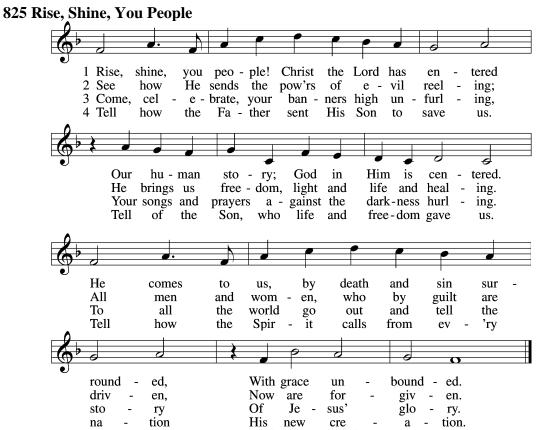
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Stand

Opening Versicles

- L This is the day which the Lord has made;
- C let us rejoice and be glad in it.
- L From the rising of the sun to its setting,
- C the name of the Lord is to be praised.
- L Better is one day in Your courts than a thousand elsewhere;
- C I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked.
- L Make me to know Your ways, O Lord.
- C Teach me Your paths.
- L Sanctify us in Your truth.
- C Your Word is truth.
- L From the rising of the sun to its setting,
- C the name of the Lord is to be praised.

C Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Old Testament Canticle LSB 261

C The Lord God is my strength and my song, and He has become my salvation.

With joy will you draw water from the wells of salvation. And you will say in that day:
"Give thanks to the Lord, call upon His name, make known His deeds among the peoples, proclaim that His name is exalted."

The Lord God is my strength and my song, and He has become my salvation.

Sing praises to the Lord, for He has done gloriously; let this be made known in all the earth. Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitants of Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

The Lord God is my strength and my song, and He has become my salvation.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

The Lord God is my strength and my song, and He has become my salvation.

Sit

Readings From Holy Scripture

Reading *Isaiah* 40:21–31

L A reading from Isaiah, the fortieth chapter.

²⁶Lift up your eyes on high and see:

²¹Do you not know? Do you not hear?
Has it not been told you from the beginning?
Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth?
²²It is he who sits above the circle of the earth, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers;
who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, and spreads them like a tent to dwell in;
²³who brings princes to nothing, and makes the rulers of the earth as emptiness.
²⁴Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown, scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth, when he blows on them, and they wither, and the tempest carries them off like stubble.
²⁵To whom then will you compare me, that I should be like him? says the Holy One.

who created these? He who brings out their host by number, calling them all by name, by the greatness of his might, and because he is strong in power not one is missing. ²⁷Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, "My way is hidden from the LORD, and my right is disregarded by my God"? ²⁸Have you not known? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. ²⁹He gives power to the faint, and to him who has no might he increases strength. ³⁰Even youths shall faint and be weary, and young men shall fall exhausted; ³¹but they who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary;

L This is the Word of the Lord.

they shall walk and not faint.

C Thanks be to God.

¹Praise the LORD! For it is good to sing praises | to our God;* for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is | fitting. ²The LORD builds up Je- | rusalem;* he gathers the outcasts of | Israel. ³He heals the broken- | hearted* and binds | up their wounds. ⁴He determines the number | of the stars;* he gives to all of them their names. ⁵Great is our Lord, and abun- | dant in power;* his understanding is beyond | measure. ⁶The LORD lifts up the | humble;* he casts the wicked | to the ground. ⁷Sing to the LORD with thanks- | giving;* make melody to our God on the lyre! ⁸He covers the heavens with clouds; he prepares rain | for the earth;* he makes grass grow on the hills. ⁹He gives to the | beasts their food,* and to the young ravens | that cry. ¹⁰His delight is not in the strength | of the horse,* nor his pleasure in the legs of a man,

¹¹but the LORD takes pleasure in those who | fear him,* in those who hope in his | 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.

