

Welcome to Trinity

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

Such faith and trust in the mercy of God are extolled, particularly in the Prophets and Psalms, as the highest and the most holy worship of God. For although the law does not, like the Gospel, chiefly preach grace and the remission of sin, yet the promises respecting the coming Christ were handed down from one Patriarch to the other, and they knew and believed, that God would give blessings, grace, comfort, and salvation, through Christ, the blessed seed. Hence, if they understood that Christ was to be the treasure, paying for our sins, they knew that our works could never pay off so great a debt. They therefore received grace, salvation, and remission of sin, without any merit, and were saved through faith in the divine promises and the Gospel of Christ, as well as we, or the saints in the New Testament.

Hence the frequent repetition of the words mercy, goodness, faith, in the Psalms and Prophets; as, in Psalms 130:3-6; "If thou, LORD, shouldst mark iniquities, O LORD, who shall stand?" Here David confesses his sins, and boasts of no merit; but continues: "But there is forgiveness with thee, that thou mayest be feared." Now he is comforted again, relies on grace and mercy, trusts in the divine promises, and says: "My soul waiteth for the Lord, and in his word do I hope." And again: "My soul waiteth on the Lord;" that is, as thou hast promised forgiveness of sin, I will hold to thy word; I will trust and rely upon thy gracious promises. (Henkel Translation, p. 167-168).

Assistants

Elder – Dan Byrne (922-3556)
Organist – LeeAnn Byrne
Altar Guild – Claire Stretch and Kim Miller

No flowers during Lent
Church Cleaning – March 29/Apr 5 Stretch, Apr 12/19 Smith

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/Child Bible Studies, 9 AM
-Divine Service, 10:15 AM

WEDNESDAY -The Annunciation of Our Lord, 10:30 AM
-Learn-by-Heart, 6:30 PM
-Catechesis Service, 7:00 PM
FRIDAY -Game Night, 5:30 PM

NEXT --PALM SUNDAY
SUNDAY --Children and Adult Bible Studies, 9 AM
--Divine Service, 10:15 AM
--Voters' Assembly, following Divine Service

Divine Service

Hymn LW #207

Augustana Service Book & Hymnal

- + Invocation..... p.7
+ Confession/Absolution p.8-9
+ Introit..... (insert)
[Pastor, then congregation]
+ Kyrie... p.10
Omit Gloria in Excelsis in Lent
+ Salutation..... p.13
+ Collect of the Day... (insert)
Old Testament Reading
Epistle
+ Gradual..... (insert)
+ Holy Gospel..... p.16
Nicene Creed..... p.17
ASBH #24 "Lord Jesus Christ, True Man and God"
Sermon
+ Offertory: "Create in Me..." p.18
The Offerings are gathered.
+ General Prayer..... p.19-20
Hymn..... #239
+ Exhortation p.21

Lutheran Worship Hymnal

- + Preface, etc. p.144-151
Communion Psalm (by cantor)
Distribution & Hymns
#367, "Lord Jesus Christ, My Life, My Light," #279
+ "Lord, now you let ..." p.152
Omit Gloria Patri in Passiontide
+ Post-Communion Collects p.153
+ Benedicamus/Benediction.... p.154-5
+ Hymn..... #118
Announcements



Voters' Assembly.—The Church Council met on Tuesday March 10 to consider the contractor bids for the proposed church addition. The

Council voted to present this building project to the congregation requesting approval to begin construction. There will be a Voters' Assembly on **Sunday, March 29** following the Divine Service to consider and vote on this proposal. See the one-page "Fact Sheet."

Trinity News

Game Night coming up on Friday, March 27

Corn Hole.—Friday, April 10.

Easter Flowers.—may be brought to the church beginning April 1. Please place them downstairs, as last year it got too hot in the cry room. If you would like to donate money for flowers to be purchased, speak to LeeAnn Byrne.

