

Welcome to Trinity

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

From this it is easy to perceive the difference between faith, and the piety produced by the law.

For faith is a divine worship and service, (latría,) in which we are the recipients of gifts; but the righteousness of the law is a worship which offers our works to God. Accordingly, God requires us to worship him through faith, that we may receive from him what he promises and offers. Faith, however, is not a mere historical knowledge, but a conviction which firmly cleaves to the divine promises, as Paul fully shows, when he says, Rom. 4:16: "Therefore it is of faith, that it might be by grace; to the end of the promise might be sure to all the seed." Here Paul so connects the two, that faith, &c., must follow promises; and again, reciprocally, where promises are given, God also requires faith.

But we can show even more plainly, what justifying faith is, by referring to our own Creed and Faith; for the Symbol says: I believe in the remission of sin. Hence it is not enough for us to know or believe that Christ was born, that he suffered and rose from the dead, but we must also believe the article which sets forth the final object of all this, namely, "I believe that my sins are forgiven me." To this article all the rest must be referred, namely, that our sins are forgiven for Christ's sake, and not on account of our merit. For why should God give Christ for our sins, if our merit could atone for them? (Henkel Translation, p. 166-167).

Assistants

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

No flowers during Lent
Church Cleaning – March 15/22 Taft, Mar 29/Apr 5 Stretch

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.

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.

Weekly Calendar

\*\*\*Daylight Savings Time\*\*\*

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

WEDNESDAY -Learn-by-Heart, 6:30 PM
-Catechesis Service, 7:00 PM

NEXT --LAETARE ("Rejoice...")
SUNDAY -Children and Adult Bible Studies, 9 AM
-Divine Service, 10:15 AM

Divine Service

Hymn ..... LW #222

Augustana Service Book & Hymnal

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+ Introit..... (insert)
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Sermon
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Announcements

## Trinity News

**2026 Pecan Fundraiser.**—This year we made a profit of \$656.40.

**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.

**Game Night** coming up on Friday, March 27

**Corn Hole.**—Friday, April 10.

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

**New Members.**--Pete & Sherry Wertz, Tim (Blaine) & Jennifer Mateycak, and their children, Renny (Serenity), Jaxon, and Freya

## 2026 ELDoNa Dates

The **2026 Synod & Colloquium** (papers) will be Monday-Friday, June 1-5, 2026 at Salem Lutheran Church (Malone, Texas).

**20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of ELDONA** on June 6, 2026 (Saturday). It is also the 140<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Salem LC. There will be activities at the church on Saturday and a special service on Sunday.

The Diocesan **Family Camp** will be hosted by Charity Lutheran Church (Burlson, TX), Monday June 8 through Wednesday, June 10, 2026. **Pr. Heimbigner is requesting that congregations begin to solicit how many people will be attending from each congregation, so that they can make arrangements for hotels, etc.**

## General Prayer p.18-19

### Special Prayers

- Pastoral Office:** Bishop, James Heiser, Pastor Michael D. Henson, Deacon Gary K. Harroun
- Eldona Congregations:** Needs of Current Missions, Prayer for and Planning of Future Missions, Remembrance of Previous Missions (that have ended or have become churches)
- 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), Belinda Poe (cancer, Shirley's cousin), David Henson (rehab), Carol Henson (cancer) and Dan Kenner (leg, hip).

### Special Donation

**Eldona Special Offering** The next two weeks we ask that you would contribute toward a special offering for Pr. Carlos Mario Marin and his congregation Iglesia Confesional de Colombia (Medellin, Antioquia, Columbia). The Colombian government is threatening to cancel their church status and demanding taxes. Pr. Marin says that it is a difficult situation which threatens to close their door. You can make your check out to Trinity Lutheran Church and designate the Colombian mission in the memo.

## Oculi Sunday



**Illustrated German Bible of 1483 (I:61 Genesis 50)**  
Jacob's Bones Are Taken to Canaan

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**2 Samuel 22:1-7**

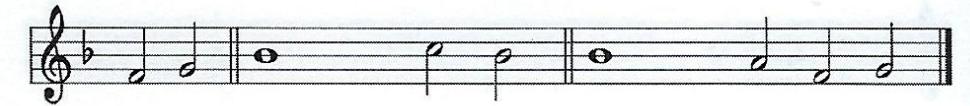
<sup>1</sup>Then David spoke to the LORD the words of this song, on the day when the LORD had delivered him from the hand of all his enemies, and from the hand of Saul. <sup>2</sup>And he said: “The LORD *is* my rock and my fortress and my deliverer; <sup>3</sup> The God of my strength, in whom I will trust; My shield and the horn of my salvation, My stronghold and my refuge; My Savior, You save me from violence. <sup>4</sup> I will call upon the LORD, *who is worthy* to be praised; So shall I be saved from my enemies. <sup>5</sup> ‘When the waves of death surrounded me, The floods of ungodliness made me afraid. <sup>6</sup> The sorrows of Sheol surrounded me; The snares of death confronted me. <sup>7</sup> In my distress I called upon the LORD, And cried out to my God; He heard my voice from His temple, And my cry *entered* His ears.

