

Welcome to Trinity

#36 Art. IV “Justification” of the Apology of the Augsburg Confession.

Fourthly, remission of sin is **promised for Christ’s sake**. Therefore, no one can obtain it, unless by faith alone. For no one can take hold of the promise or participate in it, except through faith only. Rom. 4:16, “Therefore it is of faith, that it might be by grace; to the end the promise might be sure.” Precisely as if he should say, that if our salvation and righteousness depended on our own merit, the promise of God would yet be uncertain and useless to us; for we could never know it with certainty, when our merits would suffice. The pious heart and Christian conscience know this full well, and would not for a thousand worlds that our salvation depended upon ourselves.

Paul agrees with this view, Gal. 3:22, “The Scripture hath concluded all under sin, that the promise by faith of Jesus Christ might be given to them that believe.” **Here Paul casts aside all our merit**; for he says we are all worthy of death, and concluded under sin; he calls to mind the divine promise, by which alone we can obtain the forgiveness of sin; and further adds how we become participants of the promise, namely, by faith. This argument, drawn by Paul from the very nature of the divine promise, namely, that as God’s promise is certain and must remain sure, (as it will not fail to do,) remission of sin cannot proceed from our merit; else it would be uncertain, and we could not know when our merits would suffice; yes, I say, this argument, this foundation, is a firm rock; it is almost the strongest in the whole of Paul’s writings, and is very often repeated and quoted in all the epistles. (Henkel Translation, p. 173-174).

Assistants

Elder – Stephen Phillips (303-0769)
 Organist/Altar Guild – LeeAnn Byrne
 Church Cleaning – May 17 Prochaska, May 24/31 Plock

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
 -Mother’s Day

- MONDAY –Rogation Monday Matins, 8:00 AM
- TUESDAY –Rogation Tuesday Matins, 8:00 AM
- WEDNESDAY –Rogation Wednesday Matins, 8:00 AM
 -Learn-by-Heart/Catechesis, 6:30 PM
- THURSDAY -Divine Service, Ascension Day, 7:00 PM
- SATURDAY -Private Confession/Absolution 8 to 8:30 PM
- NEXT -EXAUDI “Hear, (O LORD, my voice)...”
- SUNDAY - Divine Service, 9:00 AM *****

Divine Service

LW Hymn..... #160

Augustana Service Book & Hymnal

- + Invocation..... p.7
- + Confession/Absolution p.8-9
- + Introit..... (insert)
[Pastor, then congregation]
- + Kyrie, Gloria in Excelsis ... p.10-13
- + Salutation..... p.13
- + Collect of the Day... (insert)
 Old Testament Reading
 Epistle, Gradual (insert)
- + Holy Gospel..... p.16
- Nicene Creed..... p.17

ASBH #34 “Our Father, Thou in Heaven Above”

Odd stanzas pulpit side, Even stanzas lectern side

- Sermon
- + Offertory: "Create in Me..." p.18
The Offerings are gathered.
- + General Prayer..... p.19-20
 Hymn..... #244
- + Exhortation p.21

Lutheran Worship Hymnal

- + Preface, etc. p.144-151
 Communion Psalm (by cantor)
- Distribution & Hymns**
#125, #277, #394
- + “Lord, now you let ...” p.152
- + Post-Communion Collects p.153
- + Benedicamus/Benediction.... p.154-5
Hymn LW #405
Announcements

Bike with Pastor Mike & Picnic with Pastor Gary

The Bike with Pastor Mike will be Sunday, May 24, 2026 on the Greenway Trail in Paducah, KY beginning at 3 PM. After the Bike, the participants will go to Pizza-by-the-Pound in Paducah for dinner. **The Picnic with Pastor Gary** will be the next Sunday, May 31 at Herrin Park, at 3 PM.

Trinity Lutheran Church Addition

On Sunday, March 29, the Voters' Assembly approved the Building Project to provide a small narthex and ground floor restrooms. As discussed at the meeting, the present Building Fund does not currently have sufficient funds to pay for the entire project. However, we will not need to borrow money, because we can cover the surplus from other church funds. However, it was approved to seek additional donations to the Building Fund in order that we might reach the full amount, and pay back the borrowed funds. We are short about \$58,000. **Please consider making a special donation to the "Building Fund."**



