## **Divine Service**

Hymn ...... LW #369

## Welcome to Trinity

## #11 The Difference Between the Church and Secular World

Christ employs this parable to teach us the difference between His kingdom and the kingdom of this world. Affairs

in the former differ entirely from those in the latter, in which there is an inequality among persons. Our Gospel has nothing to do with this existing inequality in the world, where the master has many possessions and the servant who labors for him none, or but few; the parable simply refers to the kingdom of God, and teaches us that in it all inequality is abolished, that everything is common property there, and that one shall have as much, and be esteemed as much, as the other. In our daily life, however, there will always be a marked distinction among men on account of their various pursuits. The peasant will have a mode of life different from that of the citizen, and the prince from that of the nobleman. In these matters there is inequality everywhere, and so it must remain. But in the kingdom of Christ it is otherwise; there is no distinction there among believers; they are all alike, whether they be kings, princes, governors, masters or servants. All have the same Baptism, Gospel, Faith, Sacrament, the same Christ and God. They all attend divine worship in perfect equality; the servant, the mechanic and the peasant hear the same Word as the mightiest lord. The Baptism wherewith I was baptized belongs to every other child, whether rich or poor. Magdalene and the malefactor on the cross have the same faith which St. Peter and St. Paul had; yea, the selfsame faith which you or I have, if we are Christians. All sinners, if converted, have the same God and Christ whom John the Baptist had. There is no difference here, though one may by far excel the other in his station in life, in his calling, or in his talents. (Luther's House Postil, Sermon for Septuagesima, Volume 1, p. 210-211)

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## Trinity Lutheran Church & Early Childhood Learning Center

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#### Jeremiah 1:4-10

<sup>4</sup>Then the word of the LORD came to me, saying: <sup>5</sup> "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you; Before you were born I sanctified you; I ordained you a prophet to the nations."

<sup>6</sup>Then said I: "Ah, Lord GOD! Behold, I cannot speak, for I *am* a youth."

<sup>7</sup>But the LORD said to me: "Do not say, 'I *am* a youth,' For you shall go to all to whom I send you, And whatever I command you, you shall speak. <sup>8</sup> Do not be afraid of their faces, For I *am* with you to deliver you," says the LORD.

<sup>9</sup>Then the LORD put forth His hand and touched my mouth, and the LORD said to me: "Behold, I have put My words in your mouth. <sup>10</sup> See, I have this day set you over the nations and over the kingdoms, To root out and to pull down, To destroy and to throw down, To build and to plant."

#### 1 Corinthians 9:24-10:5

<sup>24</sup>Do you not know that those who run in a race all run, but one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may obtain *it*. <sup>25</sup>And everyone who competes *for the prize* is temperate in all things. Now they *do it* to obtain a perishable crown, but we *for* an imperishable *crown*. <sup>26</sup>Therefore I run thus: not with uncertainty. Thus I fight: not as *one who* beats the air. <sup>27</sup>But I discipline my body and bring *it* into subjection, lest, when I have preached to others, I myself should become disqualified.

<sup>1</sup>Moreover, brethren, I do not want you to be unaware that all our fathers were under the cloud, all passed through the sea, <sup>2</sup>all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, <sup>3</sup>all ate the same spiritual food, <sup>4</sup>and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them, and that Rock was Christ. <sup>5</sup>But with most of them God was not well pleased, for *their bodies* were scattered in the wilderness.

#### St. Matthew 20:1-16

1"For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. 2"Now when he had agreed with the laborers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard. 3"And he went out about the third hour and saw others standing idle in the marketplace, 4"and said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and whatever is right I will give you.' So they went. 5"Again he went out about the sixth and the ninth hour, and did likewise. 6"And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing idle, and said to them, 'Why have you been standing here idle all day?' 7"They said to him, 'Because no one hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and whatever is right you will receive.' 8"So when evening had come, the owner of the vineyard said to his steward, 'Call the laborers and give them their wages, beginning with the last to the first.' 9"And when those came who were hired about the eleventh hour, they each received a denarius. <sup>10</sup>"But when the first came, they supposed that they would receive more; and they likewise received each a denarius. 11"And when they had received it, they complained against the landowner, <sup>12</sup> "saying, 'These last *men* have worked only one hour, and you made them equal to us who have borne the burden and the heat of the day.' 13"But he answered one of them and said, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius? 14' Take what is yours and go your way. I wish to give to this last man the same as to you. 15'Is it not lawful for me to do what I wish with my own things? Or is your eye evil because I am good?' 16"So the last will be first, and the first last. For many are called, but few chosen."

SEPTUAGESIMA SUNDAY (VIOLET)

PSALM 23/143



#### Introit.

Ant. THE SOR- || rows of death compassed | me | -:
the sorrows of hell compassed | me | a- | bout.

|| In my distress, I called upon the | LORD | -:
and He heard my voice out of | His | tem- | ple.

Psalm. || I will love Thee, O LORD my | Strength | -:
the Lord is my Rock and | my | For- | tress.

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.

O Lord, we beseech Thee favorably to hear the prayers of Thy people: that we, who are justly punished for our offences, may be mercifully delivered by Thy goodness, for the glory of Thy Name; 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 Corinthians 9:24—10:5 Additional reading: Jeremiah 1:4–10 Gospel. Matthew 20:1-16

#### Gradual.

The LORD also will be a refuge for the oppressed, a refuge in times of | trou- | ble: and they that know Thy Name will put their trust in Thee; for Thou, LORD, hast not forsaken them | that | seek | Thee.

|| For the needy shall not alway be for- | got- | ten:

the expectation of the poor shall not perish forever. Arise, O LORD; let not | man | pre- | vail.

