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Life Together at University Lutheran Chapel

Divine Service
Sundays 10 AM
Mondays 12:30 PM

Private Confession &
Absolution

Sundays 8-8:30 AM
(and by appointment)

Vespers/Eve. Prayer
Wednesdays 7:30 PM

Bible Studies

Sunday Morning Bible
Class 8:45-9:45 AM
Epistles of St. John

Table Talk
Dinner & Bible Study
Wednesdays 6-7:30 PM
The Augsburg Confession

Didache (Adult Catechesis)
See Pastor Kind

LSF Bible Study
To Be Announced
Exodus

Couples' Bible Study
Saturdays, September 13
& October 11 at 5:30 PM
*On Being a Theologian of the
Cross* by Gerhard Forde

Patristics Study Group
Mondays, September 15
& October 20, 10:30 AM
St. Augustine's *City of God*



An Issue of Order by Pastor Kind

Continued from our last issue...

And it is not just the typical church-growth/contemporary worship congregations that are guilty of such confusion. It is also found in some of our supposedly liturgical churches - where liturgical innovation or sometimes even repristination leads to chaos and confusion among the people and between the churches!

Now I do not mean to say that there can be no diversity within our Church's worship life. But diversity taken to the extreme leads to chaos and confusion in the Body of Christ! Some will argue, "But pastor, this is all in the realm of Christian freedom. We are free to change our ways of worship to fit the times or the situation. We are not bound by strict levitical-type laws about worship." And I say: did not the congregation in Corinth have the same Christian freedom we enjoy? Indeed they did! And yet St. Paul scolds them for their disorder and disunity in public worship!

This is not a question of whether our liturgical usages can change. It is an issue of good order for the sake of the Gospel. Note that St. Paul does not set up strict levitical-style liturgical laws for Corinth. But he does demand that all may be done reverently in respect to God and in good order for the edification of the people. And so do our Lutheran Confessions. While jealously guarding Christian freedom and the right of the church to make changes to liturgical ceremonies, the reformers always demand that such things be done in good order for the edification of the people, with a special concern that the weak might not be confused or led astray.

But what do we see in our Lutheran parishes? Each one does its own thing, many with new, different, and changing liturgies weekly. And what becomes of the Gospel in such a setting? The people are confused, not edified. Discord and dissent is introduced into the congregation as the preaching of the Gospel is overshadowed by the creative efforts of the myriad innovators.

St. Paul tells us: "God is not the author of confusion, but of peace, as in all the churches of

the saints." So is this confusion we have in our churches *of God*? It cannot be. For God is a God of order. Look to the heavens and see the way the stars and planets move in conformity to His will. Look to the structure of time, which He has made. Look to the way His creation works. Look to the internal order of the Scriptures themselves! God is clearly not a fan of chaos. Indeed disorder is at odds with His very person and will.

But why does this matter in worship? Why does St. Paul make a big deal out of all of this? And why do we have to worry about it? Because as chaos is not of God, so it is also not compatible with the Gospel. For the sake of the Gospel, there must be good order in our churches. We ought to be able to enter into the Divine Service and be led by the liturgy to the proclamation of His Word and the resulting confession of faith, then carried forward to the Gospel enfleshed in the Eucharist, yes, into Christ's very presence! - and then to receive Him and respond with prayers and thanksgiving. This is the pattern the Church has always observed from the time of the apostles until now. The liturgical actions surrounding the Gospel and the means of grace are there to clarify what is happening and to draw us even further into the reality of Christ with us.

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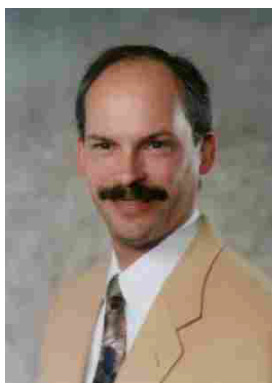
But without good liturgical order we are left in confusion. Yes, the means may still be there, but their presence is clouded by the disorder surrounding them. The fault is not with God's gifts, but with our chaos. St. Paul, in calling for good order toward the edification of the people, was calling the church to repent of what it had been doing, that the Gospel may ring out clearly. And so now our churches must also repent of their irreverent and lackadaisical handling of the liturgy and of the Gospel gifts it surrounds.

