

Welcome to Trinity

#20 Gladly and Willingly Employ Your Bodily Members “to be of God”

... Christ says: “He that heareth not the words of God is not of God, but is the devil’s child.” The most deplorable circumstance in this connection is the infatuation, in which these defamers of God’s Word live, so that they do not perceive the error of their ways, but defend their conduct with bitter resolution. Thus did the Jews; they answered Christ: “Say we not well that Thou art a Samaritan, and hast a devil? A self-righteous devil, who thinks that he is always right, is the worst of all devils; and such an one was prompting the Jews. **This is the first lesson taught in our Gospel, that they who will not hear the Word of God are not of Him, but of the devil.** This, of course, does not mean that the devil created such persons with their body, mind and all they possess. No, God bestowed upon them these gifts, wherefore we must distinguish between the abilities of man and their use. The man who lies and cheats has a good tongue given to him by God, but the use which he makes of it is of the devil in whose service he abuses it against God. Thus also God may give to man beautiful and charming eyes, but their employment for lustfulness is of the devil. If the heart yearns after lewdness, falsehood and deceit, it is wicked and of the devil, in respect to its use, though it be good and of God as to its essence.

On the other hand, “to be of God” means to employ willingly and gladly the ears in hearing the Word of God, and to accept rebuke for that which is wrong. Thus we should also use the tongue to pray, to preach, to instruct and to give consolation. Ears and tongues thus engaged are of God and good; they accomplish the purpose for which they were given. The heart also, if it meditates upon that which is comely, upon what is beneficial for our fellow men, and does not give offense, is a creature of God as well as the ears and the tongue. It is of God, because it strives to follow the precepts of God, and loves to hear His Word, and shuns everything opposed to it. It may happen, alas! that we are overtaken unaware by our weakness; that we curse where we ought to pray, and give way to anger where we ought to manifest kindness; but if we see our wrong and confess it, asking for mercy, we may then indeed have wavered, or even fallen, but we are not yet of the devil. If a man repents of his sins, and turns to God with the firm resolution to avoid that which is wrong, he will obtain mercy, and the devil is not his master. (Luther’s House Postil, Sermon for Judica, Volume 1, p. 296-297)

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Trinity Lutheran Church & Early Childhood Learning Center

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Genesis 12:1-3

¹Now the LORD had said to Abram:

“Get out of your country, From your family And from your father’s house, To a land that I will show you. ² I will make you a great nation; I will bless you And make your name great; And you shall be a blessing. ³ I will bless those who bless you, And I will curse him who curses you; And in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

Hebrews 9:11-15

¹¹But Christ came as High Priest of the good things to come, with the greater and more perfect tabernacle not made with hands, that is, not of this creation. ¹²Not with the blood of goats and calves, but with His own blood He entered the Most Holy Place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption. ¹³For if the blood of bulls and goats and the ashes of a heifer, sprinkling the unclean, sanctifies for the purifying of the flesh, ¹⁴how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God? ¹⁵And for this reason He is the Mediator of the new covenant, by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions under the first covenant, that those who are called may receive the promise of the eternal inheritance.

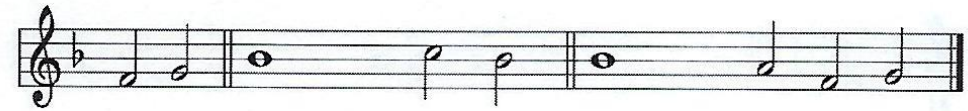
St. John 8:46-59

⁴⁶“Which of you convicts Me of sin? And if I tell the truth, why do you

not believe Me? ⁴⁷“He who is of God hears God’s words; therefore you do not hear, because you are not of God.”

⁴⁸Then the Jews answered and said to Him, “Do we not say rightly that You are a Samaritan and have a demon?” ⁴⁹Jesus answered, “I do not have a demon; but I honor My Father, and you dishonor Me. ⁵⁰“And I do not seek My own glory; there is One who seeks and judges. ⁵¹“Most assuredly, I say to you, if anyone keeps My word he shall never see death.” ⁵²Then the Jews said to Him, “Now we know that You have a demon! Abraham is dead, and the prophets; and You say, ‘If anyone keeps My word he shall never taste death.’ ⁵³“Are You greater than our father Abraham, who is dead? And the prophets are dead. Whom do You make Yourself out to be?” ⁵⁴Jesus answered, “If I honor Myself, My honor is nothing. It is My Father who honors Me, of whom you say that He is your God. ⁵⁵“Yet you have not known Him, but I know Him. And if I say, ‘I do not know Him,’ I shall be a liar like you; but I do know Him and keep His word. ⁵⁶“Your father Abraham rejoiced to see My day, and he saw it and was glad.” ⁵⁷Then the Jews said to Him, “You are not yet fifty years old, and have You seen Abraham?” ⁵⁸Jesus said to them, “Most assuredly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I AM.” ⁵⁹Then they took up stones to throw at Him; but Jesus hid Himself and went out of the temple, going through the midst of them, and so passed by.

