

Oculi

The Third Sunday in Lent

“Christ Suffered the Opposition of the Demons”



*“But if it is by the finger of God that I cast out demons,
then the kingdom of God has come upon you.”*

Luke 11:20

Oculi: The Sunday of the Dumb Demoniac

7 March A+D 2021

Welcome in Jesus' name to our guests this holy day. We pray God's richest blessings to you as we hear His Word and receive His gifts. If you're visiting for the first time, please sign our guestbook in the narthex.

Worship at St. Paul's is conducted according to the historic, liturgical worship patterns of the Christian Church throughout the ages. The rhythm of worship is from our God to us, and then from us back to Him. He gives His gifts, and together we receive and extol them.

The Lord's Supper is offered every Sunday of the month. St. Paul's observes the biblical practice of close communion. Members of sister congregations of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod are encouraged to commune with us. *We ask visitors who are not members of the LC-MS to speak with one of our pastors if you are interested in learning more about our church and communion practices.*

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"Christ Suffered the Opposition of the World"

Jeremiah was charged with speaking evil when he spoke the Word of the Lord (Jer. 26:1–15). So also, Jesus is accused of doing evil when in fact He is doing good. He casts out a demon from a mute man so that he is able to speak (Luke 11:14–28). But some said Jesus did this by the power of Beelzebub, Satan. Like Pharaoh of old, their hearts were hard (Ex. 8:16–24). They did not recognize the finger of God, the power of the Holy Spirit at work in and through Jesus. Jesus is the Stronger Man who overcomes the strong man. He takes the devil's armor of sin and death and destroys it from the inside out by the holy cross. He exorcizes and frees us by water and the Word. We were once darkness, but now we are light in Christ the Lord (Eph. 5:1–9). As children of light, our tongues are loosed to give thanks to Him who saved us.

Service Notes: Kantorei for the 8:00 service is comprised of Julie Moreno, Lisa Timm, John Timm and Pastor Sherrill. Sarah Ruth Johnson is providing distribution music. The Waggoner Family Kantorei is singing for the 10:45 service.

Prayer: O Lord, our God, as we come before You to worship You in spirit and truth, we ask You to open our hearts to the ministry of Your Word. Lead us to truly repent of our sins, believe in Jesus Christ as our only Savior, and grow in grace and holiness. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.



Divine Service

Setting Three

Prelude: Partita on BACHOFEN (LSB # 594: "God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It")

Kenneth T. Kosche

594 God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It

LSB 594



1 God's own child, I glad - ly say it: I am bap - tized
2 Sin, dis - turb my soul no long - er: I am bap - tized
3 Sa - tan, hear this proc - la - ma - tion: I am bap - tized
4 Death, you can - not end my glad - ness: I am bap - tized
5 There is noth - ing worth com - par - ing To this life - long



in - to Christ! He, be - cause I could not pay it,
in - to Christ! I have com - fort e - ven strong - er:
in - to Christ! Drop your ug - ly ac - cu - sa - tion,
in - to Christ! When I die, I leave all sad - ness
com - fort sure! O - pen - eyed my grave is star - ing:



Gave my full re - demp - tion price. Do I need earth's
Je - sus' cleans - ing sac - ri - fice. Should a guilt - y
I am not so soon en - ticed. Now that to the
To in - her - it par - a - dise! Though I lie in
E - ven there I'll sleep se - cure. Though my flesh a -



trea - sures man - y? I have one worth
con - science seize me Since my Bap - tism
font I've trav - eled, All your might has
dust and ash - es Faith's as - sur - ance
waits its rais - ing, Still my soul con -



more than an - y That brought me sal -
did re - lease me In a dear for -
come un - rav - eled, And, a - gainst your
bright - ly flash - es: Bap - tism has the
tin - ues prais - ing: I am bap - tized



va - tion free Last - ing to e - ter - ni - ty!
giv - ing flood, Sprin - kling me with Je - sus' blood?
tyr - an - ny, God, my Lord, u - nites with me!
strength di - vine To make life im - mor - tal mine.
in - to Christ; I'm a child of par - a - dise!

Confession and Absolution

Stand

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Stand

Service of the Word

Introit

Ps. 25:1–2, 17–18, 20; antiphon: Ps. 25:15–16

My eyes are ever | toward the LORD,*
for he will pluck my feet out | of the net.

**Turn to me and be gra- | cious to me,*
for I am lonely and af- | flicted.**

To you, | O LORD,*
I lift | up my soul.

**O my God, in you I trust; let me not be | put to shame;*
let not my enemies exult | over me.**

The troubles of my heart | are enlarged;*
bring me out of my dis- | tresses.

