

**Welcome to Trinity**

**#13 God’s Works Require Faith in the Word to Understand**

The Evangelist states three times that the disciples did not comprehend this prediction. They regarded His words as having some unusual and hidden meaning. They understood not a single word of these sayings, for they reasoned thus: This man performs so many miracles, He raises the dead, He gives the blind their sight, etc., from all of which it is evident that He will yet become a person of high position, for it is plain that God is with Him. Besides this, the Scriptures declare of Him that He shall have a glorious kingdom and exercise dominion over kings and princes on earth, while we, His servants, will also become princes and great lords. For who could in the least injure such a Person, who controls death and cures all infirmities with a single word? If He so desires, He can make the heathens His subjects and put beneath His feet all His enemies. Hence they came to the conclusion that God loves Him too much to suffer any harm to befall Him; His sayings in regard to His sufferings and death must surely have another meaning. Thus reasoned the apostles in their simplicity.

God’s works are indeed incomprehensible, if they are considered before they are accomplished, but as soon as they are finished they are perfectly plain and intelligible. St. John states repeatedly that the disciples did oftentimes not understand the words of Christ, until the acts to which they referred had been accomplished. It is therefore necessary to have faith in the Word of God when He speaks He refers to matters far beyond the power of our comprehension; hence it behooves us to believe what He says, and then we shall fully experience and understand the true meaning of His words. (Luther’s House Postil, Sermon for Sexagesima, Volume 1, p. 218-219)

**Assistants**

Elder – Tony Stretch (995-1379)  
 Organist – LeeAnn Byrne  
 Altar Guild – LeeAnn Byrne

Church Cleaning –Feb 18/25 Field, Larry

Altar Flowers – Given in honor of the birthday of William Gavin Hackett on Feb 22. He is the grandson of Mary Brieschke

Hymn ..... LW #304

**Augustana Service Book & Hymnal**

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- [Pastor, then congregation]*
- + Kyrie, Gloria in Excelsis p.10-13
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**ASBH #18 “If Thy Beloved Son, O God”**

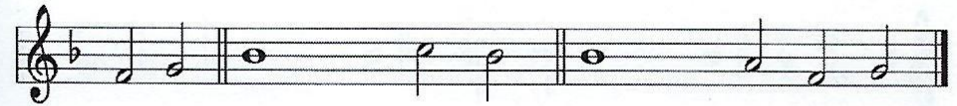
- Sermon
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*Announcements*

**Trinity Lutheran Church & Early Childhood Learning Center**  
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**Isaiah 35:3-7**

<sup>3</sup> Strengthen the weak hands, And make firm the feeble knees.  
<sup>4</sup> Say to those *who are* fearful-hearted, “Be strong, do not fear! Behold, your God will come *with* vengeance, *With* the recompense of God; He will come and save you.”  
<sup>5</sup> Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, And the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped.  
<sup>6</sup> Then the lame shall leap like a deer, And the tongue of the dumb sing. For waters shall burst forth in the wilderness, And streams in the desert.  
<sup>7</sup> The parched ground shall become a pool, And the thirsty land springs of water; In the habitation of jackals, where each lay, *There shall be* grass with reeds and rushes.

**1 Corinthians 13:1-13**

<sup>1</sup> Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I have become sounding brass or a clanging cymbal. <sup>2</sup> And though I have *the gift of* prophecy, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. <sup>3</sup> And though I bestow all my goods to feed *the poor*, and though I give my body to be burned, but have not love, it profits me nothing. <sup>4</sup> Love suffers long *and* is kind; love does not envy; love does not parade itself, is not puffed up; <sup>5</sup> does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, is not provoked, thinks no evil; <sup>6</sup> does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth; <sup>7</sup> bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. <sup>8</sup> Love never fails. But whether *there are* prophecies, they will fail; whether *there are* tongues, they will cease; whether *there is* knowledge, it will vanish away. <sup>9</sup> For we

know in part and we prophesy in part. <sup>10</sup> But when that which is perfect has come, then that which is in part will be done away. <sup>11</sup> When I was a child, I spoke as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child; but when I became a man, I put away childish things. <sup>12</sup> For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part, but then I shall know just as I also am known. <sup>13</sup> And now abide faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these *is* love.

