

Welcome to Trinity

#4 The Second Way is The False Teachers trample the life of Preachers

{Now, who are the ones that trample on what is holy and turn against us? This, too, happens in two areas, both in doctrine and in life.....} **In the second place**, the situation is the same with regard to life. This is true most of all among us, where there is contempt or boredom with the Gospel and where things have progressed so far that a preacher can hardly make a living any more. Squire Bigwig out in the country monopolizes all the land and **keeps the preachers in such a way that they cannot help losing their taste for preaching**. He makes them his servants so that they have to preach and do what he wants. After him comes a Squire Skinflint in the cities and Tom, Dick, and Harry. They maintain that they do not want any Gospel or Word of God. Yet it is from us that they got their freedom from the tyranny of the pope and all their other possessions, even the outward ones. Now they would like to drive us out into the country along with our Gospel, or to starve us out. (Luther's Works, v. 21, pages 224).

Assistants

Elder – Cecil Plock (218-3064)
Altar Guild – Dan and LeeAnn Byrne
Organist – LeeAnn Byrne

Church Cleaning – Dec 25/Jan 1 Field, Bob

For Divine Aid in One's Calling 2
O GOD Almighty, the Father of Thy Only Begotten Son: Give me a body undefiled, an heart pure, a mind watchful, an unerring knowledge, the influence of the Holy Ghost for the obtaining and the assured enjoyment of the Truth; through Thy Christ, by Whom glory be to Thee, in the Holy Ghost, unto the ages. Amen. (Oremus, 1925, p.24).

Divine Service I, p.136

THE PREPARATION

Hymn..... #14
+ Invocation/Confession/Absolution p.136-137

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

+ Introit..... (insert)
[Pastor chants first 4 lines, then congregation joins in.]
+ Kyrie p.137
Gloria in Excelsis is omitted in Advent
+ Salutation/Collect of the Day..... p.139
Old Testament Reading
Epistle
+ Gradual..... (insert)
+ Holy Gospel..... p.140-141
Nicene Creed..... p.141

Hymn "To Jordan Came Our Lord, the Christ"
(insert) Choir sings 1st stanza, then everyone joins in Sermon

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+ Offertory: "Create in Me..." p.143
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SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

+ Preface, etc. p.144-151
Distribution & Hymns
Communion Psalm (by cantor)
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+ "Lord, now you let ..." p.152
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+ Benedicamus/Benediction..... p.154ff
+ **Hymn..... #31**

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Isaiah 40:1-8

¹“Comfort, yes, comfort My people!” Says your God. ²“Speak comfort to Jerusalem, and cry out to her, That her warfare is ended, That her iniquity is pardoned; For she has received from the LORD’s hand Double for all her sins.” ³The voice of one crying in the wilderness: “Prepare the way of the LORD; Make straight in the desert A highway for our God. ⁴Every valley shall be exalted And every mountain and hill brought low; The crooked places shall be made straight And the rough places smooth; ⁵The glory of the LORD shall be revealed, And all flesh shall see *it* together; For the mouth of the LORD has spoken.” ⁶The voice said, “Cry out!” And he said, “What shall I cry?” “All flesh *is* grass, And all its loveliness *is* like the flower of the field. ⁷The grass withers, the flower fades, Because the breath of the LORD blows upon it; Surely the people *are* grass. ⁸The grass withers, the flower fades, But the word of our God stands forever.”

Philippians 4:4-7

⁴Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I will say, rejoice! ⁵Let your gentleness be known to all men. The Lord *is* at hand. ⁶Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; ⁷and the

peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

John 1:19-28

¹⁹Now this is the testimony of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, “Who are you?” ²⁰He confessed, and did not deny, but confessed, “I am not the Christ.” ²¹And they asked him, “What then? Are you Elijah?” He said, “I am not.” “Are you the Prophet?” And he answered, “No.” ²²Then they said to him, “Who are you, that we may give an answer to those who sent us? What do you say about yourself?” ²³He said: “I *am* ‘The voice of one crying in the wilderness: “Make straight the way of the LORD,” ’

as the prophet Isaiah said.” ²⁴Now those who were sent were from the Pharisees. ²⁵And they asked him, saying, “Why then do you baptize if you are not the Christ, nor Elijah, nor the Prophet?” ²⁶John answered them, saying, “I baptize with water, but there stands One among you whom you do not know. ²⁷“It is He who, coming after me, is preferred before me, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to loose.” ²⁸These things were done in Bethabara beyond the Jordan, where John was baptizing.

THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT (VIOLET)**PSALM 126/145****Introit.**

Ant. DROP DOWN, || ye heavens, | from | a- | bove:
and let the skies pour | down | righ- | teous- | ness.

Let the | earth | o- | pen:
and bring | forth | sal- | va- | tion.

Psalm. || The heavens declare the glo- | ry | of | God:
and the firmament showeth | His | hand- | y- | work.

GLO- RY || be to the Father and | to | the | Son:
and to | the | Ho- | ly | Ghost.

AS IT || was in the beginning, is now, and ev- | er | shall | be:
world with- | out | end. | A- | men. (*Ant. repeated.*)

Collect.

Stir up, O Lord, we beseech Thee, Thy power, and come, and with great might succor us, that by the help of Thy grace whatsoever is hindered by our sins may be speedily accomplished, though Thy mercy and satisfaction; Who livest and reignest with the Father, and the Holy Ghost, ever One God, world without end. *Amen.* (*Also: Collect for First Sunday in Advent*)

Epistle. Philippians 4:4-7**Gospel. John 1:19-28****Additional reading: Isaiah 40:1-8****Gradual.**

|| The Lord is nigh unto all them that call | up- | on | Him:
to all that call up- | on | Him- | in | truth.

|| My mouth shall speak the praise | of | the | LORD:
And let all flesh bless | His | Ho- | ly | Name.

|| Hallelujah. Hallelujah. Thou art my help and my de- | liv- | er- | er:
make no tarrying, O my God. | Hal- | le- | lu- | jah.