Eldona Special Offering.—Thank you for your contributions. We collected and I sent off \$2,250 to Pr. Marin for the Columbian congregation.

Violet Kemp's 103rd Birthday is April 8, 2026

She will be at 203 SE 2nd Street, Okeechobee, FL 34974.

Easter Vigil

Saturday, April 4 from 7 to 10 PM

Make plans now to attend the Great Easter Vigil on the Saturday evening before Easter. Though a longer service than we are accustomed, not nearly the all-night vigils of the early Christians (Acts 20:7-12). Come and relax. Without rushing we will recall the history of God's people and rejoice in the fulfillment of all Scripture in Christ Jesus and His resurrection.

General Prayer p.18-19

Special Prayers

- Pastoral Office:** Bishop, James Heiser, Pastor Michael D. Henson, Deacon Gary K. Harroun
- Eldona Congregations:** Salem Lutheran Church (Malone, TX), Pr. James D. Heiser* and Bishop of ELDoNA, Dcn. Anthony Oncken
- Armed forces:** Jason Melvin, Blake Darnstaedt.
- Police officers:** Daniel Byrne, Alex Byrne.
- Shut-ins:** 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), Jessica Gordon (SIU-C, Oletha's granddaughter), and Jennifer Mateycak
- Pregnant:** Zane & Begum Kutay Baker (June 24), Risdon & Clara Melvin (May 25), Eric & Allison Henson (July 23)
- Various Needs:** Sarah Melvin (back), Belinda Poe (cancer, Shirley's cousin), David Henson (leg weakness), Carol Henson (cancer) and Dan Kenner(leg, hip).
- For those who suffer from domestic violence, that both victims and the violent may receive the care and healing that they need, and that the people of God would be moved to acts of compassion to aid those in distress.

Judica Sunday



Illustrated German Bible of 1483 (I:63 Exodus 1)
Moses Found in the Water

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Genesis 12:1-3

1 Now the LORD had said to Abram: "Get out of your country, From your family And from your father's house, To a land that I will show you. 2 I will make you a great nation; I will bless you And make your name great; And you shall be a blessing. 3 I will bless those who bless you, And I will curse him who curses you; And in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

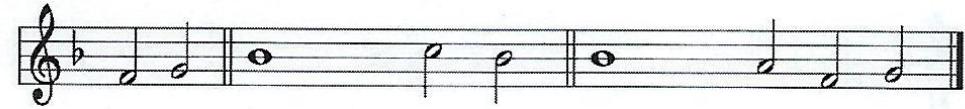
Hebrews 9:11-15

11 But Christ came as High Priest of the good things to come, with the greater and more perfect tabernacle not made with hands, that is, not of this creation. 12 Not with the blood of goats and calves, but with His own blood He entered the Most Holy Place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption. 13 For if the blood of bulls and goats and the ashes of a heifer, sprinkling the unclean, sanctifies for the purifying of the flesh, 14 how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God? 15 And for this reason He is the Mediator of the new covenant, by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions under the first covenant, that those who are called may receive the promise of the eternal inheritance.

St. John 8:46-59

46 "Which of you convicts Me of sin? And if I tell the truth, why do you not believe Me? 47 "He who is of God hears God's words; therefore you do not hear, because you are not of God." 48 Then the Jews answered and said to Him, "Do we not say rightly that You are a Samaritan and have a demon?" 49 Jesus answered, "I do not have a demon; but I honor My Father, and you dishonor Me. 50 "And I do not seek My own glory; there is

One who seeks and judges. 51 "Most assuredly, I say to you, if anyone keeps My word he shall never see death." 52 Then the Jews said to Him, "Now we know that You have a demon! Abraham is dead, and the prophets; and You say, 'If anyone keeps My word he shall never taste death.' 53 "Are You greater than our father Abraham, who is dead? And the prophets are dead. Whom do You make Yourself out to be?" 54 Jesus answered, "If I honor Myself, My honor is nothing. It is My Father who honors Me, of whom you say that He is your God. 55 "Yet you have not known Him, but I know Him. And if I say, 'I do not know Him,' I shall be a liar like you; but I do know Him and keep His word. 56 "Your father Abraham rejoiced to see My day, and he saw it and was glad." 57 Then the Jews said to Him, "You are not yet fifty years old, and have You seen Abraham?" 58 Jesus said to them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I AM." 59 Then they took up stones to throw at Him; but Jesus hid Himself and went out of the temple, going through the midst of them, and so passed by.



