

Welcome to Trinity

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

O holy God, just Judge, the more deeds of kindness You have bestowed upon me, the more I am

grieved that I have so often offended You, such a benevolent Father. Every gift you have bestowed upon me is like a bond of love. You have willed that I be bound to You, but I heaped up the number of sins, having forgotten You and Your kindness. I have sinned Father, against heaven and before You. I am not worthy to be called Your son. Make me as one of Your hired servants [Luke 15:19]. I am totally dissatisfied with myself. Grant that I be totally pleasing to You. The riches of Your goodness and Your extraordinary patience [Rom. 2:4] have for a long time called me to repentance, but so far I have declined to come. O most benevolent Father, again and again You have called me to repentance through the preaching of the Word, through the admonition of creation, through the reproof shown on Christ on the cross, through the internal working of the Holy Spirit. But I have completely closed my ears to this calling. (Text continues with Advent Four) (from The Daily Exercise of Piety by Johann Gerhard, Repristination Press, p.26-27)

Weekly Calendar

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

WEDNESDAY -Full Matins for Ember Wednesday, 8:00 AM

-Learn-by-Heart, 6:30 PM

-Catechesis Service, 7:00 PM

FRIDAY -Full Matins for Ember Friday, 8:00 AM

SATURDAY -Vespers, St. Thomas, Apostle, 7:00 PM

NEXT -FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT

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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.

Upcoming Christmas Services

CHRIST'S MASS EVE, DIVINE SERVICE Tue., December 24, 7:00 PM

CHRISTMAS MATINS Wednesday, December 25, 8:00 AM

CHRIST'S MASS DAY DIVINE SERVICE Wed., December 25, 9:00 AM

Assistants

Elder – Cecil Plock (218-3064)

Altar Guild – Dan and LeeAnn Byrne

Organist – LeeAnn Byrne

Church Cleaning – Dec 15 Harroun, Dec 22/29 Field, Larry

Divine Service

Hymn LW #14

Augustana Service Book & Hymnal

- + Invocation..... p.7
+ Confession/Absolution p.8-9
+ Introit..... (insert)
[Pastor, then congregation]
+ Kyrie... p.10
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+ Salutation..... p.13
+ Collect of the Day... (insert)
Old Testament Reading
Epistle
+ Gradual..... (insert)
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ASBH #3 "The Only Son from Heaven"

Sermon

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+ General Prayer..... p.19-20
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+ Exhortation p.21

Lutheran Worship Hymnal

- + Preface, etc. p.144-151
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Distribution & Hymns
#18, #82, #187
+ "Lord, now you let ..." p.152
+ Post-Communion Collects p.153
+ Benedicamus/Benediction.... p.154-5
Announcements

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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:** All Saints Lutheran Mission (Myrtle Beach, SC) Pastor Jerald 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:** 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)
- Students:** Tom Weber (Florida State University), Sadie Henson (Concordia University, Nebraska) Jonathan Henson (University of Georgia), Jessica Gordon (SIU-C, Oletha's granddaughter)

The Third Sunday in Advent



Ottheinrich Bible 1430 (II:25)

John the Baptist's Head on a platter in Mark 6:15-29

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Malachi 3:1-6

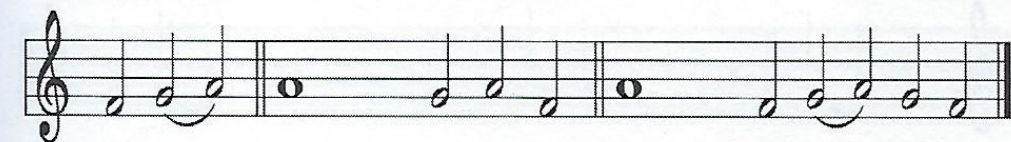
¹“Behold, I send My messenger, And he will prepare the way before Me. And the Lord, whom you seek, Will suddenly come to His temple, Even the Messenger of the covenant, In whom you delight. Behold, He is coming,” Says the LORD of hosts.²“But who can endure the day of His coming? And who can stand when He appears? For He is like a refiner’s fire And like launderer’s soap.³He will sit as a refiner and a purifier of silver; He will purify the sons of Levi, And purge them as gold and silver, That they may offer to the LORD An offering in righteousness.⁴“Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem Will be pleasant to the LORD, As in the days of old, As in former years.⁵And I will come near you for judgment; I will be a swift witness Against sorcerers, Against adulterers, Against perjurers, Against those who exploit wage earners and widows and orphans, And against those who turn away an alien—Because they do not fear Me,” Says the LORD of hosts.⁶“For I am the LORD, I do not change; Therefore you are not consumed, O sons of Jacob.

