

Welcome to Trinity

#65 Roman Theology Teaches Reliance on Works and Doubting Grace Second-Last

It{The church} is (as St. Paul says) a pillar and bulwark of the truth [I Tim. 3:15]. It stands firm (he says) and is a bulwark and sure foundation. It is not a bulwark of falsehood and lies, but a bulwark of truth, neither lying nor deceiving; it has no truck with lies. But **whatever wavers or doubts** cannot be truth; and what would be the use or need of a church of God in the world if it wanted to waver or be uncertain in its words, or wanted to say something new every day, now asserting this, now rejecting that? Moreover, of what use would a God like this be, who wanted to teach us **to waver and to doubt**—just as **the theology of the papists teaches that one must doubt grace**? But enough has been written about that. Even if the papists had won in everything else, they still lose this major point **when they teach that we must doubt the grace of God** if we are not already worthy enough through our own satisfaction or merit or the prayers of the saints. That is the purpose of their books, letters, seals, convents, monasteries, and even of their tonsures and masses.

Because they teach reliance on works and doubt—indeed, they cannot do otherwise—it is quite certain that they must be the devil’s church. For there are not, and could not be, more than these two ways: the one which relies upon God’s grace, and the other which builds on our own works and merit. **The first is the way of the ancient church, of all the patriarchs, prophets, and apostles, as Scripture testifies. The other is the way of the pope and his church,** and that is something no one, not even Harry and all the devils in hell, can deny. (Luther’s Works, v.41, p.213)

Assistants

- Elder – Cecil Plock (218-3064)
- Organist – LeeAnn Byrne
- Acolyte – Colton Weber

Altar Guild – Butch and Mary Schroeder
 Church Cleaning – Nov 22/29 Tomkins, Dec 6/13 Stretch

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THE PREPARATION

- Hymn..... **#307**
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THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

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SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

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Propers for the 2nd-last Sunday in the Church Year



Introit

Save me, O God, / by Your name,
and vindicate me / by Your strength.
Hear my / prayer, O God;*
give ear to the words / of my mouth.*

For strangers have risen up a- / gainst me;*
they have not set God be- / fore them.
Behold, God is my / helper;*
the Lord is with those who up- / hold my life.
He will repay my enemies for their / evil.*
Cut them off / in Your truth.
He has delivered me out of all / trouble,*
and my eye has seen its desire upon my / enemies.
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.
Save me, O God, / by Your name,*
and vindicate me / by Your strength.
Hear my / prayer, O God;*
give ear to the words / of my mouth. (*Antiphon, Ps 54:1-2; Psalm 54:3-5, 7*)

Collect

O Lord, so rule and govern our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that, being ever mindful of the end of all things and the day of Your just judgment, we may be stirred up to holiness of living here and dwell with You forever hereafter; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **AMEN**

Daniel 7:9-14 *The Ancient of Days*

Gradual



He shall call to the heavens / from above,*
and to the earth, that He may judge His / people.
Let the heavens declare His / righteousness,*
for God Him- / self is Judge. (*Psalm 50:4, 6*)

2 Peter 3:3-14

The Day of the Lord

Followed by Alleluia Verse, p.140

St. Matthew 25:31-46

The Judgment

Followed by The Nicene Creed, p. 141

Prayer for the Church

Thanksgiving. --that our King has blessed us with an inheritance which was secured by the death of His Son, Jesus Christ.

--that our gracious God has created in us a living faith that produces love towards the least of Jesus' brothers.

The Church and her servants.—Warn those hypocrites who are mingled with God's church that their deception will be made known on the Last Day. A person cannot despise God's Word, cannot ignore the members of Christ's body, cannot be self-centered without being a cursed goat sent to eternal punishment.
--Comfort your beloved sheep who hear God's Word, lovingly serve Christ's body and do good for others with the Last Day's message concerning salvation through faith alone and the final separation of good and evil, sheep and goats, the merciful and the unmerciful.

For Family and Friends, General. 3

O ALMIGHTY God, look graciously upon this household gathered together in Thy name: Give them whom Thou hast set over it wisdom to direct those committed to their charge; give to its members strength to fulfill Thy will in the daily work to which Thou hast appointed them; grant that love and peace, with all other graces, may live and grow among us; and that finally we may meet before Thy throne in heaven, and be united in Thy love forever; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. Amen. (Oremus, 1925, p.78).

