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Welcome to Trinity

#3 The First Way is The False Teachers trample By Their Teaching

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 first place, it is the false teachers that do it.** They take our Gospel and learn it; thus they get our jewel and precious treasure in which we are baptized and live and of which we boast. Then they go back where they came from and start preaching against us and turning their snouts and their teeth against us. Our sectarian fanatics used to keep very quiet when the pope was raging and ruling, and you never heard a peep out of them. Now that we have run the danger of opening the path and of liberating them from the tyranny of the pope, and now that they have heard our doctrine and can imitate our preaching, they go out and turn against us. They become the worst enemies we have on earth, and no one has ever preached as badly as we, though without us they would not have known anything about it. (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 18 Field, Larry, Dec 25/Jan 1 Field, Bob

For Grace to do One's Work 3

O GOD, the Sovereign God of the soul, Who requirest the hearts of all Thy children: deliver us from all sloth in Thy work, all coldness in Thy cause; and grant us, by looking unto Thee, to rekindle our love, and by waiting upon Thee, to renew our strength; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. Amen. (Oremus, 1925, p.25).

THE PREPARATION

Hymn..... #25
+ Invocation/Confession/Absolution p.136-137

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

+ Introit..... (insert)
[Pastor first 2 lines, then unison.]

+ 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 "The Only Son from Heaven" (insert)

Choir sings a 4th doxological stanza

Sermon

Offering plates are in the back.

+ Offertory: "Create in Me..." p.143

+ Prayer of the Church..... p.144

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

+ Preface, etc. p.144-151

Distribution & Hymns

Communion Psalm (by cantor)

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+ Benedicamus/Benediction..... p.154ff

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Malachi 3:1-6

¹“Behold, I send My messenger, And he will prepare the way before Me. And the Lord, whom you seek, Will suddenly come to His temple, Even the Messenger of the covenant, In whom you delight. Behold, He is coming,” Says the LORD of hosts.²“But who can endure the day of His coming? And who can stand when He appears? For He *is* like a refiner’s fire And like launderer’s soap.³He will sit as a refiner and a purifier of silver; He will purify the sons of Levi, And purge them as gold and silver, That they may offer to the LORD An offering in righteousness.⁴“Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem Will be pleasant to the LORD, As in the days of old, As in former years.⁵And I will come near you for judgment; I will be a swift witness Against sorcerers, Against adulterers, Against perjurers, Against those who exploit wage earners and widows and orphans, And against those who turn away an alien— Because they do not fear Me,” Says the LORD of hosts.⁶“For I *am* the LORD, I do not change; Therefore you are not consumed, O sons of Jacob.

1 Corinthians 4:1-5

¹Let a man so consider us, as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God. ²Moreover it is required in stewards that one be found faithful. ³But with me it is a very small thing that I should be judged by you or by a human court. In fact, I do not even judge myself. ⁴For I know nothing against myself, yet I am not justified by this; but

He who judges me is the Lord.

⁵Therefore judge nothing before the time, until the Lord comes, who will both bring to light the hidden things of darkness and reveal the counsels of the hearts. Then each one’s praise will come from God.

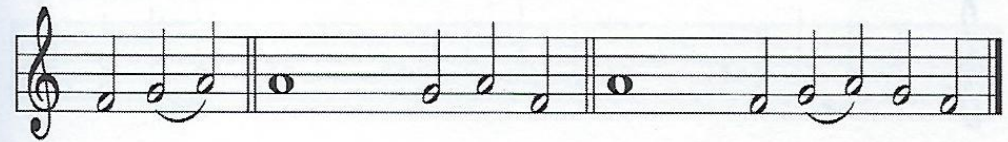
Matthew 11:2-10

²And when John had heard in prison about the works of Christ, he sent two of his disciples ³and said to Him, “Are You the Coming One, or do we look for another?” ⁴Jesus answered and said to them, “Go and tell John the things which you hear and see: ⁵“*The blind see and the lame walk; the lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear; the dead are raised up and the poor have the gospel preached to them.*

⁶“And blessed is he who is not offended because of Me.” ⁷As they departed, Jesus began to say to the multitudes concerning John: “What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken by the wind? ⁸“But what did you go out to see? A man clothed in soft garments? Indeed, those who wear soft *clothing* are in kings’ houses. ⁹“But what did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I say to you, and more than a prophet. ¹⁰“For this is *he* of whom it is written: ‘Behold, I send My messenger before Your face, Who will prepare Your way before You.’”

THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT (VIOLET)

PSALM 132 / 98

**Introit.**

Ant. RE- JOICE || in the | Lord | al- | way:
and again | I | say, | Re- | joice.

|| Let your moderation be known | to | all | men:
the | Lord | is | at | hand.

|| Be careful | for | noth- | ing:

but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made | known | un- | to | God.

Psalms. || LORD, Thou hast been favorable un- | to | Thy | land:
Thou hast brought back the captiv- | ity | of | Ja- | cob.

