Spirit of the Redeemer

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The Ordinaries in the Divine Service

Confessional Lutheran congregations see great value in the historic liturgy. Our Lutheran Confessions state, "We also keep traditional liturgical forms, such as the order of readings, prayers, vestments, and other similar things" (Ap XXIV 1).

The liturgy is made up of propers and ordinaries. The propers are the "parts of the service that change according to the Sunday or festival of the Church Year, for example, the Introit and the Scripture readings" (Just, *Heaven on Earth,* CPH, p. 306). The ordinaries are the "parts of the service that remain the same each week, for example, the Kyrie and the Sanctus" (Just, *Heaven on Earth,* CPH, p. 306). Basically, the ordinaries are like the skeleton of the Service of the Word and the Service of the Sacrament. Even more, the ordinaries are the responses of the congregation in the very words and theology that come from God. Dr. Arthur Just says, "The ordinaries are what we, the people of God, do in response to the gifts received. In a sense, this is our worship. This is where we give praise and thanksgiving to God, and they are fundamental to the worship life of the Church" (https://media.ctsfw.edu/Video/ViewDetails/1495). Just maintains:

> The ordinaries form the core of our acknowledgment of gifts received with eager thankfulness and praise. This means that Christ stands not only as the giver of gifts in Word and Sacrament but also as the one in whom we respond back to the Father with eager thankfulness and praise. The Church placed these ordinaries where they are to respond to the reality of Christ's presence in Word and Sacrament, that is, the ordinaries are where they are for both liturgical and theological reasons (Just, *Heaven on Earth,* CPH, p. 188).

In the early Christian communities, the ordinaries were the **Kyrie** and **Gloria in Excelsis** that made up part of the entrance rite in the Service of the Word, and the **Sanctus** and the **Agnus Dei** in the Service of the Sacrament. In the medieval period the **Creed** became an ordinary of the liturgy, and, in the post-Reformation period, the **Hymn of the Day** was then considered an ordinary (though it is a different selection for every service) (https://media.ctsfw.edu/Video/ViewDetails/1495).

In our Midweek Lenten Services, we plan on exploring the ordinaries that form the core of our responses in the liturgy: **Kyrie, Gloria in Excelsis, Creed, Sanctus, Agnus Dei**.

The following is the Midweek Service schedule:

Ash Wed., Mar. 2 – **A Call for Repentance** – Joel 2:2-19

The Ordinaries in the Divine Service

Wed., Mar. 9 – **Kyrie** – Luke 18:35-43

Wed., Mar. 16 – **Gloria in Excelsis** – Luke 2:8-14
Pulpit Exchange – Guest Preacher Rev. Greg Bauch, Ascension

Wed., Mar. 23 – **Creed** – Romans 10:5-17

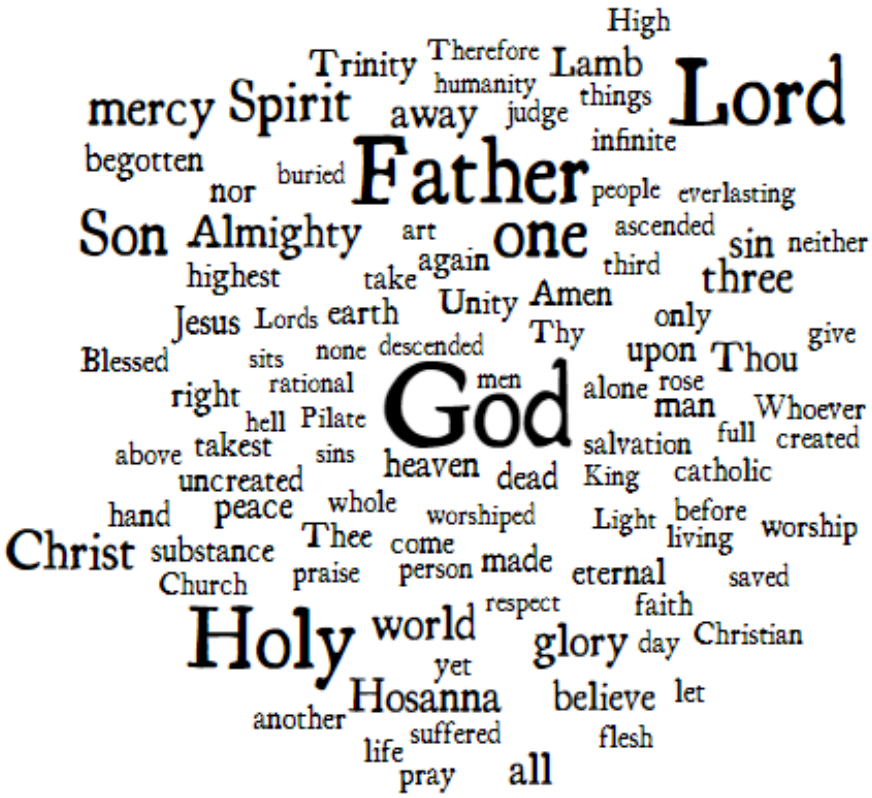
Wed., Mar. 30 – **Sanctus** – Psalm 118:25-29
Pulpit Exchange – Guest Preacher Rev. Greg Bauch, Ascension

