

**Welcome  
to Trinity**

**#33 If God Cared For Us, He Would Ward Off All Evil  
From Us: Wrong!**

For the purpose of comprehending this consolation the better, we will now speak in general of crosses and sorrows. **Our reason assumes that God, if He cared for us and loved us, would ward off all evil from us,** whereas now troubles and miseries crowd in upon us from every side; hence the conclusion is that God has either forgotten us, or else He has become our enemy and cares no longer for us; for surely if it were otherwise He would deliver us from our grief and distress. **But such thoughts are wicked, and since they are very apt to arise, we must guard against them by applying the Word in true faith,** and by following its precepts and not our own thoughts. If we judge our experiences in daily life aside from the light which the Word of God casts upon them, we shall inevitably become victims of error. What says the Word in this connection? Not even a single hair shall fall from our head against the will of God. If we accept this declaration in earnest faith, we will conclude that neither the devil nor the world, no matter how powerful they are, can harm the Christian in the least, if it is not God’s will that they should do so. Christ makes this plain in the parable of the sparrows; these are really useless birds, which do more injury than good, and yet not one of them shall fall to the ground and perish unless it be the will of the Father in heaven, Matt. 10. Now, if we have any confidence whatever in the words of Jesus, we must conclude from this that God will certainly concern Himself much rather for men than for many sparrows; He therefore will guard them well and will not permit the devil and the world to harm a single one of His Christians against His will. If troubles do come, we infer that God has first given His consent; for against His knowledge they could not arise. Let us well remember this truth, so that we do not think, when evils surround us, that we are forsaken of God; for He has not forgotten where we are, nor is He ignorant of our condition, though He permits sorrows to invest us. (Luther’s House Postil, Third Sunday after Easter, Volume 2, p. 537)

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*Announcements*

**Trinity Lutheran Church & Early Childhood Learning Center**  
 1000 North Park Avenue, Herrin, IL 62948 Church 942-3401, Learning Center 942-4750 [www.trinityh.org](http://www.trinityh.org)  
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### Lamentations 3:18-26

<sup>18</sup>And I said, "My strength and my hope have perished from the Lord." <sup>19</sup>Remember my affliction and roaming, the wormwood and the gall. <sup>20</sup>My soul still remembers and sinks within me. <sup>21</sup>This I recall to my mind, therefore I have hope. <sup>22</sup>Through the Lord's mercies we are not consumed, because His compassions fail not. <sup>23</sup>They are new every morning; Great is Your faithfulness. <sup>24</sup>"The Lord is my portion," says my soul, "Therefore I hope in Him!" <sup>25</sup>The Lord is good to those who wait for Him, to the soul who seeks Him. <sup>26</sup>It is good that one should hope and wait quietly for the salvation of the Lord.

### 1 Peter 2:11-20

<sup>11</sup>Beloved, I beg you as sojourners and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts which war against the soul, <sup>12</sup>having your conduct honorable among the Gentiles, that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may, by your good works which they observe, glorify God in the day of visitation. <sup>13</sup>Therefore submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake, whether to the king as supreme, <sup>14</sup>or to governors, as to those who are sent by him for the punishment of evildoers and for the praise of those who do good. <sup>15</sup>For this is the will of God, that by doing good you may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men—<sup>16</sup>as free, yet not using liberty as a cloak for vice, but as bondservants of God. <sup>17</sup>Honor all people. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the king. <sup>18</sup>Servants, be submissive to your masters with all fear, not only to the good and gentle,

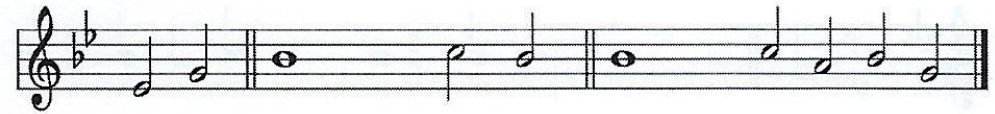
but also to the harsh. <sup>19</sup>For this is commendable, if because of conscience toward God one endures grief, suffering wrongfully. <sup>20</sup>For what credit is it if, when you are beaten for your faults, you take it patiently? But when you do good and suffer, if you take it patiently, this is commendable before God.