**Ephesians 5:1-9**

<sup>1</sup>Therefore be imitators of God as dear children. <sup>2</sup>And walk in love, as Christ also has loved us and given Himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling aroma. <sup>3</sup>But fornication and all uncleanness or covetousness, let it not even be named among you, as is fitting for saints; <sup>4</sup>neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor coarse jesting, which are not fitting, but rather giving of thanks. <sup>5</sup>For this you know, that no fornicator, unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God. <sup>6</sup>Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. <sup>7</sup>Therefore do not be partakers with them. <sup>8</sup>For you were once darkness, but now *you are* light in the Lord. Walk as children of light <sup>9</sup>(for the fruit of the Spirit *is* in all goodness, righteousness, and truth),

**St. Luke 11:14-28**

<sup>14</sup>And He was casting out a demon, and it was mute. So it was, when the demon had gone out, that the mute spoke; and the multitudes marveled. <sup>15</sup>But some of them said, “He casts out demons by Beelzebub, the ruler of the demons.” <sup>16</sup>Others, testing *Him*, sought from Him a sign from heaven. <sup>17</sup>But He, knowing their thoughts, said to them: “Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation, and a house *divided* against a house falls. <sup>18</sup>“If Satan also is divided against himself, how will his kingdom stand? Because you say I cast out demons by Beelzebub. <sup>19</sup>“And if I cast out demons by Beelzebub, by whom do your sons cast *them* out? Therefore they will be your judges. <sup>20</sup>“But if I cast out demons with the finger of God, surely the kingdom of God has come upon you. <sup>21</sup>“When a strong man, fully armed, guards his own palace, his goods are in peace. <sup>22</sup>“But when a stronger than he comes upon him and overcomes him, he takes from him all his armor in which he trusted, and divides his spoils. <sup>23</sup>“He who is not with Me is against Me, and he who does not gather with Me scatters. <sup>24</sup>“When an unclean spirit goes out of a man, he goes through dry places, seeking rest; and finding none, he says, ‘I will return to my house from which I came.’ <sup>25</sup>“And when he comes, he finds *it* swept and put in order. <sup>26</sup>“Then he goes and takes with *him* seven other spirits more wicked than himself, and they enter and dwell there; and the last *state* of that man is worse than the first.” <sup>27</sup>And it happened, as He spoke these things, that a certain woman from the crowd raised her voice and said to Him, “Blessed *is* the womb that bore You, and *the* breasts which nursed You!” <sup>28</sup>But He said, “More than that, blessed *are* those who hear the word of God and keep it!”



**Introit.**

*Ant.* MINE EYES || are ever toward the | LORD | - :  
 for He shall pluck my feet out | of | the | net.  
 || Turn Thee unto me, and have mercy up- | on | me:  
 for I am desolate and | af- | flic- | ted.  
*Psalm.* || Unto Thee, O LORD, do I lift up my | soul | - :  
 O My God, I trust in Thee; let me not be | a- | sham- | ed.  
 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.**

We beseech Thee, Almighty God, look upon the hearty desires of Thy humble servants, and stretch forth the right hand of Thy Majesty to be our defense against all our enemies; 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. Ephesians 5:1–9      Gospel. Luke 11:14–28**  
**Additional reading: 2 Samuel 22:1–7**

**Gradual.**

|| Arise, O LORD; let not man | pre- | vail:  
 let the heathen be judged | in | Thy | sight.  
 || When mine enemies are turned | back | - :  
 they shall fall and perish at | Thy | pre- | sence.  
*Tract.* || Unto Thee lift I up mine eyes, O Thou that dwellest in the | heav- | ens:  
 have mercy upon us, O LORD, have mercy | up- | on | us.

**Communion Psalm:** *Ant.* The sparrow has found her an house, and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young: even Your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King, and my God: blessed are they that dwell in Your house: they will be always praising You. (Ps 84:3-4). **Isaiah 12:2-6.**

# 22. A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Dr. Martin Luther, 1529

8, 7, 8, 7, 5, 5, 5, 6, 7

Ein' feste Burg ist unser Gott

Dr. Martin Luther, 1529

1. A might - y fort - ress is our God,  
2. With might of ours can naught be done,

A trust - y shield and wea - pon;  
Soon were our loss ef - fect - ed;

He helps us free from ev - 'ry need  
But for us fights the Val - iant One,

That hath us now o'er - tak - en.  
Whom God Him - self e - lect - ed.

The old E - vil Foe Now means dead - ly woe;  
Ask ye, Who is this? Je - sus Christ, it is,

Deep guile and great might are his dread arms in fight,  
Of Sab - a - oth Lord, And there's none oth - er God,

On earth is not his e - qual.  
He holds the field for - ev - er. A - men.

3. Though devils all the world should fill,  
All eager to devour us,  
We tremble not, we fear no ill,  
They shall not overpower us.  
This world's prince may still Scowl fierce as he will,  
He can harm us none, He's judged; the deed is done;  
One little word can fell him.

4. The Word they still shall let remain,  
And not a thank have for it;  
He's by our side upon the plain  
With His good gifts and Spirit.  
And take they our life, Goods, fame, child, and wife;  
Let these all be gone, They yet have nothing won;  
The kingdom ours remaineth.

