

Welcome to Trinity

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

Let this suffice concerning the righteousness of reason, or of the **self-righteousness**, as taught by our opponents. When we shall come presently to speak of the piety and righteousness which are acceptable to God and proceed from faith, the subject will of itself lead to the quotation of more passages from the Scriptures, which will equally serve to overthrow the above-named errors of our adversaries.

Since no man is able, then, by his own strength to keep the law of God, and all under sin are doomed to eternal wrath and death, we cannot, through the law, be released from sin or become just in the sight of God; but **remission of sins and righteousness are promised through Christ**, who was given for us to atone for the sins of the world, and is the only Mediator and Redeemer. Now this promise is not: **through Christ ye shall have grace, salvation, &c., if ye merit it**; but through grace alone he offers the remission of sins, as Paul says, Rom. 11:6: "If the remission of sins be of works, then it is no more grace." And in another place, Rom. 3:21: "But now the righteousness of God without the law is manifest;" that is, remission of sins is offered gratuitously, or without price.

Therefore it is not through our merit, that we are reconciled to God; for if depended upon our merit, and if reconciliation to God and remission of sin came of the law, then were all lost, and slightly indeed should we be united and reconciled to God. For we do not keep the law, nor have we power to keep it; consequently **we should never obtain the promised grace and reconciliation.**

For thus Paul concludes, Rom. 4:14: "For if they which are of the law be heirs, faith is made void, and the promise made of none effect." Now, were the promise founded upon our merit and the law, it would follow, since we cannot keep the law, that the promise would be vain. (Henkel Translation, p. 164-165).

Assistants

Elder – Tony Stretch (995-1379)

Organist – LeeAnn Byrne

Altar Guild – LeeAnn Byrne

Church Cleaning – Feb 15/22 Webb, March 1/8 Taul

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, followed by...

-ASH WEDNESDAY DIVINE SERVICE, 7:00 PM

THURSDAY -Ladies Missionary Society at Carol Henson's, 6 PM

NEXT SUNDAY --*INVOCABIT* ("He shall call upon me...")
--Children and Adult Bible Studies, 9 AM
--Divine Service-Lord's Supper, 10:15 AM

Divine Service

Hymn LW #280

Augustana Service Book & Hymnal

+ Invocation.....	p.7
+ Confession/Absolution	p.8-9
+ Introit.....	(insert) <i>[Pastor, then congregation]</i>
+ Kyrie...	p.10 <i>Omit Gloria in Excelsis in Pre-Lent</i>
+ Salutation.....	p.13
+ Collect of the Day...	(insert) Old Testament Reading Epistle
+ Gradual.....	(insert)
+ Holy Gospel.....	p.16 Nicene Creed..... p.17
ASBH #18 "If Thy Beloved Son, O God"	
Sermon	
+ Offertory: "Create in Me..."	p.18 <i>The Offerings are gathered.</i>
+ General Prayer.....	p.19-20 Hymn "Lord Jesus Christ, My Savior Blest" (printed)
+ Exhortation	p.21

Lutheran Worship Hymnal

+ Preface, etc.	p.144-151 Communion Psalm (by cantor)
Distribution & Hymns	
#109, #427, #374	
+ "Lord, now you let ..."	p.152
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+ Hymn.....	#370

Announcements

Trinity News

Ash Wednesday is February 18 at 7 PM.

LMS--The Ladies Missionary Society will meet on Thursday February 19 at 6 PM at Carol Henson's home.

Game Nights coming up on Friday, March 27.

2026 Pecan Fundraiser.—We have some extra bags of pecans 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."

Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday (February 18, 2026) is the beginning of the 40-day season of Lent.

The name comes from the custom of sprinkling blessed ashes on the heads of penitents. Don't worry; I'm not going to put ashes on your heads. Here at Trinity Lutheran, the service begins with the Service of Corporate Confession and Absolution (Augustana Service Book & Hymnal, p.227-230), continues with the Service of the Word and the reception of Christ's body and blood for the forgiveness of sins in the Service of Holy Communion.

