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**Welcome to Trinity**

**#27 The Church Stands in Awe of the Words of God**

“But the princes, who are nevertheless powerful, threatening, terrible, and more to be feared than others, not

only resorted to threats to scare me, but they persecuted in deed and showed all their terror. **And behold, I still did not fear them, but rather stood in awe of Your words**, so that I might conquer fear of them.” Therefore this is not the word of teenage girls, but of the bride herself. But when do we so despise ourselves (not to speak of princes) or the lowest men, that we do not stand in awe of them? Yes, we even quake before those who are not yet persecuting but only threatening a little bit, and we tremble at their word, but we are insensitive to the Word of God! **But the church is not afraid of all the persecuting princes of the world, because she stands in awe of the words of God.** This she would not do, unless, despising all things by faith, she savored eternal things alone. We would surely do the same, unless we were afraid that temporal things would be taken away, threatened, or not given. (Luther’s Works, v. 11, p.518)

**For the Laborer.**

ALMIGHTY God, Who, when Thou didst send forth man from Eden, commandedst him to labor in the sweat of his brow: We acknowledge that all our toil and work is in vain if it be without Thy blessing and aid; and we humbly beseech Thee to assist us patiently to fulfill our calling, and faithfully to accomplish our work, graciously enriching it with Thy blessing, in order that the labor of our hands may prosper, and, in thankfulness, we may consecrate the fruits thereof to the spread of Thy Kingdom and the help of the needy; 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.88).

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## Service Insert for Holy Tuesday

+ We observe the Scriptural practice of closed communion. Non-members who would like to receive Christ's Body and Blood for the forgiveness of sins are asked to speak with the Pastor prior to coming forward to receive.

+ As you await the beginning of the Divine Service, prayer is encouraged. Consider praying Psalms 34, 51, 84, 116, 150 or the prayers for before and after receiving the Sacrament(p.128).

+ Although today's Divine Service does not include the preparation rite of Invocation, Confession, and Absolution, each individual is invited to prepare privately. The confession on the left side of page 264 might serve well.



### Introit

God forbid that | I should boast\*

except in the cross of our Lord | Jesus Christ.

In Him is salvation, life, and resurrection | from the dead;\*

by Him we are redeemed and set at | liberty.

God be merciful to us and | bless us,\*

and cause His face to shine u- | pon us.

That Your way may be | known on earth,\*

your salvation among all | nations.

Let the peoples praise | You, O God;\*

let all the peoples | praise You.

God, our own God, shall | bless us.\*

God shall bless us, and all the ends of the earth shall | fear Him.

*(The Gloria Patri is omitted)*

God forbid that | I should boast\*

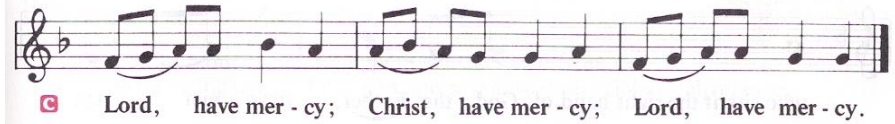
except in the cross of our Lord | Jesus Christ.

In Him is salvation, life, and resurrection | from the dead;\*

by Him we are redeemed and set at | liberty.

*(Antiphon, Gal 6:14, Liturgical text, Psalm 67:1-2, 5-7)*

### Kyrie



### Salutation & Collect

P. The Lord be with you.

C. And with your spirit.

P. Let us pray: Almighty and everlasting God, grant us by Your grace so to pass through this holy time of our Lord's Passion that we may be sustained by the remission of our sins; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C. AMEN

### Old Testament: Jeremiah 11:18-20

*Plot against Jeremiah*

*After the reading*

P. This is the Word of the Lord.

C. THANKS BE TO GOD.



### Gradual

But as for me, when / they were sick,

My clothing was / sackcloth;

I humbled myself with / fasting;

And my prayer would return to / my own heart.

Plead my cause, O Lord, with those who / strive with me;\*

fight against those who fight a- / gainst me.

Take hold of shield and / buckler,\*

and stand up / for my help.

*(Psalm 35:13, 1-2)*



## 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](http://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.

## Assistants

Elder – Cecil Plock (218-3064)

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Altar Guild –

Church Cleaning – April 17/24 Schroeder, May 1/8 Prochaska



## The initial Letter "A" of The First Book of Moses by Martin Luther for *Das Alte Testament Deutsch*, M. Luther, Wittenberg, 1523.

The picture is of God creating the sphere of the world.

"In the beginning God created the heaven and earth..."

"Am anfang schuff Gott hymel und erden..." From page VII = 7.

## Luther's Works, Volume 8 on Genesis 45

Therefore we Christians must learn that Holy Scripture teaches this humbling everywhere. But if we are righteous and belong to the number of those, as we certainly do, who desire to obtain the kingdom of heaven, we should know that we have been baptized into the death of Christ (Rom. 6:3), whom we must follow as our Leader in order that the sinful body may be destroyed (Rom. 6:6). And in the eyes of God our life is nothing but destruction, mortification, and being brought down to hell, not indeed for destruction but for salvation, liberation, and purging. But this must consist not only in word but also in deed, as Paul says: "The kingdom of God does not consist in talk" (1 Cor. 4:20). Sin clings to us, since we have been born and conceived in sin. The flesh is corrupt, and the devil incites it to misdeeds of every kind. What else, then, should God do than purge us? Yet this cannot be done without grief and torment. For it must hurt; it must be felt.

In this manner Joseph was tried and disciplined in a wonderful way until he was humbled, instructed, and finally raised up again. For he arrived at such knowledge of godliness and such wisdom that he could also counsel others and rule over them, yes, could govern even the whole world. The whole kingdom of Egypt was not sufficient for his wisdom, although he helped very many people there and instructed not only the common people but also the king and the priests about true salvation. But where did he get such great ability? Because he was mortified, brought down to hell, slighted, and driven to despair. Nevertheless, in the time of trial he retained faith and hope with great strength of spirit.

In the same manner Joseph also disciplines and humbles his brothers in order that he may exalt them. **Therefore he is a perfect and outstanding example of the governance of God, "who did not spare His own Son but gave Him up for us all" (Rom. 8:32) in order that He might render satisfaction for our sins.** But we are not humbled to render satisfaction but to be cleansed. Christ Himself did not need purging, since He was completely innocent. But it is the merit of His suffering that our humbling, mortification, rejection, and damnation are pleasing to God.

Accordingly, these things must be learned as they are handed down in Holy Scripture. For the papists and the Turks are completely ignorant of these matters. They think that they are blessed, perfect, and saintly, and that they please God with their obedience and worship, without purging. Therefore they do not care about God or fear Him. Nor am I speaking now about Julius or Clement, those monsters among the popes.<sup>3</sup> But let us look at the examples of good and saintly men like Augustine, Bernard, and many others, leaving their faith out of consideration. They think that they are in a healthy state. They teach patience, to be sure; but they do so with too much coldness. And if you ask why they fast, why they torture the body, why they cut themselves with scourges, they say that they do so for the purpose of being exalted above others in the kingdom of heaven. (p.5-7)