

**Welcome  
to Trinity**

**#75 Matthew 7:12 Preaches Good Works of 2<sup>nd</sup> Table, not Faith in Christ!**

But you may say: “How can He say that the Law and the Prophets consist in this? Do not the Scriptures of the Law and the Prophets contain much more than this? They contain the doctrine of faith and promises, which are not mentioned here.” **The answer is that here Christ names the Law and the Prophets in direct contrast to the Gospel or the promise. He is not preaching here about the sublime doctrine of faith in Christ but only about good works.** These are two distinctive proclamations; both must be preached, but each at its appropriate time. You can tell that plainly from the words in the text where He says: “Whatever you wish that men would do to you, do so to them.” By this He indicates that His preaching here does not go beyond the relation that people have with us and we with them, and that it is not talking about the grace of Christ which we receive from God. What He intends to say now is this: “When the time comes to preach about the good life and about the works which we should perform in our relations with our neighbor, you will find nothing in all the Law and the Prophets except what this saying teaches.” He uses the words “men” and “do so to them” to specify that He is discussing only the commandments of the Second Table. (Luther’s Works, v. 21, pages 239-240).

**Assistants**

Elder – Dan Byrne (922-3556)  
 Organist – LeeAnn Byrne  
 Altar Guild – Butch and Mary Schroeder  
 Church Cleaning – Nov 26/Dec 3 Melvin, Dec 10/17 Kemp  
 Altar Flowers – In honor of Matthew Hackett’s birthday, December 8

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**Isaiah 65:17-19**

<sup>17</sup> For behold, I create new heavens and a new earth; And the former shall not be remembered or come to mind. <sup>18</sup> But be glad and rejoice forever in what I create; For behold, I create Jerusalem as a rejoicing, and her people a joy. <sup>19</sup> I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and joy in My people; The voice of weeping shall no longer be heard in her, nor the voice of crying.

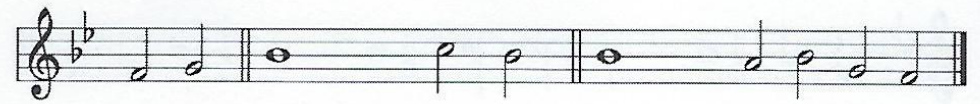
**1 Thessalonians 5:1-11**

<sup>1</sup> But concerning the times and the seasons, brethren, you have no need that I should write to you. <sup>2</sup> For you yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so comes as a thief in the night. <sup>3</sup> For when they say, "Peace and safety!" then sudden destruction comes upon them, as labor pains upon a pregnant woman. And they shall not escape. <sup>4</sup> But you, brethren, are not in darkness, so that this Day should overtake you as a thief. <sup>5</sup> You are all sons of light and sons of the day. We are not of the night nor of darkness. <sup>6</sup> Therefore let us not sleep, as others do, but let us watch and be sober. <sup>7</sup> For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk are drunk at night. <sup>8</sup> But let us who are of the day be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love, and as a helmet the hope of salvation. <sup>9</sup> For God did not appoint us to wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>10</sup> who died for us, that whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with Him. <sup>11</sup> Therefore comfort each other and edify one another, just as you also are doing.

**St. Matthew 25:1-13**

<sup>1</sup> "Then the kingdom of heaven shall be likened to ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. <sup>2</sup> Now five of them were wise, and five were foolish. <sup>3</sup> Those who were foolish took their lamps and took no oil with them, <sup>4</sup> but the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps. <sup>5</sup> But while the bridegroom was delayed, they all slumbered and slept. <sup>6</sup> And at midnight a cry was heard: 'Behold, the bridegroom is coming; go out to meet him!' <sup>7</sup> Then all those virgins arose and trimmed their lamps. <sup>8</sup> And the foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' <sup>9</sup> But the wise answered, saying, 'No, lest there should not be enough for us and you; but go rather to those who sell, and buy for yourselves.' <sup>10</sup> And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the wedding; and the door was shut. <sup>11</sup> Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, 'Lord, Lord, open to us!' <sup>12</sup> But he answered and said, 'Assuredly, I say to you, I do not know you.' <sup>13</sup> Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour in which the Son of Man is coming."

