

Welcome
to Trinity

#72 Repentance Brings a Love of Thankfulness for God

From this, **third**, springs forth a **genuine love for God**, as Christ says here, “Her many sins are forgiven, because she loved much.” For if anyone rightly considers and believes with the whole heart that the Lord God has removed his great debt of sin by grace, **he cannot help but love this faithful Father from the heart**. On the other hand, when we still think of God in our hearts as a harsh debt collector, we cannot yet truly love Him. He is love itself (1 John 4:16,19). **Therefore, He expects us to love Him in return**; He cannot preserve this love among us without first forgiving us all our sins by grace, nor is there a better way for Him to preserve it. With this removal of debt, it is intended only that we should love Him. When that happens, then we finally begin again to experience that blessed fellowship that man had with the Lord God before the fall, a fellowship that consisted in love and love requited. Therefore Christ says in John 14:23, “If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word, and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our dwelling with him.”

From this love springs **the praise of God, and also willing obedience toward God and His commandments**. As it says, “His commandments are not difficult” (1 John 5:3), that is, not difficult for the one who has received the forgiveness of sins through faith and has been renewed by the Holy Spirit, so that he serves the Lord God with willing obedience, from genuine love. This is why it says about such a man who loves God that “his works are done in God” (John 3:21), for they flow from faith in Christ and from love for God. May the faithful God also work this in us by the power of His Spirit. Amen.

(Sermon for Mary Magdalene-July 22, Postilla Volume 3 by Johann Gerhard, Repristination Press, page 113-114)

Assistants

Elder – Dan Byrne (922-3556)
Organist – LeeAnn Byrne
Altar Guild – Kim Miller
Church Cleaning – Nov 30 Field, Bob; Dec 7/14 Darnstaedt, Dec 21/28 Byrne

The Lord’s
Supper

Trinity Lutheran Church observes the Scriptural practice (*Eph 4:3, 2 John 1:10-11*) of communing only with those for whom their public profession of faith (congregational membership) is in agreement with God’s Word and the correct exposition of Holy Scripture as found in the Book of Concord (1580). All who desire to receive Christ’s Body and Blood for the forgiveness of sins **are asked to speak with Pastor Henson before coming forward to commune**.

Trinity Lutheran Church is served by pastors who are members of **the Evangelical Lutheran Diocese of North America(Eldona.org)**.
--Those who are members of Eldona-affiliated congregations are welcome to commune after announcing to Pastor Henson.
--Those who are not members of Eldona-affiliated congregations will need to set up an appointment with Pastor Henson to discuss their public church membership.

The Lord’s Supper is celebrated at Trinity Lutheran Church in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but **His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another**. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth his death until He comes.

Those who are not yet invited to receive the Sacrament are encouraged to meditate on God’s Word in the distribution hymns and pray for the day when our divisions will have ceased.

Weekly
Calendar

TODAY -Adult and Child Bible Studies, 9:00 AM
-Divine Service-Lord’s Supper, 10:15 AM

WEDNESDAY -Learn-by-Heart / Catechesis Service, 6:30 PM
THURSDAY -Matins on Thanksgiving Day, 9 AM
SATURDAY --Decorating for Holy Days, 5:00 PM
--Vespers on the Eve of St. Andrew, 7 PM

NEXT -THE FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT
SUNDAY -Adult and Child Bible Studies, 9:00 AM
-Divine Service-Lord’s Supper, 10:15 AM

Divine Service

Hymn LW #419

Augustana Service Book & Hymnal

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+ Introit.....	(insert)
<i>[Pastor, then congregation]</i>	
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+ Prayer: The Close of the Church Year	
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Lutheran Worship Hymnal

+ Preface, etc.	p.144-151
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“Wake Awake for Night is Flying”	
(Choir, #177)	
+ “Lord, now you let ...”	p.152
+ Post-Communion Collects	p.153
+ Benedicamus/Benediction....	p.154-5
<i>Announcements</i>	

Prayer for The Close of the Church Year

O Thou Father of Mercies, we bring unto Thee this day our sacrifice of praise for the innumerable and inestimable spiritual blessings with which Thou hast favored us in Christ Jesus during the church year now drawing to its close. Thou hast caused Thy divine Word to be preached to us, which is able to make us wise unto salvation; Thou hast permitted us to enjoy the holy Sacraments for our comfort and sanctification, and hast accompanied the means of grace with the effectual working of Thy Holy Spirit in our hearts. We bless Thee for Thy goodness and praise Thy holy name; and we beseech Thee, Thou wouldst in mercy forgive us all the sins of the past year for Jesus' sake and graciously preserve the blessed light of Thy Gospel unto us and all Christendom. Govern us by Thy Holy Spirit, that, receiving Thy Word with gladness and continuing therein all our days, we may be sanctified through Thy truth and finally obtain eternal salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. (TLH The Lutheran Liturgy, p.383) **R. Amen.**

Prayer for the Civil Authorities, ASBH p. 179
R. Amen.

