053021 PASTOR DAVE'S SERMON: "BORN AGAIN."
>> Pastor Dave: WELL, HAPPY TRINITY SUNDAY.
GLAD THAT YOU'RE ALL HERE TO CELEBRATE THE FESTIVAL OF THE CHURCH -- THE ONLY FESTIVAL OF THE CHURCH THAT CELEBRATES A DOCTRINE RATHER THAN A TEACHING OF JESUS.
BECAUSE WHO CAN TELL ME WHERE TRINITY IS IN THE BIBLE?
THE WORD "TRINITY."
WHERE IS THE WORD TRINITY?
YEAH, IT SHOWS ALL OVER THE PLACE.
JUST LIKE THE WORD "SACRAMENT," IT IS NOT IN THE BIBLE, BUT WE HAVE SACRAMENTS BECAUSE IT DESCRIBES SOMETHING THAT THE BIBLE TEACHES.
SO WHAT THE BIBLE TEACHES -- RIGHT OFF THE BAT, IN GENESIS, THE FIRST CHAPTERS, IT SAYS, "LET US MAKE MAN IN OUR IMAGE."
IT IS NOT JUST A ONE GOD, BUT THERE HAS TO BE MORE PEOPLE INVOLVED.
NOW, I READ THE BOOK, "THE SHACK," AND I COMMEND IT TO YOU FOR YOUR ENTERTAINMENT -- DON'T TRY TO BUILD A CHURCH AROUND IT BECAUSE SOME OF THE THEOLOGY IS QUITE AWFUL, BUT IT MADE THIS POINT I THINK IS WORTH REPEATING ABOUT THE TRINITY.
IT SAID THE TRINITY IS THERE BECAUSE GOD IS LOVE.
AMEN?
ANYBODY NOT THINK GOD IS LOVE?
GOD IS LOVE.
AND LOVE MUST MANIFEST ITSELF IN RELATIONSHIPS.
IN ORDER TO HAVE A RELATIONSHIP, THERE MUST BE SOMEONE OTHER THAN ONE, RIGHT?
SO THE TRINITY, CO-ETERNAL, FATHER, SON, AND HOLY SPIRIT, LOVING EACH OTHER UNTIL THEY CREATED YOU AND COULD LOVE YOU AS WELL.
THE TRINITY IS PROBABLY MOST SUCCINCTLY PICTURED IN THE NEW TESTAMENT IN THE BAPTISM OF JESUS.
JESUS IS IN THE JORDAN RIVER, BEING BAPTIZED BY JOHN; THERE IS THE SON, THE SECOND PERSON OF THE TRINITY.
WHEN THE FATHER, THE FIRST PERSON OF THE TRINITY, SPEAKS UP AND SAYS, "THIS IS MY SON WHOM I LOVE.
WITH HIM I AM WELL-PLEASED."
AND THEN THEY SEND THE DIVE-BOMBING DOVE.
THAT'S WHAT IS ON THE FRONT OF OUR BAPTISMAL FONT, THE DOVE, DESCENDING INTO JESUS, THE HOLY SPIRIT LIKE A DOVE.
ALL THREE, FATHER, SON, AND HOLY SPIRIT PRESENT AT ONCE.
SO THE TRINITY IS DEFINITELY PICTURED IN SCRIPTURE; IT IS NOT SOMETHING THAT WE WOULD MAKE UP.
BUT HOW DO YOU EXPLAIN THE TRINITY?
THAT'S MY TASK.
THAT'S WHY I USUALLY TRY TO TAKE A VACATION DAY ON THIS DAY.
[LAUGHTER]
>> Pastor Dave: LET SOMEBODY ELSE DO IT.

BECAUSE GREATER MINDS THAN I RECOGNIZE THE IMPOSSIBILITY OF IT.
IN FACT, MARTIN LUTHER SAID, "TO QUESTION THE TRINITY IS TO PUT YOUR SALVATION INTO JEOPARDY.
TO TRY TO EXPLAIN THE TRINITY PUTS YOUR SANITY IN JEOPARDY."
THE FOUNDER OF THE METHODIST CHURCH, JOHN CALVIN, SAID, "YOU SHOW ME A WORM THAT CAN EXPLAIN A HUMAN BEING, AND I'LL SHOW YOU A HUMAN BEING THAT CAN EXPLAIN THE TRINITY."
