

Welcome to Trinity**#16 Art. IV “Justification” of the Apology of the Augsburg Confession.**

Finally, it is extremely foolish and improper, on the part of our adversaries, to contend that even those, who deserve eternal wrath, **obtain forgiveness of sin through love**, or *actum elicitum dilectionis*, self-selected works of love; whereas it is clearly impossible to love God until the heart has taken hold of the remission of sins through faith.

For the heart, filled with anxiety, and truly feeling the wrath of God, can never love him, until he gives it relief and comfort, and assures it of his grace. For while he terrifies and assails us, as if he would cast us off in eternal wrath, into everlasting death, our poor, feeble nature must lose all courage and hope, and tremble before the great anger, which terrifies, and punishes so fearfully; and it cannot feel a spark of love, until God himself comforts and relieves it.

The idle and inexperienced may indeed devise for themselves a dream of love; hence they contend so frivolously, that one who is guilty even of mortal sin, can yet love God above all things; for they have never fully realized what a burden sin is, or how great a torment it is to feel the wrath of God.

But pious hearts that have experienced this, in real strife against Satan, and in real distress of conscience, know well that such words and thoughts are nothing but fancies and dreams. Paul, Rom. 4:15, says: “The law worketh wrath.” He does not say that men obtain remission of their sins through the law; for the law always accuses the conscience and terrifies.

The law, therefore, justifies no one in the sight of God; for an alarmed conscience flees from God and his judgments. Hence those are in error, who would merit the remission of their sins by their works, or the law. (Henkel Translation, p. 163-164).

Assistants

Elder – Tony Stretch (995-1379)

Organist – Sadie Henson

Altar Guild – LeeAnn Byrne

Church Cleaning – Feb 8 Weber, 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
-Council Meeting #1

MONDAY-THURSDAY -Pastor Henson is at St. Bartholomew Mission (Ft. Myers, FL)

**NEXT
SUNDAY**

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

Divine Service

Hymn LW #404

Augustana Service Book & Hymnal

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Trinity News

Ash Wednesday Divine Service is February 18. Learn-by-Heart at 6:30 PM and the service at 7 PM.

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

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."

General Prayer p.18-19

Special Prayers

- Pastoral Office:** give all pastors in Christ, including our bishop, James Heiser and our pastors Gary K. Harroun and Michael D. Henson, the desire to organize their ministry around the service of the Word and Sacrament.
- Eldona Congregations:** Redeemer Lutheran Church (Cambridge, MN), Pr. Mark Mueller
- 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)

Sexagesima Sunday



Illustrated German Bible of 1483 (I:48, Genesis 39)
Joseph is Thrown Into Prison after Being Falsely

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Isaiah 55:10-13

10 “For as the rain comes down, and the snow from heaven, And do not return there, But water the earth, And make it bring forth and bud, That it may give seed to the sower And bread to the eater, 11 So shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; It shall not return to Me void, But it shall accomplish what I please, And it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it. 12 “For you shall go out with joy, And be led out with peace; The mountains and the hills Shall break forth into singing before you, And all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. 13 Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress tree, And instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle tree; And it shall be to the LORD for a name, For an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.”

2 Corinthians 11:19-12:9

19For you put up with fools gladly, since you yourselves are wise! 20For you put up with it if one brings you into bondage, if one devours you, if one takes from you, if one exalts himself, if one strikes you on the face. 21To our shame, I say that we were too weak for that! But in whatever anyone is bold—I speak foolishly—I am bold also. 22Are they Hebrews? So am I. Are they Israelites? So am I. Are they the seed of Abraham? So am I. 23Are they ministers of Christ?—I speak as a fool—I am more: in labors more abundant, in stripes above measure, in prisons more frequently, in deaths often. 24From the Jews five times I received forty stripes minus one. 25Three times I was beaten with rods; once I was stoned; three times I was shipwrecked; a night and a day I have been in the deep; 26in journeys often, in perils of waters, in perils of robbers, in perils of my own countrymen, in perils of the Gentiles, in perils in the city, in perils in the wilderness, in perils in the sea, in perils among false brethren; 27in weariness and

toil, in sleeplessness often, in hunger and thirst, in fastings often, in cold and nakedness— 28besides the other things, what comes upon me daily: my deep concern for all the churches. 29Who is weak, and I am not weak? Who is made to stumble, and I do not burn with indignation? 30If I must boast, I will boast in the things which concern my infirmity. 31The God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is blessed forever, knows that I am not lying. 32In Damascus the governor, under Aretas the king, was guarding the city of the Damascenes with a garrison, desiring to arrest me; 33but I was let down in a basket through a window in the wall, and escaped from his hands.

