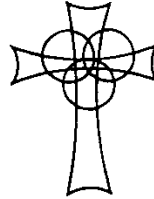




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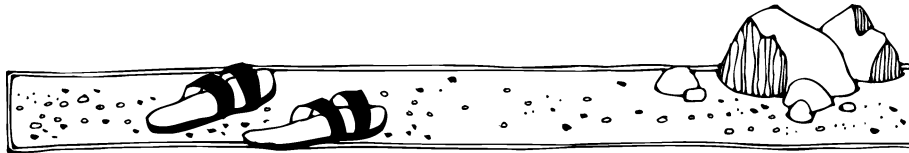
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## Fourth Sunday In Lent

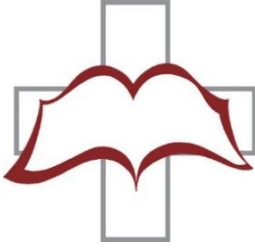
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***WELCOME TO WORSHIP ONLINE!!!***

We greet all of you warmly in the Lord's Name as we try something new. Owing to the Coronavirus pandemic that we are currently going through together as a nation and world, many churches like ours are having to try our hands at using technology to "bring church to you" as we practice social distancing as requested by our government leaders. We hope that this service will be a blessing to you as we continue to keep the Lord's command to "Remember the sabbath day by keeping it holy" by using these electronic means to sanctify this day through the hearing and preaching of God's Word and by offering our prayers to Him. May God bless our worship together!

### ***A PRAYER AS WE GATHER***

Bend Your ear to our prayers, Lord Christ, and come among us. By Your gracious life and death for us, bring light into the darkness of our hearts, and anoint us with Your Spirit, for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.



## **The Order of Morning Service Without Communion**

*From Divine Service, Setting Three  
Lutheran Service Book, Page 184ff*

*Today's service may seem familiar to some as it follows the traditional outline of what was known to many as the "Page Five" service found in The Lutheran Hymnal. Because our worshipping online during this time prohibits us from our normal weekly celebration of Holy Communion, this seemed to be the most fitting order which allows us to follow our usual order of service that contains Confession and Forgiveness, Scripture, and Sermon, but without the celebration of the Service of the Sacrament.*

✠ *In the Name of Jesus Christ* ✠

### **✠ The Preparation ✠**

The Pre-Service Instrumental Music for Meditation

The Words of Welcome

The Opening Hymn

*Lutheran Service Book Hymn # 873*

*"Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies"*

- 1 Christ, whose glory fills the skies,  
Christ, the true and only light,  
Sun of righteousness, arise;  
Triumph o'er the shades of night.  
Dayspring from on high, be near;  
Daystar, in my heart appear.**
- 2 Dark and cheerless is the morn  
Unaccompanied by Thee;  
Joyless is the day's return  
Till Thy mercy's beams I see,  
Till they inward light impart,  
Glad my eyes, and warm my heart.**
- 3 Visit then this soul of mine,  
Pierce the gloom of sin and grief;  
Fill me, radiance divine,  
Scatter all my unbelief;  
More and more Thyself display,  
Shining to the perfect day.**

The Invocation:

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

- P** In the Name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** Amen.

The Confession of Sins:

- P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

- P** Our Help is in the Name of the Lord,  
**C** who made heaven and earth.

- P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,  
**C** and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

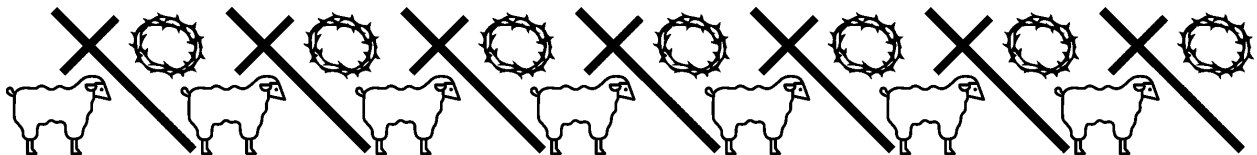
- P** Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

- C** O most merciful God, who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

- P** Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on His Name He gives power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved.

Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

- C** Amen.



✠ The Service of the Word ✠

The Introit of the Day

*Psalm 27:4–6; antiphon: Psalm 25:15*

- P** My eyes are ever toward the LORD,  
for he will pluck my feet out of the net.
- C** **One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after:  
that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life,  
to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to inquire in his temple.**
- P** For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble;  
he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will lift me high upon a rock.
- C** **And now my head shall be lifted up above my enemies all around me,  
and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy;  
I will sing and make melody to the LORD.**
- C** **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**
- P** My eyes are ever toward the LORD,  
for he will pluck my feet out of the net.

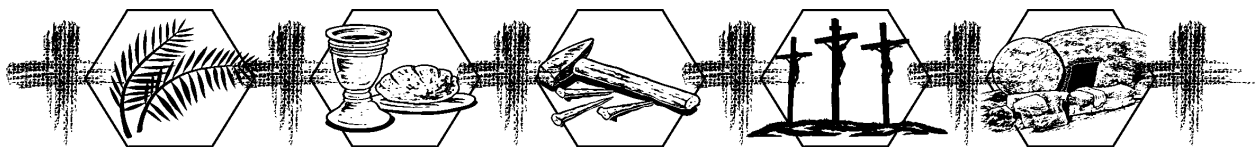
The Salutation and Collect of the Day:

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** **And also with you.**
- P** Let us pray.  
Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Your mercies are new every morning; and though we deserve only punishment, You receive us as Your children and provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant that we may heartily acknowledge Your merciful goodness, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** **Amen.**

The Verse of the Day

*Psalm 36:9*

- P** With You is the fountain of life; in Your light do we see light.



**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the ninth chapter.

**C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>As [Jesus] passed by, he saw a man blind from birth. <sup>2</sup>And his disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” <sup>3</sup>Jesus answered, “It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be displayed in him. <sup>4</sup>We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work. <sup>5</sup>As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.” <sup>6</sup>Having said these things, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva. Then he anointed the man’s eyes with the mud <sup>7</sup>and said to him, “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam” (which means Sent). So he went and washed and came back seeing.

<sup>8</sup>The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar were saying, “Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?” <sup>9</sup>Some said, “It is he.” Others said, “No, but he is like him.” He kept saying, “I am the man.” <sup>10</sup>So they said to him, “Then how were your eyes opened?” <sup>11</sup>He answered, “The man called Jesus made mud and anointed my eyes and said to me, ‘Go to Siloam and wash.’ So I went and washed and received my sight.” <sup>12</sup>They said to him, “Where is he?” He said, “I do not know.”

<sup>13</sup>They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. <sup>14</sup>Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. <sup>15</sup>So the Pharisees again asked him how he had received his sight. And he said to them, “He put mud on my eyes, and I washed, and I see.” <sup>16</sup>Some of the Pharisees said, “This man is not from God, for he does not keep the Sabbath.” But others said, “How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?” And there was a division among them. <sup>17</sup>So they said again to the blind man, “What do you say about him, since he has opened your eyes?” He said, “He is a prophet.”

<sup>18</sup>The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight, until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight <sup>19</sup>and asked them, “Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?” <sup>20</sup>His parents answered, “We know that this is our son and that he was born blind. <sup>21</sup>But how he now sees we do not know, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself.” <sup>22</sup>(His parents said these things because they feared the Jews, for the Jews had already agreed that if anyone should confess Jesus to be Christ, he was to be put out of the synagogue.) <sup>23</sup>Therefore his parents said, “He is of age; ask him.”

<sup>24</sup>So for the second time they called the man who had been blind and said to him, “Give glory to God. We know that this man is a sinner.” <sup>25</sup>He answered, “Whether he is a sinner I do not know. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see.” <sup>26</sup>They said to him, “What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?” <sup>27</sup>He answered them, “I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?” <sup>28</sup>And they reviled him, saying, “You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. <sup>29</sup>We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from.” <sup>30</sup>The man answered, “Why, this is an amazing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. <sup>31</sup>We know that God does not listen to sinners, but if anyone is a worshiper of God and does his will, God listens to him. <sup>32</sup>Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a man born blind. <sup>33</sup>If this man were not from God, he could

do nothing.”<sup>34</sup>They answered him, “You were born in utter sin, and would you teach us?” And they cast him out.