SO GREATER MEN THAN I HAVE TRIED AND FAILED.
SO I THOUGHT, OKAY, TRINITY IS TOUGH.
I'M NOT GOING TO BE ABLE TO DO IT.
SO LET'S LOOK AT THE TEXT.
AND THE TEXT, JOHN 3:16, "SO GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD..." HOW MANY SERMONS HAVE YOU HEARD ON THAT?
HUNDREDS, AND ALL BETTER THAN WHAT I'VE GOT FOR YOU.
SO I'M GOING TO TRY TO KIND OF WORK THE TRINITY IN AND KIND OF WORK WITH THE TEXT AND TALK TO YOU REALLY ABOUT BEING BORN AGAIN.
OR REALLY, AS THE GREEK SAY, BORN FROM ABOVE.
BUT, AGAIN, THAT ALSO MEANS TO BE BORN AGAIN.
SO WE'RE GOING TO GET INTO ALL OF THAT IN JUST A MINUTE.
LET'S KIND OF UNPACK WHAT IS HAPPENING.
WE HAVE NICODEMUS, AND NICODEMUS IS A PHARISEE.
HE'S ALSO OF THE RULING COUNCIL, WHICH MEANS HE WAS ONE OF THE SADDUCEES.
HE'S A VERY POWERFUL, POWERFUL PRIEST, JEWISH PERSON.
AND HE IS USED TO HAVING THEOLOGICAL DISCUSSIONS WITH PEOPLE WHO AREN'T UP TO HIS LEVEL.
BUT HE COMES TO JESUS, AND HE TRIES TO FLATTER HIM BY CALLING HIM TEACHER, RABBI.
AND THEN HE SAYS, WE KNOW.
WHAT DO YOU KNOW, NICODEMUS?
WHAT DO YOU REALLY KNOW ABOUT THIS JESUS GUY?
WE -- AND WHO IS "WE?"
IS THAT THE WHOLE GROUP OF PHARISEES?
HAVE YOU ALL BEEN TALKING ABOUT THIS?
WE KNOW THAT YOU ARE A PROPHET FROM GOD, FOR NO ONE DOES THE THINGS THAT YOU DO APART FROM GOD.
WE KNOW.
YOU SEE, NICODEMUS COMES TO HAVE A COLLEGIAL, AN EQUAL.
JESUS, I'M GOING TO GIVE YOU THE BENEFIT OF THE DOUBT AND CALL YOU A TEACHER.
I AM ISRAEL'S TEACHER, AND WE'RE GOING TO HAVE A LITTLE DISCUSSION, A LITTLE THEOLOGICAL DISCUSSION.
WE'RE ON THE SAME LEVEL.
AND JESUS TURNS THE TABLES VERY QUICKLY, DOES HE NOT?
HE TAKES IT IN A TOTAL DIFFERENT DIRECTION.
A DIRECTION THAT CERTAINLY NICODEMUS WASN'T THINKING HE WAS GOING TO GO.

HE SAID, "I TELL YOU THE TRUTH, NO ONE CAN ENTER THE KINGDOM OF GOD UNLESS HE IS BORN FROM ABOVE."
NOW, WHY DO I SAY -- THE HEBREW WORD FOR "ABOVE" AND "AGAIN" IS VERY SIMILAR.
BUT THE GREEK WORD IS QUITE DIFFERENT.
THE GREEK WORD FOR FROM ABOVE IS WHAT IS WRITTEN HERE.
IT IS "ANA," "ANATHAN." "ANA" IS A WORD THAT MEANS UP.
"CATA" MEANS DOWN.
"CATABLEPPO" MEANS TO LOOK DOWN.
"ANABLEPPO" MEANS TO LOOK UP.
AND THEN "THAN" MEANS MOVING IN A DIRECTION FROM --
IT MEANS FROM.
SO FROM UP.
UNLESS YOU'RE BORN FROM UP, YOU'LL NEVER SEE THE KINGDOM OF GOD.
IT TOTALLY BLEW NICODEMUS' MIND.
NICOCEMUS SAID, WAIT A MINUTE.
HE HAD MISUNDERSTOOD IT TO BE BORN AGAIN.
BUT, REALLY, YOU ARE HAVING TO BE BORN AGAIN, RIGHT?