1It is doubtless not profitable for me to boast. I will come to visions and revelations of the Lord: 2I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago—whether in the body I do not know, or whether out of the body I do not know, God knows—such a one was caught up to the third heaven. 3And I know such a man—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows— 4how he was caught up into Paradise and heard inexpressible words, which it is not lawful for a man to utter. 5Of such a one I will boast; yet of myself I will not boast, except in my infirmities. 6For though I might desire to boast, I will not be a fool; for I will speak the truth. But I refrain, lest anyone should think of me above what he sees me to be or hears from me. 7And lest I should be exalted above measure by the abundance of the revelations, a thorn in the flesh was given to me, a messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I be exalted above measure. 8Concerning this thing I pleaded with the Lord three times that it might depart from me. 9And He said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

St. Luke 8:4-15

4And when a great multitude had gathered, and they had come to Him from every city, He spoke by a parable: 5“**A sower went out to sow his seed.** And as he sowed, some fell by the wayside; and it was trampled down, and the birds of the air devoured it. 6“**Some fell on rock;** and as soon as it sprang up, it withered away because it lacked moisture. 7“**And some fell among thorns,** and the thorns sprang up with it and choked it. 8“**But others fell on good ground,** sprang up, and yielded a crop a hundredfold.” When He had said these things He cried, “He who has ears to hear, let him hear!”

9Then His disciples asked Him, saying, “What does this parable mean?” 10And He said, “To you it has been given to know the mysteries of the kingdom of God, but to the rest it is given in parables, that ‘**Seeing they may not see, And hearing they may not understand.**’

11“Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. 12“**Those by the wayside are the ones who hear; then the devil comes and takes away the word out of their hearts, lest they should believe and be saved.** 13“**But the ones on the rock are those who, when they hear, receive the word with joy; and these have no root, who believe for a while and in time of temptation fall away.** 14“**Now the ones that fell among thorns are those who, when they have heard, go out and are choked with cares, riches, and pleasures of life, and bring no fruit to maturity.** 15“**But the ones that fell on the good ground are those who, having heard the word with a noble and good heart, keep it and bear fruit with patience.**

Luther on the Small Catechism

⁵ Besides, a shameful and insidious plague of security and boredom has overtaken us. Many regard the Catechism as a simple, silly teaching which they can absorb and master at one reading. After reading it once they toss the book into a corner as if they are ashamed to read it again....

⁷ As for myself, let me say that I, too, am a doctor and a preacher — yes, and as learned and experienced as any of those who act so high and mighty. Yet I do as a child who is being taught the Catechism. Every morning, and whenever else I have time, I read and recite word for word the Lord's Prayer, the Ten Commandments, the Creed, the Psalms, etc. ⁸ I must still read and study the Catechism daily, yet I cannot master it as I wish, but must remain a child and pupil of the Catechism, and I do it gladly. These dainty, fastidious fellows would like quickly, with one reading, to become doctors above all doctors, to know all there is to be known. Well, this, too, is a sure sign that they despise both their office and the people's souls, yes, even God and his Word. They need not fear a fall, for they have already fallen all too horribly. What they need is to become children and begin learning their ABC's, which they think they have outgrown long ago.

