

Welcome to Trinity

#68 God Preserves His Church

It is a tragic thing that there are so many examples before us of those who thought they had to preserve the church, as though it were built on them. In the end they perished miserably. Yet such fierce judgment of God cannot break, humble, or check our pride and wickedness. What was Münzer’s fate in our day (to say nothing of old and former times), who imagined that the church could not exist without him and that he had to bear it up and rule it? Recently the Anabaptists reminded us forcefully enough how mighty and how close to us the lovely devil is, and how dangerous our pretty thoughts are, impelling us to pause and reflect (according to the advice of Isaiah) before any undertaking, to determine whether it is God or an idol, whether gold or clay. (Luther’s Works, v.47, p.118)

To Rejoice in God’s Will Toward Us.

O GOD, Who chastisest us in Thy love, and refreshest us amid Thy chastening: Grant that we may ever be able to give Thee thanks for both; 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.59).

Trinity News

Ladies Christmas Party.—Thursday, Dec. 9 at Mary Brieschke’s house.

Christmas Services.-- This year’s services will be Friday, **December 24 at 7 PM** and Saturday, **December 25 Matins at 8**

AM and Divine Service at 9AM

Pecans.— We hope they arrive by Dec 12.

Divine Service I, p.136

Pre-Service Hymn..... #12
 + Introit..... (insert)
[Pastor chants first 4 lines, then congregation joins in.]
 + **Litany** p.279-283
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 + 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 #13
 Sermon
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 + 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)
#19, #236, #29, #27
 + “Lord, now you let ...” p.152
 + Post-Communion Collects p.153
 + Benedicamus/Benediction..... p.154ff
Announcements

Trinity Lutheran Church & Early Childhood Learning Center

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Pastor Michael D. Henson · Deacon Gary K. Harroun

Pr. Henson and Dcn. Harroun are members of the Evangelical Lutheran Diocese of North America (Eldona.org)

Propers for the First Sunday in Advent

(Ad Te Levavi)

Introit

To You, O LORD, I lift /
up my soul.*



O my God, I trust in

You; Let me not / be ashamed;

Let not my enemies triumph / over me.*

Let no one who waits on You / be ashamed.

Show me Your / ways, O LORD;*
teach / me Your paths.

For You are the God of my sal- / vation;*
on You I wait / all the day.

Let integrity and uprightness pre- / serve me,*
for I / wait for You.

Redeem Isra- / el, O God,*
out of all their / troubles.

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.

To You, O LORD, I lift / up my soul.*

O my God, I trust in You; Let me not / be ashamed;

Let not my enemies triumph / over me.*

Let no one who waits on You / be ashamed.

(Ant., Ps 25:1-3a; Ps 25:4-5, 21-22)

Litany (no Kyrie today, no Gloria in Advent) p.279-283

Collect

Stir up your power, O Lord, and come to rescue us from the threatening perils of our sins, and save us by Your promised deliverance; for You now live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **AMEN**

Jeremiah 23:5-8

The Lord Our Righteousness

Gradual

Let no one who / waits on You*
be a- /shamed, O Lord



Show me Your / ways, O Lord;
teach / me Your paths. (Psalm 25:3a, 4)

Romans 13:8-14

Our Salvation is Nearer Now

Verse

Alle- | luia.*

Alle- | luia.

Show us Your | mercy, LORD,*

and grant us Your salvation. Alle- | luia. (Psalm 85:7)

St. Matthew 21:1-9

Your King Comes to You

Followed by The Nicene Creed, p. 141

Prayer for the Church

Thanksgiving. – Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest! Jesus Christ, King of Glory, The Lord Our Righteousness, the Son of the living God and Son of David, we thank you that by your Advent in the flesh you provided for our salvation.

The Church and her servants.—O Lord, open our lips that as the crowd welcomed Jesus at the time of his advent into Jerusalem, so we might recognize Jesus' coming to us today in Word and Sacrament so that we do not despise our Lord but give him hearty thanks and praise.

--give all pastors in Christ, including our bishop, James Heiser and our pastors Gary K. Harroun and Michael D. Henson, the desire to organize their ministry around the service of the Word and Sacrament.

--Emmanuel Lutheran Church (Las Cruces, NM) and Sts. Peter and Paul Lutheran Mission (Silver City, NM), Pr. Paul Rydecki

--bless our Director, Keely Gelso, and keep the children and staff free from sickness this winter. Bless the Word taught to the children in our Learning Center that these little ones might be clothed in the righteousness of Christ

The nations of the world and their rulers.— Give Your blessing to our president, Joe Biden and to all in authority over us and grant them Your grace and guidance. Guide and bless the labor of those who serve others in our society. Bless social workers, probation officers, and all those who work to bring calmness, order, and peace to disrupted and hurting lives. As Your servants here on earth, give them patience, courage, and compassion to answer the many pleas for mercy.

--Grant protection to all those who risk their lives for the common good, especially the men and women serving in our armed forces, and bless their efforts to defend our freedoms, especially Danny Cobin, Jason Melvin, and Blake Darnstaedt, and our police officers, especially Daniel Byrne and Alex Byrne.

Particular local needs.—

Shut-ins.- Carolyn Westerman (Assisted Living at Parkway Manor),

Elderly.- Violet Kemp

Various Needs.- Kevin Krolak (nephew of Patti Baker), Victor and Marsha Turner, Brad Turner, Gib, Howard and Stan (Jane's Brothers), Jack Plock (brother of Cecil Plock), Levi Gonzalez (nephew of Patti Baker), Jennifer (Cecil's daughter), Laura Marchetti (ECLC teacher), Grover Webb, and Joyce Aukamp(cousin of Carol Henson).

Students.- Sarah Miller (University of Kentucky, Lexington), Sadie Henson (Concordia University, Nebraska), Jonathan Henson (Southern Illinois University) Kara Martin (University of Southern Indiana), Alexis Darnstaedt (University of Missouri, Columbia), and Benjamin Henson and Jacob Henson (St. Ignatius Seminary).

Communion Psalm: *Ant.* The Lord shall show loving-kindness: and our land shall yield her increase (Ps. 85:12). **Psalm 85:7-11,13**

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.

Weekly Calendar

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

MONDAY-THURSDAY -Pastor Henson will be at Ft. Myers Mission

TUESDAY -St. Andrew, Apostle, no service

WEDNESDAY -No Learn-by-Heart/Catechesis Service

THURSDAY-SATURDAY -*Pastor Henson will be at Seward, NE*

NEXT -*SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT*

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

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

Assistants

Elder – Dan Byrne (922-3556)

Organist – LeeAnn Byrne

Altar Guild – Butch and Mary Schroeder

Church Cleaning – Nov 28/Dec 5 Brieschke. Dec 12/18 Blair

Address of Shut-In

Carolyn Westerman

c/o Liberty Village of Marion

3116 Williamson County Pkwy, Apt. 39

Marion, IL 62959



The Apostle

John from *Das*

Neue Testament

Deutzsch. The

image is from

Martin Luther's

(1483-1546)

September

Testament. The

apostle John,

receiving inspiration

from above writes

one of his works,

with his attribute, the

eagle nearby.

Woodcut designed by

Lucas Cranach, the

Elder (1472-1553), a

close friend of Martin

Luther.