

**Divine Service for Lent**

**Welcome to Trinity**

**#23 For Luther’s Mother Margaret: Rejoice, Christ Overcame Death**

Let us therefore now rejoice with all assurance and gladness, and should any thought of sin or death frighten us, let us in opposition to this lift up our hearts and say: “Behold, dear soul, what are you doing? Dear death, dear sin, how is it that you are alive and terrify me? Do you not know that you have been overcome? Do you, death, not know that you are quite dead? Do you not know the One who says of you: ‘I have overcome the world?’ It does not behoove me either to listen to your terrifying suggestions, or heed them. **Rather [I should listen] to the comforting words of my Savior: ‘Be of good cheer, be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.’** He is the victor, the true hero, who gives and appropriates to me his victory with this word: ‘Be of good cheer!’ I shall cling to him, and to his words and comfort I shall hold fast; regardless whether I remain here or go yonder, I shall live by [this word, for] he does not lie to me. You would like to deceive me with your terrors, and with your lying thoughts you would like to tear me away from such a victor and savior. But they are lies, as surely as **it is true that he has overcome you and commanded us to be comforted.**

“Saint Paul also boasts likewise and defies the terrors of death: ‘Death is swallowed up in victory. O death, where is thy victory? O hell, where is thy sting?’ Like a wooden image of death, you can terrify and challenge, but you have no power to strangle. For your victory, sting, and power have been swallowed up in Christ’s victory. You can show your teeth, but you cannot devour, for God has given us the victory over you through Christ Jesus our Lord, to whom be praise and thanks. Amen.” (Luther’s Works, v. 50, p.19-20)

**Assistants**

Elder – Daniel Byrne (922-3556)  
 Organist – LeeAnn Byrne  
 Altar Guild – Claire Stretch and Kim Miller

No flowers during Lent  
 Church Cleaning – Mar 27 Stretch, April 3/10 Smith

Preparation Hymn #203

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 (up through the readings)  
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Old Testament Reading  
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**SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION**

+ Preface, etc. .... p.144-151  
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*Announcements*

**Trinity Lutheran Church & Early Childhood Learning Center**  
 1000 North Park Avenue, Herrin, IL 62948 Church 942-3401, Learning Center 942-4750 [www.trinityh.org](http://www.trinityh.org)  
**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](http://Eldona.org))*

## Service Insert for Lent Four

### Hymn #203 “O Day of Rest and Gladness”

#### Invocation

*The sign of the cross is made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

P. In the Name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C. Amen.**

#### Versicles

P. I will go to the altar of God:

**C. To God my exceeding joy.**

P. Our help is in the Name of the Lord.

**C. Who made heaven and earth.**

#### Confession

*During the period of silence, call to mind both your sinfulness and those sins you have committed against the Ten Commandments.*

P. I confess to almighty God,

**C. before all the company of heaven, and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned exceedingly in thought, word and deed**

*Strike your chest three times saying:*

**by my fault(x),**

**by my own fault(x),**

**by my own most grievous fault(x);**

**wherefore I pray almighty God, for the sake of Jesus Christ**

**His Son, to have mercy on me, forgive me my sins, and bring**

**me to everlasting life.**

#### Absolution

P. Upon this, your confession, I, by virtue of my Office as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God to all of you. In the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins, in the Name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C. Amen**

#### Introit

*Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be / glad with her,\**

*all you who / love her;  
that you may feed and be / satisfied\*  
with the consolation of her / bosom.*

I was glad when they / said to me,\*

“Let us go into the house / of the Lord.”

Our feet have been / standing\*

within your gates, O Je- / rusalem!

Pray for the peace of Je- / rusalem:\*

“May they prosper who / love you.”

For the sake of my brethren and companions, I will / now say,\*

“Peace be with- / in you.”

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.

Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be / glad with her,\*

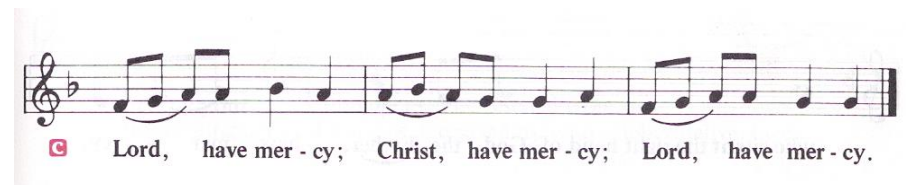
all you who / love her;

that you may feed and be / satisfied\*

with the consolation of her / bosom.

*(Antiphon, Ps. 66:10-11; Psalm 122:1-2,6, 8)*

#### Kyrie



#### Collect

P. The Lord be with you.

**C. And with your spirit.**

P. Let us pray.

Grant, we implore You, almighty God, that we, who for our evil deeds do worthily deserve to be punished, by the comfort of Your grace may be mercifully relieved; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C. Amen.**

## Exodus 16:2-21

### *The Bread from Heaven*

### Gradual

I was glad when they / said to me,\*

“Let us go into the house / of the LORD.”

Peace be with- / in your walls,\*

Prosperity within your / palaces.



(Psalm 122:1, 7)

## Galatians 4:21-31

### *Hagar and Sarah*

### Tract (From Septuagesima to Holy Saturday, the Tract replaces the Verse)

Those who trust / in the LORD\*

are like Mount / Zion,

which can- / not be moved,\*

but abides for- / ever.

As the mountains surround Je- / rusalem,\*

so the LORD surrounds His / people

from this time forth and for- / ever.\*

Peace be upon / Israel!

