

Welcome to Trinity

#63 Art. IV “Justification” of the Apology of the Augsburg Confession.
...our works or worship cannot afford peace to our consciences, when we truly feel the judgment and wrath of God, or fall in temptation.

The Scriptures abundantly confirm this, as in Psalm 143:2: “Enter not into judgment with thy servant: for in thy sight shall no man living be justified.” Here the Psalmist clearly testifies, that all the saints, all the pious children of God, having the Holy Spirit, **unless God remit their sins through grace, have sins still remaining in the flesh.** When David says in another place: “Judge me, O Lord, according to my righteousness,” (Psalm 7:8,) he speaks of his cause, and not of his own righteousness; but his prayer is, that God would protect his cause and his Word,—since he says: *Judge, Lord! my cause.* Again, Psalm 130:3, he clearly asserts, that **no one, not even the greatest saint, can bear the judgment of God,** if he would mark iniquities, saying: “If thou, Lord, shouldst mark iniquities, O Lord, who shall stand?”

And thus Job says, 9:28: “I am afraid of all my sorrows, I know that thou wilt not hold me innocent.” Again, verses 30, 31: “If I wash myself with snow-water, and make my hands never so clean; yet shalt thou plunge me in the ditch, and mine own clothes shall abhor me.” Again in the Proverbs of Solomon 20:9: “Who can say, I have made my heart clean?” And 1 John:1,8: “If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.”— (Henkel Translation, p. 187-188).

All Saints’ Day

At 10:15 AM, on November 1st we will remember by name those who have departed this life as members of Trinity Lutheran Church and other friends and relatives who have received a Christian burial. We will give thanks to God for their witness and ask the Lord to unite us with them before His presence in heaven If you wish to have a particular departed Christian’s name remembered, submit that name to Pastor Henson, prior to the service on Nov. 1.

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 **-Matins on St. Luke, Evangelist, 8 AM**
-Adult and Child Bible Studies, 9:00 AM
-Divine Service-Lord’s Supper, 10:15 AM
-Council Meeting #4
-Basics of Lutheran Teaching, Class #4, 12:30 PM

MONDAY -Elders’ Meeting, 7 PM

WEDNESDAY -Learn-by-Heart / **Catechesis Service**, 6:30 PM

FRIDAY -Deer Farm Cookout, 5:00 PM

SATURDAY -Private Confession & Absolution, 8-8:30 PM

NEXT **-TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

SUNDAY -Bible Classes, 9:00 AM
-Divine Service-Lord’s Supper, 10:15 AM
-Hike with Pastor Mike, leaves church at 1 PM

Assistants

Elder – Tony Stretch (995-1379)
Altar Guild – Patty Kenner
Organist – LeeAnn Byrne
Church Cleaning –Oct 18 Field, Bob, Oct 25/Nov 1 Darnstaedt

Divine Service

Hymn LW #184

Augustana Service Book & Hymnal

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Trinity News

Council Meeting.— Today(10/18), following the Divine Service.

Deer Farm Hayride and

Cookout.—Friday, October 23

Trinity's Reformation Service.—Saturday, Oct. 31 at 1:30 PM (note time change).

All Saints' Day Service.—Nov 1 at 10:15 AM

Voters' Assembly & Potluck.—November 15

Class #4 on The Basics of Lutheran Teachings.—

continues today(10/18) at 12:30 PM. If you might be interested in joining Trinity Lutheran Church, this is the course for you! Come and find out with the next few classes held on November 1, 8, 22, & 29.

2026 Hike with Pastor (Mike) Henson.—is

October 25. This year there will be no picnic. We are going to Panther Den! We will leave from the church at 1:00 PM for those who want to carpool or caravan. We will start hiking at 1:45 PM at “**Panther Den Trail Head**”(Google Maps). The trailhead is 23 miles south of Herrin. It can be reached by going south on Wolf Creek Road and take a right on Mt. Hebron Road. Maps are available. This loop trail is 3 miles long and it descends through the woods and crosses a stream, before it reaches stunning rock formations. There is even a long narrow corridor to squeeze yourself through, if you desire. Note: cell service is spotty. Those who desire can go out for pizza afterwards.