IF YOU'RE BORN FROM HERE IN YOUR MOTHER'S WOMB, NOW YOU'RE BORN FROM UP, FROM HEAVEN, YOU ARE BORN AGAIN.
WE'RE GOING TO GET INTO THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THAT IN A LITTLE BIT.
BUT NICODEMUS MISUNDERSTOOD IT AND SAID, SURELY WHEN A PERSON IS OLD, YOU CANNOT CLIMB BACK INTO YOUR MOTHER'S WOMB AND BE BORN AGAIN.
MOMS, WHAT DO YOU THINK ABOUT THAT?
ONCE IS MORE THAN ENOUGH, AMEN?
[LAUGHTER]
>> Pastor Dave: SO BORN FROM ABOVE.
NICODEMUS MISUNDERSTOOD THAT.
HE DIDN'T GET IT.
HE WAS THINKING IN THE WORLD, AND JESUS WAS SPEAKING OF THINGS IN THE SPIRIT.
THEY WERE ON TWO TOTALLY DIFFERENT LESSONS.
NOW, I WANT TO MAKE THIS POINT THAT -- I'M GOING TO GIVE YOU A LITTLE GRAMMAR LESSON.
IN ORDER TO REALLY UNDERSTAND THE TEXT, YOU'VE GOT TO UNDERSTAND GRAMMAR.
WHAT WE'RE TALKING ABOUT HERE IS YOU MUST BE BORN AGAIN.
IS THAT AN ACTIVE OR A PASSIVE VERB, TO BE BORN?
I GOT AN ACTIVE AND A PASSIVE.
LET ME GIVE YOU AN ACTIVE SENTENCE: JACK BUILT A HOUSE.
SO WHO IS THE SUBJECT?
JACK.
THE ACTION IS BUILT.
THE HOUSE IS THE DIRECT OBJECT.
IT'S THE ACCUSATIVE.
SO WE HAVE THE NORMATIVE, THE VERB, AND THE ACCUSATIVE.
NOW, HOW ABOUT IF I SAY THIS: A HOUSE WAS BUILT.

IS THAT ACTIVE OR PASSIVE?
>> Congregation: PASSIVE.
>> Pastor Dave: IT'S PASSIVE.
A HOUSE WAS BUILT.
NOW, THE BIBLE USES A LOT OF THESE.
IT LEAVES THE NORMATIVE, IT LEAVES THE SUBJECT, OUT FOR YOU TO FIGURE OUT.
WE DON'T KNOW IF IT IS DORIS.
WE DON'T KNOW IF IT IS BRIAN.
WE DON'T KNOW IF IT IS AMAZ THAT BUILT THE HOUSE.
WE JUST KNOW THAT A HOUSE WAS BUILT.
JUST LIKE THE BIBLE OFTEN USES A LOT OF DIVINE PASSIVES.
ISRAEL WAS LED OUT OF EGYPTIAN SLAVERY.
OKAY?
BY GOD.
THAT'S THE DIVINE PASSIVE.
THEY'RE AFRAID TO MISUSE THE NAME YAHWEH, SO THEY DON'T INCLUDE GOD'S NAME IN A LOT OF THINGS.
BUT IT'S A PASSIVE.
WHY DO I MAKE SUCH AN ISSUE OF THIS?
BECAUSE IF IT IS A PASSIVE, IT IS AN ACTION BEING DONE TO YOU, NOT OF YOUR OWN DOING.
AMEN?
THIS BEING BORN AGAIN IS NO MORE OF YOUR DOING THAN IT WAS WHEN YOU WERE BORN THE FIRST TIME.
HOW MANY OF YOU, WHILE YOU WERE SPIRIT BABIES FLOATING AROUND THERE IN HEAVEN -- THIS IS BAD THEOLOGY, I KNOW, BUT JUST GO WITH ME.
HOW MANY OF THESE SPIRIT BABIES FLOATING AROUND IN HEAVEN, DID YOU HAVE SOMEBODY COME UP TO YOU AND SAY, WE'RE TAKING A SURVEY.
WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE?
WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE MALE OR FEMALE?
WOULD YOU LIKE TO HAVE BROWN HAIR?
WOULD YOU LIKE TO HAVE BLACK HAIR?
