Welcome to Trinity

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

And Jerome says in opposition to Pelagius: "We are justified when we acknowledge ourselves to be sinners; and our righteousness does not depend on our merit, but on the mercy of God." **For this reason, though, we abound in truly good works, and have thus begun to keep the law of God,** like Paul when he preached faithfully, still we must have faith; we must trust that God is gracious and reconciled to us for Christ's sake, not on account of our works, because mercy cannot be embraced, except through faith alone. Those, therefore, who teach that we become acceptable to God on account of our works, and not for the sake of Christ, lead the conscience into despair.

From this it is sufficiently evident, that **faith alone justifies us before God, that is, obtains grace and the remission of sins for the sake of Christ, and leads us to a new birth.** Again, it is plain enough, that we receive the Holy Ghost through faith alone; that our works and our first efforts to keep the law, are not in themselves pleasing to God. We must therefore, although we abound in good works, like Paul and Peter, seek our righteousness elsewhere,—namely, in the promise of the grace of Christ. Moreover, as faith alone pacifies the conscience, it must follow that faith alone justifies us before God. For if we wish to teach the truth, we must always maintain that we become acceptable to God, not on account of the law, nor on account of works, but for the sake of Christ. Because the honor which belongs to Christ, should not be given to the law or to our miserable works. (Henkel Translation, p. 189-190).

Assistants

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

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.

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." Orders can be placed between Nov. 8-Nov 22. Thanks for your support.

Weekly Calendar

TODAY -Adult and Child Bible Studies, 9:00 AM
-Divine Service-Lord's Supper, 10:15 AM
-Voters' Assembly, following service
-Potluck
WEDNESDAY -Learn-by-Heart / **Catechesis Service**, 6:30 PM
THURSDAY -Ladies Missionary Society(Patti Baker's), 6 PM

NEXT SUNDAY
-LAST SUNDAY IN THE CHURCH YEAR
-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

Divine Service

Hymn ……. LW #308

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 #64 "Now Thank We All Our God"
Sermon
+ Offertory: "Create in Me…" p.18
The Offerings are gathered.
+ General Prayer…… p.19-20
Hymn……. **LW #249**
+ Exhortation p.21

Lutheran Worship Hymnal

+ Preface, etc. .....….. p.144-151
Communion Psalm (by cantor)
Distribution & Hymns
#306, #518, #288, #307, #462
+ "Lord, now you let …" p.152
+ Post-Communion Collects p.153
+ Benedicamus/Benediction.... p.154-5
Announcements

Trinity News

Voters' Assembly & Potluck.—Today, November 15

Pecans.—The annual pecan fundraiser has begun, see inside.

Ladies Missionary Society.—Nov 19 at 6 PM at Patti Baker's

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 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.**

Classes on The Basics of Lutheran Teachings.—continue on November 22 at 12:30 PM. If you might be interested in joining Trinity Lutheran Church, this is the course for you!

Finances

Third Quarter: July-Sep 2026 Church
Donations = $47,870, Expenses = $53,189
Deficit = **$5,319**

Total for Jan-Sep 2026 Church
Donations = $172,315, Expenses = $153,601
Surplus = **$19,094**

2026 Building Fund donations = $7,620
2026 Building Addition Expenses = $292,851

General Prayer p.18-19

Special Prayers

--Pastoral Office: Bishop, James Heiser, Pastor Michael D. Henson, Deacon Gary K. Harroun

--Eldona Congregations: St. Bartholomew Ev. Lutheran Mission (Fort Myers, FL) and St. Luke Ev. Lutheran Mission (Ormond Beach, FL) Pr. Jerry 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)

--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 2nd Last Sunday in the Church Year



Illustrated German Bible of 1483 (I:346 2 Kings 5)
Namaan in the Jordan River

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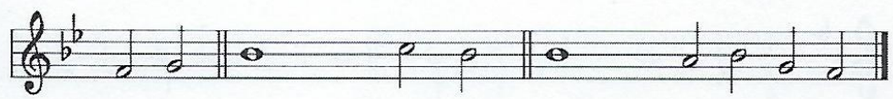
Pr. Henson and Dcn. Harroun are members of the Evangelical Lutheran Diocese of North America (Eldona.org)

