Cantate (Easter Four) May 18, 2025

Welcome to Trinity

#39 Part 20 The Benefits of Godliness Are of Sheer Grace.

This is also the second part of this apostolic verse; namely, the important reason which should

motivate us so that with the utmost zeal, we should train in godliness. This, then, is the greatest overwhelming benefit which we shall derive from this, because **godliness** is good for all things and holds the promise for this and the future life, for which bodily training is of little value.

With this, however, of necessity we are to take note of two things: First of all, that such a rich bestowal of godliness—as one experiences it in this and also in the future life—takes place by sheer grace and not by our earning it by works. The apostle teaches this when he says: Godliness possesses the promise of this and the future life. For if it is a promise, then it cannot be something earned, especially since the promise flows forth from sheer unearned grace. Concerning the promise of the land of Canaan given to the Israelites, God the Lord says the following through Moses to His people in Deu. 9:4-5: Do not say in your heart: The Lord has led me in to take this land because of my righteousness, for you are not entering in to receive this land of the Gentiles because of your righteousness and because of the uprightness of your heart. And later He repeats this again in v. 6—So then, realize that the heart of your God does not give you this good land to enter into because of vour righteousness, especially since you are a stiff-necked people. (Schola Pietatus-Volume 1 by Johann Gerhard, Repristination Press, p. 24-25)

Assistants

Elder – Stephen Phillips (303-0769) Organist – LeeAnn Byrne Altar Guild – LeeAnn Byrne

Church Cleaning – May 25/June 1 Smith

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

MONDAY -Elders' Meeting, 7 PM WEDNESDAY -Learn-by-Heart, 6:30 PM

-Catechetical Service, 7 – 7:40 PM

THURSDAY Ladies Missionary Society, 6:00 PM

NEXT -ROGATE

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

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

Divine Service

Hymn LW #165

Augustana Service Book & I	<u>Iymnal</u>
+ Invocation	p.7
+ Confession/Absolution	p.8-9
+ Introit	(insert)
[Pastor, then congregation	on]
+ 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 #33 "O Lord, Look	Down
from Heaven Behol	d"
Sermon	
+ Offertory: "Create in Me"	p.18
The Offerings are gathered.	
+ General Prayer	p.19-20
Hymn	#243
+ Exhortation	p.21
Lutheran Worship Hymnal	
+ Preface, etc p.1	44-151
Communion Psalm (by cant	or)
Distribution & Hymns	
#354, #371, #340	
+ "Lord, now you let"	p.152
+ Post-Communion Collects	
+ Benedicamus/Benediction	. p.154-5
Hymn I	

Announcements

Trinity News

Congregational Anniversary.--

Trinity Lutheran Church is celebrating her 98th anniversary this

year. On May 22, 1927, the first Lutheran services were held at 101 W. Tyler Street in Herrin.

Morning Prayer for Friday.

207. In Thy Name, O crucified Lord Jesus Christ, I, a miserably great sinner, have risen. O Thou, Who in my stead hast meekly suffered the most painful death on the holy cross as a truly meek Lamb of Sacrifice, and with Thy crimson blood hast redeemed me from all my transgressions, from death, the devil, and from hell; direct me and so govern my heart by Thy Holy Spirit that it may be revived and refreshed with the heavenly dew of Thy grace. By Thy divine love, preserve me through this and all the days, and hide me, body and soul, within Thy holy wounds. Cleanse me from all sins. Keep me in all good works. And finally lead me from this vale of sorrow into eternal joy and glory, O most faithful Redeemer, Jesus Christ, my only comfort, hope, and life. Amen. (Page 357)

General Prayer p.18-19

Special Prayers

- --Pastoral Office: Bishop, James Heiser, Pastor Michael D. Henson, Deacon Gary K. Harroun
- --Eldona Congregations: Salem Lutheran Church (Malone, TX), Pr. James D. Heiser* and Bishop of ELDoNA, Dcn. Anthony Oncken
- --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), Jonathan Henson (University of Georgia), Jessica Gordon (SIU-C, Oletha's granddaughter).
- **Armed Forces Day** --We acknowledge with gratitude the gift of a free country as Your good gift. We thank you for those who laid down their lives for the sake of our nation. Let us never take for granted those sacrifices. Help us to live as good and obedient citizens, taking advantage of our liberty to freely worship you.
- Trinity's 98th Anniversary O Lord Jesus, You have promised to preserve Your Church upon earth unto the end of days, let this church be a light shining unto many, a city upon a hill which cannot be hid. Make it a testimony and a witness to them that are without, that sinners may be converted unto You and that many may come and with us receive the promised inheritance. Abide among us with Your grace, Your Word, Your light, Your blessing, Your protection, Your love, that we may be prepared to enter finally into the great jubilee in the New Jerusalem. Grant this for Your own love's sake.

