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Welcome to Trinity

#21 The Log Judges the Speck, and the Big Villain Condemns the Little One

“Mt 7:3. *Why do you see the speck that is in your brothers eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye?* 4. *Or how can you say to your brother, “Let me take the speck out of your eye,” when there is the log in your own eye?* 5. *You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your brothers eye.*

As a way of giving us an earnest warning to guard against this vice, He uses an extreme example to describe it. He pronounces this sentence: Everyone who judges his neighbor has a big log in his eye, while the one who is being judged only has a little speck; by the very fact that he is condemning others he himself is ten times as liable to judgment and condemnation. This is really a grim and terrible sentence. Where are the schismatic spirits now, the Master Smart Alecks, who know so much about lording it over the Gospel and criticizing it? All they can do is to judge us and other people, even when there is nothing wrong or when they discover a speck in us and gleefully blow it up.... **That is the way of the world everywhere; the log judges the speck, and the big villain condemns the little one.** (Luther’s Works, v. 21, pages 219-220).

Weekly Calendar

TODAY **--Daylight Savings Time (+ 1 hour)**
-Children and Adult Bible Studies, 9 AM
-Divine Service, 10:15 AM

THIS WEEK - Pastor Henson is on vacation until Saturday, March 18. In case of a pastoral emergency, contact one of our elders. The Elder to call is Daniel Byrne (922-3556). Pastor Gary Harroun (841-6548) will be covering for Pastor Henson.

NEXT --LAETARE (“Rejoice...”)

SUNDAY --Children and Adult Bible Studies, 9 AM
--Divine Service, 10:15 AM

Trinity News

Easter Flowers.—may be brought to the church beginning April 2. If you would like to donate money for flowers to be purchased, speak to LeeAnn Byrne

THE PREPARATION

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THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

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Trinity Lutheran Church & Early Childhood Learning Center

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Pastor Michael D. Henson · Deacon Gary K. Harroun

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2 Samuel 22:1-7

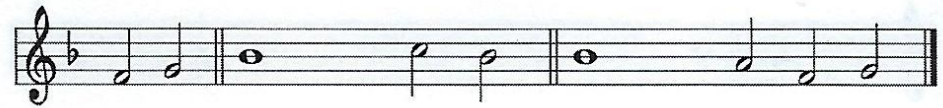
¹Then David spoke to the LORD the words of this song, on the day when the LORD had delivered him from the hand of all his enemies, and from the hand of Saul. ²And he said: "The LORD *is* my rock and my fortress and my deliverer; ³ The God of my strength, in whom I will trust; My shield and the horn of my salvation, My stronghold and my refuge; My Savior, You save me from violence. ⁴ I will call upon the LORD, *who is worthy* to be praised; So shall I be saved from my enemies. ⁵ 'When the waves of death surrounded me, The floods of ungodliness made me afraid. ⁶ The sorrows of Sheol surrounded me; The snares of death confronted me. ⁷ In my distress I called upon the LORD, And cried out to my God; He heard my voice from His temple, And my cry *entered* His ears.

Ephesians 5:1-9

¹Therefore be imitators of God as dear children. ²And walk in love, as Christ also has loved us and given Himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling aroma. ³But fornication and all uncleanness or covetousness, let it not even be named among you, as is fitting for saints; ⁴neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor coarse jesting, which are not fitting, but rather giving of thanks. ⁵For this you know, that no fornicator, unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God. ⁶Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. ⁷Therefore do not be partakers with them. ⁸For you were once darkness, but now *you are* light in the Lord. Walk as children of light ⁹(for the fruit of the Spirit *is* in all goodness, righteousness, and truth),

St. Luke 11:14-28

¹⁴And He was casting out a demon, and it was mute. So it was, when the demon had gone out, that the mute spoke; and the multitudes marveled. ¹⁵But some of them said, "He casts out demons by Beelzebub, the ruler of the demons." ¹⁶Others, testing *Him*, sought from Him a sign from heaven. ¹⁷But He, knowing their thoughts, said to them: "Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation, and a house *divided* against a house falls. ¹⁸"If Satan also is divided against himself, how will his kingdom stand? Because you say I cast out demons by Beelzebub. ¹⁹"And if I cast out demons by Beelzebub, by whom do your sons cast *them* out? Therefore they will be your judges. ²⁰"But if I cast out demons with the finger of God, surely the kingdom of God has come upon you. ²¹"When a strong man, fully armed, guards his own palace, his goods are in peace. ²²"But when a stronger than he comes upon him and overcomes him, he takes from him all his armor in which he trusted, and divides his spoils. ²³"He who is not with Me is against Me, and he who does not gather with Me scatters. ²⁴"When an unclean spirit goes out of a man, he goes through dry places, seeking rest; and finding none, he says, 'I will return to my house from which I came.' ²⁵"And when he comes, he finds *it* swept and put in order. ²⁶"Then he goes and takes with *him* seven other spirits more wicked than himself, and they enter and dwell there; and the last *state* of that man is worse than the first." ²⁷And it happened, as He spoke these things, that a certain woman from the crowd raised her voice and said to Him, "Blessed *is* the womb that bore You, and *the* breasts which nursed You!" ²⁸But He said, "More than that, blessed *are* those who hear the word of God and keep it!"

**Introit.**

Ant. MINE EYES || are ever toward the | LORD | - :
 for He shall pluck my feet out | of | the | net.
 || Turn Thee unto me, and have mercy up- | on | me:
 for I am desolate and | af- | flic- | ted.
Psalm. || Unto Thee, O LORD, do I lift up my | soul | - :
 O My God, I trust in Thee; let me not be | a- | sham- | ed.
 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 ever | shall | be:
 world without | end. | A- | men. (*Ant. Repeated.*)

Collect.