Epistle 1 Corinthians 9:16–27

¹⁶If I preach the gospel, that gives me no ground for boasting. For necessity is laid upon me. Woe to me if I do not preach the gospel! ¹⁷For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward, but not of my own will, I am still entrusted with a stewardship. ¹⁸What then is my reward? That in my preaching I may present the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my right in the gospel.

¹⁹For though I am free from all, I have made myself a servant to all, that I might win more of them. ²⁰To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though not being myself under the law) that I might win those under the law. ²¹To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (not being outside the law of God but under the law of Christ) that I might win those outside the law. ²²To the weak I became weak, that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that by all means I might save some. ²³I do it all for the sake of the gospel, that I may share with them in its blessings.

²⁴Do you not know that in a race all the runners compete, but only one receives the prize? So run that you may obtain it. ²⁵Every athlete exercises self-control in all things. They do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable. ²⁶So I do not run aimlessly; I do not box as one beating the air. ²⁷But I discipline my body and keep it under control, lest after preaching to others I myself should be disqualified.

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

Holy Gospel Mark 1:29–39

²⁹Immediately [Jesus] left the synagogue and entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. ³⁰Now Simon's mother-in-law lay ill with a fever, and immediately they told him about her. ³¹And he came and took her by the hand and lifted her up, and the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

³²That evening at sundown they brought to him all who were sick or oppressed by demons. ³³And the whole city was gathered together at the door. ³⁴And he healed many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons. And he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him.

³⁵And rising very early in the morning, while it was still dark, he departed and went out to a desolate place, and there he prayed. ³⁶And Simon and those who were with him searched for him, ³⁷and they found him and said to him, "Everyone is looking for you." ³⁸And he said to them, "Let us go on to the next towns, that I may preach there also, for that is why I came out." ³⁹And he went throughout all Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out demons.

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

Responsory

- L Forever, O Lord, Your Word is firmly set in the heavens.
- C Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.
- L Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and keep it.
- C Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.

- L Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.
- C Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.

Stand

Ten Commandments

C You shall have no other gods.

You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.

Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.

Honor your father and your mother.

You shall not murder.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

You shall not covet your neighbor's house.

You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

Apostles' Creed

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life T everlasting. Amen.

Lord's Prayer

C 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.

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

Sit

Sermon

Strength Isaiah 40:29-31

The sermon was written by Pastor Mons





Offering

Stand

Prayer

- L In peace let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.
- L For the gift of divine peace and of pardon, with all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.
- L For the holy Christian Church, here and scattered throughout the world, and for the proclamation of the Gospel and the calling of all to faith, let us pray to the Lord:

- C Lord, have mercy.
- L For this nation, for our cities and communities, and for the common welfare of us all, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.
- L For seasonable weather and for the fruitfulness of the earth, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.
- L For those who labor, for those whose work is difficult or dangerous, and for all who travel, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.
- L For all those in need, for the hungry and homeless, for the widowed and orphaned, and for all those in prison, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.
- L For the sick and dying and for all those who care for them, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.
- L For . . . [additional bids for prayer may be inserted here] . . . let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.
- L Finally, for these and for all our needs of body and soul, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Collect of the Day

- L O Lord, keep Your family the Church continually in the true faith that, relying on the hope of Your heavenly grace, we may ever be defended by Your mighty power; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

Collect for the Word

- L Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and take them to heart that, by the patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

Morning Prayer

C I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me.

New Testament Canticle

LSB 266

C Christ has been raised from the dead! Alleluia. Alleluia.

Christ our Passover Lamb has been sacrificed. Raised from the dead, He will never die again. Death has no more dominion over Him.

Christ has been raised from the dead! Alleluia. Alleluia.

Dying, Christ dies to sin, once for all. Living, He lives to God.

Count yourselves as dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus, our Lord.

Christ has been raised from the dead! Alleluia. Alleluia.

Blessing

- L Let us bless the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.
- L The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the T Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve us.
- C Amen.

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Announcements

Conducting the Service this morning is Chapel Chairman Jacob Vogts. Pastor Mons is at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, for a Board of Regents meeting. This particular meeting was extended due to the election of the eleventh president of Concordia Seminary.