General Prayer p.18-19

Special Prayers

- Pastoral Office:** Bishop, James Heiser, Pastor Michael D. Henson, Deacon Gary K. Harroun
- Eldona Congregations:** St. Luke Lutheran Church (Kenai/Nikiski, AK) and Homer Ev. Lutheran Mission (Homer, AK), Pr. Timothy H. Tolar
- Grant protection to all those who risk their lives for the common good, especially the men and women serving in our armed forces, and bless their efforts to defend our freedoms, especially Jason Melvin and Blake Darnstaedt, and our police officers, especially Daniel Byrne and 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(WGU)
- Pregnant:** Risdon & Clara Melvin (May 25), Zane & Begum Kutay Baker (June 24), Eric & Allison Henson (July 23), Ben and Christina Henson (Oct. 2)

Armed Forces Day --We acknowledge with gratitude the gift of a free country as Your good gift. We thank you for those who laid down their lives for the sake of our nation. Let us never take for granted those sacrifices. Help us to live as good and obedient citizens, taking advantage of our liberty to freely worship you.

--Help us to honor our mother by serving her, obeying her, loving her and cherishing her as God's good gift. For those whose mothers have died, comfort them with the Resurrection of Jesus Christ.

--**Asleep in Jesus:** Tim Deppe (died on Tuesday May 5, the funeral is Friday, May 15)

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Rogate / Easter Five



Illustrated German Bible of 1483 (I:97 Exodus 32)
The Golden Calf and Moses/Aaron with God

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Jeremiah 29:11-14

¹¹ “For I know the thoughts that I think toward you,” says the LORD, “thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope. ¹² Then you will call upon Me and go and pray to Me, and I will listen to you. ¹³ And you will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all your heart. ¹⁴ I will be found by you,” says the LORD, “and I will bring you back from your captivity; I will gather you from all the nations and from all the places where I have driven you,” says the LORD, “and I will bring you to the place from which I cause you to be carried away captive.”

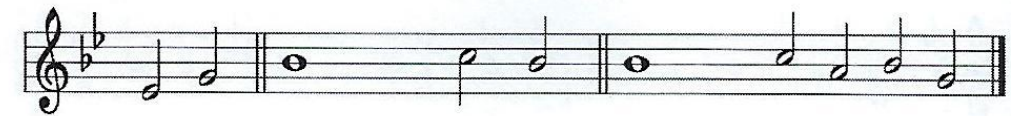
James 1:22-27

²² But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your-selves. ²³ For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man observing his natural face in a mirror; ²⁴ for he observes himself, goes away, and im-mediately forgets what kind of man he was. ²⁵ But he who looks into the perfect law of liberty and continues in it, and is not a forgetful hearer but a doer of the work, this one will be blessed in what he does. ²⁶ If anyone among you thinks he is religious, and does not bridle his tongue but deceives his own heart, this one’s religion is useless. ²⁷ Pure and undefiled religion before God and the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their trouble, and to keep oneself unspotted from the world.

St. John 16:23b-30

²³ “Most assuredly, I say to you, whatever you ask the Father in My name He will give you. ²⁴ Until now you have asked nothing in My name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full. ²⁵ These things I have spoken to you in figurative language; but the time is coming when I will no longer speak to you in figurative language, but I will tell you plainly about the Father. ²⁶ In that day you will ask in My name, and I do not say to you that I shall pray the Father for you; ²⁷ for the Father Himself loves you, because you have loved Me, and have believed that I came forth from God. ²⁸ I came forth from the Father and have come into the world. Again, I leave the world and go to the Father.” ²⁹ His disciples said to Him, “See, now You are speaking plainly, and using no figure of speech! ³⁰ Now we are sure that You know all things, and have no need that anyone should question You. By this we believe that You came forth from God.”

Communion Psalm: *Ant.* O Sing unto the Lord, alleluia: O sing unto the LORD, and bless ye his holy Name; tell forth his salvation even from one day unto another, alleluia, alleluia. (Ps. 96:1-2). **Ps 80:1, 8-11, 14-15, 17-18.**

**Introit.**

Ant. WITH THE || voice of singing declare ye, and tell | this | - :
utter it even to the end of the earth. | Hal- | le- | lu- | jah.

|| The Lord hath redeemed His servant | Ja- | cob:
Hallelujah. | Hal- | le- | lu- | jah.

Psalm. || Make a joyful noise unto God, all ye | lands | - :
sing forth the honor of His Name; make | His | praise | glo- | rious.

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 with- | out | end: | A- | men. (*Ant. Repeated.*)

Collect.

O God, from Whom all good things do come: Grant to us Thy humble servants, that by Thy holy inspiration we may think those things that be right and by Thy merciful guiding may perform the same; 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. James 1:22–27**Gospel.** John 16:23–30**Additional reading:** Jeremiah 29:11–14**Gradual.**

|| Hallelujah. Hallelujah. It behooved Christ to suffer, and to rise from | the | dead:
and thus to enter in- | to | His | glo- | ry.

|| Hallelujah. I came forth from the Father, and am come into | the | world:
again I leave the world, and go to the Father. | Hal- | le- | lu- | jah.

