

Welcome to Trinity

#13 Art. IV "Justification" of the Apology of the Augsburg Confession.

It is likewise false and untrue, that a man can become righteous and pious before God by his own works and by external piety.

It is unfounded and false, that human reason is able of itself to love God above all things, to keep his commandments, to fear him, to be assured that he hears our prayers, to thank and obey him in afflictions, and in other things enjoined in his law, such as, not to covet the goods of others, &c. For all this, human reason is not able to accomplish, although it can in some degree produce an honorable life externally, and perform good works.

To say that those are without sin, who keep God's commandments externally only, without the Spirit and grace in their hearts, is also untrue and deceptive, and a blasphemy against Christ.

This conclusion is attested, not only by the holy Scriptures, but also by the ancient Fathers. Augustine treats of this subject largely, in contending against the Pelagians, that **grace is not given on account of our own merits**. And in his book on Nature and Grace, (*de Natura et Gratia*), he says: "If our natural strength is sufficient, by freewill, both to teach us how to live, and how to live aright, then Christ died in vain."

Why should I not here exclaim with Paul, Gal. 5:4, Rom. 10:3-4? yea, I may justly exclaim with him: **"Christ is become of no effect unto you, whosoever of you are justified by the law: ye are fallen from grace."** "For they, being ignorant of God's righteousness, and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God." For as Christ is the end of the law, so also is Christ the saviour of corrupted nature. Again, John 8:36: "If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed."

Therefore we cannot become free from our sins, or merit their remission, through reason or good works. Again, it is written, John 3:5: "Except a man be born of water, and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God." (Henkel Translation, p. 162).

Assistants

Elder – Stephen Philips (303-0769)

Organist – LeeAnn Byrne

Altar Guild – Karin & Sadie Henson

Church Cleaning – Jan 25 Baker, Feb 1/8 Weber

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 – Matins Cancelled

- Adult & Child Bible Studies, 9:00 AM
- Divine Service-Lord's Supper, 10:15 AM**

MONDAY-SATURDAY – Pastor Henson is in Minnesota and Wisconsin

NEXT SUNDAY – **TRANFIGURATION OF OUR LORD**

- Matins Cancelled**
- Adult and Child Bible Studies, 9:00 AM
- Divine Service-Lord's Supper, 10:15 AM**

Divine Service

Hymn LW #88

Augustana Service Book & Hymnal

- + Invocation..... p.7
- + Confession/Absolution p.8-9
- + Introit..... (insert)

[Pastor, then congregation]

- + Kyrie... p.10
- + Gloria in Excelsis p. 10-13
- + Salutation..... p.13
- + Collect of the Day... (insert)

Old Testament Reading
Epistle

- + Gradual..... (insert)
- + Holy Gospel..... p.16
- Nicene Creed..... p.17

ASBH #11 "Happy the Man Who Feareth God"

- Sermon
- + Offertory: "Create in Me..." p.18
The Offerings are gathered.
- + General Prayer..... p.19-20
- Hymn..... #246
- + Exhortation p.21

Lutheran Worship Hymnal

- + Preface, etc. p.144-151
- Communion Psalm (by cantor)

Distribution & Hymns

- #389, #252, #74
- + "Lord, now you let ..." p.152
- + Post-Communion Collects p.153
- + Benedicamus..... p.154
- + Benediction..... p.155
- Hymn #295

Announcements

Game Night.—Friday, February 6, March 6, March 27
Matins Services on January 18 and 25 have been canceled, due to a broken ankle.

Council Meeting.—will be Sunday, January 25.

2026 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."

Special Prayers

- Pastoral Office:** Bishop, James Heiser, Pastor Michael D. Henson, Deacon Gary K. Harroun
- Eldona Congregations:** Trinity Lutheran Church (Herrin, IL), Pr. Michael D. Henson, Dcn. Gary K. Harroun
- 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)
- Pregnant:** Zane & Begum Kutay Baker, Risdon & Clara Melvin (May 25), Eric & Allison Henson (July)
- Various Needs:** Sarah Melvin (back), Heidi Bunselmeyer (cancer, Todd Darnstaedt's sister), Belinda Poe (cancer treatment, Shirley's cousin), David Henson (rehab)
- Funeral:** Amy Duringer (died on Jan 11, burial in Makanda)
- Surgery:** Dan Kenner (rod removed from leg) I preparation for hip replacement in the future
- Coming home today:** Anita Prochaska

