

Welcome to Trinity

#2 Art. IV “Justification” of the Apology of the Augsburg Confession.

All the Scriptures, both of the Old and New testaments, are divided into, and teach, **these two parts, namely, the law and the divine promises.** In some places they present to us **the law**, and in others they offer us **grace through the glorious promises of Christ**; for example, the Old Testament, when it promises the coming Christ, and through him offers eternal blessings, eternal salvation, righteousness, and eternal life; or the New, when Christ, after his advent, promises in the Gospel, the remission of sins, eternal righteousness and life.

In this place, however, we call the law **the Ten Commandments** of God, wherever they appear in the Scriptures. It is not our purpose here to speak of the ceremonies and judicial laws.

Now, of these two parts our adversaries choose the law. For since **the natural law**, which agrees with the law of Moses or the Ten Commandments, is inborn and written in the hearts of all men, and human reason is therefore able, in some measure, to comprehend and understand the Ten Commandments, it imagines that the law is sufficient, and that remission of sin can be obtained through it.

But the Ten Commandments require not only an honorable life, or good works, externally, which reason can to some extent produce; they demand much higher things, beyond all human power and the reach of reason: namely, **the law requires us to fear and love God with all sincerity, and from the bottom of our hearts; to call upon him in every time of need, and place our trust in nothing else.**

Again, the law demands, that we neither doubt nor waver, but conclude with the utmost certainty in our hearts, that God is with us, hears our prayers, and grants our petitions; it demands, that in the midst of death we expect life and all manner of consolation from God; that in all our troubles we conform entirely to his will; that we shall not flee from him in death and affliction, but be obedient to him, and bear and suffer willingly, whatever may befall us. (This text is from The Henkel Translation of the Book of Concord, which is the only English translation based on the authoritative German Dresden Edition of 1580, p. 157-158).

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 -**Matins, St. Ambrose, Bishop, 8 AM**
-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 -*THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT*
SUNDAY -Choir Practice, 8:00 AM
-Adult and Child Bible Studies, 9:00 AM
-**Divine Service-Lord’s Supper, 10:15 AM**
-Ladies’ Christmas Party, 4:00 PM

2025 Pecan Fundraiser

We have some extra bags of pecans downstairs to sell. There are plain pecans (extra-large halves) at \$12.00 and cinnamon, chocolate covered, and glazed, all at \$10.00/bag. Make checks out to “Trinity LWMS.”

Assistants

Elder – Cecil Plock (218-3064)
Organist/Altar Guild – LeeAnn Byrne
Church Cleaning – Dec 7/14 Darnstaedt, Dec 21/28 Byrne

Divine Service

Hymn LW #302

Augustana Service Book & Hymnal

+ Invocation..... p.7

+ Confession/Absolution p.8-9

+ Introit..... (insert)
[Pastor, then congregation]

+ Kyrie... p.10

Gloria in Excelsis is omitted in Advent

+ Salutation..... p.13

+ Collect of the Day... (insert)

Old Testament Reading

Epistle

+ Gradual..... (insert)

+ Holy Gospel..... p.16

Nicene Creed..... p.17

ASBH #2 “The Day Is Surely Drawing Near”

Sermon

+ Offertory: "Create in Me..." p.18
The Offerings are gathered.

+ General Prayer..... p.19-20

Hymn..... LW #237

+ Exhortation p.21

Lutheran Worship Hymnal

+ Preface, etc. p.144-151

Communion Psalm (by cantor)

Distribution & Hymns

#25, #33, #802

+ “Lord, now you let ...” p.152

+ Post-Communion Collects p.153

+ Benedicamus..... p.154

+ Benediction..... p.155

Announcements

Trinity News

Ladies Christmas Party.—Sunday, Dec. 14 at Mary Brieschke’s house, 4 PM.

Addresses of Military and Students.—will be in next Sunday’s bulletin.

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**.

Shut-In Addresses

Carolyn Westerman

c/o Liberty Village of Marion
3116 Williamson County Pkwy
Marion, IL 62959

Patty Rametta

c/o Anchor Memory Care Unit
1501 Sandbar Drive,
Marion, IL 62959

Tom Smith

c/o Liberty Village of Carbondale-Manor Court
2950 Westridge Place, Room 411a
Carbondale, IL 62901

