

Welcome to Trinity

#17 The Hardening of the Heart by the Jewish Nation

Thus we see that the Jews, who willfully condemned God's Son, were consigned to such hardness of heart that they blaspheme him with the greatest complacency and impudence. They cannot cease, and thus they fulfil the Scripture, Psalm 109 [:17], "He did not like blessing; therefore it shall be far from him." The same thing has happened to our papists. At Worms they also made bold to hate and to revile Christ. And now it is their fate that they cannot stop hating and reviling. Neither plea nor admonition avails with them, they only grow worse. Righteous are your judgments, heavenly Father! It seems to me that this is what it means to be afflicted with the real St. Vitus' dance {*Note: a possible reference to epilepsy*}. (Luther's Works, v.43, p.67)

For Illumination 3

ALMIGHTY Everlasting God, lighten our eyes with the light of Thy Spirit, that we sleep not in evil deeds, but. with the help of Thy grace, may ever watch in Thy commandments, and, when Christ cometh, may pass, to the reward of our high calling on Him, through the Same Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. Amen. (Oremus, 1925, p.33).

Assistants

Elder – Cecil Plock (218-3064)

Organist – LeeAnn Byrne

Altar Guild – LeeAnn Byrne

Acolyte – Colton Weber

No flowers during Lent

Church Cleaning – Feb 21 Phillips, Feb 28/Mar 7 Miller

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The Litany for Ash Wednesday on pages 279-283

The Collect for Ash Wednesday

P. The Lord be with you.

R. **AND WITH YOUR SPIRIT.**

P. Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, who hates nothing that You have made and who forgives the sins of all those who are penitent, create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of You, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

R. **AMEN.**

Old Testament: Joel 2:12-19 *Reud your Heart*

P. This is the Word of the Lord.

R. **THANKS BE TO GOD.**



Gradual

Be merciful to me, O God, be mer-ci-ful to me!

For my soul trusts in You;

He shall send from hea-ven and save me;

He reproaches the one who would swallow me up.

(Ps 57:1a, 3a)

Epistle: 2 Peter 1:2-11 *Participation in the Divine Nature*

P. This is the Word of the Lord.

R. **THANKS BE TO GOD.**



Tract

He has not dealt with us ac-cor-ding to our sins,

Nor punished us according to our in-iqui-ties.

Oh, do not remember former iniqui-ties a-gainst us!

Let Your tender mercies come speedily to meet us, For we have been brought very low.

Help us, O God of our sal-va-tion,

For the glo-ry of Your name;

And deliver us, and provide a-tone-ment for our sins,

For Your name's sake! *(Psalm 103:10, 79:8-9)*

Holy Gospel: St. Matthew 6:1-6, 7-15, 16-21

P. The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the sixth chapter.

R. **GLORY TO YOU, O LORD.**

After the reading

P. This is the Gospel of the Lord.

R. **PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST.**

The Nicene Creed, p.141

Hymn #230 "From Depths of Woe I Cry to You"

Sermon

The Service of Corporate Confession and Absolution, p.308-309

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The Service of Holy Communion, p.144 (see side bar)



Art. IX *Das auch die kinder Tauff nötig sey durch welche sie Gott uberantwortet und gefällig werden.*

“That child baptism is necessary, through which they are handed over to God and supported.”

Job. 3, v. 5 ; May darkness and the shadow of death claim it; May a cloud settle on it; May the blackness of the day terrify it.

Tit. 3, v. 5 ; “not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit,.”

The Lord's Supper

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--Those who are not members of Eldona-affiliated congregations will need to set up an appointment with Pastor Henson to discuss their public church membership.

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at Trinity Lutheran Church in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but **His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another.** Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth his death until He comes.

Those who are not yet invited to receive the Sacrament are encouraged to meditate on God's Word in the distribution hymns and pray for the day when our divisions will have ceased.

Hypocrisy and Deceit

Genesis 28:6. Now Esau saw that Isaac had blessed Jacob and sent him away to Paddan-aram to take a wife from there, and that as he blessed him he charged him: You shall not marry one of the Canaanite women, 7. and that Jacob had obeyed his father and his mother and had gone to Paddan-aram. 8. So when Esau saw that the Canaanite women did not please Isaac, his father, 9. Esau went to Ishmael and took to wife, besides the wives he had, Mahalath, the daughter of Ishmael, Abraham's son, the sister of Nebaioth.

It seems that Esau, who was furious, becomes a little milder after he sees that his brother Jacob has withdrawn from his father's house. For he thought: "I have enough, provided that I remain in the house and in possession. That brother of mine, who has been blessed, is gone and has left the blessing behind." He thinks that it was only an accidental blessing with which his father blessed him in order that he might have a small portion with which to sustain himself in his exile and sojourn. It was most pleasing to him that Jacob did not resist his parents but obeyed so readily and, content with little, withdrew into exile. "He could have urged his father," he thought, "to bestow a greater blessing on him, just as I, by urging and insisting, have wrested from him the permission to remain in the house now. But my father, my mother, and my brother Jacob are simple folk. My parents send their son into exile, and the son is completely willing to obey; for he trembles at my threats and my wrath. Therefore he wisely considers his own interests by fleeing. For I am the master and the ruler; up to this time Jacob is and always has been a servant."

This is certainly an excellent example of godless people, who are wont to flatter and console themselves even with Holy Scripture in spite of the fact that it is completely opposed to them, just as godly and God-fearing people, on the other hand, turn statements and words spoken for them and for their life and comfort around and receive them as though they had been pronounced for their perdition. A godly man fears the wrath of God when he should hope for mercy. Godless people, on the other hand, distort the passages dealing with God's mercy and grace and refer them to themselves. Thus the papists and the Turks dream that they alone are the beloved and accepted children of God. They dream that they are sitting on the lap of God the Father.

They want the examples of punishments and the threats to be far removed from them. But we fear these and think that they pertain to our perdition, although God does not want to terrify us but wants to console, strengthen, and gladden us.

Thus Esau saw—and saw with special pleasure—that his parents sent Jacob away out of fear of their angry son's wrath. Nothing more agreeable could have happened to him. Therefore he, in turn, wants to do his father a favor and to gratify him, lest he seem to be ungrateful and disobedient toward his parents. For when he hears that his Hittite wives displease his father, he thinks: "Behold, I will marry one woman who will please my father." And he goes to his paternal uncle Ishmael and marries Ishmael's daughter. But Scripture does not point out whether that hypocrisy and deceit pleased his father or not, I do not think so, for Isaac did not believe that the blessing was attached to Esau but knew that it was owed to Jacob. He also saw that whatever Esau was doing he was doing hypocritically and deceitfully. But this is a striking and excellent example of godless men and hypocrites, who flourish in this life and have everything in abundance. They get their kingdoms and the wealth of the world with glory and pomp, just as our bishops do. But in the end it will be seen who is calling the tune" (Luther's Works, vol. 5, pages 198-200)