

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

Pastor Boyle's Scheduled Hours: Off on Mondays
At Grace 9:00 - noon Tues & Wed.
At Trinity 9:00 - noon Thurs & Fri
Afternoons alternated between Grace & Trinity
Church Office Hours:
Tuesday – Thursday 9:30am-1:30pm



SUNDAY SCHEDULE

9:30AM Sunday School and Bible Class
10:30AM Hospitality in Fellowship Hall
11:00AM Divine Service

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FROM THE PASTOR: THOUGHTS ON ST. GEORGE

St George is commemorated on April 23. St. George, was a soldier, a tribune under the emperor Diocletian, who refused to sacrifice to the Roman gods and was executed. This, of course, comes to us by way of legend, but it rings true. It is a typical martyr story under Diocletian.

But that is not the fun part. The fun part is the bit about the dragon. That part of the legend is that a dragon had made its nest by a stream and, in order to distract and draw away the dragon, the villagers would sacrifice a sheep or maiden each day. While the dragon was busy, they'd draw their water. Along came St. George, protected by the sign of the cross, and he rescued the maiden and killed the dragon.

That sounds pretty fanciful. But what if the dragon was what we call a crocodile? It may have made its nest near a spring and may have had to be distracted each day by the offering of a lamb so that the villagers could draw water. It could, in fact, even be that they actually sacrificed maidens to the crocodile as a pagan ritual. Such things did happen.

If that is the case, it sounds a bit like St. Patrick cutting down the trees worshipped by the druids. St. George's victory over the crocodile would have been more than simply the deliverance of a maiden or two and freeing a spring. It would have showed that the crocodile was not God, and that the people should worship the God who asks not that we sacrifice our children but who has sacrificed His Son for us.

Whether the story about St. George actually happened or not, this is the distinctive character of our religion: God has appeased Himself by the sacrifice of His own Son. All honest religions know that God must be appeased. In this the ancient pagans were wiser than the modern pagans. Without the conveniences and luxuries of the modern world, all men knew that the world was hostile to life, that nature is dangerous. We don't fear crocodiles or mountain lions or sharks much anymore. We've killed them off or found ways to get water and food without facing them. But crocodiles have no remorse. They don't feel guilty for going after the limp gazelle. They'll gladly eat PETA protestors as well. There is no sympathy, and never yet has a crocodile been hit with remorse or second thoughts borne in sympathy or ethics.

Even house cats are killers. Now, I happen to live with a cat who is scared of mice. So I know it is possible to domesticate cats to a large degree, but even that fat, Garfield

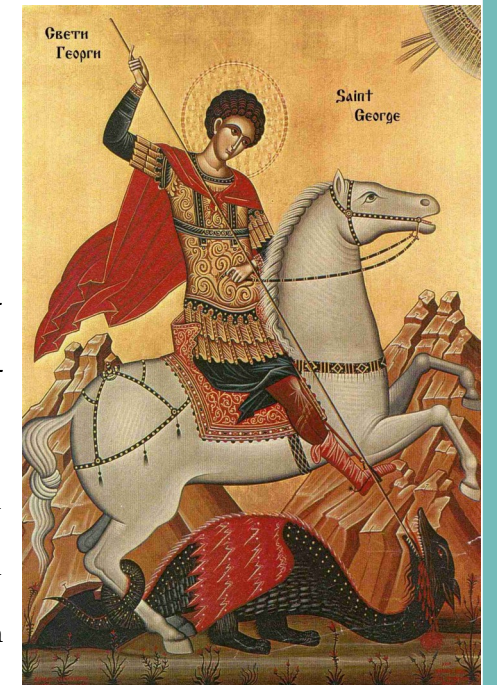
-like cat killed a bunch of baby ducks one Spring after our dog, in playful dog stupidity, had disabled them. Our lazy cat is only scared of mice when they're running. If they're weak, like a duckling wounded, he'll gladly finish them off. There is no such thing as a vegetarian cat even if they deign to live, at their convenience, with us lesser mammals.

All this is the effect of our sin. Crocodiles and house cats are killers because of us. Our sin has not only infected this world with cancer and death and all sorts of pain and sorrow, but it has also turned the world into a place of tooth and claw, of carnivores and predators. And if our species is capable of some remorse and movements like PETA and attempts at vegetarianism, it is also a species that has depleted the waters off of new Brunswick, once so thick with cod it was thought you could walk to England on their backs. It has driven herds of buffalo off of cliffs to eat just part of one, and dumped toxic chemicals into streams without thought of what consequence this would have or not really caring because the consequences would be suffered by others, not us.

And that doesn't even touch the things we've done to one another: adultery, thievery, slander, and wars. These are our daily activities. Only a fool could imagine either that there is no God or that, if there is a God He doesn't mind, that He isn't angry with us.

Those villagers who imagined a crocodile as God and thought he needed to be appeased were in many ways more sophisticated than us. They recognized their own guilt and complicity. They knew the wages of sin. Repent.

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From our Confessions: Part II, Article II: Of the Mass

(continued from last month’s issue)

In addition to all this, this dragon's tail, [I mean] the Mass, has begotten a numerous vermin-brood of manifold idolatries.

First, purgatory. Here they carried their trade into purgatory by masses for souls, and vigils, and weekly, monthly, and yearly celebrations of obsequies, and finally by the Common Week and All Souls' Day, by soul-baths so that the Mass is used almost alone for the dead, although Christ has instituted the Sacrament alone for the living. Therefore purgatory, and every solemnity, rite, and commerce connected with it, is to be regarded as nothing but a specter of the devil. For it conflicts with the chief article [which teaches] that only Christ, and not the works of men, are to help [set free] souls. Not to mention the fact that nothing has been [divinely] commanded or enjoined upon us concerning the dead. Therefore all this may be safely omitted, even if it were no error and idolatry.