Wed., Apr. 6 – **Agnus Dei** – John 1:29-42a

Please note that there will be a Pulpit Exchange with Pastor Greg Bauch from our sister congregation Ascension Lutheran in Madison, TN. We pray that both congregations are edified by this joint sermon series.

All services are at 7:00 p.m. A fellowship meal precedes each service at 6:00 p.m.

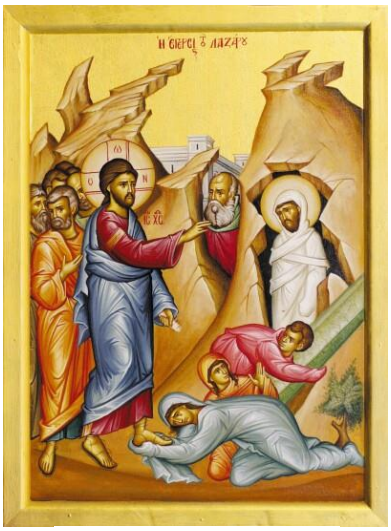
– Pastor Young



(Above is a word cloud, a visual frequency representation, of the Ordinaries of the Divine Service, as found in Lutheran Service Book (CPH 2006) in Divine Service Setting One (p.151) and Divine Service Setting Three (p.184). The Apostle's, Nicene, and Athanasian Creeds are all included. The larger the word, the more often it appears in the text.)

Ongoing Prayer Needs

Please update Pastor and the church office on these needs.



Jesus Raises Lazarus from the Dead

Hope of The Eternal Life in Christ

Almighty, everlasting God, Your Son has assured forgiveness of sins and deliverance from eternal death. Strengthen us by Your Holy Spirit that our faith in Christ may increase daily and that we may hold fast to the hope that on the Last Day we shall be raised in glory to eternal life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

LSB Altar Book p.453

Proper Preface for the Season of Lent

It is truly good, 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, who overcame the assaults of the devil and gave His life as a ransom for many that with cleansed hearts we might be prepared joyfully to celebrate the paschal feast in sincerity and truth. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

LSB Altar Book p.230

For the Month of March

Birthdays

Baptismal Birthdays

Wedding Anniversaries

Gradual for Lent

[O come, let us fix our
eyes on] | Jesus,*
The founder and
perfecter | of our faith,
who for the joy that was set before him
endured the cross, despise- | ing the shame,*
and is seated at the right hand
of the | throne of God.

Hebrews 12:2

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JANUARY 2022 MONTHLY KUSAAL LUTHERAN MISSION NEWS AND PRAYER NEEDS

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"As long as it is day, we must work the works of Him who sent me, night is coming when no one can work" (John 9:4).

Greetings: Epiphany greetings from your brothers and sisters in the Upper East Region of Ghana. I hope your Christmas was filled with joy, peace and love of God.

