

Welcome to Trinity

#4 Part I, Chapter IX. All God’s Deeds of Kindness Testify to the Gravity of Our Sins.

(Continued from Advent Three) All the powers of

my soul, all the members of my body, are Your gifts. I should have been prepared to offer You the holy service I owed to You with all the powers of my soul, and with all the members of my body. But I have made them—O! what cause for sorrow!—I have made them tools for unrighteousness and evil. Yours is the breath which I draw. Yours is the air which I breathe. Yours is the sun, whose light I behold every day. All these should have been for me aids and tools for a holy life. But I have turned them—what sorrow!—into servants of sin. Creation was to be used for the glory of the Creator, but unfortunately, I have misused it for His dishonor. The armor of light was to be put on in the light of the sun, but in the sun's light I have committed works of darkness [Rom. 13:12]. Whatever time is added to my life is given to me out of Your kindness.

Therefore my whole life should have been devoted to You, from Whom all of it comes. But not even the smallest part of my life has been devoted to You in holy service. As often as I have sensed what is good and right to do, just as often have I failed to follow through and turned away from service to You. By these impulses I was most kindly invited to return to You through repentance. But O!, how often have I harshly shunned their most loving encouragement!

Receive the one who now at last returns to You with groaning and a contrite heart. Sprinkle me with the blood of Your Son, so that I may be cleansed whiter than snow [Psa. 51:7] from all the filthiness of my flesh and spirit [2 Cor. 7:1], and may praise You eternally with all the elect, Amen. (The Daily Exercise of Piety by Johann Gerhard, Repristination Press, p.26-27)

Assistants

Elder – Cecil Plock (218-3064)
Altar Guild – Dan and LeeAnn Byrne
Organist – LeeAnn Byrne

Church Cleaning – Dec 29 Field, Larry, Jan 5/12 Field, Bob

The Lord’s Supper

The Lord's Supper is being celebrated today. Please note that our practice of closed communion with those who are in fellowship with us—members of congregations of the

ELDoNA—is not meant to offend, but is the historic practice of the Church. It is prompted by love, both for God's Word and for God's people. It does not deny that members of other denominations may be Christians. Rather, it bows the knee to the Bible's deep concern for doctrinal truth (Rom. 16:17) and the Bible's witness that doctrinal unity (Acts 2:42) is the central issue to the common reception of the Sacrament of the Altar. Therefore, we ask GUESTS desiring to commune to speak with the pastor before the service so that he may know that you are a member of a congregation in fellowship with Trinity Lutheran Church.

Weekly Calendar

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

- MONDAY -Divine Service, St. Thorlak, 10:30 AM
- TUESDAY -CHRIST’S MASS EVE SERVICE, 7:00 PM
- WEDNESDAY -FULL MATINS ON CHRISTMAS DAY, 8:00 AM
-CHRIST’S MASS DAY SERVICE, 9:00 AM
-No Learn-by-Heart/Catechesis Service
- THURSDAY -St. Stephen, First Martyr, no service
- FRIDAY - Divine Service on St. John, Apostle, 10:30 AM
- SATURDAY -Vespers, The Holy Innocents, 7:00 PM
- NEXT -FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS
- SUNDAY -Adult and Child Bible Studies, 9:00 AM
-Divine Service-Lord’s Supper, 10:15 AM
- TUESDAY – Divine Service on Eve of the Name of Jesus, 7:00 PM

Divine Service

Hymn LW #28

Augustana Service Book & Hymnal

- + Invocation..... p.7
- + Confession/Absolution p.8-9
- + Introit..... (insert)
[Pastor, then congregation]
- + Kyrie... p.10
Gloria in Excelsis is omitted in Advent
- + Salutation..... p.13
- + Collect of the Day... (insert)
Old Testament Reading
Epistle
- + Gradual..... (insert)
- + Holy Gospel..... p.16
- Nicene Creed..... p.17
- ASBH #4 “To Jordan came our Lord, the Christ”**
- Sermon
- + Offertory: "Create in Me..." p.18
The Offerings are gathered.
- + General Prayer..... p.19-20
- Hymn..... LW #239
- + Exhortation p.21

Lutheran Worship Hymnal

- + Preface, etc. p.144-151
- Communion Psalm (by cantor)
- Distribution & Hymns**
- #20, #22, #31**
- + “Lord, now you let ...” p.152
- + Post-Communion Collects p.153
- + Benedicamus/Benediction.... p.154-5
- Hymn LW #53**
- Announcements*

Trinity News

2024 Pecan Fundraiser.—We have some extra bags of pecans downstairs to sell. There are plain pecans (extra-large halves) at \$12.00 and cinnamon, chocolate covered, and glazed, all at \$10.00/bag. Make checks out to “Trinity LWMS.”

