

**Welcome
to Trinity**

**#42 St. John Directs Us First to Christ, And Then
Through Him to the Father**

Christ refers to this when He says: "If a man love me, he will keep my words." These words are those concerning His death and resurrection, not the word of Moses or the Ten Commandments. These ought also to be revered and obeyed, as God aforetime ordered it, but they contain not the consolation of the Gospel; they do not pacify the conscience, but rather increase the dread and fear of God's displeasure; and this in proportion as we realize our weakness and transgressions. The Word of our Lord Jesus Christ, however, is the greatest and best gift. Christ says of those who possess this treasure and firmly hold to it under all circumstances, that the Father will love them.

It is a peculiarity of St. John, which is not so perceptible in the other Evangelists, to direct people first to Christ, and then through Him to the Father. And thus it must be, as Christ Himself says in our text. We must first know Jesus and love Him; we must have full confidence in His condescension and loving kindness. Where this love and confidence prevail, there there can be no doubt as to the love of the Father toward us. We will then disregard everything else that might disturb us, being assured that God is gracious to us through Christ. We will fear neither sin, the devil nor death, because God loves us, inasmuch as we love Christ. (Luther's House Postil, Second Sermon for Pentecost, Volume 2, p. 600)

Assistants

Elder – Stephen Phillips (303-0769)
Organist/Altar Guild – LeeAnn Byrne
Church Cleaning – May 26/June 2 Webb

Divine Service

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Trinity Lutheran Church & Early Childhood Learning Center
 1000 North Park Avenue, Herrin, IL 62948 Church 942-3401, Learning Center 942-4750 www.trinityh.org
Pastor Michael D. Henson · Deacon Gary K. Harroun
Pr. Henson and Dcn. Harroun are members of the Evangelical Lutheran Diocese of North America (Eldona.org)

Ezekiel 18:30-32

³⁰ “Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, every one according to his ways,” says the Lord GOD. “Repent, and turn from all your transgressions, so that iniquity will not be your ruin. ³¹ Cast away from you all the transgressions which you have committed, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit. For why should you die, O house of Israel? ³² For I have no pleasure in the death of one who dies,” says the Lord GOD. “Therefore turn and live!”

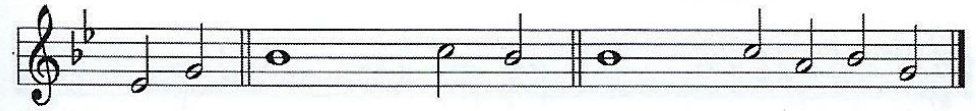
Romans 11:33-36

³³ Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and His ways past finding out! ³⁴ “For who has known the mind of the LORD? Or who has become His counselor?” ³⁵ “Or who has first given to Him and it shall be repaid to him?” ³⁶ For of Him and through Him and to Him are all things, to whom be glory forever. Amen.

St. John 3:1-15

¹ There was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. ² This man came to Jesus by night and said to Him, “Rabbi, we know that You are a teacher come from God; for no one can do these signs that You do unless God is with him.” ³ Jesus answered and said to him, “Most assuredly, I say to you,

unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.” ⁴ Nicodemus said to Him, “How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother’s womb and be born?” ⁵ Jesus answered, “Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. ⁶ That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷ Do not marvel that I said to you, ‘You must be born again.’ ⁸ The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear the sound of it, but cannot tell where it comes from and where it goes. So is everyone who is born of the Spirit.” ⁹ Nicodemus answered and said to Him, “How can these things be?” ¹⁰ Jesus answered and said to him, “Are you the teacher of Israel, and do not know these things? ¹¹ Most assuredly, I say to you, We speak what We know and testify what We have seen, and you do not receive Our witness. ¹² If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how will you believe if I tell you heavenly things? ¹³ No one has ascended to heaven but He who came down from heaven, that is, the Son of Man who is in heaven. ¹⁴ And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵ that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.”

**Introit.**

Ant. HO - LY, || Holy, Holy, is the LORD of | Hosts | - :
of Him, and through Him and to | Him, | are | all | things.

Psalm. || O LORD, our | Lord | - :
how excellent is Thy Name | in | all | the | earth!

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 and Everlasting God, Who hast given unto us, Thy servants, grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity, and in the power of the Divine Majesty to worship the Unity: We beseech Thee, that Thou wouldest keep us steadfast in this faith, and evermore defend us from all adversities; Who livest and reignest, One God, world without end. *Amen.*

Epistle. Romans 11:33–36

Gospel. John 3:1–15

Additional reading: Ezekiel 18:30–32

Gradual.

|| Blessed art Thou, O Lord, Who beholdest | the | deep:
and Who dwellest between | the | che- | ru- | bim.

|| Blessed art Thou, O Lord, in the firmament of | heav- | en:
and greatly to be praised, and glorified, and highly exalt- | ed | for- | ev- | er.

|| Hallelujah. Hallelujah. Blessed art Thou, O Lord God of our | fa- | thers:
and greatly to be praised and glorified forever. | Hal- | le- | lu- | jah.

Communion Psalm: *Ant.* We will glorify the God of heaven, and in the sight of all living we will give thanks to him: for he hath shown his mercy and loving kindness toward us. (Tobit 12:6). **Tobit 13:1-7.**

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
- Armed forces:** Jason Melvin, Blake Darnstaedt.
- Police officers:** Daniel Byrne, Alex Byrne.
- Shut-ins:** Carolyn Westerman; Patty Rametta
- Elderly:** Violet Kemp Tom Smith
- Various Needs:** Jim and Charolette Harroun (declining health), Murvon Minnemann (brother of Oletha Taft), Jennifer Denton (rare cancer, Golconda friend), Linda Plock(new medications), Anita Prochaska(high heart rate, afib, new medications), and Don Stretch(health concerns), David Henson (radiation for basal cells on nose), Donna Eggemeyer (cancer, Aunt of Patty Kenner), and Bev Ingram (cancerous mass in abdomen, friend of Karen Melvin)
- Death.**-- Ed Yopez (son-in-law of Tony and Anita)
- Thanksgiving** that Larry Vancil will be home this summer(friends of Melvins),

Weekly Calendar

THE HOLY TRINITY SUNDAY

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

MONDAY -**Memorial Day**
WEDNESDAY -Learn-by-Heart, 6:30 PM
-**Catechesis Service, 7:00 PM**

NEXT -*FIRST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY*
SUNDAY -Adult and Child Bible Studies, 9:00 AM
-**Divine Service, 10:15 AM**

Trinity News

Ladies Dinner Out.—on Monday June 17 at the Anchor Grille in Sesser IL at 5:30 PM.

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 (VI:64) Peter and John in the Temple

Acts 4:1-4 Now as they spoke to the people, the priests, the captain of the temple, and the Sadducees came upon them, ²being greatly disturbed that they taught the people and preached in Jesus the resurrection from the dead. ³And they laid hands on them, and put them in custody until the next day, for it was already evening. ⁴However, many of those who heard the word believed; and the number of the men came to be about five thousand.

On Leaving the Church.

THE LORD preserve my going out and coming in from this time forth and for evermore. Amen.

GLORY be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost. Amen. (Oremus, 1925, p.154).