Baptisms: Eight baptisms were made by Rev. Joseph Asaana and Mark Awidaan at Immanuel, St. John, Redeemer and Ebenezer Lutheran Churches. So far as many as 25 adults are in the pre-baptism classes and God willing they would be baptism during the Easter convention.

Leadership training: We have at least four young men who could be lay leaders when new churches are opened. We hope the conflict in Bawku (chieftaincy) would soon end to enable us plan to start 2 new churches. Meanwhile, there is need for bicycles for our leaders in the leadership class. How blessed it would be to have at least 15 bicycles for the young leaders so that they can attend the training classes and also visit their churches at least twice a week.

Evangelism/Outreach: Pastor Maslin Atubiga led the team to participate in house-to-house evangelism at Zuuku where three people in the community came to church. More than 80 people heard the Gospel.

Radio broadcast program: A curfew has been imposed in the Bawku area and also a ban on riding of motor cycles. The church is blessed as all of us are safe in the Lord. Because of the curfew and the ban, there are challenges for the radio broadcast teams who have to ride bicycles and return home before 9pm on Sundays. Travelling and the ministerial work is difficult for me since the ban on motor bike riding was imposed.

Seminarians return to seminary: Seminarians John Abande and Michael Akparibo having enjoyed the Christmas celebration and beginning of the new year with us have returned to seminary. They visited churches and held several meetings with the youth motivating them to serve the Church.

New Pastor and Deaconess in training: Mr. Jacob Abugri and Madam Cynthia Akudugu are taking on line courses with Wesfield House, UK. Hopefully they would complete in 2023 where Jacob may be ordained as a pastor and Cynthia a deaconess. What a blessing it would be to have these two trained staff and the two seminarians join the already four pastors to serve the Upper East.

Chapel buildings:

1. St. James Lutheran Church chapel is a mud-walled chapel built 2 years ago. Already the walls have started cracking and may collapse in a year or two. By the grace of God we have laid a cement blocks for the construction of cement block permanent chapel building.
2. There is need for the flooring of Ebenezer Lutheran Church chapel. We pray to have funds to purchase stones, sand and cement to floor the chapel.
3. Redeemer Lutheran Church chapel has been plastered and painted to the glory of God.

Concordia Preparatory School (CPS): The Lord is blessing the children as there is tremendous growth in their spiritual lives. Every Thursday nearly one hour is spent during morning assembly for students to hear the Word, pray and sing hymns. The needs of the school include textbooks, classrooms and additional support for the hardworking teachers to go the extra mile in teaching Christian education after school hours.

LeadaChild training of CPS teachers: The world is a global village! The executive director of LeadaChild, Dr. Frusti was able to organize a zoom presentation for nearly 30 teachers of Concordia Preparatory School. The presentation guided the teachers to become better Christian education teachers for the kids.

Multi-Purpose Building Project for the Church: There is progress in the continuation of the multi-purpose building at St. John's Lutheran Church. The pillars are raised and enough cement blocks have been laid for the building.

Death: Three deaths were recorded. Madam Hanna Awini of St. Matthew, Veronica Ayinga and Margaret Azaare both of St. Luke. Their earthly lives are examples for us. They served faithfully as women leader, treasurer, and women leader respectively in the congregations.

Thanksgiving and Prayer Needs:

1. Praise the Lord for the support Ghana Harvest provides for the weekly radio program, evangelism, leadership training, textbooks for CPS, construction of classrooms for CPS, etc.

2. Praise the Lord for the individuals who have provided funds for building the multi-purpose building to the level it has reached so far.

3. Pray for the weekly leadership training class that meets on Saturdays.

4. Pray for the seminarians and their families.

5. Pray for the construction of additional classrooms for Concordia Preparatory School.

6. Pray that Concordia Preparatory gets more textbooks for the students.

7. We praise the Lord for the support given by LeadaChild to enhance Christian Education at CPS and other schools in northern Ghana.

8. Pray for more support for the construction of the multi-purpose building for the church. The church is growing and the need for such a building is important.

9. Pray for peace in Bawku area as there is chieftaincy conflict between Kusasis and Mamprusis. Pray that the conflict does not cripple the Lord's work among the people.

