Quinquagesima The Sunday on the Way to Jerusalem "The Lord's Call from Selfishness to Follow Him"



"And Jesus said to him, "Recover your sight; your faith has made you well." Luke 18:42

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

239 Frank Street Council Bluffs, IA 51503 March 2, 2025

Welcome

Welcome to all members and visitors! We are pleased to have you with us as we receive Christ's gifts and as we respond in thanks and praise. Guests, please sign the guest register in the narthex. If you need assistance, please ask one of the ushers. Prayers of preparation for worship can be found on the inside front cover of the hymnal.

The Lord's Supper is offered every Sunday of the month. St. Paul's observes the biblical practice of closed 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 LCMS** to speak with one of our pastors if you are interested in learning more about our church and communion practices. Those not communing with us at this service are welcome to come forward to receive a blessing. Simply cross your arms to indicate this desire.

Those Serving Us

Preacher: Rev. Timothy Frank

Liturgist: Rev. Nathan Sherrill

Pianists: Rev. Timothy Frank, Cindy Frank, Jonathan & Isabella Sherrill (8:00am); Chimes – 3rd & 4th Grade Christ Academy Classes (10:45a.m.)

Kantors: Women's Kantorei (8:00 a.m.); Peter Klinge (10:45 a.m.)

The Word In Music

Prelude: "Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus" – Setting by Steven R. Johnson; "Jesus, Lead Thou On" – Setting by Joseph Herl Offering: "I Know My Faith Is Founded" – Setting by Kristina Lanlois Distribution: "O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright" & "As With Gladness Men of Old" – Settings by Elizabeth Grimpo Postlude: "I Know My Faith Is Founded" – Setting by Michael Praetorius

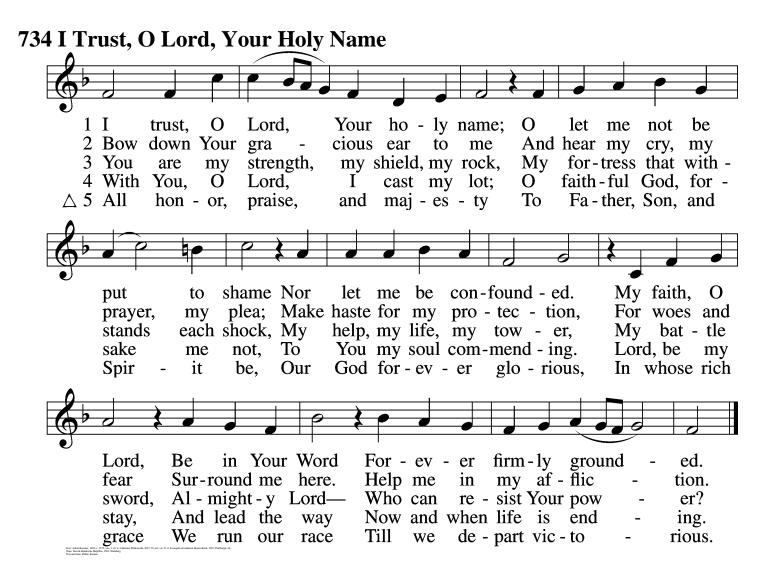
Kantor's Notes: Today's introit (like many of our introits) helps set the theme of the service: "Be a rock of refuge for me, a strong fortress to save me! For you are my rock and my fortress; and for your name's sake you lead me and guide me." (Psalm 31:2b–3) This psalm of David is a prayer of faith that begs God for mercy. So also the blind man in our Gospel reading calls out to Jesus in faith, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!"

Listen today for an emphasis on the role of faith for us as we follow Jesus. As you prepare for worship, you may wish to meditate on LSB 587, "I Know My Faith Is Founded," which coincidentally sums up the theme of today's sermon.

Hymn of the Season: "O Word of God Incarnate" LSB 523

Divine Service Setting 3

Prelude:



Confession and Absolution

Stand

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

- \blacksquare In the name of the Father and of the \dashv 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.

Kneel/Stand

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



Be a rock of ref- uge for me,* a strong fortress to | save me! For you are my rock and my | fortress;* and for your name's sake you lead me and | guide me. In you, O LORD, do I take refuge; let me never be | put to shame;* in your righteousness de- | liver me! Into your hand I commit my | spirit;* you have redeemed me, O LORD, | faithful God. Be gracious to me, O LORD, for I am | in distress;* my eye is wasted from grief; my soul and my body | also. Make your face shine on your | servant;* save me in your | steadfast love! 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. Be a rock of ref- | uge for me,* a strong fortress to | save me! For you are my rock and my | fortress;* and for your name's sake you lead me and | guide me.