The Papists quote here Augustine and some of the Fathers who are said to have written concerning purgatory, and they think that we do not understand for what purpose and to what end they spoke as they did. St. Augustine does not write that there is a purgatory, nor has he a testimony of Scripture to constrain him thereto, but he leaves it in doubt whether there is one, and says that his mother asked to be remembered at the altar or Sacrament. Now, all this is indeed nothing but the devotion of men, and that, too, of individuals, and does not establish an article of faith, which is the prerogative of God alone.

Our Papists, however, cite such statements [opinions] of men in order that men should believe in their horrible, blasphemous, and cursed traffic in masses for souls in purgatory [or in sacrifices for the dead and oblations], etc. But they will never prove these things from Augustine. Now, when they have abolished the traffic in masses for purgatory, of which Augustine never dreamt, we will then discuss with them whether the expressions of Augustine without Scripture [being without the warrant of the Word] are to be admitted, and whether the dead should be remembered at the Eucharist. For it will not do to frame articles of faith from the works or words of the holy Fathers; otherwise their kind of fare, of garments, of house, etc., would have to become an article of faith, as was done with relics. [We have, however, another rule, namely] The rule is: The Word of God shall establish articles of faith, and no one else, not even an angel.

Secondly. From this it has followed that evil spirits have perpetrated much knavery [exercised their malice] by appearing as the souls of the departed, and with unspeakable [horrible] lies and tricks demanded masses, vigils, pilgrimages, and other alms. All of which we had to receive as articles of faith, and to live accordingly; and the Pope confirmed these things, as also the Mass and all other abominations. Here, too, there is no [cannot and must not be any] yielding or surrendering.

Thirdly. [Hence arose] the pilgrimages. Here, too, masses, the remission of sins and the grace of God were sought, for the Mass controlled everything. Now it is indeed certain that such pilgrimages, without the Word of God, have not been commanded us, neither are they necessary, since we can have these things [the soul can be cared for] in a better way, and can omit these pilgrimages without any sin and danger. Why therefore do they leave at home [desert] their own parish [their called ministers, their parishes], the Word of God, wives, children, etc., who are ordained and [attention to whom is necessary and has been] commanded, and run after these unnecessary, uncertain, pernicious will-o'-the-wisps of the devil [and errors]? Unless the devil was riding [made insane] the Pope, causing him to praise and establish these practices, whereby the people again and again revolted from Christ to their own works, and became idolaters, which is worst of all; moreover, it is neither necessary nor commanded, but is senseless and doubtful, and besides harmful. Hence here, too, there can be no yielding or surrendering [to yield or concede anything here is not lawful], etc. And let this be preached, that such pilgrimages are not necessary, but dangerous; and then see what will become of them. [For thus they will perish of their own accord.]

Fourthly. Fraternities [or societies], in which cloisters, chapters, vicars have assigned and communicated (by a legal contract and sale) all masses and good works, etc., both for the living and the dead. This is not only altogether a human bauble, without the Word of God, entirely unnecessary and not commanded, but also contrary to the chief article, Of Redemption. Therefore it is in no way to be tolerated.

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EVENTS AT A GLANCE

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| April 1 | ~ Winkel 8:30am (St Andrews) ~ Lord’s Diner 5:30pm |
| April 2 | ~ Lenten Services: Grace at 12pm, Trinity at 7pm |
| April 8 | ~ Council Meeting 7p ~ OMT 9a at Trinity |
| April 9 | ~ Lenten Services: Grace at 12pm, Trinity at 7pm |
| April 10 | ~ LWML Meeting 9:30am ~ Hall of Men 7:30pm (more info pg 13) |
| April 14 | ~ Labor Finders ~ Holy Monday Services: Grace at 12pm, Trinity at 7pm |
| April 15 | ~ Holy Tuesday Services: Grace at 12pm, Trinity at 7pm ~ Examination of Confirmands 7:30pm at Trinity (after service) |
| April 16 | ~ Holy Wednesday Services: Grace at 12pm, Trinity at 7pm |
| April 17 | ~ Maundy Thursday Services: Grace at 12pm, Trinity at 7pm |
| April 18 | ~ Good Friday Services: Grace at 12pm, Trinity at 7pm |
| April 19 | ~ Easter Vigil Joint-Parish Service 8pm at Trinity (Confirmation during service) |
| April 20 | ~ Easter Sunday Services: Grace at 8am, Trinity at 11am ~ Easter Brunch 9:30am at Trinity instead of Sunday School |
| April 24 | ~ Elders 6:00pm ~ Hall of Men 7:30pm (more info pg 13) |
| April 25 | ~ Joint-Parish Council Meeting 4:30pm at Grace |
| April 26 | ~ LWML Ladies Spring Tea 3-4:30pm at Trinity |
| April 29 | ~ Ladies Bunco (more info pg 13) |

~MORE THIS MONTH~
SUNDAYS

(continued through April 13, 2014)
Youth Catechesis at Grace (3310 E Pawnee, Wichita) from 6:15-8pm.
Dinner will be served at 5:30pm. More information on page 12.



THURSDAYS

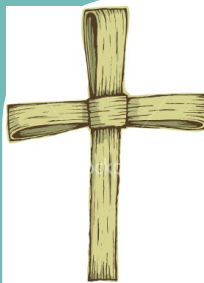
(continued through April 10, 2014)
The Lutheran Ethos: What We Believe, Teach, and Confess
Class will be held at Trinity from 6:30-8pm.