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
- Civil Service:** Give Your blessing to our president, Donald Trump and to all in authority over us and grant them Your grace and guidance. 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.
- 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 (June 24), Risdon & Clara Melvin (May 25), Eric & Allison Henson (July 23)
- Various Needs:** Sarah Melvin (back), Heidi Bunselmeyer (cancer, Todd Darnstaedt's sister), Belinda Poe (cancer, Shirley's cousin), David Henson (rehab) & Carol Henson (cancer), Dan Kenner(leg), Anita Prochaska, and LeeAnn Byrne(knee)

Quinquagesima Sunday



Illustrated German Bible of 1483 (I:50, Genesis 41)
Pharaoh's Dreams

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Isaiah 35:3-7

³ Strengthen the weak hands, And make firm the feeble knees.

⁴ Say to those *who are* fearful-hearted, “Be strong, do not fear! Behold, your God will come with vengeance, *With* the recompense of God; He will come and save you.”

⁵ Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, And the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped.

⁶ Then the lame shall leap like a deer, And the tongue of the dumb sing. For waters shall burst forth in the wilderness, And streams in the desert.

⁷ The parched ground shall become a pool, And the thirsty land springs of water; In the habitation of jackals, where each lay, *There shall be* grass with reeds and rushes.

1 Corinthians 13:1-13

¹ Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I have become sounding brass or a clanging cymbal. ² And though I have *the gift of prophecy*, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. ³ And though I bestow all my goods to feed *the poor*, and though I give my body to be burned, but have not love, it profits me nothing. ⁴ Love suffers long *and* is kind; love does not envy; love does not parade itself, is not puffed up; ⁵ does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, is not provoked, thinks no evil; ⁶ does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth; ⁷ bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. ⁸ Love never fails. But whether *there are* prophecies, they will fail; whether *there are* tongues, they will cease; whether *there is* knowledge, it will vanish away. ⁹ For we know in part and we prophesy in part. ¹⁰ But when that which is perfect has come, then that which is in part will

be done away. ¹¹ When I was a child, I spoke as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child; but when I became a man, I put away childish things. ¹² For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part, but then I shall know just as I also am known. ¹³ And now abide faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these *is* love.

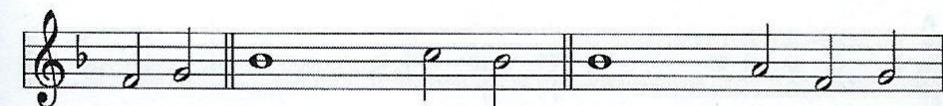
St. Luke 18:31-43

³¹ Then He took the twelve aside and said to them, “Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem, and all things that are written by the prophets concerning the Son of Man will be accomplished. ³² For He will be delivered to the Gentiles and will be mocked and insulted and spit upon. ³³ They will scourge *Him* and kill *Him*. And the third day He will rise again.” ³⁴ But they understood none of these things; this saying was hidden from them, and they did not know the things which were spoken.

³⁵ Then it happened, as He was coming near Jericho, that a certain blind man sat by the road begging.

³⁶ And hearing a multitude passing by, he asked what it meant. ³⁷ So they told him that Jesus of Nazareth was passing by. ³⁸ And he cried out, saying, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!”

³⁹ Then those who went before warned him that he should be quiet; but he cried out all the more, “Son of David, have mercy on me!” ⁴⁰ So Jesus stood still and commanded him to be brought to Him. And when he had come near, He asked him, ⁴¹ saying, “What do you want Me to do for you?” He said, “Lord, that I may receive my sight.” ⁴² Then Jesus said to him, “Receive your sight; your faith has made you well.” ⁴³ And immediately he received his sight, and followed Him, glorifying God. And all the people, when they saw *it*, gave praise to God.

QUINQUAGESIMA SUNDAY. (VIOLET)**Introit.**

Ant. BE THOU || my strong | Rock. | - :
for an house of defense | to | save | me.

|| Thou art My Rock and My | For- | tress:
therefore for Thy Name's sake lead me | and | guide | me.

Psalm. || In Thee, O Lord, do I put my trust; let me never be a- | sham- | ed:
deliver me in Thy | right- | eous- | ness.

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 without | end. | A- | men. (*Ant.* Repeated.)

Collect.