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In the back of the present edition of **The Our Family Daily Prayers** are morning and evening prayers for each day of the week.

General Prayer p.18-19

Special Prayers

- Pastoral Office:** Bishop, James Heiser, Pastor Michael D. Henson, Deacon Gary K. Harroun
- Eldona Congregations:** St. James the Elder, Ev. Lutheran Mission (Knoxville, TN) Deacon Floyd Smithey
- Armed forces:** Jason Melvin, Blake Darnstaedt.
- Police officers:** Daniel Byrne, Alex Byrne.
- Shut-ins:** Carolyn Westerman; Patty Rametta
- Elderly:** Violet Kemp Tom Smith
- Pregnant:** Rachel Offutt
- Various Needs:** Jim and Charolette Harroun (declining health), Murvon Minnemann (brother of Oletha Taft), Jennifer Denton (rare cancer, Golconda friend), Don Stretch (health concerns), Donna Eggemeyer (cancer, Aunt of Patty Kenner), Tim Deppe (recovery, friend of Pr. Henson), Sarah Melvin, (bad back pain), Stacey Arnett (multiple myeloma, co-worker of Rachel Offutt), Anita Prochaska (recovery), Carol Henson (cancer, Kansas University Medical Center), Amanda Martin (healing for broken ribs, daughter of Dan & Patty Kenner), Faries family whose grandson John Karas (born Sep 1.9 lb and 7 in long) is in the hospital in Lurie Children’s Hospital NICU (friend of Mary Brieschke), Belinda Poe (car collision, cousin of Shirley Webb)
- Students:** Tom Weber (Florida State University), Sadie Henson (Concordia University, Nebraska) Jonathan Henson (University of Georgia), Jessica Gordon (SIU-C, Oletha’s granddaughter)

The Fourth Sunday in Advent

Ottheinrich Bible
1430 (I:26)
Baptism of Jesus in
Matthew 4



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Isaiah 40:1-8

¹“Comfort, yes, comfort My people!” Says your God.²“Speak comfort to Jerusalem, and cry out to her, That her warfare is ended, That her iniquity is pardoned; For she has received from the LORD’s hand Double for all her sins.”³The voice of one crying in the wilderness: “Prepare the way of the LORD; Make straight in the desert A highway for our God.⁴Every valley shall be exalted And every mountain and hill brought low; The crooked places shall be made straight And the rough places smooth;⁵The glory of the LORD shall be revealed, And all flesh shall see *it* together; For the mouth of the LORD has spoken.”⁶The voice said, “Cry out!” And he said, “What shall I cry?” “All flesh *is* grass, And all its loveliness *is* like the flower of the field.⁷The grass withers, the flower fades, Because the breath of the LORD blows upon it; Surely the people *are* grass.⁸The grass withers, the flower fades, But the word of our God stands forever.”

Philippians 4:4-7

⁴Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I will say, rejoice! ⁵Let your gentleness be known to all men. The Lord *is* at hand. ⁶Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; ⁷and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

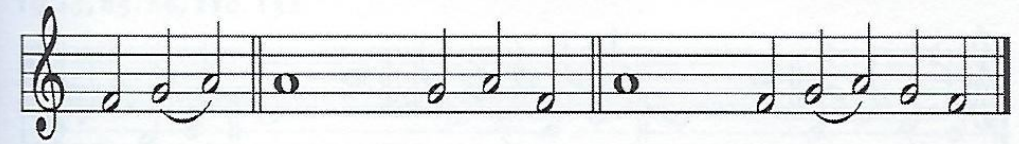
John 1:19-28

¹⁹Now this is the testimony of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, “Who are you?” ²⁰He confessed, and did not deny, but confessed, “I am not the Christ.” ²¹And they asked him, “What then? Are you Elijah?” He said, “I am not.” “Are you the Prophet?” And he answered, “No.” ²²Then they said to him, “Who are you, that we may give an answer to those who sent us? What do you say about yourself?” ²³He said: “I *am* ‘The voice of one crying in the wilderness: “Make straight the way of the LORD,”’ as the prophet Isaiah said.” ²⁴Now those who were sent were from the Pharisees. ²⁵And they asked him, saying, “Why then do you baptize if you are not the Christ, nor Elijah, nor the Prophet?” ²⁶John answered them, saying, “I baptize with water, but there stands One among you whom you do not know. ²⁷“It is He who, coming after me, is preferred before me, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to loose.” ²⁸These things were done in Bethabara beyond the Jordan, where John was baptizing.

