

**Welcome to Trinity**

**#10 Part Three: Concerning Meditation on Our Need.**

Meditation on our need shows us that of ourselves we possess nothing which is spiritually good, and therefore, it teaches us to reject all faith in our own powers. It teaches us to flee to our only help, the divine mercy promised to us on account of Christ. When we consider all our many needs, our heart is raised to God. It asks Him to put to death the old man and to renew the new man. These works of God are needed daily by all those who have been reborn. This renovation consists of faith, hope, love, humility, patience, long-suffering, chastity, and the preservation and increase of all the other good qualities. We are to seek these from God with earnest prayers. Every day we are assaulted by the flesh, the world, and Satan. Every day our flesh incites us to love earthly things. Every day the world assaults us with its hatred, and Satan batters us with his plots. Therefore, we must pray daily to the Lord of Hosts, our highest Judge, to give us contempt for the world, denial of self, victory over the world, preservation in all difficult situations, true peace for the soul, victory in temptations, and preservation from the plots of the devil. Finally, since in the hour of death and judgment the help of God is needed by us above all else, we must humbly pray every day for a blessed end to this life and for a blessed resurrection unto eternal life. (The Daily Exercise of Piety by Johann Gerhard, Repristination Press, p.55)

**Assistants**

Elder – Stephen Phillips (303-0769)  
Organist – LeeAnn Byrne  
Altar Guild – Kim Miller and Claire Stretch

Church Cleaning– Jan 5/12 Field, Bob, Jan 19/26 Darnstaedt

**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  
-Undecorating the Church, after service

- MONDAY -**The Epiphany of Our Lord, 7 PM**  
-Cookies/hot chocolate after the burning of the tree
- WEDNESDAY -Learn-by-Heart, 6:30 PM  
-**Catechesis Service, 7:00 PM**
- NEXT -*THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY*
- SUNDAY -Adult and Child Bible Studies, 9:00 AM  
-Divine Service-Lord’s Supper, 10:15 AM

**Divine Service**

Hymn ..... LW #184

**Augustana Service Book & Hymnal**

- + Invocation..... p.7
- + Confession/Absolution p.8-9
- + Introit..... (insert)  
[Pastor, then congregation]
- + Kyrie... p.10
- + Gloria in Excelsis p.11-13
- + Salutation..... p.13
- + Collect of the Day... (insert)  
Old Testament Reading
- Epistle, Gradual..... (insert)
- + Holy Gospel..... p.16
- Nicene Creed..... p.17
- ASBH #8 “The Newborn Child  
This Early Morn”**
- Sermon
- + Offertory: "Create in Me..." p.18  
*The Offerings are gathered.*
- + General Prayer..... p.19-20
- Hymn..... LW #243
- + Exhortation p.21

**Lutheran Worship Hymnal**

- + Preface, etc. .... p.144-151
- Communion Psalm (by cantor)
- Distribution & Hymns**
- Hymns “Thine Honor Save, O  
Christ, Our Lord”** (insert)
- “It Is A Time of Joy Today”** (insert)  
**#391**
- + “Lord, now you let ...” p.152
- + Post-Communion Collects p.153
- + Benedicamus/Benediction.... p.154-5
- + **Hymn #42**  
*Announcements*