Rorate - 4th Sunday in Advent

4. To Jordan Came Our Lord, the Christ

Dr. Martin Luther, 1543
Richard Massie, Tr. a

Christ unser Herr zum Jordan kam
8, 7, 8, 7, 8, 7, 8, 7, 7
J. Walther, 1524

1. To Jor-dan came our Lord, the Christ, To do God's plea-sure
2. So hear ye all, and well per-ceive What God doth call a

will - ing, And there was by Saint John bap - tized,
Bap - ti - sm, And what a Chris - tian should be - lieve

All righ - teous - ness ful - fill - ing; There did He
Who er - ror shuns and schi - sm. That we should

con-se-crate a bath To wash a - way trans-gres - sion,
wa-ter use, the Lord De - clar - eth in His plea - sure,

And quench the bit - ter - ness of death By His own blood and
Not sim - ple wa - ter, but the Word And Spi - rit with - out

pas - sion; He would a new life give us.
mea - sure;— He is the true Bap - ti - zer. A - men.

3. To show us this, He hath His Word
With signs and symbols given;
On Jordan's banks was plainly heard
The Father's voice from heaven:
"This is my well-belovéd Son,
In whom My soul delighteth;
Hear Him!" Yea, hear Him ev'ry one,
Whom He Himself inviteth;
Hear and obey His teaching!

4. In tender manhood God the Son
In Jordan's water standeth;
The Holy Ghost from heaven's throne
In dove-like form descendeth;
That thus the truth be not denied,
Nor should our faith e'er waver,
That all three Persons do preside
At Baptism's holy laver,
And dwell with the believer.

5. Thus Jesus His disciples sent
Go, teach ye ev'ry nation,
That, lost in sin, they must repent,
And flee from condemnation;
He that believes and is baptized
Shall thereby have salvation,
A new-born man he is in Christ,
From death free and damnation,
He shall inherit heaven.

6. Who in this mercy hath not faith
Nor aught therein discerneth,
Is yet in sin, condemned to death
And fire that ever burneth;
His holiness avails him not,
Nor aught which he is doing;
His inborn sin brings all to naught,
And maketh sure his ruin;
Himself he cannot succor.

7. The eye of sense alone is dim,
And nothing sees but water;
Faith sees Christ Jesus, and in Him
The Lamb ordained for slaughter;
It sees the cleansing fountain, red
With the dear blood of Jesus,
Which from the sins, inherited
From fallen Adam, frees us,
And from our own misdoings.

Prayer for the Church

Thanksgiving. – Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!

Lord God, the promised Prophet from among the brothers, and the Christ, we give you thanks that you have granted us eternal life so that we hear your voice in the person of your Son and listen to him.

The Church and her servants.—Give your people an abundance of joy and peace. Give them hearts which desire to attend your services and rejoice in all circumstances with prayer, petition, thanksgiving and praise. Give them the peace which transcends all understanding so that their hearts and minds will not be led astray but guarded unto eternal life.

--give all pastors in Christ, including our bishop, James Heiser and our pastors Gary K. Harroun and Michael D. Henson, the humility of St. John the Baptist so that they do not regard their person, but only concern themselves with being a voice, which agrees with God's Holy Word.

--the children of our Learning Center so that they celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ come in the flesh. Uphold our Director, Keely Gelso, and all our staff.

--St. Mary's Evangelical Lutheran Church (Navotas, Philippines) Pr. Lorenz Alvarez Fillmore

The nations of the world and their rulers.— Grant that our president, Joe Biden, our governor, J.B. Pritzker, our mayor, Steve Frattini, and all our leaders that they may be dedicated to their callings, grow daily in wisdom, and have a genuine concern for the people God has placed in their care.

-Bless our police officers, especially Daniel Byrne and Alex Byrne, and the members of our armed forces, especially Danny Cobin, Jason Melvin, and Blake Darnstaedt, and others who must be separated from their families during the holy days around Christmas, that they may be kept in safety until they are reunited.

--For the lonely during the holidays that they put their hope in you.

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, 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.* Behold, a Virgin shall conceive, and bear a Son: and his name shall be called Emmanuel (Isaiah 7:14).

Psalm 19:1-6

Weekly Calendar

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

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

-Learn-by-Heart Recitation of the Lord's Prayer

WEDNESDAY-**Divine Service on St. Thomas, Apostle, 10:30 AM**

-Learn-by-Heart, 6:30 PM

-Catechesis Service, 7:00 PM

- ECLC Closed Dec 21, 2022 - January 2, 2023.

SATURDAY **-CHRIST'S MASS EVE SERVICE, 7:00 PM**

-Note: There is no 11 PM service

SUNDAY **-FULL MATINS ON CHRISTMAS DAY, 8:00 AM**

-Adult and Child Bible Studies, 9:00 AM

-CHRIST'S MASS DAY SERVICE, 10:15 AM

-Learn-by-Heart Certificate for the Lord's Prayer

2023 ELDoNa Dates

The **2023 Synod** will be Monday through Thursday, June 26-28, 2023

The **Colloquium** (papers) will be June 29, 2023

The **Augustana Ministerium** will be June 30, 2023.

The Diocesan **Family Camp** will begin on Friday, June 30 and continue through Tuesday, July 4, 2023.

All of the above will be hosted by Salem Lutheran Church (Malone, Texas). For more information, see The Lutheran Herald, Dec 2022.



The Luther Bible 1534: Exodus 32 – Golden Calf, p.56.

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.