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Fifth Sunday In Lent

March 29, 2020

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

Almighty God, Your Son came into the world to free us all from sin and death. Breathe upon us the power of Your Spirit, that we may raised to new life in Christ and serve You in righteousness all our days, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with You 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 # 697

"Awake, O Sleeper, Rise from Death"

- Awake, O sleeper, rise from death,
 And Christ shall give you light;
 So learn His love, its length and breadth,
 Its fullness, depth, and height.
- To us on earth He came to bring
 From sin and fear release,
 To give the Spirit's unity,
 The very bond of peace.
- Then walk in love as Christ has loved,
 Who died that He might save;
 With kind and gentle hearts forgive
 As God in Christ forgave.
- 4 For us Christ lived, for us He died, And conquered in the strife; Awake, arise, go forth in faith, And Christ shall give you life.

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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

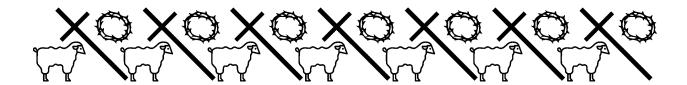
 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

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,
- and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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 116:1-4, 8; antiphon: verse 15

- Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his saints.
- I love the LORD, because he has heard my voice and my pleas for mercy.
- P Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live.
- The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me; I suffered distress and anguish.
- Then I called on the name of the LORD: "O LORD, I pray, deliver my soul!"
- For you have delivered my soul from death, my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling.
 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.
- Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his saints.

The Salutation and Collect of the Day:

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- P Let us pray.

Almighty God, by Your great goodness mercifully look upon Your people that we may be governed and preserved evermore in body and soul; 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

John 11:25

I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in Me, though he die, yet shall he live.



The Holy Gospel John 11:1-53

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

Glory to You, O Lord.

¹Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. ²It was Mary who anointed the Lord with ointment and wiped his feet with her hair, whose brother Lazarus was ill. ³So the sisters sent to him, saying, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." ⁴But when Jesus heard it he said, "This illness does not lead to death. It is for the glory of God, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it."

⁵Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. ⁶So, when he heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. ⁷Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." ⁸The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now seeking to stone you, and are you going there again?" ⁹Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours in the day? If anyone walks in the day, he does not stumble, because he sees the light of this world. ¹⁰But if anyone walks in the night, he stumbles, because the light is not in him." ¹¹After saying these things, he said to them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I go to awaken him." ¹²The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will recover." ¹³Now Jesus had spoken of his death, but they thought that he meant taking rest in sleep. ¹⁴Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus has died, ¹⁵and for your sake I am glad that I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him." ¹⁶So Thomas, called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him."

¹⁷Now when Jesus came, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. ¹⁸Bethany was near Jerusalem, about two miles off, ¹⁹and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them concerning their brother. ²⁰So when Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, but Mary remained seated in the house. ²¹Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. ²²But even now I know that whatever you ask from God, God will give you." ²³Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." ²⁴Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." ²⁵Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, ²⁶and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?" ²⁷She said to him, "Yes, Lord; I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who is coming into the world."

²⁸When she had said this, she went and called her sister Mary, saying in private, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you." ²⁹And when she heard it, she rose quickly and went to him. ³⁰Now Jesus had not yet come into the village, but was still in the place where Martha had met him. ³¹When the Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary rise quickly and go out, they followed her, supposing that she was going to the tomb to weep there. ³²Now when Mary came to where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet, saying to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." ³³When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in his spirit and greatly troubled. ³⁴And he said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." ³⁵Jesus wept. ³⁶So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" ³⁷But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man also have kept this man from dying?"