## Trinity News

**Council Meeting.**—will be Sunday, January 26.

**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.”

## General Prayer p.18-19

### Special Prayers

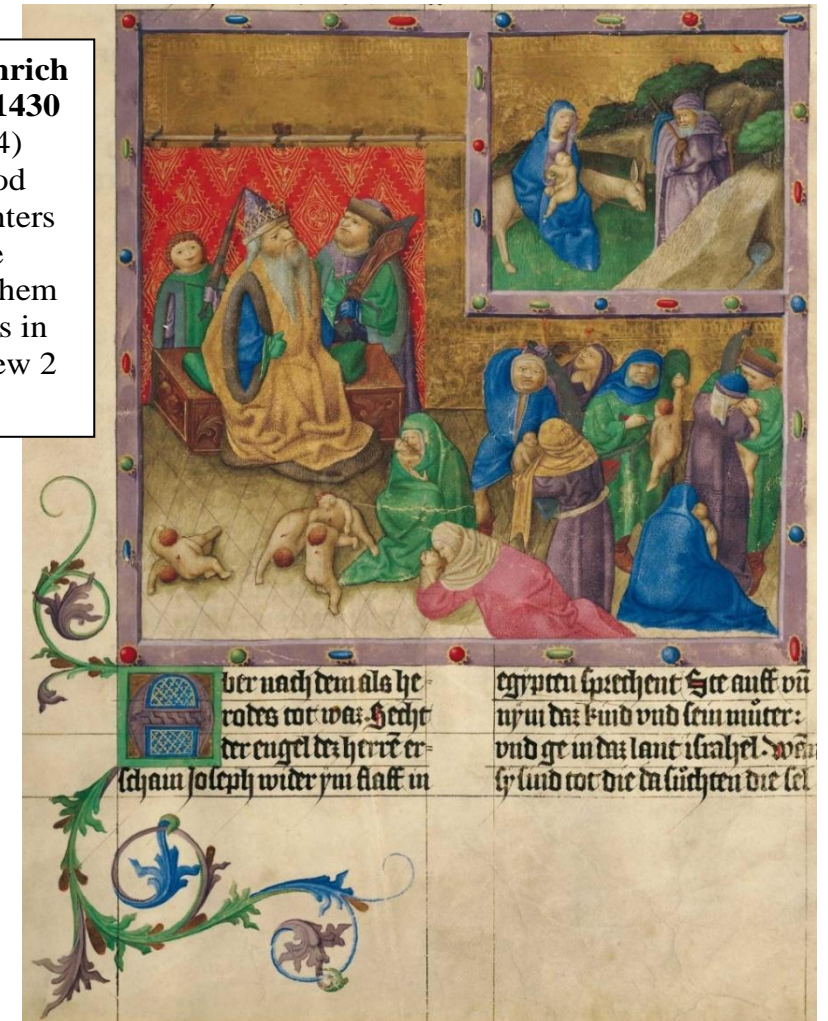
- Pastoral Office:** Bishop, James Heiser, Pastor Michael D. Henson, Deacon Gary K. Harroun
- Eldona Congregations:** Charity Lutheran Church (Burluson, TX), Pr. Kent Heimbigner
- Armed forces:** Jason Melvin, Blake Darnstaedt.
- Police officers:** Daniel Byrne, Alex Byrne.
- Shut-ins:** Carolyn Westerman; Patty Rametta
- Elderly:** Violet Kemp Tom Smith
- Pregnant:** Rachel Offutt
- **Various Needs:** Jim and Charolette Harroun, Murvon Minnemann, Jennifer Denton, Don Stretch, 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, Carol Henson (cancer, Kansas University Medical Center), Amanda Martin (healing for broken ribs), 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), Paula Fischer (SLU Hospital, sister-in-law of Patty Kenner), Patty Kenner (broken ankle), and Violet Taul and her father (Covid), Bp Heiser (atrial fibrillation, treatment cardioversion 1/22)
- Students:** Tom Weber (Florida State University), Sadie Henson (Concordia University, Nebraska) Jonathan Henson (University of Georgia), Jessica Gordon (SIU-C, Oletha’s granddaughter).

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

## The Second Sunday after Christmas

### Ottheinrich Bible 1430

(I:24)  
Herod Slaughters the Bethlehem Babies in Matthew 2



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**Isaiah 42:1-9**

1“Behold! My Servant whom I uphold, My Elect One in whom My soul delights! I have put My Spirit upon Him; He will bring forth justice to the Gentiles. 2He will not cry out, nor raise His voice, Nor cause His voice to be heard in the street. 3A bruised reed He will not break, And smoking flax He will not quench; He will bring forth justice for truth. 4He will not fail nor be discouraged, Till He has established justice in the earth; And the coastlands shall wait for His law.” 5Thus says God the LORD, Who created the heavens and stretched them out, Who spread forth the earth and that which comes from it, Who gives breath to the people on it, And spirit to those who walk on it: 6“I, the LORD, have called You in righteousness, And will hold Your hand; I will keep You and give You as a covenant to the people, As a light to the Gentiles, 7To open blind eyes, To bring out prisoners from the prison, Those who sit in darkness from the prison house. 8I am the LORD, that is My name; And My glory I will not give to another, Nor My praise to carved images. 9Behold, the former things have come to pass, And new things I declare; Before they spring forth I tell you of them.”

**1 Peter 4:12-19**

12Beloved, do not think it strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened to you; 13but rejoice to the extent that you partake of Christ’s sufferings, that when His glory is revealed, you may also be glad with exceeding joy. 14If you are reproached for the name of Christ, blessed are you, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. On their part He is blasphemed, but on your part He is glorified. 15But let none of you suffer as a murderer, a thief, an evildoer, or as a busybody in other people’s matters. 16Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in this matter. 17For the time has come for judgment to begin at the house of God; and if it begins with us first, what will be the end of those who do not obey the gospel of God? 18Now “If the righteous one is scarcely saved, Where will the ungodly and the sinner appear?”