10. We thank and praise the Lord for your active participation and support in the Ghana mission and ministry with your prayers, encouragement and monetary gifts.

*This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers. If anyone has material possessions and sees his brother in need but has no pity on him, how can the love of God be in him? (*1 John 3:16-17)

Pastor Nicholas Salifu

Lent

Begins on Ash Wednesday.
Ends with midday prayer on Holy Saturday.

The resurrection of Jesus is our great salvation. To prepare to celebrate the Feast of the Resurrection (Easter), the Church sets aside a preparation. In AD 325, the Council of Nicaea recorded the first reference to the specific number of days for Lent: forty. This forty-day preparation was first prescribed for baptismal candidates and became known as Lent (from the Old English word for "sprint"). During this period, the candidates were examined in preparation for Baptism at the Easter (or Paschal) Vigil. Later, these forty days were associated with Jesus' forty days in the desert prior to His temptation (Matthew 4) and with the forty years the children of Israel spent in the wilderness (Numbers 14:34) and became a period of preparation for every Christian.

Ash Wednesday begins the observance of Lent. The placing of ashes on the forehead is a sign of penitence and a reminder of human mortality. The Sundays during this season are not "of Lent" but "in Lent." Thus the Sundays retain an Easter tone and may be less solemn than the midweek services that congregations typically offer. The observances of Lent are concrete reminders of the greater solemnity of this season, yet Lutherans emphasize the Gospel of Christ as central even to this penitential season.

(*Treasury of Daily Prayer*, CPH 2008, p.10)

A Simple Way To Pray
Martin Luther

Prayer, the Lord's Prayer, the 10 Commandments, and the Creed.
A Letter to His Barber, Master Peter Beskendorf, Spring 1535
(Continued from February.)
https://wmpl.org/filed/resources/public/Literature/ASimpleWaytoPray.pdf
(Available for purchase at Concordia Publishing House.)

The fifth petition. "Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us." Say: "O dear Lord, God and Father, enter not into judgment against us because no man living is justified before thee. Do not count it against us as a sin that we are so unthankful for thine ineffable goodness, spiritual and physical, or that we stray into sin many times every day, more often than we can know or recognize, Psalm 19. Do not look upon how good or how wicked we have been but only upon the infinite compassion which thou hast bestowed upon us in Christ, thy dear Son. Grant forgiveness also to those who have harmed or wronged us, as we forgive them from our hearts. They inflict the greatest injury upon themselves by arousing thy anger in their actions toward us. We are not helped by their ruin; we would much rather that they be saved with us. Amen." (Anyone who feels unable to forgive, let him ask for grace so that he can forgive; but that belongs in a sermon.)

The sixth petition. "And lead us not into temptation." Say: "O dear Lord, Father and God, keep us fit and alert, eager and diligent in thy word and service, so that we do not become complacent, lazy, and slothful as though we had already achieved everything. In that way the fearful devil cannot fall upon us, surprise us, and deprive us of thy precious word or stir up strife and factions among us and lead us into other sin and disgrace, both spiritually and physically. Rather grant us wisdom and strength through thy spirit that we may valiantly resist him and gain the victory. Amen."

Amen, that is, so shall it be.
Make strong our
faith in You, that we
May doubt not but
with trust believe
That what we ask we
shall receive.
Thus in Your name and
at Your Word
We say,
"Amen, O hear us, Lord!"
Our Father, Who from Heaven Above
LSB 766:9

The seventh petition. "But deliver us from evil." Say: "O dear Lord, God and Father, this wretched life is so full of misery and calamity, of danger and uncertainty, so full of malice and faithlessness (as St. Paul says, "The days are evil") that we might rightfully grow weary of life and long for death. But thou, dear Father, knowest our frailty; therefore help us to pass in safety through so much wickedness and villainy; and, when our last hour comes, in thy mercy grant us a blessed departure from this vale of sorrows so that in the face of death we do not become fearful or despondent but in firm faith commit our souls into thy hands. Amen."