April 6, 2014

Washington County Convocation Service
At Washington Kansas High School
More information on page 10.

April 26, 2014

LWML Ladies Spring Tea. More information on page 10.



LUTHERAN WOMEN’S MISSIONARY LEAGUE

Lapel Palm Crosses--On Saturday, April 12, we will meet in the fellowship hall at 9:30 a.m. to make lapel palm crosses which will be given to everyone who attends church on Palm Sunday. Women and men are invited to help with this project. We have appreciated Mike Claypool's help in past years. Just bring a scissors as some people cut the strips while other fold the strips into crosses. So come and join us as we prepare for the festivities of Palm Sunday.



Ladies Guild will meet Thursday, April 10, at 9:30 in the fellowship hall. Please note the change in date from our regular meeting time.



Saturday, April 26- Spring Tea in the fellowship hall from 3:00-4:30 p.m. Please plan to come and bring friends and relatives and enjoy delicious tea treats, a delightful speaker, and fellowship with other ladies. Girls of all ages are also encouraged to attend.



CHOIR TO SING ON EASTER SUNDAY

Rehearsals will be immediately following the Wednesday evening worship services on April 2, April 9 and April 16.

Songs: ***I Know That My Redeemer Lives*** (TLH 200)
Jesus Christ Is Risen Today (TLH 199).

We need you! If you'd like to sing with us, please call Lois Winter at 461-2593 or email loiswinter@yahoo.com



**DONATE
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EASTER CANDY
FOR THE
CHILDREN.**

**A donation
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located
in the
Narthex.**



(From Our Confessions continued from previous page...)

Fifthly. The relics, in which there are found so many falsehoods and tomfooleries concerning the bones of dogs and horses, that even the devil has laughed at such rascalities, ought long ago to have been condemned, even though there were some good in them; and so much the more because they are without the Word of God; being neither commanded nor counseled, they are an entirely unnecessary and useless thing. But the worst is that [they have imagined that] these relics had to work indulgence and the forgiveness of sins [and have revered them] as a good work and service of God, like the Mass, etc.

Sixthly. Here belong the precious indulgences granted (but only for money) both to the living and the dead, by which the miserable [sacrilegious and accursed] Judas, or Pope, has sold the merit of Christ, together with the superfluous merits of all saints and of the entire Church, etc. All these things [and every single one of them] are not to be borne, and are not only without the Word of God, without necessity, not commanded, but are against the chief article. For the merit of Christ is [apprehended and] obtained not by our works or pence, but from grace through faith, without money and merit; and is offered [and presented] not through the power of the Pope, but through the preaching of God's Word.



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Whatever theological sophistication they may have had in recognizing God’s wrath, they were dead wrong about who God is. That is because God’s true nature is not revealed in nature. It is revealed in His Holy Word. The Lord is merciful. He has appeased His own anger, He has met the demands of the Law in Himself, He has sacrificed His Son so that we would be spared. He absolutely should be angry at us and He was. Because we took sides with the devil. We chose evil. We are sons of our father, the father of lies, and we cannot tell the truth except when we say, “I am a liar, a sinner.”

But he expended His anger not on us but on His holy Son so that we would be spared and become His sons. “To all who did receive him, who believed in His name, he gave the right to become children of God, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God” (John 1:12-13 ESV). Notice how that sentence reads. We have not been born of the blood or of the will of the flesh, that is man, but of the blood and will of God. That part about being born of the blood and will of God can get lost in the clause. But that is what it says. We have been born of the blood and will of God and therefore are now, by grace, the children of God. We do not belong to the devil anymore.

The blood and the will of God are delivered to us in the Holy Sacraments. We were called by name in the waters of Holy Baptism, and our names were wrapped up in His Name. Water and blood came from the side of the Christ on the cross. He was dead. The Law was finished. The accusations were removed. The cup was drained and the Father’s will was complete, done. Thus that water was poured upon us with His Name to make us His. He has claimed us. We belong to Him and bear His Name. We are washed and anointed for Christ. And the Blood from His side flows into the Chalice that we would drink not of God’s wrath, as had the Christ, but of God’s Life so that we would live.

In heaven, the crocodiles will not be feared and will lie down with the lambs. Thanks be to God, so will we.

Yours in Christ, the merciful! *Pastor Boyle*

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As we celebrate Easter...

487—Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain

1. Come, you faithful, raise the strain
Of triumphant gladness!
God has brought His Israel
Into joy from sadness,
Loosed from Pharaoh's bitter yoke
Jacob's sons and daughters,
Led them with unmoistened foot
Through the Red Sea waters.
2. 'Tis the spring of souls today:
Christ has burst His prison
And from three days' sleep in death
As a sun has risen;
All the winter of our sins,
Long and dark, is flying
From His light, to whom is giv'n
Laud and praise undying.
3. Now the queen of seasons, bright
With the day of splendor,
With the royal feast of feasts
Comes its joy to render;
Comes to gladden faithful hearts
Which with true affection
Welcome in unwearied strain
Jesus' resurrection!
4. For today among His own
Christ appeared, bestowing
His deep peace, which evermore
Passes human knowing.
Neither could the gates of death
Nor the tomb's dark portal
Nor the watchers nor the seal
Hold Him as a mortal.
5. Alleluia! Now we cry
To our King immortal,
Who, triumphant, burst the bars
Of the tomb's dark portal.
Come, you faithful, raise the strain
Of triumphant gladness!
God has brought His Israel
Into joy from sadness!