Isaiah 40:9-11
9 O Zion, You who bring good tidings, get up into the high mountain; O Jerusalem, You who bring good tidings, lift up your voice with strength, lift it up, be not afraid; Say to the cities of Judah, "Behold your God!" 10 Behold, the Lord GOD shall come with a strong hand, and His arm shall rule for Him; Behold, His reward is with Him, and His work before Him. 11 He will feed His flock like a shepherd; He will gather the lambs with His arm, and carry them in His bosom, and gently lead those who are with young.

2 Thessalonians 1:3-10
3We are bound to thank God always for you, brethren, as it is fitting, because your faith grows exceedingly, and the love of every one of you all abounds toward each other, 4so that we ourselves boast of you among the churches of God for your patience and faith in all your persecutions and tribulations that you endure, 5which is manifest evidence of the righteous judgment of God, that you may be counted worthy of the kingdom of God, for which you also suffer; 6since it is a righteous thing with God to repay with tribulation those who trouble you, 7and to give you who are troubled rest with us when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with His mighty angels, 8in flaming fire taking vengeance on those who do not know God, and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. 9These shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power, 10when He comes, in that Day, to be glorified in His saints and to be admired among all those who believe, because our testimony among you was believed.

St. Matthew 25:31-46
31 "When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him, then He will sit on the throne of His glory. 32 All the nations will be gathered before Him, and He will separate them one from another, as a shepherd divides his sheep from the goats. 33 And He will set the sheep on His right hand, but the goats on the left. 34 Then the King will say to those on His right hand, 'Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: 35 for I was hungry and you gave Me food; I was thirsty and you gave Me drink; I was a stranger and you took Me in; 36 I was naked and you clothed Me; I was sick and you visited Me; I was in prison and you came to Me.' 37 Then the righteous will answer Him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry and feed You, or thirsty and give You drink? 38 When did we see You a stranger and take You in, or naked and clothe You? 39 Or when did we see You sick, or in prison, and come to You?' 40 And the King will answer and say to them, 'Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me.' 41 Then He will also say to those on the left hand, 'Depart from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels: 42 for I was hungry and you gave Me no food; I was thirsty and you gave Me no drink; 43 I was a stranger and you did not take Me in, naked and you did not clothe Me, sick and in prison and you did not visit Me.' 44 Then they also will answer Him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to You?' 45 Then He will answer them, saying, 'Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to Me.' 46 And these will go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

The Twenty-Sixth Sunday after Trinity. (Green) Psalm 111/18, vv. 32–50



Introit.
Ant. SAVE ME, || O God, by Thy | Name | - :
and judge | me | by | Thy | strength.
|| Hear my prayer, O | God | - :
give ear to the | words | of | my | mouth.
Psalm. || He shall reward evil to mine | ene- | mies:
cut them | off | in | Thy | truth.
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, so rule and govern our hearts and minds by Thy Holy Spirit, that being ever mindful of the end of all things, and the day of Thy just judgment, we may be stirred up to holiness of living here, and dwell with Thee forever hereafter; 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. 2 Peter 3:3–14
or **2 Thessalonians 1:3–10**
Additional reading: Isaiah 40:9–11

Gospel. Matthew 25:31–46

Gradual.
|| Who shall ascend into the hill of the | Lord | - :
or who shall stand in | His | ho- | ly | place?
|| He that hath clean hands a | pure | heart:
he shall receive the bless- | ing | from | the | Lord.
|| Hallelujah. Hallelujah. Fear not, for I have re- | deemed | thee:
I have called thee by name; thou art Mine. | Hal- | le- | lu- | jah.

26th Sunday after Trinity

64. Now Thank We All Our God

Martin Rinckart, 1636
Tr., Catherine Winkworth, 1858

Johann Crüger, 1648



Communion Psalm: *Ant.* The LORD is my shepherd, therefore can I lack nothing: He shall feed me in a green pasture: and lead me forth beside the waters of comfort. (Psalm 23:1-2). **Psalm 23:3-6.**