

Welcome to Trinity

#28 Hold Tight and Remain with the Word as the World Attacks

Isaiah 62:11. Behold, the Lord has proclaimed ... the daughter of Zion: Behold, your salvation comes.

This is the conclusion and an exclamation. Summary: "Hold tight, and let the Word remain with you, even though the whole world should attack you. Just hold tight, and you will be recompensed. This is so because behold, your salvation comes, that is, "your glory is in the gates." Behold, His reward is with Him. He brings His reward along with Him. What you have believed will follow. And His recompense before Him. "Reward and recompense" is the fruit of the farmer and the earth. So the recompense of the farmer is the harvest. This, then, is the conclusion and summary: "You have salvation and a Savior coming to you." Behold the reward, that is, "your labor will not be in vain, but it will have its own fruit."

12. And they shall be called The holy people, The redeemed of the Lord. They shall be called is impersonal. "One will call them." And you shall be called. Formerly you were forsaken and despised by your enemies. The ungodly perish and then the church remains. The Roman empire and all the kingdoms rage against the church. They have perished, but the church remains. So it will be today. The prophets gathered this from Moses. This is one sermon concerning the promises given to the church. (Luther's Works, v. 17, pages 350-351).

Assistants

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

Church Cleaning – Apr 2/9 Vargo, Apr 16/23 Turner

Secret Sins.

ALMIGHTY, Eternal God, through Whom that which is not beginneth to be, and that which is hidden is made manifest: Cleanse the folly of our hearts and purify us of those vices which are secret, so that we may be able to serve Thee, O Lord, with a pure mind; 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.51).

The Confessional Service

- + Invocation, prayer..... p. 308
+ Psalm 51 (insert)
[Pastor chants odd verses, Congregation chants even verses.]
Exhortation..... p. 308
+ Confession..... p. 308
+ Absolution..... p. 309
(Absolved individually at the font)

Service of the Word

- + Introit, Nine-fold Kyrie (printed)
+ Salutation, Collect of the Day (printed)
Old Testament, Gradual (printed)
Epistle, Tract (printed)
+ Holy Gospel (printed)
(The Creed is omitted)

Hymn "The Death of Jesus Christ, Our Lord" (insert)

- Sermon
+ Prayer of the Church
Offering, Offertory (printed)

Service of Holy Communion

- + Preface, etc. p.144
(Sharing of the Peace is omitted.)
+ "Lamb of God..."..... p.151
Distribution & Hymns
Communion Psalm (by cantor)
#100, #239
+ Post-Communion Prayer (printed)
+ Benedicamus (printed)
(The Benediction is omitted.)

Stripping of the Altar

- Psalm 22 is chanted (printed)
Verses 1-5 Congregation,
Verses 6-11 Cantor
Verses 12-18 Pastor,
Verses 19-24 Cantor,
Verses 25-31 Congregation

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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.

Maundy Thursday

In tonight's readings Jesus celebrates the Passover one last time with His disciples. Now the old wineskin is cast aside, for it cannot hold the wine of the new covenant, to be ratified by the shedding of His blood.

We celebrate the Lord's Supper according to the new covenant. Following the service communion vessels are reverently removed from the altar, the altar is stripped, and the chancel is cleared. This action is symbolic of the humiliation experienced by Christ on that night.

As you await the beginning of the Divine Service, prayer is encouraged. Consider praying Psalms 34, 51, 84, 116, 150 or the prayers for before and after receiving the Sacrament (p.128).



The Luther Bible 1534: 1 Kings 7:23-26 – Sea of Cast Metal with

Altar Prayers for Maundy Thursday

O LORD JESUS CHRIST, our only Mediator and Redeemer, we thank Thee that in the night in which Thou wast betrayed Thou didst institute for us the Holy Sacrament of Thy true body and blood as a perpetual memorial of Thy death, a solemn pledge of Thy mercy and continual presence, and an effectual means of grace.

Thou art our Passover in this Holy Supper, and by giving us Thy body to eat and Thy blood to drink Thou dost grant us a wondrous communion with Thee as very members of Thy body, and dost impart and seal to us the merits of Thy death, the forgiveness of sin, life, and salvation, that, even as Thou, we are righteous and acceptable in the sight of God.

O Lord, we have in no wise deserved, and can never sufficiently thank Thee for, Thy goodness. We beseech Thee, however, to strengthen us through this salutary gift in faith towards Thee, and enable us daily so to appropriate and experience the blessings of Thy Passion that we may heartily praise Thee for our redemption and from day to day be more intimately united unto Thee by faith and love.

Kindle in us evermore such fervent longing for blessed communion with Thee in the Holy Supper that we may come often to Thy Table. Do Thou also, by Thy Holy Spirit, work in us true repentance and a lively and steadfast faith in Thy gracious promises, a sincere desire to be in perfect charity with all men, and the earnest purpose to amend our sinful lives, that we may be meet and worthy partakers of the Holy Sacrament and, with full pardon of our past sins, be quickened in the way of righteousness, and that we may serve Thee in holiness and pureness of living, and give Thee continual thanks for all Thy goodness.

May Thy Holy Supper be a source of comfort to the penitent, a means of enrichment to the poor in spirit, to the sick a sweet relief from the bitterness of pain, and to the dying a pledge of their inheritance with the saints in light.

Abide in Thy Church with Thy gracious presence, and let her at all times be a faithful keeper and dispenser of the heavenly treasures entrusted to her for those who believe in Thee.

Bless the right use of the means of grace wheresoever men keep the remembrance of Thy death, till Thou come.

Let Thy Word and Sacrament strengthen our souls during the days of our pilgrimage on earth, until hereafter we shall partake of Thy Supper with Thee in Thy Father's kingdom.