

Welcome to Trinity

#65 The Gospel Informs Us of God’s Heart Full of Compassion

To think of God as a severe judge with whom sinners find no mercy, but of whom they can expect nothing but wrath, is altogether erroneous. This is not the case, though the law teaches nothing else of God. **For the law speaks of sinners who do not desire and do not hope for any grace.** But those sinners who acknowledge their sins, repent of them, and wish that they had not offended God — who mourn and lament that their lives have been in opposition to God and His commandments, and therefore ask for mercy — shall find mercy, as is here testified. The reason is that God is a merciful God and has a paternal heart. He has pity on us in our misfortune and is moved with compassion, as He declares by the prophet: “Have I any pleasure at all that the wicked should die? saith the Lord God: and not that he should return from his ways, and live?” Therefore when He finds you to be desirous of divine grace, and to hate sin and abandon it, He will cheerfully forgive your debt and show mercy unto you; as we here learn from the servant who acknowledges his debt and asks for mercy.

But as regards the means by which God will be gracious, **the Gospel informs us** of this in other places; namely, that the Son of God, our dear Lord Jesus Christ, took pity on poor sinners, took their sins upon Himself and paid their penalty by His death. Whoever now trusts in the Lord Jesus and in His death, has gained the good will of God, so that He can neither be angry nor punish. For aside from this **He has a heart full of compassion and is moved by our misery.** For this reason He of His own accord promised, as soon as Adam and Eve had fallen into sin and death, that the devil should be divested of his power by the seed of the woman. (Luther’s House Postil, Sermon for the Twenty-Second Sunday after Trinity, Volume 3, p. 867)

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.

Assistants

- Elder – Tony Stretch (995-1379)
- Altar Guild – Patty Kenner
- Organist – LeeAnn Byrne

Divine Service

Augustana Service Book & Hymnal

ASBH Hymn #22

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+ Introit..... (insert)

[Pastor, then congregation]

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Epistle

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ASBH “Lord, Keep Us in Thy Word and Work” (insert)

Sermon

+ Offertory: "Create in Me..." p.18

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+ Reformation Prayer..... (back)

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+ Preface, etc. p.22-32

Communion Psalm (by cantor)

Distribution & Hymn LW #355

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Prayer of the Church

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O ETERNAL AND MOST MERCIFUL GOD, we bless and praise You for all Your benefits, and especially for those mercies of the Reformation which we commemorate this day. Praise be to you that You did send forth Your only-begotten Son into the world to be the Propitiation for our sins, and didst institute the ministry of the Word to make known Your saving health among all nations. Praise be to You especially this day that, when the gross darkness of Roman popery covered the earth, You did kindle afresh the light of Your holy Word, and through your chosen vessel Martin Luther did teach our fathers once more the everlasting Gospel of salvation. Praise be to You that You have to this day preserved the goodly heritage, saved us from persecution, confusing creeds, and contemporary liturgies, defended churches and schools from the assaults of Satan, given strength and success to Your Word, and at all times provided faithful shepherds to feed Your flock in the pleasant pastures of Your Word. Lord in Your Mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

We acknowledge and confess, in sincere repentance that by our own manifold sins, ingratitude, indifference, and unbelief, we have, indeed, deserved that you would justly hide Your face from us and visit us with a famine of Your Word. But we beseech You, O Lord, deal with us, not after our sins, but according to your infinite compassion. As you have promised, let not the gates of hell prevail against Your Church. Preserve us from human traditions and the doctrines of men, from strong delusions that subvert the foundation of truth and mislead men upon false ways. Lord in Your Mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

Grant unto us peace and good government; Kindle in our president, Joe Biden, our governor, J.B. Pritzker, a love of that which is true and noble, that justice may be done, peace promoted, and mercy shown to all in need. Grant to your church throughout the world that, without restraint or hindrance, we may continually enjoy the blessings of Thy pure Word. Give zeal to all pastors in Christ and especially to those in the Evangelical Lutheran Diocese of North America and our Bishop James Heiser, that they would boldly preach the Gospel and lead those entrusted to their care to do the same. Lord in Your Mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

Preserve unto us and our children the pure and saving Gospel and the right use of the holy Sacraments till the end of days. Send us to this end at all times blameless teachers, able ministers of the New Testament, faithful stewards of Your mysteries, and give them wisdom and boldness to proclaim Your salvation to many unto life. Lord in Your Mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

Let us not misuse the Gospel unto false peace in a dead faith. Being kept by the light of truth, let us walk as the children of light. Let us be a city that is set on a hill to shine afar until the day of Christ's coming. Give us an increase of faith and of numbers. Restore all that are deceived by error, and give free course and strength to Your Word, that it may become known among the nations of the earth. Do good in Your good pleasure to Zion, build up the walls of Jerusalem. Lord in Your Mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

Gird us with Your power, that we may fight a good fight and keep the faith, until we shall obtain the crown of righteousness laid up for us in heaven, for Your Son's sake, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Reformation Day