<sup>35</sup>Jesus heard that they had cast him out, and having found him he said, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?”<sup>36</sup>He answered, “And who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?”<sup>37</sup>Jesus said to him, “You have seen him, and it is he who is speaking to you.”<sup>38</sup>He said, “Lord, I believe,” and he worshiped him.<sup>39</sup>Jesus said, “For judgment I came into this world, that those who do not see may see, and those who see may become blind.”<sup>40</sup>Some of the Pharisees near him heard these things, and said to him, “Are we also blind?”<sup>41</sup>Jesus said to them, “If you were blind, you would have no guilt; but now that you say, ‘We see,’ your guilt remains.”

- P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C** Praise to You, O Christ.

The Apostles’ Creed:

- C** I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth.

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried.  
He descended into hell.  
The third day He rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit;  
the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints;  
the forgiveness of sins;  
the resurrection of the body;  
and the life † everlasting. Amen.**

The Hymn of the Day

*Lutheran Service Book Hymn # 744*

“Amazing Grace”

- 1** Amazing grace—how sweet the sound—  
That saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost but now am found,  
Was blind but now I see!

- 2    **The Lord has promised good to me,  
       His Word my hope secures;  
 He will my shield and portion be  
       As long as life endures.**
- 3    **Through many dangers, toils, and snares  
       I have already come;  
 His grace has brought me safe thus far,  
       His grace will lead me home.**
- 4    **Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail  
       And mortal life shall cease,  
 Amazing grace shall then prevail  
       In heaven's joy and peace.**
- 5    **When we've been there ten thousand years,  
       Bright shining as the sun,  
 We've no less days to sing God's praise  
       Than when we'd first begun.**

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The Sermon

20/20 Blindness or 20/20 Vision?

✘ **The Service of Prayer** ✘

The Prayer of the Church

- P** Blessed Lord, You give sight to the blind, You open the ears of the deaf, and You make the lame to walk. Hear the prayers of Your people on behalf of all people as they have need.

In the darkness of sin and its death, we cry to You, O Lord. Open our ears by Your Word, our minds by Your Spirit, and our hearts by Your grace, that we may know and be thankful for all the blessings You have given to us in Christ, our Lord, especially the gifts of forgiveness, life and salvation. Strengthen us in faith, that we may serve You with all our body, mind, soul and strength. Lord, in Your mercy,

- C** **hear our prayer.**

- P** Bidden by Your Word, we pray to You, O Lord, on behalf of Your Church and all Your people in every place. Give to us good pastors and servants of Your Word who will preach the full counsel of Your Word and serve us with Your Sacraments. Raise up many more to serve as church workers, and bless those who are now preparing for full-time church work. Lord, in Your mercy,

- C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Defended by Your grace, we ask You, O Lord, to provide us with good and faithful leaders who will honor the cause of justice in our land, preserve the precious gift of liberty, and protect the lives of those least able to defend themselves. Bless the members of our armed forces and protect them as they defend us, and grant Your blessing to all emergency workers who come to our aid in time of need. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Enjoying the riches of Your grace, we ask You, O Lord, to give us generous hearts, that we may share with the poor what You have provided and work for the common good of all. Be with those who are unemployed and in search of honest labor, the underemployed in pursuit of better jobs, and the homeless seeking basic shelter for themselves and those in their families. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Knowing Your healing will and gifts, we pray You, O Lord, to remember the sick in their afflictions, to calm those troubled in mind, and to keep steadfast the dying. Hear us as we especially pray for \_\_\_\_\_. Show us Your gracious will, O Lord, and sustain those who are afflicted in body or mind until that day when You will bestow upon us new bodies fit for the eternal life You have prepared for us in Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** We know that in grace and with love You bless all of our days with Your goodness. We rejoice with those who rejoice in Your kindness, especially with \_\_\_\_\_. Help us all to remember that all that we are and have comes from Your loving hand, that we may always bless You, the Giver of every good and perfect gift. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** According to Your unfailing grace, You look with compassion and love upon all of Your children. To Your fatherly care we commend all those who have asked for our prayers. Especially we remember before you \_\_\_\_\_ and all the other people and concerns we name in the silence of our hearts... Hear all these prayers, we beseech You, and grant them according to Your good and gracious will. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Mindful of Your promise, we ask You, O Lord, to comfort those who grieve and to build up those who mourn with hope for the resurrection. Remembering the faithful who have died in Christ, we pray You to bring us at last to be with them in Your nearer presence, looking forward to that day when we shall join in the marriage supper of the Lamb in His Kingdom without end. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**