**Consider my affliction and my | trouble,*
and forgive | all my sins.**

Oh, guard my soul, and de- | liver me!*
Let me not be put to shame, for I take ref- | uge in you.

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;**

**as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

My eyes are ever | toward the LORD,*
for he will pluck my feet out | of the net.

**Turn to me and be gra- | cious to me,*
for I am lonely and af- | flicted.**

- G** Lord, have mercy upon us.
C Christ, have mercy upon us.
G Lord, have mercy upon us.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

G And with thy spirit.

P Let us pray.

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy, be gracious to all who have gone astray from Your ways and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of Your Word; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

G Amen.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Jeremiah 26:1-15

¹In the beginning of the reign of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Judah, this word came from the LORD: ²"Thus says the LORD: Stand in the court of the LORD's house, and speak to all the cities of Judah that come to worship in the house of the LORD all the words that I command you to speak to them; do not hold back a word. ³It may be they will listen, and every one turn from his evil way, that I may relent of the disaster that I intend to do to them because of their evil deeds. ⁴You shall say to them, 'Thus says the LORD: If you will not listen to me, to walk in my law that I have set before you, ⁵and to listen to the words of my servants the prophets whom I send to you urgently, though you have not listened, ⁶then I will make this house like Shiloh, and I will make this city a curse for all the nations of the earth.'"

⁷The priests and the prophets and all the people heard Jeremiah speaking these words in the house of the LORD. ⁸And when Jeremiah had finished speaking all that the LORD had commanded him to speak to all the people, then the priests and the prophets and all the people laid hold of him, saying, "You shall die! ⁹Why have you prophesied in the name of the LORD, saying, 'This house shall be like Shiloh, and this city shall be desolate, without inhabitant'?" And all the people gathered around Jeremiah in the house of the LORD.

¹⁰When the officials of Judah heard these things, they came up from the king's house to the house of the LORD and took their seat in the entry of the New Gate of the house of the LORD. ¹¹Then the priests and the prophets said to the officials and to all the people, "This man deserves the sentence of death, because he has prophesied against this city, as you have heard with your own ears."

¹²Then Jeremiah spoke to all the officials and all the people, saying, "The LORD sent me to prophesy against this house and this city all the words you have heard. ¹³Now therefore mend your ways and your deeds, and obey the voice of the LORD your God, and the LORD will relent of the disaster that he has pronounced against you. ¹⁴But as for me, behold, I am in your hands. Do with me as seems good and right to you. ¹⁵Only know for certain that if you put me to death, you will bring innocent blood upon yourselves and upon this city and its inhabitants, for in truth the LORD sent me to you to speak all these words in your ears."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Gradual (Saturday)

Ps. 9:19, 3

Arise, O LORD! Let not | man prevail;*
 let the nations be judged be- | fore you!
 When my enemies | turn back,*
 they stumble and perish before your | presence.

Gradual (Sunday) "Jesus, I Will Ponder Now"

LSB 440:1,5

Epistle

Ephesians 5:1-9

¹Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. ²And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

³But sexual immorality and all impurity or covetousness must not even be named among you, as is proper among saints. ⁴Let there be no filthiness nor foolish talk nor crude joking, which are out of place, but instead let there be thanksgiving. ⁵For you may be sure of this, that everyone who is sexually immoral or impure, or who is covetous (that is, an idolater), has no inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God. ⁶Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. ⁷Therefore do not associate with them; ⁸for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as

children of light ⁹(for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true),

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

Tract

Ps. 123:1–3a

To you I lift | up my eyes,*

O you who are enthroned in the | heavens!

Behold, as the eyes of servants look to the hand of their | master,*

so our eyes look to the LORD our God, till he has mercy up- | on us.

Have mercy upon us, | O LORD,*

have mercy up- | on us.

Holy Gospel

Luke 11:14–28

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the eleventh chapter.

C **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

¹⁴Now [Jesus] was casting out a demon that was mute. When the demon had gone out, the mute man spoke, and the people marveled.

¹⁵But some of them said, "He casts out demons by Beelzebul, the prince of demons," ¹⁶while others, to test him, kept seeking from him a sign from heaven. ¹⁷But he, knowing their thoughts, said to them, "Every kingdom divided against itself is laid waste, and a divided household falls. ¹⁸And if Satan also is divided against himself, how will his kingdom stand? For you say that I cast out demons by Beelzebul. ¹⁹And if I cast out demons by Beelzebul, by whom do your sons cast them out? Therefore they will be your judges. ²⁰But if it is by the finger of God that I cast out demons, then the kingdom of God has come upon you. ²¹When a strong man, fully armed, guards his own palace, his goods are safe; ²²but when one stronger than he attacks him and overcomes him, he takes away his armor in which he trusted and divides his spoil. ²³Whoever is not with me is against me, and whoever does not gather with me scatters.