**Communion Psalm:** *Ant.* The five wise virgins took oil in their vessels with their lamps; and at midnight a cry was made: Behold the bridegroom comes; go out to meet him, Christ the LORD. (Matthew 25). **Psalm 34:1, 5-6, 14-20.**

**Introit.**

*Ant.* I KNOW || the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the | LORD | - :  
thoughts of peace, and | not | of | e- | vil.  
|| Then shall ye call upon Me, and pray unto Me, and I will hearken unto | you | - :  
and I will turn your captivity, and gather you from all nations and | from  
| all | pla- | ces.  
*Psalm.* || LORD, Thou hast been favorable unto Thy | land | - :  
Thou hast brought back the captivi- | ty | of | Ja- | cob.  
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 with- | out | end. | A- | men. (*Ant. Repeated.*)

**Collect.**

Absolve, we beseech Thee, O Lord, Thy people from their offences, that from the bonds of our sins which, by reason of our frailty, we have brought upon us, we may be delivered by Thy bountiful goodness; 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.** 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 **Gospel.** Matthew 25:1-13

**Additional reading:** Isaiah 65:17-19

**Gradual.**

|| I am the Light of | the | world:  
he that followeth Me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have | the | light  
| of | life.  
|| The Spirit and the bride say, Come, and let him that heareth | say | Come:  
and let him that | is | a- | thirst | come.  
|| Hallelujah. Halle | lu- | jah:  
Even so, come, Lord Jesus. | Hal- | le- | lu- | jah.

27th Sunday after Trinity

# 65. The Bridegroom Soon Will Call Us

Johann Walther, 1552, cento  
Tr., Matthias Loy, 1880

"Musae Sioniae," VII, 1609

1. The Bride-groom soon will call us: Come,

all ye wed-ding-guests! May not His voice ap-

pal us While slum-ber binds our breasts! May

all our lamps be burn-ing And oil be

found in store That we, with Him re-turn-ing,

May o-pen find the door! A-men.

2. There shall we see delighted  
Our dear Redeemer's face,  
Who leads our souls benighted  
To glory by His grace.  
The patriarchs shall meet us,  
The prophets' holy band,  
Apostles, martyrs, greet us  
In that celestial land.

3. They will not blush to own us  
As brothers, sisters dear;  
Love ever will be shown us  
When we with them appear.  
We all shall come before Him  
Who for us man became,  
As Lord and God adore Him,  
And ever bless His name.

4. Our Father, rich in blessing,  
Will give us crowns of gold  
And, to His bosom pressing,  
Impart a bliss untold,  
Will welcome with embraces  
Of never-ending love,  
And deck us with His graces  
In blissful realms above.

5. In yonder home shall never  
Be silent music's voice;  
With hearts and lips forever  
We shall in God rejoice.  
The angels shall adore Him,  
All saints shall sing His praise  
And bring with joy before Him  
Their sweetest heavenly lays.

6. In mansions fair and spacious  
Will God the feast prepare  
And, ever kind and gracious,  
Bid us its riches share.  
There bliss that knows no measure  
From springs of love shall flow,  
And never-changing pleasure  
His bounty will bestow.

7. Thus God shall from all evil  
Forever make us free,  
From sin, and from the devil,  
From all adversity,  
From sickness, pain, and sadness,  
From troubles, cares, and fears,  
And grant us heav'nly gladness  
And wipe away our tears.

# Prayer for the Church

**Thanksgiving.** – for the innumerable and inestimable spiritual blessings which have been bestowed upon us in Christ Jesus throughout this past church year.

**The Church and her servants.**—Admonish all false virgins in our congregation that the mere outward participation and appearance of being a Christian is not enough, but only a living faith in Christ will admit to the wedding banquet. Strengthen the church by the preaching and teaching of the Word so that she may always cling to Christ in true faith and abound in holy love until the bridegroom’s return.

--give all pastors in Christ, including our bishop, James Heiser and our pastors Gary K. Harroun and Michael D. Henson, a sense of urgency that they are diligent in the duties of the office of the Holy Ministry—to preach the Gospel, to forgive and retain sins, and to administer and distribute the sacraments—so that their people’s lamps may always glow.

--that our acting director, Donna Cole, would be upheld and strengthened in her work on behalf of our Learning Center during this last week of operation. (The Learning Center will be closing on Nov. 30.)

**The nations of the world and their rulers.**—O God, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Kindle in the heart of our president, Joe Biden, our governor, J.B. Pritzker, federal and state legislators, county commissioners, our mayor, Steve Frattini, city officials and all our judges a love of that which is true and noble, that justice may be done, peace promoted, wealth protected, and mercy shown.