- P** All these things, O Lord, we pray in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, asking You to grant our prayers not for our sake but for the sake of Him alone. Teach our hearts to be content with Your will and to trust that You will answer us with what is best for us and at the right time for our need. So do we pray, giving testimony of our confidence in Your gracious favor in Christ by answering with one voice.
- C** **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer:

- P** Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold to pray:
- C** **Our Father who art in heaven,  
hallowed be Thy name,  
Thy kingdom come,  
Thy will be done on earth  
as it is in heaven;  
give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For Thine is the kingdom  
and the power and the glory  
forever and ever. Amen.**

The Collect for the Church:

- P** Let us pray.  
Almighty God, grant to Your Church Your Holy Spirit and the wisdom that comes down from above, that Your Word may not be bound but have free course and be preached to the joy and edifying of Christ's holy people, so that in steadfast faith we may serve You and, in the confession of Your Name, abide unto the end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** **Amen.**

The *Benedicamus* and Benediction:

- P** Let us bless the Lord.
- C** **Thanks be to God.**
- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.
- C** **Amen.**

“Glory Be to Jesus”

- 1**   **Glory be to Jesus,  
      Who in bitter pains  
      Poured for me the lifeblood  
      From His sacred veins!**
  
- 2**   **Grace and life eternal  
      In that blood I find;  
      Blest be His compassion,  
      Infinitely kind!**
  
- 3**   **Blest through endless ages  
      Be the precious stream  
      Which from endless torment  
      Did the world redeem!**
  
- 4**   **Abel’s blood for vengeance  
      Pleaded to the skies;  
      But the blood of Jesus  
      For our pardon cries.**
  
- 5**   **Oft as earth exulting  
      Wafts its praise on high,  
      Angel hosts rejoicing  
      Make their glad reply.**
  
- 6**   **Lift we, then, our voices,  
      Swell the mighty flood;  
      Louder still and louder  
      Praise the precious blood!**

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The Silent Worship

The Parish Announcements

The Instrumental Music to Depart

✧ *To God All Praise and Glory!* ✧

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## NOTES AND NEWS

*THANK YOU* ... to all for their patience and understanding at this time. Pastor is discovering all of the things that they did not teach him at the seminary, other than the need to be adaptable and flexible while remaining faithful to the Word and our confession of faith. We are all trying to make the best of the situation we all find ourselves in. With faith and trust in the Lord, and as we keep on loving each other, we will make it through. God bless us all!

*ONLINE WORSHIP* ... After going through a self-taught “crash course” in how to get this done and set up, Pastor hopes that this method of “gathering together” will work for us until we are able to meet with one another in our dear church home again. If there are any problems, comments, questions, or even complaints, please contact Pastor by phone or email and let us know what we can try to do to be better.

*OUR PRAYER LIST* ... The weekly “O Christ, Hear Us” page in the bulletin is a listing of those we remember in prayer during worship at Trinity and for whom you are invited to pray for in your own personal prayers during the week. During this time when we will be publishing our weekly bulletin online, we will only list the persons we are praying for by their first names because of privacy concerns and laws, while we may continue to lift them up by full name in our spoken prayers. Pastor will continue to keep the list current and invites you to send him by email any new prayer requests, or to let him know of any changes or deletions which need to be made. The “full text” version of the Prayer List, as it would ordinarily be found in the bulletin, can be made available to Trinity members who request one by sending an email to Pastor.

*SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY* ... We will be suspending our Adult Bible Study through this State of Emergency. If you would like to have a copy of the study guide that we normally use each week as a way to do your own personal study and devotion on the Weekly Scripture Readings, please email Pastor ([trinity-elc-pastor@verizon.net](mailto:trinity-elc-pastor@verizon.net)) and he will be glad to send you a copy.

*MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDY* ... During the Lenten Season our Midweek gathering will be a time of Devotions and Bible Study, using our Lenten theme of “Eyes on Jesus”. As our usual group of attendees is under the “10 Person Limit” in the directions for the State of Emergency, we hope to continue to hold these studies and to stream them on Facebook Live. You are welcome to join us on Wednesday Evenings at 7:00 PM as we go live from the Multi-Purpose Room.

*THE LUTHERAN HOUR*... Hear Lutheran Hour Guest Speaker: Pastor Ryan Tinetti’s message, “Labors of Love”, next Sunday, March 29, 2020, on WMZQ 98.7 FM at 7:00 AM, or on Sundays at 1:30 PM and 6:30 PM on WFAX 1220 AM. If you are out of the radio station’s range you may listen on line to WFAX worldwide at WFAX.com.

*PASTOR'S "TRAVELS"* ... Pastor was to have been attending a Southeastern District (SED) Circuit Visitors' Meeting this Monday and Tuesday in Richmond. Because of the current situation, the SED has moved to meeting remotely through online means. Pastor will be "attending" this meeting all day Monday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>. If you need to reach him, please leave him a voice message or an email and he will get back in touch with you as soon as he is able. He'll be back on "regular duty" on Tuesday.

*CHURCH OFFICE HOURS* ... For the duration of the State of Emergency, the church office will keep the following schedule: **Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 10:00 AM to 12 Noon.**

Rona will be available in the office at these times to take your calls and questions. She may also be in the office at other times should needs warrant them.

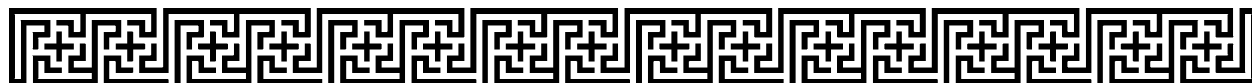
Pastor will be in the building as regularly as schedule permits. Please note that these plans have been made at this particular moment and are subject to change as government advisories are announced.

*COMPASSION CENTER NEWS*... Please be reminded that the Compassion Center is closed through April 1<sup>st</sup>. More details will be forthcoming if the closure needs to be extended owing to the COVID-19 crisis. Please keep our workers in your prayers, as well as our clients who will be unable to access our services at this time. Elma Pervaiz, Coordinator, LMS Compassion Center, Hyattsville, MD

*PORTALS OF PRAYER* ... The April-June edition of Portals of Prayer have arrived. We would like your help in letting us know how we can best get them to you. You can pick them up at your "Communion Appointment" or ask Pastor to bring one to you on a home visit. Or you can contact Rona in the church office by phone or email to have us mail your copy to you. We have a limited number of large print copies available. Let us know if you have need of one, and we will send them out on a first-come basis.

*ALTAR FLOWERS* ... While we are away from gathering for worship, we will not be ordering flowers from the florist. If you had scheduled a Sunday to donate Altar Flowers during this time when we are away, and have already paid for them in advance, we would like to still honor your gift by purchasing those flowers on a Sunday when we return to our regular worship. If you have any questions, please contact Rona by calling the church office or by email ([trinity-elc-office@verizon.net](mailto:trinity-elc-office@verizon.net)).

*PREPARING FOR NEXT SUNDAY* ... The Fifth Sunday in Lent, March 29, 2020  
Scripture Readings: Ezekiel 37:1-14; Romans 8:1-11; John 11:1-53



*Special Announcements As We Go Together Through This Time of Crisis*

*RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION* ... With the limits placed on public gatherings it has become necessary for us to “think outside the box” on how we can best supply the blessings of the Lord’s Supper to our members until we are able to gather again for regular public worship.

