

Welcome to Trinity

#50 IX: Loving God Alone, part 3: He loved us when we had fallen into sin; for it is because of His divine love, that He does not instantly deliver us over to death, when we transgress against Him, but patiently awaits our conversion. It is because of His divine love that above what we deserve, aye, even in very opposition to our just deserts, He is leading us to His heavenly mansions. Without the love of God never couldst thou come to a saving knowledge of God. Without that love all knowledge would be worthless; nay more, it would be harmful to thee. Why does love exceed the knowledge of all mysteries (1 Cor. xiii. 2)? Because the latter may be found even in the devil, but the former only in the godly. Why is the devil the most unhappy being? Because he cannot love the Highest Good. Why is God, on the other hand, the most happy and blessed of all beings? Because He loves all things, and takes delight in all the works of His own hands. Why is the love of God not perfected in us in this life? Simply because we love only as we know; and in this life we know only in part, and as in a riddle (1 Cor. xiii. 12). In heaven we shall be perfectly happy, because we shall love God perfectly, and we shall love Him perfectly because we shall know Him perfectly. But no one may cherish a hope of loving God perfectly in the future life, who does not begin to love Him in this life. The Kingdom of God must begin in the heart of man in this life, or it will never be consummated in the life that is to come. Without the love of God we have no desire for eternal life; and how then can we become sharers of that highest Good, if we do not love it, if we do not desire it, if we do not seek it? (Gerhard’s Sacred Meditations – IX: Loving God Alone, Repristination Press, p. 51-52)

Assistants

Elder – Dan Byrne (922-3556)
Altar Guild – Patti Baker
Organist –LeeAnn Byrne
Church Cleaning – July 13 Plock, July 20/27 Phillips

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
WEDNESDAY -Learn-by-Heart, 6:30 PM
-Catechesis Service, 7:00 PM
NEXT -THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY
SUNDAY -Adult Bible Class, 9:00 AM
-Catechetical Service, 10:15 AM

Trinity News

Ladies Annual Dinner Out.—Thursday, July 24, 2025 at 6 PM at the Anchor Grille in Sesser.
Theology Nights.— This summer there will be two more “Theology Nights” on Thursday July 31 and August 28. Each night will begin at 6 PM with snacks and dinner. Following that at 6:30, there will be a **discussion of a theology paper** which has been distributed and read earlier. And last of all, the usual fun activities like cards, corn hole and pleasant conversation to complete the evening.
The second paper will be Deacon Anthony Oncken’s paper, “Christology for the Young: The Nicene Creed in Catechesis” from the 2025 Colloquium of Eldona.

Divine Service

Hymn LW #196

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 #41 “In Thee Alone, O Christ, My Lord”
Sermon
+ Offertory: "Create in Me..." p.18
The Offerings are gathered.
+ General Prayer..... p.19-20
Hymn..... #229
+ Exhortation p.21

Lutheran Worship Hymnal

+ Preface, etc. p.144-151
Communion Psalm (by cantor)
Distribution & Hymns
#431, #233, #247
+ “Lord, now you let ...” p.152
+ Post-Communion Collects p.153
+ Benedicamus/Benediction.... p.154-5
+ Hymn #216

Announcements

Learning Center

The equipment and supplies are going out the door. Big thanks to LeeAnn and Karin!



General Prayer p.18-19

Special Prayers

- Pastoral Office:** Bishop, James Heiser, Pastor Michael D. Henson, Deacon Gary K. Harroun
- Eldona Congregations:** Holy Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church (Harrison, AR) and Emmanuel Luth. Mission (Conway, AR) Pr. Eric J. Stefanski
- 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:** Jennifer Denton (cancer, Shirley Webb), Don Stretch (Tony's Father), Sarah Melvin (back), Courtney Severs (brain cancer, Oletha's daughter-in-law's sister), Heidi Bunselmeyer (cancer, Todd Darnstaedt's sister), Vint Herring (Granite City), Anita Prochaska (stem cell injections), Richard Zsido (visitor, his wife Debbie), Alan Mason (cancer, Jonathan Hackett's Father-in-law)

Prayer for Thursday.

204. Lord Jesus Christ, cover me this night with the mantle of Thy gracious, blood-bought merit. Be with me when I pray. Strengthen me in my prayer even as the angel from heaven strengthened Thee on Olivet against Thine anguish of death. Be with me when death overtakes me, and strengthen Thou me that neither devil nor world may bring any evil against me. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer. **Psalm 4.** The *Gloria Patri*. (Seed-Grains of Prayer: A Manual for Evangelical Christians by William Loehe, Wartburg Publishing House, 1914, Pages 350)

The Third Sunday after Trinity



Ottheinrich Bible 1430 (III:37) The Lost Son Luke 15:11-32

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Micah 7:18-20

¹⁸ Who is a God like You, pardoning iniquity and passing over the transgression of the remnant of His heritage? He does not retain His anger forever, because He delights in mercy. ¹⁹ He will again have compassion on us, and will subdue our iniquities. You will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea. ²⁰ You will give truth to Jacob and mercy to Abraham, which You have sworn to our fathers from days of old.