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Chapel News and Notes...

Wine, Women & Song: Fall Study Weekend '03

We are pleased to announce our annual Fall Study Weekend for 2003. This year we will be privileged to have the Rev. Dr. Michael Eschelbach, professor of New Testament and Greek at Concordia University River Forest, speaking to us on the topic "Wine, Women, and Song" in I Corinthians. Among the hottest issues facing the church today are communion fellowship (wine), the role of women in the Church (women), and the liturgical life of the congregation (song); all of which were issues in first century Corinth as well. Under Eschelbach's guidance, we will examine the St. Paul's response to these issues and explore how they apply to Christians and the Church today. FSW will be held Friday, October 24th, through Sunday, October 26th. The deadline for registration is October 17th and the cost for the weekend, including the Saturday evening banquet meal, is \$20.



Welcome to ULC Barbeque

We will have a big barbeque Friday, September 12th, beginning at 5:30 p.m. to welcome new and returning students to ULC. If you are a new student, this will be a great opportunity to get to know some of your fellow Lutheran students and other members of the Chapel. ULC will provide the meat and buns. Current members, please bring a food item or two to share (salad, side dish, dessert, chips, etc.). A sign up sheet will be posted in the narthex by the coffee machine. Come hungry!

ULC Sunday School

Sunday School at ULC will begin Sunday, September 14th. We are still in need of a teacher for the pre-teen class as well as substitute teachers. Please contact Dennis Bauer (651-787-0951) if you would be interested in helping out this school year.

ULC Rummage Sale

ULC's 2nd Annual Rummage Sale will be held on Saturday, September 6, beginning at 9 AM. If you are looking to outfit your new dorm room or apartment with great stuff, then this is a sale you will not want to miss! We'll have things like:

Tables	Dishes
Chairs	Mugs, Glasses and Cups
Sofas	Vases, and other decor
Desks	Household tools (hammers, screw- drivers, and such)
Rugs	Grills
Lamps	
Clocks	
Small appliances	
Pots and Pans	

There's also still plenty of time to make a donation for the Rummage Sale. Proceeds are again going toward the renovation of the Lohe Library/Lounge area. We will be accepting tax-deductible donations up to the day of the sale. Thanks to those individuals and congregations who have already made donations! Volunteers to man the sale and an information booth are still needed. A sign up sheet is posted in the narthex.

Löhe Library Renovation Update

Work continues on the new and improved Lohe Library/Lounge. The walls are completed and painted. Old carpet is about to be removed with new carpet being installed on September 16th. A big thank you to everyone who has helped so far, especially the members of the library committee who have done outstanding work. In the near future new shelves will be built and installed and we will be recataloging and moving books! Students, this will be a great place to study during the week or just to hang out in between classes.

ULC Choir

Rehearsals for choir begin Wednesday, September 3rd, at 8:00 p.m. (after the Midweek Service). Don't be shy. We are hoping to get lots of new voices this year. The rehearsal time won't work for you, but you'd like to sing with the choir anyway? We can be flexible! Contact Carol Hasbargen, 651-633-4801.

New Divine Service Opportunity at ULC

Beginning with the new academic year, ULC will offer the Divine Service both at the regular time on Sunday Mornings at 10 AM and on *Mondays during the lunch hour* at 12:30 PM. This new service replaces our Sunday evening D.S. and will be a shorter, spoken version of the Sunday service for those who were out of town over the weekend or simply couldn't make it to church on Sunday morning.

Faith Goes to the Theater!