(Psalm 125:1-2, 5)

## St. John 6:1-15

### *Feeding of Five Thousand*

## Nicene Creed, p. 141

## Hymn of the Day #94 “Christ, the Life of All the Living”

### Prayer for the Church

Thanksgiving. — that you have raised up a prophet like Moses from among us and that this Jesus, your Son, our Lord, has far surpassed Moses, supplying all of our needs of body and soul.

The Church and her servants.— that the church in times of testing would not turn from our Lord’s provisions and exchange the church’s inheritance for a bite of bread, but recognizing her inability to provide for God’s sheep, trust in Jesus who provides in abundance.

--That the proclamation of the Gospel in every land and place would produce abundant fruit. Grant mercy to our congregation that we may hold fast to Your saving Word and proclaim it with great joy. Bless our bishop, James Heiser, and our pastors Michael D. Henson and Gary K. Harroun, and all pastors and other servants; grant humbleness to those who lead; and heal divisions wherever they may exist. Give all members of our congregations an increase of faith, hope, and love, that they may ever trust in You

--For the children at our Learning Center, our teachers and director, Keely Gelso to trust in Christ’s provisions for their lives.

The nations of the world and their rulers.— that the governing authorities which you have placed over us--our president, Joe Biden, our governor, J.B. Pritzker and the mayor of Herrin, Steve Frattini, the congress, and all who make, administer and judge our laws--would maintain peace so that the fruits of the earth might be distributed as daily bread to all.

--grant protection to those whose duty it is to defend this nation, especially for Danny Cobin, Jason Melvin, and Blake Darnstaedt, as well as for our police officers, especially Alex Byrne and Daniel Byrne. Watch over their families while they are absent. Guide our nation and its leaders to use military force responsibly in order to punish evil and reward good

### 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; Jean Hileman, **Elderly.**- Violet Kemp

**Various Needs.**- Kevin Krolak (nephew of Patti Baker), Victor and Marsha Turner, Gib, Howard and Stan (Jane’s Brothers), Jack Plock (brother of Cecil Plock), Levi Gonzalez (nephew of Patti Baker), Jennifer (Cecil’s daughter), Jim Blair (abdominal cancer), and Linda Plock.

**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.* Jerusalem is built as a city, that is at unity in itself: for thither the tribes go up, even the tribes of the Lord; to give thanks unto the Name of the Lord. (Ps 122:3-4). **Ps 122:1-8.**

## Easter Vigil

**Saturday, April 16, 7:00 to 10:00 PM**

Make plans now to attend the Great Easter Vigil on the Saturday evening before Easter.

- ✠ **The Service of Light.**—The congregation begins outside the church, is gathered around a fire where the Paschal candle is prepared, and then processes with candles burning.
- ✠ **The Service of Readings**(from which we get the name “vigil”)—12 readings each followed by the chanting of a psalm and a prayer.
- ✠ **The Service of the Remembrance of Holy Baptism**
- ✠ **The Service of Holy Communion** – lights are turned on, bells are rung, the Alleluia returns with abundance.

Though a longer service than we are accustomed, not nearly the all night vigils of the early Christians(Acts 20:7-12). Come and relax. Without rushing we will recall the history of God’s people and rejoice in the fulfillment of all Scripture in Christ Jesus and His resurrection.



## Luther’s Portrait from *Das Alte Testament Deutsch*, M. Luther, Wittenberg, 1523.

After the publication of the New Testament in 1522, Luther began to translate the Old Testament, which would take him 12 years. “He used a Hebrew Bible that had been published in Brescia in 1494. He used the commentaries of Nicolas of Lyra and the grammar and lexicon of Reuchlin. Luther immersed himself deeply in passages, listening to them from within, and then asked whether what he thought he was hearing agreed with the letter of the text and was grammatically acceptable” (Gruber).

## For Brethren and Friends in Distant Lands.

ALMIGHTY Father, Who art present in Thy power in every place: Give ear in Thy loving-kindness to the supplications which we offer unto Thee on behalf of our brethren and friends in distant lands; may Thy mighty hand shield and protect them from all evil; may Thy Holy Spirit guide them in the right way and bless their going out and their coming in; and grant that, being united by our fellowship with Thee, we may all at the last be gathered in the Home which is above; 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.82).

## Trinity News

**Easter Flowers.**—may be brought to the church beginning April 15. If you would like to donate money for flowers to be purchased, speak to LeeAnn Byrne.

**Corn Hole Tournament.**— is scheduled for Saturday, April 2 from 2 to 5 PM at the Deer Farm

**The Next Game Night.**—is Friday, April 22.

**Eldona Synod & Colloquium 2022.**— April 25-29, 2022.

**Eldona Summer Camp** is set for July 25 -29, 2022 at Surfside Christian Retreat Center in Panama City Beach and hosted by St. Patrick Ev. Lutheran Church (ChIPLEY, FL).

## Weekly Calendar

TODAY --Choir Practice, 8:30 AM

--Children/Adult Bible Studies, 9 AM

--**Divine Service, 10:15 AM**

--*Learn-by-Heart Recitation of Lord’s Supper*

MONDAY -Board of Elders, 7:00 PM

TUESDAY-THURSDAY - Pr. Henson at Ft. Myers Mission

NEXT --*JUDICA (“Vindicate me...”)*

SUNDAY --Choir Practice, 8:30 AM

--Children and Adult Bible Studies, 9 AM

--**Divine Service, 10:15 AM**

--*Learn-by-Heart Certificate for Lord’s Supper*

## Trinity News

**Easter Flowers.**—may be brought to the church beginning April 11. If you would like to donate money for flowers to be purchased, speak to LeeAnn Byrne.

**The Next Game Night.**—is this Friday, March 25.

**Corn Hole Tournament.**— is scheduled for Saturday, April 2 from 2 to 5 PM at the Deer Farm.

## 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.