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Welcome to Trinity

#31 Look at Death Differently

Hence, one must look upon a Christian death with different eyes, not the way a cow stares at a new gate, and smells it in a different way, not as a cow sniffs grass, by learning to speak and think of it as the Scriptures do and not considering deceased Christians to be dead and buried people. To the five senses that is the way it appears. As far as they can lead us, it brings only woe. Therefore go beyond them and listen to what St. Paul says here, that **they are sleeping in Christ and God will bring them with Christ** [as he brought with him the Savior, the devourer of death, the destroyer of the devil]. Learn to comfort yourselves with these words and instil in your hearts the fact that **it is far more certain that Duke John of Saxony will come out of the grave and be far more splendid than the sun is now** [cf. Dan. 12:3; Isa. 60:19] than that he is lying here before our eyes. This is not so certain as the fact that he will live again and go forth with Christ because God cannot lie. But take it to heart! For he who does not have this comfort can neither comfort himself nor be happy, but the more the Word escapes him the more the consolation also escapes him.

Therefore, let us comfort ourselves now in this sorrow with the fact that we know with certainty that he will rise again with Christ. For here the words of Christ stood sure: "Every one who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father" [Matt. 10:32]. Otherwise, if that Man had not ascended into heaven, we could have little hope indeed. (Luther's Works, v.51 p.239-240)

For Grace to Praise God.

O GOD, the Hope of all the ends of the earth, hearken to the humble prayer of Thy family, that while it praises Thee with tuneful harmony and the chanted hymn, it may, adorned by the inward flow of the Comforter, be enriched with abundant fruit; 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.36).

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Service Insert for Easter Tuesday

+ We observe the Scriptural practice of closed communion. Non-members who would like to receive Christ's Body and Blood for the forgiveness of sins are asked to speak with the Pastor prior to coming forward to receive.

+ As you await the beginning of the Divine Service, prayer is encouraged. Consider praying Psalms 34, 51, 84, 116, 150 or the prayers for before and after receiving the Sacrament(p.128).

+ Although today's Divine Service does not include the preparation rite of Invocation, Confession, and Absolution, each individual is invited to prepare privately. The confession on the left side of page 264 might serve well.

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Introit

He gave them to drink of the water of wisdom. Alle- / luia!*

He will strengthen them, they shall not be moved. Alleluia!
Alle- / luia!

Oh, give thanks to the Lord! Call up- / on His name;*
make known His deeds among the / peoples!

Sing to Him, sing / psalms to Him;*
talk of all His / wondrous works!

He is the / Lord our God;*

He remembers His covenant for- / ever.

For He remembered His holy / promise,*

He brought out His people with joy and / gladness.

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.

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Alle- / luia! (*Antiphon, Ecclesiasticus 15:3-5; Psalm 105:1, 7-8, 42-43*)

Salutation & Collect

P. The Lord be with you.

C. And with your spirit.

P. Let us pray: Almighty God, who through the resurrection of Your Son secured peace for our troubled conscience, grant to us this peace evermore, that trusting in the merit of Your Son, we at length will come to the perfect peace of heaven; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. C. AMEN

Old Testament: Daniel 3:8-28 *Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego*

After the reading

P. This is the Word of the Lord.

C. THANKS BE TO GOD.



Gradual

This is the day the / Lord has made;*

we will rejoice and be / glad in it.

Let Isra- / el now say,*

“His mercy endures for- / ever.” (*Psalm 118:24, 2*)

Epistle: Acts 13:26-33 God raised Him from the dead

After the reading

P. This is the Word of the Lord.

Verse

Alle- / luia.*

Alle- / luia.

The angel of the Lord descended from / heaven,*

and came and rolled back the stone from the door. Alle- / luia.

(Matthew 28:2)

Holy Gospel: St. Luke 24:36-48 (49) *Jesus appears to disciples*

P. The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 24th chapter.

C. GLORY TO YOU, O LORD.

After the reading

P. This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C. PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST.

Nicene Creed, p.141

Hymn of the Day – #145 “I am Content! My Jesus Ever Lives”

Sermon

Prayer of the Church



Offertory Psalm

He bowed the heavens also, /
and came down

With darkness un- / der His feet.

The Lord thundered from / heaven,

And the Most High ut- / tered His voice,

He sent out His arrows and scat- / tered the foe,

Lightnings in abundance, and He / vanquished them.

Then the channels of the / sea were seen,

The foundations of the world were un- / covered.

(Psalm 18:9, 13-14,16)

Communion

If then you were / raised with Christ,

seek those things which / are above,

where Christ is, sitting at the right / hand of God.

Set your mind on / things above.

For you died, and your life is hidden with / Christ in God.

Alle- / luia.

When Christ *who is* our life appears, then you also will appear with
Him in / glory.

Alle- / luia. *(Colossians 3:1-4)*

Postcommunion Prayer

Grant, we beseech Thee, almighty God, that the virtue of the paschal
sacrament which we have received may ever remain in our souls;
through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the
Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. AMEN.

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 – Daniel Byrne (922-3556)

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General Prayer of the Church

This morning we will be using the "Easter Monday" prayer from The Lutheran Hymnal(p.352-353).

O GRACIOUS LORD JESUS CHRIST, honor and praise be to Thee that Thou hast overcome sin, reconciled us with God, and made a way for us to eternal life. Honor and praise be to Thee that by Thy death Thou hast destroyed our death and by Thy resurrection hast brought us life, and that we, Thy members, shall not remain in the grave, but rise with Thee to glory everlasting. Honor and praise be to Thee also that after Thy resurrection Thou didst mercifully show Thyself to Thy disciples and friends, making glad their sorrowing hearts with exceeding comfort.

We beseech Thee, therefore, appear also unto us and all Christendom with peace and joy. Show us the print of the nails and Thy wounded side; and when we are slow of heart to believe, open to us the Scriptures by Thy Holy Spirit, and grant us rightly to know the mystery of Thy death and the power of Thy resurrection. Help us to believe without doubting that Thou didst hide our iniquity in Thy grave, and for our benefit didst destroy death and the grim prison house, and didst truly rise and enter into Thy glory to make us partakers of the same, that as strangers and pilgrims on earth we may earnestly long for our eternal home and rest the hope of our blessed departure on Thee, the living Lord of Glory.

May we also, by the renewal of Thy Holy Spirit, rise daily from the servitude of sin and as Thy living members evermore delight in Thy service and praise. Thou, O Lord, art the Strength of the weak and the Consolation of the afflicted. May we, therefore, not despair in the hour of trial, even though our eyes be holden for a time not to know Thee. Be Thou evermore our Companion upon the way and the Guest of our homes. Bless our daily bread. Grant peace unto our land and peace unto our souls, and preserve the joy and gladness of Easter continually in our hearts. When the day is far spent and the sun about to set, when the shadows thicken about us, in the gathering gloom of the eventide of life, in the agony and pain of death, graciously abide with us, and lead our souls out of this vale of sorrows into the heavenly Jerusalem. And on the last great day, when the voice of the archangel is heard, do Thou, O risen Lord, who art clothed with immortality and glory, raise up our mortal bodies and make them like unto Thy glorious body, and grant us peace everlasting in the mansions of heaven, where we shall see Thee face to face and where Thou wilt hold gracious converse with us and be our Joy and Pleasure, our Light and our Glory, world without end.