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.

Lord, we beseech Thee, give ear to our prayers, and lighten the darkness of our hearts, by Thy gracious visitation; 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. 1 Corinthians 4:1–5 **Gospel.** Matthew 11:2–10

Additional reading: Malachi 3:1–6

Gradual.

|| Thou that dwellest between the Cheru- | bim, | shine | forth:
stir up | Thy | strength | and | come.

|| Give ear, O Shepherd of | Is- | ra- | el:

Thou that leadest Jo- | seph | like | a | flock.

|| Hallelujah. Hallelujah. Stir | up | Thy | strength:
and come and save us. | Hal- | le- | lu- | jah.

Gaudete - 3rd Sunday in Advent
 3. The Only Son from Heaven

Elisabeth Cruciger, 1524

7, 6, 7, 6, 7, 7, 6.
 German, 1524

1. The on - ly Son from heav - en, Fore -
 2. O time of God ap - point - ed, O
 3. O Lord, our hearts a - wak - en, To

told by an - cient seers, By God, the Fa - ther,
 bright and ho - ly morn! He comes, the King an -
 know and love Thee more, In faith to stand un -

giv - en, In hu - man shape ap - pears;
 oint - ed, The Christ, the vir - gin - born;
 shak - en, In Spi - rit to a - dore,

No sphere His light con - fin - ing,
 His home on earth He mak - eth,
 That we still heav'n - ward hast - ing,

No star so bright - ly shin - ing
 And man of heav'n par - tak - eth,
 Yet here Thy joy fore - tast - ing,

As He, our Mor - ning Star.
 Of life a - gain an heir.
 May reap its ful - ness there. A - men.

Communion Psalm: Ant. Say to them that are of a fearful heart:
 Be strong, fear not; behold your God will come and save you
 (Isaiah 35:4). **Isaiah 55:6-11**

Prayer for the Church

Thanksgiving. – Lord God, O Shepherd of Israel, and One who is to come, we give you thanks that you sent us prophets and holy men of old—the greatest being John the Baptist—to prepare the way for your coming so that we might receive your forgiveness with repentance.

The Church and her servants.—Heavenly Father, we ask that your church through the preaching of Your Word would continue to proclaim the fulfilled prophecies about Christ's works and comfort restless hearts. May all pastors in Christ, including our bishop, James Heiser and our pastors Gary K. Harroun and Michael D. Henson, not be reeds swayed by the winds of change and public opinion, but faithful stewards of the mysteries of God, so that God's people might be made ready through Jesus Christ's overflowing forgiveness to rejoice in the Lord always.

--Gather the little lambs attending our Learning Center and carry them close to your heart. Uphold our Director, Keely Gelso, and all our staff.

--Good Shepherd Lutheran Church (Tony, WI) and Alpha and Omega Lutheran Mission(Winter, WI) and Apologia Lutheran Mission(Deer Park, WI) Pr. Jeffrey Ahonen

The nations of the world and their rulers.— Give Your blessing to Joe Biden, the President of the United States and John G. Roberts, Jr., our chief justice, and all who make, administer and judge our laws for the common good, that they reward those who do well, punish those who do evil, maintain morality, protect the unborn and the weak, and command the forces of our nation with wisdom.

--extend Your gracious rule over all the nations of the earth so that wars may cease, prisoners of conscience may be released, and enemies may once again live together in peace. Defend the soldiers, airmen, sailors, and marines who risk their lives in service to their country and sustain them during their days of service— especially Danny Cobin, Jason Melvin, and Blake Darnstaedt and our police officers, especially Daniel Byrne and Alex Byrne.

--Provide for those who are hungry, homeless, and unemployed, so that filled with the Lord's hope through His means of grace and helped through the hands, ears, and mouths of God's faithful

people, they may receive all that they need to support this body and life.

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 Jan 9, Cecil's daughter), Victor and Marsha Turner, Anita Prochaska(recovery), Marilyn Guetersloh (home after hospitalized after frontal lobe, Marsha's Aunt), Laura Marchetti's mother(hospitalized with Covid), and Shirley Webb (GI appointment).

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)

Weekly Calendar

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

MONDAY – Board of Education, 6 PM

WEDNESDAY -Full Matins for Ember Wednesday, 7:00 AM

-Learn-by-Heart, 6:30 PM

-Catechesis Service, 7:00 PM

FRIDAY -Full Matins for Ember Friday, 7:00 AM

NEXT -FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT

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

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

UPCOMING CHRISTMAS SERVICES

CHRIST'S MASS EVE, DIVINE SERVICE Fri., December 24, 7:00 PM

(NOTE: THERE IS NO LATE NIGHT SERVICE.)

CHRISTMAS MATINS Saturday, December 25, 8:00 AM

CHRIST'S MASS DAY DIVINE SERVICE Sat., December 25, 9:00 AM

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.

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.

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 15 – Manna and Quail, p.45