

Greetings St. Paul Lutheran Church!

Last night we had our final English and Spanish class for the first session. We also had a fundraiser dinner for El Pueblo Unido. As I think about our time together "The Immigrant Apostles' Creed" came to mind. We used it at one of the Sunday afternoon vigils at Payne Park. I found it again recently posted on Facebook.

It was originally written by Rev. Jose Luis Casal.

***I believe in Almighty God,  
who guided the people in exile and in exodus,  
the God of Joseph in Egypt and Daniel in Babylon,  
the God of foreigners and immigrants.***

***I believe in Jesus Christ, a displaced Galilean,  
who was born away from his people and his home, who fled  
his country with his parents when his life was in danger.  
When he returned to his own country he suffered under the oppression of Pontius Pilate, the  
servant of a foreign power. Jesus was persecuted, beaten, tortured, and unjustly condemned  
to death.***

***But on the third day Jesus rose from the dead,  
not as a scorned foreigner but to offer us citizenship in God's kingdom.***

***I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the eternal immigrant from God's kingdom among us,  
who speaks all languages, lives in all countries,  
and reunites all races.***

***I believe that the Church is the secure home  
for foreigners and for all believers.***

***I believe that the communion of saints begins  
when we embrace all God's people in all their diversity.  
I believe in forgiveness, which makes us all equal before God,  
and in reconciliation, which heals our brokenness.***

***I believe that in the Resurrection  
God will unite us as one people  
in which all are distinct and all are alike at the same time.  
I believe in life eternal, in which no one will be foreigner  
but all will be citizens of the kingdom  
where God reigns forever and ever. Amen.***

El Pueblo Unido was very grateful for our hospitality. Even the coordinator's mother came to an event for the first time. She couldn't believe all that her daughter was accomplishing. They raised \$960 between the food and the bracelets. All the money raised will go to providing, food, rent, electric and water bills for those affected by immigration issues.

Take care and God bless

*-PrAshley*