--Grant protection to all those who risk their lives for the common good, especially the men and women serving in our armed forces, and bless their efforts to defend our freedoms, especially Danny Cobin, Jason Melvin, and Blake Darnstaedt, and our police officers, especially Daniel Byrne and Alex Byrne.

**Particular local needs.**—

**Shut-ins.**- Carolyn Westerman; Patty Rametta, Tom Smith,

**Elderly.**- Violet Kemp (38 N Village Parkway, Palm Coast, FL 32137)

**Various Needs.**- Kevin Krolak (nephew of Patti Baker), Levi Gonzalez (nephew of Patti Baker), Larry & Deb Vancil (friends of

Melvins), Christina Borchert(cancer, sister-in-law of Donna Lowrance), Jim and Charolette Harroun (health concerns), Denise Livingston (friend of Mary Brieschke), Melanie Lentz (friend of Donna Lowrance), and Anita Prochaska (Procedure)

**Pregnant.**--Susan Plock (April), Christina Henson (January)

**Students.**- Tom Weber at Florida State University, Kara Martin at Univ. of Southern Indiana, Jonathan Henson at University of Georgia, Sarah Miller at University of Kentucky, Sadie Henson at Concordia University, Nebraska, and Alexis Darnstaedt at University of Missouri, Columbia.

## **#76 True Preachers Seek to The Welfare of their Hearers** Advent 1

The best thing in the saying is that He does not say, “Other people shall do so to you,” but, “You shall do so to other people.” Everyone would like to have others do good to him. There are many villains and rascals who have no objection if other people are pious and do good to them, but they refuse to treat anyone else that way. So our peasants nowadays suppose that it is an injustice and a great burden that they are required to give fair measure, and yet they can yell and complain that their taxes are robbery. Such people are simply snakes. Now, some are a little better when they say: “I would be willing to take my turn and to do what I should if other people did it to me first.” This saying declares: “You should do what you expect from another.” If you want others to do it to you, you begin and be the first. And if they refuse, you do it anyway. If you will not be pious and do good until you see it in someone else, nothing will ever come of it. If others refuse, you are still obliged to do it, on the basis of the Law and of what this ordinance declares to be right, since that is how you would like to be treated. Whoever wants to be pious must not let himself be diverted by the example of other people. It is not right for you in turn, even those who used to do you damage before. When you do not do good yourself, your reward is that no one does good to you either. And it serve your right, before God and the people. (Luther’s Works, v. 21, pages 240-241).

## Trinity News

**Decorating for the Holidays.**—Today(11/26), following service

**Pecans.**—The deadline to order pecans has passed.

**Learning Center Building Planning Meeting.**—Monday December

4, from 6 to 8 PM. With prayer for guidance and wise planning, it's time to unite around a new common goal and blaze a path forward. Trinity Lutheran Early Childhood Learning Center is closing on November 30, 2023. For 28 years we have provided the community with quality childcare and Christian education.

**Ladies Christmas Party.**—Thursday, Dec. 7 at Mary Brieschke's house.

**Christmas Services.**--This year's services will be Sunday, **December 24 at 10:15 AM** with Bible Class preceding at 9 AM, and Monday, **December 25 Matins at 8 AM** and **Divine Service at 10:15 AM.**

**Addresses of Military and Students for Bulletins.**—Please give pastor the addresses of those soldiers, which we are including in our prayers.



**The Luther Bible 1534:** History of Susanna and Daniel— Two judges hide themselves in Susanna's garden. They falsely accuse her, but Daniel finds out their malicious plot, #565

## Weekly Calendar

TODAY -Adult and Child Bible Studies, 9:00 AM  
**-Divine Service-Lord's Supper, 10:15 AM**  
-Decorating for Holy Days, 12:00 PM

WEDNESDAY -Learn-by-Heart, 6:30 PM  
**-Catechesis Service, 7:00 PM**

THURSDAY **-St. Andrew, no service**

THURSDAY- SATURDAY –Pastor and Karin in Seward, NE

NEXT **-THE FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT**

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

**-Divine Service-Lord's Supper, 10:15 AM**

## For the Iniquitous.

O GOD, Who hatest all that work iniquity: Fill us with the strength of Thy love; that they may at some time turn to Thee, and bitterly lament their sin, who now speak falsely against Thee; 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.90).

## 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.