⁹ Therefore, I beg these lazy-bellies and presumptuous saints, for God's sake, to get it into their heads that they are not really and truly such learned and great doctors as they think. I implore them not to imagine that they have learned these parts of the Catechism perfectly, or at least sufficiently, even though they think they know them ever so well. Even if their knowledge of Catechism were perfect (though that is impossible in this life), yet it is highly profitable and fruitful daily to read it and make it the subject of meditation and conversation. In such reading, conversation, and meditation the Holy Spirit is present and bestows

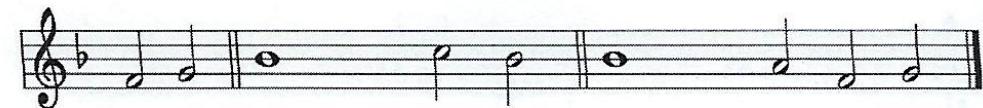
ever new and greater light and fervor, so that day by day we relish and appreciate the Catechism more greatly. This is according to Christ's promise in Matt. 18:20, "Where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I in the midst of them." ...

¹¹ For this reason alone you should eagerly read, recite, ponder, and practice the Catechism, even if the only blessing and benefit you obtain from it is to rout the devil and evil thoughts. For he cannot bear to hear God's Word. God's Word is not like some empty tale, such as the one about Dietrich of Bern, but as St. Paul says in Rom. 1:16, it is "the power of God," indeed, the power of God which burns the devil and gives us immeasurable strength, comfort, and help.

¹² Why should I waste words? Time and paper would fail me if I were to recount all the blessings that flow from God's Word. The devil is called the master of a thousand arts. What, then, shall we call God's Word, which routs and destroys this master of a thousand arts with all his wiles and might? It must, indeed, be master of more than a hundred thousand arts. (The Large Catechism: 5-12, Tappert)

Note: The word "catechumen" means "one who hears."

SEXAGESIMA SUNDAY (VIOLET)



Introit.

Ant. A- WAKE, || why sleepest Thou, O | Lord | - :
arise, cast us not off | for- | ev- | er.

|| Wherefore hidest Thou Thy | face | - :
and forgettest our | af- | filic- | tion?

Our Soul is bowed down to the | dust | - :
arise for our help and | re- | deem | us.

Psalm. || We have heard with our ears, O | God | - :
our fathers have told us what work Thou didst | in | their | days.

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 God, Who seest that we put not our trust in anything that we do: Mercifully grant that by Thy power we may be defended against all adversity; 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. 2 Corinthians 11:19–12:9

Gospel. Luke 8:4–15

Additional reading: Isaiah 55:10–13

Gradual.

|| Let the nations know that Thy Name is Je- | ho- | vah:
Thou alone art the Most High over | all | the | earth.

|| O My God, make them like a | wheel | - :
and like chaff be- | fore | the | wind.

Tract. || Thou hast given a banner to them that fear | Thee | - :
that it may be displayed because | of | the | truth.

Communion Psalm: Ant. I will go to the altar of God, even unto the God of my joy and gladness. (Ps 43:4). Ps 43:1, 2, 3, 5.

Sexagesima

17. May God Bestow on Us His Grace

Dr. Martin Luther, 1524

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

Es wollt uns Gott genaedig

M. Greuter, 1524

1. May God be - stow on us His grace,
 2. Thine ov - er all shall be the praise,
 3. O let the peo - ple Thy worth,
 With bless - ings rich pro - vide us, And
 And thanks of ev - ry na - tion, And
 In all good works in - crea - ing, The
 may the bright-ness of His face, To life e - ter-nal
 all the world with joy shall raise The voice of ex - ul-
 land shall plen - teous fruit bring forth, Thy Word is rich in

guide - us; That we His gra - cious work may know,
 ta - tion; For Thou shalt judge the earth, O Lord,
 bless - ing. May God the Fa - ther, God the Son,
 And what is His good pleas - ure, And al - so
 Nor suf - fer sin to flo - rish; Thy peo-ple's
 And God the Spi - rit - bless us! Let all the
 to the heath - en show Christ's rich - es with - out
 pas - ture is Thy Word Their souls to feed and
 world praise Him a - lone, Let sol - emn awe pos -
 meas - ure, And un - to God con - vert them.
 nou - rish, In right - eous paths to keep them.
 sess us. Now let our hearts say, A - men. A-men.