³⁸Then Jesus, deeply moved again, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay against it. ³⁹Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, by this time there will be an odor, for he has been dead four days." ⁴⁰Jesus said to her, "Did I

not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?" ⁴¹So they took away the stone. And Jesus lifted up his eyes and said, "Father, I thank you that you have heard me. ⁴²I knew that you always hear me, but I said this on account of the people standing around, that they may believe that you sent me." ⁴³When he had said these things, he cried out with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out." ⁴⁴The man who had died came out, his hands and feet bound with linen strips, and his face wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

⁴⁵Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what he did, believed in him, ⁴⁶but some of them went to the Pharisees and told them what Jesus had done. ⁴⁷So the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered the Council and said, "What are we to do? For this man performs many signs. ⁴⁸If we let him go on like this, everyone will believe in him, and the Romans will come and take away both our place and our nation." ⁴⁹But one of them, Caiaphas, who was high priest that year, said to them, "You know nothing at all. ⁵⁰Nor do you understand that it is better for you that one man should die for the people, not that the whole nation should perish." ⁵¹He did not say this of his own accord, but being high priest that year he prophesied that Jesus would die for the nation, ⁵²and not for the nation only, but also to gather into one the children of God who are scattered abroad. ⁵³So from that day on they made plans to put him to death.

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

The Apostles' Creed:

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.

"O Christ, Who Shared Our Mortal Life" Sung to Alternate Tune: Kingsfold

- O Christ, who shared our mortal life
 And ended death's long reign,
 Who healed the sick and raised the dead
 And bore our grief and pain:
 We know our years on earth are few,
 That death is always near.
 Come now to us, O Lord of Life;
 Bring hope that conquers fear!
- 9 Two weeping sisters, worn by grief
 And mired in depths of gloom,
 Stood watching where their brother lay
 Within a rock-sealed tomb.
 When, Lord, You met them as they mourned,
 You wept compassion's tear.
 But Martha, sore with sorrow, said,
 "He'd lived had You been here!"
- 10 "I am the Lord of life and death!"
 You answered Martha's cry,
 "And all who hear and trust My Word
 Shall live, although they die!"
 You walked the path to Laz'rus' tomb,
 You called him forth by name,
 And living, loving once again,
 From death to life he came!
- 4 Death's power holds us still in thrall
 And bears us toward the tomb.
 Death's dark'ning cloud hangs like a pall
 That threatens earth with doom.
 But You have broken death's embrace
 And torn away its sting.
 Restore to life our mortal race!
 Raise us, O Risen King!

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The Sermon

The Life-Giving Voice of the Son of God Text: John 11:1-53 and 5:24-25

▼ The Service of Prayer **▼**

The Prayer of the Church

P Let us pray.

We come, O Lord, with the dry bones of our broken hopes and disappointed dreams. Bind us up in Christ, that we may learn to pray with confidence, trusting in Your mercy to supply us with all things needful to us and to our salvation.

Almighty God, everlasting Father, You saw Israel in their despair and raised them up to hope by placing Your Spirit upon them. Raise us up from our weariness and grant us Your Spirit, that we may be strong in faith, bold in witness, holy in life and steadfast in hope. Lord, in Your mercy,

- **C** hear our prayer.
- P O eternal Lord, Your Son has given us the new birth of water and the Word and planted faith in us, that we might be Your own children. Bless Your Church, and supply her with able and caring pastors to nurture us in Your Word and raise up faithful church workers who will serve us in Your Name. Keep Your Church in Your mercy, that she may believe without fear and love without limit. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- O God of power and might, You hold in Your hand all the might of man. Give to us good government and faithful leaders who will heed Your Word and pursue righteousness and justice. Bless and defend us against all our enemies, and teach us to be good and faithful citizens of this land, using all Your manifold resources wisely and for the good of all. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- O merciful Lord, Your Son shed tears for Lazarus, whom He loved. Grant Your compassion, patience and endurance to all who suffer illness, who are troubled in mind or whose time on earth is short. Especially do we pray for ______. Raise us by Your gracious intercession, and deliver us from the afflictions of this life to reign with You in heaven forevermore. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- O eternal God, You carry the grief of those who mourn and remember all who die in Christ. Give comfort to the grieving and peace to the dying, that they would not grieve as people without hope but trust in You to deliver us from death to life everlasting. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.

