

Welcome to Trinity

#34 The Holy Ghost's Task is So Vast that It Seems Impossible

The Lord explains still further what the Holy Ghost would accomplish, what He would bring and teach us: **“He will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment.”**

Indeed a great task, so vast that its execution seems impossible. Not merely one school, or one village, or one city, or even several of them, but the whole world shall come under the influence and reproof of the Holy Spirit. It must in truth be a mighty power which can accomplish such a task, and it must be sure of the necessary support. To the world belong all the descendants of Adam, emperors, kings and princes. All these are included among the number of those whom the Holy Ghost, through the preaching of the apostles and other ministers, is to reprove and admonish. He tells them: Ye are all sinners; not one of you is just or wise, whether you live in Jerusalem or in Rome, whether you are of high or low degree; you must all learn true wisdom of me, or not one of you will be saved. **If you despise my teachings, you shall all go to hell, just as you are, with your entire baggage of self-righteousness, of holiness and good works.** Thus, says Christ to His disciples, will the Holy Spirit execute His office of reproofing the whole world through you, the poor and despised preachers of the Gospel.

This reproof, however, is no idle sound, but dread reality. Christ says: “He will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment.” What now, if there is in the world no righteousness, no judgment, nothing but sin – what shall become of us? Hence the reproof of the Holy Ghost is for the world a terrible shock; **we hear that we are the devil's own, with all our good works, and that we cannot enter into the kingdom of God unless the Holy Ghost removes our sins, makes us righteous, and frees us from judgment.** Many passages in the Scriptures are of similar import. Thus St. Paul says: “God has concluded all under sin;” and again: “We were by nature children of wrath.” Christ also says: “Unless a man be born again he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.” With such words and declarations the Holy Ghost reproves the world of sin. (Luther's House Postil, Fourth Sunday after Easter, Volume 2, p. 546-547)

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Church Cleaning –Apr 28/May 5 Baker, May 12/19 Weber

Hymn

LW #385

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Trinity Lutheran Church & Early Childhood Learning Center

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Isaiah 12:1-6

¹ And in that day you will say: "O LORD, I will praise You; Though You were angry with me, Your anger is turned away, and You comfort me. ² Behold, God is my salvation, I will trust and not be afraid; 'For YAH, the LORD, is my strength and song; He also has become my salvation.'" ³ Therefore with joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. ⁴ And in that day you will say: "Praise the LORD, call upon His name; Declare His deeds among the peoples, make mention that His name is exalted. ⁵ Sing to the LORD, for He has done excellent things; This is known in all the earth. ⁶ Cry out and shout, O inhabitant of Zion, for great is the Holy One of Israel in your midst!"

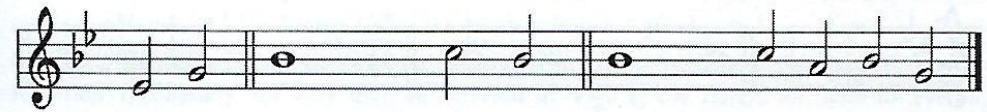
James 1:16-21

¹⁶ Do not be deceived, my beloved brethren. ¹⁷ Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning. ¹⁸ Of His own will He brought us forth by the word of truth, that we might be a kind of firstfruits of His creatures. ¹⁹ So then, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath; ²⁰ for the wrath of man does not produce the righteousness of God. ²¹ Therefore lay aside all filthiness and overflow

of wickedness, and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls.

St. John 16:5-15

⁵ "But now I go away to Him who sent Me, and none of you asks Me, 'Where are You going?' ⁶ But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your heart. ⁷ Nevertheless I tell you the truth. It is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I depart, I will send Him to you. ⁸ And when He has come, He will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: ⁹ of sin, because they do not believe in Me; ¹⁰ of righteous-ness, because I go to My Father and you see Me no more; ¹¹ of judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged. ¹² I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. ¹³ However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come. ¹⁴ He will glorify Me, for He will take of what is Mine and declare it to you. ¹⁵ All things that the Father has are Mine. Therefore I said that He will take of Mine and declare it to you."

**Introit.**

Ant. O SING || unto the LORD a new | song | - :
 for He hath done | mar- | vel- | lous | things.
 || The LORD hath made known His sal- | va- | tion:
 His righteousness hath he openly showed in the sight | of | the | hea- |
 then.
Psalm. || His right hand, and His holy | arm | - :
 hath gotten Him | the | vic- | to- | ry.
 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 with- | out | end. | A- | men. (*Ant. Repeated.*)

Collect.

