Welcome to Trinity

#5 When Gloomy, Enjoy the Company of Others

"Having been taught by experience I can say how you ought to restore your spirit when you suffer from spiritual depression. When you are assailed by gloom, despair, or a troubled conscience you should eat, drink, and talk with others. If you can find help for yourself by thinking of a girl, do so.

"There was a bishop who had a sister in a convent. She was disturbed by various dreams about her brother. She betook herself to her brother and complained to him that she was again and again agitated by bad dreams. He at once prepared a sumptuous dinner and urged his sister to eat and drink. The following day he asked her whether she had been annoved by dreams during the night. 'No,' she responded. 'I slept well and had no dreams at all.' 'Go, then,' he said. 'Take care of your body in defiance of Satan, and the bad dreams will stop.' (Luther's Works, v. 54, p.15)

Assistants

Elder – Cecil Plock (218-3064) Altar Guild – Dan and LeeAnn Byrne Organist – LeeAnn Byrne

Church Cleaning- Dec 26/Jan 2 Baker, Jan 9/16 Weber

For Forgiveness 5.

WE have sinned, O Lord, we confess, like prodigal sons; we dare not look up to heaven: for it was thence we fell and became wretched; we have sinned against heaven and before Thee, and we are not worthy to be called Thy sons, we denounce ourselves, we need neither accusers nor witnesses, we have iniquity triumphing over us, we have evil conversation condemning us: Merciful Father, Only-Begotten Son, Holy Ghost, receive us penitent, and have mercy upon us. Amen. (Oremus, 1925, p.62).

Service of Light, p.250

| + Versicles | p. 250 |
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| "Let my prayer | p.253-255 |
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| Isaiah 9:2-7 | |
| Hymn | #53 |

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

| + Introit | (insert) | |
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| [Pastor chants first 4 lines, then congregation joins in.] | | |
| + Kyrie, Gloria in Excelsis | p.137-139 | |
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SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

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| Communion Psalm (by cantor) | |
| Hymns: #39, #245, #67 | |
| + "Lord, now you let" p.152 | |
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| + "Gentle Mary Laid her Child" | (choir) |

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Propers for the Midnight Christ's Mass

Introit

The LORD has | said to Me,* "You are My Son, today I have be- | gotten You." "I have | set my King on My holy hill of | Zion."



The earth is the LORD's, and all its | fullness,* the world and those who | dwell therein. Who may ascend into the hill | of the LORD?* Or who may stand in His | holy place? He who has clean hands and a | pure heart,* who has not lifted up his soul to an | idol. He shall receive blessing | from the LORD,* and righteousness from the God of his sal- | vation. 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. The LORD has | said to Me.* "You are My Son, today I have be- | gotten You." "I have | set my King on My holy hill of | Zion." (Antiphon, Psalm 2:6-7, Psalm 2:1, 3-5)

Collect

O God, who made this most holy night to shine with the brightness of the true Light, grant, we implore You, that as we have known on earth the wonders of that Light, we may also come to the fullness of its joys in heaven; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. AMEN

Epistle: Titus 2:11-14 The grace of God has appeared

Gradual/Alleluia Verse



All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation / of our God.* Shout joyfully to the Lord, / all the earth. The Lord has made known His sal- / vation;* His righteousness He has revealed in the sight of the / nations. Alle- / luia.* Alle- / luia. The Lord has / said to Me.* "You are My Son; Today I have begotten You." Alle- / luia. (Psalm 98:2–4; Alleluia Ps 2:7)

The Savior is born

Holy Gospel: St. Luke 2:1-20 Followed by The Nicene Creed, p. 141

General Prayer of the Church

This evening we will be using a prayer from "Prayers for Feasts, Festivals, and Holidays" from The Lutheran Liturgy (p.332-333).

O ALMIGHTY AND MOST MERCIFUL FATHER, we thank Thee that Thou hast fulfilled Thine ancient promises and given us, in the city of David, a Savior, who is Christ, the Lord.

O Lord Jesus Christ, praise and glory and honor be to Thee; for out of Thine unspeakable love Thou didst humble Thyself, that we might be exalted; Thou wast made man, that we might be made heirs of God and fellow heirs with Thee; Thou didst take upon Thee the form of a servant, that we might be renewed into the image of God; we sat in darkness and in the shadow of death, but Thou hast brought us light and life and peace and joy.

O Holy Spirit, we praise and bless Thee for making known to us and to all mankind, by the preaching of the Gospel, the joyful tidings of the holy Nativity; and we beseech Thee, quicken us by Thy grace and power, that we may not hear the Christmas message with passing wonderment only, but, like Mary, ponder it in our hearts, that it may kindle in us the light of true faith and the fire of fervent love. Let us not be turned aside by doubts or fears, but, like the shepherds, trusting fully in Thy Word, come with haste to see the things which have come to pass, accept them for our salvation, make known abroad, as we have opportunity, the great joy which shall be to all people, and glorify and praise God for the marvels of His grace and love.

Here special Supplications, Intercessions, and Prayers may be made

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. AMEN.

Pre-communion Prayer

We beseech Thee, O Lord, of Thy bountiful grace that through this sacred intercourse, we may be found conformed to Him, in whom our substance is united to Thee; who with Thee and the Holy Spirit are one God, now and forever. AMEN.

Communion Psalm: *Ant*. Out of the womb of the morning's dawn, comes the dew of Your willing youth. (Psalm 110:3). Psalm 110

Post-communion Prayer

Grant, we beseech Thee, O Lord our God, that we who rejoice in celebrating these mysteries of the Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ, may by a fitting conversation be received into fellowship with Him; who with Thee and the Holy Spirit are one God, now and forever. AMEN.

Upcoming Services

- FRIDAY -CHRIST'S MASS EVE SERVICE, 7:00 PM -Note: There is no 11 PM service
- SATURDAY -FULL MATINS ON CHRISTMAS DAY, 8:00 AM -CHRIST'S MASS DAY SERVICE, 9:00 AM
- SUNDAY FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS -Adult and Child Bible Studies, 9:00 AM -Divine Service-Lord's Supper, 10:15 AM -Learn-by-Heart Recitation of the Lord's Prayer

MONDAY -Divine Service on St. John, Apostle, 10:30 AM TUESDAY -Divine Service on The Holy Innocents, 10:30 AM

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 <u>before coming</u> <u>forward to commune</u>.**

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.