In our prayers we pray for, Rev. David Renfro, pastor at Trinity in Cedar Rapids, who is dealing with chronic illness.

Theologian in Residence will be held on Saturday, March 6, 2021. The Rev. Dr. Brian Saunders, President of the Iowa District East, will present on "Conflict: Flee, Flight, Face It"

When Conflicts arise, we have three options at hand. We can flee from it as though it didn't exist. There might be times when this is the wiser move but, in the end, it fails to resolve the issue. We can fight which is seldom if ever the correct way to address conflict. Fighting is reserved for those God has put in positions of authority to do so, like the government for example. The third option is the face it. We will look at biblical examples of reconciling differences and resolving conflicts. In particular we will look at the conflict between Esau and Jacob in Genesis 32-33. From this narrative we will see the value of facing conflict and how important the face is moving toward resolving issues in a biblical way.

The schedule is as follows:

Saturday morning, March 6

- 9:00 AM Matins
- 9:30 12:00 Session 1.
- 12:00 PM Lunch.
- 1:00 PM 2:30 PM Session 2.
- 2:30 PM Vespers

Sunday morning, March 7

- 9:15 AM Session 3.
- 10:30 AM Divine Service

Weekly Service Times

- Sunday at 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM
- Wednesdays at 7:00 PM
- The YouTube livestream will continue on Sunday mornings at 10:30 AM.

Bible Class and Sunday School

- Sunday School meets at 9:15 AM.
- Bible Class meets at 9:15 AM.
- Bible class following the service on Wednesday nights begins at 8:00 PM.
- Please join us for one or the other or both!

COVID Protocol. Out of love for neighbor, each worshiper should be masked. Of course, we understand that this may not be possible for young children.

To maintain social distancing, we must limit the attendance at each service. Given this, we will be holding both a Sunday and Wednesday service, which should allow all who wish to attend the opportunity to attend.

Given space limitations, we are asking people to sign-up for church via http://bit.ly/ServiceSignUpIC

When you sign-up please indicate

- Your name
- If a family, the number of people who will be sitting in one pew. Example: Smith Family 5.
- Common cup or Individual cup.
- Do you need a printed bulletin?

If the online sign-up does not work for you, please call or email the church.

We will continue to live stream the service at 10:30 AM Sundays, via our YouTube page; https://bit.ly/YouTubeLiveStreamIC

Bulletins will be emailed to you, and are available on our website https://stpaulic.com

General Information

Cry Room: If you are in need of a place to go with your children during the service, please feel free to use the bell tower. You will still be able to hear the service from there. Also, there is a changing station in the women's bathroom.

Bulletin Announcements: If you are in charge of an announcement for an event, please have it to the administrative assistant by 9:00 AM on the Thursday before the first Sunday you would like it to run. E-mail it to stpaulschapel.iowacity@gmail.com

Lost and Found! In the student center is a wicker storage cube which is the Chapel's Lost and Found. Any items left in the Chapel will be placed in this container. At the end of each month, the bin will be emptied and its contents will be donated to Good Will. All Chapelites are strongly encouraged to check the Lost and Found periodically so we don't donate something of yours!

Auto Debit Offering Option: If you would like to automate or update your existing auto-offering please visit https://stpaulic.com/giving/ or speak with Chapel Treasurer Jon Kohlmeier treasurer.stpaul@gmail.com

The Van Schedule

Need a Ride to a Chapel Event? The chapel van picks people up for the Divine Service on Sunday and for other events as specified. Rides to and from all other chapel events are available. If you need a ride to and/or from a chapel event please contact us at one of the following:

- stpaulschapel.iowacity@gmail.com
- 319-337-3652
- wmaxmons@gmail.com

Calendar

7 Today Divine Service at 8:00 and 10:30 AM

10 Wednesday Holy Communion at 7:00 PM

Bible class at 7:30 PM

14 Sunday Divine Service at 8:00 and 10:30 AM

Bible class and Sunday school at 9:15 AM

Private absolution is available by appointment.

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