Welcome to Trinity

#36 Part 17 The Outstandingly Great Benefits of Godliness for the God-Fearing.

For he well knows how we are all generally minded: that we first look for the benefit, and soon we

take care to ask: Cui bono? (Who benefits from this?) How am I improved by this? What may I expect from this if I become godly? Just as with the Israelites, this kind of question and complaint was raised in Mal. 3:14—It is in vain that one serves God; and what does it benefit us that we keep His command and lead a difficult life for the Lord of Sabaoth? However, here God the Lord Himself answers: it shall not be in vain, and He will in no way forget what one had done in service to Him. The Godfearing, He says in v. 15, comfort each other in this way: The Lord takes note and hears and a reminder is written for Him about those who fear the Lord and remember His Name (v. 17). They shall, says the Lord of Sabaoth, be Mine inheritance in the day which I shall create, that is, they shall be My own special people who will be loved by Me like a precious treasure (Exo. 19:5, Psa. 135:4, Tit. 2:4) and I will take care of them like a man takes care of his son who serves him. That is to say, when I punish the godless, I will protect the godly and perform goodness for them (v. 8). And you will once again see what a difference there is between one who serves God and one who does not serve Him. For the former shall receive protection and rescue from tribulation, along with prosperity and blessings. The latter, however, will receive punishment and misfortune for this, even also in this life.

In the same manner, the holy apostle especially states here: **godliness is not without its outstandingly great benefits.** Instead, it contains **the promise of this life and the future life.** In other words, God the Lord has made the sure, unfailing promise that for those who zealously pursue godliness, He will do good for them here in time and there in eternity. It will fare well for them in this life, and in everlasting life He will pour out on them heavenly blessings (Heb 6:10). **God is not unrighteous so that He will forget your works and labor of love which you have shown in His name, as you served the saints and still serve them.** That is, it will conflict with the righteousness of God if He does not richly reward with all sorts of blessings those who do good and practice godliness. The holy apostle explains such a glorious benefit from godliness *per antithesin, sive collationem imparium* [by antithesis or comparison of any quality]. (Schola Pietatus-Volume 1 by Johann Gerhard, Repristination Press, p. 20-22)

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

QUASIMODO GENITI (As newborn babes...)

-Adult and Child Bible Studies, 9:00 AM

-Divine Service-Lord's Supper, 10:15 AM

-Council Meeting #2, after service

MONDAY-FRIDAY -The ELDoNA Diocesan Synod and Colloquium at Salem Lutheran Church (Malone, Texas)

WEDNESDAY -No Learn-by-Heart/Catechesis Service

NEXT -MISERICORDIAS DOMINI

SUNDAY -Adult and Child Bible Studies, 9:00 AM

-Divine Service, 10:15 AM

-Bike with Pastor Mike (Tunnel Hill Trail)

Assistants

Elder – Cecil Plock (218-3064) Organist – LeeAnn Byrne

Altar Guild – LeeAnn Byrne

Church Cleaning – May 4 Taft, May 11/18 Stretch

Divine Service

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Announcements

Trinity News

Council Meeting.—after the Divine Service today, April 27, 2025 Eldona Synod & Colloquium 2025.— April 28-May 2, 2025

Bike with Pastor Mike.—Sunday, May 4, 2025

Bike with Pastor Mike

The 2025 Bike with Pastor Mike is today (5/4) starting at 3 PM: We will bike 10 miles from the town of Tunnel Hill

(just north of the Tunnel) to Vienna Park. The trail is slightly downhill all the way. You can't pick up your feet and coast, but it's not a difficult ride at all.

To go straight to Tunnel Hill (bike starting point) from Herrin: Take 148 to Route 24 South. Take the Tunnel Hill exit #7 and go Left(east) on Route 12. It winds around quite a bit, but it will take you there.

However, at 2:15 PM, some of us will be dropping off the picnic supplies at Vienna Park (the ending point). To get to Vienna Park: Take route 24 to exit 16 the Vienna/Golconda at Route 146. Go right(west) toward Vienna. The Park is a mile off the road on the right. To get from Vienna Park to Tunnel Hill: After dropping off supplies, cars, or whatever else. We will take 146 another mile to the West and then take Route 45 North. After about ten miles we will take a left at Tunnel Hill Road. The starting point is 1 or 2 miles on the right.

At 3:05 PM, we will take a picture at the starting point and then bike.

Just in case we have any bike (or people) breakdowns. I will have a SAG wagon appointed. They will be available to pick up stragglers at ³/₄ mile and at 6 1/3 miles.

There is a sign-up in the narthex for bikes, bike transporters, and picnic-ers.

General Prayer p.18-19

Special Prayers

- --Pastoral Office: Bishop, James Heiser, Pastor Michael D. Henson, Deacon Gary K. Harroun
- --Eldona Congregations: Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church (Richmond, MO), Pr. Josiah Scheck
- --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, Jennifer Denton (cancer, Shirley Webb), Don Stretch (Tony's Father), Sarah Melvin (back surgery to come), Courtney Severs (brain cancer, Oletha's daughter-in-law's sister), Heidi Bunselmeyer (cancer, Todd Darnstaedt's sister), Shirley Webb (broken wrist)
- --Students: Tom Weber (Florida State University), Sadie Henson (Concordia University, Nebraska) Jonathan Henson (University of Georgia), Jessica Gordon (SIU-C, Oletha's granddaughter).
- --Death: The family of Nate Horman (age 31, Jake Horman's 1st cousin) who passed away Easter Sunday
- --Prayers for a good conference and safe travel for those attending the 2025 Eldona Synod, April 28-May 2.
- --That all those members who are negligent in attending the services of God's house might be shown their sin and return to receive forgiveness.

