

Welcome to Trinity

#23 For Where Christ Is, There Is Forgiveness of Sins

This declaration is the Christian’s most effective consolation; for he who really believes that Christ gave His body for him, and that He shed His blood for the remission of his sins, cannot despair, no matter what sin, the world and the devil may say. He knows that this treasure wherewith his sins have been canceled is far greater than all his iniquities. But the consolation contained in this declaration stands not alone; Christ really gives us with the bread His body to eat, and with the wine His blood to drink, as the words plainly state, in spite of the devil. Each one that eateth and drinketh, receives for himself in this Sacrament the body and the blood of Christ as his own especial gift. Yea, this is the very truth which we must firmly hold: Christ suffered and died for me also, and not alone for St. Peter, St. Paul or other saints. To assure us of this truth Christ gave His Testament; for through it each one individually receives the body and the blood of Christ. It is therefore proper to say that through this Sacrament we obtain forgiveness of sins; for where Christ is, there is forgiveness of sins; here we have His body and blood, as the words declare; therefore he who eats and drinks, believing that the body of Christ was given for him, and that His blood was shed for the forgiveness of his sins, must surely have this forgiveness. Yet, it is not the act of going to the Sacrament, nor the eating and the drinking, whereby we gain this divine grace, as the Papists falsely teach concerning the performance of their mass; but it is the faith in us which believes the words of Christ when He says: I give you my body, given for you into death, and give you my blood, shed for you for the remission of your sins. Thus will our reception of the Sacrament tend to the strengthening of our faith, and the chief and greatest blessing of this Testament will be ours. (Luther’s House Postil, First Sermon for The Day of the Lord’s Supper. The Holy Sacrament 1 Corinthians 11:23-26, Volume 2, p. 307)

Assistants

Elder – Dan Byrne (922-3556)
 Organist – LeeAnn Byrne
 No flowers during Lent

Altar Guild – Claire Stretch and Kim Miller
 Church Cleaning – Mar 31/Apr 7 Byrne

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Trinity Lutheran Church & Early Childhood Learning Center
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Jeremiah 11:18-20

¹⁸Now the LORD gave me knowledge of it, and I know it; for You showed me their doings. ¹⁹But I was like a docile lamb brought to the slaughter; and I did not know that they had devised schemes against me, saying, "Let us destroy the tree with its fruit, and let us cut him off from the land of the living, that his name may be remembered no more."

²⁰But, O LORD of hosts, You who judge righteously, Testing the mind and the heart, Let me see Your vengeance on them, For to You I have revealed my cause.

John 12:24-43

²⁴"Most assuredly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it produces much grain. ²⁵"He who loves his life will lose it, and he who hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶"If anyone serves Me, let him follow Me; and where I am, there My servant will be also. If anyone serves Me, him My Father will honor.

²⁷"Now My soul is troubled, and what shall I say? 'Father, save Me from this hour'? But for this purpose I came to this hour.

²⁸"Father, glorify Your name." Then a voice came from heaven, saying, "I have both glorified it and will glorify it again." ²⁹Therefore the people who stood by and heard

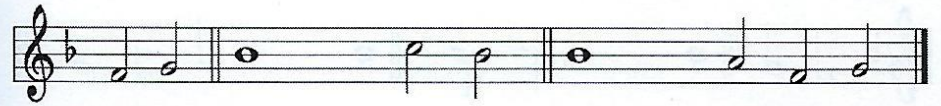
it said that it had thundered. Others said, "An angel has spoken to Him." ³⁰Jesus answered and said, "This voice did not come because of Me, but for your sake. ³¹"Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be cast out. ³²"And I, if I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all peoples to Myself." ³³This He said, signifying by what death He would die. ³⁴The people answered Him, "We have heard from the law that the Christ remains forever; and how can You say, 'The Son of Man must be lifted up'? Who is this Son of Man?" ³⁵Then Jesus said to them, "A little while longer the light is with you. Walk while you have the light, lest darkness overtake you; he who walks in darkness does not know where he is going. ³⁶"While you have the light, believe in the light, that you may become sons of light." These things Jesus spoke, and departed, and was hidden from them.

³⁷But although He had done so many signs before them, they did not believe in Him, ³⁸that the word of Isaiah the prophet might be fulfilled, which he spoke:

Lord, who has believed our report? And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?"