G 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.

Kyrie

LSB 186

C Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **C** And with thy spirit.

P Let us pray.

O Lord, mercifully hear our prayers and having set us free from the bonds of our sins deliver us from every evil; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 35:3–7

³Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. ⁴Say to those who have an anxious heart, "Be strong; fear not! Behold, your God will come with vengeance, with the recompense of God. He will come and save you." ⁵Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; ⁶then shall the lame man leap like a deer, and the tongue of the mute sing for joy. For waters break forth in the wilderness. and streams in the desert; ⁷the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; in the haunt of jackals, where they lie down, the grass shall become reeds and rushes.

- **A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

Gradual "Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness" LSB 489

Epistle

1 Corinthians 13:1–13

¹If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. ²And if I have prophetic powers, and

understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. ³If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing.

⁴Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant ⁵or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; ⁶it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. ⁷Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

⁸Love never ends. As for prophecies, they will pass away; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away. ⁹For we know in part and we prophesy in part, ¹⁰but when the perfect comes, the partial will pass away. ¹¹When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I gave up childish ways. ¹²For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I have been fully known.

¹³So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Tract

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, | all the earth!*

Serve the LORD with gladness! Come into his presence with | singing!

Know that the LORD, | he is God!*

It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

Holy Gospel

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

C Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

³¹Taking the twelve, [Jesus] said to them, "See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and everything that is written about the Son of Man by the prophets will be accomplished. ³²For he will be delivered over to the Gentiles and will be mocked and shamefully treated and spit upon. ³³And after flogging him, they will kill him, and on the third day he will rise." ³⁴But they understood none of

Psalm 100:1–3

Luke 18:31–43

these things. This saying was hidden from them, and they did not grasp what was said.

³⁵As he drew near to Jericho, a blind man was sitting by the roadside begging. ³⁶And hearing a crowd going by, he inquired what this meant. ³⁷They told him, "Jesus of Nazareth is passing by." ³⁸And he cried out, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" ³⁹And those who were in front rebuked him, telling him to be silent. But he cried out all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" ⁴⁰And Jesus stopped and commanded him to be brought to him. And when he came near, he asked him, ⁴¹"What do you want me to do for you?" He said, "Lord, let me recover my sight." ⁴²And Jesus said to him, "Recover your sight; your faith has made you well." ⁴³And immediately he recovered his sight and followed him, glorifying God. And all the people, when they saw it, gave praise to God.

- **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.

587 I Know My Faith Is Founded

On 1 I know my faith is found - ed Je - sus Christ, mv 2 In - crease my faith, dear Sav ior, For Sa - tan seeks by 3 In faith, Lord, let You: Though per - se - cu - tion, me serve God my faith con - fess Un and Lord; And this ing, day and To rob this trea And night me of sure Should seek grief, and pain o - ver - whelm Let to me. moved I stand on His sure Word. Our rea son can not bliss a - way. But, Lord, my hope of with You be take re - tain; And then stead - fast trust de me a my at fath - om The truth of God pro-found; Who trusts in hu - man un - dis - mayed; shall be And led by Your good side me. I home to You, par ture, Lord, take me Your rich - es to in -on shift - ing Re - lies God's Word wis - dom ground. is be un - a - fraid. Spir - it, Ι shall A bide with _ As all You said holds In life her it true. and all - suf - fi - cient, It makes di - vine-ly sure: And Sav - ior, A firm - er faith be me. Ο stow: Then Un - til Your heav'n I death, Lord, keep me gain, Where trust - ing in its wis - dom, My faith shall rest se - cure. de - fi - ance To Ι shall bid ev - 'ry e - vil foe. The end of faith at - tain. T by Your great mer - cy

Sermon "Jesus' Disciples Follow in Full Faith" Luke 8:4-15

- The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.
- **C** Amen.

Stand

Offertory

C 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

Stand

Prayer of the Church

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

- **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.
- It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; for what had been hidden from before the foundation of the world You have made known to the nations in Your Son.

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In Him, being found in the substance of our mortal nature, You have manifested the fullness of Your glory. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

 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,

hallowed be Thy name,

Thy kingdom come,

Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;

give us this day our daily bread;

and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against

us;

and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

C For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

The Words of Our Lord

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

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Pax Domini

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

Agnus Dei

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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

Distribution

The pastor and those who assist him receive the body and blood of Christ first and then distribute them to those who come to receive, saying:

Take, eat; this is the true body of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, given into death for your sins.

