

Divine Service I, p.136

Welcome to Trinity

#3 The Word of God is Persecuted Ruthlessly By Many

It is the nature of the divine word to be heartily received by a few, but to be persecuted ruthlessly by many. Wolves and bears and lions do not persecute it, but men do, all men do, Christ says. Is it any wonder, then, that the world is full of people, that is, full of persecutors of Christ? What is the world other than people? But the word makes gods of men, as Psalm 71 [82:6] says, "I have said, you are gods, children of the Most High, all of you." Christ himself interprets this statement in John 10 [:34, 35], saying, "Scripture calls them gods to whom the word of God came." And in John 1 [:12], "To those who believe in his name, he gave power to become children of God." Thus it ever remains true that men persecute God's word and God's children. (Luther's Works, v.43, p.62)

Assistants

Elder – Dan Byrne (922-3556)
Acolytes – Olivia Dunaway
Altar Guild – Dan and LeeAnn Byrne

Organist – LeeAnn Byrne
Church Cleaning– Dec 20/27 Smith, Jan 3/10 Schroeder

Before Reading Holy Scripture 3

LORD JESUS, our King, Light and Life, illumine, waken, strengthen my heart through Thy power and Holy Word to everlasting life. Glory, laud and honor be unto Thee, Who with the Father and the Holy Ghost livest and reignest, ever one God, world without end. Amen. (Oremus, 1925, p.27).

THE PREPARATION

Hymn..... #12
+ Invocation/Confession/Absolution p.136-137

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

+ Introit..... (insert)
[Pastor chants first 4 lines, then congregation joins in.]
+ Kyrie p.137
Gloria in Excelsis is omitted in Advent
+ Salutation/Collect of the Day..... p.139
Old Testament Reading
Gradual (insert)
Epistle
+ Alleluia Verse..... (insert)
+ Holy Gospel..... p.140-141
Nicene Creed..... p.141
Hymn..... #25
Sermon
Offering plates are in the back.
+ 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)
#18, #238,
"Hail to the Lord's Anointed" (insert)
#34
+ "Lord, now you let ..." p.152
+ Post-Communion Collects p.153
+ Benedicamus/Benediction..... p.154ff

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Propers for the Third Sunday in Advent

(*Gaudete*)

Introit

Rejoice in the Lord /
always.*



Again will I / say, rejoice!

Let your gentleness be known to / all men.*

The Lord / is at hand.

Lord, You have been favourable / to Your land;*

You have brought back the captivity of / Jacob.

You have forgiven the iniquity of Your / people;*

You have covered / all their sin.

Will You not revive / us again,*

that Your people may re- /joice in You?

I will hear what God the / Lord will speak,*

for He will speak peace to His / people.

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.

Rejoice in the Lord / always.*

Again will I / say, rejoice!

Let your gentleness be known to / all men.*

The Lord / is at hand. (*Antiphon, Phil 4:4-5; Ps 85:1-2,6, 8*)

Collect

Lord, we implore You, give ear to our prayers and lighten the darkness of our hearts by Your gracious visitation; for You now live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. AMEN

Isaiah 40:1-11

Prepare the Way of the Lord

Gradual

You who dwell between the
cherubim, / shine forth!*



Stir up Your / strength and come!

Give ear, O Shepherd of / Israel,*

You who lead Joseph / like a flock. (*Psalm 80:1-2*)

1 Corinthians 4:1-5

He Who Judges is the Lord

Verse

Alle- | luia.*

Alle- | luia.

Stir | up Your strength,*

and come and save us! Alle- | luia. (*Psalm 80:2*)

St. Matthew 11:2-11

Greater than John

Followed by The Nicene Creed, p. 141

Prayer for the Church

Thanksgiving. – Lord God, O Shepherd of Israel, and One who is to come, we give you thanks that you sent us prophets and holy men of old—the greatest being John the Baptist--to prepare the way for your coming so that we might receive your forgiveness with repentance.

