

**Welcome
to Trinity**

#35 Signs of the Fruits of Faith Not as Reliable as Faith Itself

However, these signs cannot be regarded as being as reliable as those noted before since **some heathen too practice these works** and indeed at times appear holier than Christians; yet their actions do not issue from the heart purely and simply, for the sake of God, but they search for some other end because they lack a real faith in and a true knowledge of God. But here is the Holy Spirit, who sanctifies the heart and produces these fruits from “an honest and good heart,” as Christ says in the parable recorded in Matthew 13 [Luke 8:15]. **Since the first table is greater** and must be a holier possession, I have summarized everything in the second table. Otherwise, I could have divided it too into seven holy possessions or seven principal parts, according to the seven commandments.

Now we know for certain what, where, and who the holy Christian church is, that is, the holy Christian people of God; and we are quite certain that it cannot fail us. Everything else may fail and surely does, as we shall hear in part. Men should be selected from this people to form a council; that might be a council ruled by the Holy Spirit. Thus Lyra, too, writes that the church is not to be assessed by the high or spiritual vocations in it, but by the people who truly believe.⁴¹⁸ I am surprised that he was not burned at the stake for these words, for denying that popes, cardinals, bishops, and prelates compose the church; this amounts to abominable heresy, intolerable and offensive to the holy Roman church. More about this elsewhere. (Luther’s Works, v.41, p.167)

Collect of the Day

Grant, we implore You, almighty God, that we who have celebrated the solemnities of the Lord’s resurrection may, by the help of Your grace, bring forth the fruits thereof in our life and conversation; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

The Order of Matins, p.208

- + **Hymn TLH #207** “Like the Golden Sun Ascending”
(printed on back)
- + “O Lord, open my lips...” p.208f
- + Ascription of Praise p.209
- + Easter Invitatory p.209
 - P. “The Lord is risen, indeed. Alleluia!”
 - C. Oh, come, let us worship him.
- + The Venite p.209f
 - “Oh, come, let us sing...”
 - The Easter invitatory is repeated.*
- + **Office Hymn #130** “O Sons and Daughters of the King”
- Psalmody
- Psalm 81
- Readings Ezekiel 37:1-14, 1 John 5:4-10, John 20:19-31
- Responsory for Easter p.213
 - “Sing to the Lord and bless his name...”
- Sermon “The Absolution Kingdom” John 20:21-23
- + Te Deum..... p.214
 - “We praise you, O God...”
- + The Prayers..... p.219
 - Kyrie (“Lord, have mercy...”)
 - Lord’s Prayer
 - Salutation
 - Collect for Easter
 - Special Prayers
 - Collect for Grace
- + Benedicamus/Blessing p.222
- + **Hymn #127** “Jesus Christ is Risen Today”
- + **Hymn #123** “Christ Jesus Lay in Death’s Strong Bands”

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Like the Golden Sun Ascending

Acts 2: 32
 Som den gyldne Sol frembryder
 Thomas Kingo, 1689, cento
 Tr., George T. Rygh, 1908

8. 7. 8. 7. 7. 8. 8.

Werde munter
 Johann Schop, 1642

1 Like the gold - en sun as - cend - ing, Break - ing thro' the
 2 Thanks to Thee, O Christ vic - to - rious! Thanks to Thee, O

gloom of night, On the earth his glo - ry spend - ing So that
 Lord of Life! Death hath now no pow - er o'er us, Thou hast

dark - ness takes to flight, Thus my Je - sus from the grave
 con - quered in the strife. Thanks be - cause Thou didst a - rise

And Death's dis - mal, dread - ful cave Rose tri - um - phant Eas - ter
 And hast o - pened Par - a - dise! None can ful - ly sing the

morn - ing At the ear - ly pur - ple dawn - ing.
 glo - ry Of the res - ur - rec - tion sto - ry. A - men.

3 Though I be by sin o'ertaken,
 Though I lie in helplessness,
 Though I be by friends forsaken
 And must suffer sore distress,
 Though I be despised, contemned,
 And by all the world condemned,
 Though the dark grave yawn before me,
 Yet the light of hope shines o'er me.

4 Thou hast died for my transgression,
 All my sins on Thee were laid;
 Thou hast won for me salvation,
 On the cross my debt was paid.
 From the grave I shall arise
 And shall meet Thee in the skies.
 Death itself is transitory;
 I shall lift my head in glory.

5 Grant me grace, O blessed Savior,
 And Thy Holy Spirit send
 That my walk and my behavior
 May be pleasing to the end;
 That I may not fall again
 Into Death's grim pit and pain,
 Whence by grace Thou hast retrieved me
 And from which Thou hast relieved me.

6 For the joy Thine advent gave me,
 For Thy holy, precious Word;
 For Thy Baptism, which doth save me,
 For Thy blest Communion board;
 For Thy death, the bitter scorn,
 For Thy resurrection morn,
 Lord, I thank Thee and extol Thee,
 And in heaven I shall behold Thee.