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The pharisee looked pretty righteous. He fasted and tithed more than what was required, and he gave thanks, seemingly giving all merit to God for all of his righteous deeds. But he did not go down to his house justified because he did not acknowledge the deep depravity of his own sins, and he did not find God's favor in the sacrifice foreshown by the blood on the mercy seat of the altar. Sure, God helped him do all this great stuff, but as long as he found his righteousness anywhere else but in the sacrifice that God would provide, he would not go down to his house justified.

The taxcollector had nothing to offer God, but feeling the real weight of his sin and guilt, he claimed his righteousness on the mercyseat of God. He said, "Be merciful to me, the sinner." The word he used for "be merciful" is the same word used for the mercy seat on the altar of the temple (Ex 25:17-22). It was where the blood of the sacrifice was sprinkled to make atonement for the people (Lev 16:14-16). The blood sprinkled on the mercy seat was a shadow of the blood of Christ (Heb 9:11ff), by which he made full satisfaction for the sins of the whole world (1 John 2:2). So literally, the tax collector prayed, "God, make satisfaction for my sins -- put away your wrath from me." He did not appeal to his own sense of sorrow or compare himself to others. Standing in the presence of God, he clung only to the sacrifice that God provides, just as Abraham and Isaac did (Gen 22:8). He therefore went down to his house justified. Having been humbled under the mighty hand of God, he cast all his anxiety on him who cares for him (1 Pet 5:6). And he brought this home. This means that in humility and faith toward God, he confessed this mercy of Christ to his wife, his children, and all his neighbors, teaching them to seek it as well, just as David sings (Ps. 51:12-13), "Restore to me the joy of your salvation... Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will return to you." He therefore found his exaltation in Christ who was lifted up for his sins (Is 52:13; John 3:14).

DEAR VISITORS: As a congregation in the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod, Trinity practices ***closed communion***, which means that we only commune those who are members in good standing of sister congregations and have been instructed in the Christian faith as it is summarized in Luther's Small Catechism. If you are a visitor and desire to commune at Trinity, **please speak to Pastor Preus before the service.**

The Order of Holy Communion

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Hymn of Invocation ∞ *Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness*

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Stand for final stanza

Invocation, Confession & Absolution

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Please remain standing through the conclusion of the Collect of the Day.

Service of the Word

Introit

God is in His holy habi- | tation.*

He gives a home to the | desolate.

The God of Israel is He who | gives strength*

and power to His | people. (*Psalm 68:5-6, 35*)

Let God arise, Let His enemies be | scattered;*

let those also who hate Him flee be- | fore Him.

But let the righteous be glad; let them rejoice be- | fore God;*

yes, let them rejoice ex- | ceedingly.

O God, when you went out before Your | people,*

you, O God, provided from Your goodness | for the poor.

Blessed be the Lord, who daily loads us with | benefits,*

the God of our sal- | vation! (*Psalm 68:1, 3, 7, 10, 19*)



Gloria Patri ∞ *Glory be to the Father*

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Kyrie ∞ *Lord, Have Mercy*

Gloria in Excelsis ∞ *Glory to God in the Highest*

Salutation & Collect of the Day

Sit

Old Testament Reading ∞ *Genesis 4:1-15*

¹The man had relations with his wife Eve, and she conceived and had a child by the name of Cain; and she said, "I have gotten a man, the LORD." ²Then she had another child, Abel, Cain's brother. Abel grew up to be the shepherd of a flock, but Cain became a man who worked the ground.

³After some time Cain brought some products of the ground and made an offering to the LORD. ⁴And Abel also brought some firstborn animals of his flock, especially some of the fat pieces. The LORD looked kindly at Abel and his offering, ⁵but He didn't look kindly at Cain and his offering. Then Cain got very angry and wouldn't look up.

⁶ “Why are you angry,” God asked Cain, “and why are you looking down? Isn’t it true that if you do right you are accepted? ⁷But if you don’t do right, sin is crouching at your door and wants to get you; but you should control it.”

⁸Cain said to his brother Abel, “Let’s go outside.” While they were in the field, Cain attacked his brother Abel and killed him.

⁹Then the LORD asked Cain, “Where is your brother Abel?”