Finally, mark this, that you must always speak the Amen firmly. Never doubt that God in his mercy will surely hear you and say "yes" to your prayers. Never think that you are kneeling or standing alone, rather think that the whole of Christendom, all devout Christians, are standing there beside you and you are standing among them in a common, united petition which God cannot disdain. Do not leave your prayer without having said or thought, "Very well, God has heard my prayer; this I know as a certainty and a truth." That is what Amen means.

You should also know that I do not want you to recite all these words in your prayer. That would make it nothing but idle chatter and prattle, read word for word out of a book as were the rosaries by the laity and the prayers of the priests and monks. Rather do I want your heart to be stirred and guided concerning the thoughts which ought to be comprehended in the Lord's Prayer. These thoughts may be expressed, if your heart is

rightly warmed and inclined toward prayer, in many different ways and with more words or fewer. I do not bind myself to such words or syllables, but say my prayers in one fashion today, in another tomorrow, depending upon my mood and feeling. I stay however, as nearly as I can, with the same general thoughts and ideas. It may happen occasionally that I may get lost among so many ideas in one petition that I forego the other six. If such an abundance of good thoughts comes to us we ought to disregard the other petitions, make room for such thoughts, listen in silence, and under no circumstances obstruct them. The Holy Spirit himself preaches here, and one word of his sermon is far better than a thousand of our prayers. Many times I have learned more from one prayer than I might have learned from much reading and speculation.

It is of great importance that the heart be made ready and eager for prayer. As the Preacher says, "Prepare your heart for prayer, and do not tempt God". What else is it but tempting God when your mouth babbles and the mind wanders to other thoughts? Like the priest who prayed, "Deus in adjutorium meum intende. Farmhand, did you unhitch the horses? Domine ad adjuvandum me festina. Maid, go out and milk the cow. Gloria patri et filio et spiritui sancto. Hurry up, boy, I wish the ague would take you!" I have heard many such prayers in my experience under the papacy; most of their prayers are of this sort. This is blasphemy and it would be better if they played at it if they cannot or do not care to do better. In my day I have prayed many such canonical hours myself, regrettably, and in such a manner that the psalm or the allotted time came to an end before I even realized whether I was at the beginning or in the middle.

Though not all of them blurt out the words as did the above-mentioned cleric and mix business and prayer, they do it by the thoughts in their hearts. They jump from one thing to another in their thoughts and when it is all over they do not know what they have done or what they talked about. They start with Laudate and right away they are in a fool's paradise. It seems to me that if someone could see what arises as prayer from a cold and unattentive heart he would conclude that he had never seen a more ridiculous kind of buffoonery. But, praise God, it is now clear to me that a person who forgets what he has said has not prayed well. In a good prayer one fully remembers every word and thought from the beginning to the end of the prayer.

So, a good and attentive barber keeps his thoughts, attention, and eyes on the razor and hair and does not forget how far he has gotten with his shaving or cutting. If he wants to engage in too much conversation or let his mind wander or look somewhere else he is likely to cut his customer's mouth, nose, or even his throat. Thus if anything is to be done well, it requires the full attention of all one's senses and members, as the proverb says, "Pluribus intentus, minor est ad singula sensus"-"He who thinks of many things, thinks of nothing and does nothing right." How much more does prayer call for concentration and singleness of heart if it is to be a good prayer!

This in short is the way I use the Lord's Prayer when I pray it. To this day I suckle at the Lord's Prayer like a child, and as an old man eat and drink from it and never get my fill. It is the very best prayer, even better than the psalter, which is so very dear to me. It is surely evident that a real master composed and taught it. What a great pity that the prayer of such a master is prattled and chattered so irreverently all over the world! How many pray the Lord's Prayer several thousand times in the course of a year, and if they were to keep on doing so for a thousand years they would not have tasted nor prayed one iota, one dot, of it! In a word, the Lord's Prayer is the greatest martyr on earth (as are the name and word of God). Everybody tortures and abuses it; few take comfort and joy in its proper use.

