

Divine Service I, p.136

**Welcome
to Trinity**

**#41 The External Means of Grace Commanded,
Instituted, and Ordained by God**

Therefore the *ecclesia*, “the holy Christian people,” does not have mere external words, sacraments, or offices, like God’s ape Satan has, and in far greater numbers, but it has these as commanded, instituted, and ordained by God, so that he himself and not any angel will work through them with the Holy Spirit. They are called word, baptism, sacrament, and office of forgiveness, not of angels, men, or any other creature, but of God; only he does not choose to do it through his unveiled, brilliant, and glorious majesty, out of consideration for us poor, weak, and timid mortals and for our comfort, for who could bear such majesty for an instant in this poor and sinful flesh? As Moses says, “Man shall not see me and live” [Exod. 33:20]. If the Jews could not endure even the shoes of his feet on Mount Sinai, that is, the thunder and the clouds, how could they, with their feeble eyes, have endured the sight of the sun of his divine majesty and the clear light of his countenance? No, he wants to work through tolerable, kind, and pleasant means, which we ourselves could not have chosen better. He has, for instance, a godly and kind man speak to us, preach, lay his hands on us, remit sin, baptize, give us bread and wine to eat and to drink. Who can be terrified by these pleasing methods, and wouldn’t rather delight in them with all his heart? (Luther’s Works, v.41, p.171)

**Weekly
Calendar**

TODAY -Children and Adult Bible Studies, 9 AM
-Divine Service, 10:15 AM

MONDAY -Pastor’s Day Off

SATURDAY -At-Risk Service of ten people, 7 PM
-Private Confession & Absolution, 8:00-8:30 PM

NEXT -THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

SUNDAY -Adult and Child Bible Studies, 9:00 AM
-Divine Service-Lord’s Supper, 10:15 AM

THE PREPARATION

- + Hymn #173
- + Invocation..... p.136
- + Confession/Absolution p.136-137

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

- + Introit..... (insert)
- + Kyrie, Gloria in Excelsis... p.137ff
- + Salutation..... p.139
- + Collect of the Day... (insert)
- Old Testament Reading
- Gradual..... (insert)
- Epistle
- + Alleluia Verse..... (insert)
- + Holy Gospel..... p.140-141
- Athanasian Creed..... p.134-135**
(Spoken Responsively)
- Hymn of the Day..... #157**
- Sermon
- “Nicodemus Seeks Truth” Jn 3:3
- + Offertory: "Create in Me..." p.143
- + Prayer of the Church..... p.144

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

- + Preface, etc. p.144-151
- Distribution & Hymns**
- Communion Psalm (by cantor)
- #214, #243, #166, #171**
- + “Lord, now you let ...” p.152
- + Post-Communion Collect p.153
- + Benedicamus..... p.154
- + Benediction..... p.155

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Prayer for the Church

Thanksgiving. --that the Triune God has revealed Himself in love by creating us in His image and by directing heaven and earth for our preservation, as love by sending the Son for us and our salvation, and with love by sanctifying us in the waters of Holy Baptism.

The Church and her servants.-- Separate your church from all who do not acknowledge the Holy Trinity as the one true and living God, that we might share in your eternal glory and be delivered from error and its paths which lead to death. Use our confession of the truth to bring the lost and erring to the new birth of water and the Spirit so that Jesus is lifted up.

--that all pastors in Christ, that James Heiser, our bishop, that our pastors Michael D. Henson and Gary K. Harroun, would guard and defend Scriptural teaching and practice so that all congregations may be one as the Triune God is one.

--Bless our Director Keely Gelso, teachers, staff, and the children enrolled in our Center.

The nations of the world and their rulers.—We commend to your care our president, Donald Trump, our governor, J.B. Pritzker, our mayor, Steve Frattini, as well as the civil servants and police of this community, that those who have been entrusted with community affairs may administer them in good faith. Grant that they would make, judge, and enforce our laws with integrity and clarity of mind, and that they would recognize their responsibility to You, the One from whom all authority stems. Use Your established servants in the government to maintain law and order, and in addition to punish those who harm life and property.

--Protect those who serve in the armed forces, especially Timothy R. Eichenseer, Danny Cobin, Jason Melvin, Blake Darnstaedt, and Jack Anglin, as well as our police officers Daniel Byrne and Alex Byrne, that they may diligently carry out their duties and be protected from all harm and danger.

--We also remember the courts of our land, that all judges would apply our laws with impartiality and thus contribute to peace and stability throughout the nation.

--Uphold those who are suffering under the affliction and hardship caused by the coronavirus, with the consolation of Your grace, and support them with the help of Your might. Be gracious in allowing

illness, so that physical sickness may be a spiritual medicine for those who are ill. Give to them strength of faith and patience, O truest Physician of souls and bodies. Restore them to their former health, provided that it is advantageous to their eternal salvation.

Particular local needs.—

Shut-ins.- Rachel Zimmerman(Helia);

Elderly.- Violet Kemp, Verdelle Thies(Patty Kenner's mother)

Various Needs.- Priscilla Kreuzer, Katelyn Guetersloh(MS), Jade Warden(Lee Dunaway's step dad's daughter, cancer), Kevin Krolak (nephew of Patti Baker), Gib (Jane's Brother), Linda Plock, Rick Taylor(cancer, nephew of Mary Schroeder), Patti Baker, Rebekah Roethe (cancer, friend of Turners), Victor and Marsha Turner, Tony Prochaska, and Mike Wallace.