Violet Kemp

c/o Grand Oaks of Okeechobee
203 SE 2nd Street
Okeechobee, FL 34974

Chuck and Joyce Mann

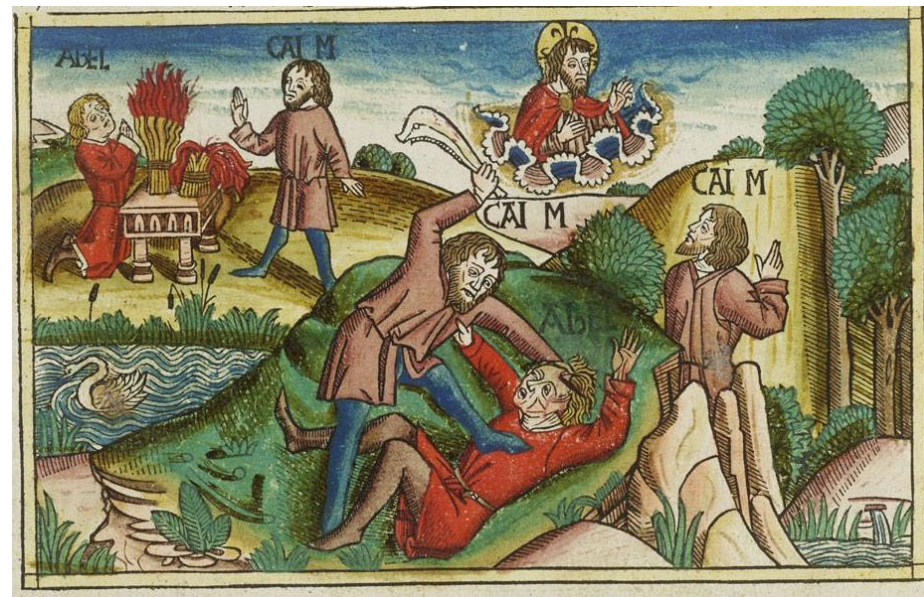
c/o The Goldton at Venice
108 Belle Verde
Nokomis, FL 34275

General Prayer p.18-19

Special Prayers

- Pastoral Office:** Bishop, James Heiser, Pastor Michael D. Henson, Deacon Gary K. Harroun
- Eldona Congregations:** Lamb of God Ev. Lutheran Church (Rogers, AR), Pr. Martin Jackson
- Armed forces:** Jason Melvin, Blake Darnstaedt.
- Police officers:** Daniel Byrne, Alex Byrne.
- Shut-ins:** Carolyn Westerman; Patty Rametta, Violet Kemp, Tom Smith, Chuck & Joyce Mann
- Students:** Tom Weber (Florida State University), Luke Phillips (John A. Logan), Colton Weber (John A. Logan), and Jessica Gordon (SIU-C, Oletha’s granddaughter)
- **Various Needs:** Sarah Melvin (back), Heidi Bunselmeyer (cancer, Todd Darnstaedt’s sister), Belinda Poe (cancer treatment, Shirley’s cousin), Adrienne Geidel (Preeclampsia, mother and baby, Karin’s niece), David Henson (Goes home from Herrin Hosp. Rehab on Tuesday)
- Pregnant.**—Begum Kutay & Zane Baker
- Herrin Hospital:** Anita Prochaska (hip replacement surgery Wednesday Dec 3)
- Graduation.**—Jonathan Henson (University of Georgia) December 12.
- Guide and bless the labor of those who serve others in our society. Bless social workers, probation officers, and all those who work to bring calmness, order, and peace to disrupted and hurting lives. As Your servants here on earth, give them patience, courage, and compassion to answer the many pleas for mercy.

The Second Sunday in Advent



Illustrated German Bible of 1483 (I:14, Genesis 4)
The Sacrifices of Cain and Abel, the Murder of Abel,
and the Expulsion of Cain

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Micah 4:1-7

1Now it shall come to pass in the latter days That the mountain of the Lord's house Shall be established on the top of the mountains, And shall be exalted above the hills; And peoples shall flow to it.2Many nations shall come and say, "Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, To the house of the God of Jacob; He will teach us His ways, And we shall walk in His paths." For out of Zion the law shall go forth, And the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.3He shall judge between many peoples, And rebuke strong nations afar off; They shall beat their swords into plowshares, And their spears into pruning hooks; Nation shall not lift up sword against nation, Neither shall they learn war any more.4But everyone shall sit under his vine and under his fig tree, And no one shall make them afraid; For the mouth of the Lord of hosts has spoken.5For all people walk each in the name of his god, But we will walk in the name of the Lord our God Forever and ever.6"In that day," says the Lord, "I will assemble the lame, I will gather the outcast And those whom I have afflicted;7I will make the lame a remnant, And the outcast a strong nation; So the Lord will reign over them in Mount Zion From now on, even forever.