WOULD YOU LIKE TO HAVE BLONDE HAIR?
WHO DO YOU WANT TO BE BORN AS?
WHAT COUNTRY DO YOU WANT TO BE BORN IN?
NO, THEY DON'T ASK YOU THAT, RIGHT?
IT JUST HAPPENS.
YOU'RE JUST PASSIVE.
THE NURSE SAYS, PURSE, PUSH, YOUR MOTHER PUSHES AND OUT YOU COME.
HOPEFULLY IT WORKS THAT WAY.
OUT YOU COME AND YOU'RE BORN.
YOU HAVE NOTHING TO DO WITH IT.
JUST LIKE WE HAVE NOTHING TO DO WITH BEING BORN AGAIN.
WHICH I HAVE AN OBJECTION TO A LOT OF WAYS SOME FUNDAMENTALIST CHRISTIANS PRESENT BEING BORN AGAIN.

THEY PRESENT IT LIKE IT IS SOMETHING THAT WE DO.
YOU MUST BE BORN AGAIN.
YOU'LL MEET THEM AT A MEN'S CONFERENCE OR A WOMEN'S CONFERENCE.
AND THEY'LL SAY, ARE YOU BORN AGAIN?
AND I'LL SAY, YEAH, OF COURSE I AM.
WELL, WHEN WERE YOU BORN AGAIN?
AND I GIVE THEM MY BAPTISM DATE, SEPTEMBER 18TH, 1955.
HOW OLD WERE YOU THEN?
I WAS THREE MONTHS AND TWO DAYS.
YOU COULDN'T POSSIBLY BE BORN AGAIN.
I WAS BAPTIZED, THE WATER AND THE SPIRIT.
JESUS GOES ON TO EXPLAIN, UNLESS A PERSON IS BORN OF WATER AND SPIRIT, THEY CANNOT SEE THE KINGDOM OF GOD.
THAT'S WHAT THEY'RE TALKING ABOUT.
IT IS A REGENERATION THROUGH THE MEANS OF GRACE.
YOU SEE, GOD HAS GOT THIS GRACE AND THIS LOVE, AND HE NEEDS TO APPLY IT TO US.
AMEN?
SO THE APPLICATION OF GOD'S MEANS -- WE CALL IT A MEANS OF GRACE.
THE APPLICATION OF HIS LOVE IS HIS MEANS OF GRACE.
WHICH IS THE LORD'S SUPPER. HE SHOWS HIS LOVE FOR US IN PRESENTING HIS BODY AND BLOOD TO ASSURE US OF THE FORGIVENESS OF OUR SINS AND STRENGTHEN OUR FAITH.
THE MEANS OF GRACE IN THE WATERS OF OUR BAPTISM, WHEN HE BRINGS US INTO HIS KINGDOM AND GIVES US NEW BIRTH, BIRTH FROM ABOVE.
NOW, IN PREPARING -- ARE WE GOOD WITH THE GRAMMAR LESSON? YOU ALL GOT IT?
IF I GAVE YOU A TEST, YOU'D ALL GET 100?
OR AT LEAST 90?
20?
[LAUGHTER]
>> Pastor Dave: ALL RIGHT.
LET'S MOVE ON TO THE NEXT PART OF IT.
AND THERE IS THIS SOCIAL COMMENTARY WRITTEN BY MOLINA AND ROHRBAUGH ON THE GOSPEL OF JOHN.
AND IT IS VERY INTERESTING BECAUSE IT TALKS ABOUT THE MEDITERRANEAN VALUES OF JESUS' DAY.
BECAUSE I'M OLD, BUT NOT THAT OLD.
HE SAYS THAT ONE OF THE THINGS THAT HAPPENS IN BIRTH IS IT GIVES US A STATUS.
IT WAS ALMOST LIKE A CAST SYSTEM.
ARE YOU FAMILIAR WITH THE CAST SYSTEMS THEY HAVE IN INDIA EVEN TODAY?
IF YOU WERE BORN IN THIS LEVEL, IN THIS CAST, THAT'S THE LEVEL YOU WERE AT.
JESUS WAS BORN A CARPENTER, BLUE COLLAR.
HE WAS BORN IN THE LOWER CLASS.
PRIESTS WERE PART OF THE UPPER CLASS.