We beseech Thee, Almighty God, look upon the hearty desires of Thy humble servants, and stretch forth the right hand of Thy Majesty to be our defense against all our enemies; 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. Ephesians 5:1-9**Gospel. Luke 11:14-28****Additional reading: 2 Samuel 22:1-7****Gradual.**

|| Arise, O LORD; let not man | pre- | vail:
 let the heathen be judged | in | Thy | sight.
 || When mine enemies are turned | back | - :
 they shall fall and perish at | Thy | pre- | sence.
Tract. || Unto Thee lift I up mine eyes, O Thou that dwellest in the | heav- | ens:
 have mercy upon us, O LORD, have mercy | up- | on | us.

Oculi - 3rd Sunday in Lent

22. A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Dr. Martin Luther, 1529

8, 7, 8, 7, 5, 5, 6, 7

Ein' feste Burg ist unser Gott

Dr. Martin Luther, 1529

1. A might - y fort - ress is our God,
2. With might of ours can naught be done,

A trust - y shield and wea - pon;
Soon were our loss ef - fect - ed;

He helps us free from ev - 'ry need
But for us fights the Val - iant One,

That hath us now o'er - tak - en.
Whom God Him - self e - lect - ed.

The old E - vil Foe Now means dead - ly woe;
Ask ye, Who is this? Je - sus Christ, it is,

Deep guile and great might are his dread arms in fight,
Of Sab - a - oth Lord, And there's none oth - er God,

On earth is not his e - qual.
He holds the field for - ev - er. A - men.

3. Though devils all the world should fill,
All eager to devour us,
We tremble not, we fear no ill,
They shall not overpower us.
This world's prince may still scowl fierce as he will,
He can harm us none, He's judged; the deed is done;
One little word can fell him.

4. The Word they still shall let remain,
And not a thank have for it;
He's by our side upon the plain
With His good gifts and Spirit.
And take they our life, Goods, fame, child, and wife;
Let these all be gone, They yet have nothing won;
The kingdom ours remaineth.

Communion Psalm: *Ant.* The sparrow has found her an house, and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young: even Your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King, and my God: blessed are they that dwell in Your house: they will be always praising You. (Ps 84:3-4). **Isaiah 12:2-6.**

Prayer for the Church

Thanksgiving. — Almighty God, you are the One who is stronger than any of our problems or foes, give us an undivided heart so that through hearing the Word of God and retaining it, our sins are cast out.

The Church and her servants.—give your church the strength to live holy lives as dearly loved children of light.

--give our bishop, James Heiser, and our pastors, Gary Harroun and Michael Henson, the strength to confess the truth of your word with their actions so that they gather your people, rather than scatter them.

--Peace Lutheran Mission (Ironwood, MI), Pr. Jeffrey Ahonen

--Motivate the children at our Learning Center, our teachers and director, Keely Gelso to live lives of love, just as Christ loved us.

The nations of the world and their rulers.—Give wisdom to the leaders of our nation, our president, Joe Biden, our governor, J.B. Pritzker and our mayor of Herrin, Steve Frattini, federal and state legislators, county commissioners, city officials and all our judges, that Satan's schemes to sow discord and hate may be hindered and that all citizens may live together peaceably.

--grant protection to those whose duty it is to defend this nation, especially for Danny Cobin, Jason Melvin, and Blake Darnstaedt, as well as for our police officers, especially Alex Byrne and Daniel Byrne. Watch over their families while they are absent. Guide our nation and its leaders to use military force responsibly in order to punish evil and reward good.

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), Victor and Marsha Turner, Anita Prochaska (recovery), Paul Vargo (Leukemia, son of Jeannette), Larry & Deb Vancil (friends of Melvins), and Christina Borchert(cancer, sister-in-law of Donna Lowrance).

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).

Assistants

Elder – Dan Byrne (922-3556)

Organist – LeeAnn Byrne

Altar Guild – Claire Stretch and Kim Miller

No flowers during Lent

Church Cleaning – Mar 12 Weber, Mar 19/26 Webb

Easter Vigil

Saturday, April 8, 7:00 to 10:00 PM

Make plans now to attend the Great Easter Vigil on the Saturday evening before Easter.

- ✠ **The Service of Light.**—The congregation begins outside the church, is gathered around a fire where the Paschal candle is prepared, and then processes with candles burning.
- ✠ **The Service of Readings** (from which we get the name “vigil”)—12 readings each followed by the chanting of a psalm and a prayer.
- ✠ **The Service of the Remembrance of Holy Baptism**
- ✠ **The Service of Holy Communion** – lights are turned on, bells are rung, the Alleluia returns with abundance.

Though a longer service than we are accustomed, not nearly the all night vigils of the early Christians(Acts 20:7-12). Come and relax. Without rushing we will recall the history of God's people and rejoice in the fulfillment of all Scripture in Christ Jesus and His resurrection.

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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.



The Luther Bible 1534:

1 Samuel 9-10 – Samuel Anoints Saul, #378

For Love. 2

O GOD, Who hast enkindled in the holy bosoms of all Thy saints so great an ardor of faith, that they despised all bodily pains while hastening with all earnestness to Thee, the Author of life: Hear our prayers, and grant that the hateful sweetness of sin may wax faint in us, and that we may glow with the infused warmth of love for Thee through Thy mercy, O our God, Who are blessed, and dost live and govern all things, world without end. (Oremus, 1925, p.35).