Αἴσωμεν πάντες λαοί
τῷ ἐκ πικρας δουλείας
φαραῶ τὸν Ἰσραὴλ ἀπαλλάξαντι
καὶ ἐν βυθῷ θαλάσσης
ποδὶ ἀβρόχως ὁδηγήσαντι
ᾧδὴν ἐπινίκιον
ὅτι δεδόξασται

Σήμερον ἔαρ ψυχῶν
ὅτι Χριστὸς ἐκ τάφου
ὥσπερ ἥλιος ἐκλάμψας τριήμερος
τον ζοφερὸν χειμῶνα
ἀπήλασε τῆς ἁμαρτίας ἡμῶν
αὐτὸν ἀνυμνήσωμεν
ὅτι δεδόξασται

Ἡ βασιλὶς τῶν ὥρῶν
τῇ λαμπροφύρῳ ἡμέρᾳ
ἡμερῶν τε βασιλίδι φανότατα
δωροφοροῦσα τέρπει
τὸν ἔγκριτον τῆς ἐκκλησίας λαόν
ἀπαύστως ἀνυμνοῦσα
τὸν ἀναστάτα Χριστόν

Πύλαι θανάτου Χριστέ
οὐδὲ τοῦ τάφου σφραγίδες
οὐδὲ κλείθρα τῶν θυρῶν Σοι ἀντέστησαν
ἀλλ' ἀναστὰς ἐπέστης
τοῖς φίλοις σου εἰρήνην Δέσποτα
δωροῦμενος γῆν πάντα
νοῦν ὑπερέχουσιν

(The above English text is taken from the LSB hymnal.)

This hymn by John of Damascus was written about the middle of the eighth century. It is based on the Song of Moses, Exodus 15. The translation is an altered form of that by John M. Neale in the *Christian Remembrances*, 1859. The original had four verses, the first three the same as above with the fourth verse as follows:

*Neither might the gates of death, Nor the tomb's dark portal, Nor the watchers nor the seal, Hold Thee as a mortal;
But today amidst the Twelve, Thou didst stand, bestowing, That Thy peace which evermore, Passeth human knowing.*

The altered version was only three verses long as follows:

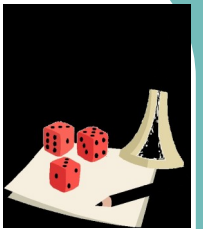
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| 1. Come, ye faithful, raise the strain Of triumphant gladness; God hath brought His Israel Into joy from sadness, 'Tis the spring of souls today: Christ has burst His prison And from three days' sleep in death As a sun has risen. | 2. All the winter of our sins, Long and dark, is flying From His light, to whom we give Laud and praise undying. Neither could the gates of death Nor the tomb's dark portal Nor the watchers nor the seal Hold Thee as a mortal. | 3. But today amidst Thine own Thou didst stand, bestowing That thy peace which evermore Passeth human knowing. Come, ye faithful, raise the strain Of triumphant gladness; God hath brought His Israel Into joy from sadness. |
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The tune "Schwing dich auf" is from *Geistliche Andachten*, Berlin, 1666, by Johann Georg Ebeling, where it was set to Paul Gerhardt's hymn of comfort "Schwing dich auf zu deinem Gott."



ATTENTION LADIES!!!

Our next game night will be held by Patricia VanSant
On Tuesday April 29nd at 7:00pm.
All Ladies are welcome to join. Please be sure to RSVP so we know
how many are coming!
For more information please call Patricia at 210-1573
or the church office at 685-1571.



LUTHERAN HOUR BROADCAST APRIL 2014

April 6 - "God Digs Deep"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Gregory Seltz
When our lives were on the line, Jesus dug deep to defeat sin
and death. (John 11:1-45)

April 20 - "Get Your Head into the Clouds"

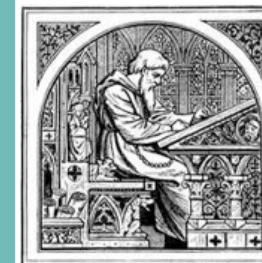
Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Gregory Seltz
With eyes focused on the risen Christ, we can take whatever
the world dishes out, overcome it and give thanks through it
all. (Colossians 3:1-4)

April 13 - "A Hero? No, a Savior!"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Gregory Seltz
More than a hero, Jesus is the only Savior of sinners.
(Philippians 2:5-11)

April 27 - "What Will It Take?"

Speaker Emeritus of The Lutheran Hour: Rev. Ken Klaus
Why didn't Jesus' enemies produce a corpse and nip this new
faith in the bud? (John 20:25)

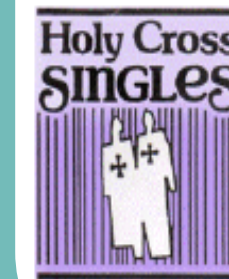


HALL OF MEN

**FOR MEN ONLY - A local fellowship hall
where the men break bread, tap the keg, and toast their heroes.**

2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month at Eighth Day Institute at The Ladder (2836 E Douglas Ave)
Doors open at 7:00pm. Food is served at 7:30pm, and evening events officially begin at
8:30pm with a hymn, the Nicene Creed, and a lecture on a hero whose life inspires us to live
more authentic lives and to fight for the renewal of our culture.

HOLY CROSS SINGLES



The ages and circumstances of those who have and continue to participate in Singles vary widely. Always single,
divorced and widowed adults find fellowship in the group.

APRIL ACTIVITIES

SUN 6th - BRUNCH at Genghis Grill—111 S. Rock Rd. — 12:30 p.m.—John Evans hosting—620-205-8199

MON 7th - BIBLE STUDY at Mary Dohl's home—345 N. Yale —7:30pm— 682-0505

SUN 20th - HAPPY EASTER! HE IS RISEN! HE IS RISEN INDEED!

