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**DIVINE SERVICE**  
Sundays 10 a.m.

**PRIVATE CONFES-  
SION & ABSOLUTION**  
Sundays 8-8:30 a.m.

**EVENING PRAYER**  
Wednesdays 7:30 p.m.

**BIBLE STUDIES**  
Sunday Morning Bible  
Class 8:45 a.m.  
II Corinthians

**LSF Sunday Lunch**  
11:30 a.m. every other week  
Topics on Faith  
and University Life

**Women's Bible Study**  
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every other week  
Women of Faith

**Table Talk**  
Dinner & Bible Study  
Wednesdays 6:00 p.m.  
The Traditions and Customs  
of Advent and Christmas

**Didache Class**  
Mondays 7:00 p.m.

**Friday Evening  
Bible Study**  
Christ Have Mercy  
Dec 10, Jan 14, Feb 11

**Patristics Study Group**  
Luther & Augustine  
on the Psalms  
Dec 20, Jan 17, Feb 21

## Enthroned and Proclaimed by Pastor Kind

As one Church Year rolls around to the next and Advent begins again, we set our eyes and our hearts toward a time when there will no longer be a need for Church to preach Christ's word on this earth; to a time when this earth will end and a new heavens and a new earth come forth, in which righteousness dwells; to the time when Christ our King returns on the clouds of Heaven to put an end to all time-keeping; and give the faithful entrance into eternity, entrance into His Kingdom.

St. Matthew says of that great day: "When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him, then He will sit on the throne of His glory." And yet the kingdom of God is already established, and the king already enthroned. For ever since He ascended into Heaven He has been seated at the right hand of the Father Almighty, as we rightly confess in the Creed.

And so we do not need to wait for the Last Day for His kingdom to be established. He rules already. His reign is hidden from our sight it is true; but His reign is active and powerful nonetheless. On the Last Day it will at last be revealed to all.

But it not at His ascension either that Jesus takes up His throne and Kingdom. No, it happened earlier and in a way that was also hidden to this world. The real enthronement of Jesus our Savior happened just outside of Jerusalem at a place called Calvary. And what a strange coronation it was. There was no pomp, no splendor. The procession to the throne was one of torturous pain and anguish; such that people follow in curiosity, shock, anger and sorrow, and women weep for the one who is being crowned. This king is bleeding and suffering; and for a retinue He is accompanied by two thieves, and is led forth by soldiers of another kingdom. Then He is stripped of His clothing, but is given no royal raiment. And thus He is put upon His throne, naked and bleeding, and is hoisted up for all to see. And what homage does He receive? Only the mocking of the leaders of His people who say: "He saved others; let Him save Himself if He is the Christ, the chosen of God" and that of the soldiers too: "If You are the King of the Jews, save Yourself." And then after but a few hours, the king dies.

And above Him was posted a sign which proclaimed the truth: "This is the King of the Jews". But He certainly didn't seem like a king. This is not how kingdoms are supposed to be gained! This is not how royalty is supposed to be treated! Not many that day grasped the truth of that sign. But one man got it. The thief who was being crucified along side of Him, somehow came to faith and understanding. And he addresses Jesus as one would a king, saying: "Lord, remember me when You come into Your kingdom."

Yes, it was precisely through this suffering and death, that the Kingdom of God is established. And in this dying man all the fullness and power of God was dwelling and at work, though hidden from sight. The apostle Paul explains: "it pleased the Father that in Him all the fullness should dwell, and by Him to reconcile all things to Himself, by Him, whether things on earth or things in heaven, having made peace through the blood of His cross."

Already on the cross, the king was beginning to extend His victory to the rest of mankind. Already He was bringing people into His kingdom through His Word of promise and absolution. And now He extends that victory and kingdom to us too. St. Paul says: "He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love, in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins."

He does not wait for the Last Day to bring you into His kingdom, but extends the fruits of His love and sacrifice to you even now.

While on earth, this will remain somewhat hidden to you, which is why it must be preached and taught in order to be known. For you are not yet without sin, and the devil will use that sin to try to convince you that you have no place in Christ's kingdom. But do not listen to Him. Christ has redeemed and forgiven you, and offers that grace to you still. To the faithful He has said: "They shall be Mine... and I will spare them as a man spares his own son who serves him." May He keep us now in this new church year and until the day of His return. Amen. ✠

# Chapel News and Notes...

## Advent Services

Be sure to join us for our Wednesday services during Advent. This year we will focus on Old Testament Theophanies (appearances of God). Our annual Advent Lessons and Carols service will be December 16th. Services are at 7:30 p.m. (There is no service on December 22nd).

