

**Welcome
to Trinity**

#17 How to Meet the Enemy who Confronts the Christian

One without faith would never have acted thus, but would have concluded: It is of no use to present my request before Him; I am in the clutches of the devil beyond all hope; let His own people come to Him; them will He hear, but not me. **Whoever has no faith is utterly unable to pray.** The woman is not vexed with doubts as to her privilege of coming to Christ: she does not spend the time in debating the question, whether she dare come or not; she simply starts upon her way and comes. It is surely a severe and dangerous affliction when the devil prompts the heart to despair of the mercy of God, to refuse to pray to Him, yea, rather to be ready to curse Him, and to think that all is lost and damnation sure. Such wicked thoughts deter an inexperienced heart from prayer and throw it into despondency. This story is therefore of great value for us, and written on our account, **so that we might know how to meet the enemy when he comes and says:** "You are no Christian, your prayer is in vain." Mind not such insinuations, but answer boldly: I care not who I am. I know that I am a sinner, but I also know that Christ my Lord is holy, ever just and merciful. Therefore I will call unto Him without hesitation and think of nothing besides; I have no time to debate, whether I am one of the chosen or not. **This much I know: I need help, and on that account I come, humbly seeking it.** If we are thus disposed in mind, we follow the example of our Gospel aright. The woman was a heathen, and, aware of that, she had to conclude that she did not belong to the chosen people; she swallows, however, contentedly this big and bitter morsel, still praying unto Christ with much earnestness. Go and do likewise; say: O Lord, here I come, in want of everything. Give me what I need through Thy Son, my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! Such a struggle of faith, and wonderful exhibition of its nature, is manifested in this heathen woman. (Luther's House Postil, Sermon for Reminiscere, Volume 1, p. 266-267)

Assistants

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

No flowers during Lent
Church Cleaning – Mar 3/10 Field, Bob, 17/24 Darnstaedt

Hymn LW #406

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Isaiah 40:20-25

²⁰ Whoever *is* too impoverished for *such* a contribution Chooses a tree *that* will not rot; He seeks for himself a skillful workman To prepare a carved image *that* will not totter. ²¹ Have you not known? Have you not heard? Has it not been told you from the beginning? Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth? ²² *It is* He who sits above the circle of the earth, And its inhabitants *are* like grasshoppers, Who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, And spreads them out like a tent to dwell in. ²³ He brings the princes to nothing; He makes the judges of the earth useless. ²⁴ Scarcely shall they be planted, Scarcely shall they be sown, Scarcely shall their stock take root in the earth, When He will also blow on them, And they will wither, And the whirlwind will take them away like stubble. ²⁵ "To whom then will you liken Me, Or *to whom* shall I be equal?" says the Holy One.

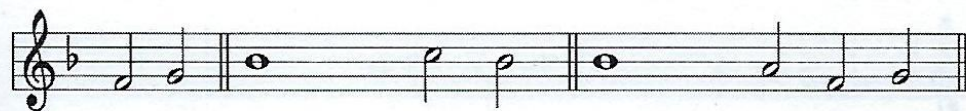
1 Thessalonians 4:1-7

¹ Finally then, brethren, we urge and exhort in the Lord Jesus that you should abound more and more, just as you received from us how you ought to walk and to please God; ² for you know what commandments we gave you through the Lord Jesus. ³ For this is the will of God, your sanctification: that you should abstain from sexual immorality; ⁴ that each of you should know how to possess his own vessel in sanctification and

honor, ⁵ not in passion of lust, like the Gentiles who do not know God; ⁶ that no one should take advantage of and defraud his brother in this matter, because the Lord *is* the avenger of all such, as we also forewarned you and testified. ⁷ For God did not call us to uncleanness, but in holiness.