- O compassionate Father, 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.
- O God of love, 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.
- O Lord, God Almighty, through Your Son You have kept the promise of the ages and rescued us from sin. You have raised up the dry bones of a people captive to death and made us alive in Christ forever. Sustain us in this hope, that we may endure the tests, trials and troubles of this life and be ready when our Savior comes again in His glory; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

The Lord's Prayer:

- P Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold to pray:
- 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.
- 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.

The Hymn to Depart

Lutheran Service Book Hymn # 429

"We Sing the Praise of Him Who Died" Sung to the Tune in The Lutheran Hymnal

- 1 We sing the praise of Him who died,
 Of Him who died upon the cross.
 The sinner's hope let all deride;
 For this we count the world but loss.
- Inscribed upon the cross we see
 In shining letters, "God is love."

 He bears our sins upon the tree;
 He brings us mercy from above.
- 3 The cross! It takes our guilt away; It holds the fainting spirit up; It cheers with hope the gloomy day And sweetens ev'ry bitter cup.
- 4 It makes the coward spirit brave
 And nerves the feeble arm for fight;
 It takes the terror from the grave
 And gilds the bed of death with light;

- 5 The balm of life, the cure of woe,
 The measure and the pledge of love,
 The sinner's refuge here below,
 The angels' theme in heav'n above.
- 6 To Christ, who won for sinners grace
 By bitter grief and anguish sore,
 Be praise from all the ransomed race
 Forever and forevermore.

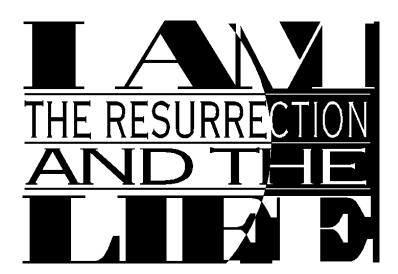
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The Silent Worship

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 ... As the State of Emergency with its limits on public gatherings continues, we will also continue our worshipping together online. Please join us on Facebook, or through the link available on the church webpage to help those who are not on Facebook to join us. Also on the church webpage, you will find a link to the current worship service bulletin which you can view or print to aid your participation in the service. We hope 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 visit www.cph.org where you will find among their special offerings during this crisis a free copy of the full season of "A Longer Look at the Lessons", which is the guide we use as the basis of our Sunday Morning Studies.

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... People can be unreceptive to God's love because they are very bador because they think they are very good. Hear Lutheran Hour Speaker Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler's message, "There's Still Time", next Sunday, April 5, 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. CHURCH OFFICE HOURS ... With the changes announced by the Governor with regards to the closing of non-essential businesses, and out of caution and concern for our office staff, we have decided that the church office will only be officially open on an "as needed basis".

Messages can still be left for Rona or Pastor by calling the church office and leaving a voicemail. The messages are checked either in the office or remotely daily.

Pastor will be in the building as regularly as schedule permits.

Thank you all for your patience and understanding as we work our best to continue serving our Trinity Family.

COMPASSION CENTER NEWS... Please be reminded that the Compassion Center is closed at least through April 1st. 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.

FROM YOUR CHURCH'S PUBLISHER ... Concordia Publishing House is assisting congregations and their members with materials to help sustain us spiritually during this time of quarantine that many find ourselves in. Please visit www.cph.org and check out their "Be Still and Know" section on their homepage which contains many free resources for devotion, learning, and worship.

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-elcoffice@verizon.net).

PREPARING FOR NEXT SUNDAY ... The Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday, April 5, 2020 Scripture Readings:

At the Procession of Palms: John 12:12-19 At the Service of the Word: Isaiah 50:4-9a

Philippians 2:5-11 Matthew 26:1—27:66 or John 12:20-43

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) 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. 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

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 29-APRIL 5 Subject to Change

Today The Fifth Sunday in Lent

9:30 AM Worship Service via Facebook Live

Wednesday 7:00 PM Lenten Devotions and Bible Study

via Facebook Live

Next Sunday The Sunday of the Passion – Palm Sunday

9:30 AM Worship Service via Facebook Live

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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 29, 2020

Prayers for Continued Healing and Help

For Members of Our Trinity Family:

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.

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.