MON 21st - BIBLE STUDY at Ascension Lutheran Church—842 N. Tyler Rd.—7:30pm.—Ken Tingle hosting, 371-0484
or 550-6312



GRACE AND TRINITY YOUTH CATECHESIS 2013-2014

Confirmation is the rite that celebrates our congregation’s regular instruction (catechesis) for youth. Catechesis is a life-long task. We begin in the womb, hearing our Lord’s Word with ears that are just developing. As we grow we learn to say back to Him what He has first said to us. He never stops speaking through His Word, and we never stop hearing, learning, and speaking back to Him. Our custom at Grace and Trinity is to set Sunday evenings aside as a time for the whole family to gather around our Lord’s Word and catechesis. God willing we’ll offer the following classes:



- Nursery Catechesis: children 0-3 years of age
- Primary Catechesis: ages 3-9
- Junior Confirmation: 5th-6th grade
- Confirmation: 7th-8th grade



Sunday Evening Confirmation Schedule

(held from Sept 8th to April 13th at Grace Lutheran Church)

- 4:30-5:30pm - Divine Service at Grace
- 5:30-6:15pm - Dinner
- 6:15-6:35pm - Announcements and Memory Work
- 6:35-7:15pm - Catechism Instruction
- 7:15-8:00pm - Scripture Instruction

Other Dates/Information

Examination of the confirmands will be held Tuesday April 15th, 7:30pm at Trinity after the Holy Tuesday Service, at 7pm. Confirmation Saturday will be during the Easter Vigil on April 19, 2014, at 8pm.

For more information or for a flier/schedule please contact Pastor Boyle or the church office.



ORATIO, MEDITATIO, TENTATIO

(Theological Reading Group)

Schedule

- 9:00 – 9:45 am Matins
- 9:45 – 11:45 am Reading Discussion
- 11:45 am – Noon Prayer
- Noon – 1:00 pm Lunch

Locations

- Trinity Lutheran Church 611 S. Erie, Wichita
- Grace Lutheran Church 3310 E Pawnee, Wichita



2013 Reading Schedule:

April 8 (Trinity, Wichita) *Note Date Change!*

Piepkorn, Arthur Carl. *The Church: Selected Writings of Arthur Carl Piepkorn – Volume 1*. Eds Michael P.

Plekon and William S. Wiecher. Delhi: ALPB, 2006.

- “The Sacred Ministry and Holy Ordination in the Symbolical Books of the Lutheran Church,” 59-86.
- “The One Eucharist for the One World,” 187-206.
- “Sacrament, Sacrifice and Stewardship,” 217-244.
- “The Moment at Which the Sacramental Union Begins,” 279-290.
- “Mary’s Place within the People of God According to Non-Roman Catholics,” 295-326.

May 20 (Grace, Wichita)

Schmemmann, Alexander. *For the Life of the World: Sacraments and Orthodoxy*. 2nd Ed. Crestwood: ST. Vladimir’s Seminary Press, 1973.



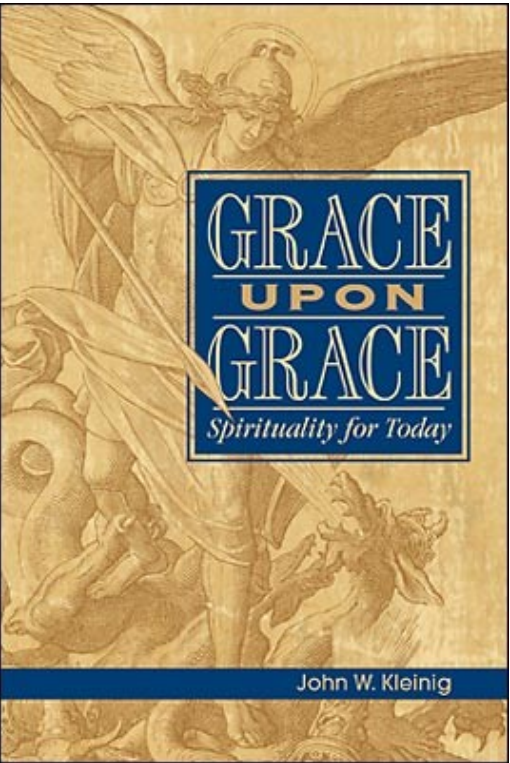
Grace Upon Grace: Spirituality for Today

John W. Kleinig
(St. Louis: CPH, 2008, 287 pages)

It’s not about us. Spirituality, that is—it’s no good if it focuses on us. Dr. Kleinig’s book is a wonderful introduction to truly Christian Spirituality—an area about which Lutherans are sometimes quiet. Kleinig starts the book saying,

“A book on spirituality that puts our piety, that is, how a Christian lives out his or her faith, either under a microscope or on the analyst’s couch presupposes that the onus rests on us to make ourselves more spiritual and devoted to Christ. This may be interesting, but it is not very helpful.

If we have problems in living the life of faith, if we have challenges in the practice of prayer, the solution is not to be found in what we do, our self-appraisal, or our performance. The solution to our problems is found in what we receive from God Himself, in His appraisal of us, and in His gifts to us...Our piety is all a matter of receiving grace upon grace from the fullness of God the Father.” (5)



Kleinig speaks of a *receptive spirituality*. Everything is a gift. It’s all from God to us and for us.