1 Corinthians 4:1-5

¹Let a man so consider us, as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God. ²Moreover it is required in stewards that one be found faithful. ³But with me it is a very small thing that I should be judged by you or by a human court. In fact, I do not even judge myself. ⁴For I know nothing against myself, yet I am not justified by this; but He who judges me is the Lord. ⁵Therefore judge nothing before the time, until the Lord comes, who will both bring to light the hidden things of darkness and reveal the counsels of the hearts. Then each one’s praise will come from God.

Matthew 11:2-10

²And when John had heard in prison about the works of Christ, he sent two of his disciples ³and said to Him, “Are You the Coming One, or do we look for another?” ⁴Jesus answered and said to them, “Go and tell John the things which you hear and see: ⁵“*The blind see and the lame walk; the lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear; the dead are raised up and the poor have the gospel preached to them.* ⁶“And blessed is he who is not offended because of Me.” ⁷As they departed, Jesus began to say to the multitudes concerning John: “What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken by the wind? ⁸“But what did you go out to see? A man clothed in soft garments? Indeed, those who wear soft *clothing* are in kings’ houses. ⁹“But what did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I say to you, and more than a prophet. ¹⁰“For this is *he* of whom it is written: ‘Behold, I send My messenger before Your face, Who will prepare Your way before You.’



Introit.

Ant. RE- JOICE || in the | Lord | al- | way:
and again | I | say, | Re- | joice.

|| Let your moderation be known | to | all | men:
the | Lord | is | at | hand.

|| Be careful | for | noth- | ing:

but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made | known | un- | to | God.

Psalm. || LORD, Thou hast been favorable un- | to | Thy | land:
Thou hast brought back the captiv- | ity | of | Ja- | cob.

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.

Lord, we beseech Thee, give ear to our prayers, and lighten the darkness of our hearts, by Thy gracious visitation; 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. 1 Corinthians 4:1–5 *Gospel.* Matthew 11:2–10

Additional reading: Malachi 3:1–6

Gradual.

|| Thou that dwellest between the Cheru- | bim, | shine | forth:
stir up | Thy | strength | and | come.

|| Give ear, O Shepherd of | Is- | ra- | el:

Thou that leadest Jo- | seph | like | a | flock.

|| Hallelujah. Hallelujah. Stir | up | Thy | strength:
and come and save us. | Hal- | le- | lu- | jah.

Communion Psalm: Ant. Say to them that are of a fearful heart: Be strong, fear not; behold your God will come and save you (Isaiah 35:4). **Isaiah 55:6-11**

Gaudete - 3rd Sunday in Advent

3. The Only Son from Heaven

Elisabeth Cruciger, 1524

7, 6, 7, 6, 7, 7, 6.
German, 1524

No sphere His light con - fin - ing,
His home on earth He mak - eth,
That we still heav'n - ward hast - ing,

No star so bright - ly shin - ing
And man of heav'n par - tak - eth,
Yet here Thy joy fore - tast - ing,

As He, our Mor - ning Star.
Of life a - gain an heir.
May reap its ful - ness there. A - men.

1. The on - ly Son from heav - en, Fore -
2. O time of God ap - point - ed, O
3. O Lord, our hearts a - wak - en, To

told by an - cient seers, By God, the Fa - ther,
bright and ho - ly morn! He comes, the King an -
know and love Thee more, In faith to stand un -

giv - en, In hu - man shape ap - pears;
oint - ed, The Christ, the vir - gin - born;
shak - en, In Spi - rit to a - dore,