- Good Shepherd Ev. Lutheran Church (Rogers, AR) Pr. Randy Moll and Deacon Martin Jackson
- teach all pastors in Christ, our bishop, James Heiser, and our pastors, Gary K. Harroun and Michael D. Henson, that they should not be indifferent or grow weary in doing good, for Christ will surely come.
- that our Director, Keely Gelso, our cook, and our staff would remain healthy in order to reopen our Learning Center on Thursday, November 19. Give opportunity to teach the children entrusted to our care.

The nations of the world and their rulers.— Bless our nation, its president, and all who serve in government, that we who rejoice in Your truth may be permitted, without restriction, to declare Your glory and serve You. Give all public servants a love of that which is true and noble, that justice may be done, peace promoted, wealth protected, and mercy shown.

- For the soldiers, marines, airmen, sailors, and special forces—especially Timothy R. Eichenseer, Danny Cobin, Jason Melvin, and Blake Darnstaedt, and our police officers, especially Daniel Byrne and Alex Byrne—who put their lives in harm’s way in order to defend our freedoms we ask that God would protect them from all danger and lift their spirits during times of trial.

Particular local needs.—

Shut-ins.- Carolyn Westerman(Liberty Village)

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), Linda Plock, Rebekah Roethe (cancer, friend of Turners), Victor and Marsha Turner, Tony Prochaska, Gary Harroun (Essential thrombocythemia or ET), Gib (Jane’s Brother), and Karen Melvin.

Students.- **Kara Martin** (University of Tennessee at Martin); **Andrew Miller** and **Eric Henson** (SIU-E), **Jonathan Henson** (SIU-C), **Kjersten Jolly** (University of Tennessee at Martin), **Alexis Darnstaedt** (University of Missouri, Columbia), **Sarah Miller** (University of Kentucky, Lexington), and **Benjamin Henson** and **Jacob Henson** (St. Ignatius Seminary)

Communion Psalm: *Ant.* The LORD is my shepherd, therefore can I lack nothing: He shall feed me in a green pasture: and lead me forth beside the waters of comfort. (Psalm 23:1-2). **Psalm 23:3-6.**

Christmas Services

This year’s services will be Thursday, **December 24 at 7 PM** and Wednesday, **December 25 Matins at 8 AM** and **Divine Service at 9AM.**

Trinity News

Trinity ECLC Annual Pecan Fundraisers:

Delicious candied pecans (cinnamon glazed, chocolate covered, and glazed) make wonderful Christmas gifts at \$9.00/bag. The plain pecans (extra-large halves) are

\$11.00--great for your baking needs. Deadline: **Thu. Nov 19.**

VA Veteran Pantry Drive.—Collecting for the month of November.

See printed list in last week’s bulletin.

Thanksgiving Day Service.—Matins at 9:00 AM on Nov. 26.

Decorating for the Holidays.—Saturday, Nov. 28 at 5:00 PM

Addresses of Military and Students for Bulletins.—Please give pastor the addresses of those soldiers, which we are including in our prayers

Ladies Christmas Party.—Monday, Dec. 10 at Patti Baker’s house.

Weekly Calendar

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

MONDAY -Elders’ Meeting, 7 PM

WEDNESDAY -Private Confession & Absolution, 10:30–11:00AM

-Learn-by-Heart, 6:30 PM

-Catechesis Service, 7:00 PM

THURSDAY -Ladies Missionary Society, 6:00 PM

-Learning Center reopens

SATURDAY -Private Confession and Absolution, 8 PM

NEXT **-LAST SUNDAY IN THE CHURCH YEAR**

SUNDAY -Adult and Child Bible Studies, 9:00 AM

-Divine Service-Lord’s Supper, 10:15 AM

The Lord's Supper

Trinity Lutheran Church observes the Scriptural practice (*Eph 4:3, 2 John 1:10-11*) of communing only with those for whom their public profession of faith (congregational

membership) is in agreement with God's Word and the correct exposition of Holy Scripture as found in the Book of Concord (1580). All who desire to receive Christ's Body and Blood for the forgiveness of sins **are asked to speak with Pastor Henson before coming forward to commune.**

Trinity Lutheran Church is served by pastors who are members of **the Evangelical Lutheran Diocese of North America(Eldona.org).**

--Those who are members of Eldona-affiliated congregations are welcome to commune after announcing to Pastor Henson.

--Those who are not members of Eldona-affiliated congregations will need to set up an appointment with Pastor Henson to discuss their public church membership.

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at Trinity Lutheran Church in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but **His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another.** Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth his death until He comes.

Those who are not yet invited to receive the Sacrament are encouraged to meditate on God's Word in the distribution hymns and pray for the day when our divisions will have ceased.



The Risen Christ window