O God, Who makest the minds of the faithful to be of one will: Grant unto Thy people that they may love what Thou commandest, and desire what Thou dost promise; that, among the manifold changes of this world, our hearts may there be fixed where true joys are to be found; 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. James 1:16-21**Gospel. John 16:5-15****Additional reading: Isaiah 12:1-6****Gradual.**

|| Hallelujah. Hallelujah. The right hand of the Lord is ex- | alt- | ed:
 the right hand of the Lord doeth | val- | i- | ant- | ly.
 || Hallelujah. Christ, being raised from the dead, dieth no | more | - :
 death hath no more dominion over Him. | Hal- | le- | lu- | jah.

Communion Psalm: *Ant.* When the Comforter, even he, the Spirit of truth, is come: he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment, alleluia, alleluia. (Jn 16:8). **Ps 33:1, 12-14, 17-21.**

General Prayer p.18-19

Special Prayers

- Pastoral Office:** Bishop, James Heiser, Pastor Michael D. Henson, Deacon Gary K. Harroun
- Eldona Congregations:** St. Bartholomew Ev. Lutheran Mission (Fort Myers, FL), 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:** Clara Melvin
- Newborn:** Anna Plock.
- Students:** Tom Weber, Kara Martin, Jonathan Henson, Sarah Miller, Sadie Henson, Alexis Darnstaedt, and Jessica Gordon
- Various Needs:** Larry & Deb Vancil (friends of Melvins), Jim and Charolette Harroun (declining health), Rusty Ward (Brain tumor, daughter's father-in-law of Donna Lowrance), Murvon Minnemann (brother of Oletha Taft), and Jennifer Denton (rare cancer, Golconda friend).

Concerning the Eucharist, thus give thanks 4:

FINISHED and accomplished as far as in us lieth, O Christ, our God, is the mystery of Thy dispensation; for we have had the memorial of Thy death, we have seen the figure of Thy resurrection, we have been filled with Thine imperishable life, we have had delight in Thy delicacies, in which there is no satiety, and which do Thou be pleased to award to us all in the world to come, by the grace of Thine eternal Father, and of the holy, good, and life-giving Spirit, now and ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen. (Oremus, 1925, p.151).

Weekly Calendar

TODAY - Adult and Child Bible Studies, 9:00 AM
-Divine Service-Lord's Supper, 10:15 AM

WEDNESDAY - **Divine Service, Sts. Philip & James, 10:30 AM**

-Learn-by-Heart, 6:30 PM

-**Catechetical Service, 7 – 7:40 PM**

THURSDAY -*National Day of Prayer*

NEXT -*ROGATE*

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

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

-Council Meeting #2, after Divine Service

-Bike With Pastor Mike

Trinity News

Council Meeting.—after the Divine Service on Sunday May 5, 2024

Bike with Pastor Mike.— Snday, May 5, 2024. We will meet at **2:30 PM in the North Sandusky (Day**

Use) Recreation Area of Rend Lake. There are three covered shelters and many other assorted picnic tables in this area. Although we haven't reserved a shelter, I hope we can get one of them. If not, we'll just gather together around a couple of picnic tables. At 3 PM, we will have a short devotion, take a picture at the starting point and then go biking. The newly completed section of the existing bike trail begins in this area.

To get to North Sandusky (Day Use) Recreation Area of Rend Lake from Herrin: Take 148 to Sesser, turn right on Route 154. Take Route 154 about 3 miles to N. Rend City Road(also called Co Hwy 44) and turn right. If you begin to go over Rend Lake, you've gone too far. Rend City Road will make a 90 degree right turn after a mile. DON'T turn just go straight and you will enter into the North Sandusky (Day Use) Recreation Area of Rend Lake. After entering into the recreation area, take the first left and look for our group. **(Note: The road across the Rend Lake dam is closed.)**

The bike trail begins in this area. It winds its way through North Sandusky Campground and then turns South through South Sandusky Campground, past South Sandusky Beach, the Marina and pops out at the West end of the dam. If you go that far it is 5.7 miles one way. Around 5:00 PM we plan on being back at the shelters to have a picnic.

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.



Ottheinrich Bible 1430 (V:48) St. Paul Let Down in Basket

2 Corinthians 11:32-33 In 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.