

## Announcements

### Michealtide: Trinity 19, October 3, 2021

**Welcome** to Saved By Grace! If you are a guest, it is our pleasure to have you worship with us today. We would be glad to answer any questions you may have and hope that you will return to visit us again.

#### **Trinity III: Michaeltide**

The weeks of Trinity 19 - 23, called Michaeltide, speak of the struggle of the Church against Satan and the powers of darkness. The name comes from the fact that the beginning of this mini season is the day that the Church observes St Michael and All Angels (September 29). These Sundays are a reminder that it is for a good reason that we are called the Church Militant: Satan seeks to destroy the Church and lure Christians from the flock of Christ. Yet God defends his Church, through the work of His Holy Angels and by the proclamation of His Holy Gospel. The last Sunday of Trinity III is Reformation Sunday, a fitting end to a season which focuses on our battle against "the old evil foe."

- The Book of Family Prayer

#### **Today's theme: Confession and Absolution**

Jesus tells a crowd in today's Gospel "*The Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins*" (Matt. 9:1-8). Then, Jesus proved his authority to forgive sins by healing a paralytic brought to him. Jesus still has power on earth to forgive sins. In holy absolution He raises up the new man (Eph. 4:22-28)

**The Small Catechism: The Office of the Keys and Confession.** What is Confession? Confession consists of two parts: one, that we confess our sins; the other, that we receive absolution, or forgiveness, from the pastor or confessor as from God Himself, and in no way doubt, but firmly believe that our sins are thereby forgiven before God in heaven.

**Private Confession and Absolution** is available for anyone who desires it. Arrangements for it can be made by contacting Pastor.

#### **This Week's Schedule:**

- There will be no Wednesday Afterschool or Thursday Bible class this week due to Pastor attending the General Pastors Conference in Minneapolis, MN this week.
- Saturday
  - 9 am Workday
  - 12 Noon Confirmation Class
- Next Sunday
  - 10 am Service of the Word
  - 11:30 am Bible Reading Group

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