

**Welcome
to Trinity**

**#7 Our Persecutors Ought to Know that Death Doesn't
Threaten Us**

They threaten us with death. If they were as smart as they are stupid, they would threaten us with life. It is a shame and disgrace to try to threaten and terrify Christ and his Christians with death for, after all, they are lords and victors over death. It is just like trying to frighten a man by bridling and saddling his horse and bidding him to ride on it.

However, they do not believe that Christ rose from the dead and is a Lord over life and death. For them he is still in the grave, yes, in hell. But we are happy and confident because we know that Christ rose and that death is no more than the end of sin and the end of itself. For the life in this flesh still cleaves to us and is still lived in sin; this life cannot be without sin by reason of the flesh. And that prompts the incipient spirit in us to cry: Come, death and Judgment Day, and put an end both to sin and death. Amen. [That is the meaning of] St. Paul's words in Romans 7 [:18–19] and 8 [:22–23]. (Luther's Works, v.43, p.63)

A Thanksgiving for the Holy Gospel.
WE give thanks unto Thee, Almighty God, Heavenly Father, that Thou hast given to us Thy holy gospel, and hast therein revealed to us Thy fatherly heart: We humbly beseech Thee, graciously preserve the light of Thy Word in us, and so lead and rule our hearts by Thy Holy Spirit, that we never again forsake it, but cling to its holy teaching and at last through it be saved; 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.28-29).

Divine Service I, p.137

Hymn..... #137

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

- + Introit..... (insert)
[Pastor chants first 4 lines, then congregation joins in.]
- + Kyrie, Gloria in Excelsis... p.137-139
- + 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..... #185**
- 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)
- #44, #48, #53**
- + "Lord, now you let ..." p.152
- + Post-Communion Collects p.153
- + Benedicamus/Benediction..... p.154ff
- + **Hymn..... #186**

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Propers for the First Sunday after Christmas



Introit

*Your testimonies are / very sure;**

holiness adorns Your house, O Lord, for- / ever.

*Your throne is established / from of old;**

You are from ever- / lasting.

The Lord reigns, He is clothed with / majesty;*

The Lord is / clothed with strength.

Surely the world is es- / tablished,*

so that it can- / not be moved.

The floods have lifted / up their voice;*

the floods lift / up their waves.

The Lord on high is mightier than the noise of many / waters,*

than the mighty waves / of the sea.

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.

Your testimonies are / very sure;*

holiness adorns Your house, O Lord, for- / ever.

Your throne is established / from of old;*

You are from ever- / lasting. *(Antiphon, Ps 93:5,2; Psalm 93:1, 3-4)*

Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, direct our actions according to Your good pleasure, that in the name of Your beloved Son, we may be made to abound in good works; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **AMEN**

Isaiah 11:1-5

The rod of Jesse's stem

Gradual

You are fairer than the / sons
of men;*



Grace is poured up- / on Your lips.

I recite my composition concern- / ing the King;*

my tongue is the pen of a ready / writer. *(Psalm 45:1-2)*

Galatians 4:1-7

The Fullness of Time

Verse

Alle- | luia.*

Alle- | luia.

The LORD reigns, He is clothed with | majesty;*

the LORD is clothed, He has girded Himself with strength.

Alle- | luia. *(Psalm 93:1)*

St. Luke 2:22-40

The Consolation of Israel

Followed by The Nicene Creed, p. 141

Prayer for the Church

Thanksgiving. — that our Heavenly Father has fulfilled His ancient promises and given us His Christ, a Light for revelation to us Gentiles and for glory to His people Israel.

--For all the blessings which God has showered upon us—for the gift of time, the blessings of this past year, and for another year of grace.

The Church and her servants.—give all pastors in Christ, including our bishop, James Heiser and our pastors Gary K. Harroun and Michael D. Henson, a sense of urgency that they might proclaim the good news of our salvation in the Christ Child so that believers depart in peace.

--that your church might not give up meeting together but gather to rejoice and marvel at your graciousness to those who look forward to redemption in Christ.

--Take into your arms the children attending our Learning Center and bless them with your Word so that they are filled with wisdom. Bless our Director, Keely Gelso.

--Pr. Hans Asha (India Lutheran Church)

The nations of the world and their rulers.—Lord God, ruler of all nations, You watch over and guide all human history for the sake of Your Church. Give wisdom and guidance to Donald Trump, the President of the United States, J.B. Pritzker, our governor, Steve Frattini, our mayor, and to all who hold the authority to lead the nations, that their decisions and exercise of power might serve Your purpose and will, bringing about peace and quiet throughout the world.

--Defend and protect our military personnel who are scattered throughout the world— especially Danny Cobin, Jason Melvin, and Blake Darnstaedt. Sustain them through long and lonely days, and, in Your good time, return them safely home to be reunited with their loved ones. Bless those who work in law enforcement(especially Daniel Byrne and Alex Byrne), safety, protection, rescue, and health care. Give them a right regard for their work, effectiveness in serving the needs of their communities, and joy in their service.

-- You are the consolation of the sorrowful and the strength of the weak, look upon the tribulation and distress of those affected by the coronavirus. 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. For those who are discouraged because of a lack of employment, in your mercy, raise up opportunity for businesses and work, that in peace and thanksgiving all people may earn and eat the bread of contentment.

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, and Gib (Jane's Brother), and **Kim Miller**(Positive for Covid on 12/22).

Students.- Jonathan Henson, Kjersten Jolly, Alexis Darnstaedt, Sarah Miller, Benjamin Henson, Jacob Henson, and Ashleigh Byrne.

Graduation.-- Kara Martin, Andrew Miller, and Eric Henson.

Communion Psalm: *Ant.* Take the young child and his mother, and go into the land of Israel: for they are dead, which sought the young child's life. (Mt. 2:20). **Psalm 27:1-6**

Weekly Calendar

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

MONDAY **-Divine Service on The Holy**

Innocents, 10:30 AM

WEDNESDAY -Learn-by-Heart, 6:30 PM

-Catechesis Service, 7:00 PM

THURSDAY -ECLC Closed

-Divine Service on the Eve of the Name of Jesus, 7:00 PM

FRIDAY *-New Year's Day*

-ECLC Closed

NEXT *-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS*

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

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

Trinity News

2020 Pecan Fundraiser for ECLC.—We have some extra bags of pecans downstairs to sell. There are 18 of the plain pecans (extra-large halves) at \$11.00.

There are 12 cinnamon glazed, 17 chocolate covered, and 20 glazed, all at \$9.00/bag.

The Annual Eldona Diocesan Colloquium.—is scheduled for April 12-16 at Salem Lutheran Church (Texas). TODAY-Adult and Child Bible Studies, 9:00 AM

Assistants

Elder – Dan Byrne (922-3556)

Acolytes – Colton Weber

Altar Guild – Dan and LeeAnn Byrne

Organist – LeeAnn Byrne

Church Cleaning– Jan 3/10 Schroeder, Jan 17/24 Prochaska

Altar Flowers – Given in memory of Lois Kramer (Linda Plock's Mother)



The First Article (*Der Erst Artickel*)

Wir Glauben Das Gott einig im wesen dreÿfach in der Persö seÿ.

“We believe that God is united in the essence of three persons.”

Deut. 6, v. 4 ; “Hear, O Israel : The Lord our God is one Lord.”

I John 5, v. 7 : “For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost : and these three are one.”

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.