

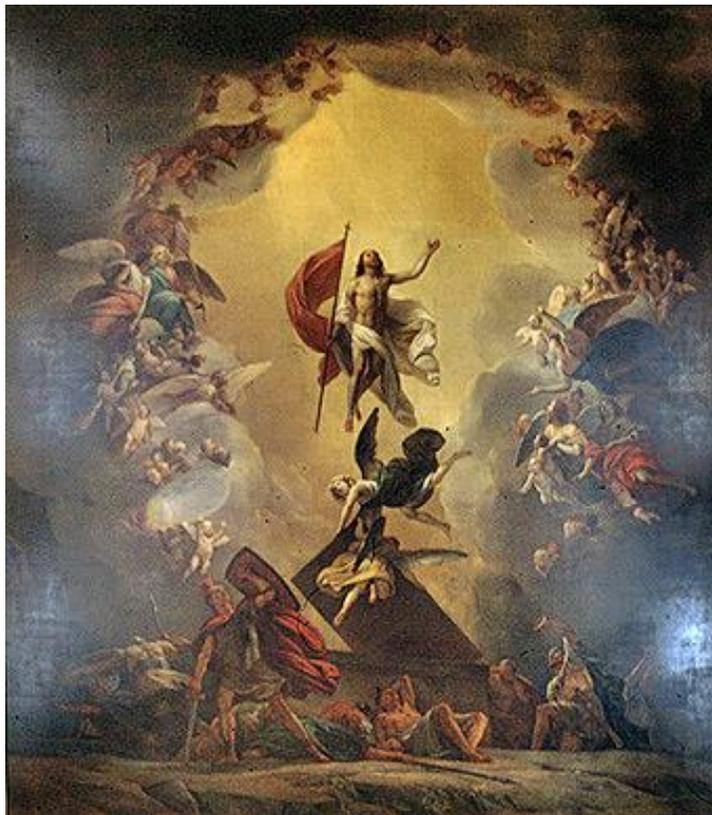
Vicar Nathaniel Brown's Journey

May 2020

Alleluia! Christ is Risen! He is Risen indeed! Alleluia! This month is more of the same in terms of quarantine for use at Trinity. What an Easter season to have lived through. At Trinity, we are still doing livestreaming services and devotions, but reopening is on the horizon, which all of us at Trinity are looking forward to being fully reopen.

This month Trinity found out that they are getting a new vicar, which is wonderful. Pray that he grows and learns as I have, and pray that he doesn't have a world-altering vicarage like I did. Because of the pandemic, we at Trinity have decided to cancel VBS for this year. It is really sad that we needed to do this, but Jesus is still reigning even if we don't have a VBS during this summer.

Speaking of Christ and His reign over creation, we are near the end of the Easter season, and as I write this, this Thursday is when the Church celebrates the Ascension of our Lord. He ascended to rule and reign over all of creation as the rightful



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 Seminaries in St. Louis and in Ft. Wayne, that they may be led faithfully.
- For all those affected by the Coronavirus pandemic, and for all people working to protect others through this.
- 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 into being called and ordained servants of Christ.
- 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! My email is brownn@csl.edu, and my address is: 109 West St. John St. Girard, KS 66743

King. This is a glorious day in the Church, because Jesus reigning over creation is a wonderful picture for us as Christians. Jesus ascended to the Father's right hand, where He has all authority and power, but we know that the Father doesn't have a physical body, so ascending to the Father means that Jesus can be



physical anywhere, and has promised to be physically present in the body and blood. We as Lutherans rightfully have a high view of the Sacrament, and the Ascension of our Lord is just one day in the life of the Church where we can easily recognize the bodily presence of Christ, even with Christ not walking on the earth as He did 2,000 years ago.

I'm also getting back into the mindset of being at the Seminary for fourth year. It is going to be wonderful catching up with the other fourth year guys and telling stories of how each of our congregations worked through this pandemic. There will be plenty of stories going around, and being able to talk about what should have been done with other students and the faculty will be helpful for all of our future calls and being able to minister to people as tragedies, both local and worldwide, strike in the future.

Another Easter season has come and almost gone again, and we will continue to boldly and gladly say Alleluia, Christ is Risen! He is Risen indeed! Alleluia! As you know, my address until July 20 is **Vicar Nathaniel Brown, 109 West Saint John Street, Girard, KS 66743.†**