The Church and her servants.—Heavenly Father, we ask that your church through the preaching of Your Word would continue to proclaim the fulfilled prophesies about Christ's works and comfort restless hearts. May all pastors in Christ, including our bishop, James Heiser and our pastors Gary K. Harroun and Michael D. Henson, not be reeds swayed by the winds of change and public opinion, but faithful stewards of the mysteries of God, so that God's people might be made ready through Jesus Christ's overflowing forgiveness to rejoice in the Lord always.
--Gather the little lambs attending our Learning Center and carry them close to your heart. Uphold our Director, Keely Gelso, and all our staff.

The nations of the world and their rulers.— Give Your blessing to Donald Trump, the President of the United States and John G. Roberts, Jr., our chief justice, and all who make, administer and

judge our laws for the common good, that they reward those who do well, punish those who do evil, maintain morality, protect the unborn and the weak, and command the forces of our nation with wisdom.

--extend Your gracious rule over all the nations of the earth so that wars may cease, prisoners of conscience may be released, and enemies may once again live together in peace. Defend the soldiers, airmen, sailors, and marines who risk their lives in service to their country and sustain them during their days of service— especially Danny Cobin, Jason Melvin, and Blake Darnstaedt and our police officers, especially Daniel Byrne and Alex Byrne.

--Provide for those who are hungry, homeless, and unemployed, so that filled with the Lord's hope through His means of grace and helped through the hands, ears, and mouths of God's faithful people, they may receive all that they need to support this body and life.

--Almighty and everlasting God, the consolation of the sorrowful and the strength of the weak, look upon the tribulation and distress of those affected by the coronavirus throughout the world. Comfort those who have lost loved ones, provide care for those infected and calm the worries of the timid, so that in their necessities they may observe and receive your manifold help and comfort.

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, Gib (Jane's Brother), and **Brian Miller**(Positive for Covid on 12/8).

Students.- Kara Martin, Andrew Miller, Eric Henson, Jonathan Henson, Kjersten Jolly, Alexis Darnstaedt, Sarah Miller, Benjamin Henson, Jacob Henson), and Ashleigh Byrne.

Communion Psalm: Ant. Say to them that are of a fearful heart: Be strong, fear not; behold your God will come and save you (Isaiah 35:4). **Isaiah 55:6-11**

Weekly Calendar

TODAY -**Matins on St. Lucy, Martyr, 8:00 AM**
-Adult and Child Bible Studies, 9:00 AM
-**Divine Service-Lord's Supper, 10:15 AM**

WEDNESDAY -**Full Matins for Ember Wednesday, 7:00 AM**

-Learn-by-Heart, 6:30 PM

-**Catechesis Service, 7:00 PM**

FRIDAY -**Full Matins for Ember Friday, 7:00 AM**

SATURDAY -**Vespers, 7:00 PM**

NEXT -**FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT**

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

-**Divine Service-Lord's Supper, 10:15 AM**

UPCOMING SERVICES

ADVENT FOUR Sunday, December 20, 10:15 AM

ST. THOMAS, APOSTLE Monday, December 21, 10:30 AM

CATECHESIS Wednesday, December 23, 6:30 PM

CHRIST'S MASS EVE, DIVINE SERVICE Thu., December 24, 7:00 PM

CHRISTMAS MATINS Friday, December 25, 8:00 AM

CHRIST'S MASS DAY DIVINE SERVICE Fri., December 25, 9:00 AM

ST. STEPHEN, MARTYR, VESPERS Saturday, Dec. 26, 7:00 PM

ST. JOHN, APOSTLE, MATINS Sunday, December 27, 8:00 AM

THE SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS Sunday, December 27, 10:15 AM

THE HOLY INNOCENTS, DIVINE SERVICE Mon., Dec. 28, 10:30 AM

CATECHESIS Wednesday, December 30, 6:30 PM

EVE OF THE NAME OF JESUS Thursday, December 31, 7:00 PM

Trinity News

Pecans.--The pecans have arrived! Your pecan order is available. Thanks for your support

Addresses of those in the military

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Addresses of Students

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Jonathan Henson at SIU-C (605 Indian Hill Drive, Herrin, IL 62948)

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Alexis Darnstaedt at University of Missouri, Columbia

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Benjamin Henson at St. Ignatius Seminary (100 Highland St. Apt. 107, Hillsboro TX 76645)

Jacob Henson at St. Ignatius Seminary (400 Old Brandon Rd. Apt. 302, Hillsboro TX 76645)

Ashleigh Byrne at Colorado State University-Global (4513 Brookridge Rd. Chesterfield, VA 23832)

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.