Join us for the Theater in the Round's production of "A Man for All Seasons", a drama about the struggle to remain faithful in the face of threat and persecution. Mentioned by Pr. Bynum in a recent sermon, "A Man for All Seasons" is the story of Sir Thomas More, who was the Chancellor of England under the volatile King Henry VIII. When confronted with the struggle between Henry and Rome, More retired from public life in an attempt to reconcile his duties to country and to God, but Henry would not be so easily satisfied... Watch the weekly announcements for date and time.

Late-Season Valley Fair Outing

Plan to meet us at ULC on Saturday, September 13th, at 9:15 a.m. to carpool to Valleyfair. Check your coupons from summer newspapers, the mail, etc., for discounted admission. Late season coupons for \$19.95 have been in newspapers this summer; as many as six people can get the discounted admission on one coupon. All are welcome to join us, whether students, adults, or children with parents. A sign-up sheet is posted by the coffee machine so you can indicate your plan to attend this event. Questions? Contact Matthew Frahm.

Couples' Bible Study

Couples' Bible Study will meet Saturday, September 13, 2003, at Dennis & Lisa Bauer's home (6365 Red Hawk Trail, Lino Lakes, 651-787-0951). The evening will begin with

a dinner at 5:30 p.m. We will be studying a book by Gerhard Forde entitled "On Being a Theologian of the Cross". Babysitting will be provided. All are invited. Please contact Dennis if you have any questions.

U of M Activities Fairs

The St. Paul Student Center will be the site of that campus' Activities Fair on Wednesday, September 17th, from 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. The Activities Fair for the main (Minneapolis) campus will be Thursday, September 18th, from 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. at Coffman Union. If you would like to help give out information on University Lutheran Chapel and Lutheran Student Fellowship, please contact Jason Havemeier

Patristics at ULC

Are you interested in learning more about the writings of the Early Church Fathers and how they can inform our lives and faith today? Join area pastors and others on the third Monday of each month (beginning September 15th) from 10:30 a.m. to approximately 12:20 p.m. The study begins with Matins.

Lay Academy of Theology - Fall Term

Rev. Paul Bartz will be addressing the subject of creation science at our Lay Academy of Theology this Fall. The Academy will meet Monday evenings from September 22nd through October 13th. Course details and registration materials will be forthcoming.

Faith Goes to the Movies - LUTHER!

Watch upcoming bulletins for an outing to see the new Luther movie on the big screen. We will probably watch the movie and then retire to a comfortable pub or restaurant to ruminate.

Paint the Bridge

September 11th and 12th LSF will paint the LSF/ULC panels on the Washington Ave. footbridge. If you'd like to help, contact Jason Havemeier

For your contemplation: by St. Anselm of Canterbury

God was not obliged to save mankind [by the cross], but human nature needed to make amends to God like this. God had no need to suffer so laboriously, but man needed to be reconciled thus. God did not need to humble Himself, but man need this, so that he might be raised from the depths of hell. The Divine Nature did not need nor was it able to be humiliated and to labor. It was for the sake of human nature that all these things needed to be done, so that it might be restored to that for which it was made. But neither human nature nor anything that was not God could suffice for this. For man cannot be restored to that state in which he was first established unless he is made like the angels in whom there is no sin. And that could not be done unless he received forgiveness for all his sins, and that could not be unless he first made entire satisfaction.

To make such satisfaction it was necessary that the sinner, or someone for him, should give to God of his own something that he does not owe him, and something more valuable than all that is not God. For to sin is to dishonor God, and this no man ought to do, even if it means that all that is other than God should perish. Immutable truth and plain reason then demand that whoever sins should give something better to God in return for the honor of which he has deprived Him, that is more than the supposed good for the sake of which he dishonored Him.