O Lord, we beseech Thee mercifully hear our prayers, and, having set us free from the bonds of sin, defend us from all evil; 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 Corinthians 13:1-13

Additional reading: *Isaiah 35:3-7*

Gospel. Luke 18:31-43**Gradual.**

|| Thou art the God that doest | won- | ders:
Thou hast declared Thy strength among | the | peo- | ples.

|| Thou hast with Thine arm redeemed Thy | peo- | ple:
the sons of Jacob | and | Jo- | seph.

Tract. || Make a joyful noise unto the LORD, all ye | lands | - :
serve the LORD | with | glad- | ness.

Communion Psalm: *Ant.* They did eat, and were well filled, for the Lord gave them their own desire: they were not disappointed of their lust. (Ps 78:30). **Ps 78:1, 3-4, 24, 25, 28, 29. Psalm 1.**

Quinquagesima

18. If Thy Beloved Son, O God

8, 7, 8, 7, 8, 8, 7

Nun freut euch

Wittenberg H. B. 1524

1. If Thy be - lov - ed Son, O God, Had
 2. But now sweet peace and rest I find, De -
 3. There - fore, in child - like faith, my heart Builds
 4. Saved through my Sa - vior's pre - cious blood I
 5. Vain is the car - nal right - eous - ness That

not to earth de - scend-ed; And clad in mor - tal
 spair no more reigns o'er me. Sin's bur - den need not
 all its hopes on Je - sus. A - bid - ing peace He
 am re - joic - ing e - ver. Naught from Thy grace, O
 seek - eth ex - al - ta - tion. In works of Law, which

flesh and blood, Sin's death - chains had not rend - ed,
 press the mind For Christ hath borne it for me.
 doth im - part, from bur - dens He re - leas - es.
 Lord, my God, My ran - somed soul can se - ver.
 can - not bless. I trust in Christ's sal - va - tion.

My soul in un - told mis - er - y
 Up - on the cross for me He died,
 His ho - ly blood for me was spilt,
 All that my blest Re - dee - mer's death
 His all - suf - fi - cient sa - cri - fice

Would pine in hell e - ter - nal - ly,
 That, re - con - ciled, I might a - bide
 To cleanse me from the stains of guilt,
 Hath won for me, is mine through faith,
 Paid the tre - men - dous ran - som - price,

Be - cause of my trans - gres - sion.
 With Thee, my God, for - ev - er.
 Whi - ter than snow He wash - es me.
 And Sa - tan can - not harm me.
 And I am saved, - be - liev - ing. A - men.

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Lord Jesus Christ, My Savior Blest

Ps. 119: 170
 Herre Jesu Krist! Min Frelser du est
 Hans C. Stavn, c. 1573
 Tr., Harriet R. Spaeth, 1898

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Herre Jesu Krist
 Ludvig M. Lindeman, 1871

1 Lord Je - sus Christ, My Sav - ior blest, My Hope and my Sal
 2 As Thou dost will, Lead Thou me still That I may tru - ly
 3 Most heart-i - ly I trust in Thee; Thy mer - cy fails me

va - tion! I trust in Thee; De - liv - er me From
 serve Thee, My God, I pray, Teach me Thy way, To
 nev - er. Dear Lord, a - bide; My Help - er tried, Thou

mis - er - y; Thy Word's my con - so - la - tion.
 my last day In Thy true faith pre - serve me.
 Cru - ci - fied, From e - vil keep me ev - er. A - men.

4 Now henceforth must
 I put my trust
 In Thee, O dearest Savior.
 Thy comfort choice,
 Thy Word and voice,
 My heart rejoice
 Despite my ill behavior.

5 When sorrows rise,
 My refuge lies
 In Thy compassion tender.
 Within Thine arm
 Can naught alarm;
 Keep me from harm,
 Be Thou my strong Defender.

6 I have Thy Word,
 Christ Jesus, Lord;
 Thou never wilt forsake me.
 This will I plead
 In time of need.
 Oh, help with speed
 When troubles overtake me!

7 Grant, Lord, I pray,
 Thy grace each day
 That I, Thy Law revering,
 May live with Thee
 And happy be
 Eternally,
 Before Thy throne appearing.