Welcome to Trinity

#40 God's Gifts are Taken Captive by Their Rules

Eccl. 2:3. And I thought in my heart that I would abstain from wine and govern my heart wisely and comprehend prudence, till I might see what was good for the sons of men to do under the sun during all the days of their life.

abstinence and strictness." This passage is like a thunderbolt against all the regulations and the religiosity of the monks, by which they subject to themselves and to their own planning such things as do not belong to them. This is not to say that abstinence is evil; what is evil is to seek it out by one's own planning and to bind oneself to it as something necessary. For time, things, and places are gifts of God, which they nevertheless want to take captive through their rules and prescriptions. Besides, all they get out of it is sorrow and misery, while they torture the flesh and torment themselves in vain. For this is what the Carthusians prescribe: One is not to eat meat even if one were dying of hunger. The worst part of it is that they look for sanctity in such things, as though the devil himself could not be a saint this way, since, after all, he neither drinks wine nor dresses in purple, etc.

Therefore he is saying: "All things would be good for me, whether abstaining or eating and drinking, but they become very evil when I add my own ideas." God has not prescribed place or time, food or abstinence, but in our foolishness we prescribe: "Now I shall eat meat, now I shall not eat it." God Himself says: "When you have it, eat; if you do not have it, abstain." Therefore if you want to be abstinent, wait for the counsel of the Lord. He is able to cast you into prison, into hunger, into infirmity, and the like. There you should be abstinent, for there you have a rule that has been prescribed for you not by yourself but by God Himself. But now by your own ideas you make up a form of abstinence that is contrary to the will of God. These outstanding despisers of the world, moreover, everywhere abstain from things in such a way that they never lack for anything. They act in such a way as never to have to abstain. In short, just as they are puffed up above God through their own righteousness, so they are puffed up above the creation through their own ordinances. (Luther's Works, v.15 p.32-33)

Divine Service I, p.136

Skip the Invocation, Confession/Absolution

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Trinity Lutheran Church & Early Childhood Learning Center

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Propers for Rogate

"Ask'

Introit

With a voice of singing, declare, proclaim this, utter it to the end of the earth.



Alle-/luia.*

The Lord has redeemed His servant Jacob! Alle-/luia.

Make a joyful shout to God, / all the earth!*

Sing out the honor / of His name.

I cried to Him / with my mouth,*

and He was extolled / with my tongue.

Certainly God has / heard me;*

He has attended to the voice / of my prayer.

Blessed be God, who has not turned a-/way my prayer,*

nor His mer- / cy from me!

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.

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(Antiphon, Is 40:20; Psalm 66:1, 17, 19-20)

Collect

O God, from whom all good things do come, grant to us, Your humble servants, that by Your holy inspiration we may think those things that be right and by Your merciful guiding may perform the same; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Savior, who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **AMEN**

Numbers 21:4-9

Bronze Snake

(From Quasimodo Geniti through the week following Pentecost, the Gradual is omitted and the Alleluia Verse is lengthened)

1 Timothy 2:1-6

Pray for all

Alleluia Verse

Alle- / luia.

Alle- / luia.*



Christ who has redeemed us / with His blood,*

is risen and has appeared unto us. Alle-/luia.

I came forth from the Father and have come in-/to the world.* Again, I leave the world and go to the Father. Alle-/luia.

(Liturgical text, John 16:28)

St. John 16:23-33

Ask and you will receive

Followed by The Nicene Creed, p. 141

Prayer for the Church

<u>Thanksgiving</u>. – that Christ having ascended has sent the Spirit of truth from the Father to bear witness to His Son so that we might come to faith and as the body of Christ, be always expecting our Lord's return, be continually in prayer, and above all be loving each other deeply until His return.

The Church and her servants.--that God's people, who are exiles and orphans on account of their sins, believe that on account of Jesus' righteousness, they are gathered into Christ's Kingdom, made clean by the sprinkling of clean water, and made adopted sons of God with full rights of inheritance.

- --Grant success to all who serve You and to our neighbors in their daily callings. Lead us all to make appropriate use of all the gifts of Your creation, especially in our humble service to those less fortunate.
- --that all pastors in Christ, our bishop, James Heiser and our pastors Michael Henson and Gary Harroun, would consider their high calling as one speaking the very words of God with the promise of the Spirit's working.
- --that children and adults alike would take advantage of Summer Sunday School and Wednesday Catechesis in order to nurture their children in the knowledge and love of the Lord.
- --For our Director, Keely Gelso, for our teachers, for our assistants and support staff; for those who volunteer in taking care of the children and maintaining the facility; for those who give financial and prayer support; for the children attending the School Age Academy this Summer.

- The nations of the world and their rulers.-- that our president, Joe Biden, our governor, J.B. Pritzker, our mayor, Steve Frattini, federal and state legislators, county commissioners, city officials and all our judges would faithfully administer their office as one who bears the sword for the common good.
- --For our military personnel-- especially Danny Cobin, Jason Melvin, and Blake Darnstaedt, as well as our police officers, especially Alex Byrne and Daniel Byrne, and those who attend to us in times of emergency, and all public servants give commitment to duty, and, in all times of danger, keep them safe.
- --O Lord God Almighty, who does behold all the nations of the earth from Your heavenly throne, look down with pity upon those nations who are now at war. Hold Your hand over women and children. Check the hatred and cruelty of mankind. Direct the counsels of neighbor nations to overtures of peace. Give peace in our time, that we and all Your children may serve You with a quiet mind.

Particular local needs.—

Shut-ins.- Carolyn Westerman; Jean Hileman(Covid), **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 Eldona Pastor Ernie Bernet at Discipleship Lutheran Church(Mineral Springs, Texas).

Students.-Benjamin Henson and Jacob Henson (St. Ignatius Seminary).

Communion Psalm: *Ant.* O Sing unto the Lord, alleluia: O sing unto the LORD, and bless ye his holy Name; tell forth his salvation even from one day unto another, alleluia, alleluia. (Ps. 96:1-2). **Ps 80:1, 8-11, 14-15, 17-18.**

Weekly Calendar

TODAY - Adult and Child Bible Studies, 9:00 AM -Divine Service-Lord's Supper, 10:15 AM

MONDAY-THURSDAY – Ft. Myers Mission

THURSDAY - Divine Service, Ascension Day, 7:00 PM

FRIDAY -Children's Matins, 10 AM

SATURDAY -No Private Confession and Absolution

NEXT -EXAUDI "Hear, (O LORD, my voice)..."
SUNDAY -Adult and Child Bible Studies, 9:00 AM

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

Assistants

Elder – Stephen Phillips (303-0769) Altar Guild – LeeAnn Byrne Organist – LeeAnn Byrne

Church Cleaning – May 22 Plock, May 29 ECLC

Trinity News

ECLC School Age Academy.—starts May 31 Eldona Summer Camp July 25 -29, 2022 at Surfside Christian Retreat Center in Panama City Beach, hosted by St. Patrick Ev. Lutheran Church (Chipley, FL).

For Heavenly Mindedness. GRANT me, Lord, not to mind earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now while I am placed among things that are passing away, to cleave to those that shall abide; 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.35).

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.





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