JUDICA. PASSION SUNDAY. (VIOLET)



Introit.

Ant. JUDGE ME, || O | God | - :

and plead my cause against an ungod- | ly | na- | tion.

|| O deliver me from the deceitful and unjust | man | - :

for Thou art the God | of | my | strength.

Psalm. || O send out Thy light and Thy | truth | - :

let them lead me; let them bring me unto Thy | ho- | ly | hill.

GLO-RY || be to the Father and to the | Son | - :

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

Collect.

We beseech Thee, Almighty God, mercifully to look upon Thy people, that by Thy great goodness they may be governed and preserved evermore, both in body and 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. Hebrews 9:11–15

Gospel. John 8:46–59

Additional reading: Genesis 12:1–3

Gradual.

|| Deliver me, O Lord, from mine | ene- | mies:

teach me to | do | Thy | will.

|| He delivereth me from mine enemies; yea, Thou liftest me up above those that rise up a- | gainst | me:

Thou hast delivered me from the vi- | o- | lent | man.

Tract. || Many a time have they afflicted me from my youth. May Israel | now | say:

many a time have they afflicted me from my youth. Yet they have not pre-
vailed | a- | gainst | me.

Communion Psalm: *Ant.* This is My Body, which is given for you: This cup is the new testament in My Blood, saith the Lord: this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me. (1 Cor 11:24,26). **Ps 116:10-16.**

General Prayer p.18-19

Special Prayers

- Pastoral Office:** Bishop, James Heiser, Pastor Michael D. Henson, Deacon Gary K. Harroun
- Eldona Congregations:** St. Mary's Evangelical Lutheran Church (Navotas, Philippines), Pr. Fillmore Lorenz Alvarez
- 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
- 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).

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.

Weekly Calendar

TODAY -**Matins, St. Patrick, 8:00 AM**

-Adult/Child Bible Studies, 9 AM

-**Divine Service, 10:15 AM**

TUESDAY -**Divine Service, St. Joseph, 10:30 AM**

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

-**Catechesis Service, 7:00 PM**

-Preparation for Holy Week, 7:30 PM

THURSDAY -Ladies Meeting, 6:00 PM

SATURDAY -Learning Center Preparation for Classes, 9-11AM

-Private Confession & Absolution, 8:00-8:30 PM

NEXT --**PALMARUM (Palm Sunday)**

SUNDAY --Children and Adult Bible Studies, 9 AM

--**Divine Service with Palm Procession, 10:15 AM**

NEXT MONDAY/TUESDAY-**Holy Communion, 10:30 AM**

NEXT WEDNESDAY -**Holy Wednesday Communion, 10:30 AM**

-**Holy Wednesday Tenebrae Prayer Service, 3:00 PM**

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

NEXT THURSDAY -**Maundy Thursday Tenebrae Service, 3 PM**

-**Maundy Thursday Holy Communion, 7:00 PM**

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

-**Good Friday Holy Communion, 7:00 PM**

NEXT 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**

Assistants

Elder – Dan Byrne (922-3556)

Organist – LeeAnn Byrne

No flowers during Lent

Altar Guild – Claire Stretch and Kim Miller

Church Cleaning – Mar 24 Darnstaedt, Mar 31/Apr 7 Byrne

After Preaching.

O God, I have heard Thy humble servant, who has sown Thy seed; do Thou give the increase, to the health of souls, the spread of Thy kingdom and Thy glory. All glory and honor be unto Thee, O God. Amen. (Oremus, 1925, p.139, adapted).

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.



The Luther Bible 1534: Revelation 9:13-21 – The 6th Angel with the Four Killing Angels from Euphrates, #963

Trinity News

Preparation for Palm Sunday & Easter.—After Catechesis on Wednesday, March 20, we will make preparations for the upcoming Holy Week, Easter vigil and Sunday services.

Learning Center Preparation for Class.—We need your help in order to move into the Learning Center for Adult and Childrens classes on April 7. There is a list of things which needs to be done in the narthex. On Saturday (3/23) from 9-11 AM and then again on Thursday (4/4) we will prepare the facility. Please make plans to attend these workdays.

Easter Flowers.—may be brought to the church beginning March 28. Please place them down-stairs, 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.

Eclipse.—Monday, April 8

Eldona Synod & Colloquium 2024.— April 15-19, 2024.