(Continued in April

March 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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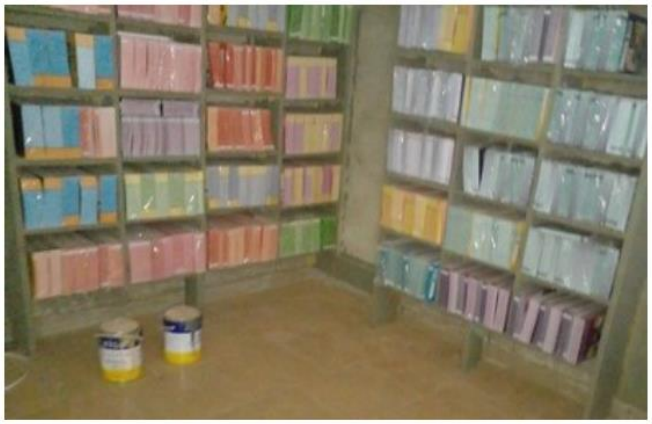
MULTIPURPOSE BUILDING PROGRESS



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"Gender Identity and Religious Liberty"

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Doug Mainwaring
U. S. Bureau Chief for LifeSiteNews
"The Quiet Rise of LGBT Influence in Christian & Conservative Circles"

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President of Luther Classical College and Headmaster of Memorial Lutheran School
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"Worship: It's All about Justification; It's *Not* All about Justification"

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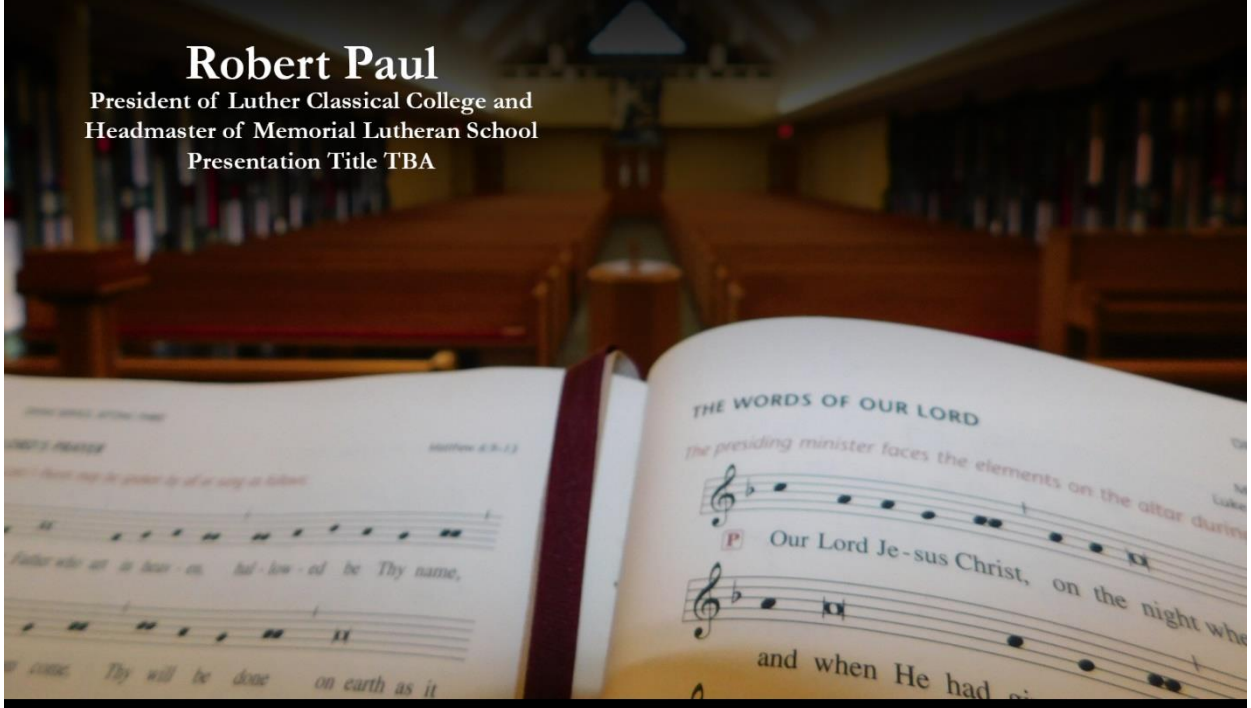

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