

Welcome to Trinity

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

Therefore, when we speak of justifying faith, (fide justificante,) it includes first, the divine promises; secondly, that they offer grace freely and without our merit; thirdly, that the blood of Christ and his merits are the treasure which atones for our sins. The promises are received through faith; but as they offer grace without merit, all our worthiness and merit fall to the ground, and grace and boundless mercy alone are praised. The merit of Christ is the treasure; for that must indeed be a treasure and a noble pledge, which pays for the sins of the whole world. All the Scriptures, of the Old and New Testaments, when speaking of God and faith, often use the expressions—goodness, mercy; and in all their writings the holy Fathers teach, that we are saved by grace, goodness, and forgiveness.

Now whenever we find the word mercy in the Scriptures, or in the writings of the Fathers, we must remember, that it refers to faith, which embraces the promise of such mercy.

Again, whenever the Scriptures speak of faith, they mean the faith which is based upon grace alone. For faith does not justify us before God, as though it were in itself our work, and our own, but solely because it receives the grace; promised and offered without merit and presented out of the rich treasures of mercy. (Henkel Translation, p. 167).

Easter Vigil

Saturday, April 4, 7:00 to 10:00 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.

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.

Assistants

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

No flowers during Lent
Church Cleaning – March 22 Taft, Mar 29/Apr 5 Stretch

Weekly Calendar

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

- MONDAY -Elders' Meeting, 7:00 PM
TUESDAY -St. Patrick, Bishop & Confessor, 10:30 AM
WEDNESDAY -Learn-by-Heart, 6:30 PM
-Catechesis Service, 7:00 PM
THURSDAY -St. Joseph, Spouse of Blessed Virgin Mary and Guardian of our Lord, 10:30 AM
-Ladies Missionary Society, 6 PM
SATURDAY -Southern Illinois Organ Workshop, 10:00 AM
NEXT --JUDICA ("Vindicate me...")
SUNDAY --Children and Adult Bible Studies, 9 AM
--Divine Service, 10:15 AM

Divine Service

Hymn ..... LW #196

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)
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Sermon
+ Offertory: "Create in Me..." p.18
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+ General Prayer..... p.19-20
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+ Exhortation p.21

Lutheran Worship Hymnal

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Distribution & Hymns
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+ "Lord, now you let ..." p.152
+ Post-Communion Collects p.153
+ Benedicamus/Benediction.... p.154-5

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

**Southern Illinois Organ Workshop** at 10 AM on Saturday, March 21 at Trinity Lutheran Church.

**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.

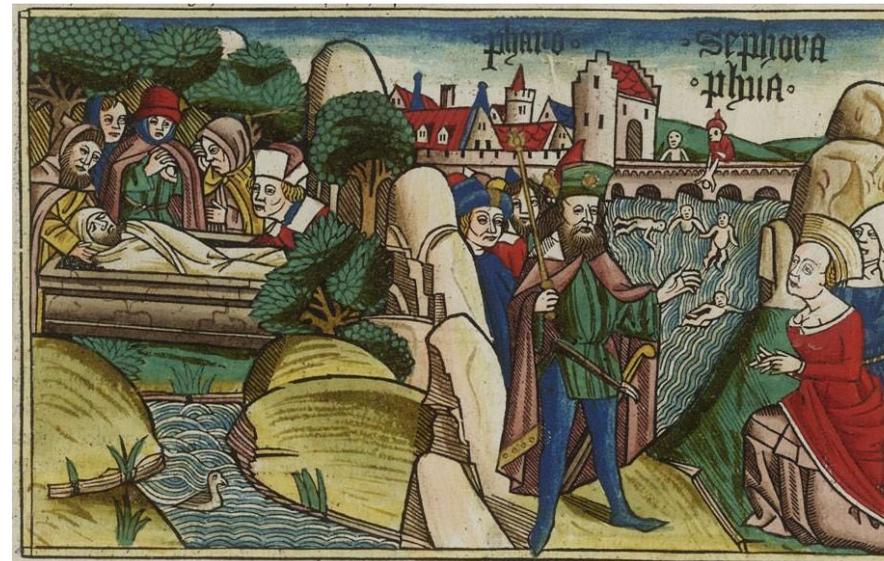
**Eldona Special Offering.**—Thank you for your contributions. We collected and I sent off \$2,250 to Pr. Marin for the Columbian congregation.