## Collecting Coins for Kenya

Please pick up an Advent Coin bank to fill with your spare change during the Advent season. We are collecting the money to purchase text books for Lutheran seminary students in Kenya. Without our help most of these students would never be able to obtain the books they need; books that will also help them in the future when they become pastors of the Church.



## Christmastide at ULC

Christmas Eve, Dec. 24  
7:30 p.m. Divine Service

Christmas Day, Dec. 25  
10 a.m. Festival Divine Service

St. Stephen's Day, Dec 26  
10 a.m. Divine Service

Epiphany, January 6  
7:30 p.m. Festival Divine Service

## Christmas Caroling

You are invited to join us to go Christmas caroling at Presbyterian Homes of Roseville (off County Road D) on Sunday, December 19th at 12:00. We will meet at ULC after the service.

## Christmas Giving Tree

A Christmas "Giving Tree" will soon be set up in the chapel narthex. This year we are hoping to collect money and presents to Kate Stewart-James, a 16 year old LC-MS girl who is a patient at the U of M hospital. Kate is receiving cancer treatment and bone-marrow transplant. You can follow her "story" at [www.caringbridge.org/visit/katystewartjames](http://www.caringbridge.org/visit/katystewartjames). We hope to help brighten her Christmas and help her family with their expenses.

## Faith Goes to the Movies

LSF students, each month we get together to watch a good movie and then discuss its implications (theological, historical, ethical, cultural, etc.) We meet on a Thursday night at 8:00 p.m. Popcorn and snacks are always provided. Here's what's playing in the near future:

Dec. 2 - The Ultimate Gift

Feb. 3 - Seven Pounds

Mar. 3 - The Mission

## The Poet's Corner by Rev. Mark Preus

What is all the darkness we wander in  
But scourings of our shame and all our sin?  
What light do I have with a carnal mind,  
Which knows nor what to hope nor what to find?

If I have let the devil rule my limbs,  
Then I've made him my lord and I'm his slave.  
His slaves are subject to his wicked whims,  
He leads to death and meets us in the grave.

Against this tyranny, this darkest rule,  
God sent into the flesh His only Son,  
Who suffered for the sins that we have done  
When God made Light and Wisdom play the fool

In darkness on the cross where all my guilt  
Was poured on Him whose blood for me was spilt.

And if I see God's Law condemning me,  
If I must pay for every sin I see,  
If blessing is but for the undefiled,  
I look to Mary and her blessed child,

For when the fullness of the time was come,  
When death and grave were all that sinners saw,  
God sent His Son, born of the Virgin's womb,  
To buy us back from underneath the Law.

The government was on His shoulders then,  
Requiring Him to love for all of us,  
He loved for us, fulfilled all righteousness,  
And took and suffered for our every sin.

The light has dawned; though sins would make me mourn,  
I laugh and join the angels. Christ is born! ✠

*Pastor Preus is an alumnus of ULC and serves as pastor of Faith Lutheran Church in Plano, Texas. For more of Pastor Preus's poetry, visit his blog "Lutheran Hymn Revival" at [revivelutheranhymns.blogspot.com](http://revivelutheranhymns.blogspot.com)*

# For your contemplation by St. John Chrysostom

## LSF Ice-Skating

We'll be going Ice Skating at the Cook Ice Arena in Coon Rapids from 6 to 8 p.m. The cost is \$3 for students plus \$2 for skate rental. Please RSVP to Rebekah Windschitl - roser010@umn.edu - if you plan to go so we can better arrange transportation

## Serving in the Service

Would you like to be more involved in the liturgy of the Church? You can be by serving as a liturgical assistant, musician, or altar guild member.

If you would like to be a liturgical assistant, you can serve as a crucifer, thurifer, torch-bearer, book-bearer, or usher. See Glen Meints if you are interested in this.

Musicians, we are always looking for people to offer up their musical talents for the service. Please see Randy Martens if you would like to play or Jeff Brueske if you would like to join the choir.

Do like working behind the scenes? Then Altar Guild is for you. See Carol Hasbargen if you are interested.