Special Prayers

- Pastoral Office:** Bishop, James Heiser, Pastor Michael D. Henson, Deacon Gary K. Harroun
- Eldona Congregations:** St. Luke Lutheran Church (Kenai/Nikiski, AK) and Homer Ev. Lutheran Mission (Homer, AK), Pr. Tim H. Tolar
- Armed forces:** Jason Melvin, Blake Darnstaedt.
- Police officers:** Daniel Byrne, Alex Byrne.

- Shut-ins:** Carolyn Westerman; Patty Rametta, Violet Kemp
 - 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:** Sarah Melvin (back), Heidi Bunselmeyer (cancer, Todd Darnstaedt's sister), Anita Prochaska (home), Belinda Poe (cancer treatment, Shirley's cousin), Adrienne Geidel (Preeclampsia at 27 weeks, mother and baby, Karin's niece)
 - Skilled care:** Tom Smith (Liberty Village of Carbondale-Manor Court, 2950 Westridge Pl, Carbondale, IL 62901, dialysis)
 - Hospitalized:** David Henson (spine stenosis surgery 11/18, Carbondale Memorial Hospital, hoping to go to rehab at Herrin Hospital soon)
- And the conclusion followed by R. Amen.*

Trinity News

Pecan Fund Raiser.—The order has been placed. Thanks for your support. We will let you know when they arrive.

Thanksgiving Day Service.—Matins at 9:00 AM on Thursday, Nov. 27.

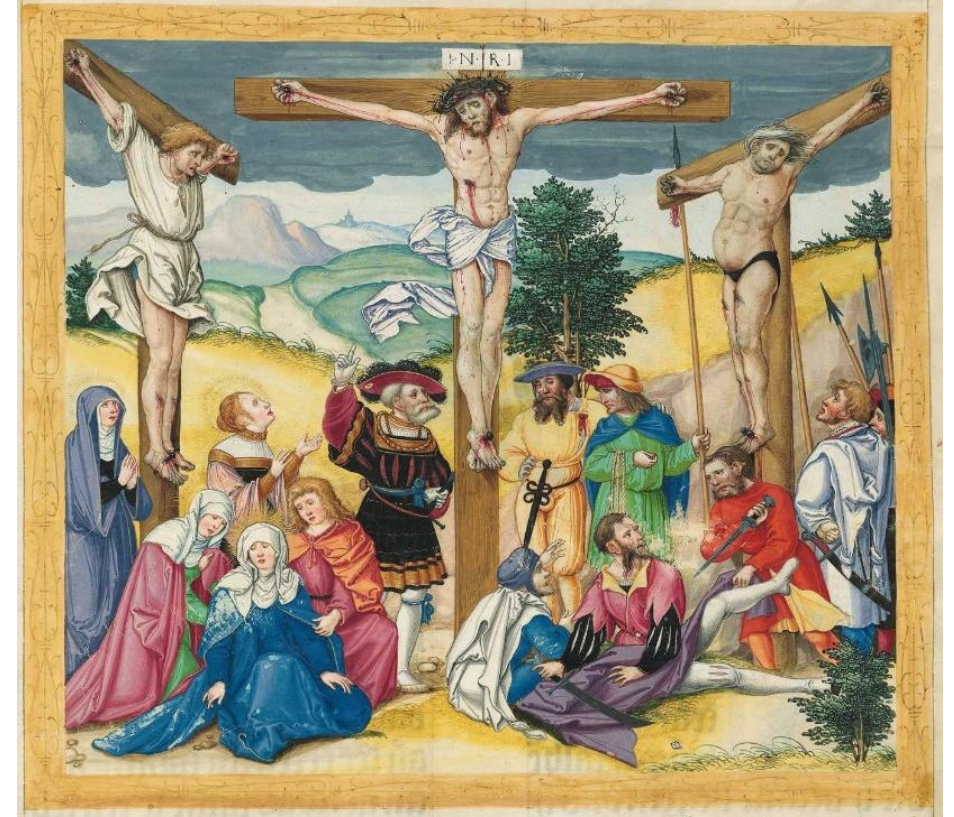
Decorating for the Holidays.—Saturday, Nov. 29 at 5:00 PM, Vespers at 7:00 PM

Addresses of Military and Students for

Bulletins.—Please give pastor the addresses of those soldiers, which we are including in our prayers.

