

Welcome to Trinity

#12 Four Classes of Hearers

My Beloved: You learn from this Gospel that there are many kinds of hearers of the pure Word of God, but only a few who retain it and bring forth good fruit. This must be diligently presented to the people, so that all may examine themselves and discover to what class of hearers they belong, and make haste to be numbered among those who are called the good ground, in whom the Word brings forth fruit.

The first class of hearers are those with whom the Word fares as “the seed by the wayside.” It does not yield fruit because it is either trodden down or devoured by the fowls of the air. The second class are they “who hear and receive the Word with joy.” They not only speak of it but believe in it, and it grows finely, as the seed upon a rocky soil, but when the first hot day of summer comes it begins to wither, because it has neither root nor moisture. When persecution and tribulation come, such people fall away before the good fruit of faith with patience follows. The third class are easily discernible. They are Christians who are as seed among thorns; it grows, but brings no fruit and is choked; the thorns grow too densely around it. The fourth class of hearers, finally, are they who faithfully receive and retain the Word in an honest and good heart until it brings forth fruit with patience. They do not endeavor to avoid persecution for the sake of the Word, are ready in faith and love towards God, to endure all that may happen, and bring forth fruit, some an hundred-fold, some sixty-fold, and some thirty-fold. (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 4/11 Harroun, 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.

Divine Service

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[Pastor, then congregation]

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Announcements

Trinity Lutheran Church & Early Childhood Learning Center

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**Introit.**

Ant. A- WAKE, || why sleepest Thou, O | Lord | - :

arise, cast us not off | for- | ev- | er.

|| Wherefore hidest Thou Thy | face | - :

and forgettest our | af- | flic- | tion?

Our Soul is bowed down to the | dust | - :

arise for our help and | re- | deem | us.

Psalm. || We have heard with our ears, O | God | - :

our fathers have told us what work Thou didst | in | their | days.

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 God, Who seest that we put not our trust in anything that we do: Mercifully grant that by Thy power we may be defended against all adversity; 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. 2 Corinthians 11:19–12:9

Gospel. Luke 8:4–15

Additional reading: Isaiah 55:10–13

Gradual.

|| Let the nations know that Thy Name is Je- | ho- | vah:

Thou alone art the Most High over | all | the | earth.

|| O My God, make them like a | wheel | - :

and like chaff be- | fore | the | wind.

Tract. || Thou hast given a banner to them that fear | Thee | - :

that it may be displayed because | of | the | truth.

Communion Psalm: *Ant.* I will go to the altar of God, even unto the God of my joy and gladness. (Ps 43:4). **Ps 43:1, 2, 3, 5.**

Weekly Calendar

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

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

WEDNESDAY -No Learn-by-Heart/Catechesis

(Karin & Pastor Henson are in WI & MN Monday-Thursday)

NEXT

-QUINQUAGESIMA

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

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

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.

Finances.—The congregation ended 2023 with a general operating gain of \$35,804. We overspent by \$2,177, but our donations were \$37,961 above our budget. Reports are on the narthex rack.

2023 Pecan Fundraiser.—This year we will make \$906 when all of the pecan money is collected.

Game Night donations of \$765 were sent to the Herrin Food Pantry.

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.

Isaiah 55:10-13

¹⁰ “For as the rain comes down, and the snow from heaven, And do not return there, But water the earth, And make it bring forth and bud, That it may give seed to the sower And bread to the eater, ¹¹ So shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; It shall not return to Me void, But it shall accomplish what I please, And it shall prosper *in the thing* for which I sent it. ¹² “For you shall go out with joy, And be led out with peace; The mountains and the hills Shall break forth into singing before you, And all the trees of the field shall clap *their* hands.

¹³ Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress tree, And instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle tree; And it shall be to the LORD for a name, For an everlasting sign *that* shall not be cut off.”

2 Corinthians 11:19-12:9

¹⁹For you put up with fools gladly, since you *yourselves* are wise! ²⁰For you put up with it if one brings you into bondage, if one devours *you*, if one takes *from you*, if one exalts himself, if one strikes you on the face. ²¹To *our* shame, I say that we were too weak for that! But in whatever anyone is bold—I speak foolishly—I am bold also.

