

Welcome to Trinity

#5 There Will Always be Snakes, Dogs, and Swine

Well, there is nothing we can do about it. We have to put up with these snakes, dogs, and swine surrounding us and corrupting the Gospel both in doctrine and in life. Wherever there are faithful preachers they always have to take this. Such is the fortune of the Gospel in the world, If it should ever develop again that people like the pope and the bishops have control—I have often predicted this, and I am afraid that it may happen, all too soon—then the Gospel will be eliminated altogether and trampled down, and its preachers will be done for. The Gospel has to be a doormat for everybody, and the whole world walks all over it and tramples it underfoot, along with its preachers and pupils. (Luther's Works, v. 21, pages 224-225).

For Grace to do One's Work.

O GOD, who hast commanded that no man should be idle: Give us grace to employ all our talents and faculties in the service appointed for us, that, whatsoever our hand findeth to do, we may do it with our might. Cheerfully may we go on in the road which Thou hast marked out, not desiring too earnestly that it should be either more smooth or wide' but daily, seeking our way by Thy Light may we trust ourselves and the issue of our journey to Thee, the Fountain of Joy, and sing songs of praise as we go along. Then, O Lord, receive us at the gate of life which Thou hast opened for us in Christ Jesus, to Whom be the glory and the power, world without end. Amen. (Oremus, 1925, p.24-25).

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.

Assistants

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

Church Cleaning – Dec 25/Jan 1 Field, Bob, Jan 8/15 Darnstaedt

Service of Light, p.250

- + Versicles p. 250
- + Joyous Light p.251-252
- + Thanksgiving p.252
- “Let my prayer..... p.253-255
- Psalm 24..... (insert)**
- Isaiah 9:2-7
- Hymn #35**

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

- + Introit..... (insert)
- [Pastor chants first 2 lines, then congregation joins in.]*
- + Kyrie, Gloria in Excelsis...p.137-139
- + Salutation..... p.139
- + Collect of the Day... (insert)
- Epistle
- Gradual (insert)
- + Holy Gospel..... p.140-141
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- Hymn..... #36**
- Sermon
- Offering
- + 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)
- Hymns: #49, #245, #37**
- + “Lord, now you let ...” p.152
- + Post-Communion Collects p.153
- + Benedicamus/Benediction p.154-5
- Hymn #68**

General Prayer of the Church

*This evening we will be using a prayer from "Prayers for Feasts, Festivals, and Holidays"
from The Lutheran Liturgy (p.332-333).*

O ALMIGHTY AND MOST MERCIFUL FATHER, we thank Thee that Thou hast fulfilled Thine ancient promises and given us, in the city of David, a Savior, who is Christ, the Lord.

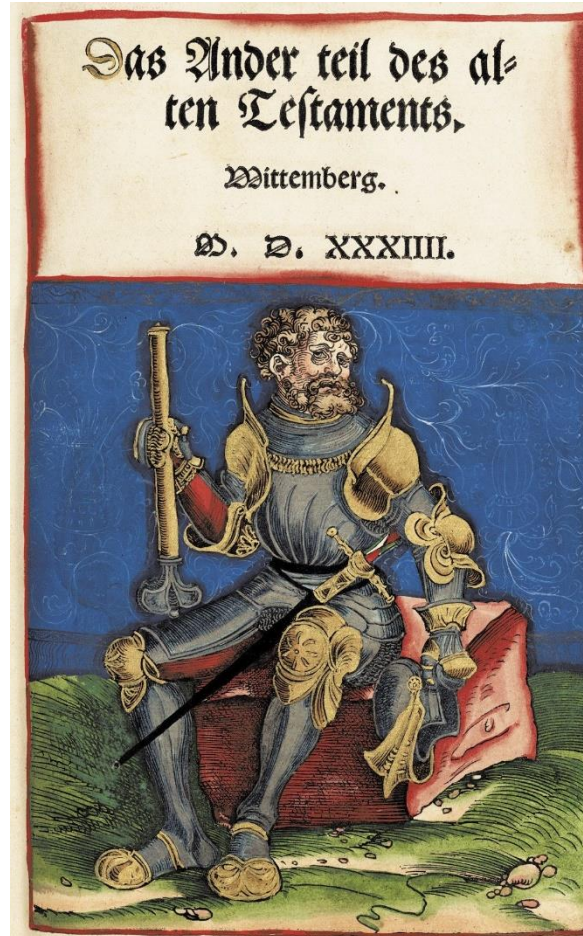
O Lord Jesus Christ, praise and glory and honor be to Thee; for out of Thine unspeakable love Thou didst humble Thyself, that we might be exalted; Thou wast made man, that we might be made heirs of God and fellow heirs with Thee; Thou didst take upon Thee the form of a servant, that we might be renewed into the image of God; we sat in darkness and in the shadow of death, but Thou hast brought us light and life and peace and joy.

O Holy Spirit, we praise and bless Thee for making known to us and to all mankind, by the preaching of the Gospel, the joyful tidings of the holy Nativity; and we beseech Thee, quicken us by Thy grace and power, that we may not hear the Christmas message with passing wonderment only, but, like Mary, ponder it in our hearts, that it may kindle in us the light of true faith and the fire of fervent love. Let us not be turned aside by doubts or fears, but, like the shepherds, trusting fully in Thy Word, come with haste to see the things which have come to pass, accept them for our salvation, make known abroad, as we have opportunity, the great joy which shall be to all people, and glorify and praise God for the marvels of His grace and love.

Here special Supplications, Intercessions, and Prayers may be made

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. AMEN.

Christ's Mass Eve



The Luther Bible 1534: The Other Books of the Old Testament, p.1.

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