Welcome to Trinity

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

Reply to the arguments of our opponents.

Having now set for the true principles of this subject, namely, **the difference between the law and the divine promises**, it is easy to refute the objections of our opponents. They introduce passages relating to the law and good works; those, however, which speak of the promises of God, they omit. But to all their quotations concerning the law, it may be briefly replied, that the law cannot be kept without Christ; and although works, externally good, may be performed without Christ, still God has no pleasure, on that account, in the person performing them. Hence those teaching, or **preaching of good works, should always add, that faith must precede, that God accepts them solely for the sake of faith in Christ, and that these works are fruits and testimonies of faith.**

This doctrine which we maintain is very explicit, and will bear the light, and a comparison with the holy Scriptures. It is here also clearly and correctly presented to those who desire information, and do not willfully deny the truth. In order properly to understand the benefits of Christ and the great treasure of the Gospel ; (which Paul so highly extols,) it is necessary for us to separate, as far from each other as heaven and earth, the promises of God and the proffered grace, on the one hand, and the law on the other. A desperate cause requires many and various comments ; but in a good cause, one or two thorough expositions generally solve all imagined objections. So in the case before us, this one solution explains all the passages which are quoted against us, namely, that no one can properly keep the law without Christ, and that, though external good works are performed, we are not acceptable to God without Christ ; for we maintain that the Scriptures hold forth **these two doctrines of the law and the promises of grace.** (Henkel Translation, p. 190-191).

Trinity's Annual Pecan Fundraiser

These delicious, candied pecans (cinnamon glazed 10oz., chocolate covered 12 oz., and glazed 8 oz.) make wonderful Christmas gifts at $10.00/bag. The plain pecans (16 oz. extra-large halves at $12.00/bag) are great for your baking needs. Make checks out to "Trinity LWMS." Today(Nov 22) is the last day in which orders can be placed. Thanks for your support.

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 -Choir practice, 8:30-9:00 AM
-Adult and Child Bible Studies, 9:00 AM
-Divine Service-Lord's Supper, 10:15 AM
-Basics of Lutheran Teaching, Class #7, 12:30 PM
WEDNESDAY -Learn-by-Heart / **Catechesis Service**, 6:30 PM
THURSDAY **-Matins on Thanksgiving Day, 9 AM**
SATURDAY --Decorating for Holy Days, 4:00 PM
--Vespers at 7 PM

NEXT SUNDAY -*THE FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT*
-Choir practice, 8:30-9:00 AM
-Adult and Child Bible Studies, 9:00 AM
-Divine Service-Lord's Supper, 10:15 AM
-Basics of Lutheran Teaching, Class #8, 12:30 PM

Assistants

Elder – Dan Byrne (922-3556)
Organist – LeeAnn Byrne
Altar Guild – Kim Miller
Church Cleaning – Nov 22/29 Brieschke, Dec 6/13 Baker

Divine Service

Hymn …… LW #419

Augustana Service Book & Hymnal

+ Invocation.....……. p.7
+ Confession/Absolution p.8-9
+ Introit..... (insert)
[Pastor, then congregation]
+ Kyrie... p.10
+ Gloria in Excelsis p.11-13
+ Salutation..... p.13
+ Collect of the Day... (insert)
Old Testament Reading
Epistle
+ Gradual…….. (insert)
+ Holy Gospel..... p.16
Nicene Creed…….. p.17
ASBH #65 "The Bridegroom Soon Will Call Us"
Sermon
+ Offertory: "Create in Me…" p.18
The Offerings are gathered.
+ Prayer: The Close of the Church Year
Hymn……. **LW #250**
+ Exhortation p.229

Lutheran Worship Hymnal

+ Preface, etc. p.144-151
Communion Psalm (by cantor)
Distribution & Hymns
#305, #301
#177 "Wake Awake for Night is Flying"
+ "Lord, now you let …" p.152
+ Post-Communion Collects p.153
+ Benedicamus/Benediction.... p.154-5
Announcements