1 Peter 5:6-11

⁶ Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time, ⁷ casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you. ⁸ Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. ⁹ Resist him, steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same sufferings are experienced by your brotherhood in the world. ¹⁰ But may the God of all grace, who called us to His eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after you have suffered a while, perfect, establish, strengthen, and settle you. ¹¹ To Him be the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

St. Luke 15:1-10

¹ Then all the tax collectors and the sinners drew near to Him to hear Him. ² And the Pharisees and scribes complained, saying, “This Man receives sinners and eats with them.” ³ So He spoke this parable to them, saying: ⁴ “What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he loses one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness, and go after the one which is lost until he finds it? ⁵ And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing. ⁶ And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep which was lost!’ ⁷ I say to you that likewise there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine just persons who need no repentance. ⁸ Or what woman, having ten silver coins, if she loses one coin, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? ⁹ And when she has found it, she calls her friends and neighbors together, saying, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found the piece which I lost!’ ¹⁰ Likewise, I say to you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

**Introit.**

Ant. TURN THEE || unto me, and have mercy up- | on | me:
for I am desolate | and | af- | flict- | ed.

|| Look upon mine affliction and | my | pain:
and for- | give | all | my | sins.

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 with- | out | end. | A- | men. (*Ant. Repeated.*)

Collect.

O God, the Protector of all that trust in Thee, without Whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us Thy mercy; that Thou being our Ruler and Guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we finally lose not the things eternal; 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. 1 Peter 5:6–11

Gospel. Luke 15:1–10

Additional reading: Micah 7:18–20

Gradual.

|| Cast thy burden upon the | LORD | - :
and He | shall | sus- | tain | thee.

|| I will call upon God; and the LORD shall | save | me:
He hath delivered | my | soul | in | peace.

|| Hallelujah. Hallelujah. I will love Thee, O LORD, my | Strength | - :
the LORD is my Rock, and my Fortress, and my Deliverer. | Hal- | le- | lu- | jah.

Communion Psalm: *Ant.* I say unto you, there is joy in the presence of the Angels of God over one sinner that repents. (Luke 15:10). **Psalm 16.**