Romans 15:4-13

4For whatever things were written before were written for our learning, that we through the patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope. 5Now may the God of patience and comfort grant you to be like-minded toward one another, according to Christ Jesus, 6that you may with one mind and one mouth glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. 7Therefore receive one another, just as Christ also received us, to the glory of God. 8Now I say that Jesus Christ has become a servant to the circumcision for the truth of God, to confirm the promises made to the fathers, 9and that the Gentiles might glorify God for His mercy, as it is written: "For this reason I will confess to You among the Gentiles, And sing to Your name."10And again he says: "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with His people!"11And again: "Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles! Laud Him, all

you peoples!"12And again, Isaiah says: "There shall be a root of Jesse; And He who shall rise to reign over the Gentiles, In Him the Gentiles shall hope." 13Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Luke 21:25-36

25"And there will be signs in the sun, in the moon, and in the stars; and on the earth distress of nations, with perplexity, the sea and the waves roaring; 26"men's hearts failing them from fear and the expectation of those things which are coming on the earth, for the powers of heaven will be shaken. 27"Then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. 28"Now when these things begin to happen, look up and lift up your heads, because your redemption draws near." 29Then He spoke to them a parable: "Look at the fig tree, and all the trees. 30"When they are already budding, you see and know for yourselves that summer is now near. 31"So you also, when you see these things happening, know that the kingdom of God is near. 32"Assuredly, I say to you, this generation will by no means pass away till all things take place. 33"Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will by no means pass away. 34"But take heed to yourselves, lest your hearts be weighed down with carousing, drunkenness, and cares of this life, and that Day come on you unexpectedly. 35"For it will come as a snare on all those who dwell on the face of the whole earth. 36"Watch therefore, and pray always that you may be counted worthy to escape all these things that will come to pass, and to stand before the Son of Man."

THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT (VIOLET)

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Populus Sion - 2nd Sunday in Advent

2. The Day Is Surely Drawing Near

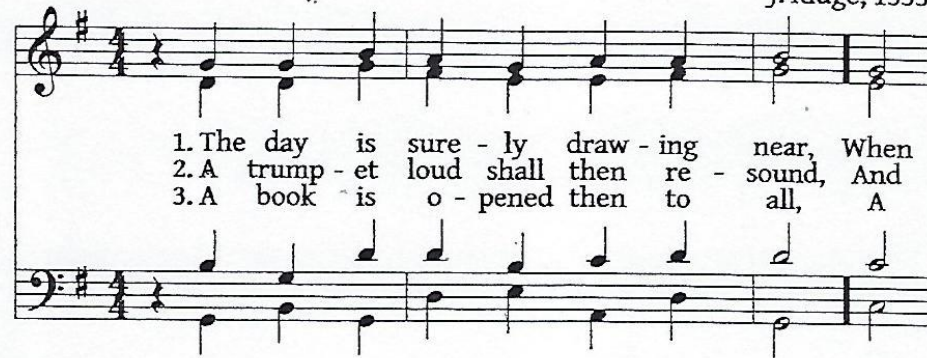
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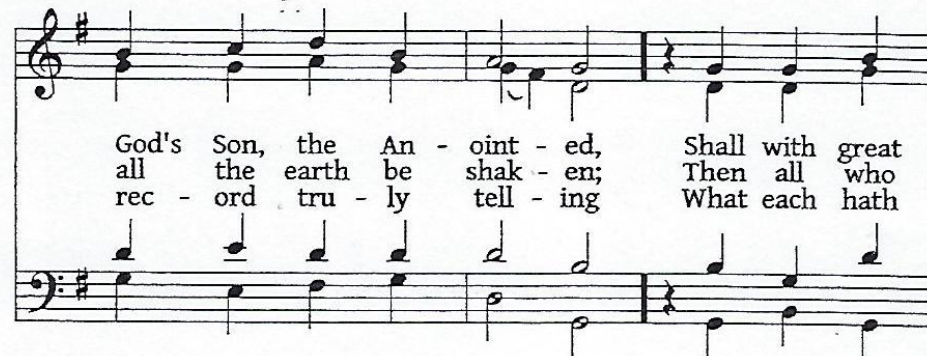
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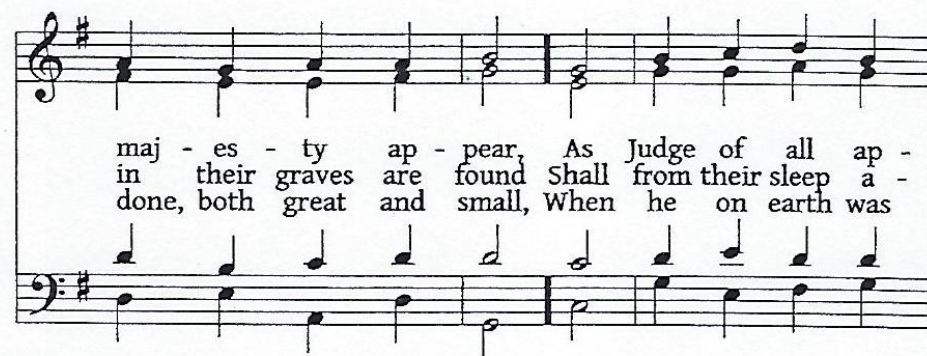
J. Kluge, 1535