Prayer for The Close of the Church Year

O Thou Father of Mercies, we bring unto Thee this day our sacrifice of praise for the innumerable and inestimable spiritual blessings with which Thou hast favored us in Christ Jesus during the church year now drawing to its close. Thou hast caused Thy divine Word to be preached to us, which is able to make us wise unto salvation; Thou hast permitted us to enjoy the holy Sacraments for our comfort and sanctification, and hast accompanied the means of grace with the effectual working of Thy Holy Spirit in our hearts. We bless Thee for Thy goodness and praise Thy holy name; and we beseech Thee, Thou wouldst in mercy forgive us all the sins of the past year for Jesus' sake and graciously preserve the blessed light of Thy Gospel unto us and all Christendom. Govern us by Thy Holy Spirit, that, receiving Thy Word with gladness and continuing therein all our days, we may be sanctified through Thy truth and finally obtain eternal salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. (TLH The Lutheran Liturgy, p.383) **R. Amen.**

Prayer for the Civil Authorities, ASBH p. 179
R. Amen.

Special Prayers

--Pastoral Office: Bishop, James Heiser, Pastor Michael D. Henson, Deacon Gary K. Harroun
--Eldona Congregations: St. Michael & All Angels Lutheran Mission (Martinez, GA), Pr. Jerald Dulas
--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), Danny Fletcher (friend of Pet Wertz, stage 4 lung cancer), Anita Prochaska (broken collar bone), and Karen Melvin (broken wrist)
-Joe Payne(Dan Kenner's uncle, passed away.
-For the elderly in our midst, that we would show Christ's love for our neighbor by showing honor, respect, and care for them, and that they may find fulfillment and satisfaction in the later years of their lives.

And the conclusion followed by **R. Amen.**

Trinity News

Pecan Fund Raiser.—The last day to place an order is TODAY(11/22) (see inside page)

Class #7 on The Basics of Lutheran Teachings.—continues today(11/22) 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 29 and December 6,13, and 20.

Thanksgiving Day Service.—Matins at 9:00 AM on Thursday, Nov. 26.

Decorating for the Holidays.—Saturday, Nov. 28 at 5:00 PM, Vespers at 7:00 PM

Addresses of Military and Students for Bulletins.—Please give pastor the addresses of those soldiers, which we are including in our prayers.

Christmas Services.--This year's services will be Thursday, **December 24 at 7:00 PM** and Friday, **December 25 Matins at 8 AM,** and **Divine Service at 9:00 AM.**

The Last Sunday in the Church Year



Illustrated German Bible of 1483 (I:355 2 Kings 13:20-21)
Death and Burial of Elisha

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Isaiah 65:17-19
17 For behold, I create new heavens and a new earth; And the former shall not be remembered or come to mind. 18 But be glad and rejoice forever in what I create; For behold, I create Jerusalem as a rejoicing, and her people a joy. 19 I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and joy in My people; The voice of weeping shall no longer be heard in her, nor the voice of crying.

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
1 But concerning the times and the seasons, brethren, you have no need that I should write to you. 2 For you yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so comes as a thief in the night. 3 For when they say, "Peace and safety!" then sudden destruction comes upon them, as labor pains upon a pregnant woman. And they shall not escape. 4 But you, brethren, are not in darkness, so that this Day should overtake you as a thief. 5 You are all sons of light and sons of the day. We are not of the night nor of darkness. 6 Therefore let us not sleep, as others do, but let us watch and be sober. 7 For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk are drunk at night. 8 But let us who are of the day be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love, and as a helmet the hope of salvation. 9 For God did not appoint us to wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, 10 who died for us, that whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with Him. 11 Therefore comfort each other and edify one another, just as you also are doing.

St. Matthew 25:1-13
1 "Then the kingdom of heaven shall be likened to ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. 2 Now five of them were wise, and five were foolish. 3 Those who were foolish took their lamps and took no oil with them, 4 but the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps. 5 But while the bridegroom was delayed, they all slumbered and slept. 6 And at midnight a cry was heard: 'Behold, the bridegroom is coming; go out to meet him!' 7 Then all those virgins arose and trimmed their lamps. 8 And the foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' 9 But the wise answered, saying, 'No, lest there should not be enough for us and you; but go rather to those who sell, and buy for yourselves.' 10 And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the wedding; and the door was shut. 11 Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, 'Lord, Lord, open to us!' 12 But he answered and said, 'Assuredly, I say to you, I do not know you.' 13 Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour in which the Son of Man is coming."