19Therefore let those who suffer according to the will of God commit their souls to Him in doing good, as to a faithful Creator.

**Matthew 2:13-23**

13Now when they had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream, saying, “Arise, take the young Child and His mother, flee to Egypt, and stay there until I bring you word; for Herod will seek the young Child to destroy Him.” 14When he arose, he took the young Child and His mother by night and departed for Egypt, 15and was there until the death of Herod, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying, “Out of Egypt I called My Son.”

16Then Herod, when he saw that he was deceived by the wise men, was exceedingly angry; and he sent forth and put to death all the male children who were in Bethlehem and in all its districts, from two years old and under, according to the time which he had determined from the wise men. 17Then was fulfilled what was spoken by Jeremiah the prophet, saying: 18“A voice was heard in Ramah, Lamentation, weeping, and great mourning, Rachel weeping for her children, Refusing to be comforted, Because they are no more.”

19But when Herod was dead, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, 20saying, “Arise, take the young Child and His mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the young Child’s life are dead.” 21Then he arose, took the young Child and His mother, and came into the land of Israel. 22But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning over Judea instead of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And being warned by God in a dream, he turned aside into the region of Galilee. 23And he came and dwelt in a city called Nazareth, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophets, “He shall be called a Nazarene.”

**THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS (WHITE)****Introit.**

*Ant.* THY TES- || timonies | are | ver- | y | sure:  
holiness becometh Thine house, O LORD, | for- | ev- | er.  
|| Thy throne is estab- | lish- | ed | of | old:  
Thou art from ev- | er- | last- | ing.

*Psalm.* || The LORD reigneth, He is clothed | with | maj- | es- | ty:  
The LORD is clothed with strength, wherewith He hath  
gird- | ed | Him- | self.  
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 without | end. | A- | men. (*Ant. repeated.*)

**Collect.**

Almighty and Everlasting God, direct our actions according to Thy good pleasure, that in the Name of Thy beloved Son, we may be made to abound in good works; through the same 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 4:12-19.****Gospel. Matthew 2:13-23.****Gradual.**

|| Thou art fairer than the | child- | ren | of | men:  
grace is poured in- | to | Thy | lips.  
|| My heart is inditing a good matter, I speak of the things which I  
have made | touch- | ing | the | King:  
my tongue is the pen of a read- | y | writ- | er.  
|| Hallelujah. Hallelujah. The LORD reigneth, He is clothed | with | ma- |  
jes- | ty:  
the LORD is clothed with strength, wherewith He hath gird-  
ed Himself. Hal- | le- | lu- | jah.

2nd Sunday after Christmas

## 8. The Newborn Child This Early Morn

Cyriacus Schneegass, † 1597

Christum wir sollen loben shoen

E. Cronenwett, Tr. a

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15th Century

1. The new - born Child this ear - ly morn,  
2. This caus - es joy to an - gels fair,  
3. Since God is re - con - ciled with men,  
4. He brings the year of ju - bi - lee!

The dear Christ - child of vir - gin born,  
Who love to keep us in their care;  
What harm can Sa - tan do us then?  
Why doubt we yet des - pon - dent - ly?

A - gain brings from His heav'n - ly home  
They sing that in this won - drous Child  
O'er Sa - tan and the gates of hell  
Re - joice! This is a hap - py day.

A new year to all Chris - ten - dom.  
God now with man is re - con - ciled.  
This Christ - child shall for us pre - vail.  
The Christ - child drives all care a - way. A - men.

# ##. It Is A Time of Joy Today

Paul Gerhardt, 1667  
Tr., John Kelly, 1867

Gerhardt  
From "Best's Eighty Chorales"

1. It is a time of joy— to - day,  
2. The Lord who bears our sin— is here,  
3. All foes are put our feet be - neath,  
4. O! hap - py world, thrice hap - py they,

With mourn - ing and with woe a - way!  
Who'll bruise the ser - pent's head is near,  
For sin and Sa - tan, hell and death,  
Who on this low - ly In - fant stay

Woe, woe to him— who us— re - viled!  
The death of death— the woe of hell—  
Are brought to shame and put— to flight  
Their souls, and with— be - liev - ing eyes

God's seen in flesh, we're re - con - ciled.  
The Lord of Life with us doth dwell.  
Up - on this great, this won - drous night.  
In Him their Sav - ior re - cog - nize. A - men.

5. Now praise the Lord, who'er can praise—  
Who, from their low estate to raise  
His enemies, from His high throne  
Sent down His loved, His only Son.

6. Up! join the angel host and cry,  
Now glory be to God most high;  
Let peace prevail the world around,  
Good-will to men and joy abound.