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Ottheinrich Bible 1430 (IV:17) Jesus Heals Blind Man John

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Isaiah 12:1-6

¹ And in that day you will say: "O LORD, I will praise You; Though You were angry with me, Your anger is turned away, and You comfort me. ² Behold, God is my salvation, I will trust and not be afraid; 'For YAH, the LORD, is my strength and song; He also has become my salvation." ³ Therefore with joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. ⁴ And in that day you will say: "Praise the LORD, call upon His name; Declare His deeds among the peoples, make mention that His name is exalted. ⁵ Sing to the LORD, for He has done excellent things; This is known in all the earth. ⁶ Cry out and shout, O inhabitant of Zion, for great is the Holy One of Israel in your midst!"

James 1:16-21

¹⁶ Do not be deceived, my beloved brethren. ¹⁷ Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning. ¹⁸ Of His own will He brought us forth by the word of truth, that we might be a kind of firstfruits of His creatures. ¹⁹ So then, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath; ²⁰ for the wrath of man does not produce the righteousness of God. ²¹ Therefore lay aside all filthiness and overflow of wickedness, and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls.

St. John 16:5-15

⁵ "But now I go away to Him who sent Me, and none of you asks Me, 'Where are You going?' ⁶ But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your heart. ⁷ Nevertheless I tell you the truth. It is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I depart, I will send Him to you. ⁸ And when He has come, He

will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: ⁹ of sin, because they do not believe in Me; ¹⁰ of righteous-ness, because I go to My Father and you see Me no more; ¹¹ of judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged. ¹² I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. ¹³ However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come. ¹⁴ He will glorify Me, for He will take of what is Mine and declare it to you. ¹⁵ All things that the Father has are Mine. Therefore I said that He will take of Mine and declare it to you."

CANTATE (THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER). (WHITE)

Ant. O SING | unto the LORD a new | song | -:

PSALM 139/126



Introit.

for He hath done | mar- | vel- | lous | things.

|| The LORD hath made known His sal- | va- | tion:

His righteousness hath he openly showed in the sight | of | the | heathen.

Psalm. || His right hand, and His holy | arm | -:

hath gotten Him | the | vic- | to- | ry.

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.

O God, Who makest the minds of the faithful to be of one will: Grant unto Thy people that they may love what Thou commandest, and desire what Thou dost promise; that, among the manifold changes of this world, our hearts may there be fixed where true joys are to be found; 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. James 1:16-21 Gospel. John 16:5-15 Additional reading: Isaiah 12:1-6

Gradual.

|| Hallelujah. Hallelujah. The right hand of the Lord is ex- | alt- | ed:
the right hand of the Lord doeth | val- | i- | ant- | ly.
|| Hallelujah. Christ, being raised from the dead, dieth no | more | -:
death hath no more dominion over Him. | Hal- | le- | lu- | jah.

Communion Psalm: *Ant.* When the Comforter, even he, the Spirit of truth, is come: he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment, alleluia, alleluia. (Jn 16:8). **Ps 33:1, 12-14, 17-21.**

Cantate - 4th Sunday after Easter

33. Look Down, O Lord, From Heav'n, Behold





5. As silver tried by fire is pure From all adulteration;

So, through God's Word, shall men endure Each trial and temptation.

Its worth gleams brighter through the cross, And, purified from human dross, It shines through ev'ry nation.

6. Defend, O God, Thy truth, and stay
This evil generation;
And from the error of their way

Keep Thine own congregation.
The wicked ev'rywhere abound,
And would Thy little flock confound,
Which, Lord, forbid them, Amen.