

Welcome to Trinity

#60 Although All Men Are Sinners, Not All Sins Are Equal And Alike
{In Luke 7:36-50} A Pharisee by the name of Simon had invited the Lord Jesus to eat with him. This invitation was not issued from a true and upright heart or with good intentions, but in order to find something to criticize (Psa. 41:7). But Christ triumphed by His patience with His enemies’ evil intent, and by His wisdom He shattered their cunning. So He gladly engages with this hostile host and sits down at his table.

And look! There was a sinful woman in the city. And when she learned that He was dining at the Pharisee’s house, she went there, too. When it says that this woman was a sinful woman, it is to be understood that **she had previously been living in open sin and shame** and had allowed a spirit of harlotry to captivate her and lead her astray. For **although all men are sinners before the Lord** God, as Christ demonstrates in the parable of this Gospel, **not all sins are equal and alike**. This is why the Scriptures especially call them sinners who plunge themselves into outward, crass sins, from an evil intention, without any shame before God or the world, who stubbornly persist in such things and give public offense to others. Genesis 15:13, “The people of Sodom were evil and sinned greatly against the Lord.” Genesis 18:20, “The outcry in Sodom is great, and their sins are very serious.” Therefore, the tax collectors and sinners are placed side by side as wicked people (Mat. 18:17, Luke 15:1). The woman in the Gospel had also previously been just such a public, contemptible sinner. But when she heard that Christ rebuked sins so harshly and zealously, while at the same time promising grace to all the poor, miserable sinners who repented, her heart was transformed by the cooperating power of the Spirit. (Sermon for Mary Magdalene-July 22, Postilla Volume 3 by Johann Gerhard, Repristination Press, page 107-108)

Assistants

Elder – Stephen Phillips (303-0769)
Altar Guild – Patty Kenner
Church Cleaning – Sep 14/21 M. Henson, Sep 28/Oct 5 D. Henson

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.

Trinity News

Annual Visit.—Bishop James Heiser will be here September 23-25 to examine our pastors teaching and practice. He will meet with the congregation on Wednesday evening September 24.

Ladies Missionary Society.—September 25 at 6 PM at LeeAnn Byrne’s home.

Men’s Meeting.—September 25 at Brian Miller’s home.

Weekly Calendar

TODAY -Adult and Child Bible Studies, 9:00 AM
-Divine Service-Lord’s Supper, 10:15 AM
MONDAY -No Elders’ Meeting
WEDNESDAY -**Matins on Ember Wednesday, 8 AM**
-Learn-by-Heart, 6:30 PM,
-**Catechesis Service, 7:00 PM**

NEXT -*THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY*
SUNDAY -**Matins on St. Matthew, Apostle, 8:00 AM**
-Adult and Child Bible Studies, 9:00 AM
-Divine Service-Lord’s Supper, 10:15 AM

Communion Psalm: *Ant.* The earth, O Lord, is filled with the fruit of your works: that you may bring food out of the earth, and wine that makes glad the heart of man: and oil to make him a cheerful countenance, and bread to strengthen man’s heart. (Psalm 104:13-15). **Psalm 104:1-2, 24, 30-31.**

Divine Service

Hymn LW #207

Augustana Service Book & Hymnal
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[Pastor, then congregation]
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Lutheran Worship Hymnal
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Announcements

Finances

Second quarter reports from the August 17, 2025 Council Meeting are on the narthex rack.

Jan-Mar 2025

Donations = \$51,730, Expenses = \$63,544,
Deficit = \$11,814

Apr-Jun 2025

Donations = \$56,206, Expenses = \$46,266,
Surplus = \$9,940

Jan-Jun 2025

Donations = \$107,936, Expenses = \$109,810,
Deficit = \$1,874

Adult Bible Class

Since April of 2023, we have been using the Learning Center for Adult Bible Class, Pastor's office, and Sunday school classes (as decided in Dec. 2023). In August of 2024, the Council/Building Committee directed the Trustees to liquidate the unneeded equipment and supplies, so that the Adult Bible Class could move into the Expansion room. With that completed, the trustees tore down the wall on August 21, 2025 and hosted a work day on August 23, 2025. We should be able to use the new room in November.

Church Addition Process Reminder

The building committee has carefully considered and discussed many possibilities. The architect met with the Council/Building Committee on March 9, 2025 to discuss the two remaining plans (one slightly bigger than the other). On June 1, 2025, the Committee voted to have the architect produce architectural drawings for the larger of the two options, so that we can use those plans to get a price for the addition. Once those plans have returned and the Council/Building Committee is satisfied with the cost, they will bring their recommendation back to the Voters' Assembly for a vote. Note: Although the

October 2024 Building Committee determined to replace the wooden church ramp with a "short-term" replacement. That plan is currently on hold as the cost was more than expected, and we wait to find out the costs for the proposed church addition.