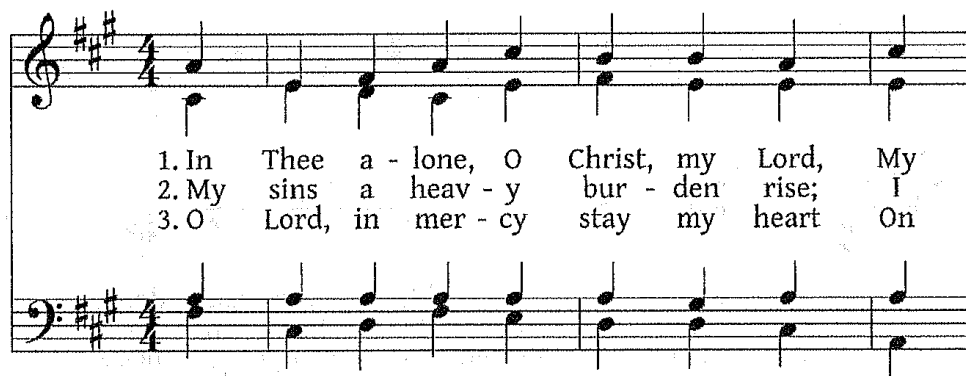
3rd Sunday after Trinity

41. In Thee Alone, O Christ, My Lord

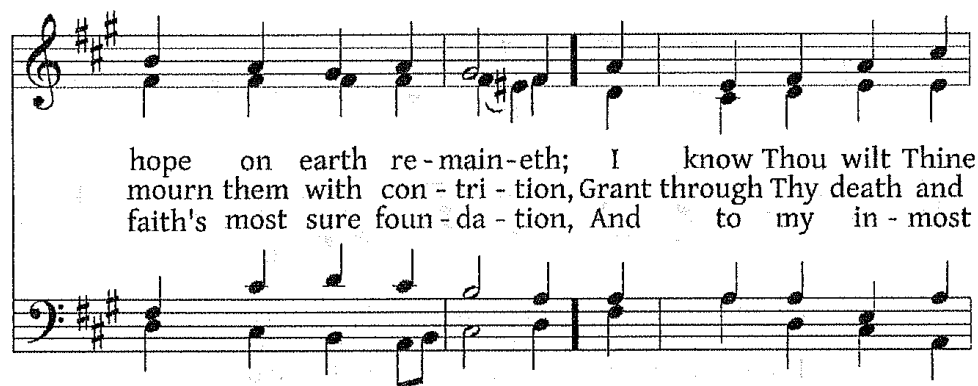
J. Schneising, ca., 1540

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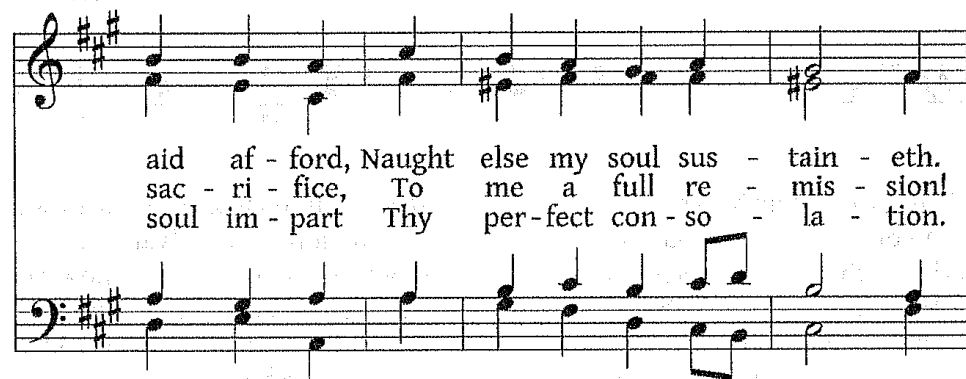
Valentin Babst's Gesangbuch, 1545



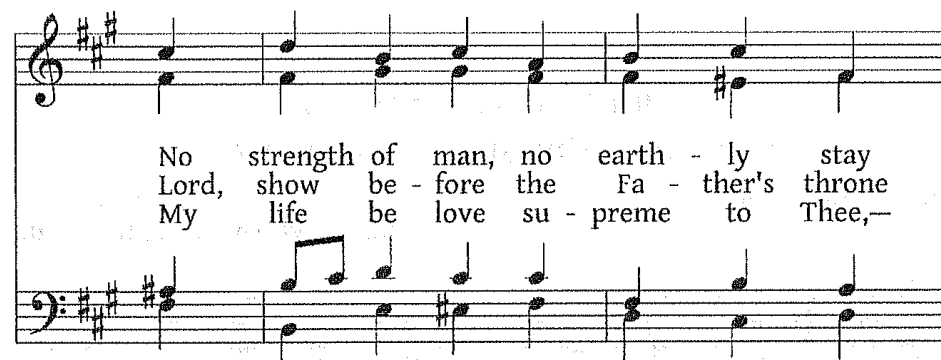
1. In Thee a - lone, O Christ, my Lord, My
 2. My sins a heav - y bur - den rise; I
 3. O Lord, in mer - cy stay my heart On



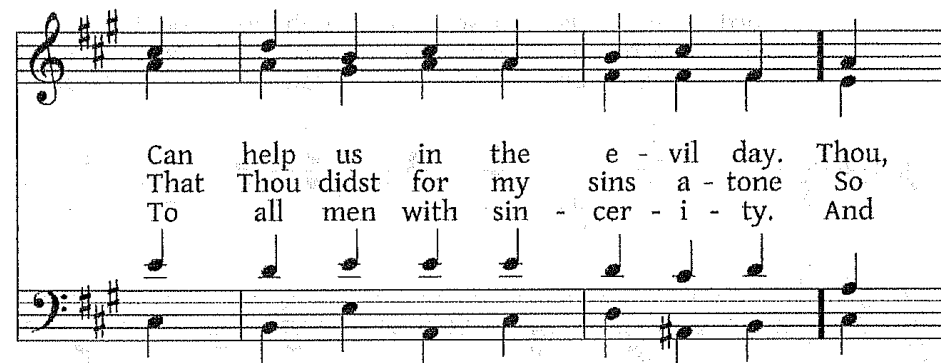
hope on earth re-main-eth; I know Thou wilt Thine
 mourn them with con - tri - tion, Grant through Thy death and
 faith's most sure foun - da - tion, And to my in - most



aid af - ford, Naught else my soul sus - tain - eth.
 sac - ri - fice, To me a full re - mis - sion!
 soul im - part Thy per - fect con - so - la - tion.




No strength of man, no earth - ly stay
 Lord, show be - fore the Fa - ther's throne
 My life be love su - preme to Thee, -



Can help us in the e - vil day. Thou,
 That Thou didst for my sins a - tone So
 To all men with sin - cer - i - ty. And



on - ly Thou, canst aid sup - ply, To Thee I cry,
 shall I from my load be freed, Thy Word I plead.
 at the last, when comes my end, Thy suc - cor send,



On Thee I bid my heart re - ly.
 Keep me, O Lord, each hour of need.
 From Sa - tan's wiles my soul de - fend. A - men.