Oculi (My eyes ...) **March 23, 2025**

Welcome to Trinity

#24 Part 5 Patient Godliness As We Abstain From Worldly Lusts.

Whoever, against conscience, follows the lusts of his flesh with sin, does not properly confess

God—even though he may exalt himself in whatever way he wishes (1 John 3:6) and with **self-controlled patience** (if one wants to dampen and kill off the evil lusts of the old man, it is hard for flesh and blood to take this on account of the fact that it is called **a crucifixion and killing off of the flesh** [Gal. 5:24, Col. 3:5].

If one no longer wishes to conform to this world nor run with it in the wasteland of inordinate ways (1 Pet. 4:4), then repulsiveness and hostility soon arise; consequently, for such self-control and abstinence from fleshly, worldly lusts, patience is necessary); and, **in patient godliness** (through which we lift up our heart, mind, and attitude to God, and inwardly call upon Him). For it does not lie within the realm of our powers and desires to offer up such things which He through His good Spirit wishes to implant, sustain, and multiply in our hearts—things such as faith, virtue, discernment, self-control, and patience; and, **along with godliness, brotherly love**: (Schola Pietatus-Volume 1 by Johann Gerhard, Repristination Press, p. 12-13)

Assistants

Elder – Dan Byrne (922-3556) Organist – LeeAnn Byrne Altar Guild – Claire Stretch and Kim Miller

No flowers during Lent Church Cleaning – Mar 30/Apr 6 Webb, Apr 13/20 Taul

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.

Easter Vigil

Saturday, April 19, 7:00 to 10:00 PM

Make plans now to attend the Great Easter Vigil on the Saturday evening before Easter. Though a longer service than we are accustomed, not nearly

the all-night vigils of the early Christians (Acts 20:7-12). Come and relax. Without rushing we will recall the history of God's people and rejoice in the fulfillment of all Scripture in Christ Jesus and His resurrection.

Weekly Calendar

TODAY -Adult/Child Bible Studies, 9 AM -Divine Service, 10:15 AM

TUESDAY -**Divine Service, Annunciation of Our Lord 10:30 AM** WEDNESDAY -Learn-by-Heart, 6:30 PM

-Catechesis Service, 7:00 PM

SATURDAY -Corn Hole Tourney, 4:00 PM

NEXT --LAETARE ("Rejoice...")

SUNDAY -Children and Adult Bible Studies, 9 AM

-Divine Service, 10:15 AM

Divine Service

Hymn LW #202

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Trinity News

<u>Corn Hole</u>.—Saturday, March 29 starts at 4 PM.

Easter Flowers.—may be brought

to the church beginning April 17. Please place them downstairs, as last year it got too hot in the cry room. If you would like to donate money for flowers to be purchased, speak to LeeAnn Byrne.

Violet Kemp's 102nd Birthday is April 8 2025,

She will be at 203 SE 2nd Street, Okeechobee, FL 34974.

Morning Prayer for Monday

106. In Thy Name, O crucified Lord Jesus Christ, Who hast so preciously redeemed me with Thy blood, I do now arise. I beseech Thee, bless me and mine this day. Protect us, and grant that our course may be holy, and we live our lives unto Thy glory. Amen. (Page 182)

Evening Prayer for Monday.

128. Almighty and Everlasting God, I thank Thee, that Thou hast this day preserved me, Thine unworthy servant, not for any merit on my part, but out of pure, divine grace, and beseech Thee, Merciful Lord, grant me to spend this present night with a pure heart and body, that I may rise again, refreshed in health, to serve, praise, and glorify Thee; through Thy beloved Son, Our Lord. Amen. (Page 226)

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 (Burleson, TX), Pr. Kent Heimbigner
- --Pastor Mario Marin (Iglesia Confesional Luterana En Colombia) thieves broken into their home.
- --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: Anita Prochaska, Patty Kenner
- -- Donna Eggemeyer (cancer, Aunt of Patty Kenner), Jennifer Denton (cancer, Shirley Webb), Don Stretch (Tony's Father), Sarah Melvin (back surgery to come), Ham Walker (mass in his lung, friend of the Harrouns), Courtney Severs (brain cancer, Oletha's daughter-in-law's sister), Heidi Bunselmeyer (cancer, Todd Darnstaedt's sister)
- --Students: Tom Weber (Florida State University), Sadie Henson (Concordia University, Nebraska) Jonathan Henson (University of Georgia), Jessica Gordon (SIU-C, Oletha's granddaughter).

For A Woman After Childbirth.

A prayer of thanksgiving has been requested for ______, the wife of ______, whom the Lord hast on ______ blessed with the gift of a healthy ______.