St. Matthew 15:21-28

²¹ Then Jesus went out from there and departed to the region of Tyre and Sidon. ²² And behold, a woman of Canaan came from that region and cried out to Him, saying, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David! My daughter is severely demon-possessed." ²³ But He answered her not a word. And His disciples came and urged Him, saying, "Send her away, for she cries out after us." ²⁴ But He answered and said, "I was not sent except to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." ²⁵ Then she came and worshiped Him, saying, "Lord, help me!" ²⁶ But He answered and said, "It is not good to take the children's bread and throw *it* to the little dogs." ²⁷ And she said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the little dogs eat the crumbs which fall from their masters' table." ²⁸ Then Jesus answered and said to her, "O woman, great *is* your faith! Let it be to you as you desire." And her daughter was healed from that very hour.

REMINISCERE. THE SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT. (VIOLET) PSALM 130/25**Introit.**

Ant. RE-MEM- || ber O LORD, Thy tender mercies and Thy loving- | kind-ness- | es:

for they have been ev- | er | of | old.

|| Let not mine enemies triumph over | me | - :

God of Israel, deliver us out of all | our | trou- | bles.

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.

O God, who seest that of ourselves we have no strength: Keep us both outwardly and inwardly; that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; 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 4:1-7 **Gospel:** Matthew 15:21-28

Additional reading: Isaiah 40:20-25

Gradual.

|| The troubles of my heart are | en- | larged:

O bring Thou me out of my | dis- | tress- | es.

|| Look upon mine affliction and | my | pain:

and forgive | all | my | sins.

Tract. || O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is | good | -:

for His mercy endureth | for- | ev- | er.

Communion Psalm: *Ant.* Consider my meditation: O hearken unto the voice of my calling, my King, and my God: for unto You will I make my prayer, O my God." **Ps 97:1-6, 11-12.**

General Prayer p.18-19

Special Prayers

- Pastoral Office:** Bishop, James Heiser, Pastor Michael D. Henson, Deacon Gary K. Harroun
- Eldona Congregations:** Salem Lutheran Church (Malone, TX), Pr. James D. Heiser, Bishop of the ELDoNA, and Dcn. Anthony Oncken
- 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 Charolette 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).
- Death.**—For the family of Brian Spurlin, died Monday (19 yr. old neighbor of Shirley Webb)
- Funeral.**—Mona Melvin (Marc's mother) visitation 10-12 and funeral at Noon at Searby, DuQuoin).
- That those who suffer from various temptations and wrestle with recurring (besetting) sins, that our God and refuge would hear their cries of faith for His mercy and grant them deliverance and peace in our Savior Christ Jesus who was crucified for our iniquities and raised again for our justification.

Weekly Calendar

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

MONDAY -Elders' Meeting, 7 PM
WEDNESDAY -Learn-by-Heart, 6:30 PM
-Catechetical Service, 7 – 7:35 PM
NEXT -*OCULI* (“My eyes...”)
SUNDAY -Children and Adult Bible Studies, 9 AM
-Divine Service, 10:15 AM

Trinity News

Elders' Meeting.—February 26.

Corn Hole.—Friday, March 15.

Preparation for Easter.—After Catechesis on Wednesday, March 27, we will make preparations for the upcoming Easter vigil and Sunday services.

Easter Flowers.—may be brought to the church beginning March 28.

Please place them downstairs, as last year it got too hot in the cry room. If you would like to donate money for flowers to be purchased, speak to LeeAnn Byrne.

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 7th, and try it out for a while.

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.

Before the Holy Gospel.

O LORD and Lover of men, cause the pure Light of Thy divine knowledge to shine forth in our hearts, and open the eyes of our understanding, that we may comprehend the precepts of Thy Gospel; plant in us also the fear of Thy blessed commandments, that we, trampling upon all carnal lusts, may seek a heavenly citizenship, both saying and doing always such things as shall well please Thee; for Thou art the illumination of our souls and bodies, Christ our God; and to Thee we ascribe glory and honor, worship and praise, now and for evermore. Amen. (Oremus, 1925, p.137).



The Luther Bible 1534: Revelation 8:10-11 – The 3rd Angel with a Great Star #960b

Easter Vigil

Saturday, March 30, 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.