

**Welcome
to Trinity**

**#11 If You Chase Away the real Clergy, God Will Give Your Over to
Task Masters**

**Though you may chase away all the clergy, you will
not topple Christ from His throne.** What will happen to

you is this: Because you refuse the upright and pious preachers and cannot tolerate them, **God will replace them with others, who will govern you with a compulsion and a tyranny worse than the old one.** Therefore our bigwigs and others are on the right path when they put their heads together with the intention of hushing up and putting us under their thumb. They do not realize that there is Another sitting up there who keeps His rule and says: “If you refuse to have the right kind of preachers, then you shall have the devil and his preachers, who preach lies to you. These you will have to accept, and you will have to let them govern you and torment you.” Because the Gospel has been refused and even persecuted in our Germany, the corners are full of sectarians, fanatics, and Anabaptists; and there is nothing anyone can do to prevent it. (Luther’s Works, v. 21, pages 227).

For Devout Mindedness.
O LORD, with Whom is the fulness of salvation and the perfection of blessedness: Grant that we may pass our time both by day and by night in the meditation of Thy law, so that, like a fruitful tree planted by the rivers of Thy grace, we may bring forth fruit here and may be crowned with glory hereafter; 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.35-36).

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Isaiah 61:1-3

¹“The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon Me, because the LORD has anointed Me to preach good tidings to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound; ² To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD, and the day of vengeance of our God; To comfort all who mourn, ³ to console those who mourn in Zion, to give them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; That they may be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that He may be glorified.”

Romans 12:1-5

¹ I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. ² And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God. ³ For I say, through the grace given to me, to everyone who is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think soberly, as God has dealt to each one a measure of faith. ⁴ For as we have many members in one body, but all the members do not have the same function, ⁵ so we, being many, are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another.

St. Luke 2:41-52

⁴¹ His parents went to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover. ⁴² And when He was twelve years old, they went up to Jerusalem according to the custom of the feast. ⁴³ When they had finished the days, as they returned, the Boy Jesus lingered behind in Jerusalem. And Joseph and His mother did not know it; ⁴⁴ but supposing Him to have been in the company, they went a day’s journey, and sought Him among their relatives and acquaintances. ⁴⁵ So when they did not find Him, they returned to Jerusalem, seeking Him. ⁴⁶ Now so it was that after three days they found Him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, both listening to them and asking them questions. ⁴⁷ And all who heard Him were astonished at His understanding and answers. ⁴⁸ So when they saw Him, they were amazed; and His mother said to Him, “Son, why have You done this to us? Look, Your father and I have sought You anxiously.” ⁴⁹ And He said to them, “Why did you seek Me? Did you not know that I must be about My Father’s business?” ⁵⁰ But they did not understand the statement which He spoke to them. ⁵¹ Then He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was subject to them, but His mother kept all these things in her heart. ⁵² And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men.



Introit.

Ant. I SAW || also the Lord, sitting | up- | on | a | throne:
high and | lift- | ed | up.

|| And I heard the voice of a great multitude, saying, | Al- | le- | lu- | ia:
for the Lord God Omnipotent | reign- | eth.

Psalm. || Make a joyful noise unto the | LORD, | all | ye | lands:
serve the LORD | with | glad- | ness.

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 without | end. | A- | men. (*Ant. repeated.*)

Collect.

O Lord, we beseech Thee mercifully to receive the prayers of Thy people who call upon Thee; and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfill the same; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever One God, world without end. *Amen.*

Epistle. Romans 12:1–5

Gospel. Luke 2:41–52

Additional reading: Isaiah 61:1–3

Gradual.

|| Blessed be the Lord God, the God of Israel, Who only do- | eth | wond- | rous
| things:

and blessed be His glorious | Name | for- | ever.

|| The mountains shall bring peace | to | Thy | peo- | ple:
and the hills | righ- | teous- | ness.

|| Hallelujah. Hallelujah. Make a joyful noise unto the | LORD, | all | ye | lands:
serve the LORD with gladness. Hal- | le- | lu- | jah.