Tract. | Out of the depths have I cried unto Thee, | O | LORD:

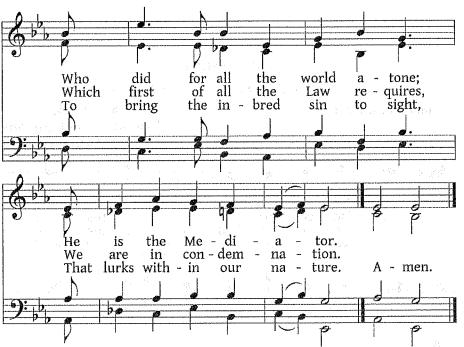
LORD, | hear | my | voice.

**Communion Psalm:** *Ant.* Show thy servant the light of thy countenance, O Lord, and save me for thy tender mercy's sake: let me not be confounded, for I have called upon thee. (based on Ps 4:6 & 69:6). **Ps 31:1-2, 5-6, 16-17.** 

### Septuagesima

### 16. Salvation unto Us Has Come





- 4. By our own strength to put aside God's wrath, and win His blessing Is useless task, by many tried, Is only guilt increasing. For God hypocrisy abhors: Flesh with the spirit ever wars. For 'tis by nature evil.
- 5. And yet, the Law fulfilled must be Or we were lost forever; Therefore God sent His Son that He Might us from death deliver: He all the Law for us fulfilled, And thus His Father's anger stilled Which over us impended.
- 6. Since Christ hath full atonement made 9. The Law reveals the guilt of sin And brought to us salvation, Each Christian therefore may be glad And build on this foundation. Thy grace alone, dear Lord, I plead, Thy death my life now is indeed, For Thou hast paid my ransom.

- 7. Not doubting this, I trust in Thee, Thy Word cannot be broken; Thou all dost call, "Come unto mel" No falsehood hast Thou spoken. "He that believes and is baptized, He shall be saved," say'st Thou, O Christ, "And he shall never perish."
- 8. He's just 'fore God, and he alone, Who by this faith is living; This faith will by good works be known, To God the glory giving: Faith gives thee peace with God above, But thou thy neighbor too wilt love, If thou art a new creature.
- And makes man conscience-stricken; The Gospel then doth enter in The sinful soul to quicken. Come to the Cross, trust Christ and live; The Law to you no peace can give With all its good endeavors.

10. From faith in Christ, whene'er 'tis right, Good works are surely flowing; The faith is dead that shuns the light, No good works ever showing. By faith alone the just shall live, Good works alone the proof can give Of love, which true faith worketh.

# 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.

## Weekly Calendar

TODAY -Adult and Child Bible Studies, 9:00 AM -Divine Service-Lord's Supper, 10:15 AM

-Council Meeting #1 and "Building Committee," following service

WEDNESDAY -Private Confession/Absolution, 10:30AM

-Learn-by-Heart, 6:30 PM

-Catechesis Service, 7:00 PM

FRIDAY -Divine Service, Presentation of Our Lord, 10:30 AM

NEXT -SEXAGESIMA

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

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

## **Assistants**

Elder – Stephen Philips (303-0769)

Organist – LeeAnn Byrne

Altar Guild – Kim Miller & Claire Stretch

Church Cleaning – Feb 4/11 Harroun, Feb 18/25 Field, Larry

## **General Prayer p.18-19**

## **Special Prayers**

- **--Pastoral Office:** Bishop, James Heiser, Pastor Michael D. Henson, Deacon Gary K. Harroun
- **--Eldona Congregations:** Faith Lutheran Church (Tualatin, OR) Pr. Daniel Mensing
- -- Armed forces: Jason Melvin, Blake Darnstaedt.
- --Police officers: Daniel Byrne, Alex Byrne.
- --Shut-ins: Carolyn Westerman; Patty Rametta
- -- Elderly: Violet Kemp Tom Smith
- -- Pregnant: Susan Plock-Apr, Christina Henson-Jan
- --Students: Tom Weber, Kara Martin, Jonathan Henson, Sarah Miller, Sadie Henson, and Alexis Darnstaedt
- --Various Needs: Larry & Deb Vancil (friends of Melvins), Christina Borchert (heart valve surgery soon/cancer, sister-in-law of Donna Lowrance), Jim and Charolette Harroun (declining health), Rusty Ward (Brain tumor, daughter's father-in-law of Donna Lowrance), Joyce Aukamp (Pastor Henson's godmother).
- **--Funeral**: Arthur F. Skinner (Father of Patti Baker) passed away on Jan. 20, with funeral service held on Jan. 27.

Trinity News

<u>Building Committee</u>" <u>Meeting</u>.—or Council meets today(1/28) following Service.

Game Nights.—Friday, February 16 & March 15.

**Second Congregational Planning Meeting.**—Monday, February 26, 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.

Ash Wednesday is February 14 at 7 PM.



**The Luther Bible 1534:** Revelation 6:3-6 – The Fifth Seal with those under the Altar, #955.

## On Going to the Altar.

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen. I will go unto the altar of God, even unto the God of my joy and gladness. In the multitude of Thy mercies, O Lord, I go unto Thine altar. O save and deliver me for Thy mercies' sake. Amen. (Oremus, 1925, p.136).