²⁴"When the unclean spirit has gone out of a person, it passes through waterless places seeking rest, and finding none it says, 'I will return to my house from which I came.' ²⁵And when it comes, it finds the house swept and put in order. ²⁶Then it goes and brings seven other spirits more evil than itself, and they enter and dwell there. And the last state of that person is worse than the first."

²⁷As he said these things, a woman in the crowd raised her voice and said to him, "Blessed is the womb that bore you, and the breasts at which you nursed!" ²⁸But he said, "Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and keep it!"

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

Nicene Creed

C **I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
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.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
 the Lord and giver of life,
 who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
 who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
 who spoke by the prophets.
 And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
 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. Amen.

Sit

659 Lord of Our Life

LSB 659



1 Lord of our life and God of our sal - va - tion, Star of our
 2 See round Your ark the hun - gry bil - lows curl - ing; See how Your
 3 Lord, be our light when world - ly dark - ness veils us; Lord, be our
 4 Peace in our hearts, where sin - ful thoughts are rag - ing, Peace in Your



night and hope of ev - 'ry na - tion: Hear and re - ceive Your
 foes their ban - ners are un - furl - ing And with great spite their
 shield when earth - ly ar - mor fails us; And in the day when
 Church, our trou - bled souls as - suag - ing, Peace when the world its



Church's sup - pli - ca - tion, Lord God Al - might - y.
 fi - ery darts are hurl - ing, O Lord, pre - serve us.
 hell it - self as - sails us, Grant us Your peace, Lord:
 end - less war is wag - ing, Peace in Your heav - en.

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Sermon: "Lord, help me keep my eyes on you!" Luke 11:14-28

Stand

Offertory

LSB 192

☑ Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
 Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.
 Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

Sit

Offering: "O God, Thou Faithful God".....Johann Sebastian Bach

Stand

Prayer of the Church

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

LSB 194

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** **And with thy spirit.**
- P** Lift up your hearts.
- C** **We lift them up unto the Lord.**
- P** Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.
- C** **It is meet and right so to do.**
- P** It is truly meet, right, and salutary . . . evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

LSB 195

- C** **Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;**
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Lord's Prayer

LSB 196

- P** Our Father who art in heaven...
- C** **For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

The Words of Our Lord

LSB 197

Pax Domini

LSB 197

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C** **Amen.**

Agnus Dei

LSB 198

- C** **O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.**
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.

Sit

429 We Sing the Praise of Him Who Died

LSB 429



1 We sing the praise of Him who died, Of Him who
2 In - scribed up - on the cross we see In shin - ing
3 The cross! It takes our guilt a - way; It holds the
4 It makes the cow - ard spir - it brave And nerves the



died up - on the cross. The sin - ner's hope let
let - ters, "God is love." He bears our sins up -
faint - ing spir - it up; It cheers with hope the
fee - ble arm for fight; It takes the ter - ror



all de - ride; For this we count the world but loss.
on the tree; He brings us mer - cy from a - bove.
gloom - y day And sweet - ens ev - 'ry bit - ter cup.
from the grave And gilds the bed of death with light;

5 The balm of life, the cure of woe,
 The measure and the pledge of love,
 The sinner's refuge here below,
 The angels' theme in heav'n above.

6 To Christ, who won for sinners grace
 By bitter grief and anguish sore,
 Be praise from all the ransomed race
 Forever and forevermore.

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439 O Dearest Jesus, What Law Hast Thou Broken

LSB 439 sts. 1-5, 12-15



1 O dear - est Je - sus, what law hast Thou bro - ken
 2 They crown Thy head with thorns, they smite, they scourge Thee;
 3 Whence come these sor - rows, whence this mor - tal an - guish?
 4 What pun - ish - ment so strange is suf - fered yon - der!
 5 The sin - less Son of God must die in sad - ness;



That such sharp sen - tence should on Thee be spo - ken?
 With cru - el mock - ings to the cross they urge Thee;
 It is my sins for which Thou, Lord, must lan - guish;
 The Shep - herd dies for sheep that loved to wan - der;
 The sin - ful child of man may live in glad - ness;



Of what great crime hast Thou to make con -
 They give Thee gall to drink, they still de -
 Yea, all the wrath, the woe, Thou dost in -
 The Mas - ter pays the debt His ser - vants
 Man for - feit - ed his life and is ac -



fes - sion, What dark trans - gres - sion?
 cry Thee; They cru - ci - fy Thee.
 her - it, This I do mer - it.
 owe Him, Who would not know Him.
 quit - ted; God is com - mit - ted.