SO WHEN JESUS, THIS CARPENTER BORN IN THE LOWER CLASS, TRIES TO APPEAR TO MAKE HIMSELF OUT TO BE A PRIEST, HE IS TRYING TO SAY I'M NOT IN THIS CLASS.
I'M UP HERE IN THIS CLASS.
AND THEY RESENTED HIM FOR IT BECAUSE THAT'S JUST NOT THE WAY THINGS ARE DONE.
YOU WERE BORN THERE, AND THAT'S WHERE YOU WILL STAY AND THAT'S WHERE YOU WILL DIE.
THEY HATED JESUS FOR -- AMONG OTHER THINGS, BUT THERE WAS ANOTHER REASON RIGHT THERE.
HE TRIED TO PRETEND LIKE HE WAS PART OF ANOTHER CLASS.
NOW, THIS IS THE GREAT NEWS.
THIS IS THE NEWS THAT JUST GOT ME SO EXCITED THAT I THOUGHT, WELL, I DON'T MIND DOING TRINITY SUNDAY BECAUSE I GET TO TELL YOU THIS: WHEN WE'RE BORN AGAIN, WHAT CLASS ARE WE BORN INTO?
WHAT'S OUR STATUS?
PEOPLE ASK ME, HOW ARE YOU DOING, DAVE?
I SAY, I'M BLESSED AND I'M HIGHLY FAVORED.
I'M LIVING IN THE CONSCIOUSNESS OF MY BLESSED CONDITION.
AND PEOPLE GO, WELL, THAT'S GREAT FOR YOU.
AND I GO, WELL, YOU ARE, TOO.
YOU ARE, TOO.
YOU SEE, NO MATTER WHERE WE WERE BORN, IT DOESN'T MATTER IF WE WERE BORN POOR.
IT DOESN'T MATTER IF WE WERE BORN RICH.
IT DOESN'T MATTER IF WE WERE BORN HANDSOME.
IT DOESN'T MATTER IF WE WERE BORN UGLY.
IT DOESN'T MATTER AT ALL.
WHAT MATTERS IS THAT GOD IS GIVING US A NEW BIRTH.
AND WITH THAT NEW BIRTH COMES A NEW STATUS.
AND THAT NEW STATUS -- ARE YOU READY -- YOU'RE A CHILD OF GOD!
YOU'RE AN HEIR OF EVERYTHING VISIBLE AND INVISIBLE.
CAN YOU BELIEVE THAT?
HOW CAN YOU HOLD YOUR HEAD DOWN?
HOW CAN YOU NOT BE JOYFUL?
HOW CAN YOU NOT JUST LOOK UP AND GO, THANK YOU, LORD, YOU MADE ME YOUR CHILD.
AND THAT'S WHAT THE BIBLE SAYS, WHAT GREAT LOVE THE FATHER HAS LAVISHED UPON US THAT WE SHOULD BE CALLED HIS CHILDREN?
AND THAT IS WHO WE ARE.
WE'RE BORN NOT OF AN UPPER OR LOWER CAST; WE'RE BORN FROM ABOVE.
WE'RE BORN FROM THE DIVINE REIGN OF GOD.
YOU ARE A CHILD OF GOD.
LET THAT SINK IN FOR JUST A SECOND.
NOW, HERE IS SOMETHING ELSE IT DOES: IT ELIMINATES STATUS BETWEEN PEOPLE BECAUSE WE'RE ALL CHILDREN OF GOD.
THERE IS NO ONE THAT IS MORE HANDSOME OR UGLY OR RICHER OR POORER.
WE'RE CHILDREN OF GOD.

WE ALL HAVE THE SAME STATUS.
SO IT ELIMINATES ANY KIND OF COMPETITION, ANY KIND OF JEALOUSY, BECAUSE WHAT WE GET IS THE GIFT FROM GOD.
AND THE GIFT FROM GOD IS THAT WE ARE ELEVATED TO THE STATUS OF CHILDREN OF THE GOD OF EVERYTHING VISIBLE AND INVISIBLE.
WOW!
JUST THINK ABOUT THAT WHEN YOU HEAR ABOUT INFLATION.
JUST THINK ABOUT THAT WHEN YOU HEAR ABOUT ALL THESE DIFFERENT THINGS IN THE WORLD THAT ARE GOING ON.
