Oculi March 3, 2024

Welcome to Trinity

#18 Christ, Who works in His Church, is the Lord over the devil

We are to learn from this report of the casting out of a devil the most consoling truth that Christ is the Lord over the devil and his realm; and, further, that this work, then begun in the body, did not terminate, but still continues in the Church of Christ, and will continue until the judgment day. For the accomplishment of this work Christ has instituted the necessary means; namely, Holy Baptism, the Lord's Supper, the Word and Absolution, also other offices pertaining to the ministry, whereby the devil is to be cast out from the people, so that they may become free from his thralldom and that his kingdom may be destroyed. For it is plainly written in this respect: Verbum meum non redibit vacuum – My Word shall not return void. As the rain which falls upon dry land produces vegetation and blossoms, thus does the Word of God, most assuredly, produce fruit in some hearts. The Holy Spirit is connected with the Word to illumine, incite and purify the hearts, that they may be set free from the tyranny and oppression of the devil. This transaction is not visible to the outward eyes, as it was when Christ cast out the devil; it may be entirely imperceptible to the world, which is indeed not worthy to see the least spark of divine light and power, and which is blind, reviles, abuses and defames that which is good, as it did even here in the presence of Christ. We, however, who have and believe the Word, ought to perceive and know this truth which is so full of comfort, that God has ordained among us the means whereby we can and must continually cast out devils. (Luther's House Postil, Sermon for Oculi, Volume 1, p. 272-273)

Assistants

Elder – Dan Byrne (922-3556) Organist – LeeAnn Byrne Altar Guild – Claire Stretch and Kim Miller

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

Divine Service

Hymn	LW #204
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+ Confession/Absolution	p.8-9
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Trinity Lutheran Church & Early Childhood Learning Center

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⁸For you were once darkness, but now *you are* light in the Lord. Walk as children of light ⁹(for the fruit of the Spirit *is* in all goodness, righteousness, and truth),

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Oculi. The Third Sunday in Lent. (Violet)

PSALM 43/86



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We beseech Thee, Almighty God, look upon the hearty desires of Thy humble servants, and stretch forth the right hand of Thy Majesty to be our defense against all our enemies; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever One God, world without end. *Amen*.

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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
 - --Pastor Mario Marin (Iglesia Confesional Luterana En Colombia) thieves broken into their home.
- -- 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).

Weekly Calendar

TODAY -Adult/Child Bible Studies, 9 AM -Divine Service, 10:15 AM

THIS WEEK - Pastor Henson is on vacation until Saturday, March 10. In case of a pastoral emergency, contact one of our elders. The Elder to call is Daniel Byrne (922-3556). Pastor Gary Harroun (841-6548) will be covering for Pastor Henson.

SATURDAY --Daylight Savings Time (+ 1 hour)

NEXT --LAETARE ("Rejoice...")
SUNDAY -Children and Adult Bible Studies, 9 AM
-Divine Service, 10:15 AM

Trinity News

Corn Hole.—Friday, March 15.

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

<u>Easter Flowers.</u>—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 <u>before coming</u> forward to commune.

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- --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.

After the Holy Gospel.

GOD, Who hast sounded into our ears Thy divine and salutary oracles; Illuminate the souls of us sinners to the comprehension of that which has been read, so that we may not only be seen to be hearers of spiritual things, but doers of good works, following after faith without guile, blameless life, conversation without charge of guilt; in Christ Jesus our Lord, with Whom Thou art blessed, with Thy most Holy and Good and Quickening Spirit, now and ever and to ages of ages. Amen. (Oremus, 1925, p.137).



The Luther Bible 1534: Revelation 8:12-13 – The 4th Angel Saying "Woe, woe, woe." #961

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 Readings (from which we get the name "vigil")—12 readings each followed by the chanting of a psalm and a prayer.
- [↑] 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.