Christmas Services.--This year's services will be Wednesday, **December 24 at 7:00 PM** and Thursday, **December 25 Matins at 8 AM**, and **Divine Service at 9:00 AM.**

The Last Sunday in the Church Year



Ottheinrich Bible 1430 (III:64b)
Jesus Is Crucified in Luke 23:33-49

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Isaiah 65:17-19

¹⁷ For behold, I create new heavens and a new earth; And the former shall not be remembered or come to mind. ¹⁸ But be glad and rejoice forever in what I create; For behold, I create Jerusalem as a rejoicing, and her people a joy. ¹⁹ I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and joy in My people; The voice of weeping shall no longer be heard in her, nor the voice of crying.

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

¹ But concerning the times and the seasons, brethren, you have no need that I should write to you. ² For you yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so comes as a thief in the night. ³ For when they say, “Peace and safety!” then sudden destruction comes upon them, as labor pains upon a pregnant woman. And they shall not escape. ⁴ But you, brethren, are not in darkness, so that this Day should overtake you as a thief. ⁵ You are all sons of light and sons of the day. We are not of the night nor of darkness. ⁶ Therefore let us not sleep, as others do, but let us watch and be sober. ⁷ For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk are drunk at night. ⁸ But let us who are of the day be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love, and as a helmet the hope of salvation. ⁹ For God did not appoint us to wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁰ who died for us, that whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with Him. ¹¹ Therefore comfort each other and edify one another, just as you also are doing.

St. Matthew 25:1-13

¹ “Then the kingdom of heaven shall be likened to ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. ² Now five of them were wise, and five were foolish. ³ Those who were foolish took their lamps and took no oil with them, ⁴ but the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps. ⁵ But while the

bridegroom was delayed, they all slumbered and slept. ⁶ And at midnight a cry was heard: ‘Behold, the bridegroom is coming; go out to meet him!’ ⁷ Then all those virgins arose and trimmed their lamps. ⁸ And the foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ ⁹ But the wise answered, saying, ‘No, lest there should not be enough for us and you; but go rather to those who sell, and buy for yourselves.’ ¹⁰ And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the wedding; and the door was shut. ¹¹ Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, ‘Lord, Lord, open to us!’ ¹² But he answered and said, ‘Assuredly, I say to you, I do not know you.’ ¹³ Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour in which the Son of Man is coming.”

Communion Psalm: Ant.

The five wise virgins took oil in their vessels with their lamps; and at midnight a cry was made: Behold the bridegroom comes; go out to meet him, Christ the LORD. (Matthew 25). Psalm 34:1, 5-6, 14-20.

THE TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY (GREEN) PSALM 103/27, 97



Introit.

Ant. I KNOW || the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the | LORD | - :
thoughts of peace, and | not | of | e- | vil.
|| Then shall ye call upon Me, and pray unto Me, and I will hearken unto | you | - :
and I will turn your captivity, and gather you from all nations and | from
| all | pla- | ces.
Psalm. || LORD, Thou hast been favorable unto Thy | land | - :
Thou hast brought back the captivi- | ty | 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.

Absolve, we beseech Thee, O Lord, Thy people from their offences, that from the bonds of our sins which, by reason of our frailty, we have brought upon us, we may be delivered by Thy bountiful goodness; 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 Thessalonians 5:1–11 Gospel. Matthew 25:1–13

Additional reading: Isaiah 65:17–19

Gradual.

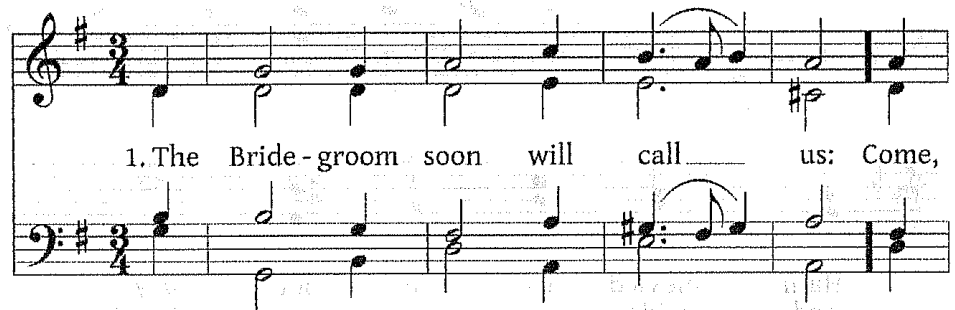
|| I am the Light of | the | world:
he that followeth Me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have | the | light
| of | life.
|| The Spirit and the bride say, Come, and let him that heareth | say | Come:
and let him that | is | a- | thirst | come.
|| Hallelujah. Halle | lu- | jah:
Even so, come, Lord Jesus. | Hal- | le- | lu- | jah.

