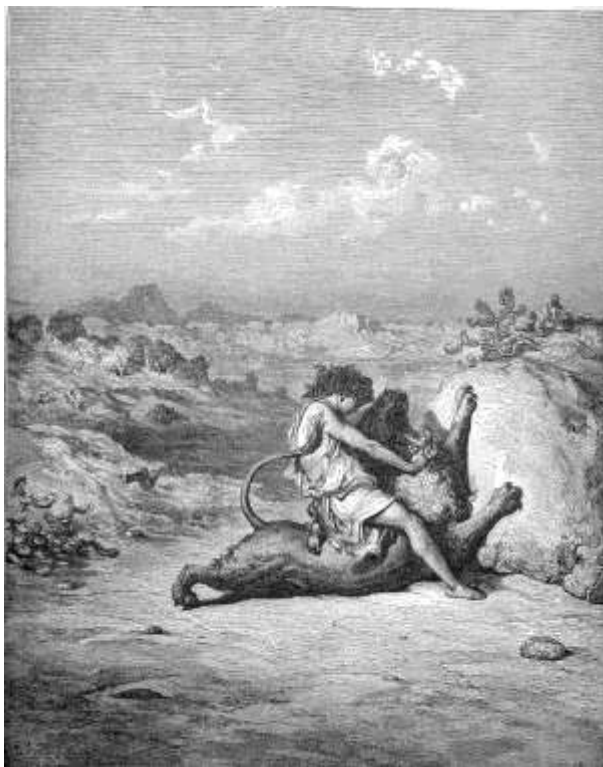


New Hope Lutheran Church
The Third Sunday in Lent
Oculi
March 12, 2023



*But when One stronger than he assails him and overcomes him,
He takes away his armor in which he trusted, and divides his spoil.*

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WE RECEIVE HIS FORGIVENESS IN WORD AND SACRAMENT;
WE PROCLAIM CHRIST CRUCIFIED AND RISEN;
WE SHARE OUR BLESSINGS WITH OTHERS**

Wel come!

We're glad you've joined us as we gather to receive God's gifts of forgiveness, life, and salvation. To prepare for the Divine Service, you are encouraged to pray the prayers inside the front cover of your hymnal. As you prepare for communion, please read the statement on page 8.

Confession and Absolution

Stand

Hymn of Invocation: 614 "As Surely as I Live," God Said

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Amen.**
- P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- C** **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

- P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- C** **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**
- P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Amen.**

Service of the Word

Introit (*Congregation sings text in bold.*)

Psalm 25:1–2, 17–18, 20; antiphon: vv. 15–16



My eyes are ever | toward the LORD,*
for he will pluck my feet out | of the net.

**Turn to me and be gra- | cious to me,*
for I am lonely and af- | flicted.**

To you, | O LORD,*
I lift | up my soul.

**O my God, in you I trust; let me not be | put to shame;*
let not my enemies exult | over me.**

The troubles of my heart | are enlarged;*
bring me out of my dis- | tresses.

**Consider my affliction and my | trouble,*
and forgive | all my sins.**

Oh, guard my soul, and de- | liver me!*

Let me not be put to shame, for I take ref- | uge in you.

**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.**

My eyes are ever | toward the LORD,*
for he will pluck my feet out | of the net.

Turn to me and be gra- | cious to me,*
for I am lonely and af- | flicted.

Kyrie

LSB 152

A In peace let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



C A - men.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.



C And al - so with you.

P Let us pray.

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy, be gracious to all who have gone astray from Your ways and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of Your Word; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Jeremiah 26:1–15

¹In the beginning of the reign of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Judah, this word came from the LORD: ²“Thus says the LORD: Stand in the court of the LORD’s house, and speak to all the cities of Judah that come to worship in the house of the LORD all the words that I command you to speak to them; do not hold back a word. ³It may be they will listen, and every one turn from his evil way, that I may relent of the disaster that I intend to do to them because of their evil deeds. ⁴You shall say to them, ‘Thus says the LORD: If you will not listen to me, to walk in my law that I have set before you, ⁵and to listen to the words of my servants the prophets whom I send to you urgently, though you have not listened, ⁶then I will make this house like Shiloh,

and I will make this city a curse for all the nations of the earth.”