KEEP YOUR HEAD UP BECAUSE YOU ARE A CHILD OF GOD.
YOU ARE BLESSED.
YOU ARE HIGHLY FAVORED.
LIVE IN THE CONSCIOUSNESS OF THAT BLESSED CONDITION.
OH, HALLELUJAH.
EVERYBODY IS EQUAL.
SO GOD DOES THIS IN THE WATERS OF OUR BAPTISM.
I WANT TO MAKE THIS CLEAR: BECOMING A CHRISTIAN IS NOT MAKING A NEW START IN LIFE.
IT'S NOT SOMETHING THAT YOU DO.
IT'S NOT A PRAYER THAT YOU SAY.
IT'S NOT SOME KIT THAT YOU BUY FOR $79.95 AT 2:00 IN THE MORNING ON SOME TV CHANNEL.
IT IS NONE OF THAT KIND OF STUFF.
IT IS NOT MAKING A NEW START IN LIFE.
LISTEN TO THE DIFFERENCE: IT'S RECEIVING A NEW LIFE TO START WITH.
DO YOU SEE THE DIFFERENCE?
IT'S RECEIVING A NEW LIFE TO START WITH.
WE DON'T EVEN HAVE TO BE IN THIS OLD LIFE.
WE GET A NEW LIFE.
AND WE DON'T HAVE TO UNDERSTAND IT, JUST LIKE WE DON'T HAVE TO UNDERSTAND THE TRINITY.
I REMEMBER WHEN I WAS A KID, I WAS ALWAYS INTERESTED IN HORTICULTURE.
SO I WOULD PLANT SOME STUFF.
AND THIS IS LIKE WHEN I WAS IN PRE-SCHOOL, AND I WENT OUT IN THE BACKYARD, AND I WANTED TO SEE HOW IT WAS GROWING BECAUSE I PLANTED A SEED BUT NOTHING WAS COMING UP YET.
SO I DUG IT UP.
AND UNDERNEATH THE GROUND I GOT A BUNCH OF DIRT CLODS AND DIRTY HANDS, AND THIS LITTLE SEED WITH A SPROUT COMING OUT OF IT.
I STILL DIDN'T UNDERSTAND IT.
AND THEN WHEN I WAS IN KINDERGARTEN, OUR KINDERGARTEN TEACHER HAD US PUT TOOTHPICKS IN AN AVOCADO SEED.
YOU GUYS EVER DO THAT?
AND YOU PUT IT IN A JAR OF WATER, SO HALF OF THE SEED IS IN THE WATER AND HALF OF IT IS OUT.

AND IT STARTS GROWING ROOTS AND IT STARTS GROWING LEAVES AT THE TOP.
I GOT TO SEE THAT HAPPEN, BUT I STILL DIDN'T UNDERSTAND IT.
I DON'T UNDERSTAND HOW THE LEMON TREE THAT WE JUST PLANTED IS PRODUCING LEMONS.
BUT YOU KNOW WHAT?
BECAUSE I DON'T UNDERSTAND IT DOESN'T MEAN I CAN'T ENJOY AND APPRECIATE THE FRUIT THAT IT GIVES.
AMEN?
YOU HEAR WHAT I'M SAYING HERE?
WE DON'T HAVE TO UNDERSTAND THE TRINITY TO RECEIVE THE BLESSINGS THAT THE TRINITY GIVES TO US: FATHER, SON, AND HOLY SPIRIT,
ALL WORKING TOGETHER TO MAKE US CHILDREN OF THE MOST HIGH KING.
ALL WORKING TOGETHER TO BRING US SALVATION IN THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST.
ALL WORKING TOGETHER THROUGH THE HOLY SPIRIT TO BRING US TO THAT POINT OF FAITH.
FOR GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD THAT HE GAVE HIS ONLY BEGOTTEN SON, THAT WHOSOEVER BELIEVES IN HIM SHALL NOT PERISH BUT HAVE ETERNAL LIFE.
I THINK THE TRINITY IS ALWAYS GOING TO BE A MYSTERY.
SO TODAY WE REJOICE IN THAT MYSTERY.
AND MAY THE PEACE OF GOD THAT SURPASSES ALL HUMAN UNDERSTANDING GUARD YOUR HEARTS AND MINDS IN CHRIST JESUS OUR LORD.
AMEN.