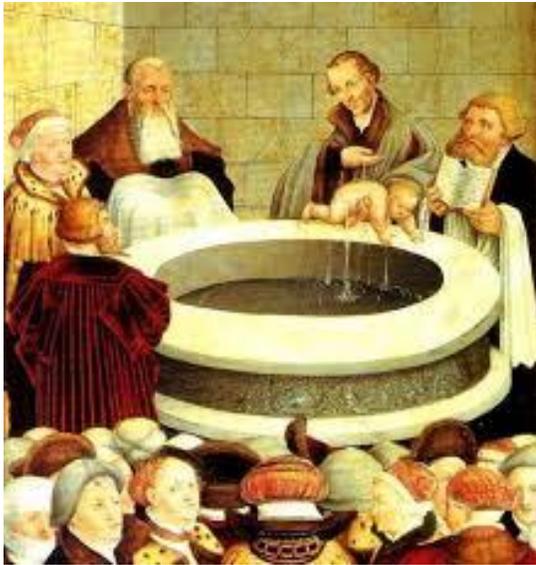


Fourth Year Seminarian Nathaniel Brown's Journey

March 2021

Greetings in our Lord Jesus Christ, our Lord and our crucified Redeemer.

This month has been a strangely busy one for me. Classes have gone smoothly, and I have loved them so



far. My favorite class was my class on Baptism. In the class, we had to look at one of the texts in Scripture that talk about Baptism and look at the Greek to explain the text. We also had a paper on

Baptism as viewed from other denominations and evaluate the good and the bad of how that tradition can be seen through a Lutheran lens.

Also, for this newsletter, I realized that I hadn't talked about the commercialized holidays that we have every February and March in a newsletter before. Yes, St. Valentine's Day and St. Patrick's Day are celebrated every year, but the days are not just to express your love



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 my professors as I complete my fourth year, that they may continue to be a well of knowledge needed in training future pastors.

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

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for your spouse, or to drink a green beer. Saint Valentine was a real person who defied the Roman emperor and was marrying couples because if they were married, the men couldn't



be drafted into service in the Roman army. Valentine was martyred on February 14 via beheading because He said that the government couldn't be in charge of saying who could or could not be married, and that was God's decision. Saint Patrick also was a real person. He was a missionary to Ireland, and there are estimates that he baptized over one hundred thousand people during his time in Ireland. There are many legends about Saint

Patrick, which may or may not be true, but he is closely associated with the shamrock, because of the teaching of the Trinity. We as Lutherans do not pray to either of these saints, or any saints, but we still do look to their examples of how to lead a holy life. Having been born on St. Valentine's Day, I have scoffed at both of these holidays. That is because of the world taking these holidays over and ignoring the message of these saints and their lives. But they are both saints that we should remember and thank God for their example of teaching the truth of God, and for refusing to give up proclaiming Christ and His message to friends and family.



I pray that your lententide journey has been fruitful this year. As we approach the end of another Lenten season, we look to see our Lord hanging dead on a tree. Thankfully, we know the story doesn't end there!! Christ still is risen, but I will wait to say the whole phrase until next month. Next month will be the last month that I won't know where I will be called. Call Day is coming quickly to be sure! I will let you know where I am called, as well as my ordination details, as soon as I know them. My address for the next few months is **Nathaniel Brown, 801 Seminary Place, St. Louis, MO 63105**. God's blessings to all of you! †