Hail to the Lord's Anointed

Ps. 72

James Montgomery, 1821

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Freut euch, ihr Lieben
Leonhart Schröter, 1587

1 Hail to the Lord's A - noint - ed, Great Da - vid's great - er Son!
2 He comes with suc - cor speed - y To those who suf - fer wrong;
3 He shall come down like show - ers Up - on the fruit - ful earth,
4 A - ra - bia's des - ert ran - ger To Him shall bow the knee,

Hail, in the time ap - point - ed, His reign on earth be - gun!
To help the poor and need - y And bid the weak be strong;
And joy and hope, like flow - ers, Spring in His path to birth.
The E - thi - o - pian stran - ger His glo - ry come to see;

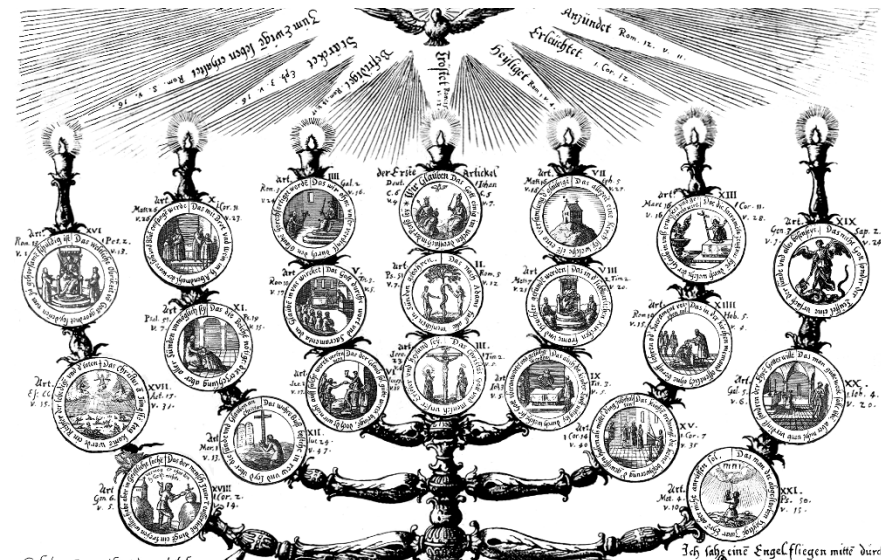
He comes to break op - pres - sion, To set the cap - tive free,
To give them songs for sigh - ing, Their dark - ness turn to light,
Be - fore Him on the moun - tains Shall peace, the her - ald, go
With of - f'ings of de - vo - tion Ships from the isles shall meet

To take a - way trans - gres - sion, And rule in eq - ui - ty.
Whose souls, condemned and dying, Were pre - cious in His sight.
And righteousness, in foun - tains, From hill to val - - ley flow.
To pour the wealth of o - cean In trib - ute at His feet. A - men.

Hail to the Lord's Anointed

5 Kings shall bow down before Him
And gold and incense bring;
All nations shall adore Him,
His praise all peoples sing;
To Him shall prayer unceasing
And daily vows ascend,
His kingdom still increasing,
A kingdom without end.

6 O'er every foe victorious,
He on His throne shall rest,
From age to age more glorious,
All blessing and all-blest.
The tide of time shall never
His covenant remove;
His name shall stand forever —
That name to us is Love.



At the end of the rays coming from the dove are the seven branches of the lampstand with three roundlets designating the first 21 articles of the Augsburg Confession.

One: XVI, XVII, XVIII

Two: X, XI, XII

Three: III, V, VI

Four: I, II, III

Five: VII, VIII, IX

Six: XIII, XIII, XV

Seven: XIX, XX, XXI