“In contrast to [a spirituality of trying to ascend to God], Luther proposed an evangelical pattern of spirituality as reception rather than self-promotion. This involves three things: prayer, meditation, and temptation. All three revolve around ongoing, faithful attention to God’s Word. The order of the list is significant, for unlike that traditional pattern of devotion, the spiritual life begins and ends here on earth. These three terms describe the life of faith as a cycle that begins with prayer for the gift of the Holy Spirit, concentrates on the reception of the Holy Spirit through meditation on God’s Word, and results in spiritual attack. This, in turn, leads a person back to further prayer and intensified meditation. Luther, therefore, does not envisage the spiritual life as a process of self-development, but as a process of reception from the triune God. This process of reception turns proud, self-sufficient individuals into humble beggars before God.” (16)

To put it most simply, Kleinig says,

“Christian spirituality is, quite simply, following Jesus. It is the ordinary life of faith in which we receive Baptism, attend the Divine Service, participate in the Holy Supper, read the Scriptures, pray for ourselves and others, resist temptation, and work with Jesus in our given location here on earth.” (23)

In this book Kleinig walks the Christian through the ‘Mysteries’: of Christ, of Meditation, of Prayer, the Hidden Battle (struggle), and Hidden Holiness. The goal of his book is to tie the Christian life together so that what is heard and believed in the Church would form the home and carry into our daily lives. It’s all about Jesus – what He does and says and accomplishes for us. When faith is created, spirituality follows.

The book is in the church library, or can be purchased at CPH.org for \$15.99. Happy reading!

Letter from Alla Shvetsova – Missionary to the Siberian Evangelical Lutheran Church

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

I am very thankful to God for the possibility to meet all of you, to visit your church, and to have table fellowship with you. Thank you very much for being friendly to me and my son, for your warm words and for your gift which is way too much! I hope God would give me wisdom to spend this money, and I am going to tell our church members in Siberia about your kindness and generosity towards us, about your church life, and your interest in the history of the Russian Lutheran church and our church work. You taught me a lot about God's love and care.

Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him.

1 John 4:7-9

I hope we will keep in touch and continue our relationship in the future. I am looking forward to developing some projects where both our churches could participate: for example, to teach the youth in camps or do 'diaconia' (service) for those who are in need. Our Siberian Evangelical Lutheran Church is grateful for your support and prayers and we will also keep your church in our prayers.

I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.

Philippians 1:3-6

From cold Siberia with warm affection,

03.12.2014

Alla Shvetsova

siberianlutheranmissions.com



EASTER LILIES



Easter Sunday is April 20th. We will be ordering Lilies for the Sanctuary.

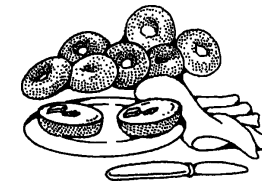
If you would like to donate a Lily in honor or memory of someone, there will soon be envelopes on the information center in the narthex.

If you have any questions, please contact the church office at office@tlc.kscoxmail.com or (316)685-1571.



EASTER BRUNCH

There will be a Easter Brunch at 9:30am (instead of Sunday School) on Easter Sunday, April 20th. If you would like to help bring food, there is a sign up sheet on the information center in the narthex.



For questions or more information, you can contact Vicki Lessman at 641-9392 or the church office at office@tlc.kscoxmail.com or (316)685-1571

Items needed include: Bagels, Muffins, Donuts, Coffeecake, Fruit, Cheeses, Meats, Beverages (Juice or Milk), and Breakfast Casseroles.

Please have your food at church by 9:15am on Easter morning. You may also bring things on Saturday. If you need to be let into the church to bring food on Saturday, please call Vicki Lessman at the number above.



MISSION DOLLARS - LENTEN OFFERINGS

Below is the Missions where the Midweek Lenten offerings will be going.

Ash Wednesday: District Loan Repayment and Education Fund

Mid-Lent I: Daniel Johnson, Catechist to Siberia and the Baltics

Mid-Lent II: Hispanic Ministry and Outreach—Grace Lutheran Church

Mid-Lent III: Kansas District Retreat Center

Mid-Lent IV: Evangelical Lutheran Church in Spain

Mid-Lent V: Issues, Etc.



If you have any questions, please talk to Pastor Boyle or Kendall Patterson, or feel free to contact the church office at office@tlc.kscomail.com or 316-685-1571.



MEN'S NETWORK WORKDAY



Roll up your sleeves for your neighborhood and your community! On April 26, join men from around the country doing things to make a difference in the lives of others. Go to www.lhmmen.com/workday to find out more and sign up!



Trinity Ladies 2014

Spring Tea

Saturday, April 26

3:00 pm-4:30 pm

Ladies of all ages are invited.

You are encouraged to bring guests, but please

RSVP by April 13

Sign-up at Trinity or call 684-1367 and

leave a message

WASHINGTON COUNTY CONVOCATION SERVICE

Sunday April 6, 2014
Sponsored by Zone 7 LLL KS District
Guest Speaker: Lutheran Hour Speaker Rev. Gregory Seltz

Service will be at Washington Kansas High School beginning at 10:30am with a Bible class at 9:30am. The collection will be a free-will offering which will be given to support Lutheran Hour Ministries.

There will be a Saturday Reception honoring Rev. Seltz on April 5, at the Greenleaf Club House, Greenleaf, KS at 6pm. A meal of brats, potato salad, beans and drinks will be available for a free will offering. Beer and soft drinks will be available at a cash bar. Please RSVP for the Saturday Reception to one of the following: Daryl Fink (785)744-3450, Ron Bott (785)692-4236, or Que Meyer (785)747-6128. Reservations are not necessary, but it will help to plan the amount of food needed for the evening.



TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
611 South Erie Wichita, KS 67211

EXHIBIT D – EXPENSES FOR TWO MONTHS ENDED
February 28, 2014

AND

EXPENSES COMPARED TO BUDGET

| BUDGET ITEMS | Expenses For 2 Months | Budget For 2 Months | Under/-Over Budget for 2 Months | Budget For 12 Months |
|--|-----------------------|---------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------|
| Pastor's Salary | | | | 46,153.00 |
| Pastor's Health Insurance | | | | 21,864.00 |
| Premium | | | | 1,200.00 |
| Deductible | | | | 3,600.00 |
| Coinsurance | | | | 10,961.00 |
| Pastor's Pension, FICA, Accident Ins | | | | 3,000.00 |
| Pastor's Home Equity Allowance | | | | 2,000.00 |
| Pastor's Car Mileage | | | | 1,000.00 |
| Pastor's Conf & Cont Ed | | | | 89,778.00 |
| Pastor's Financial Support | 14,963.00 | 14,963.00 | - 0 - | - |
| Grace fifty percent | (7,481.50) | (7,481.50) | - 0 - | (44,889.00) |
| Trinity reimbursement to Grace sub-total | 7,481.50 | 7,481.50 | - 0 - | 44,889.00 |
| Parsonage Utilities | 656.27 | 500.00 | - 156.27 | 3,000.00 |
| Grace reimbursement to Trinity | (250.00) | (250.00) | - 0 - | (1,500.00) |
| sub-total | 406.27 | 250.00 | - 156.27 | - |
| Parsonage Repairs | - 0 - | 678.67 | 678.67 | 4,072.00 |
| Grace Reimbursement | - 0 - | (678.67) | (678.67) | (4,072.00) |
| sub-total | - 0 - | - 0 - | - 0 - | - 0 - |
| Secretary | 1,598.36 | 1,598.36 | - 0 - | 9,590.00 |
| Bookkeeper | 600.00 | 600.00 | - 0 - | 3,600.00 |
| Organist | 837.52 | 837.52 | - 0 - | 5,025.00 |
| Sec/Bookkeeper/Organist/Custodian FICA | 283.12 | 283.34 | .22 | 1,700.00 |
| Office Supplies & Copy Work | 864.11 | 583.34 | - 280.77 | 3,500.00 |
| Worship Supplies | 246.88 | 333.34 | 86.46 | 2,000.00 |
| Synod & District | - 0 - | 166.67 | 166.67 | 1,000.00 |
| Lutheran Student Center | - 0 - | 166.67 | 166.67 | 1,000.00 |
| Missions | - 0 - | 333.34 | 333.34 | 2,000.00 |
| Issues, Etc. | - 0 - | 83.34 | 83.34 | 500.00 |
| Synod/District Assessment | - 0 - | - 0 - | - 0 - | - 0 - |
| Parish Education Supplies/Equip | 133.65 | 133.34 | -.31 | 800.00 |
| Evangelism | 23.75 | 83.34 | 59.59 | 500.00 |
| Stewardship Supplies | - 0 - | 33.34 | 33.34 | 200.00 |
| Janitor Service | 666.68 | 666.68 | 0 - | 4,000.00 |
| Maintenance & Repair | 411.18 | 1,000.00 | 588.82 | 6,000.00 |
| Insurance | (126.14) | 2,458.34 | 2,584.48 | 14,750.00 |
| Utilities - Church | 3,349.52 | 2,000.00 | - 1,349.52 | 12,000.00 |
| Telephone & Internet | 106.35 | 325.00 | 218.65 | 1,950.00 |
| Organ & Piano Maintenance | 150.00 | 133.34 | - 16.66 | 800.00 |
| Chapel | (116.66) | - 0 - | 116.66 | - 0 - |
| Totals | \$ 16,916.09 | \$ 19,550.80 | \$ 2,634.71 | \$ 117,304.00 |

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
611 South Erie – Wichita, KS 67211

FINANCIAL REPORT
February 28, 2014

CASH & FUND BALANCES

| CASH | | FUND BALANCE | |
|------------------------------|--------------|-----------------------------|----------------|
| Bank of America | | Budget Fund - Exhibit A | \$ - 22,712.06 |
| Checking | \$ 3,739.13 | Council Fund - Exhibit B | 49,407.10 |
| Savings | 1,015.87 | Restricted Fund – Exhibit C | 4,389.13 |
| Certificates of Deposit | 2,754.15 | | |
| Steward Account – LCEF Youth | 384.67 | | |
| LCEF- Certificate of Deposit | 20,839.20 | | |
| Due from Concordia Plan | 2,351.15 | | |
| | \$ 31,084.17 | | \$ 31,084.17 |

EXHIBIT A – BUDGET FUND

| BALANCE | RECEIPTS | EXPENSES | BALANCE |
|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| 1-1-14 | Jan-Feb | Jan-Feb | 2-28-14 |
| \$ - 22,826.44 | \$ + 17,030.47 | EXHIBIT D | |
| | | \$ - 16,916.09 | \$ - 22,712.06 |

EXHIBIT B – COUNCIL FUND

| BALANCE | RECEIPTS | EXPENSES | BALANCE |
|--------------|-------------|----------|--------------|
| 1-1-14 | Jan-Feb | Jan-Feb | 2-28-14 |
| \$ 49,109.90 | \$ + 297.20 | \$ - 0 - | \$ 49,407.10 |

EXHIBIT C - RESTRICTED FUND

| Restricted Funds: | Balance 1-1-14 | Receipts Jan-Feb | Disbursements Jan-Feb | Balance 2-28-14 |
|------------------------------|----------------|------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|
| Sunday School Missions | - 0 - | 170.32 | | 170.32 |
| Love Fund | 1,116.79 | | | 1,116.79 |
| Youth Fund | 283.24 | 25 | | 283.49 |
| Thrivent Funds | 1,365.00 | 106.00 | | 1,471.00 |
| Pastor's Discretionary Funds | 41.76 | | | 41.76 |
| Pastor's Interest Fund | - 0 - | | | - 0 - |
| Dillons Dollars | 1,201.97 | | | 1,201.97 |
| TIM - Daniel Johnson | - 0 - | | | - 0 - |
| KS Dist LCEF Grant | 103.80 | | | 103.80 |
| Misc | - 0 - | | | - 0 - |
| Totals | \$ 4,112.56 | \$ + 276.57 | - 0 - | \$ 4,389.13 |

A copy of the financial report and expenses will be posted on or by the bulletin board in the narthex for additional viewing.