⁷The priests and the prophets and all the people heard Jeremiah speaking these words in the house of the LORD. ⁸And when Jeremiah had finished speaking all that the LORD had commanded him to speak to all the people, then the priests and the prophets and all the people laid hold of him, saying, “You shall die! ⁹Why have you prophesied in the name of the LORD, saying, ‘This house shall be like Shiloh, and this city shall be desolate, without inhabitant’?” And all the people gathered around Jeremiah in the house of the LORD.

¹⁰When the officials of Judah heard these things, they came up from the king’s house to the house of the LORD and took their seat in the entry of the New Gate of the house of the LORD.

¹¹Then the priests and the prophets said to the officials and to all the people, “This man deserves the sentence of death, because he has prophesied against this city, as you have heard with your own ears.”

¹²Then Jeremiah spoke to all the officials and all the people, saying, “The LORD sent me to prophesy against this house and this city all the words you have heard. ¹³Now therefore mend your ways and your deeds, and obey the voice of the LORD your God, and the LORD will relent of the disaster that he has pronounced against you. ¹⁴But as for me, behold, I am in your hands. Do with me as seems good and right to you. ¹⁵Only know for certain that if you put me to death, you will bring innocent blood upon yourselves and upon this city and its inhabitants, for in truth the LORD sent me to you to speak all these words in your ears.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual (*Congregation sings text in bold.*)

Psalm 9:19, 3



Arise, O LORD! Let not | man prevail; *
let the nations be judged be- | fore you!

When my enemies | turn back, *
they stumble and perish before your | presence.

Epistle

Ephesians 5:1–9

¹Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. ²And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

³But sexual immorality and all impurity or covetousness must not even be named among you, as is proper among saints. ⁴Let there be no filthiness nor foolish talk nor crude joking, which are out of place, but instead let there be thanksgiving. ⁵For you may be sure of this, that everyone who is sexually immoral or impure, or who is covetous (that is, an idolater), has no inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God. ⁶Let no one deceive you with empty words, for

because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. ⁷Therefore do not associate with them; ⁸for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light ⁹(for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true).

A This is the Word of the Lord.

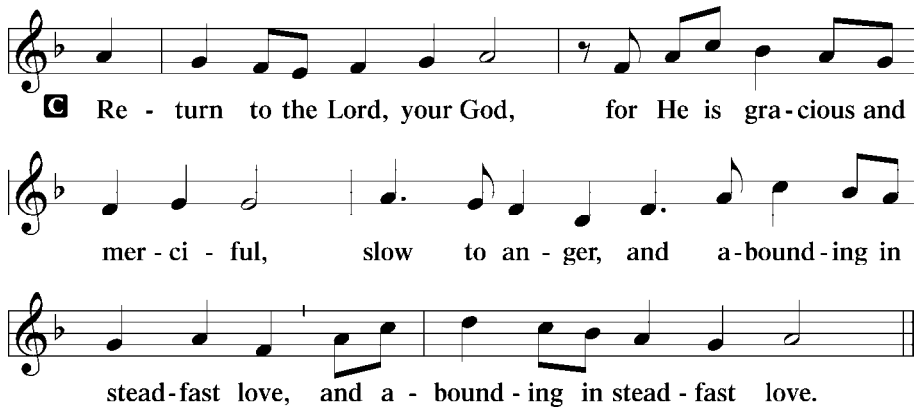
G Thanks be to God.

Hymn: 421 Jesus, Grant That Balm and Healing

Stand

Alleluia and Verse (Lent)

LSB 157



G Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for He is gra-cious and
mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in
stead-fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

Holy Gospel

Luke 11:14–28

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the eleventh chapter.



G Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

¹⁴Now [Jesus] was casting out a demon that was mute. When the demon had gone out, the mute man spoke, and the people marveled. ¹⁵But some of them said, “He casts out demons by Beelzebul, the prince of demons,” ¹⁶while others, to test him, kept seeking from him a sign from heaven. ¹⁷But he, knowing their thoughts, said to them, “Every kingdom divided against itself is laid waste, and a divided household falls. ¹⁸And if Satan also is divided against himself, how will his kingdom stand? For you say that I cast out demons by Beelzebul. ¹⁹And if I cast out demons by Beelzebul, by whom do your sons cast them out? Therefore they will be your judges. ²⁰But if it is by the finger of God that I cast out demons, then the kingdom of God has come upon you. ²¹When a strong man, fully armed, guards his own palace, his goods are safe; ²²but when one stronger than he attacks him and overcomes him, he takes away his armor in which he trusted and divides his spoil. ²³Whoever is not with me is against me, and whoever does not gather with me scatters.