³⁹Therefore they could not believe, because Isaiah said again:

⁴⁰"He has blinded their eyes and hardened their hearts, Lest they should see with their eyes, Lest

**Introit.**

Ant. GOD FOR- || bid that I should | glo- | ry:
save in the Cross of our Lord | Je- | sus | Christ.
|| In Him is salvation, life, and resurrection from the | dead | - :
by Him we are redeemed and set at | lib- | er- | ty.

Psalm. God be merciful unto us and | bless | us:
and cause His face to shine | up- | on | us.

(From Judica through Holy Saturday the Gloria Patri is omitted.)

Collect.

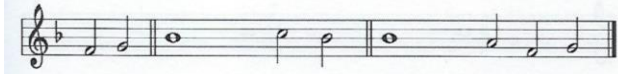
Almighty and Everlasting God, grant us grace so to contemplate the Passion of our Lord, that we may find therein forgiveness for our sins; through the same Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever One God, world without end. *Amen.*

Epistle. Jeremiah 11:18–20. Gospel. John 12:24–43, or The History of the Passion.

Gradual.

|| As for me, my clothing was | sack- | cloth:
I humbled my soul with fasting; and my prayer returned into mine | own
| bo- | som.
|| Plead my cause, O Lord, with them that strive against | me. | - :
Take hold of shield and buckler, and stand up | for | mine | help.

they should understand with *their* hearts and turn, So that I should heal them." ⁴¹These things Isaiah said when he saw His glory and spoke of Him. ⁴²Nevertheless even among the rulers many believed in Him, but because of the Pharisees they did not confess *Him*, lest they should be put out of the synagogue; ⁴³for they loved the praise of men more than the praise of God.

**Offertory**

Keep me, O Lord, from the hands of the | wick- | ed; *
 Preserve me from violent men, Who have purposed to make my |
 steps | stum- | ble.
 The proud have hidden a snare for me, | and | cords; *
 They have spread a net by the wayside; They have set | traps | for
 me.
 I said to the Lord: "You are | my | God; *
 Hear the voice of my supplica- | tions, | O | Lord. (*Psalm 140:4-6*)

Secret

May this sacrament, O Lord, we beseech thee, mercifully repair us;
 through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with
 you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. AMEN.

Communion

Those who sit in the gate speak a- | gainst | me, *
 And I am the song of | the | drunk- | ards.
 But as for me, my prayer is | to | You, *
 O Lord, in the accep- | ta- | ble | time;
 O God, in the multitude of Your | mer- | cy, *
 Hear me in the truth of Your | sal- | va- | tion. (*Psalm 69:12-13*)

Postcommunion Prayer

May our vices be cured, O almighty God, by Thy holy mysteries, and
 may we receive everlasting remedies; through Jesus Christ, your Son,
 our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God,
 now and forever. AMEN.

Prayer over the people

Let us pray: Bow down your heads before God.
 May your mercy, O God, purifying us from all deceits of our old
 nature, enable us to be formed anew unto holiness; through Jesus
 Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the
 Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. AMEN.

Scripture quotations are from The New King James Version. 1982 Nashville: Thomas Nelson Publishers.

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Rev. 4: 11
Author unknown, c. 1757O Durchbrecher
"Neues geistreiches Gesangbuch"
Halle, 1704

1 Hail, Thou once de-spis-ed Je-sus! Hail, Thou Gal-i - le - an King!
 2 Pas-chal Lamb, by God ap-point-ed, All our sins on Thee were laid;
 3 Je - sus, hail, en-throned in glo - ry, There for-ev - er to a - bide!
 4 Wor-ship, hon-or, pow'r, and bless-ing Thou art wor-thy to re-ceive;

Thou didst suf-fer to re-lease us; Thou didst free sal - va - tion bring.
 By al-might-y love a-noint-ed, Thou hast full a-tone-ment made.
 All the heav'n-ly host a-dore Thee, Seat - ed at Thy Fa-ther's side.
 Loud-est prais-es, with-out ceas-ing, Meet it is for us to give.

