

**Welcome to Trinity**

**#28 Believing in the Divine Promises, We Rejoice**

162. *I will rejoice at Thy words like one who has found great spoil. Our every rejoicing is in the hope of things to*

*come, and not in the reality of things present. For this reason we rejoice, because we believe the divine promises, and we hope for and love the things which He promises.* For he does not say “I will rejoice at the riches of the world” but “at Thy words.” And it is the voice of the church living among persecutors. For all persecutors did this to lure the faithful to **the vanities of the world and passing joys**, so that they would either rejoice with them in the worst things, or at least fear them, if they were unwilling to rejoice. And so they attempted to force to joys through grief, to delights through afflictions, to pleasures through torments. (Luther’s Works, v. 11, p.518-519)

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**For the Contrite.**

O GOD, Who hast pity upon all, and ceasest not to receive with fatherly kindness them who return unto Thee: Remember, we beseech Thee, that we are but flesh, and be ready to turn Thy wrath away, nor kindle all that wrath against us, but soften it and vouchsafe us Thine. unfailling grace: 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 Wednesday

+ 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

At the name of Jesus every | knee should bow\*  
of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those un- / der  
the earth.

For He became obedient to death, even the death | of the cross.\*  
Therefore He is Lord, to the glory of God the | Father.

Hear my | prayer, O Lord,\*

and let my cry | come to You.

For my days are con- | sumed like smoke,\*

and my bones are burned | like a hearth.

My heart is stricken and with- | ered like grass,\*

so that I forget to | eat my bread.

But You, O Lord, shall endure for- | ever,\*

and the remembrance of Your name to all gener- | ations.

*(The Gloria Patri is omitted)*

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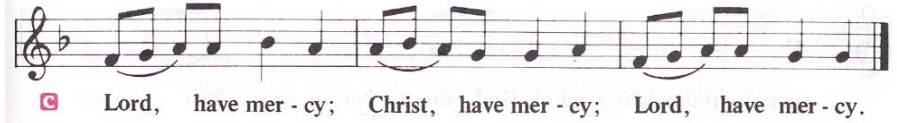
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earth.

For He became obedient to death, even the death | of the cross.\*

Therefore He is Lord, to the glory of God the | Father.

*(Antiphon, Philippians 2:10, 8, 11, Psalm 102:1,3-4,12)*

## Kyrie



### Salutation & 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 are continually afflicted, may mercifully be relieved by the Passion of Your only-begotten Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. C. AMEN

### Old Testament: Isaiah 62:11-63:7

*God's Day of Redemption*

*After the reading*

P. This is the Word of the Lord.

C. THANKS BE TO GOD.



### Gradual

And do not hide Your face from Your servant, For I am in / trouble;

Hear me / speedily.

Save / me, O God!

For the waters have come up / to my neck.

I sink / in deep mire,

Where there is no / standing;

*(Psalm 69:17,1-2a )*

## Epistle: Revelation 1:5b-7

*After the reading*

P. This is the Word of the Lord.



## Tract

Hear my | prayer, O Lord,\*

and let my cry | come to You.

Do not hide Your | face from me\*

in the day of my | trouble;

incline Your | ear to me;\*

in the day that I call, answer me | speedily.

You will arise and have mercy on | Zion;\*

for the time to favor her, yes, the set | time, has come. (*Ps 102:1-2, 13*)

## Holy Gospel: Luke 22:1-23:56

*The Passion according to St. Luke*

P. The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> chapters.

C. GLORY TO YOU, O LORD.

*After the reading*

P. This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C. PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST.

## Nicene Creed – p. 141-142

## Hymn of the Day - #116 “Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted”

## Sermon

*Freed from our sins*

## Offertory

Hear my / prayer, O Lord,

And let my cry / come to You.