Offertory

LSB 159



What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to
me? I will of - fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv - ing and will
call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-
va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my
vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo-ple, in the
courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

Service of the Sacrament

God's Word states that in the Lord's Supper Jesus offers His true body and blood for the forgiveness of sins (Matt. 26:28), that partaking of this Supper together is a confession of our unity in faith (1 Cor. 10:16–17) and that the body and blood of Jesus can be received to one's harm (1 Cor. 11:27–32). Out of love for those who commune, New Hope Lutheran Church communes only those who

- 1. Have been taught and examined in the Christian faith,*
- 2. Confess their sins and trust in Christ for forgiveness,*
- 3. Have made a public confession of their agreement with us in this one Scriptural faith through membership in this congregation or another congregation of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod.*
- 4. Have spoken with the pastor prior to the service regarding communion.*

If you are not a communicant member of New Hope or another LCMS congregation, you are invited to come up for a blessing; please cross your arms during the distribution.

Preface

LSB 160

P The Lord be with you.



G And al - so with you.

P Lift up your hearts.



G We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



G It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P It is truly good, right, and salutary...evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

LSB 161



G Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:



Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo-ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -



san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

LSB 161

Lord's Prayer

LSB 162

The Words of Our Lord

Pax Domini

LSB 163

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.



C A - men.

Agnus Dei

LSB 163



C Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the



world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the



sin of the world; grant us peace.

Sit

Distribution Hymns: 601 All Who Believe and Are Baptized

824 May God Bestow on Us His Grace

597 Water, Blood, and Spirit Crying

716 I Walk in Danger All the Way

Stand

Nunc Dimittis

LSB 165



C Lord, now You let Your ser-vant go in peace; Your word has been ful -

filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which You have pre -
 pared in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: A light to re -
 veal You to the na - tions and the glo - ry of Your peo - ple Is - ra - el.
 Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Spir - it;
 as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.

Post-Communion Collect

A Let us pray.
 We give thanks to You...one God, now and forever.

C A - men.

Benediction

LSB 166

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
 The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
 The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C A - men.

Hymn to Depart: 656 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God



New Hope News and Notes



March 1-5 Stewardship

Attendance: Lent Midweek: 26
 Sunday Divine Service: 53; Bible Study/Sunday School: 15
 Giving: General Fund: \$2,822 (Amount needed weekly: \$2,966)
 Mortgage: \$353 (Remaining Debt: \$37,838)

Upcoming Events

Today, March 12	New Testament Class, Conf. Room, 11:30 am Service at Ossian Health Care, 1 pm
Monday, March 13	Board of Education, 6:30 pm
Tuesday, March 14	Board of Elders, 4 pm
Wednesday, March 15	Lent Supper, 6 pm Lent Evening Prayer Service, 7 pm Choir Practice, Choir Room, 8 pm
Sunday, March 19	Prayer and Anointing for Healing/Rite of Private Confession and Absolution, 8:15 am Bible Study/Sunday School, 8:45 am Divine Service, 10 am Voters' Meeting, 11:30 am

IN OUR PRAYERS:

Birthdays: Jessica Behning – Mar. 14; Rachel Sponseller – Mar. 16; Maggie Ferrell – Mar. 17.

Military: Denver Burkley (grandson of Joey Septer), Ethan Bearman (cousin of Randy Buuck).

Members and catechumens of our congregation: Marilyn Kimmel, Leona Meyer, Nancy Small, Keith Fuller, Marjorie Johnson, Don Milholland, Janet Fuller, John Hartup, Carol Schumacher, Chris Alfeld, Bryce Bowman, David Hoopengardner, Lynette Esslinger.