Sermon: Pray to the Father

1. **When a person is justified by faith and thus becomes a Christian, they do begin to _____.**
Psalm 51:15, “O Lord, open my lips, And my mouth shall show forth Your praise.”
2. **The _____ is the efficient cause of our prayer.**
Romans 8:15 says, “For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, “Abba, Father.”
3. **The content of a Christian’s prayer is the new _____ which exists between the believer and God.**
Psalm 70:1, “Make haste, O God, to deliver me! Make haste to help me, O Lord!”
- 4A. There is a connection between **God speaking His _____** and **the Christian speaking back to God in _____.**
John 15:7, Jesus says, “If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you.”
- 4B. Prayer is described as “**the heart _____ with God.**”
5. **The Word convinces a sinner that God is _____ to him in Jesus Christ.**
1 John 5:13-14 Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us”
6. **God commands His believers to pray and He promises to hear and answer them with good gifts.**
Matthew 7:8 “For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened.”

Theology Nights are Coming Back in 2026!

This Summer there will be three “Theology Nights.”

June 18 at David and Carol Henson’s home
July 9 to be determined
August 27 at David and Carol Henson’s home

Each night will begin at 6 PM with snacks and dinner. Following that at 6:30, there will be a **discussion of a theology paper**. **The first night we will continue our discussion of the book “Orthodoxy” by G.K. Chesterton**, which should be read before you arrive. And last of all, the usual fun activities like cards, corn hole and pleasant conversation to complete the evening.

Teaser: In the Summer of 2025 we looked at chapters 1-2. Toward the end of chapter 3, Chesterton says, “Here I end (thank God) the first dullest business of this book—the rough review of recent thought. After this I begin to sketch a new of life which may not interest the reader, but which, at any rate, interests me” (p.68 in my edition). As he begins chapter 4, Chesterton says “Now, I have to put together a general position, and I pretend to no training in such things. I propose to do it, therefore, by writing down one after another the three or four fundamental ideas which I have found for myself, pretty much in the way I found them. Then I shall synthesize them, summing up my personal philosophy or natural religion; then I shall describe my startling discovery that the whole thing had been discovered before. It had been discovered by Christianity.”

Rogate - 5th Sunday after Easter

34. Our Father, Thou in Heav'n Above

Dr. Martin Luther, 1539

Vater unser im Himmelreich

L. M. 61

Koephel, 1538

1. Our Fa - ther, Thou in heav'n a - bove,
 2. Thy name be hal - lowed! Help us, Lord,
 3. Thy king - dom come! Thine let it be

Who bid - dest us to dwell in love, As bro - thers
 To keep in pur - i - ty Thy Word, And lead ac -
 In time, and through e - ter - ni - ty! O let Thy

of one fam - i - ly, And cry for all we
 cord - ing to Thy name A ho - ly life, un -
 Ho - ly Spi - rit dwell With us, to rule and

need to Thee:— Teach us to mean the words we say,
 touched by blame; Let no false teach - ings do us hurt,
 guide us well; From Sa - tan's migh - ty pow'r and rage

And from the in - most heart to pray.
 All poor de - lud - ed souls con - vert,
 Pre - serve Thy Church from age to age. A - men.

4. Thy will be done on earth, O Lord,
 As where in heav'n Thou art adored!
 Patience in time of grief bestow,
 Obedience in weal and woe;
 Our sinful flesh and blood control
 That thwart Thy will within the soul.

7. Into temptation lead us not;
 And when the Foe doth war and plot
 Against our souls on ev'ry hand,
 Then armed with faith, O may we stand
 Against him as a valiant host,
 Through comfort of the Holy Ghost.

5. Give us this day our daily bread
 And all that for this life we need;
 From war and strife be our Defence,
 From famine and from pestilence,
 That we may live in godly peace,
 Unvexed by cares and avarice.

8. From evil, Lord, deliver us!
 The times and days are perilous;
 Redeem us from eternal death;
 And when we yield our dying breath,
 Console us, grant us calm release,
 And take our souls to Thee in peace.

6. Lord, all our trespasses forgive,
 That they our hearts
 no more may grieve,
 As we forgive their trespasses
 Who unto us have done amiss;
 Thus let us dwell in charity,
 And serve each other willingly.

9. Amen! that is, So let it be!
 Confirm our faith continually,
 That we may doubt not, but believe
 That what we ask we shall receive;
 Thus in Thy name and at Thy Word
 We say: Amen; O hear us, Lord!