

## Welcome to Trinity

### #6 More Concerned For Others Than our Persecution Woes

Therefore we are not concerned with our woes, but with the wretchedness of our persecutors; for we ourselves are well provided for. We are certain that they cannot detract from that; rather, the more they rage against us, the more they destroy themselves and prosper us, as St. Paul states in Philippians 1 [:18]. "Who can harm us since we have a Lord who holds the death and life of all our adversaries in his hand" [Rom. 14:9], and who addresses our heart so comfortingly in John 16 [:33] saying, "Be of good cheer, I have overcome the world." (Luther's Works, v.43, p.63)

### After Reading Holy Scripture.

O GOD, Father of all mercies, Thou, Who in the unsearchable riches of Thy grace, hast opened to me the treasure of Thy Word in which we have the knowledge of Thy dear Son, and a sure pledge of our life and salvation: I beseech Thee, grant that I may preserve it in pure faith and burning love unto the end; through the Same 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).

## 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.

## Assistants

Elder – Elder – Dan Byrne (922-3556)

Crucifer – Tom Weber

Acolytes – Luke Phillips and Liam Phillips

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)