HOLY WEEK



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

GRACE AND TRINITY SCHEDULE

No meals during Holy Week

4/14 Holy Monday (12pm/7pm)

The Passion According to St. Matthew

4/15 Holy Tuesday (12pm/7pm)

The Passion According to St. Mark

4/16 Holy Wednesday (12pm/7pm)

The Passion According to St. Luke

4/17 Maundy Thursday (12pm/7pm)

4/18 Good Friday (12pm/7pm)

4/19 Easter Vigil (Trinity, 8pm)

4/20 Easter Sunday (8am/11am)

"This is why it is such a good idea to start your day, first thing, early in the morning, by praying, and then make it the last thing you do at the end of the day." ~ Martin Luther

Confirmation of the Confirmands will be at Easter Vigil -
Saturday, April 19th, 8p Divine Service ~ at Trinity



UNION RESCUE MISSION NEEDS DONATIONS With your donations, URM can save thousands of dollars that can provide meals, shelter and care. Needed hygiene and medical items include: toilet paper, deodorant, shampoo, Kleenex, hand sanitizer, first aid tape, anti-fungal ointment and spray, foot powder, cough drops, gauze pads (all sizes) disposable gloves, and OTC cold medication. You can drop off donated items at the URM Shelter, 2800 N Hillside, Monday-Friday, 8a-4p or Saturday 8a-11:30a. Thank you!



TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH & DILLONS have teamed together to offer the NEIGHBORHOOD REWARD PROGRAM



Did you know that Trinity Lutheran Church has already received more than \$930 from Dillons just by using the Dillons Cards many of you load money onto to purchase food, gas and prescriptions? Amazing!

Well, here is yet another way you can use your Dillons Card to earn money for Trinity Lutheran Church...Dillon's offers a wide variety of gift cards available for purchase at their stores. The list below is what several of the Dillon's Superstores have in stock.

Just load your Dillons card with the amount that you need, use it to purchase the gift cards and the church will get back 5% of what you spend.

| | | | |
|--------------------------|----------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| Aéropostale | Disney | Macy's | Shell |
| Amazon Kindle | DSW | Marriott | Southwest Airlines |
| Amazon.com | eBay | Marshalls | SpaFinder |
| AMC Theaters | Express | MasterCard | Sports Authority |
| American Eagle | Facebook | McDonald's | Starbucks |
| American Express | Fandango | Michaels | Subway |
| Ann Taylor | Finish Line | Mimi's Cafe | T.G.I. Friday's |
| Applebee's | Foot Locker | Mothers Work | T.J. Maxx |
| AT&T | Forever 21 | NET10 | Talbots |
| Babies"R"Us | GameStop | Nike | Target |
| Banana Republic | Gap | Nintendo | Texas Roadhouse |
| Barnes & Noble | Google Play | Nordstrom | The Children's Place |
| Bass Pro Shops | Graeter's Ice Cream | O'Charley's | The Home Depot |
| Bath & Body Works | Groupon | OfficeMax | Ticketmaster |
| Bebe | H & M | Old Chicago | Toys"R"Us |
| Bed Bath & Beyond | Hulu Plus | Old Navy | Tracfone |
| Best Buy | IHOP | Olive Garden | Verizon |
| Bonefish Grill | iTunes | Outback Steakhouse | Virgin Mobile |
| Boost Mobile | iwireless | P.F. Chang's | Visa |
| BP | JCPenney | Panera Bread® | |
| Buffalo Wild Wings | Jiffy Lube | Pei Wei Asian Diner | |
| Build-a-Bear | Jo-Ann Fabrics | Petco | |
| Burger King | KMART | PetSmart | |
| Cabela's | Kohl's | Pizza Hut | |
| Carrabba's Italian Grill | Lands' End | Pottery Barn | |
| Chili's Grill & Bar | Lane Bryant | Red Lobster | |
| claire's | Little Caesars | Red Robin | |
| Cold Stone Creamery | Logan's Roadhouse | Ruby Tuesday | |
| Cracker Barrel | Lone Star Steakhouse | Rue 21 | |
| Cricket | Lord & Taylor | Sears | |
| Darden Group | Lowes | Sephora | |

Here's how it works:

- I want to purchase gift cards for a friend or family member. I would like a \$25 Cabela's card, \$25 Kohls card, \$25 Applebees card and a \$25 Old Navy card. I go to Dillons to purchase the gift cards and I just earned the church \$5!
- My dishwasher just broke and I have to purchase a new one. I purchase \$500 worth of Sears gift cards from Dillons and then go to Sears to buy my new dishwasher. The church just earned \$25!
- We are going on vacation this summer and we purchased \$600 worth of gift cards for Southwest Airlines and then used the gift cards to purchase our tickets. The church just earned \$30!
- What ways can you think of? Be creative and lets see how much more we can get for Trinity!