“I don’t know,” he answered. “Should I watch over my brother?”

¹⁰ “What did you do?” He asked. “Your brother’s blood is crying to Me from the ground. ¹¹And now you are cursed and must leave the ground that has opened its mouth to drink your brother’s blood dropping from your hands. ¹²When you work the ground, it will no longer give you what it can produce. You will be a restless wanderer on the earth.”

¹³ “My punishment is more than I can stand,” Cain told the LORD. ¹⁴ “Today You are driving me from the land, and I must hide from You and be a restless wanderer on the earth, and anyone who finds me can kill me.”

¹⁵The LORD told him, “No, anyone who kills Cain will be punished seven times.” And the LORD put a mark on Cain to keep anyone who met him from killing him.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual

My heart trusted in God, and / I am helped;*
therefore my heart greatly re- / joices.

To You I will cry, O / LORD my Rock;*

Hear the voice of my supplications when I / cry to You. (Psalm 28:7, 1)



Epistle *1 Corinthians 15:1-10*

¹My brothers, I am telling you the good news I brought you and you accepted. You stand in it ²and are saved by it if you cling to the words I used in telling it to you — unless you were trifling when you believed. ³I brought you what I received — something very important — that Christ died for our sins as the Scriptures said He would, ⁴He was buried, and He rose on the third day as the Scriptures said He would. ⁵Peter saw Him, then the twelve, ⁶then more than 500 Christians at one time; most of these are still living, but some have gone to their rest. ⁷Then James saw Him, then all the apostles. ⁸Last of all I saw Him, I who was like one prematurely born, ⁹since I am the least of the apostles and not fit to be called an apostle because I persecuted God’s church. ¹⁰God’s grace made me what I am, and His grace wasn’t wasted on me. But I did far more work than all the others — not I but God’s grace that was with me.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

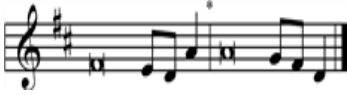
Stand

Verse

Alle- / luia.*

Alle- / luia.

**LORD, You have been our / dwelling place*
in all generations. Alle- / luia.** (Psalm 90:1)



Triple Hallelujah

Gospel ↻ *Luke 18:9-14*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the eighteenth chapter.

C **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

⁹Jesus told this parable to some who were sure they were righteous and so looked down on everyone else:

¹⁰"Two men went up to the temple to pray. One was a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. ¹¹The Pharisee stood and prayed by himself: 'God, I thank You I'm not like the other people: robbers, wrongdoers, adulterers, or even like that tax collector.

¹²I fast twice a week and give a tenth of all my income.'

¹³"But the tax collector, standing a distance away, wouldn't even look up to heaven but was beating his chest and saying, 'God, forgive me, a sinner!'

¹⁴"I tell you, this man, and not the other, went home justified [declared free from his sin]. Everyone who honors himself will be humbled; but if you humble yourself, you will be honored."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

Nicene Creed

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Sit

Hymn of the Day ↻ *Oh, How Great Is Thy Compassion*

TLH #384

Sermon

Stand

Offertory

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Sit

Gathering of the Offering

Stand to sing as the offerings are brought forward

We give Thee but Thine own,

Whate'er the gift may be

All that we have is Thine alone,

A trust, O Lord, from Thee.

Please complete the
Record of Fellowship in the
folder in your pew.

General Prayer

Service of the Sacrament

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Pax Domini ☞ <i>Peace of the Lord</i>	pg. 27
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<i>Sit – Guests are asked to please speak with the pastor before communing.</i>	

Hymns during Distribution

☞ <i>Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior</i>	TLH #311
☞ <i>Chief of Sinner Though I Be</i>	TLH #342
☞ <i>I Come, O Savior, To Thy Table</i>	TLH #315
<i>Stand after the distribution</i>	

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Depart ☞ <i>My Soul, Now Bless Thy Maker</i>	TLH #34
Silent Prayer	