## General Prayer p.18-19

### Special Prayers

- Pastoral Office:** Bishop, James Heiser, Pastor Michael D. Henson, Deacon Gary K. Harroun
- Eldona Congregations:** St. James the Elder Ev. Lutheran Mission (Knoxville, TN), Deacon Floyd Smithey
- 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), and Jessica Gordon (SIU-C, Oletha's granddaughter)
- Pregnant:** Risdon & Clara Melvin (May 25), Zane & Begum Kutay Baker (June 24), Eric & Allison Henson (July 23)
- Various Needs:** Sarah Melvin (back), Belinda Poe (cancer, Shirley's cousin), David Henson (oblation), Carol Henson (cancer) and Dan Kenner (leg, hip)
- Funeral**--Carolyn Westerman entered eternal glory on Saturday, March 7. The funeral and committal were on March 11, with a meal for the family at our Parish Hall. A special thanks to the many members who prepared and served the meal.

## Laetare Sunday



**Illustrated German Bible of 1483 (I:62 Exodus 1)**  
The Death of Joseph, New Pharaoh with Midwives

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**Isaiah 49:8-13**

<sup>8</sup>Thus says the LORD:

“In an acceptable time I have heard You, And in the day of salvation I have helped You; I will preserve You and give You As a covenant to the people, To restore the earth, To cause them to inherit the desolate heritages;  
<sup>9</sup> That You may say to the prisoners, ‘Go forth,’ To those who *are* in darkness, ‘Show yourselves.’ “They shall feed along the roads, And their pastures *shall be* on all desolate heights. <sup>10</sup> They shall neither hunger nor thirst, Neither heat nor sun shall strike them; For He who has mercy on them will lead them, Even by the springs of water He will guide them. <sup>11</sup> I will make each of My mountains a road, And My highways shall be elevated. <sup>12</sup> Surely these shall come from afar; Look! Those from the north and the west, And these from the land of Sinim.” <sup>13</sup> Sing, O heavens! Be joyful, O earth! And break out in singing, O mountains! For the LORD has comforted His people, And will have mercy on His afflicted.

**Galatians 4:21-31**

<sup>21</sup>Tell me, you who desire to be under the law, do you not hear the law? <sup>22</sup>For it is written that Abraham had two sons: the one by a bondwoman, the other by a freewoman. <sup>23</sup>But he *who was* of the bondwoman was born according to the flesh, and he of the freewoman through promise, <sup>24</sup>which things are symbolic. For these are the two covenants: the one from Mount Sinai which gives birth to bondage, which is Hagar— <sup>25</sup>for this Hagar is Mount Sinai in Arabia, and corresponds to Jerusalem which now is, and is in bondage with her children— <sup>26</sup>but the Jerusalem above is free, which is the mother of us all. <sup>27</sup>For it is written:

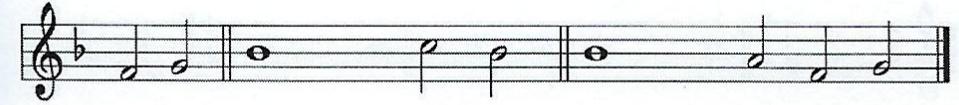
“Rejoice, O barren, *You* who do not bear! Break forth and shout, You who are not in labor! For the desolate has many more children Than she who has a husband.”

<sup>28</sup>Now we, brethren, as Isaac *was*, are children of promise. <sup>29</sup>But, as he who was born according to the flesh then persecuted him *who was born* according to the Spirit, even so *it is* now. <sup>30</sup>Nevertheless what does the

Scripture say? “Cast out the bondwoman and her son, for the son of the bondwoman shall not be heir with the son of the freewoman.” <sup>31</sup>So then, brethren, we are not children of the bondwoman but of the free.

