# Welcome to Trinity

#### #45 The Example of St. Christopher, A Christ-Bearer

So it is, as we see, that they cannot endure even the small afflictions. But when the big, strong afflictions occur, they

despair altogether, destroy themselves, or they want to jump out of their skin because the whole world has become too cramped for them. Likewise they cannot observe moderation either in fortune or misfortune. When things go well, they are the most wanton, defiant, and arrogant people you can find. When things go wrong, they are utterly shattered and despondent, more than any woman; as we see those who are now pawing and bridling and bragging and boasting were so timid and nervous during the peasant uprising that they hardly knew where to go. So it must be when one does not have the promises and God's Word. But Christians have their consolation even in the worst of suffering and misfortune.

But in order that you may better understand this, I will give you a fine example in which the Christian's suffering is depicted. All of you are doubtless familiar with the way in which St. Christopher has at times been portrayed.

[For those not familiar, next week I will include the legend of St. Christopher.] But you should not think that there ever was a man who was called by that name or who actually did what is said about St. Christopher. Rather the person who devised this legend or fable was without a doubt a fine intelligent man, who wanted to portray this picture for the simple people so that they would have an example and image of a Christian life and how it should be lived. And actually he did hit it off very well; for a Christian is like a great giant, he has great strong legs and arms, as Christopher is painted, for he bears a burden which the whole world, which no emperor, king, nor prince could carry. Therefore every Christian is a Christopher, that is, a Christ-bearer, because he accepts the faith. (Luther's Works, v.51, p.201-202)

#### **Assistants**

Elder – Daniel Byrne (922-3556), Organist – LeeAnn Byrne, Altar Guild – Karin Henson, Church Cleaning – ECLC

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## Trinity Lutheran Church & Early Childhood Learning Center

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#### THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY



#### Introit

Hear, O LORD, when I cry | with my voice!\*

Have mercy also upon me, and | answer me.

You have | been my help; \*

do not leave me nor forsake me, O God of my sal- / vation.

The LORD is my light and my sal- | vation;\*

whom | shall I fear?

Teach me Your | way, O LORD,\*

and lead me in a | smooth path.

Do not deliver me to the will of my adver- | saries;\*

for false witnesses have risen a- | gainst me.

Wait on the LORD; be of good | courage,\*

and He shall streng- | then your heart.

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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Have mercy also upon me, and | answer me.

You have | been my help;\*

do not leave me nor forsake me, O God of my sal- | vation.

(Psalm 27:1, 11-12, 14; Antiphon: Psalm 27:7,9)

#### **Collect**

O God, who has prepared for those that love You such good things as pass man's understanding, pour into our hearts such love toward You that we, loving You above all things, may obtain Your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end.

1 Kings 19:11-21

The LORD appears to Elijah

#### Gradual

O God, be- | hold our shield,\* and look upon the face of Your a- | nointed.



O LORD God of hosts, | hear my prayer;\* give ear, O God of | Jacob! (Psalm 84:9, 8)

1 Peter 3:8-15

Sanctify the Lord God in your hearts

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St. Luke 5:1-11

You will Catch Men

Followed by The Nicene Creed, p. 141

### **Prayer for the Church**

<u>Thanksgiving</u>. –that our heavenly Father use the hearing of His Word to create and strengthen our faith in His Son, who forgives sin and declares "do not be afraid" of His holiness.

The Church and her servants.—Gather sinners into your church by the foolish message of the cross. Catch men alive from the deep chaotic waters of miracle seekers and worldly wisdom and bring them into the safety of your church. Use your people to bear witness to the message by their hearing and godly living.

- --Continue to strengthen by your absolution, our bishop, James Heiser, and our Pastors Michael Henson and Gary Harroun so that they may not be concerned with their sinful unworthiness, but would use the Word to save men.
- --For our Director, Keely Gelso; For our teachers, assistants and support staff; for those who volunteer in taking care of the children and maintaining the facility; for those who give financial and prayer support; for those on the Board of Education.
- --For the enemies of the church and those who would hinder its divine mission, that their hearts may be turned to the Lord of mercy and compassion

The nations of the world and their rulers.—For our president, Joe Biden, and the congress of the United States, our governor, J.B. Pritzker, and state legislators, our mayor, Steve Frattini and city officials, and all our judges, that they would act wisely and responsibly, and that we would carry out our duties as citizens.

- --For the soldiers, marines, airmen, sailors, and special forces—especially Danny Cobin, Jason Melvin, and Blake Darnstaedt as well as our police officers 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 their times of trial.
- --For the mentally challenged and the institutions which serve them, that through these agencies of mercy their needs of mind, body, and soul might be met, equipping them to live as disciples in God's steadfast love. For the mentally ill and those who are suicidal, that they may be received and sustained by the body of Christ as it offers the water of life to allay their suffering.

#### Particular local needs.—

Shut-ins.- Carolyn Westerman (Assisted Living at Parkway Manor)
Elderly.- Violet Kemp, Verdelle Thies(Patty Kenner's mother)
Various Needs.- Katelyn Guetersloh(MS), Jade Warden(cancer),
Kevin Krolak (nephew of Patti Baker), Linda Plock, Rebekah
Roethe (cancer, friend of Turners), Victor and Marsha Turner, Gib,
Howard and Stan (Jane's Brothers), 3-year-old Demi (chemo, friend
of Claire Stretch), and Tony Prochaska (Eye Therapy)
Seminarians.- Benjamin Henson and Jacob Henson (Summer
Intensives end July 9)

**Communion Psalm:** *Ant.* The Lord is my stony rock, the Lord is my defense and my deliverer: my Savior, my God, also my refuge. (Psalm 18:2). **Psalm 18.** 

#### For Growth in Grace.

O GOD, Who in Thy loving kindness dost both begin and finish all good things: Grant that as we glory in the beginnings of Thy grace, so we may rejoice in its completion; 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.39).

## Weekly Calendar

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

TUESDAY through THURSDAY

-School Age Class 9:15 AM / Children's Matins 10 AM

MONDAY -Closed for Independence Day

WEDNESDAY -Learn-by-Heart 6:30-7:00 PM

-Catechesis 7:00-7:35 PM

SATURDAY -Confession and Absolution, 8:00-8:30 PM

NEXT SUNDAY -THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

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

-Council Meeting, following Divine Service

**Trinity News** 

Next Council Meeting.— Sunday, July 11

Bishop Heiser Annual visit.—Is scheduled for August 14-15.

## The Lord's Supper

The Lord's Supper is being celebrated today. Please note that our practice of closed communion with those who are in fellowship with us—members of congregations of the ELDoNA—is not meant to

offend, but is the historic practice of the Church. It is prompted by love, both for God's Word and for God's people. It does not deny that members of other denominations may be Christians. Rather, it bows the knee to the Bible's deep concern for doctrinal truth (Rom. 16:17) and the Bible's witness that doctrinal unity (Acts 2:42) is the central issue to the common reception of the Sacrament of the Altar. Therefore, we ask GUESTS desiring to commune to speak with the pastor before the service so that he may know that you are a member of a congregation in fellowship with Trinity Lutheran Church.



2<sup>nd</sup> Tim. 1, v. 14:

That good thing which was committed unto thee keep by the Holy Ghost which dwelleth in us.