Epiphany Two



Illustrated German Bible of 1483 (I:35, Genesis 26)
Isaac and King Abimelech

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Deuteronomy 18:15-19

15 “The LORD your God will raise up for you a Prophet like me from your midst, from your brethren. Him you shall hear, 16 according to all you desired of the LORD your God in Horeb in the day of the assembly, saying, ‘Let me not hear again the voice of the LORD my God, nor let me see this great fire anymore, lest I die.’ 17 And the LORD said to me: ‘What they have spoken is good. 18 I will raise up for them a Prophet like you from among their brethren, and will put My words in His mouth, and He shall speak to them all that I command Him. 19 And it shall be that whoever will not hear My words, which He speaks in My name, I will require it of him.’”

Romans 12:6-16a

6 Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, let us prophesy in proportion to our faith; 7 or ministry, let us use it in our ministering; he who teaches, in teaching; 8 he who exhorts, in exhortation; he who gives, with liberality; he who leads, with diligence; he who shows mercy, with cheer-fulness. 9 Let love be without hypocrisy. Abhor what is evil. Cling to what is good. 10 Be kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love, in honor giving preference to one another; 11 not lagging in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord; 12 rejoicing in hope, patient in tribulation, continuing steadfastly in prayer; 13 distributing to the needs of the saints, given to hospitality. 14 Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. 15 Rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep. 16a Be of the same mind toward one another. Do not set your mind on high things, but associate with the humble.

St. John 2:1-11

1 On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. 2 Now both Jesus and His disciples were invited to the wedding. 3 And when they ran out of wine, the mother of Jesus said to Him, “They have no wine.” 4 Jesus said to her, “Woman, what does your concern have to do with Me? My hour has not yet come.” 5 His mother said to the servants, “Whatever He says to you, do it.” 6 Now there were set there six waterpots of stone, according to the manner of purification of the Jews, containing twenty or thirty gallons apiece. 7 Jesus said to them, “Fill the waterpots with water.” And they filled them up to the brim. 8 And He said to them, “Draw some out now, and take it to the master of the feast.” And they took it. 9 When the master of the feast had tasted the water that was made wine, and did not know where it came from (but the servants who had drawn the water knew), the master of the feast called the bridegroom. 10 And he said to him, “Every man at the beginning sets out the good wine, and when the guests have well drunk, then the inferior. You have kept the good wine until now!” 11 This beginning of signs Jesus did in Cana of Galilee, and manifested His glory; and His disciples believed in Him.

THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY (GREEN)**Introit.**

Ant. ALL THE || earth | shall | wor- | ship | Thee:
and shall sing unto | Thee, | O | God.
|| They shall | sing | to | Thy | Name:
O Thou | Most | High- | est.
Psalm. || Make a joyful noise unto | God, | all | ye | lands:
Sing forth the honor of His Name, make His | praise | glori- | ous.
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 | ev- | er | shall | be:
world without | end. | A- | men. (*Ant. repeated.*)

Collect.

Almighty and everlasting God, Who dost govern all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of Thy people, and grant us Thy peace all the days of our life; 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. Romans 12:6-16 Gospel. John 2:1-11

Additional reading: Deuteronomy 18:15-19

Gradual.

|| He sent His | Word | and | healed | them:
and delivered them from their | de- | struc- | tions.
|| Oh that men would praise the Lord | for | His | good- | ness:
and for His wonderful works to the child- | ren | of | men.
|| Hallelujah. Hallelujah. Praise ye Him, | all | His | an- | gels:
praise ye Him, all His hosts. Hal- | le- | lu- | jah.

Communion Psalm: *Ant.* The Lord said to them, “Fill the waterpots with water... and take it to the master of the feast.” .. When the master of the feast had tasted the water that was made wine, ...he said to the bridegroom, “...You have kept the good wine until now!” ¹¹ This beginning of signs Jesus did ...{before} His disciples. (John 2:7-11). **Psalm 66**

2nd Sunday after Epiphany

11. Happy the Man Who Feareth God

M. Luther
Massie, Tr.

L. M.

Wo Gott zum Haus nicht gibt fein' Gunft.