1st Sunday after Epiphany

10. Praise God the Lord, Ye Sons of Men

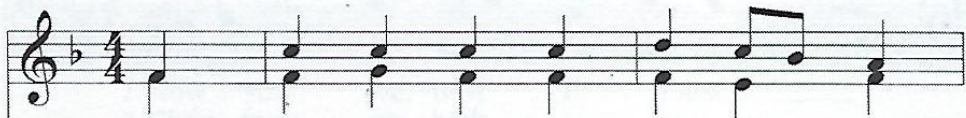
Nik. Hermann, 1560

Lobt Gott, ihr Christen allzugleich

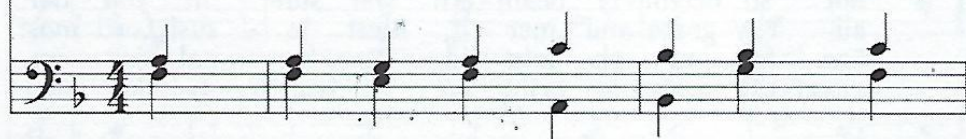
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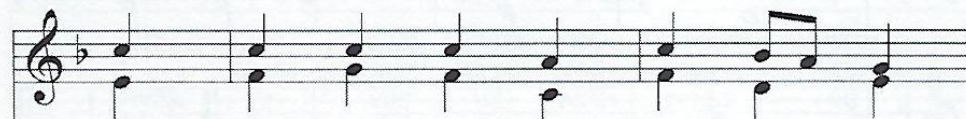
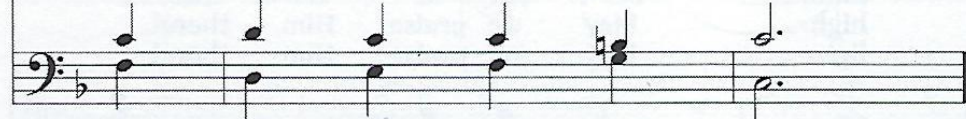
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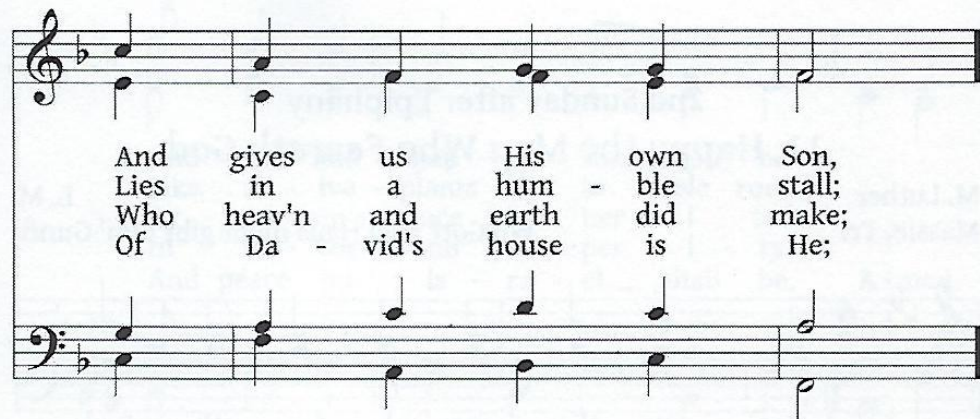
1. Praise God the Lord, ye sons of men,
 2. He leaves His heav'n - ly Fa - ther's throne,
 3. He lays a - side His pow'r di - vine,
 4. He nes - tles at His moth - er's breast,



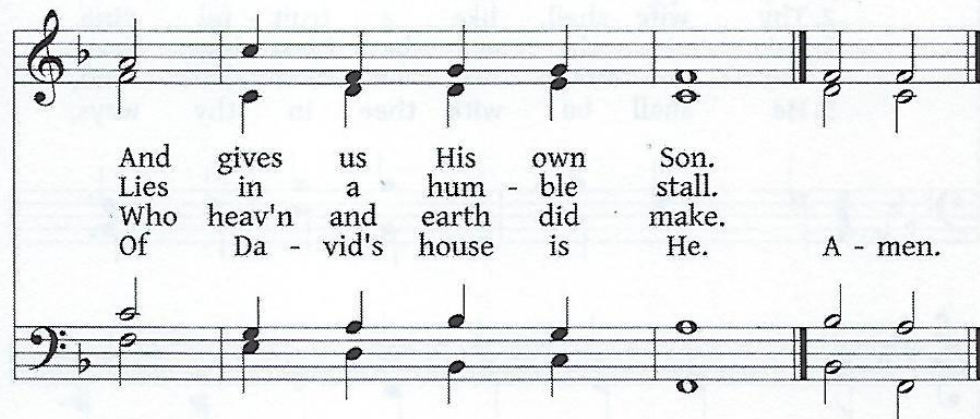
Be - fore His high - est throne,
 Is born an in - fant small,
 A ser - vant's form doth take,
 Her milk His food must be,