Human nature alone could not do this, nor could it be reconciled without the satisfaction of the debt, nor could the justice of God pass over the disorder of sin in His kingdom. The goodness of God came to help, and the Son of God assumed manhood in His own person, so that God and man should be one and the same person. He had what was above all beings that are other than God, and He took on Himself all the debt that sinners ought to pay, and this when He Himself owed nothing, so that He could pay the debt for the others who owed it and could not pay.

More precious is the life of that Man than all that is not God, and it is more than all the debt that sinners owe in order to make satisfaction for their sins. For His death was more than all that can be thought outside the person of God. It is clear that such a life is more good than all sins are bad. This man, who was not obliged to die for a debt, because He was not a sinner, gave His life of His own accord to the Father, when He allowed His life to be taken from Him, for the sake of righteousness... Thus in Him human nature gave to God something it had of its own, willingly, and not because it was owed. So through Him human nature might be redeemed in the other men who had not that which would pay they debt that they owed.

St. Anselm (c.1033-1109) was a prolific theologian and philosopher. A native Italian who moved to France and took monastic vows, he eventually was made the archbishop of Canturbury in England. The above is from his Meditation on Human Redemption written in the year 1099.

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For God desires to give us this Gospel in its fullness. He does not wish us to be confused or to be a cause of confusion and chaos for others through our ingenuity in worship. He wills instead for us to be edified through good liturgical order and through His gifts. That is, He wills to send His Spirit and build us up with His Gospel and draw us even further into His grace! For this is what liturgy is all about, not the work of the people, but the work of God for His people; the giving of His Gospel and the joy and edification of His holy people. He is not the author of confusion, but of peace; peace won by the life and sacrifice of Christ and now brought forward in time to us, in the assembly of His church, through the means of grace, the very presence of our Lord Jesus among us, to whom belongs honor and glory forever and ever. Amen





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The nave and beyond...

Summertime brought alumni and overseas members back to ULC, including Mark & Andrea Bieberich and infant son Samuel, Marsha Burmeister and daughters, Mark & Trish Bauer and children, Rev. Allan Wierschke, and Rev. & Mrs. Ted Kuster from Kazakstan. ♦ Matt & Monica Frahm attended the installation of Matt's brother and ULC alum Rev. John A. Frahm III at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church near Virginia, MN, in June ♦ Andrea Pitkus travelled to Washington D.C. in July for a health conference, and also to NC where she attended a service at Camp Lutheran led by alumnus Rev. Anton Lagoutine ♦ Rev. Dr. & Mrs. Stephen Wiest returned to their home in Milwaukee during July. Rev. Wiest's health continues to improve, for which we give thanks to God. A Thrivent Fundraiser to help the Wiests with medical costs yielded more than \$1,000. A huge "Thank You!" to all who helped. ♦ We welcome Dr. John Spry into our midst. John is a new professor of Economics in the MBA program at the University of St. Thomas ♦ Carol Hasbargen celebrated her parents 45th wedding anniversary and recently vacationed in Nebraska



visiting family ♦ On Sunday, August 3rd, Tom Klein was received as a communicant member through adult confirmation. Tom and Kristen VanVleet were married at her home congregation in St. Cloud the following weekend. Congratulations, Tom & Kristen! ♦ Several ULC students enjoyed a day at Valleyfair in early August ♦ The Dem-lows were in Oregon visiting family and friends as well as attending a high school class reunion for Barb ♦ We were happy to have Oliver Young's parents visiting from Great Britain during July and August, also Rebecca's sister and brother-in-law, Ruth & Latif Gaba. Latif begins seminary studies this Fall at CTSFW. ♦ Carla Claussen attended the CPH retreat "Now the Preparation, Then the Proclamation" in St. Louis in mid-August, where she also spent some time with alumna Joanna Veith and her sister Mary. ♦ The ULC Montana Backpacking Crew was joined this year by alums Vicar Brian Thorson and Rev. Allan Wierschke as well as Rev. Mick Mathews. At this writing we await hearing "the tale of the trip" over pizza at the Green Mill in St. Paul on August 24th (8:00 p.m.).

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