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, Violet Kemp, Tom Smith
- Students:** Tom Weber (Florida State University), Luke Phillips (John A. Logan), Colton Weber (John A. Logan), Jonathan Henson (University of Georgia), and Jessica Gordon (SIU-C, Oletha's granddaughter)
- 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), and Vint Herring
- Give us compassion for couples and their families struggling through separation and divorce
- Dcn. Jacob Henson** Has accepted the call to Apologia Lutheran Mission (which will now be Apologia Lutheran Church) and he is now to be called Pastor-elect Jacob Henson, until his installation.
- Hospitalization:** Anita Prochaska (UTI), Violet Taul (successful surgery)

The Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity



Ottheinrich Bible 1430 (III:20)

The Parable of the Good Samaritan in Luke 10

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Leviticus 18:1-5

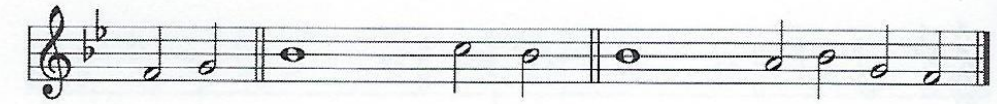
¹ Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, ² “Speak to the children of Israel, and say to them: ‘I am the LORD your God. ³ According to the doings of the land of Egypt, where you dwelt, you shall not do; and according to the doings of the land of Canaan, where I am bringing you, you shall not do; nor shall you walk in their ordinances. ⁴ You shall observe My judgments and keep My ordinances, to walk in them: I am the LORD your God. ⁵ You shall therefore keep My statutes and My judgments, which if a man does, he shall live by them: I am the LORD.’”

Galatians 3:15-22

¹⁵ Brethren, I speak in the manner of men: Though it is only a man’s covenant, yet if it is confirmed, no one annuls or adds to it. ¹⁶ Now to Abraham and his Seed were the promises made. He does not say, “And to seeds,” as of many, but as of one, “And to your Seed,” who is Christ. ¹⁷ And this I say, that the law, which was four hundred and thirty years later, cannot annul the covenant that was confirmed before by God in Christ, that it should make the promise of no effect. ¹⁸ For if the inheritance is of the law, it is no longer of promise; but God gave it to Abraham by promise. ¹⁹ What purpose then does the law serve? It was added because of transgressions, till the Seed should come to whom the promise was made; and it was appointed through angels by the hand of a mediator. ²⁰ Now a mediator does not mediate for one only, but God is one. ²¹ Is the law then against the promises of God? Certainly not! For if there had been a law given which could have given life, truly righteousness would have been by the law. ²² But the Scripture has confined all under sin, that the promise by faith in Jesus Christ might be given to those who believe.

St. Luke 10:23-37

²³ Then He turned to His disciples and said privately, “Blessed are the eyes which see the things you see; ²⁴ for I tell you that many prophets and kings have desired to see what you see, and have not seen it, and to hear what you hear, and have not heard it.” ²⁵ And behold, a certain lawyer stood up and tested Him, saying, “Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?” ²⁶ He said to him, “What is written in the law? What is your reading of it?” ²⁷ So he answered and said, “‘You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind,’ and ‘your neighbor as yourself.’” ²⁸ And He said to him, “You have answered rightly; do this and you will live.” ²⁹ But he, wanting to justify himself, said to Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?” ³⁰ Then Jesus answered and said: “A certain man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among thieves, who stripped him of his clothing, wounded him, and departed, leaving him half dead. ³¹ Now by chance a certain priest came down that road. And when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. ³² Likewise a Levite, when he arrived at the place, came and looked, and passed by on the other side. ³³ But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was. And when he saw him, he had compassion. ³⁴ So he went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine; and he set him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. ³⁵ On the next day, when he departed, he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said to him, ‘Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, when I come again, I will repay you.’ ³⁶ So which of these three do you think was neighbor to him who fell among the thieves?” ³⁷ And he said, “He who showed mercy on him.” Then Jesus said to him, “Go and do likewise.”

**Introit.**

Ant. HAVE RE- || spect, O LORD, unto Thy | cove- | nant:

O let not the oppressed re- | turn | a- | sham- | ed.

|| Arise, O God, plead Thine own | cause | - :

and forget not the voice | of | Thine | ene- | mies.

Psalm. || O God, why hast Thou cast us off for- | ev - | er:

Why doth Thine anger smoke against the sheep | of | Thy | pas- | ture?