Introit.

Ant. JUDGE ME, || O | God | - :

and plead my cause against an ungod- | ly | na- | tion.

|| O deliver me from the deceitful and unjust | man | - :

for Thou art the God | of | my | strength.

Psalm 43:1-3

Psalm. || O send out Thy light and Thy | truth | - :

let them lead me; let them bring me unto Thy | ho- | ly | hill.

(From Judica through Holy Saturday the Gloria Patri is omitted.)

Collect.

We beseech Thee, Almighty God, mercifully to look upon Thy people, that by Thy great goodness they may be governed and preserved evermore, both in body and soul; 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. Hebrews 9:11-15

Gospel. John 8:46-59

Additional reading: Genesis 12:1-3

Gradual.

|| Deliver me, O Lord, from mine | ene- | mies:

teach me to | do | Thy | will.

*Psalm 143:9-10,
18:48, 129:1-2*

|| He delivereth me from mine enemies; yea, Thou liftest me up above those that rise up a- | gainst | me:

Thou hast delivered me from the vi- | o- | lent | man.

Tract. || Many a time have they afflicted me from my youth. May Israel | now | say:
many a time have they afflicted me from my youth. Yet they have not pre-
vailed | a- | gainst | me.

Communion Psalm: *Ant.* This is My Body, which is given for you: This cup is the new testament in My Blood, saith the Lord: this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me. (1 Cor 11:24,26). **Ps 116:10-16.**

Judica - 5th Sunday in Lent

24. Lord Jesus Christ, True Man and God

P. Eber, 1565

8s. 6L.

Schumann's Gesangbuch, 1539

1. Lord Je - sus Christ, true man and God,
 2. When comes the hour of fail - ing breath,
 3. When all my mind is dark - ened o'er,
 4. Joy - ful my res - ur - rec - tion be,
 5. Dear Lord, for - give us all our guilt;

Who bor - est ang - uish, scorn, the rod,
 And I must wres - tle, Lord, with death,
 And hu - man help can do no more;
 Thou in the judg - ment plead for me,
 Help us to wait un - til Thou wilt

And diedst at last up - on the tree,
 When from my sight all fades a - way,
 Then come, Lord Je - sus! come with speed,
 And hide my sins, Lord, from Thy face,
 That we de - part; and let our faith

To bring Thy Fa - ther's grace to me;
 And when my tongue no more can say,
 And help me in my hour of need;
 And give me life, of Thy rich grace!
 Be brave, and con - quer e'en in death;

I pray Thee, through that bi - ter woe,
 And when mine ears no more can hear,
 Lead me from this dark vale be - neath,
 I trust Thee ut - ter - ly, my Lord,
 Firm rest - ing on Thy sac - red Word,

Let me, a sin - ner, mer - cy know.
 And when my heart is racked with fear;
 And short - en then the pangs of death.
 For Thou hast prom - ised in Thy Word!
 Un - til we sleep in Thee, our Lord. A - men.