Ottheinrich Bible 1430 (VIII:39)
The Lamb and the Harvest Revelation ch. 14

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2 Chronicles 29:12-19

¹² Then these Levites arose: Mahath the son of Amasai and Joel the son of Azariah, of the sons of the Kohathites; of the sons of Merari, Kish the son of Abdi and Azariah the son of Jehallelel; of the Gershonites, Joah the son of Zimmah and Eden the son of Joah; ¹³ of the sons of Elizaphan, Shimri and Jeiel; of the sons of Asaph, Zechariah and Mattaniah; ¹⁴ of the sons of Heman, Jehiel and Shimei; and of the sons of Jeduthun, Shemaiah and Uzziel. ¹⁵ And they gathered their brethren, sanctified themselves, and went according to the commandment of the king, at the words of the LORD, to cleanse the house of the LORD. ¹⁶ Then the priests went into the inner part of the house of the LORD to cleanse it, and brought out all the debris that they found in the temple of the LORD to the court of the house of the LORD. And the Levites took it out and carried it to the Brook Kidron. ¹⁷ Now they began to sanctify on the first day of the first month, and on the eighth day of the month they came to the vestibule of the LORD. Then they sanctified the house of the LORD in eight days, and on the sixteenth day of the first month they finished. ¹⁸ Then they went in to King Hezekiah and said, “We have cleansed all the house of the LORD, the altar of burnt offerings with all its articles, and the table of the showbread with all its articles. ¹⁹ Moreover all the articles which King Ahaz in his reign had cast aside in his transgression we have prepared and sanctified; and there they are, before the altar of the LORD.”

Revelation 14:6-7

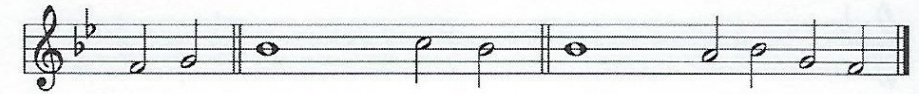
⁶ Then I saw another angel flying in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach to those who dwell on the earth—to every nation, tribe, tongue, and people—⁷ saying with a loud voice, “Fear God and give glory to Him, for the hour of His judgment has come; and worship Him who made heaven and earth, the sea and springs of water.”

St. Matthew 11:12-15

¹¹ “And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffers violence, and the violent take it by force. ¹³ For all the prophets and the law prophesied until John. ¹⁴ And if you are willing to receive it, he is Elijah who is to come. ¹⁵ He who has ears to hear, let him hear!”

Communion Psalm: *Ant.* Listen carefully to Me, and eat what is good, And let your soul delight itself in abundance (Ps.55:2b). **Psalm 48:8-14.**

Distribution Hymns in LW: #355

**Introit.**

Ant. THE LORD || of Hosts is | with | us:
the God of Jacob | is | our | Re- | fuge.

|| Therefore will not we fear, though the earth be re- | moved | - :
and though the mountains be carried into the | midst | of | the | sea.

Psalm. || God is our Refuge and | Strength | - :
a very present | help | in | trou- | ble.

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, merciful Father, who madest the light to shine out of darkness, we thank Thee that Thou hast shown mercy unto us and our fathers, and by means of Thy servant Martin Luther hast restored the pure light of Thy Gospel: keep us, we beseech Thee, in sound doctrine, that we may steadfastly believe and worthily follow Thy saving Word, and finally, by its holy comfort, depart in peace and joy; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever One God, world without end. *Amen.* ☩ *The Collect for the Presentation of the Augsburg Confession may also be used.*

Epistle. Revelation 14:6-7.

Gospel. Matthew 11:12-15.

Gradual.

|| Great is the Lord, and greatly to | be | praised:
in the city of our God, in the mountain of | His | hol- | i- | ness.

|| Walk about Zion; tell the towers thereof, mark well her bulwarks, consider her
| palac- | es:

that ye may tell it to the genera- | tion | fol- | low- | ing.

|| Hallelujah. Hallelujah. For this God is our God for ever and | ev- | er:
He will be our guide even unto death. | Hal- | le- | lu- jah.

Festival of the Reformation

107. Lord, Keep Us in Thy Word and Work

Martin Luther, 1541
Tr., Catherine Winkworth, 1863

Erhalt uns, Herr, bei deinem Wort
"Geistliche Lieder"
Wittenburg, 1543

1. Lord, keep us in Thy Word and work, Re -
 2. Lord Je - sus Christ, Thy pow'er make known, For
 3. Thou Com - fort - er of price - less worth, Give
 4. De - stroy their coun - sels, Lord our God, And

strain the murd' - rous Pope and Turk,
 Thou art Lord of lords a - lone;
 one mind to Thy flock on earth,
 smite them with an i - ron rod,

Who fain would tear from off Thy throne Christ
 Shield Thy poor Christ - en - dom, that we May
 Stand by us in our fi - nal strife, And
 And let them fall in - to the snare Which

Je - sus, Thy be - lov - ed Son.
 ev - er - more sing praise to Thee.
 lead us out of death to life.
 for Thy Christ - ians they pre - pare. A - men.

5. So that at last they may perceive
 That, Lord our God, Thou still dost live,
 And dost deliver mightily
 All those who put their trust in Thee.