Communion Psalm: *Ant.* The five wise virgins took oil in their vessels with their lamps; and at midnight a cry was made: Behold the bridegroom comes; go out to meet him, Christ the LORD. (Matthew 25). **Psalm 34:1, 5-6, 14-20.**

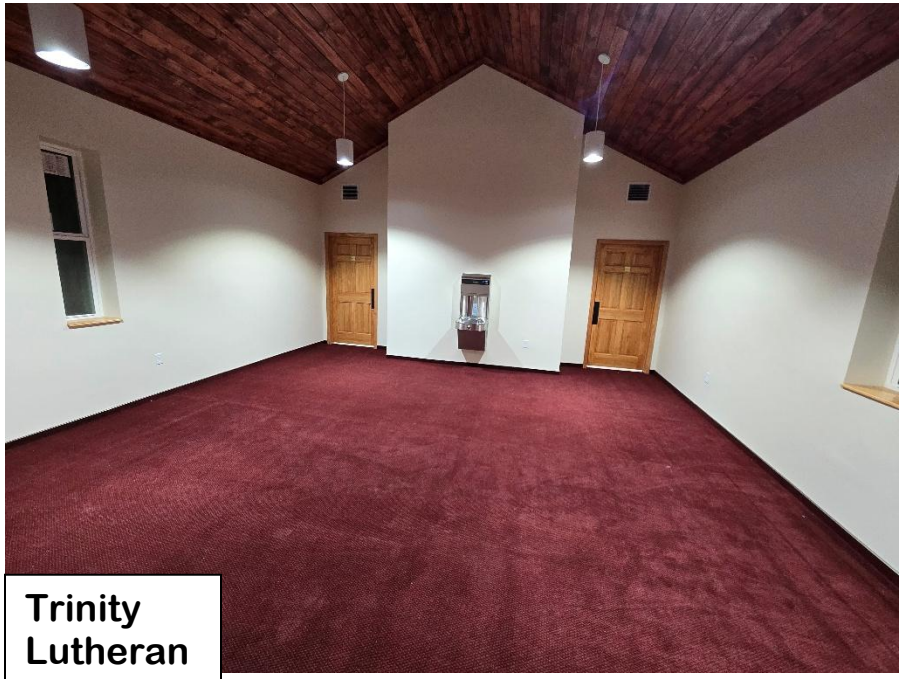


Introit.
Ant. I KNOW || the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the | Lord | - :
thoughts of peace, and | not | of | e- | vil.
|| Then shall ye call upon Me, and pray unto Me, and I will hearken unto | you | - :
and I will turn your captivity, and gather you from all nations and | from | all | pla- | ces.
Psalm. || Lord, Thou hast been favorable unto Thy | land | - :
Thou hast brought back the captivi- | ty | of | Ja- | cob.
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.
Absolve, we beseech Thee, O Lord, Thy people from their offences, that from the bonds of our sins which, by reason of our frailty, we have brought upon us, we may be delivered by Thy bountiful goodness; 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. 1 Thessalonians 5:1–11 **Gospel. Matthew 25:1–13**
Additional reading: Isaiah 65:17–19

Gradual.
|| I am the Light of | the | world:
he that followeth Me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have | the | light | of | life.
|| The Spirit and the bride say, Come, and let him that heareth | say | Come:
and let him that | is | a- | thirst | come.
|| Hallelujah. Halle | lu- | jah:
Even so, come, Lord Jesus. | Hal- | le- | lu- | jah.



Trinity Lutheran Church Addition

Weekly Scripture Verse

Beginning next week there will be a Scripture verse or two printed in the bulletin. It can also be found in Our Family Daily Prayers(OFDP). Put it in your pocket or tape it to your bathroom mirror in order to remind yourself of it.

ASBH Full Service begins November 29!

Next week we will begin using the entire Divine Service from the **Augustana Service Book & Hymnal (ASBH)**.

Most parts will be familiar, with slightly different music. If you have difficultly following along sit by a member, who already has been using ASBH at our minor festivals.

In order to make the transition easier, we will continue to print some hymns in the bulletin. The only time you will need the blue hymnal is for communion hymns and possibly the departing hymn.

One difference: Following the General Prayer the congregation speaks **the Lord's Prayer** in unison (page 20). However, in the Communion Liturgy (page 29), the pastor alone will chant the Lord's Prayer by himself with the congregation joining him at "For Thine is the kingdom…".