**St. John 6:1-15**

<sup>1</sup>After these things Jesus went over the Sea of Galilee, which is *the Sea* of Tiberias. <sup>2</sup>Then a great multitude followed Him, because they saw His signs which He performed on those who were diseased. <sup>3</sup>And Jesus went up on the mountain, and there He sat with His disciples. <sup>4</sup>Now the Passover, a feast of the Jews, was near. <sup>5</sup>Then Jesus lifted up *His* eyes, and seeing a great multitude coming toward Him, He said to Philip, “Where shall we buy bread, that these may eat?” <sup>6</sup>But this He said to test him, for He Himself knew what He would do. <sup>7</sup>Philip answered Him, “Two hundred denarii worth of bread is not sufficient for them, that every one of them may have a little.” <sup>8</sup>One of His disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, said to Him, <sup>9</sup>“There is a lad here who has five barley loaves and two small fish, but what are they among so many?” <sup>10</sup>Then Jesus said, “Make the people sit down.” Now there was much grass in the place. So the men sat down, in number about five thousand. <sup>11</sup>And Jesus took the loaves, and when He had given thanks He distributed *them* to the disciples, and the disciples to those sitting down; and likewise of the fish, as much as they wanted. <sup>12</sup>So when they were filled, He said to His disciples, “Gather up the fragments that remain, so that nothing is lost.” <sup>13</sup>Therefore they gathered *them* up, and filled twelve baskets with the fragments of the five barley loaves which were left over by those who had eaten. <sup>14</sup>Then those men, when they had seen the sign that Jesus did, said, “This is truly the Prophet who is to come into the world.” <sup>15</sup>Therefore when Jesus perceived that they were about to come and take Him by force to make Him king, He departed again to the mountain by Himself alone.

**Introit.**

*Ant.* RE- JOICE, || ye with Jerusalem, and be glad with | her | - :  
 all ye | that | love | her.

|| Rejoice for joy with | her | - :  
 all ye that | mourn | for | her.

*Psalm.* I was glad when they said unto | me | - :

Let us go into the house | of | the | LORD.

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.**

Grant, we beseech Thee, Almighty God, that we, who for our evil deeds do worthily deserve to be punished, by the comfort of Thy grace may mercifully be relieved; 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. Galatians 4:21–31****Gospel. John 6:1–15****Additional reading: Isaiah 49:8–13****Gradual.**

|| I was glad when they said unto | me | - :

Let us go into the house | of | the | Lord.

|| Peace be within | thy | walls:

and prosperity within thy | pa- | lac- | es.

*Tract.* || They that trust in the Lord shall be as Mount | Zi- | on:  
 which cannot be removed, but abideth | for- | ev- | er.

**Communion Psalm:** *Ant.* Jerusalem is built as a city, that is at unity in itself: for thither the tribes go up, even the tribes of the Lord; to give thanks unto the Name of the Lord. (Ps 122:3-4). **Ps 122:1-8.**

Laetare - 4th Sunday in Lent

23. Christ, the Life of All the Living

Ernst Christoph Homburg, 1659

8, 7, 8, 7, 8, 8, 7, 7  
 Jesu, meines Lebens Leben  
 Darmstadt H. B., 1687

1. Christ, the Life of all the liv - ing,  
 2. Thou, ah! Thou, hast ta - ken on Thee

Christ, the Death of death our foe, Who, Thy - self for  
 Bonds and stripes, a cru - el rod; Pain and scorn were

me once giv - ing To the dark - est depths of woe,  
 heaped up - on Thee, O Thou sin - less Son of God!

Ma - dest rec - on - cil - i - a - tion, And didst save me  
 Thus didst Thou my soul de - liv - er From the bonds of

from dam - na - tion; Thou - sand, thou - sand  
 sin for - ev - er. Thou - sand, thou - sand

thanks shall be, Dear - est Je - sus, un - to Thee.  
 thanks shall be, Dear - est Je - sus, un - to Thee. A - men.

3. Thou hast borne the smiting only  
 That my wounds might all be whole;  
 Thou hast suffered, sad and lonely,  
 Rest to give my weary soul;  
 Yea, the curse of God enduring,  
 Blessing unto me securing.  
 Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,  
 Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.

5. Thou hast suffered men to bruise Thee,  
 That from pain I might be free;  
 Falsely did Thy foes accuse Thee—  
 Thence I gain security;  
 Comfortless once Thou didst languish,  
 Me to comfort in my anguish.  
 Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,  
 Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.

4. Heartless scoffers did surround Thee,  
 Treating Thee with cruel scorn,  
 And with piercing thorns  
 they crowned Thee;  
 All disgrace Thou, Lord, hast borne,  
 That as Thine Thou mightest own me,  
 And with heav'nly glory crown me.  
 Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,  
 Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.

6. Thou hast suffered great affliction,  
 And hast borne it patiently,  
 Even death by crucifixion,  
 Fully to atone for me;  
 Thou didst choose to be tormented,  
 That my doom should be prevented.  
 Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,  
 Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.

7. Then for all that wrought our pardon,  
 For Thy sorrows deep and sore,  
 For Thine anguish in the garden,  
 I will thank Thee evermore;  
 Thank Thee with my latest breath  
 For Thy sad and cruel death,  
 For that last most bitter cry,  
 And shall praise Thee, Lord, on high.