**St. Luke 18:31-43**

<sup>31</sup> Then He took the twelve aside and said to them, “Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem, and all things that are written by the prophets concerning the Son of Man will be accomplished. <sup>32</sup> “For He will be delivered to the Gentiles and will be mocked and insulted and spit upon. <sup>33</sup> “They will scourge *Him* and kill Him. And the third day He will rise again.” <sup>34</sup> But they understood none of these things; this saying was hidden from them, and they did not know the things which were spoken. <sup>35</sup> Then it happened, as He was coming near Jericho, that a certain blind man sat by the road begging. <sup>36</sup> And hearing a multitude passing by, he asked what it meant. <sup>37</sup> So they told him that Jesus of Nazareth was passing by. <sup>38</sup> And he cried out, saying, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!” <sup>39</sup> Then those who went before warned him that he should be quiet; but he cried out all the more, “Son of David, have mercy on me!” <sup>40</sup> So Jesus stood still and commanded him to be brought to Him. And when he had come near, He asked him, <sup>41</sup> saying, “What do you want Me to do for you?” He said, “Lord, that I may receive my sight.” <sup>42</sup> Then Jesus said to him, “Receive your

sight; your faith has made you well.” <sup>43</sup> And immediately he received his sight, and followed Him, glorifying God. And all the people, when they saw *it*, gave praise to God.

**Introit.**

*Ant.* BE THOU || my strong | Rock | - :  
 for an house of defense | to | save | me.  
 || Thou art My Rock and My | For- | tress:  
 therefore for Thy Name’s sake lead me | and | guide | me.  
*Psalm.* || In Thee, O Lord, do I put my trust; let me never be a- | sham- | ed:  
 deliver me in Thy | right- | eous- | 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 ever | shall | be:  
 world without | end. | A- | men. (*Ant. Repeated.*)

**Collect.**

O Lord, we beseech Thee mercifully hear our prayers, and, having set us free from the bonds of sin, defend us from all evil; 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 13:1-13**

**Gospel. Luke 18:31-43**

**Additional reading: Isaiah 35:3-7**

**Gradual.**

|| Thou art the God that doest | won- | ders:  
 Thou hast declared Thy strength among | the | peo- | ples.  
 || Thou hast with Thine arm redeemed Thy | peo- | ple:  
 the sons of Jacob | and | Jo- | seph.  
*Tract.* || Make a joyful noise unto the LORD, all ye | lands | - :  
 serve the LORD | with | glad- | ness.

**Communion Psalm:** *Ant.* They did eat, and were well filled, for the Lord gave them their own desire: they were not disappointed of their lust. (Ps 78:30). **Ps 78:1, 3-4, 24, 25, 28, 29. Psalm 1.**

## General Prayer p.18-19

### Special Prayers

- Pastoral Office:** Bishop, James Heiser, Pastor Michael D. Henson, Deacon Gary K. Harroun
- Eldona Congregations:** All Saints Lutheran Mission (Myrtle Beach, SC), Pr. Jerry Dulas
- 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
- Students:** Tom Weber, Kara Martin, Jonathan Henson, Sarah Miller, Sadie Henson, Alexis Darnstaedt, Jessica Gordon (SIU-C, granddaughter of Oletha Taft)
- Various Needs:** Larry & Deb Vancil (friends of Melvins), Christina Borchert (heart valve surgery soon/cancer, sister-in-law of Donna Lowrance), Jim and Charollette Harroun (declining health), Rusty Ward (Brain tumor, daughter's father-in-law of Donna Lowrance), **Phillip Poe (brother of Shirley Webb)**, and Murvon Minnemann (brother of Oletha Taft).

### Weekly Calendar

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

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

**-ASH WEDNESDAY DIVINE SERVICE, 7:00 PM**

THURSDAY -Ladies Missionary Society, 6:00 PM

FRIDAY -Game Night

SATURDAY -Private Confession & Absolution, 8 – 8:30 PM

NEXT --*INVOCABIT* ("He shall call upon me...")

SUNDAY --Matins on Martin Luther, Doctor, 8 AM

--Children and Adult Bible Studies, 9 AM

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

### 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.

### Trinity News

**Ash Wednesday** is February 14.

**Next LMS** is Feb. 15 at 6 PM.

**Game Night.**—Friday, February 16

**Corn Hole.**—Friday, March 15.

**Second Congregational Planning Meeting.**—will probably be in **June 2024.** The building committee is working to get an architectural quote for various proposals. In order to see if we wish to use the Learning Center building for Bible Classes, we will transition over there on Sunday, April 7<sup>th</sup>, and try it out for a while.





**The Luther Bible 1534:** Revelation 7, Sealing the servants of God on their foreheads, #957.

### **As Occasion Permits 3.**

LET the Paraclete, Who proceedeth from Thee, illuminate our minds, we beseech Thee, O Lord, and may He lead us into all truth, as Thy Son hath promised; through the same 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.132).

### **Ash Wednesday**

Ash Wednesday (February 14, 2024) is the beginning of the 40-day season of Lent. The name comes from the custom of sprinkling blessed ashes on the heads of penitents. Don't worry; I'm not going to put ashes on your heads. Here at Trinity Lutheran, the service begins with the Service of Corporate Confession and Absolution (Lutheran Worship, p.308-309), continues with the Service of the Word and the reception of Christ's body and blood for the forgiveness of sins in the Service of Holy Communion.