Behold a new and wondrous mystery. My ears resound to the Shepherd's song, piping no soft melody, but chanting full forth a heavenly hymn. The angels sing. The arch-angels blend their voice in harmony. The cherubim hymn their joyful praise. The seraphim exalt His glory. All join to praise this holy feast, beholding the Godhead here on earth, and man in heaven. He who is above, now for our redemption dwells here below; and he that was lowly is by divine mercy raised.

Bethlehem this day resembles heaven; hearing from the stars the singing of angelic voices; and in place of the sun, enfolds within itself on every side, the Sun of Justice. And ask now how: for where God wills, the order of nature yields. For



He willed, He had the power, He descended, He redeemed; all things move in obedience to God. This day He who is, is Born; and He who is, becomes what He was not. For when He was God, He became man; yet not departing from the Godhead that is His. Nor yet by any loss of divinity became He man, nor through the increase became He God from man; but being the Word He became flesh, His nature, because of impassibility, remaining unchanged.

*St. John Chrysostom lived from (c.349-407) and was Bishop of Constantinople. One of the Doctors of the Eastern Church, he is best known for his preaching which earned him the nickname "Chrysostom" meaning "golden mouth". ✠*

## Common Chest

From someone who uses the Common Chest at ULC:

My family really appreciates ULC's Community Chest. The wheat cereals, jams, and other healthy foods have helped our budgeted kitchen be more diverse and plentiful.

Luke writes in his fourteenth chapter, "Then Jesus said to his host, "When you give a luncheon or dinner, do not invite your friends, your brothers or relatives, or your rich neighbors; if you do, they may invite you back and so you will be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, and you will be blessed. Although they cannot repay you, you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

We would also like to encourage other families facing hard times or tight finances to access this valuable resource. Thank you for your help, support, and faith. - Your brother in Christ

The Common Chest is located in the ULC undercroft (basement), and is open to all students and families.

## Rides to Church

It's cold outside! Why not take advantage of a free ride to and from church on Sundays (while the U of M and/or CSP is in session). Shuttle drivers will meet students at:

Centennial Hall (superblock) - 9:30 a.m.

Middlebrook Hall - 9:45 a.m.

Bailey Hall - 9:15 a.m.

Concordia (by Luther statue) - 9:30 a.m.

## Babysitting for Christmas Shoppers

Hey parents, need some time away from the kids, maybe do some Christmas shopping, or just get away for few hours? Rebekah Windschitl and Karen Henke will be providing babysitting on Saturday, December 11th from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at ULC to help raise money for their mission trip to Haiti. A sign-up sheet will be posted soon. See Karen or Rebekah for details.



*Pastor George Borghardt spoke to our students at the annual Fall Study Weekend in October.*

## Chapel Directory

A new chapel directory is available from the narthex table (by the chapel office) The directory will be updated again in January, so if you would like to have an updated picture of your family, please email one to Pr. Kind before January 23rd.



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## The Nave and Beyond

Congratulations to Ted and Laura Leonard on the birth and baptism of their son, Nathaniel. ♦ Welcome back to alumnus and new member Sarah Jacobson. ♦ Congrats to Rosa Linke and Bill Summers who are engaged to be married in April; also to Rosa's sister, ULC alumnus Reena Linke, who is engaged to be married in February. ♦ We rejoice with Doug and Susan Denzler and to Matt and Rachel Rothchild. Both couples are expecting. ✕



The ULC youth group got together to carve some pretty cool pumpkins before Halloween.

## A Good Read from the Wilhelm Loehe Library at ULC

Ever wonder what the early Christians thought about the Sacraments, or how the churches of that time administered them? The Loehe Library has several books on the subject. These ones are among the best:

*Eucharist and Church Fellowship in the First Four Centuries* by Werner Elert. In this study of the communion practices of the early church, Elert shows how important unity was in the Christian congregation and to the Church at large; and how closed communion was seriously practiced and enforced by the whole Church.

*The Eucharist* by Daniel Sheerin - This is a study of the theology and practice of the Sacrament of the Altar during the early church period using excerpts from the writings of the church fathers.

*Infant Baptism in the First Four Centuries* by Joachim Jeremias - This study presents the evidence that the early church practiced infant baptism and discusses the practice and how it came under attack in the 4th century.

Find more by searching our catalog at [ulcmn.org](http://ulcmn.org). ✕



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