Communion Psalm: *Ant.* Behold, a Virgin shall conceive, and bear a Son: and his name shall be called Emmanuel (Isaiah 7:14). **Psalm 19:1-6**

THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT (VIOLET)

PSALM 126/145



Introit.

Ant. DROP DOWN, || ye heavens, | from | a- |bove:
and let the skies pour | down | righ- | teous- | ness.

Let the | earth | o- | pen:
and bring | forth | sal- | va- | tion.

Psalm. || The heavens declare the glo- | ry | of | God:
and the firmament showeth | His | hand- | y- | work.

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 ev- | er | shall | be:
world with- | out | end. | A- | men. (*Ant. repeated.*)

Collect.

Stir up, O Lord, we beseech Thee, Thy power, and come, and with great might succor us, that by the help of Thy grace whatsoever is hindered by our sins may be speedily accomplished, though Thy mercy and satisfaction; Who livest and reignest with the Father, and the Holy Ghost, ever One God, world without end. *Amen.* (*Also: Collect for First Sunday in Advent*)

Epistle. Philippians 4:4–7

Gospel. John 1:19–28

Additional reading: Isaiah 40:1–8

Gradual.

|| The Lord is nigh unto all them that call | up- | on | Him:
to all that call up- | on | Him- | in | truth.

|| My mouth shall speak the praise | of | the | LORD:
And let all flesh bless | His | Ho- - | ly | Name.

|| Hallelujah. Hallelujah. Thou art my help and my de- | liv- | er- | er:
make no tarrying, O my God. | Hal- | le- | lu- | jah.

4. To Jordan Came Our Lord, the Christ

Dr. Martin Luther, 1543
Richard Massie, Tr. a

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8, 7, 8, 7, 8, 7, 8, 7, 7
J. Walther, 1524

1. To Jor-dan came our Lord, the Christ, To do God's plea-sure
2. So hear ye all; and well per-ceive What God doth call a

will-ing, And there was by Saint John bap-tized,
Bap-ti-sm, And what a Chris-tian should be-lieve

All righ-teous-ness ful-fill-ing; There did He
Who er-ror shuns and schi-sm. That we should

con-se-crate a bath To wash a-way trans-gres-sion,
wa-ter use, the Lord De-clar-eth in His plea-sure,

And quench the bit-ter-ness of death By His own blood and
Not sim-ple wa-ter, but the Word And Spi-rit with-out

pas-sion; He would a new life give us.
mea-sure;- He is the true Bap-ti-zer. A-men.

3. To show us this, He hath His Word
With signs and symbols given;
On Jordan's banks was plainly heard
The Father's voice from heaven:
"This is my well-belovéd Son,
In whom My soul delighteth;
Hear Him!" Yea, hear Him ev'ry one,
Whom He Himself inviteth;
Hear and obey His teaching!

4. In tender manhood God the Son
In Jordan's water standeth;
The Holy Ghost from heaven's throne
In dove-like form descendeth;
That thus the truth be not denied,
Nor should our faith e'er waver,
That all three Persons do preside
At Baptism's holy laver,
And dwell with the believer.

5. Thus Jesus His disciples sent
Go, teach ye ev'ry nation,
That, lost in sin, they must repent,
And flee from condemnation;
He that believes and is baptized
Shall thereby have salvation,
A new-born man he is in Christ,
From death free and damnation,
He shall inherit heaven.

6. Who in this mercy hath not faith
Nor aught therein discerneth,
Is yet in sin, condemned to death
And fire that ever burneth;
His holiness avails him not,
Nor aught which he is doing;
His inborn sin brings all to naught,
And maketh sure his ruin;
Himself he cannot succor.

7. The eye of sense alone is dim,
And nothing sees but water;
Faith sees Christ Jesus, and in Him
The Lamb ordained for slaughter;
It sees the cleansing fountain, red
With the dear blood of Jesus,
Which from the sins, inherited
From fallen Adam, frees us,
And from our own misdoings.