

Welcome to Trinity

#12 Avoid Quibbling, Instead Seek Truth and Rejoice in Guilelessness

“The world must be considered carefully [Martin Luther said]. It’s governed by opinions, and therefore it’s ruled by sophisticated hypocrisy and tyranny. True religion is compelled to serve them as a maidservant. One must therefore be careful and beware of sophistry, which consists not only of equivocation in words but flourishes under all circumstances, so that in religion it possesses a magnificent pretense under the guise of Holy Scripture. There’s more harm in sophistry than any man can perceive; our nature, which is prone to lying, can’t see the evil in sophistry at all. Plato offers a remarkable description of sophistry: People who can twist everything, repudiate the opinions of others, and draw conclusions on both sides after the manner of Carneades are not to be praised. These are sly tricks. **It’s the glory of a good character [on the other hand] to seek the truth and to rejoice in guilelessness.**” (Luther’s Works, v. 54, p.322)

For The Church, General 3.
 O GOD, Whose throne endureth forever: Grant that Thy Church may be enriched by the excellent beauty of all virtues; while, nevertheless, she is far more glorious, through the indwelling of Thy ever-present Spirit; Who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. Amen. (Oremus, 1925, p.67).

Assistants

Elder – Stephen Phillips (303-0769)
 Organist – LeeAnn Byrne
 Altar Guild – Claire Stretch and Kim Miller
 Church Cleaning – Jan 30 Webb, Feb 6/13 Turner, Feb 20/27 vacant

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THE PREPARATION

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THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

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Propers for the Third Sunday after the Epiphany

Introit

*The heavens declare His /
righteousness,**



and all the peoples see His / glory.

*For You, Lord, are most high above / all the earth;**

You are exalted far a- / bove all gods.

The Lord reigns; let the / earth rejoice;*

let the multitude of / isles be glad!

He preserves the souls / of His saints;*

He delivers them out of the hand of the / wicked.

Light is sown for the / righteous,*

and gladness for the up- / right in heart.

Rejoice in the Lord, you / righteous,*

And give thanks at the remembrance of His / holy name.

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 heavens declare His / righteousness,*

and all the peoples see His / glory.

For You, Lord, are most high above / all the earth;*

You are exalted far a- / bove all gods. (*Antiphon, Ps. 97:6,9; Psalm 97:1, 10-12*)

Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities and in all our dangers and necessities stretch forth the right hand of Your majesty to help and defend us; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **AMEN.**

2 Kings 5:1-15a

Cleansing of Naaman

Gradual

The nations shall fear the
name / of the Lord,*



and all the kings of the earth Your / glory.

For the Lord shall build up / Zion;*

He shall appear in His / glory.

(*Psalm 102:15-16*)

Romans 12:16-21

Be of the Same Mind

Verse

Alle- | luia.*

Alle- | luia.

The Lord reigns; let the | earth rejoice,*

let the multitude of nations be glad! Alle- | luia.

(*Psalm 97:1*)

St. Matthew 8:1-13

The faith of the centurion

Followed by The Nicene Creed, p. 141

Prayer for the Church

Thanksgiving. – that though unworthy because of our sin, we are received into the church of Christ when we believe in Christ’s healing word of forgiveness.

The Church and its servants.—that God’s people would be given such a faith grounded in Holy Scripture that they would read, mark, learn and inwardly digest it.

--give all pastors in Christ, including our bishop, James Heiser, and our pastors Michael D. Henson and Gary K. Harroun, the faith to be faithful servants who declare Jesus’ words of authority in heaven and on earth.

--Send your Holy Spirit upon our Director, Keely Gelso, our teachers, and staff so that the children believe your Word.

--Holy Cross Lutheran Church (Kerrville, TX) and Faith Lutheran Eldona Mission (Leander, TX), Pr. Josh Sullivan

– Discipleship Lutheran Church (Mineral Springs, TX), Pastor Earnest Bernet

The nations of the world and their rulers.—Give all those who have been entrusted with governing—our President, Joe Biden, our Vice-President, Kamala Harris, our Chief Justice, John G. Roberts, Jr., our governor, J.B. Pritzker, and our mayor, Steve

Frattoni, federal and state legislators, and all our judges—the determination to give themselves fully to their duties and responsibilities.

- We give you thanks for the blessing of life. Lead all people everywhere to see Your work in the creation of life and to consider human life as sacred. Help us to put an end to the 44 years of legalized murder of the unborn in the mother's womb. Protect and defend all to whom you give life until that day when you take their life from them again. Lead our nation to reject this evil path. Provide the comfort of full forgiveness for the repentant who still grieve for their lost children. (Jan 22, 1973)
- Defend and protect our military personnel who are scattered throughout the world—especially Danny Cobin, Jason Melvin, and Blake Darnstaedt, and those who work in law enforcement (especially Daniel Byrne and Alex Byrne)..

Particular local needs.—

O God, whose compassions never fail, give healing to the sick, relief to the suffering, peace to the sorrowful, and mercy to every soul that is distressed, that they may find in You the help that only You can give them;

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) and Linda Plock,

Expecting.-Jade Martin (in Feb, Patty Kenner's granddaughter)

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).

Thanksgiving.- For the blessings of 57 years of marriage for Pastor and Jane Harroun on Jan. 24. (2022)

Communion Psalm: Ant. All... wondered/marveled at the gracious words which proceeded out of His mouth. (Luke 4:22).
Psalm 97



The Apostle Peter from *Das Neue Testament Deutzsch*. The image is from Martin Luther's (1483-1546) September Testament. Peter holds his attribute, a key. Woodcut designed by Lucas Cranach, the Elder (1472-1553), a close friend of Martin Luther.

Prayers in Preparation for the Communion

Pastor's words during self-communion, after Agnus Dei

I will receive the bread of heaven and call upon the name of the Lord.

Lord, I am not worthy that You should come under my roof. But only speak the word, and my soul shall be healed. (*adapted from Matt 8:8*)

The body of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was given for me, preserve my body and soul unto everlasting life. Amen.

(Receive the precious Body of Christ.)

What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits toward me? I will take up the cup of salvation, and call upon the name of the Lord. I will call upon the Lord, who is worthy to be praised; So shall I be saved from my enemies. (Ps 116:12-13, Ps 18:1).

The blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was shed for me, preserve my body and soul unto everlasting life. Amen.

(Receive the precious Blood of Christ.)

Prayers for communicants are also provided for before and after reception of Holy Communion on page 128.

Weekly Calendar

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

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

-Learn-by-Heart Certificate for Holy Baptism

-Council Meeting #1, After Service

MONDAY **-Divine Service, St. Timothy, 10:30 AM**

TUESDAY **-Divine Service, Conversion of St. Paul, 10:30 AM**

WEDNESDAY **-Divine Service, St. Titus, 10:30 AM**

-Learn-by-Heart, 6:30 PM/Catechesis Service, 7 PM

FRIDAY *-Game Night, 5:30PM*

SATURDAY *-Private Confession and Absolution, 8 PM*

NEXT *-THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY*

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

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

Trinity News

Council Meeting.—is today Sunday, January 23.

Game Night.—Friday, January 28

2021 Pecan Fundraiser for ECLC.—We have some extra bags of pecans downstairs to sell. There are 4 of

the plain pecans (extra-large halves) at \$11.00 and 6 cinnamon glazed at \$9.00/bag.

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.