Appointments can be made for individuals, families, or other groupings of no more than nine (9) people to meet with Pastor Schiebel at the church to celebrate and receive the Sacrament together. Please call the church office (301-864-4340) or email Pastor ([trinity-elc-pastor@verizon.net](mailto:trinity-elc-pastor@verizon.net)) and we’ll set up a mutually convenient time to be together for this time with the Lord and one another.

For those who are shut-in or who may be fearful of coming out in these days, please contact Pastor so we can have conversation together and—depending on health, conditions, and schedule—make arrangements to come and bring you Communion.

*YOUR OFFERINGS TO TRINITY* ... As the world around us seems to be shutting down and coming to a near standstill, we know from our own lives that the bills don’t stop finding their way into our mailboxes. And the same is true for our congregation as the costs of doing ministry continue, even in this time.

We ask you to please continue to remember Trinity and its ministry during this time both with your prayers and your ongoing financial support. You may send your offerings either by mailing them to the church office, or by bringing them with you to your “Communion Appointment”, or by giving them to Pastor when he makes a Communion call at your home. Our hope and plan is that we will continue to make a weekly deposit from the gifts we receive.

*LOOKING AFTER ONE ANOTHER* ... During this time, some of us may find ourselves at a place where we might need a little hand in getting things done, especially if you should find yourself having to stay home. If you could use some help with errands or shopping or a hot meal, please let Pastor or a MPG Member know and we’ll work at making arrangements to get the help you are needing.



*KEEPING IN TOUCH ...* During this time, we want to be sure that we stay connected together, especially to help us keep informed with each other about our church family and what we are doing to get each other through this time spiritually. Please help us by noting the following...

- *Email and Phone:* It is important that we have correct and current contact information, especially phone numbers and emails. (And if you have us using a work email, please consider giving us your personal email to use.) Please be sure that the church office has that information. Most of the email notices that we send out will also be posted on our Facebook Page and Group, as well as on our website.
- *Facebook:* We are beginning to use Facebook more as a platform to get things out, especially with our videos of worship and devotions from Pastor. If you are on Facebook, please consider liking our Facebook Page and joining our Facebook Group—both are named “Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, Mount Rainier, MD”. If you are not on Facebook, you can still look at the Facebook Page through the link available on the home page on our church website: [www.tlcmr.org](http://www.tlcmr.org). We will send out reminder messages by email of “scheduled” Facebook Live events so you can join us on the livestream.
- *Website:* Please visit our website as much of what we post in emails and on Facebook will also be shared on the website as well. The website will also be where you will be able to “pick-up” your Sunday Bulletin to follow along with the worship services.

*REACHING PASTOR ...* In addition to being your spiritual leader and all-around nice guy in doing what he’s called to do in providing for the spiritual care we all certainly need at this time, he is also trying his best to become a learn at home “tech guru” as he manages the website, Facebook, and working “behind the camera” for videos we are doing. If you get a reply back to a comment you’ve made on Facebook, it’s most likely him. He will also continue to be available for you to contact in more “traditional” ways as well:

Church Office Phone: 301-864-4340 (If no one is in the office, we are able to check the church’s voicemail from where we are.)

Pastor’s Home Phone: 301-345-5592

Pastor’s Cell Phone: 202-288-0652

Pastor’s Email: [trinity-elc-pastor@verizon.net](mailto:trinity-elc-pastor@verizon.net)

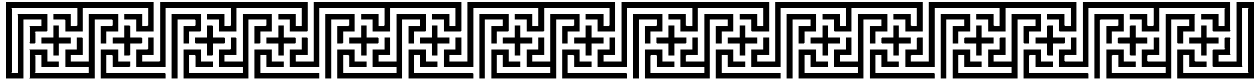
If he’s not readily available right at the moment that you call or text or email, just be patient, Pastor will get back in touch with you just as soon as he is able.