12 I'll think upon Thy mercy without ceasing,
 That earth's vain joys to me no more be pleasing;
 To do Thy will shall be my sole endeavor
 Henceforth forever.

13 Whate'er of earthly good this life may grant me,
 I'll risk for Thee; no shame, no cross, shall daunt me.
 I shall not fear what foes can do to harm me
 Nor death alarm me.

14 But worthless is my sacrifice, I own it;
 Yet, Lord, for love's sake Thou wilt not disown it;
 Thou wilt accept my gift in Thy great meekness
 Nor shame my weakness.

15 And when, dear Lord, before Thy throne in heaven
 To me the crown of joy at last is given,
 Where sweetest hymns Thy saints forever raise Thee,
 I, too, shall praise Thee.

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666 O Little Flock, Fear Not the Foe

LSB 666



1 O lit - tle flock, fear not the foe Who mad - ly
 2 Be of good cheer; your cause be - longs To Him who
 3 As true as God's own Word is true, Not earth nor
 4 A - men, Lord Je - sus, grant our prayer; Great Cap - tain,



seeks your o - ver - throw; Dread not his rage and pow'r.
 can a - venge your wrongs; Leave it to Him, our Lord.
 hell's sa - tan - ic crew A - gainst us shall pre - fail.
 now Thine arm make bare, Fight for us once a - gain!



And though your cour - age some-times faints, His seem - ing
 Though hid - den yet from mor - tal eyes, His Gid - eon
 Their might? A joke, a mere fa - cade! God is with
 So shall Thy saints and mar - tyrs raise A might - y



tri - umph o'er God's saints Lasts but a lit - tle hour.
 shall for you a - rise, Up - hold you and His Word.
 us and we with God— Our vic - t'ry can - not fail.
 cho - rus to Thy praise For - ev - er - more. A - men.

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655 Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

LSB 655



1 Lord, keep us stead - fast in Your Word; Curb those who
 2 Lord Je - sus Christ, Your pow'r make known, For You are
 3 O Com - fort - er of price - less worth, Send peace and



by de - ceit or sword Would wrest the king - dom from Your
 Lord of lords a - lone; De - fend Your ho - ly Church that
 u - ni - ty on earth; Sup - port us in our fi - nal



Son And bring to naught all He has done.
 we May sing Your praise e - ter - nal - ly.
 strife And lead us out of death to life.

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Stand

Nunc Dimittis

LSB 199

- C** Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word,
for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people,
a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel.
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Thanksgiving

LSB 200

- A** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,
C and His mercy endureth forever.
A Let us pray.
We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C Amen.
P The Lord be with you.
C And with thy spirit.

Benedicamus

LSB 202

- A** Bless we the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

LSB 202

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.
C Amen, amen, amen.



1 Je - sus has come and brings plea - sure e - ter - nal,
 2 Je - sus has come! Now see bonds rent a - sun - der!
 3 Je - sus has come as the might - y Re - deem - er.
 4 Je - sus has come as the King of all glo - ry!



Al - pha, O - me - ga, Be - gin - ning and End;
 Fet - ters of death now dis - solve, dis - ap - pear.
 See now the threat - en - ing strong one dis - armed!
 Heav - en and earth, O de - clare His great pow'r,



God - head, hu - man - i - ty, u - nion su - per - nal,
 See Him burst through with a voice as of thun - der!
 Je - sus breaks down all the walls of death's for - tress,
 Cap - tur - ing hearts with the heav - en - ly sto - ry;



O great Re - deem - er, You come as our friend!
 He sets us free from our guilt and our fear,
 Brings forth the pris - 'ners tri - um - phant, un - harmed.
 Wel - come Him now in this fast - fleet - ing hour!



Heav - en and earth, now pro - claim this great won - der:
 Lifts us from shame to the place of His hon - or.
 Sa - tan, you wick - ed one, own now your mas - ter!
 Pon - der His love! Take the crown He has for you!



Je - sus has come and brings plea - sure e - ter - nal!
 Je - sus has come! Hear the roll of God's thun - der!
 Je - sus has come! He, the might - y Re - deem - er!
 Je - sus has come! He, the King of all glo - ry!