Hail, Thou u - ni - ver - sal Sav - ior, Who hast borne our sin and shame,
 Ev - 'ry sin may be for-giv - en Thro' the vir - tue of Thy blood;
 There for sin-ners Thou art plead-ing, There Thou dost our place pre-pare,
 Help, ye bright an - gel - ic spir - its, Bring your sweet-est, no-blest lays;

By whose mer-its we find fa-vor! Life is giv-en thro' Thy name.
 O - pen is the gate of heav-en, Peace is made 'twixt man and God.
 Ev - er for us in - ter-ced-ing Till in glo-ry we ap-pear.
 Help to sing our Sav-ior's mer-its, Help to chant Immanuel's praise. A-men.

Prayer Passiontide 2

O Lord God, the Father of mercies, who hast not pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his way and live, and who of Thine infinite goodness didst deliver up Thine only-begotten Son into death as a sacrifice for our sins, for His sake remember not our ingratitude and indifference, but have mercy upon us, and forgive us all our sins.

As Thy dear Son was wounded for our transgressions and by His stripes we are healed, let us daily with true repentance and sincere faith meditate upon His Passion, that His death may be our life, His righteousness our salvation, His conflict our victory and everlasting peace. Replenish us with Thy Holy Spirit, that, loving Thee with our whole hearts, we may walk in Thy ordinances blameless. Teach us to love one another, to bear one another's burdens, and so to fulfill the Law of Christ, who came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and who gave His life a ransom for many. Help us likewise to love our enemies and from our hearts to forgive everyone his trespasses against us. Let us follow the example of our Savior in patiently enduring the trials and afflictions of this present world, that, having suffered with Him, we may also be glorified with Him. For His sake hear all who cry unto Thee in sorrow and distress, and relieve them according to their several necessities.

Bestow Thy blessing upon the ministry of reconciliation. May the preaching of the Cross become a message of peace and a power of God unto the ends of the earth, that the nations that sit in darkness may be delivered from their sins and glorify Thy gracious name with all Thy saints. Embolden the ministers of Thy Word to preach, in season and out of season, Christ and Him Crucified, calling sinners to repentance and believers to rejoice in Thy salvation. May the death of Thy Son be our comfort in our last hour, and let us depart in peace to rise with Him unto life everlasting.

Holy Tuesday

Peter doesn't hear the words "and after three days rise again."

Peter doesn't rejoice in the resurrection. Peter is too concerned with Jesus' suffering, being rejected and killed. Is it simply that Peter is a complainer? You know people who always have something about which to complain. Is it simply pessimism? No, I think it is something more. In today's Passion reading from St. Mark, there are at least four places in which Jesus tells us ahead of time about his resurrection or the results of his resurrection, that is life after death. Did you hear Jesus speak these words of comfort or were you too caught up with suffering that you missed it?

TODAY -Holy Tuesday Communion, 10:30 AM

Weekly Calendar

WEDNESDAY -Holy Wednesday Communion, 10:30 AM

-Holy Wednesday Tenebrae Prayer Service, 3:00 PM

-Learn-by-Heart/Catechetical Service, 6:30 PM

THURSDAY -Maundy Thursday Tenebrae Service, 3 PM

-Maundy Thursday Holy Communion, 7:00 PM

FRIDAY -Good Friday Tenebrae Prayer Service, 3:00 PM

-Good Friday Holy Communion, 7:00 PM

SATURDAY -Full Matins, 10:00 AM

-The Great Vigil of Easter (Sat. night), 7:00-10:00 PM

EASTER SUNDAY -The Resurrection of Our Lord,

Matins, 7 AM

Easter Breakfast, 8:00 AM, Sunday School, 9:00 AM

-Divine Service, Holy Communion, 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.

Before the Holy Communion 7.

LORD, I am not worthy that Thou shouldst come under my roof, for it is desolate and ruinous, neither wilt Thou find within me place to lay Thy head; but since Thou hast not disdained to recline in a stable with the brute beasts, nor disdained to be the guest of Simon the Leper, neither hast spurned the woman, who like me, was a great sinner, nor abhorred the washing of her tears: So deign, O Lord, to receive me, the chief of sinners, to the participation of This immaculate and life-giving sacrament. Amen. (Oremus, 1925, p.142).



The Luther Bible 1534: Revelation 11:1-19 – The Two Witnesses and the Beast, #965

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.