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.

Almighty and Everlasting God, give unto us the increase of faith, hope, and charity; and that we may obtain that which Thou dost promise, make us to love that which Thou dost command; 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. Galatians 3:15–22 **Gospel.** Luke 10:23–37

Additional reading: Leviticus 18:1–5

Gradual.

|| Have respect, O LORD, unto Thy | cove- | nant:

O let not the oppressed re- | turn | a- | sham- | ed.

|| Arise, O God, plead Thine own | cause | - :

and forget not the voice | of | Thine | ene- | mies.


|| Hallelujah. Hallelujah. O Lord God of my sal- | va- | tion:

I have cried day and night before Thee. | Hal- | le- | lu- | jah.

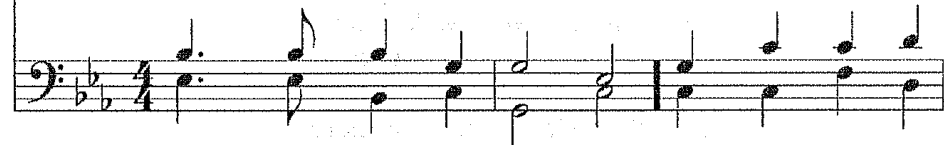
13th Sunday after Trinity
51. Jesus, Priceless Treasure

Johann Franck, c. 1653
Tr., C. Winkworth

J. Crueger, 1649



1. Je - sus, price - less Treas - ure, Source of pur - est
2. In Thine arms I rest me, Foes who would mo -
3. Sa - tan, I de - fy thee; Death, I need not
4. Wealth, I will not heed thee, Where - fore should I




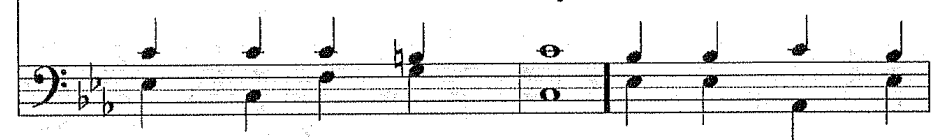
pleas - ure, Tru - est friend to me! Long my heart hath
lest me Can - not reach me here; Though the earth be
fly thee; Fear, I bid thee cease! Rage, O world, thy
need thee? Je - sus is my Joy! Hon - ors, ye may




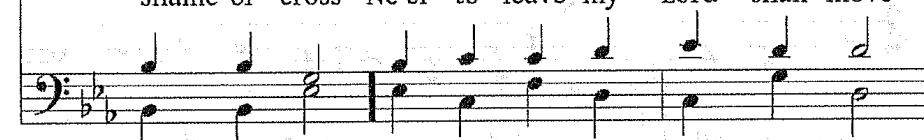
pant - ed, Till it well - nigh faint - ed,
shak - ing, Ev - 'ry heart be quak - ing,
nois - es Can - not drown our voic - es
glist - en, But I will not list - en,



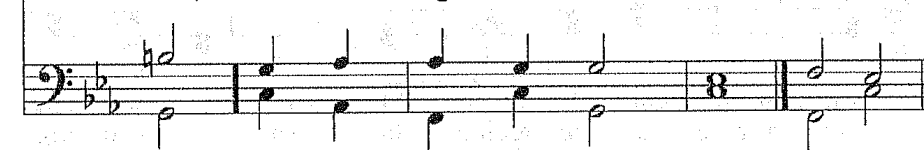
Thirst - ing af - ter Thee! Thine I am, O
Je - sus calms my fear; Sin and hell, in
Sing - ing still of peace, For God's pow'r guards
Ye the soul des - troy! Want or loss or



spot - less Lamb! I will suf - fer naught to hide
con - flict fell, With their heav - iest storms as - sail
ev - 'ry hour; Earth and all its depths a - dore
shame or cross Ne'er to leave my Lord shall move



Thee, Ask for naught be - side Thee.
me, Je - sus will not fail me.
Him, Si - lent bow be - fore Him.
me, Since He deigns to love me. A - men.



5. Farewell, thou who chooseth
Earth and heav'n refusest,
Thou wilt tempt in vain;
Farewell, sins, nor blind me,
Get ye far behind me,
Come not forth again;
Past your hour, O pomp and pow'r;
Godless life, thy bonds I sever,
Farewell now forever!

6. Hence, all fears and sadness!
For the Lord of gladness,
Jesus, enters in;
Those who love the Father,
Though the storms may gather,
Still have peace within;
Yea, whate'er I here must bear,
Still in Thee lies purest pleasure,
Jesus, priceless Treasure!