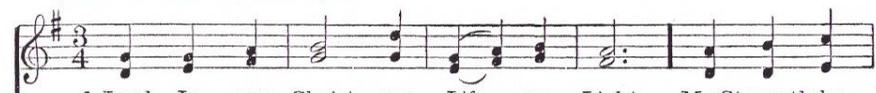
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LENT

Luke 23 : 33
 O Jesu Christ, mein's Lebens Licht
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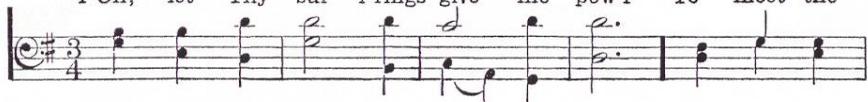
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O Jesu Christ, mein's
 "Nürnbergisches Gesangbuch," 1676



All

1 Lord Je - sus Christ, my Life, my Light, My Strength by
 2 Far off I see my fa - ther - land, Where thro' Thy
 3 My heart sinks at the jour - ney's length, My wast - ed
 4 Oh, let Thy suf - f'rings give me pow'r To meet the



day, my Trust by night, On earth I'm but a pass - ing
 blood I hope to stand. But ere I reach that Par - a -
 flesh has lit - tle strength; My soul a - lone still cries in
 last and dark - est hour! Thy blood re - fresh and com - fort



guest And sore - ly with my sins op - prest.
 dise, A wea - ry way be - fore me lies.
 me: "Lord, take me home, take me to Thee!"
 me; Thy bonds and fet - ters make me free. A - men.



- 5 Oh, let Thy holy wounds for me
 Clefts in the rock forever be
 Where as a dove my soul can hide
 And safe from Satan's rage abide.
- 6 And when my spirit flies away,
 Thy dying words shall be my stay.
 Thy cross shall be my staff in life,
 Thy holy grave my rest from strife.
- 7 Lord, in Thy nail-prints let me read
 That Thou to save me hast decreed
 And grant that in Thine opened side
 My troubled soul may ever hide.
- 8 Since Thou hast died, the Pure, the Just,
 I take my homeward way in trust.
 The gates of heaven, Lord, open wide
 When here I may no more abide.

Passiontide

A clearly defined period within Lent begins with the Fifth Sunday in Lent. From very early times this week and Holy Week have been spoken of as Passiontide and marked the formal ecclesiastical observance of a special period in commemoration of our Lord's Passion. It is the third step in our preparation for Easter, which began with Septuagesima. It was intensified until we reached the Sunday of Refreshment (4th Sunday in Lent), which brought the transition from the rigorous demands of Lent to the contemplation of our Lord's suffering and death. The preparation for our rising to newness of life with Christ continues, but the Savior's Passion is now introduced as an appeal to our heart and conscience. The sense of pardon is conveyed by contemplating the Sacrifice, but at the same time our compunction for sin is to be increased. Pardon given without some method of emphasizing guilt might make men think lightly of sin. This is prevented by impressing on us: "You were bought with a price." In the two weeks beginning with Judica, both elements, pardon and sacrifice, are presented. The fact that we think and speak of our Lord's suffering and death with intense concentration will deepen the solemnity of our worship, but our Services should not be morose and desolate. All during Lent our Liturgy leads us to lament our sins, but it never leaves us without the joyous assurance of acceptance by God. While the Propers of Judica and Holy Week impress upon us the enormity of our sin by holding before us the tremendous Sacrifice and the ugliness of our sins in the light of the Sufferer's holiness, a quiet joy in our redemption should pervade our worship, even on Good Friday.

The final two weeks before Easter is called Passiontide, a period devoted to meditation upon the suffering and death of Jesus Christ. During this time not only is the alleluia not used (as during Lent), but even the Gloria Patri is taken away.

- With today's reading for Passion Week (3/22-3/28), we see the increasing opposition that Jesus faced the last year of his ministry (Jn 8:42f).
- Holy Week (3/29-4/4) is devoted to the last week of Jesus' Life. Though it begins with a palm procession (Mt 21:1f), the theme of the week is clearly the extended readings from Jesus' Passion.
- Sunday(3/29) is St. Matthew, chapters 26 & 27.
- Tuesday(3/31) is St. Mark, chapters 14 & 15.
- Wednesday(4/1) is St. Luke, chapters 22 & 23.
- Friday(4/3) is St. John, chapters 18 & 19