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Postlude: "Processional".....Georg Frederic Handel

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Jan Goodin and all other St. Paul's Shut-Ins;

Rev. Ronald Rosenkaimer and the congregation of Faith Lutheran Church, Council Bluffs;

Those serving in the armed forces... **Dustin Bathen**, grandson of Virg & Jan Steenbock, **David Letcher**, **Charles Bowerman**, **Nathan Moeller** -members of St. Paul's, **Justin Carlton**, husband of Kathryn Charlton, granddaughter of Bill Johannes, **Matthew Bandomer**, grandson of Art Bandomer, **Joey Greiner**, nephew of Joni Doiron, **Matthew James Harris**, nephew of Mark & Erika Harris, **Joseph Finch**, (son of Bob & Dianna Finch), **Jared Naja** (nephew of Laura Goodwin);

Those celebrating wedding anniversaries this week: Mark & Theresa Bowerman.



News and Notes



Christ Academy on Wednesdays beginning at 5:00 p.m.!



**"Christ Crucified" -Lenten Worship
Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m.**



**Easter Lilies 2021
\$11.00 per plant – orders due March 28th**

Number of plants _____

In Memory of _____

In Honor of _____

Given by _____

*Help us celebrate Carol Brockmann's 80th birthday, March 16th, with a surprise card shower.
Birthday greetings may be sent to her at 210 Redbud Lane, Council Bluffs, Iowa 51503.
Remember...It's a surprise!!*

Please note: The Council Meeting has been moved to Thursday, March 18th at 7:00 p.m.

"Whether you are five or 35 or 65, there will be days when it seems to you that God has dropped it. When that happens, when the darkness threatens to close in on you, just go back to the simple truth that God taught you in your youth. Go back to the Word of Light, the Word that is Christ. 'Jesus loves me, this I know, for the Bible tells me so.' That will lighten the way for you, for us all." *Rev. Dr. Dale A. Meyer, The Lutheran Hour*
– A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org

Opportunities for Growth: March 7-14, 2021

Sunday: 3/7/21

9:30 a.m. ~ SS/ABC

Monday: 3/8/21

6:00 p.m. – Hand Bells

Tuesday: 3/9/21

9:00 a.m. – Circuit Meeting at Walnut

Wednesday: 3/10/21

8:50 a.m. – Chapel – SPLECC

12:00 p.m. – Lenten at Noon Organ Recital

5:00 p.m. – Christ Academy

7:00 p.m. – Lenten Worship

Saturday: 3/13/21

5:30 p.m. – Worship – C (masked)

Sunday: 3/14/21

8:00 a.m. ~ Worship - C

9:30am ~ SS/BC

10:45 a.m. ~ Worship - C



St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church

239 Frank Street

Council Bluffs, Iowa 51503

712-322-4729

Presents:

Wednesday at Noon Lenten Organ Recitals

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church invites you to a series of
Lenten Organ Recitals to be held on Wednesdays at Noon during Lent.

The free recitals begin at 12:00 p.m. lasting 40 minutes.

No lunch will be served this year.

Please remember to practice social distancing. Masks are optional.

2021 Series includes:

February 17th ~ Jeffrey Hoffman

Organist & Choirmaster ~ St. Barnabas Catholic Church, Omaha

February 24th ~ Timothy Schreiber

Junior Organ Major, University of Kansas

Former St. Paul's Music Conservatory Student

March 3rd ~ Dr. Jeremy Owens

Professor of Music, Briar Cliff University, Sioux City

Former St. Paul's Music Conservatory Student

March 10th ~ Joan Ebersold

Organist, Saint John Lutheran Church, Council Bluffs

Former, St. Paul's Music Conservatory Student

March 17th ~ Timothy Conner, SPC

Part-time organist at Zion Lutheran Church, Manning

Current St. Paul's Music Conservatory Student

March 24th ~ Peggy Wolverton

"Retired" Organist, Omaha



Capital Campaign Corner!

We have started our Capital Campaign called:
"Honoring God's House"

You should be receiving a mailing that includes a pledge card
for the capital campaign.

Please return the pledge as soon as possible, so that we can determine how much monetary support we can expect.

Please remember how grateful we are for your support!

Let's get "God's House" fixed up!!

Did you know? St. Paul's used to operate a day school! On August 3rd, 1884 Mr. E. Rolf was installed as teacher for St. Paul's parish school. Mr. Rolf taught at St. Paul's until 1886. Christian education was a fundamental for our forefathers, even as it is today!



St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church

St. Paul's Lutheran Early Childhood Center

St. Paul's Music Conservatory

Two Locations

One Word

The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod / www.stpaulcouncilbluffs.org

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