27th Sunday after Trinity

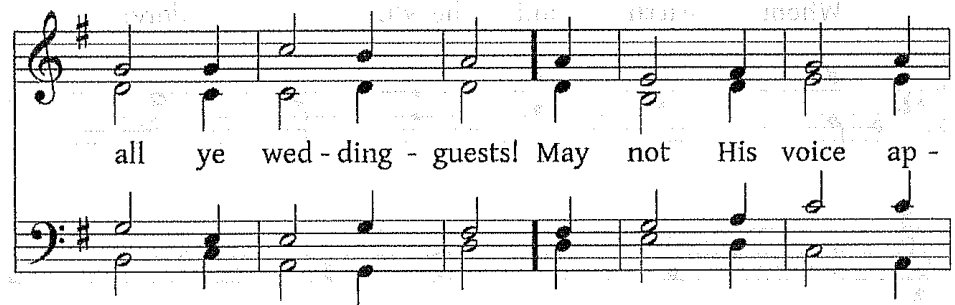
65. The Bridegroom Soon Will Call Us

Johann Walther, 1552, cento
Tr., Matthias Loy, 1880

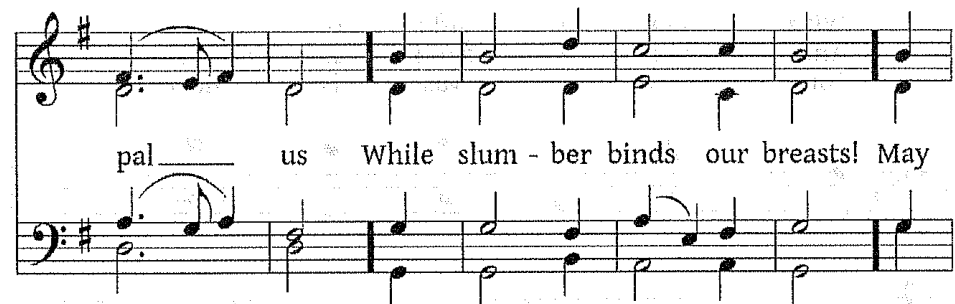
"Musae Sioniae," VII, 1609



1. The Bride-groom soon will call us: Come,



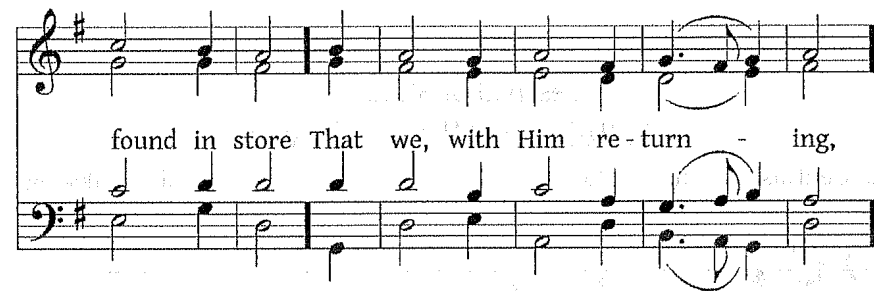
all ye wed-ding - guests! May not His voice ap -



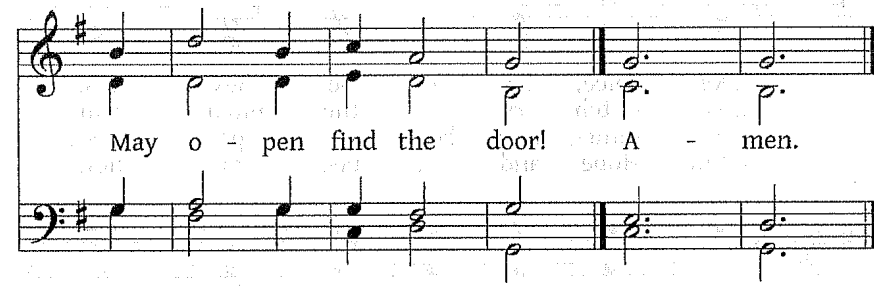
pal us While slum - ber binds our breasts! May



all our lamps be burn - ing And oil be



found in store That we, with Him re - turn - ing,



May o - pen find the door! A - men.

2. There shall we see delighted
Our dear Redeemer's face,
Who leads our souls benighted
To glory by His grace.
The patriarchs shall meet us,
The prophets' holy band,
Apostles, martyrs, greet us
In that celestial land.