Do not hide Your / face from me

in the day of my / trouble;

Incline Your / ear to me;

In the day that I call, answer me / speedily. (*Psalm 102:1-2*)



## Secret

Accept, O Lord, we beseech thee, the thank offerings we have made, and mercifully grant that we may receive, with pious sentiments, what we celebrate in the mystery of the Passion of our Lord; 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.

## Communion

For I have eaten ash- / es like bread,

And mingled my drink with / weeping,

Because of Your indignation / and Your wrath;

For You have lifted me up and cast / me away.

My days are like a shadow that / lengthens,

And I wither a- / way like grass.

But You, O Lord, shall endure for- / ever,

And the remembrance of Your name to all gene- / rations.

You will arise and have mercy on / Zion;

For the time to favor her, Yes, the set / time, has come. (*Psalm 102:9-13*)

## Postcommunion Prayer

Grant to our mind, almighty God, that by the temporal death of Your Son, re-presented in these adorable mysteries, we may trust that You have given to us eternal life; through the same Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. AMEN.

## Prayer over the people

Let us pray: Bow down your heads before God.

Look down, we beseech You, O Lord, on this Your family, for which our Lord Jesus Christ was contented to be betrayed and to be delivered into the hands of wicked men, and to suffer the torment of the cross; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. AMEN.

## 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.



### The initial Letter "D" of The Second Book of Moses by Martin Luther for *Das Alte Testament Deutsch*, M. Luther, Wittemberg, 1523.

The picture is God appearing on the mountain....

"These are the names of the children of Israel..."

"Das sind die namen der kinder Israel..."

From page XLVI = 46.

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

And yet this is not the final cause of afflictions, but it is rather mortification and getting rid of sins and of that original evil which clings to nature. And the more you are purged, the more you will be blessed in the life to come. For glory will undoubtedly follow the misfortunes and vexations which we endure in this world. **But the main purpose of all these is the cleansing**, which is altogether necessary and useful, lest we snore and become dull because of the laziness and sluggishness of our flesh. For when there is peace and quiet, we do not pray. Nor do we meditate on the Word, but we treat the Scriptures and all things that belong to God coldly or finally slip into fatal smugness.

Therefore we must be troubled and humbled, if not by bloodshed and imprisonment, as the saintly martyrs suffered, at least through spiritual trials, sorrow, grief, and anguish of heart. Otherwise we shall perish in our sins. For the flesh is corrupt, filled with poison, leprous, and has need of a physician to counteract that rottenness by means of cross, martyrdom, sadness, confusion, and disgrace. These, you see, are the medicines with which God purges away sin.

Holy Scripture is full of such examples. They show that the saints must endure. **For when they are not subjected to trials, they forget their spiritual exercises. Then they pray, believe, and praise rather lazily.** On the other hand, they cry out, groan, and complain when misfortunes come, and thus they are disciplined and instructed in the Word, as Isaiah says (Is. 28:19): "Vexation gives understanding."

But finally, when the trial is over, the most merciful Father and Savior of our souls appears and says: "I am the Lord your God. I have scourged and harassed you." Thus Joseph exclaims here: "I AM JOSEPH. I have irritated and disciplined you in various ways, not in a spirit of hostility or because of a desire to destroy you but rather to arouse penitence in you and a purging away of sin, that you might become righteous. Therefore do not fear; for I am not the person you imagine me to be, a cruel and harsh Egyptian tyrant. You are making a big mistake."

In the same way the thoughts, the murmurings, and the suspicions of the godly concerning God are false. For we cannot understand the reason for His counsels. "What I am doing you do not know now," Christ says to Peter in John 13:7, "but afterward you will understand. I shall wash your feet, but what this washing means you do not understand."

Thus in the time of suffering we do not see the will of God and His counsels. For this reason those who are afflicted tremble horribly and struggle with unbelief, indignation against God, and despair. But when with God's help they firmly retain faith and hope, lest they be completely cast down in spirit, then there is no danger; for God does not reckon those complaints and that murmuring as sin. Later, however, He comes and says: "I am the Lord your Savior." (p.7-8)