History—In November of 2022, we began using the ASBH 2022 Supplement with limited hymns (the final copy will have 330 hymns). In June of 2024, after several issues, we settled in to our present practice of using the ASBH for the Service of the Word, and Lutheran Worship(LW) for the Service of Holy Communion. When the full hymnal arrives (probably in 2027), we want to have the liturgy of The Common Service learned very well. It's time to push forward. **If you purchased a copy of the ASBH, please bring it for services as we only have about 50 copies.**

Church & Parish Hall Cleaning

In order that God's Services may be held, many things need to be done--including church cleaning. Each member shares in the duty to see that God's work is done. Each member's family appears on the list only once every year. Please have the church cleaned for the Sundays assigned. A check list for cleaning the church/education building is posted. You may hire the cleaning done for a cost of $100 for 2 weeks. Note: If you are not financially or physically able to clean the church, please discreetly let Pastor Henson know and he will take you off of the cleaning list.

Please let Patty Kenner know if you will do it yourself or wish to pay someone to do it. It is important that you do so. Designate the $100 as "church cleaning," and give to Patty or place in the plate. Any questions please call Patty Kenner at 201-5875 or Pastor Henson 942-3401.

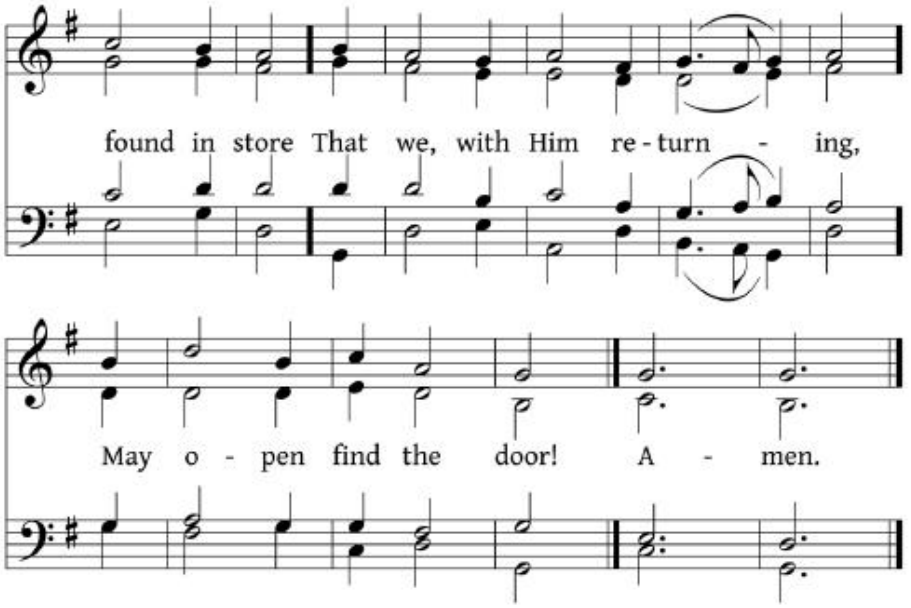
27th Sunday after Trinity

65. The Bridegroom Soon Will Call Us

Johann Walther, 1552, cento
Tr., Matthias Loy, 1880

"Musae Sioniae," VII, 1609





2. There shall we see delighted
Our dear Redeemer's face,
Who leads our souls benighted
To glory by His grace.
The patriarchs shall meet us,
The prophets' holy band,
Apostles, martyrs, greet us
In that celestial land.

3. They will not blush to own us
As brothers, sisters dear;
Love ever will be shown us
When we with them appear.
We all shall come before Him
Who for us man became,
As Lord and God adore Him,
And ever bless His name.

4. Our Father, rich in blessing,
Will give us crowns of gold
And, to His bosom pressing,
Impart a bliss untold,
Will welcome with embraces
Of never-ending love,
And deck us with His graces
In blissful realms above.

5. In yonder home shall never
Be silent music's voice;
With hearts and lips forever
We shall in God rejoice.
The angels shall adore Him,
All saints shall sing His praise
And bring with joy before Him
Their sweetest heavenly lays.

6. In mansions fair and spacious
Will God the feast prepare
And, ever kind and gracious,
Bid us its riches share.
There bliss that knows no measure
From springs of love shall flow,
And never-changing pleasure
His bounty will bestow.

7. Thus God shall from all evil
Forever make us free,
From sin, and from the devil,
From all adversity,
From sickness, pain, and sadness,
From troubles, cares, and fears,
And grant us heav'nly gladness
And wipe away our tears.