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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
OF
HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH, INC.,
In compliance with Chapter 617, F.S., (Not for Profit)

ARTICLE I
CORPORATE NAME

The name of the corporation is:

HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH, INC.,

ARTICLE II
CORPORATE ADDRESS

The principal place of business and street address of the Corporation is:

1214 Broad Street
Masaryktown, Florida 34604

ARTICLE III
DURATION

The term of existence of the corporation is perpetual.

ARTICLE IV
GENERAL AND SPECIFIC PURPOSES

Section I – General Purpose

HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH, INC., exists to continue the commission given by our Anointed Savior Jesus Christ to the disciples and preach the message of the gospel, proclaiming that the Holy Spirit is guiding us to the gospel, so no one will perish and have eternal life, according to the will of Our Heavenly Father.

To baptize all who believe in the Son of God and teach them all the things Our Savior Jesus commends ourselves. To empower others in the knowledge of who

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we are, once we have received the Lord Our Savior, as we become children of the Lord God Almighty. To focus on the Sacred Scriptures and proclaim the Truth of the gospel of Jesus Christ according to our Lutheran beliefs and doctrine.

Said corporation will govern itself and conduct its own affairs according to its Constitution and Bylaws. This right shall include such matters as the hiring of the pastor and employees, election of the Board of Directors and Officers, the acceptance and discipline of its members, the conduct of its own services, performance of weddings and funerals, if it chooses to do so, usage of church facilities, church program(s) and all business matters.

Section II – Internal Revenue Service

Said corporation is organized exclusively for charitable, religious, educational purposes, including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

No part of the net earnings of the organization shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, trustees, officers, or other private persons, except that the corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in Article IV hereof.

No part of the activities of the corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the corporation shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office.

Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles, the corporation shall carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on.

- (a) by an organization exempt from Federal income tax under section 501 (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future Federal tax code, or
- (b) by an organization, contributions to which are deductible under section 170 (c) (2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future Federal tax code.

ARTICLE V AFFILIATION

While maintaining its inherent rights to sovereignty in the conduct of its own affairs as herein set forth, the Church voluntarily commits to acquire and hold

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membership in the The Lutheran Church- Missouri Synod so long as the Synod conforms to the congregation's confessional standards as set forth in our Constitution and Bylaws.

ARTICLE VI PASTORAL CARE AND LEADERSHIP

The Pastor shall be the spiritual leader of the church. The qualifications, process and vote required to approve a Pastor shall be contained in the Constitution and/or Bylaws.

ARTICLE VII MEMBERS

Membership in the church shall be available to those persons who qualify per our Constitution and Bylaws.

ARTICLE VIII CORPORATE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS

The board of directors and officers of the corporation shall be persons of mature Christian experience and knowledge, who shall meet the requirements of Acts 6, I Timothy 3 and Titus 1. The way the directors and officers are elected or appointed shall be set forth in the Constitution and Bylaws.

The Directors named herein as the first Board of Directors shall hold office until their successors are elected or appointed and qualified. The names and addresses of the first members of the Board of Directors are as follows:

Patrick Judd, Chairperson
615 Farragut Court
Spring Hill, FL 34609

Marlene Bradley
368 Korbus Road
Masaryktown, FL 34604

Charles Birkhold
13001 Weatherstone Drive
Spring Hill, FL 34609

John Hlavac
9533 Wallien Drive
Brooksville, FL 34601

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Robert Croll
6031 Smiley Street
Brooksville, FL 34604

David Brockhoff, Pastor
4516 Lake in the Woods Drive
Spring Hill, FL 34607

The Board of Directors shall elect the following officers: President, Secretary and Treasurer, and such other officers as the Constitution and Bylaws of the corporation may authorize the directors to elect from time to time.

The names and addresses of the initial Officers are as follows:

President:
Patrick Judd
615 Farragut Court
Spring Hill, FL 34609

Secretary:
Marlene Bradley
368 Korbus Road
Masaryktown, FL 34604

Treasurer:
John Hlavac
3533 Wallien Drive
Brooksville, FL 34601

ARTICLE IX ASSETS CURRENTLY HELD AS UNINCORPORATED CHURCH

Before incorporation, the church operated as an unincorporated association or entity and held real, personal, and mixed assets in the names of the entity, Trustees, Officers and/or other persons. The prior Trustees, Officers and other persons have full power, authorization, and authority to convey such property and execute whatever documents are necessary to transfer these assets, debts, agreements, and obligations to this corporation. This may include, but is not limited to, affidavits, deeds, contracts, leases, assignments, and other instruments or papers. The Directors and Officers of the new corporation are additionally empowered to assist the prior Trustees, Officers, and persons to

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execute, file and record whatever documents are necessary to see this matter through completion and retain legal and other professionals to assist in this process.

ARTICLE X DISSOLUTION

Upon the dissolution of the organization, none of its funds or assets shall be distributed to any director, officer, deacon, trustee, member or any other individual. The Board of Directors shall, after paying or making provision for the payment of all of the liabilities of the church, distribute funds and assets for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code. Any such funds or assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by the Circuit Court of the county in which the principal office of the corporation is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such religious purpose.

ARTICLE XI REGISTERED AGENT AND OFFICE

The corporation's registered agent and office is:

David Brockhoff
1214 Broad Street
Masaryktown, Florida 34604

ARTICLE XII INCORPORATOR

The name and address of the incorporator of the corporation:

David Brockhoff
1214 Broad Street
Masaryktown, Florida 34604

ARTICLE XIII: INDEMNIFICATION

This Corporation shall indemnify any Director or Officer, or former Director and Officer, against expenses and necessarily incurred by him/her (legal fees or otherwise) or any amount paid in satisfaction of judgments about any suit or proceeding, whether civil or criminal in nature, in which he/she is made a party because of being or having been such Director or Officer. No Director, Officer, or former Director and Officer is eligible for indemnification if he/she pleads guilty or

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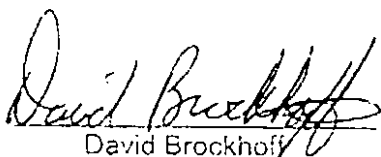
is convicted of a crime associated with the Corporation or its affiliates, or, enters into a transaction deriving an improper personal benefit, directly or indirectly ; or, acts with recklessness or commits an act of omission that was committed in bad faith or with malicious purpose or in a manner exhibiting wanton and willful disregard of human rights, safety, or property.

ARTICLE XIV: AMENDMENT

This corporation reserves the right to amend, alter, change, or repeal any provision contained in the Articles of Incorporation, or any amendments hereto, and to enact a Constitution and By-Laws, in manner now or hereafter prescribed by law and all rights conferred on Directors and Officers herein are granted subject to this reservation. These Articles of Incorporation may be amended at any time by a 75% or more vote of the voting members of the corporation in attendance at any regular meeting of the membership or at a special meeting called for that purpose.

Having been named as registered agent to accept service of process for the above stated corporation at the place designated in this certificate, I am familiar with and accept the appointment as registered agent and agree to act in this capacity.

Required Signature of Registered Agent:



David Brockhoff
1214 Broad Street
Masaryktown, Florida 34604

REGISTERED AGENT

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I submit this document and affirm that the facts stated herein are true. I am aware that any false information submitted in a document to the Department of State constitutes a third-degree felony as provided for in s.817.155, F.S.

Required Signature of Incorporator:



David Brockhoff
1214 Broad Street
Masaryktown, Florida 34604

Incorporator

DATE: July 30, 2023

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