²²Are they Hebrews? So *am* I. Are they Israelites? So *am* I. Are they the seed of Abraham? So *am* I. ²³Are they ministers of Christ?—I speak as a fool—I *am* more: in labors more abundant, in stripes above measure, in prisons more frequently,

in deaths often. ²⁴From the Jews five times I received forty *stripes* minus one. ²⁵Three times I was beaten with rods; once I was stoned; three times I was shipwrecked; a night and a day I have been in the deep; ²⁶*in* journeys often, *in* perils of waters, *in* perils of robbers, *in* perils of *my own* countrymen, *in* perils of the Gentiles, *in* perils in the city, *in* perils in the wilderness, *in* perils in the sea, *in* perils among false brethren; ²⁷in weariness and toil, in sleeplessness often, in hunger and thirst, in fastings often, in cold and nakedness—²⁸besides the other things, what comes upon me daily: my deep concern for all the churches. ²⁹Who is weak, and I am not weak? Who is made to stumble, and I do not burn with indignation? ³⁰If I must boast, I will boast in the things which concern my infirmity. ³¹The God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is blessed forever, knows that I am not lying. ³²In Damascus the governor, under Aretas the king, was guarding the city of the Damascenes with a garrison, desiring to arrest me; ³³but I was let down in a basket through a window in the wall, and escaped from his hands.

¹It is doubtless not profitable for me to boast. I will come to visions and revelations of the Lord: ²I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago—whether in the body I do not know, or whether out of the body I do not know, God knows—such a one was caught up to the third heaven. ³And I know such a man—

whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows—⁴how he was caught up into Paradise and heard inexpressible words, which it is not lawful for a man to utter. ⁵Of such a one I will boast; yet of myself I will not boast, except in my infirmities. ⁶For though I might desire to boast, I will not be a fool; for I will speak the truth. But I refrain, lest anyone should think of me above what he sees me *to be* or hears from me.

⁷And lest I should be exalted above measure by the abundance of the revelations, a thorn in the flesh was given to me, a messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I be exalted above measure. ⁸Concerning this thing I pleaded with the Lord three times that it might depart from me. ⁹And He said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

St. Luke 8:4-15

⁴And when a great multitude had gathered, and they had come to Him from every city, He spoke by a parable: ⁵“A sower went out to sow his seed. And as he sowed, some fell by the wayside; and it was trampled down, and the birds of the air devoured it. ⁶“Some fell on rock; and as soon as it sprang up, it withered away because it lacked moisture. ⁷“And some fell among thorns, and the thorns sprang up with it and choked it. ⁸“But others

fell on good ground, sprang up, and yielded a crop a hundredfold.”

When He had said these things He cried, “He who has ears to hear, let him hear!”

⁹Then His disciples asked Him, saying, “What does this parable mean?” ¹⁰And He said, “To you it has been given to know the

mysteries of the kingdom of God, but to the rest *it is given* in parables, that ‘Seeing they may not see, And hearing they may not understand.’

¹¹“Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God.

¹²“Those by the wayside are the ones who hear; then the devil comes and takes away the word out of their hearts, lest they should believe and be saved.

¹³“But the ones on the rock *are those* who, when they hear, receive the word with joy; and these have no root, who believe for a while and in time of temptation fall away. ¹⁴“Now the ones *that* fell among thorns are those who, when they have heard, go out and are choked

with cares, riches, and pleasures of life, and bring no fruit to maturity. ¹⁵“But the ones *that* fell on the good ground are those who, having heard the word with a noble and good heart, keep *it* and bear fruit with patience.

Sexagesima

17. May God Bestow on Us His Grace

Dr. Martin Luther, 1524

8, 7, 8, 7, 8, 7, 8, 7, 7

Es wollt uns Gott genaedig

M. Greuter, 1524

1. May God be - stow on us His grace,
 2. Thine ov - er all shall be the praise,
 Δ3. O let the peo - ple praise Thy worth,

With bless - ings rich pro - vide us, And
 And thanks of ev - ry na - tion, And
 In all good works in - creas - ing; The

may the bright - ness of His face, To life e - ter - nal
 all the world with joy shall raise The voice of ex - ul -
 land shall plen - teous fruit bring forth, Thy Word is rich in

guide us; That we His gra - cious work may know,
 ta - tion; For Thou shalt judge the earth, O Lord,
 bless - ing. May God the Fa - ther, God the Son,

And what is His good pleas - ure, And al - so
 Nor suf - fer sin to flou - rish; Thy peo - ple's
 And God the Spi - rit bless us! Let all the

to the heath - en show Christ's rich - es with - out
 pas - ture is Thy Word Their souls to feed and
 world praise Him a - lone, Let sol - emn awe pos -

meas - ure, And un - to God con - vert them.
 nou - rish, In right - eous paths to keep them.
 sess us. Now let our hearts say, A - men. A - men.

General Prayer p.18-19

Special Prayers

- Pastoral Office:** Bishop, James Heiser, Pastor Michael D. Henson, Deacon Gary K. Harroun
- Eldona Congregations:** Sts. Peter and Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church, UAC (Simpsonville, 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 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).

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 Altar 2.

FORGIVE O Lord, I most humbly implore Thee, my many sins, and be gracious to my great unworthiness, granting me Thy blessing and grace so to come before Thee as will wholly show forth Thy praise and be to the good of souls: 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.136, adapted for lay use).



The Luther Bible 1534: Revelation 6:12-17 – The Sixth Seal with the Earthquake, #956