Trinity Lutheran Church Addition

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 (Texas Tech University, Lubbock, TX), Liam Phillips, Colton Weber (John A. Logan), Jessica Gordon (SIU-C, Oletha's granddaughter), and Jennifer Mateycak(WGU)
- Pregnant:** Jacob & Heidi Henson (Nov 26)
- Various Needs:** Stacy Tolar (wife of Pr. Tim Tolar-Alaska), Maddie (seizures, niece of Renee Darnstaedt)
- bless the labors of all who work honestly with their bodies and minds. Lead employers to provide useful employment to the unemployed and just wages for all those who labor. Encourage those who work for their families and church with the knowledge that their labors are not in vain.



The Twentieth Sunday after Trinity



Illustrated German Bible of 1483 (I:313 1 Kings 2)
David's Death, Solomon Approached by Bathsheba

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Isaiah 65:1-2

1 “I was sought by those who did not ask for Me; I was found by those who did not seek Me. I said, ‘Here I am, here I am,’ to a nation that was not called by My name. 2 I have stretched out My hands all day long to a rebellious people, who walk in a way that is not good, according to their own thoughts;”

Ephesians 5:15-21

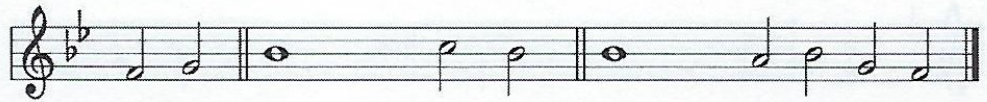
15 See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise, 16 redeeming the time, be-cause the days are evil. 17 There-fore do not be unwise, but under-stand what the will of the Lord is. 18 And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled with the Spirit, 19 speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord, 20 giving thanks always for all things to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, 21 submitting to one another in the fear of God.

St. Matthew 22:1-14

1 And Jesus answered and spoke to them again by parables and said: 2 “The kingdom of heaven is like a certain king who arranged a marriage for his son, 3 and sent out his servants to call those who were invited to the wedding; and they were not willing to come. 4 Again, he sent out other servants, saying, ‘Tell those who are invited, “See, I have prepared my dinner; my oxen and fatted cattle are killed, and all things are ready. Come to the wedding.”’ 5 But they made light of it and went their ways, one to his own farm, another to his business. 6 And the rest seized his servants, treated them spitefully, and killed them. 7 But when the king heard about it, he was furious. And he sent out his armies, destroyed those mur-derers, and burned up their city. 8 Then he said to his servants, ‘The wedding is ready, but

those who were invited were not worthy. 9 Therefore go into the highways, and as many as you find, invite to the wedding.’ 10 So those servants went out into the highways and gathered together all whom they found, both bad and good. And the wedding hall was filled with guests. 11 But when the king came in to see the guests, he saw a man there who did not have on a wedding garment. 12 So he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you come in here without a wedding garment?’ And he was speechless. 13 Then the king said to the servants, ‘Bind him hand and foot, take him away, and cast him into outer darkness; there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ 14 For many are called, but few are chosen.”

Communion Psalm: *Ant.* You have charged that we shall diligently keep your commandments: O that my ways were made so direct that I might keep all the judgments of your mouth. (Psalm 119:4-6). **Psalm 119:1-3, 8-9, 26, 59-60, 134, 168.**



Introit.

Ant. THE LORD || our God is righteous in all His works which He | do- | eth:
for we obey- | ed | not | His | voice.
|| Give glory to Thy Name, O | LORD | - :
and deal with us according to the multitude | of | Thy | mer- | cies.
Psalm. || Great is the LORD, and greatly to be | prais- | ed:
in the city of our God, in the mountain | of | His | holi- | ness.
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.

Grant, we beseech Thee, Merciful Lord, to Thy faithful people pardon and peace, that they may be cleansed from all their sins, and serve Thee with a quiet mind; 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 5:15–21 **Gospel.** Matthew 22:1–14

Additional reading: Isaiah 65:1–2

Gradual.

|| The eyes of all wait upon Thee O | LORD | - :
and Thou givest them their meat | in | due | sea- | son.
|| Thou openest Thine | hand | - :
and satisfiest the desire of eve- | ry | liv- | ing | thing.
|| Hallelujah. Hallelujah. O give thanks unto the LORD; call upon His | Name | - :
make known His deeds among the people. | Hal- | le- | lu- | jah.

