

**Welcome  
to Trinity**

**#65 Fear God, who Takes Care of the Future, and find enjoyment in the Present**

14. *I know that whatever God does endures forever; nothing can be added to it, nor anything taken from it; God has made it so in order that MEN SHOULD FEAR BEFORE HIM.*

That is: "I have seen that everything God does lasts forever, but our works are unsure and vain." And one must note the antithesis. He says that only God can carry out His counsels and set a definite time for them. To whom He has given this gift of finding enjoyment in the present, he has it. He is faithful and sure; whatever He gives, no one takes away. If He grants life, no one snatches it away, even though the world and Satan should rage; for He is sure and eternal. If He gives me good eyes, I shall keep them, even though Satan should sprinkle all the dust of the earth into them. If He gives me healthy and robust arms or legs, no one will deprive me of them. All our works have their appointed time, which we do not set. Who sets it, then? God Himself determines this time—not fortune or fate, as the philosophers suppose. When He who made the time permits it to come, then it comes.

Why, therefore, does He afflict men with this vain supposition when He has reserved the appointed time for things to Himself? For this reason, he says, **in order that men should fear, that we should not be rash in our works or attempt things proudly and presumptuously as though they came from us.** Thus also Paul teaches (Rom. 9:16; Phil. 2:12–13): "Walking in fear, so that you know that it does not depend upon man's will or exertion, because He Himself is at work both to will and to work." Anyone who believes this, that matters have not been placed into our hands, will not do anything rashly, but will attribute everything to God in His working and will expect everything from Him. If He grants it, he enjoys it; if He does not, he does without it; and if He takes it away, he bears it. Thus there abide the glory of God and our humiliation and the true worship of God among us. This is what it means to fear God: to have God in view, to know that He looks at all our works, and to acknowledge Him as the Author of all things, both good and evil. (Luther's Works, v.15 p.54-55)

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THE PREPARATION

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THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

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SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

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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**

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## Propers for the Last Sunday in the Church Year



### Introit

*The ransomed of the Lord / shall return,\*  
and come to Zion with singing, with everlasting joy / on their  
heads.  
They shall obtain joy and / gladness,\*  
and sorrow and sighing shall / flee away.*

Lord, make me to know my end, and what is the measure / of my  
days,\*

that I may know how / frail I am.  
You have made my days as handbreadths, and my age is as  
nothing be- / fore You;\*

certainly every man at his best state is but / vapor.  
And now, Lord, what do I / wait for?\*

My hope / is in You.  
Deliver me from all my trans- / gressions;\*

do not make me the reproach of the / foolish.  
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 ransomed of the Lord / shall return,\*  
and come to Zion with singing, with everlasting joy / on their  
heads.

They shall obtain joy and / gladness,\*  
and sorrow and sighing shall / flee away. (*Ant, Is 35:10; Psalm 39:4-5, 7-8*)

### Collect

Almighty God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of  
darkness and put upon ourselves the armor of light, now in the  
fleeting time of this mortal life in which Your Son Jesus Christ came  
to visit us in great humility, that in the Last Day, when He shall come  
again in His glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead,  
we may rise to life immortal; through the same Jesus Christ, Your

Son, our Lord, who with You and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns,  
now and forever. AMEN

### Isaiah 65:17-25

*A New Heaven and a New Earth*

### Gradual

The King's daughter shall be  
brought / to the King;\*  
the virgins, her companions  
who follow her, shall be / brought to You.  
With gladness and rejoicing they / shall be brought;\*  
they shall enter the King's / palace. (*Psalm 45:14-15*)



### 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

*Sons of Light*

*Followed by Alleluia Verse, p.140*

### St. Matthew 25:1-13

*The Ten Virgins*

*Followed by The Nicene Creed, p. 141*

**Communion Psalm:** *Ant.* The five wise virgins took oil in their  
vessels with their lamps; and at midnight a cry was made: Behold the  
bridegroom comes; go out to meet him, Christ the LORD. (Matthew  
25). **Psalm 34:1, 5-6, 14-20.**

### Prayer for the Church

Thanksgiving. – for the innumerable and inestimable spiritual blessings  
which have been bestowed upon us in Christ Jesus throughout this  
past church year.

The Church and her servants.—Admonish all false virgins in our  
congregation that the mere outward participation and appearance  
of being a Christian is not enough, but only a living faith in Christ  
will admit to the wedding banquet. Strengthen the church by the  
preaching and teaching of the Word so that she may always cling  
to Christ in true faith and abound in holy love until the  
bridegroom's return.