Friends and family of the members of our congregation: Rev. Paul Doehrmann; Susan Gaines; Alice Jacobs; Makenzie Webb (granddaughter of Carol Schumacher); Robin Graham (friend of Randy and Diana Buuck); Don Hockemeyer (friend of Dara Phillips); Lynne Kuzeff (sister-in-law of Jeani Klaus); Charles Brown (brother of Sue Hansen); Cole Parker (friend of Tad Steckbeck); Joanna Daniel (Niece of John and Karen Peck); Darlean Schell; Stanley High (son-in-law of Karan Shell); Sherry Bearman (cousin of Bonnie Brandewie); Linda Strait (friend of Diane Garrett); Karen Gerbers (friend of Jeani Klaus); Jerry and Casey (brother and niece of Janet Speed); Sam Aeschliman (uncle of Lori Bauermeister), Lucas Rielsh (nephew of Bonnie Brandewie); Andy Klaus (brother of Diane Garrett and Duane Klaus); Joyce Trczinka (sister-in-law of Marilyn Kimmel).

LIFE QUOTE “The Word became flesh and God made Himself man as an embryo. Jesus took the lowliest form of a servant to leave no human life out.” *Pastor Michael Salemink, Lutherans For Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org* “Hurting from abortion? Word of Hope can help. word-of-hope.org; 888-217-8679.”

TOP PODCASTS IN RELIGION & SPIRITUALITY... Issues, Etc., a radio-talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken, consistently ranks among the Top Podcasts in Religion & Spirituality with Apple Podcasts. You can listen at your convenience at issuesetc.org, the LPR mobile app or your favorite podcast provider.

DEVOTIONS based on this year’s Lenten theme (the Lord’s Supper) are available on a table in the narthex.

HOLY WEEK INVITATIONS – Please consider assisting us in sending invitations to our Holy Week/Easter services to members who have been absent from our church, past visitors and preschool families. Please let Pastor Burfiend know if you are interested in helping.

TODAY is MITE SUNDAY. Please leave your offerings in the baskets by the entry doors.

MARCH 14 PRESCHOOL VOLUNTEER NEEDED to assist the teacher aides while teachers assess individual students. Please sign up in the gym.

MARCH 15-29 - LENT SUPPERS AND SERVICES– During this year’s Lenten observance, we will reflect on the importance of the Lord’s Supper and the practices associated with it. Please join us on Wednesdays at 6 pm for dinner and at 7 for the service.

MARCH 15-29 CHOIR REHEARSALS will follow the midweek Lenten service. Please join the choir as they prepare for Holy Week and Easter.

MARCH 19 – APRIL 2 PRIVATE ABSOLUTION AND ANOINTING WITH OIL FOR HEALING will be offered from 8:15 to 8:40 every Sunday morning during Lent. Private Absolution is a blessing for consciences burdened with sin. This practice is also consistent with the Lutheran Confessions, which state, “Of Confession [the Lutherans] teach that Private Absolution ought to be retained in the churches” (Augsburg Confession, Article XI). Anointing with oil for healing is a rite for those who are sick and is practiced on the basis of God’s Word in James 5:13, which says, “Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord.” (ESV).

MARCH 18, 9 am – THE DECATUR ZONE LWML PRAYER SERVICE will be held at Faith Lutheran Church (3416 E 900 N, Roanoke). A business meeting will follow with a luncheon served by the Faith ladies. The ingathering will be paper products for the Ft. Wayne Seminary. Come and worship with women from sister congregations in our Zone!

MARCH 19, 10:30-1, FISH AND TENDERLOIN LUNCH AND BAKE SALE at Wyneken Lutheran School (11565 US Hwy 27, Decatur). 10:30 am to 1 pm. Dine in or carry-out. \$12.00 adults, ages 6-12 \$6.00, 5 and under - free. Cash or check only. No credit cards.

MARCH 19, 4 pm THE SEMINARY KANTOREI will lead a service of Lenten Evening Prayer in Kramer Chapel at the seminary (6600 N. Clinton St., Ft. Wayne). The Kantorei is a choir of students studying for the pastoral ministry at Concordia Theological Seminary.

MARCH 25 PACKING MEALS at Wyneken Lutheran School and sponsored by Zion, Friedheim. See the bulletin board outside of the gym for more information on volunteering.

MARCH 25, 9 am ALTAR GUILD TRAINING for anyone interested in serving on the Altar Guild and for those who already serve and have questions.

MARCH 26 USHER/GREETER TRAINING after the Divine Service in preparation for Holy Week and Easter

MARCH 29 OPEN HOUSE AND KINDERGARTEN ROUND-UP at Bethlehem Lutheran School in Ossian, 4-6 pm. Families of children who will be entering grades 1-8 next fall are also welcome to visit and consider a Christian education.