Quasimodogeniti Sunday



Ottheinrich Bible 1430 (IV:48)

Jesus Appears after the Resurrection in John 20:19-31

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Job 19:25-27

²⁵ For I know *that* my Redeemer lives, And He shall stand at last on the earth; ²⁶ And after my skin is destroyed, this *I know*, That in my flesh I shall see God, ²⁷ Whom I shall see for myself, And my eyes shall behold, and not another. *How* my heart yearns within me!

1 John 5:4-12

⁴For whatever is born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. ⁵Who is he who overcomes the world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

⁶This is He who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ; not only by water, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit who bears witness, because the Spirit is truth. ⁷For there are three that bear witness in heaven: the Father, the Word, and the Holy Spirit; and these three are one. ⁸And there are three that bear witness on earth: the Spirit, the water, and the blood; and these three agree as one. ⁹If we receive the witness of men, the witness of God is greater; for this is the witness of God which He has testified of His Son. ¹⁰He who believes in the Son of God has the witness in himself; he who does not believe God has made Him a liar, because he has not believed the testimony that God has given of His Son. ¹¹And this is the testimony: that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. ¹²He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life.

St. John 20:19-31

of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in the midst, and said to them, "Peace be with you." ²⁰When He had said this, He showed them *His* hands and His side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. ²¹So Jesus said to them again, "Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you." ²²And when He had said this, He breathed on *them*, and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³"If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the *sins* of any, they are retained."

²⁴Now Thomas, called the Twin, one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵The other disciples therefore said to him, "We have seen the Lord." So he said to them, "Unless I see in His hands the print

of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and put my hand into His side, I will not believe." ²⁶And after eight days His disciples were again inside, and Thomas with them. Jesus came, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, "Peace to you!" ²⁷Then He said to Thomas, "Reach your finger here, and look at My hands; and reach your hand *here*, and put *it* into My side. Do not be unbelieving, but believing." ²⁸And Thomas answered and said to Him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹Jesus said to him, "Thomas, because you have seen Me, you have believed. Blessed *are* those who have not seen and *yet* have believed."

³⁰And truly Jesus did many other signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book; ³¹but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name.

Quasi Modo Geniti (The First Sunday after Easter). (White) Psalm 111/21



Introit.

Ant. AS NEW- || born | babes | -:
desire the sincere | milk | of | the | Word.
|| Hear, O my people, and I will testify unto | thee | -:
O Israel, if thou wilt hear- | ken | un- | to | Me.

Psalm. || Sing aloud unto God our | strength | -:
make a joyful noise unto the | God | 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 ever | shall | be: world with- | out | end. | A- | men. (Ant. Repeated.)

Collect.

Grant, we beseech Thee, Almighty God, that we who have celebrated the solemnities of the Lord's Resurrection, may, by the help of Thy grace, bring forth the fruits thereof in our life and conversation; 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 John 5:4–12 Gospel. John 20:19–31 Additional reading: Job 19:25–27

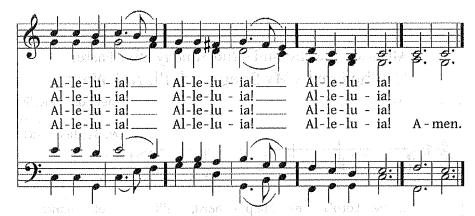
Gradual.

| Hallelujah. Hallelujah. The angel of the Lord descended from | heav- | en:
and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and | sat | up- | on | it.
| Hallelujah. After eight days when the doors were shut, came Jesus and stood in
the midst of His dis- | cip- | les:
and saith unto them, Peace be unto you. | Hal- | le- | lu- | jah.

Communion Psalm: Ant. Reach here your hand, and behold the print of the nails, alleluia: and be not faithless, but believing, alleluia, alleluia. (John 20:27). **Ps 118:19-25.**

Quasimodogeniti - 1st Sunday after Easter 30. Ye Sons and Daughters of the King





- 5. When John th' Apostle heard the fame,
 He to the tomb with Peter came;
 But in the way outran the same.
 Alleluia!
- 6. That night th' Apostles met in fear;
 Amidst them came their Lord most dear,
 And said, "Peace be unto all here!"
 Alleluia!
- 7. When Didymus had after heard
 That Jesus had fulfilled His Word,
 He doubted if it were the Lord.
 Alleluial
- 8. "Thomas, behold My side," saith He;
 "My hands, My feet, My body see,
 And doubt not, but believe in Me."
 Alleluia!
- 9. No longer Thomas then denied; He saw the hands, the feet, the side. "Thou art my Lord and God," he cried. Alleluia!
- 10. Blesséd are they that have not seen,
 And yet whose faith hath constant been;
 In life eternal they shall reign.
 Alleluia!
- 11. On this most holy Day of days,
 Be laud and jubilee and praise;
 To God both hearts and voices raise:
 Alleluia!
- 12. And we with Holy Church unite,
 As is both meet and just and right,
 In glory to the King of Light.
 Alleluia!