### St. John 16:16-23a

<sup>16</sup>"A little while, and you will not see Me; and again a little while, and you will see Me, because I go to the Father." <sup>17</sup>Then some of His disciples said among themselves, "What is this that He says to us, 'A little while, and you will not see Me; and again a little while, and you will see Me; and because I go to the Father?'" <sup>18</sup>They said therefore, "What is this that He says, 'A little while?'" We do not know what He is saying." <sup>19</sup>Now Jesus knew that they desired to ask Him, and He said to them, "Are you inquiring among yourselves about what I said, 'A little while, and you will not see Me; and again a little while, and you will see Me?'" <sup>20</sup>Most assuredly, I say to you that you will weep and lament, but the world will rejoice; and you will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will be turned into joy. <sup>21</sup>A woman, when she is in labor, has sorrow because her hour has come; but as soon as she has given birth to the child, she no longer remembers the anguish, for joy that a human being has been born into the world. <sup>22</sup>Therefore you now have sorrow; but I will see you again and your heart will rejoice, and your joy no one will take from you. <sup>23</sup>And in that day you will ask Me nothing."

### JUBILATE (THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EASTER). (WHITE)

PSALM 34/146



#### Introit.

*Ant.* MAKE A || joyful noise unto God, all ye | lands | - :

sing forth the honor of His Name; make | His | praise | glo- | rious.

*Psalm.* || Say unto God, how terrible art Thou in Thy | works | - :

through the greatness of Thy power shall Thine enemies submit them- | selves | un- | to | Thee.

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.

Almighty God, Who showest to them that be in error the light of Thy truth, to the intent that they may return into the way of righteousness: Grant unto all them that are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's Religion that they may eschew those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; 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.** 1 Peter 2:11-20

**Gospel.** John 16:16-23

**Additional reading:** Lamentations 3:18-26

#### Gradual.

|| Hallelujah. Hallelujah. The Lord hath sent redemption unto His people. Hal-  
lelujah. It behooved Christ to suffer, and to rise from | the | dead:

and thus to enter into His glory. | Hal- | le- | lu- | jah.

**Communion Psalm:** *Ant.* A little while and you will not see me, alleluia: and again a little while and you will see me, because I go to the Father, alleluia, alleluia. (John 16:16). **Ps 96:1, 3-4, 9, 13.**

## General Prayer p.18-19

### Special Prayers

- Pastoral Office:** Bishop, James Heiser, Pastor Michael D. Henson, Deacon Gary K. Harroun
- Eldona Congregations:** Lamb of God Evangelical-Lutheran Church (Rogers, AR), Pr. Martin Jackson
- 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), Phillip Poe (brother of Shirley Webb), and Murvon Minnemann (brother of Oletha Taft)
- Thanksgiving for a good conference and the safe return of those who attended the 2024 Eldona Synod, April 15-19.

### Concerning the Eucharist, thus give thanks 3:

Ah, Jesus, what canst Thou refuse me, when Thou hast given me Thyself and where is the confidence that can be too tender? Why should I envy Thy beloved disciple who leaned on Thy breast at Thy last supper? For dost Thou not at present rest in my heart? O let me, then, be forever inviolably attached to Thee! Let the sweets of Thy presence so captivate my soul, that disgusted with sin, it may be fixed in the contemplation of Thee, and ever listen with ready obedience to Thy holy inspiration; Who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. Amen. (Oremus, 1925, p.151).

## Weekly Calendar

**JUBILATE** (*Make a joyful noise...*)

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

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

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

THURSDAY -Divine Service on St. Mark, Evangelist, 10:30 AM

SATURDAY -Private Confession and Absolution, 8 PM

NEXT -*CANTATE*

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

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

-Council Meeting #2, after Divine Service

## Trinity News

**Maintenance** Items.--There is still a list of maintenance items which need attention.

**Special Collection.**—Anna Plock was born prematurely (a bit under 5 lb.) on Friday March 22. T.J. and Susan have been traveling back and forth to Cardinal Glennon (St. Louis) since that time (over 21 days). Trinity's Ladies group are asking the congregation to contribute toward a donation to help defray some of the costs of housing, gas, etc. for the parents to visit with Anna. Any donations should be made to "Trinity Lutheran Church" with the memo designated as "Anna Plock."

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

**Council Meeting.**—after the Divine Service on Sunday April 28, 2024

**Bike with Pastor Mike.**—Sunday, May 5, 2024

## Assistants

Elder – Cecil Plock (218-3064)

Organist – LeeAnn Byrne

Altar Guild – LeeAnn Byrne

Church Cleaning – Apr 28/May 5 Baker

## 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.



Otttheinrich Bible 1430 (V:47) St. Paul Being Stoned  
<https://daten.digitale-sammlungen.de/~db/0002/bsb00021200/images/>

2 Corinthians 11:22-28 - Are they Hebrews? So am I. Are they Israelites? So am I. Are they the seed of Abraham? So am I. <sup>23</sup>Are 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. <sup>24</sup>From the Jews five times I received forty stripes minus one. <sup>25</sup>**Three 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;** <sup>26</sup>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...