3. They will not blush to own us
As brothers, sisters dear;
Love ever will be shown us
When we with them appear.
We all shall come before Him
Who for us man became,
As Lord and God adore Him,
And ever bless His name.

4. Our Father, rich in blessing,
Will give us crowns of gold
And, to His bosom pressing,
Impart a bliss untold,
Will welcome with embraces
Of never-ending love,
And deck us with His graces
In blissful realms above.

5. In yonder home shall never
Be silent music's voice;
With hearts and lips forever
We shall in God rejoice.
The angels shall adore Him,
All saints shall sing His praise
And bring with joy before Him
Their sweetest heavenly lays.

6. In mansions fair and spacious
Will God the feast prepare
And, ever kind and gracious,
Bid us its riches share.
There bliss that knows no measure
From springs of love shall flow,
And never-changing pleasure
His bounty will bestow.

7. Thus God shall from all evil
Forever make us free,
From sin, and from the devil,
From all adversity,
From sickness, pain, and sadness,
From troubles, cares, and fears,
And grant us heav'nly gladness
And wipe away our tears.

**Congregations served by Pastors of the
Evangelical Lutheran Diocese of
North America (ELDoNA)**

Nov 30, 2025 ALASKA - St. Luke Lutheran Church (Kenai/Nikiski, AK) and Homer Ev. Lutheran Mission (Homer, AK), Pr. Tim H. Tolar

Dec 7 ARKANSAS – Holy Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church (Harrison, AR) and Emmanuel Luth. Mission (Conway, AR) Pr. Eric J. Stefanski

Dec 14 ARKANSAS – Lamb of God Ev. (Rogers, AR), Pr. Martin Jackson

Dec 21 FLORIDA – St. Patrick Lutheran Church (Chipley, FL), Pastor Brandon Warr

Dec 28 FLORIDA – St. Bartholomew Ev. Lutheran Mission (Fort Myers, FL) and St. Luke Ev. Lutheran Mission (Ormond Beach, FL) Pr. Jerry Dulas

Jan 4, 2026 GEORGIA – St. Michael & All Angels Lutheran Mission (Martinez, GA), Pr. Jerald Dulas

Jan 11 ILLINOIS - Holy Cross Ev. Lutheran Church (Peoria, IL), Pr. Benjamin Henson, Pr. Em. Douglas Handrich

Jan 18 ILLINOIS - Trinity Lutheran Church (Herrin, IL), Pr. Michael D. Henson, Dcn. Gary K. Harroun

Jan 25 MICHIGAN - Saint Boniface Evangelical Lutheran Church (Niles, MI), Pr. John Rutowicz

Feb 1 MICHIGAN – Peace Lutheran Mission (Ironwood, MI), Pr. Jeffrey Ahonen

Feb 8 MINNESOTA - Redeemer Lutheran Church (Cambridge, MN), Pr. Mark Mueller

Feb 15 MISSOURI - Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church (Richmond, MO), Pr. Josiah Scheck

Feb 22 OREGON – Faith Lutheran Church (Tualatin, OR) Bp. James Heiser

Mar 1 SOUTH CAROLINA – Sts. Peter and Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church, UAC (Simpsonville, SC), All Saints Lutheran Mission (Myrtle Beach, SC) Pr. Jerry Dulas

Mar 8 Home Missions – Needs of Current Missions, Prayer for and Planning of Future Missions, Remembrance of Previous Missions (that have ended or have become churches)

Mar 15 TENNESSEE – St. James the Elder Ev. Lutheran Mission (Knoxville, TN), Deacon Floyd Smithey

Mar 22 TEXAS - Salem Lutheran Church (Malone, TX), Pr. James D. Heiser* and Bishop of ELDoNA, Dcn. Anthony Oncken

Mar 29 TEXAS – Charity Lutheran Church (Burleson, TX), Pr. Kent Heimbigner

Apr 5 WISCONSIN – Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, (Tony, WI), Pure Blessings Lutheran Church (Brandon, WI), Pr. Jeffrey Ahonen; and

Apr 12 WISCONSIN – Apologia Lutheran Church (Deer Park, WI) Pr. Jacob Henson

Apr 19 *PHILLIPINES, St. Mary’s Evangelical Lutheran Church (Navotas),

*SINGAPORE, Annunciation Evangelical Lutheran Mission(Singapore), Pr. Lorenz Alvarez Fillmore

Apr 26 *COLUMBIA, Iglesia Confesional de Colombia (Medellin), Pr. Carlos Mario Marin

May 3 Pastors Emeriti or without parishes – P. Emeritus Douglas Handrich, Rev. Daniel Mensing

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