APRIL 1, 9:30 am TRAINING for acolytes, crucifers, bookbearers and other service assistants. All boys interested in participating in upcoming services are welcome to attend.

APRIL 2 TRAINING FOR THE STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR – All women interested in participating in the stripping of the altar on Maundy Thursday, please meet in the sanctuary after the Divine Service on Palm Sunday.

APRIL 2 – MAY 28 SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS NEEDED to teach from 8:45 to 9:45 am on Sunday mornings. Please sign up on the sheet in the gym.

APRIL 8 – NEW THIS YEAR! EASTER VIGIL SERVICE, 7 pm – For the first time at New Hope, we will have an Easter Vigil service with Holy Baptism for two new members. This is a unique service that stresses what God did and still does to bring us from death and darkness to light and life. Please join us!

APRIL 13-16th MEN'S GATHERING – Join Lutheran men for a weekend of fun, fellowship, and growth at Camp Lakeview near Seymour, IN. The retreat includes golf, shooting, zip-line, fishing, a great speaker, fellowship, and worship. See www.mensgathering.us for more information. If you have any questions, speak with Erik Schlemmer, Randy Buuck, or John Peck.

APRIL 21 GAME NIGHT, 6 PM - Bring your favorite game and a snack to share!

MAY 19-20 NEW HOPE RUMMAGE SALE sponsored by the Mary Martha Guild. Watch the bulletin for more information.

JUNE 26-29 VBS AT BETHLEHEM, OSSIAN. Please see the flyers on the entrance doors for more information on registering children or volunteering to help.

SEP. 24 MISSION FESTIVAL ON MERCY AND MISSION IN TANZANIA featuring Rev. Peter Brock, who travels to Tanzania to support a seminary and orphanage there.

SERVING THE BODY OF CHRIST:

March 12

Pastor: Rev. Daniel Burfiend
Fieldworker – Sem. Kjetil Homdal
Organist: Amy Schueler
Elder: Tony Bauermeister
Altar Guild: Tina B and Sue Hansen
Coffee Hour: Rosie Burfiend
Sound: Randy Buuck
Ushers: Terry and Tony Bauermeister

March 19 - Lord willing

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The Season of Lent

Our liturgical preparation for Easter takes place through three distinct periods or steps. The first was Pre-lent. The second is Lent which is the time between Ash Wednesday and Judica. The final step is Passiontide and Holy Week.

The third Sunday is called **Oculi**, which means “My eyes.” It also comes from Psalm 25: “Mine eyes are ever toward the Lord, for He shall pluck my feet out of the net.” The Gospel recounts the healing of a deaf and mute man. His eyes were rightly on the Lord.

In Lent, we continue to abstain from the “Alleluias” and Greater Gloria. The color is violet to signify mourning for a monarch. As is the case with all fasting in Christendom, we give things up to subdue our flesh and to enhance our joy in them when they return. For the time comes, indeed, when we shall fast no more.

This season is meant to order our hearts and minds upon not only on the terrible cost of Our Lord’s gracious sacrifice on our behalf but also on His willingness to be our Savior and to reconcile us to His Father. So also, the entire season, as even our entire faith and persons, is observed in the sure and certain knowledge of the Resurrection.

From Martin Luther’s Sermon for Lent 3 – Oculi Luke 11:14-23

17. But when the Stronger Man, the Gospel, comes, peace flees, and he [the devil] rages like a madman, for he resents being condemned, unmasked, punished, and publicly branded. Then he gathers up his armor - the powerful, wise, rich, and holy people - and sets them all to attacking God’s Word, as we see in the persecution of the teachers of the Gospel. Such rage and persecution signify that the devil retires very unwillingly and raves in his whole body; for as he acts in the body and its members when he must depart, so he also behaves in the whole world, resisting with all his power when he is to give place to the Gospel; but it is all in vain, he must be expelled.

18. For a Stronger One, that is, Christ, comes and overpowers him and takes away his whole armor, that is, he converts some of those same persecutors, and to that extent makes him weaker, and His own Kingdom stronger. He divides the spoils too, that is, those He converts He uses for various offices, graces, and works in Christendom, of which Paul writes in Romans 12:6. He is also in the court yard or ante-room of the palace, for the devil’s kingdom consists in outward appearances and pretences of wisdom, holiness, and strength; but when it is captured by the Gospel it is found to consist of pure folly, sin and weakness.