Amen.

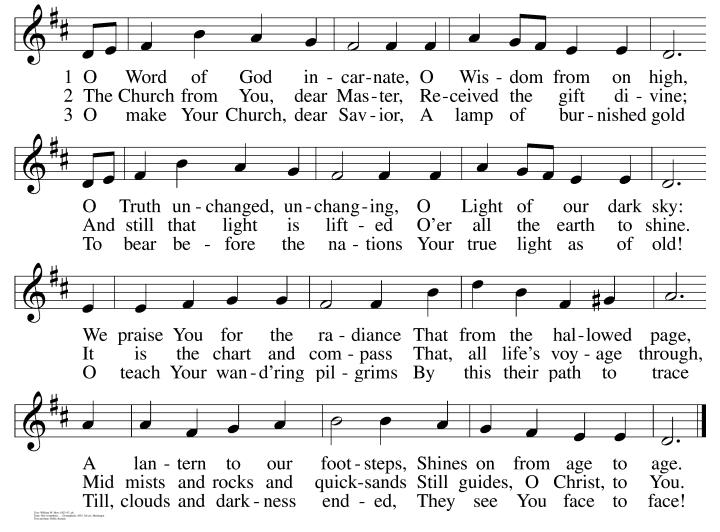
Take, drink; this is the true blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, shed for the forgiveness of your sins.

Amen.

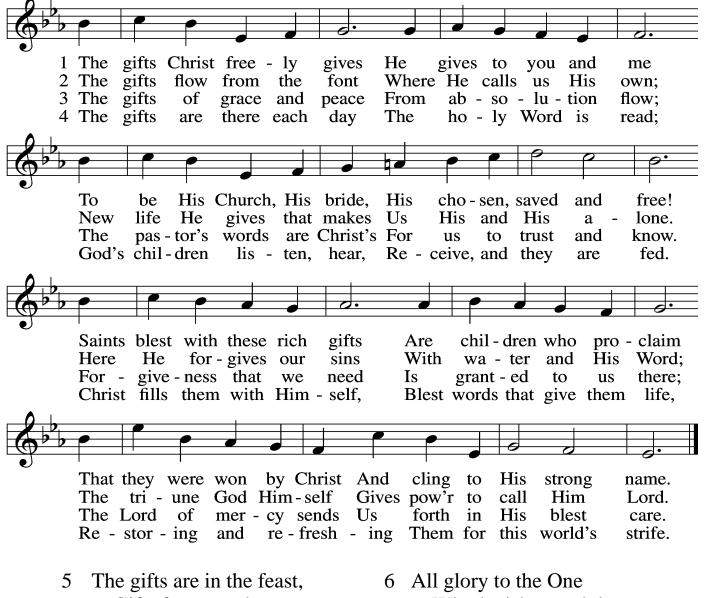
In dismissing the communicants, the following is said:

- P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart
 → in peace.
- **C** Amen.

523 O Word of God Incarnate



602 The Gifts Christ Freely Gives



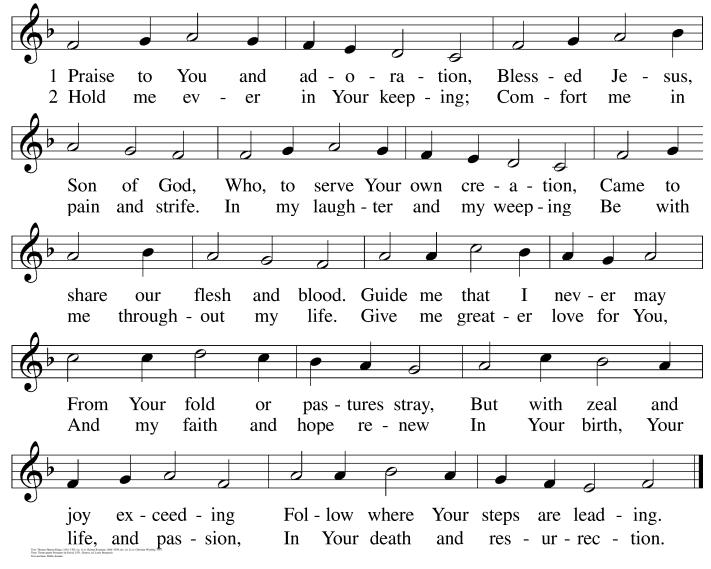
- 5 The gifts are in the feast, Gifts far more than we see; Beneath the bread and wine Is food from Calvary. The body and the blood Remove our ev'ry sin; We leave His presence in His peace, renewed again.
- 6 All glory to the One Who lavishes such love; The triune God in love Assures our life above.
 His means of grace for us Are gifts He loves to give; All thanks and praise for His Great love by which we live!