20th Sunday after Trinity

58. How Lovely Shines the Morning Star

Philipp Nicolai, 1597

Philipp Nicolai, 1599

1. How love-ly shines the Morning Star! The na-tions
see and hail a - far The light in Ju-dah shin - ing.
Thou Da - vid's Son of Ja-cob's race, My Bride-groom
and my King of Grace, For Thee my heart is pin - ing. Low-ly,

Ho-ly, Great and glor-ious, Thou vic-tor-ious Prince of grac-es,
Fill - ing all the heav'n-ly plac - es. A - men.

2. O highest joy by mortals won,
True Son of God and Mary's Son,
Thou high-born King of ages!
Thou art my heart's most beauteous Flow'r,
And Thy blest Gospel's saving pow'r
My raptured soul engages.
Thou mine, I Thine;
Sing hosanna! Heav'nly manna
Tasting, eating,
Whilst Thy love in songs repeating.

3. Now richly to my waiting heart,
O Thou, my God, deign to impart
The grace of love undying.
In Thy blest Body let me be,
E'en as the branch is in the tree.
Thy life my life supplying.
Sighing, Crying,
For the savor Of Thy favor;
Resting never
Till I rest in Thee forever.

4. A pledge of peace from God I see
When Thy pure eyes are turned to me
To show me Thy good pleasure.
Jesus, Thy Spirit and Thy Word,
Thy Body and Thy Blood, afford
My soul its dearest treasure.
Keep me Kindly
In Thy favor, O my Savior!
Thou wilt cheer me;
Thy Word calls me to draw near Thee.

5. Thou, mighty Father, in Thy Son
Didst love me ere Thou hadst begun
This ancient world's foundation.
Thy Son hath made a friend of me,
And when in spirit Him I see,
I joy in tribulation.
What bliss Is this!
He that liveth To me giveth
Life forever;
Nothing me from Him can sever.

6. Lift up the voice and strike the string,
Let all glad sounds of music ring
In God's high praises blended.
Christ will be with me all the way,
Today, tomorrow, ev'ry day.
Till trav'ling days be ended.
Sing out, Ring out
Triumph glorious, O victorious,
Chosen nation;
Praise the God of your salvation.

7. Oh, joy to know that Thou, my Friend,
Art Lord, Beginning without end,
The First and Last, Eternal!
And Thou at length—O glorious grace!—
Wilt take me to that holy place,
The home of joys supernal.
Amen, Amen!
Come and meet me! Quickly greet me!
With deep yearning,
Lord, I look for Thy returning.

Quotes from today's sermon on Eternal Election

God desires all men to be saved and to enjoy the marriage feast, which is eternal life with God. He **calls men through the Word** to believe in Jesus Christ. The vast majority do not hear the invitation of God's Word, willfully despise it, or make light of it. It is **due to their wickedness alone that they are excluded from eternal life**. Thus, despite God's universal call, few are "the chosen," the saved ones. **From eternity, God in His mercy and without any merit in us, determined to save those who believe in Jesus Christ.**

God's eternal election is the cause of our salvation. It is His purpose before the creation of the world, which is worked out through the Gospel preaching of the Word. This teaching gives God all the glory. This teaching of eternal election is both useful and consoling to believers....

First of all, we are **not to seek the assurance of our eternal election by means of human reason**. Human reason concludes that if God chose believers to be saved, **He must have also chosen some to be damned**. Although it seems perfectly logical, this is completely false.... **1 Timothy 2:4** says that He "desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth."...

Second, we are **not to seek the assurance of our eternal election by means of the works of the law....** We should not look at our good works, or lack of good works, in order to determine if we are one of the saved few, the elect....

We know that we are saved by God's grace and not because of any merit of our own. **The assurance of God's eternal election comes from the holy Gospel.** What God purposed before the creation of the world is accomplished through the calling of God's holy Word inviting men to believe in Jesus' atoning work....

My dear Christian friends, you have been called by the Gospel, so that you believe in Jesus and therefore you are one of "the few," the elect. **2 Peter 1:10** says, "Therefore, brethren, be even more diligent **to make your call and election sure**, for if you do these things you will never stumble." When St. Peter says "make your call and election sure," he means don't live like this kicked out protestor. That's sure proof that you aren't saved. Believers should use the greatest diligence to live according to God's will in His Word....