1,600.00	\$4,000.00	\$8,000.00
\$90,000.00	\$1,800.00	\$4,500.00	\$9,000.00
\$100,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$10,000.00
\$110,000.00	\$2,200.00	\$5,500.00	\$11,000.00
\$120,000.00	\$2,400.00	\$6,000.00	\$12,000.00
\$150,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$7,000.00	\$15,000.00
\$175,000.00	\$3,500.00	\$8,750.00	\$17,500.00
\$200,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$20,000.00

MINISTRY STAFF

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THE VESTRY

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Accounting Warden - Deborah Camp-Frye
Clerk of the Vestry - Johanna W. Daye
Treasurer - Kelvin Johnson

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Patricia Bantom	Deborah Harrison	Darryl (Bobby) Tillman
Ronnie Collins	D. Lynn Joell	Judith Tillman
	Brenda Johnson Best	

The African Episcopal Church of Saint Thomas is a Christ-centered community that welcomes all people. This community embraces and executes the core values of our founder, the Reverend Absalom Jones: leadership, morality, spirituality, equal rights, education, liberty, charity, justice, humanitarianism, self-determination, self-respect, and freedom.

St. Thomas is an open, Christ-centered community of faith in which the Gospel is taught, lived and spread.