To - day He o - pens heav'n a - gain,
 And in a man - ger poor and lone
 In want and low - ness He doth pine
 Whom saints and an - gels call the Blest,



And gives us His own Son,
 Lies in a hum - ble stall;
 Who heav'n and earth did make;
 Of Da - vid's house is He;



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 Of Da - vid's house is He. A - men.

5. 'Tis He who in these latter days
 From Judah's tribe should come,
 By whom the Lord again would raise
 His Church, His Christendom.

6. A wondrous change which He doth make
 He takes our flesh and blood,
 And lays aside for sinners' sake,
 His majesty of God.

7. He serves, that I a lord may be;
 A great exchange, indeed!
 Could Jesus' love do more for me,
 To help me in my need?

8. He opens us again the door
 Of Paradise today;
 The cherub guards the gate no more.
 To God our thanks we pay.

Prayer for the Church

Thanksgiving. – that though unworthy because of our sin, we are received into the church of Christ when we believe in Christ’s healing word of forgiveness.

The Church and its servants.—that God’s people would be given such a faith grounded in Holy Scripture that they would read, mark, learn and inwardly digest it.

--give all pastors in Christ, including our bishop, James Heiser, and our pastors Michael D. Henson and Gary K. Harroun, the faith to be faithful servants who declare Jesus’ words of authority in heaven and on earth.

--Send your Holy Spirit upon our Director, Keely Gelso, our teachers, and staff so that the children believe your Word.

--St. Luke Lutheran Church (Kenai/Nikiski, AK) and Homer Ev. Lutheran Mission (Homer, AK), Pr. Timothy H. Tolar

The nations of the world and their rulers.—Give all those who have been entrusted with governing—our President, Joe Biden, our Vice-President, Kamala Harris, our Chief Justice, John G. Roberts, Jr., our governor, J.B. Pritzker and our mayor, Steve Frattini, federal and state legislators, and all our judges—the determination to give themselves fully to their duties and responsibilities.

--Defend and protect our military personnel who are scattered throughout the world—especially Danny Cobin, Jason Melvin, and Blake Darnstaedt, and those who work in law enforcement (especially Daniel Byrne and Alex Byrne).

Particular local needs.—

O God, whose compassions never fail, give healing to the sick, relief to the suffering, peace to the sorrowful, and mercy to every soul that is distressed, that they may find in You the help that only You can give them.

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

Various Needs.- Kevin Krolak (nephew of Patti Baker), Stan (Jane’s brother), 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) and Shirley Webb (Tuesday tests)

Deaths.--Darrel Spiller(on Tuesday January 3) and Karen (on Wednesday, January 4, cousin-in-law of Patty Kenner)

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), Cameron Offnet(Southern Illinois University), and Benjamin Henson & Jacob Henson (St. Ignatius Seminary).

Communion Psalm: *Ant.* Son why have you done this to us? Look your father and I have sought you anxiously. And He said, Why did you seek Me? Did you not know that I must be about My Father’s business (Lk 2:48-49). **Psalm 145**



The Luther Bible 1534: Joshua 6 – The Walls of Jericho Fall Down, p.3.

Weekly Calendar

TODAY –Adult and Child Bible Studies, 9 AM
-Divine Service-Lord’s Supper, 10:15 AM
MONDAY -Board of Education, 6:00 PM

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

-Catechesis Service, 7:00 PM

SATURDAY -Private Confession and Absolution, 8 PM

NEXT SUNDAY -*THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY*

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

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

-Council Meeting #1, after Divine Service

Trinity News

Council Meeting.—will be Sunday, January 15.

Game Night.—Friday, January 27

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

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.