Ushers for today:	Keith Rethemeyer, Charlie Scheer, Karson Eads
Next week:	James Eads, Joseph Rethemeyer, Kyle Scheer, Adam Swann
Greeter for today:	Larry Scheer
Next Week:	Rick Tritch
Acolyte today:	Jacob Preus
Next Week:	Oscar Otten
Flower and Altar Care:	August: Carolyn Scheer & Leah Preus
Organist:	Andrew Finck

Prayer and Petitions: Diane Scheer, recovering at New Haven Care Center. Homebound: Ray and LeeAnn Rohling, Diana Scheer, Paul & Sue Laune; Missionaries: Pastor James May (missionary to Africa); Rev. David Preus (missionary to Romania); Michael & Naomi Erslund, Lutheran Bible Translators, Ghana. Immanuel Lutheran School, Washington; Camp Trinity; Luther Classical College; St. Paul High School, Concordia, MO.

Birthdays & Anniversaries: Rick & Diane Tritch, 13th, Bryan Quick, 15th

(Please email office@trinitynewhaven.com if your birthday or anniversary has not been listed or was incorrectly listed, so the records can be updated with correct information)

New Member recognition next Sunday: Cake & punch reception following service.

August Ladies Luncheon: The ladies of the church will be meeting for lunch on Friday, **August 16th at Miller's Grill** (2301 Hwy A, Washington) at 12:30 pm. All ladies are welcome.

Opportunity: Anyone interested in playing piano or other instrument or singing during the offering can talk to me after church or message/call me at 636-667-3997, or send me an e-mail at Andrew.c.finck@gmail.com

Grass cutting signup sheet is on the bulletin board. Please take a turn if you are able and for more information contact Larry Scheer.

NEED A CARD: Graduation, Thank You, Encouragement, New Baby, Baptism & Comfort Cards from *Hymns in My Heart* are available for sale in the narthex, by the Trinity Ladies Aid. The cards are \$2.00 per card. Please deposit money in money slot.

Large Catechism

Smalcald Articles

Article IV - Of the Papacy.

1 That the Pope is not, according to divine law or according to the Word of God the head of all Christendom (for this [name] belongs to One only, whose name is Jesus Christ), but is only the bishop and pastor of the Church at Rome, and of those who voluntarily or through a human creature (that is, a political magistrate) have attached themselves to him, to be Christians, not under him as a lord, but with him as brethren [colleagues] and comrades, as the ancient councils and the age of St. Cyprian show.

2 But to-day none of the bishops dare to address the Pope as brother as was done at that time [in the age of Cyprian]; but they must call him most gracious lord, even though they be kings or emperors. This [Such arrogance] we will not, cannot, must not take upon our conscience [with a good conscience approve]. Let him, however, who will do it, do so without us [at his own risk].

3 Hence it follows that all things which the Pope, from a power so false, mischievous, blasphemous, and arrogant, has done and undertaken. have been and still are purely diabolical affairs and transactions (with the exception of such things as pertain to the secular government, where God often permits much good to be effected for a people, even through a tyrant and [faithless] scoundrel) for the ruin of the entire holy [catholic or] Christian Church (so far as it is in his power) and for the destruction of the first and chief article concerning the redemption made through Jesus Christ.

4 For all his bulls and books are extant, in which he roars like a lion (as the angel in Rev. 12 depicts him, [crying out] that no Christian can be saved unless he obeys him and is subject to him in all things that he wishes, that he says, and that he does. All of which amounts to nothing less than saying: Although you believe in Christ, and have in Him [alone] everything that is necessary to salvation, yet it is nothing and all in vain unless you regard [have and worship] me as your god, and be subject and obedient to me. And yet it is manifest that the holy Church has been without the Pope for at least more than five hundred years, and that even to the present day the churches of the Greeks and of many other languages neither have been nor are yet under the Pope. 5 Besides, as often remarked, it is a human figment which is not commanded, and is unnecessary and useless; for the holy Christian [or catholic] Church can exist very well without such a head, and it would certainly have remained better [purer, and its career would have been more prosperous] if such a head had not been raised up by the devil. 6 And the Papacy is also of no use in the Church, because it exercises no Christian office; and therefore it is necessary for the Church to continue and to exist without the Pope.

(Source: <https://bookofconcord.org/smalcald-articles/i/the-work-of-salvation/>)
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