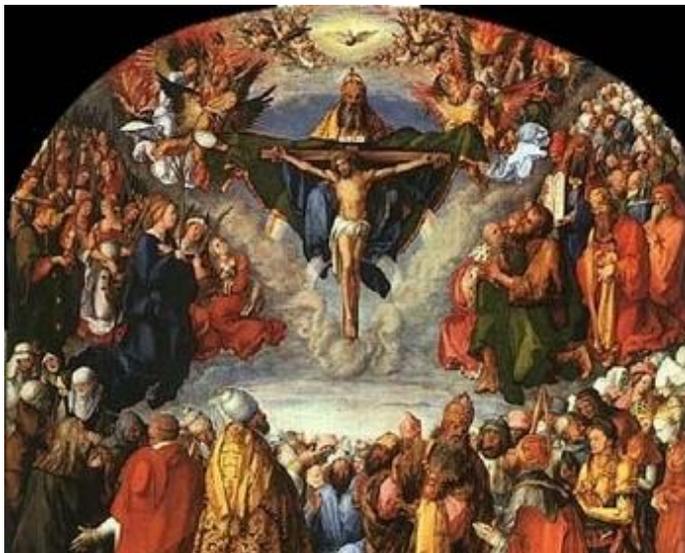


Vicar Nathaniel Brown's Journey

November 2019

Christ is Risen! He is Risen indeed, alleluia! November has flown by for me.

The first of November is All Saints Day, where the Church remembers all those who have faithfully departed this life, and await the second Advent of our Lord Jesus. For me, it has always been a day that is joyful and anticipatory, because the saints who have run with endurance the race of life are an example to follow. This year, the sting of death has softened the joy of this day. For vicarage, we have had one funeral and now we have a young member dying of cancer. I have seen the pain that death and cancer leave, and now All Saints isn't just celebration, but heartbreak and loss as well. Even though these are sad, we remember Paul reminding the Corinthians, "Death is swallowed up in victory. O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?" and we remember Isaiah telling Israel, "He will swallow up death forever; and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces, and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken." These saints who have faithfully departed, we do miss, but we also wait with eager anticipation for the day that our Lord Jesus Christ comes back and will raise us, as He will with those dear brothers and sisters in Christ!



Prayer List:

- For all people, that they may come to the knowledge of Christ and so be saved.
- For all our leaders, that the rules they enact may lead us to quiet and dignified lives.
- That the Church may be strengthened in her mission.
- For the Seminary students in St. Louis and in Ft. Wayne, that they may be able to serve His people faithfully.
- That those who are suffering from depression or loss may find comfort in our Lord Jesus.
- For all pastors and professors that they may be faithful in their service to the Church and to the Scripture
- For all graduates that they may be strengthened in faith as they transition to a different vocation.
- For the saints of Trinity Lutheran in Girard that they may teach me how to be a faithful pastor.

If you have prayer requests, or want to talk, please send them to me!

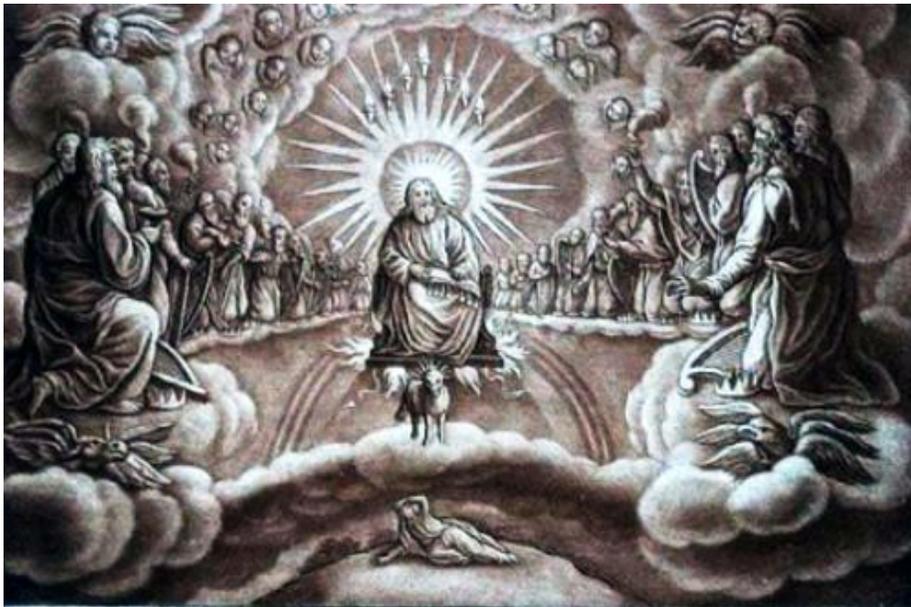
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I have been preaching and teaching some more this month. I preached on 2 Thessalonians a couple of weeks ago. The sermon was about how the Thessalonians were being told that the Day of



the LORD had already come, and the Thessalonians were being deceived into believing this by the worker of lawlessness. That mentality connects to us today, when we see everyone celebrating the day of our LORD's first coming, in Christmas, but that Jesus is coming back, and the day of His second advent is the true day of our LORD's coming.

The men's Bible study just got done with the Gospel according to St. Luke, and began with the Gospel according to St. Matthew. We had a long discussion about the geneology of Christ. Christ's geneology has high points, like Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and including King David in the geneology. It also has some low points, like Bathsheba, the deportation to Babylon, and Rahab. All of this shows that the Christ didn't have a perfect ancestry, nor that His life was a rags to riches type of story. His lineage doesn't matter as much as His perfect life, perfect sacrifice on the cross, and perfect resurrection from the dead. The lineage connects to many stories in the Old Testament, but the focus is ultimately on who this guy is. The man from Nazareth, but born in the kingly city of Bethlehem. The prophet whose way was made straight by John the Baptist. The priest who offered the perfect sacrifice of Himself for us. Jesus Himself. It will be fun to dig into this with our Bible study of Matthew's account of the Gospel in the weeks to come.

It has been a busy month, but fairly stable as well. I am starting to find a weekly routine, which is very nice. My address for the year is **Vicar Nathaniel Brown, 109 West Saint John Street, Girard, KS 66743**. As we approach the end of another Church year, we see how Christ is reigning and we as Christians can't help but proclaim that Christ is risen! He is risen indeed, alleluia!✝