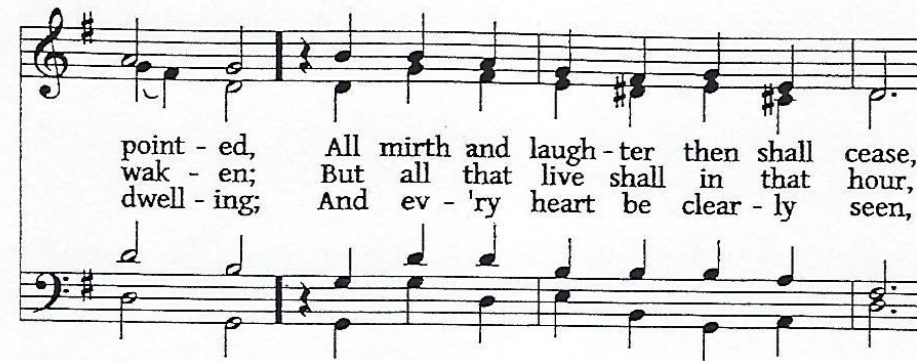
1. The day is sure - ly draw - ing near, When
2. A trump - et loud shall then re - sound, And
3. A book is o - pened then to all, A



God's Son, the An - oint - ed, Shall with great
all the earth be shak - en; Then all who
rec - ord tru - ly tell - ing What each hath



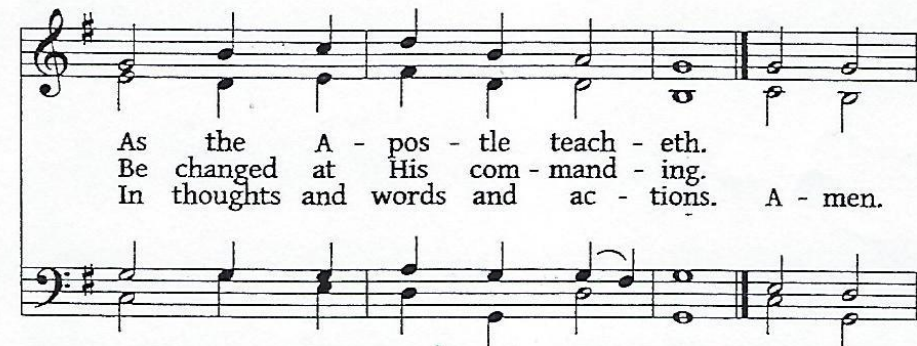
maj - es - ty ap - pear, As Judge of all ap -
in their graves are found Shall from their sleep a -
done, both great and small, When he on earth was



point - ed, All mirth and laugh - ter then shall cease,
wak - en; But all that live shall in that hour,
dwell - ing; And ev - 'ry heart be clear - ly seen,



When flames on flames will still in - crease
By the Al - migh - ty's bound - less pow'r,
And all be known as they have been,



As the A - pos - tle teach - eth.
Be changed at His com - mand - ing.
In thoughts and words and ac - tions. A - men.

4. Then woe to those who scorned the Lord,
And sought but carnal pleasures,
Who here despised His precious Word,
And loved their earthly treasures!
With shame and trembling they will stand,
And at the Judge's stern command
To Satan be delivered.

5. O Jesus, who my debt didst pay,
And for my sin wast smitten,
Within the book of life, O may
My name be also written!
I will not doubt; I trust in Thee,
From Satan Thou hast made me free,
And from all condemnation.

6. Therefore my Intercessor be,
And for Thy bloody merit
Declare my name from judgment free,
With all who life inherit;
That I may see Thee face to face,
With all Thy saints in that blest place,
Which Thou for us hast purchased.

7. O Jesus Christ, do not delay,
But hasten our salvation!
We often tremble on our way
In fear and tribulation.
Then hear us when we cry to Thee;
Come, mighty Judge, and make us free
From ev'ry evil. Amen! »