Blessed art Thou, O God, that Thou hast graciously sustained this mother in her peril and pain, and gladdened her heart with the gift of a healthy child. And we pray Thee, keep both mother and child in Thy protection, give them strength and health, and avert whatever might prove hurtful to them in body or soul. And as Thou wilt be [hast been] pleased to receive the child into the kingdom of Thy grace by the washing of Holy Baptism, vouchsafe unto it Thy continual blessing; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. (ASBH, page 191)

Oculi Sunday



Ottheinrich Bible 1430 (III:26)
Jesus and Beelzebub in Luke 11:14-26

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2 Samuel 22:1-7

¹Then David spoke to the LORD the words of this song, on the day when the LORD had delivered him from the hand of all his enemies, and from the hand of Saul. ²And he said: "The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer; ³ The God of my strength, in whom I will trust; My shield and the horn of my salvation, My stronghold and my refuge; My Savior, You save me from violence. 4 I will call upon the LORD, who is worthy to be praised; So shall I be saved from my enemies. ⁵ 'When the waves of death surrounded me, The floods of ungodliness made me afraid. ⁶ The sorrows of Sheol surrounded me; The snares of death confronted me. ⁷ In my distress I called upon the LORD, And cried out to my God; He heard my voice from His temple, And my cry entered His ears.

Ephesians 5:1-9

¹Therefore be imitators of God as dear children. ²And walk in love, as Christ also has loved us and given Himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling aroma. ³But fornication and all uncleanness or covetousness, let it not even be named among you, as is fitting for saints; ⁴neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor coarse jesting, which are not fitting, but rather giving of thanks. ⁵For this you know, that no fornicator, unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God. ⁶Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. ⁷Therefore do not be partakers with them.

⁸For you were once darkness, but now *you are* light in the Lord. Walk as children of light ⁹(for the fruit of the Spirit *is* in all goodness, righteousness, and truth),

St. Luke 11:14-28

¹⁴And He was casting out a demon, and it was mute. So it was, when the demon had gone out, that the mute spoke; and the multitudes marveled. ¹⁵But some of them said, "He casts out demons by Beelzebub, the ruler of the demons." ¹⁶Others. testing *Him*, sought from Him a sign from heaven. ¹⁷But He, knowing their thoughts, said to them: "Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation, and a house divided against a house falls. ¹⁸"If Satan also is divided against himself, how will his kingdom stand? Because you say I cast out demons by Beelzebub. 19" And if I cast out demons by Beelzebub, by whom do your sons cast them out? Therefore they will be your judges. ²⁰"But if I cast out demons with the finger of God, surely the kingdom of God has come upon you. ²¹"When a strong man, fully armed, guards his own palace, his goods are in peace. ²²"But when a stronger than he comes upon him and overcomes him, he takes from him all his armor in which he trusted, and divides his spoils. ²³"He who is not with Me is against Me, and he who does not gather with Me scatters.

²⁴"When an unclean spirit goes out of a man, he goes through dry places, seeking rest; and finding none, he says, 'I will return to my house from which I came.' ²⁵"And when he comes, he finds *it* swept and put in order. ²⁶"Then he goes and takes with *him* seven other spirits more wicked than himself, and they enter and dwell there; and the last *state* of that man is worse than the first." ²⁷And it happened, as He spoke these things, that a certain woman from the crowd raised her voice and said to Him, "Blessed *is* the womb that bore You, and *the* breasts which nursed You!" ²⁸But He said, "More than that, blessed *are* those who hear the word of God and keep it!"

Oculi, The Third Sunday in Lent. (Violet)

PSALM 43/86



Introit.

Ant. MINE EYES || are ever toward the | LORD | -:
for He shall pluck my feet out | of | the | net.
|| Turn Thee unto me, and have mercy up- | on | me:
for I am desolate and | af- | flic- | ted.

Psalm. || Unto Thee, O LORD, do I lift up my | soul | -:
O My God, I trust in Thee; let me not be | a- | sham- | ed.

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 without | end. | A- | men. (Ant. Repeated.)

Collect.

We beseech Thee, Almighty God, look upon the hearty desires of Thy humble servants, and stretch forth the right hand of Thy Majesty to be our defense against all our enemies; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever One God, world without end. *Amen*.

Epistle. Ephesians 5:1–9 Gospel. Luke 11:14–28 Additional reading: 2 Samuel 22:1–7

Gradual.

Communion Psalm: *Ant.* The sparrow has found her an house, and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young: even Your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King, and my God: blessed are they that dwell in Your house: they will be always praising You. (Ps 84:3-4). **Isaiah 12:2-6.**

Oculi - 3rd Sunday in Lent





3. Though devils all the world should fill,
All eager to devour us,
We tremble not, we fear no ill,
They shall not overpower us.
This world's prince may still Scowl fierce as he will,
He can harm us none, He's judged; the deed is done;
One little word can fell him.

4. The Word they still shall let remain,
And not a thank have for it;
He's by our side upon the plain
With His good gifts and Spirit.
And take they our life, Goods, fame, child, and wife;
Let these all be gone, They yet have nothing won;
The kingdom ours remaineth.