

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 God-fearing, 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, unailing 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

Hymn ..... LW #235

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 #30 "Ye Son and Daughters of the King"
Sermon
+ Offertory: "Create in Me..." p.18
The Offerings are gathered.
+ General Prayer..... p.19-20
Hymn..... #240
+ Exhortation p.21

Lutheran Worship Hymnal

- + Preface, etc. .... p.144-151
Communion Psalm (by cantor)
Distribution & Hymns
#137, #144, #138
+ "Lord, now you let ..." p.152
+ Post-Communion Collects p.153
+ Benedicamus/Benediction.... p.154-5
Hymn ..... LW #312

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 ¾ mile and at 6 1/3 miles.

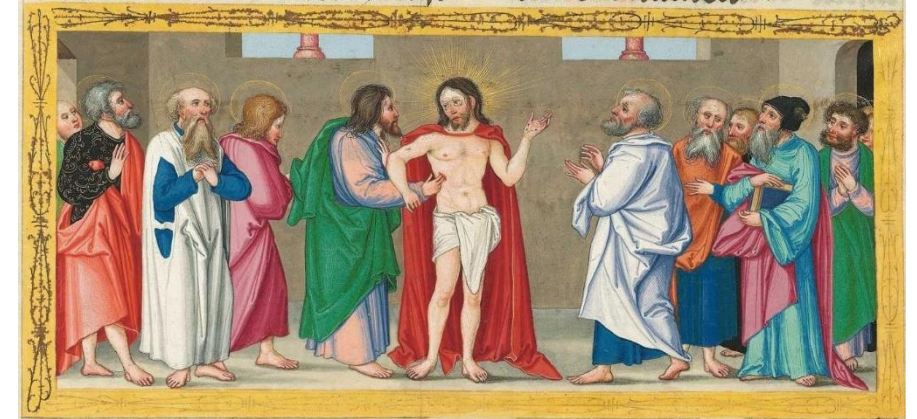
There is a sign-up in the narthex for bikes, bike transporters, and picnic-ers.

## 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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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Quasimodogeniti - 1st Sunday after Easter  
 30. Ye Sons and Daughters of the King

Unknown  
 J. M. Neale, Tr.

Melchior Vulpius, 1609

1. Ye sons and daughters of the King  
 2. On that first morn - ing of the week,  
 3. Both Ma - ry, as it came to pass,  
 4. An an - gel clad in white was he

Whom heav'n - ly hosts in glo - ry sing,  
 Be - fore the day be - gan to break,  
 And Ma - ry Mag - da - lene it was,  
 That sat and spake un - to the three,

To - day the grave hath lost its sting!  
 They went their bur - ied Lord to seek.  
 And Ma - ry, wife of Cle - o - phas.  
 "Your Lord is gone to Gal - i - lee!"

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
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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.  
 Alleluia!

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!