*A FINAL WORD ...* This entire situation is very fluid, with news and advisories changing every day. We are making the best of what has been brought to us, preparing as we are able to provide continued spiritual care for our Trinity Family. If things change with regards to orders from the government, we will do our best to change with them, keeping you informed on what we have to do and what we will be doing. We ask your continued patience, and together, with the Lord, we will get through this.

**PARISH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 22-29**

*Subject to Change*

<b>Today</b>	<i>The Fourth Sunday in Lent</i>	
	9:30 AM	Worship Service via Facebook Live
<b>Monday</b>	All Day	Pastor attending Online Circuit Visitors' Meeting
<b>Tuesday</b>	10 AM—Noon	Church Office Open
<b>Wednesday</b>	7:00 PM	Lenten Devotions and Bible Study via Facebook Live
<b>Thursday</b>	10 AM—Noon	Church Office Open
<b>Next Sunday</b>	<i>The Fifth Sunday in Lent</i>	
	9:30 AM	Worship Service via Facebook Live



*May the Lord watch  
between you and me,  
when we are absent  
one from another.*

Genesis 31:49 NKJV



✠ **O Christ, Hear Us!** ✠

**Intercessions for the Week of March 22, 2020**

**Prayers for Continued Healing and Help**

*For Our Trinity Members:*

Diane, Julie & Kenny, Elizabeth, Joseph, Diane, Evelyn, Waymond, Alan, August, Clara, David, Paul, Sylvia, Angela, Priscilla, and David, Sr.

*For Those Who Have Asked of Our Prayers:*

Luke, grandson of Charlie & Jean; John, relative of Pastor; Dina, niece of Sylvia;  
Betty, mother of Helen; Susan, relative of Gus & Betty; Joe, friend of Cullen;  
Britnany, niece of Lynda; Juliet, mother of Ras-I; Kristie, co-worker of Joyce;  
Giovanna, co-worker of Joyce; Linda, daughter of Gus & Betty; Sue, co-worker of Joyce;  
Rosemary, sister-in-law of Sylvia; Nicole & daughter, Anya, co-worker of Joyce  
Vicar Daniel, Lamb of God Lutheran, Landover Hills; Eric, homeless; Sandra, aunt of Kim;  
Mary, cousin of Pastor; Steven, acquaintance of Tracy; Billiei, friend of Rona & Paul

All those affected by or who are in fear of the Coronavirus Outbreak.

For our Medical Community, First Responders, and other Workers who aid us in this time.

**Thanksgivings and Blessings**

Carolyn Beus, who celebrated her birthday last week.

David Peele, who celebrates his birthday this week.

**Those Who Mourn**

The family of Sandy Reeves, mother of Alex Joynes' girlfriend, who passed away on March 14<sup>th</sup>.

The family of George Perry, grandfather of Travis and Alex Joynes, who passed away on March 14<sup>th</sup>.

**We Keep In Our Prayers**

- ✠ Our Trinity family, our ministries, and our mission.
- ✠ For Pastor Gugssa Biru and the people of the Ethiopian Evangelical Church Mekane Yesus in Maryland
- ✠ For the Lord to continue to move the hearts of our Trinity members to a deeper realization of our part in His mission to the world and to be *Ablaze!* with a desire to tell the Good News about Jesus with those whom we come into contact in our lives.
- ✠ For Elma Pervaiz, our Center Coordinator, and for the work of our Compassion Center.
- ✠ Our government leaders, and for the members of our armed forces.
- ✠ For peace and justice among the residents of our nation's cities and towns where there is unrest from fear and distrust.
- ✠ For all those still affected and recovering from the effects of natural disasters.
- ✠ For our brothers and sisters in Christ who suffer persecution for the faith and Name of Jesus, even to the point of the shedding of their blood.
- ✠ Prayers for peace in our world, especially in those places that are affected by war, oppression, or by acts of terror, and for those who find themselves in harm's way in the war on terrorism.
- ✠ All those we know who are sick, who grieve, and who are in any need of prayer.