

Welcome to Trinity

#9 Withdraw Lest You be a Partaker with their Sin

Here is what Christ intends to say: "If you see that someone despises your preaching and tramples it underfoot, have no fellowship with such a person but withdraw from him." He says the same in Matthew 18:17: "If he refuses to listen to you and the church, let him be to you as a heathen and a tax collector." In other words, you tell them that they are not Christians but damned heathen, and you want them to hear no preaching and to have no part in our possessions, as Peter says to Simon Magus in Acts 8:21. This is what I do, and what everyone does who takes the preaching of the Gospel seriously, in order not to make ourselves partakers of their sin. God does not want us to be hypocritical with our sectarians, as though their doctrine were correct. We must regard them as our enemies, from whom we are separated by the Gospel, by Baptism, by the Sacrament, and by all their doctrine and life. In the same way we have to say to our own people that if they want to participate in the Gospel, they must not despise us but prove by their fruit that they mean it seriously, or at least that they hold the Word and the Sacrament in esteem and humbly submit to it. (Luther's Works, v. 21, pages 226).

Weekly Calendar

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

TUESDAY-WEDNESDAY -Pastor Henson at Ft. Myers Mission
FRIDAY -Undecorating the Church, 6:00 PM
-The Epiphany of Our Lord, 7 PM
-Cookies/hot chocolate after the burning of the tree
NEXT -THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY
SUNDAY -Adult and Child Bible Studies, 9:00 AM
-Divine Service-Lord's Supper, 10:15 AM

Assistants

Elder - Stephen Phillips (303-0769)
Organist - LeeAnn Byrne
Altar Guild - Kim Miller & Claire Stretch
Church Cleaning- Jan 8/15 Darnstaedt, Jan 22/29 Byrne

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.

Communion Psalm: Ant. Take the young child and his mother, and go into the land of Israel: for they are dead, which sought the young child's life. (Mt. 2:20). Psalm 27:1-6

Trinity News

2022 Pecan Fundraiser for ECLC.—This year we ordered 22 cases of pecans. When we get all the money collected we will have sold \$5,542, and made about \$1,950 for the ECLC.

Council Meeting.—will be Sunday, January 15.

Game Night.—Friday, January 27

For Divine Guidance and Protection 4.

SHOW Thy marvelous loving kindness, O Lord, hide us under the shadow of Thy wings, keep us as the apple of Thine eye, that our goings may be perfected in Thy paths; and we may appear with Thee in righteousness and be satisfied when Thy glory shall appear; 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.43-44).

Divine Service I, p.136

THE PREPARATION

- Hymn..... #50
+ Invocation..... p.136
+ Confession/Absolution p.136-137

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

- + Introit..... (insert)
[Pastor chants first 2 lines, then congregation joins in.]
+ Kyrie..... p.137
+ Gloria in Excelsis... p.138-139
+ Salutation..... p.139
+ Collect of the Day... (insert)
Old Testament Reading
Epistle
+ Gradual..... (insert)
+ Holy Gospel..... p.140-141
+ Nicene Creed..... p.141

Hymn "To God the Anthem Raising" (insert)

- Choir sings 1st stanza, then everyone joins in
Sermon
Offering
+ 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)
#185, #44, #55, #39
+ "Lord, now you let ..." p.152
+ Post-Communion Collect p.153
+ Benedicamus, Benediction p.154-5
+ Hymn..... #186
Announcements

## General Prayer of the Church

*A prayer from "Prayers for Feasts, Festivals, and Holidays," The Lutheran Liturgy (p.335-337).*

O ALMIGHTY GOD, who art from everlasting to everlasting and unchangeable in Thy gracious dealings with the children of men, our Maker, Preserver, and most bountiful Benefactor, we bring Thee blessing and worship and praise on this, the first morning of the year. Thou hast during the past year upheld us with Thine everlasting arms, crowning our lives with innumerable blessings, granting us peace and health and daily bread, protecting our homes and our bodies and souls from every evil, and continuing unto us the possession of Thy holy Word. O Lord, we are not worthy of the least of all the mercies and all the truth which Thou hast shown unto Thy servants; and if Thou shouldst now enter into judgment with us, we could not stand. But Thou art merciful and gracious, and art pleased to blot out our transgressions from Thy remembrance for Thy name's sake. We praise Thee for the gift of Thy dear Son Jesus Christ, our only Redeemer, and take refuge in the merits of Him, who taketh away the sins of the world.

We give Thee thanks also for sparing us from year to year, and for having given us further time for amendment through trials. Mercifully grant that with this new year we may begin a new life. Deliver us, not only from the guilt of sin, but also from its power and dominion. Govern us by Thy gracious Spirit, and quicken us in the way of righteousness, that we may set out afresh in our Christian course. Give us a due sense of the rapid flight of time, the certainty of death, and the Judgment to come. Help us to bear in mind that we are strangers and pilgrims on earth, and direct our desires to the city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God. May we seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness, and lay up for ourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt and where thieves do not break through nor steal. Give us grace to watch and pray, that, as becometh Christians, we may praise Thee with holiness of living and be always ready for Thy coming.

*Here special Supplications, Intercessions, and Prayers may be made*

--our bishop, James Heiser and our pastors Gary K. Harroun and Michael D. Henson,

- Missionary Lutheran Church of Tarapoto-Peru, which includes three churches in the jungle of Peru: #1 Iglesia Luterana "Rey Jesús" Tarapoto, Pastor Ronal Rivas, #2 Iglesia Luterana Chayahuita Nueva papaplaya, Pastor Marabi Lancha, and #3 Iglesia Luterana Nueva Chazuta, Pastor Antonio Pizango.

--the children attending our Learning Center, our Director, Keely Gelso.

--Joe Biden, the President of the United States, J.B. Pritzker, our governor, Steve Frattini, our mayor, and to all who hold the authority to lead the nations,

--our military personnel, especially, Danny Cobin, Jason Melvin, and Blake Darnstaedt.

--our Police officers, especially Alex Byrne and Daniel Byrne

--our shut-in, Carolyn Westerman, and our elderly.- Violet Kemp, Tom Smith

--Jennifer (brain tumor surgery Jan 9, Cecil's daughter), Victor and Marsha Turner, and Tony and Anita Prochaska(Both had Covid, Anita for a fall and surgery recovery)

Heavenly Father, take us and the whole human family under the wings of Thy gracious protection for this new year of our earthly pilgrimage. Let us experience the continuance and renewal of all Thy wonted mercies. Grant peace to our land, health to our bodies, and joy to our souls. Pour down the choicest blessings on all men, according to their various wants, and teach them to use the world without abusing it, seeing that the fashion of it passeth away. Prepare us for all the duties, trials, and afflictions of the new year. Comfort us in every distress, and enable us to work with all our might while it is day, before the night cometh when no man can work. And should this year be our last on earth, grant that we may depart hence with triumphant faith and enter into the mansions of eternal rest and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who is the same yesterday, today, and forever. AMEN.

## The Sunday after Christmas



**The Luther Bible 1534:** Leviticus 34 – The Stoning, p.78.

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