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692 Praise to You and Adoration



Stand

Nunc Dimittis

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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

- 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

A Bless we the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

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.

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685 Let Us Ever Walk With Jesus 1 Let walk with Fol - low His us ev - er Je - sus, ex suf - fer 2 Let Je - sus us here with And with pa - tience 3 Let glad - ly die with by Je - sus. Since death He us 4 Let al - so live with He Je - sus. has ris - en us Through a world that would de-ceive us pure, am - ple And to Joy will fol - low all our sad-ness; Where He bear our cross. He con - quered death, will free us from de-struc-tion. Give to from the dead That life we may a - wak - en. to Je sus. His foot-steps tread-ing, sin our spir - its lure. On - ward in is. there loss. Though to - day no laugh-ter. is no we SOW us im - mor-tal breath. Let us mor - ti - fy all pas - sion We Your own liv - ing mem-bers; You are now our head. are Pil - grims here, home a - bove, Full of faith our and We shall les - tial joy; All dis - com - forts reap ce -That would lead in - to sin; And the grave that us Where You live, there shall be Your pres - ence we In Fa - ther's bid-ding. hope and love, Let do the Faith - ful us Shall give way to mirth here - af - ter. that an - noy Je - sus, Shall but prove the to heav-en. Je - sus, shuts us in gate Liv - ing there with con - stant - ly, You for - ev - er. Je - sus. Lord, with me a - bide; shall fol - low where You guide. Ι I share Your woe; Help me there Your know. here joy to here with You die. There to live with You Ι high. on me faith - ful be, Life e - ter - nal let grant me. to

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Divine Service, Setting Three from Lutheran Service Book

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Opportunities for Growth

This Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Divine Service
	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School/Adult Bible Study
	10:45 a.m.	Divine Service
Monday	6:00 p.m.	Bell Choir
Wednesday	5:00-7:00 p.m.	Christ Academy
	7:00 p.m.	Ash Wednesday Divine Service
Thursday	7:00-8:15 p.m.	Christian Doctrine Class
Next Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Divine Service
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The Congregation at Prayer

Those ill or recovering: Chris Circo, Mary Johannes, Jayne McIlrath, Elizabeth Bowerman, Gertrud Rossbund, Ryan Pedersen (son of Art & Julie Gardner), Trent Casey, John Shafer (father of Kelli Salin), Tina Lamason (sister of Brad White), Marge Miller, Cole (cousin of Kelli Salin), Lu Schwery (mother of Denise Krohn), Randy Falknor (cousin of Kent Seetin), Sarah and Raymond McCubbin and Jill(family members of Jeff Thomas)

Richard Paul, and all our shut ins.

Our missionaries: Deaconess Sandra Rhein & Ms. Becky Bartelt

News and Notes

SPLECC-Our Mission Field: One of the best ways to learn more about our Early Childhood Center is to spend time with our children. But....if working with children isn't your thing, there are still plenty of ways you can help. We are looking for volunteers to help organize our library, help with bulletin boards,

organize our toy and supply closets, etc. More your cup of tea? Talk to Becca Heinicke, director, at 712-322-3294.

Picture Directory Reminder: Get your photos taken for the new picture directory. Greg Montgomery will be in the lounge between services and after the late service to take your photos. Sign-up sheets are posted by the lounge.

An opportunity this month to donate baby diapers and wipes. **Swaddling Clothes** is a program run by various congregations of the LCMS to share the mercy of Christ through the gifts of clothing, food, friendship, and the forgiving Word of God. Timothy Lutheran, Council Bluffs is the local location of this program. Every 3rd month they are open for anyone in need of a supply diapers and wipes as well as other things currently available. There is a playpen outside the office here at St. Paul's where you can drop off diapers and wipes. Thank you.

Catechism

The Lord's Prayer

Conclusion: For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen

What does this mean? This means that I should be certain that these petitions are pleasing to our Father in heaven, and are heard by Him; for He Himself has commanded us to pray in this way and has promised to hear us. Amen, amen means "yes, yes, it shall be so."

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