--give all pastors in Christ, including our bishop, James Heiser and  
our pastors Gary K. Harroun and Michael D. Henson, a sense of  
urgency that they are diligent in the duties of the office of the  
Holy Ministry—to preach the Gospel, to forgive and retain sins,

and to administer and distribute the sacraments—so that their people’s lamps may always glow.

--Sts. Peter and Paul Lutheran Evangelical Lutheran Church, UAC (Knoxville, TN), Deacon Floyd Smithey

—that our Director, Keely Gelso would be given wisdom to teach the children entrusted to our care. Thanksgiving for a successful opening on Thursday.

The nations of the world and their rulers.—O God, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Kindle in the heart of our president, Joe Biden, our governor, J.B. Pritzker, federal and state legislators, county commissioners, our mayor, Steve Frattini, city officials and all our judges a love of that which is true and noble, that justice may be done, peace promoted, wealth protected, and mercy shown.

--Grant protection to all those who risk their lives for the common good, especially the men and women serving in our armed forces, and bless their efforts to defend our freedoms, especially Danny Cobin, Jason Melvin, and Blake Darnstaedt, and our police officers, especially Daniel Byrne and Alex Byrne.

**Particular local needs.**—

**Shut-ins.**- Carolyn Westerman; **Elderly.**- Violet Kemp, Tom Smith

**Various Needs.**- Kevin Krolak (nephew of Patti Baker), Stan (Jane’s Brothers), Jack Plock (brother of Cecil Plock), Levi Gonzalez (nephew of Patti Baker), Jennifer (brain tumor surgery in January, Cecil’s daughter), Victor and Marsha Turner, and Anita Prochaska(recovery).

**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), Ashleigh Byrne(Colorado State University-Global), Cameron Offnet(Southern Illinois University), and Benjamin Henson & Jacob Henson (St. Ignatius Seminary)

**Communion Psalm:** *Ant.* Seek first of all the kingdom of God, and all these things shall be added unto you, says the Lord. (Mt 6:33).

**Psalm 78:1-4, 24-28.**

## The Lord’s Supper

The Lord's Supper is being celebrated today. Please note that our practice of closed communion with those who are in fellowship with us—members of congregations of the

ELDoNA—is not meant to offend, but is the historic practice of the Church. It is prompted by love, both for God's Word and for God's people. It does not deny that members of other denominations may be Christians. Rather, it bows the knee to the Bible's deep concern for doctrinal truth (Rom. 16:17) and the Bible's witness that doctrinal unity (Acts 2:42) is the central issue to the common reception of the Sacrament of the Altar. Therefore, we ask GUESTS desiring to commune to speak with the pastor before the service so that he may know that you are a member of a congregation in fellowship with Trinity Lutheran Church.

## Weekly Calendar

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

MONDAY -Elders’ Meeting, 7:00 PM

WEDNESDAY -Learn-by-Heart, 6:30 PM

**-Catechesis Service, 7:00 PM**

THURSDAY **-Matins for National Day of Thanksgiving, 9 AM**

*-ECLC closed*

FRIDAY *-ECLC closed*

SATURDAY -Decorating for Holy Days, 5:00 PM

**-Vespers for Advent at 7 PM**

NEXT *-THE FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT*

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

**-Divine Service-Lord’s Supper, 10:15 AM**

## Trinity News

**Pecans.**—The deadline to order pecans has passed.

**Thanksgiving Day.**—Matins at 9:00 AM on Nov. 24.

**Decorating for the Holidays.**—Saturday, Nov. 26 at  
5:00 PM

**Addresses of Military and Students for Bulletins.**—Please give  
pastor the addresses of those soldiers, which we are including in our  
prayers

**Ladies Christmas Party.**—Thursday, Dec. 8 at Mary Brieschke's  
house.

**Christmas Services.**--This year's services will be Saturday,  
**December 24 at 7 PM** and Sunday, **December 25 Matins at 8  
AM**, Bible Class at 9 AM, and **Divine Service at 10:15 AM.**

## Assistants

Elder – Dan Byrne (922-3556)

Organist – LeeAnn Byrne

Altar Guild – Butch and Mary Schroeder

Church Cleaning – Nov 27/Dec 4 Harroun, Dec 11/18 Field, Larry

Altar Flowers – Given by Walter and Mary Brieschke in thanksgiving  
for the birth of Mary's two sons: Jonathan Hackett November 12  
and Michael Hackett November 17

## For Hope amid Tribulation.

HEAR us, we beseech Thee, O Lord, and have mercy upon us  
in our tribulations; and as Thou alone art glorious over the  
people, give spiritual joy to us, who look for the hope of Thine  
eternal rewards; 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.59).



**The Luther Bible 1534:** Genesis 39 – Joseph and Potiphar's Wife, page  
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