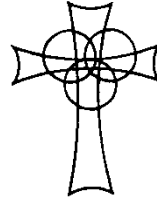




**While he
was blessing them, he...
was taken up into heaven.**

Luke 24:51

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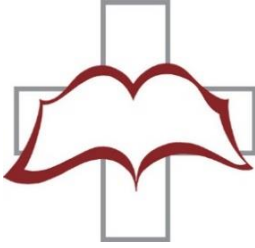
WELCOME TO WORSHIP ONLINE!!!

Alleluia! Christ is risen! The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

We are glad that you are joining us online for worship today. We are an “Easter People.” As such, we celebrate Christ’s victory over sin and death not only one Sunday of the Year, but every Sunday! Jesus Christ is worshipped among us here as the Living Lord and He is seen alive as He comes to us through His Word and the Sacraments. We pray that you will see and meet the same Lord Jesus as you worship with us today.

A PRAYER AS WE GATHER

Almighty God, Your blessed Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, ascended far above all heavens that He might fill all things. Mercifully give us faith to trust that, as He promised, He abides with us on earth to the end of time, 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 Prelude

"Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise"

The Words of Welcome

The Opening Hymn

Tune: Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia

"Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise"

- 1 Hail the day that sees Him rise, Alleluia!
Glorious to His native skies; Alleluia!
Christ, awhile to mortals giv'n, Alleluia!
Enters now the highest heav'n! Alleluia!**
- 2 There the glorious triumph waits; Alleluia!
Lift your heads, eternal gates! Alleluia!
Wide unfold the radiant scene; Alleluia!
Take the King of Glory in! Alleluia!**
- 3 See! He lifts His hands above; Alleluia!
See! He shows the prints of love: Alleluia!
Hark! His gracious lips bestow, Alleluia!
Blessings on His Church below. Alleluia!**
- 4 Lord, beyond our mortal sight, Alleluia!
Raise our hearts to reach Thy height, Alleluia!
There Thy face unclouded see, Alleluia!
Find our heav'n of heav'ns in Thee. Alleluia!**

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The Invocation and Easter Acclamation:

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.

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!
C **The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

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.**

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 110:1, 4-5; antiphon: Psalm 47:5

- P** God has gone up with a shout,
the LORD with the sound of a trumpet.
- C** **The LORD says to my Lord: “Sit at my right hand,
until I make your enemies your footstool.”**
- P** The LORD has sworn and will not change his mind,
“You are a priest forever after the order of Melchizedek.”
- C** **The Lord is at your right hand;
he will shatter kings on the day of his wrath.**
- 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** God has gone up with a shout,
the LORD with the sound of a trumpet.

The Hymn of Praise

The Lutheran Hymnal Hymn # 188

“Hallelujah! Jesus Lives!”

- 1 Hallelujah! Jesus Lives!
He is now the Living One;
From the gloomy house of death
Forth the Conqueror has gone,
Bright Forerunner to the skies
Of His people, yet to rise.**
- 2 Jesus lives! Let all rejoice;
Praise Him, ransomed ones of earth.
Praise Him in a nobler song,
Cherubim of heav'nly birth.
Praise the Victor-King, whose sway
Sin and death and hell obey.**
- 3 Jesus lives! Why weepst thou?
Why that sad and frequent sigh?
He who died our Brother here
Lives our Brother still on high,
Lives forever to bestow
Blessings on His Church below.**

The Hymn continues on the next page...

**4 Jesus lives! And thus, my soul,
Life eternal waits for thee;
Joined to Him, thy living Head,
Where He is, thou, too, shalt be;
With Himself, at His right hand,
Victor over death shalt stand.**

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The Salutation and Collect of the Day:

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, as Your only-begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, ascended into the heavens, so may we also ascend in heart and mind and continually dwell there with Him, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

The First Reading

Acts 1:1-11

¹In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, ²until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commands through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. ³To them he presented himself alive after his suffering by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God.

⁴And while staying with them he ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, “you heard from me; ⁵for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”

⁶So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?” ⁷He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. ⁸But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.” ⁹And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, ¹¹and said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

“Hallelujah! Jesus Lives!”

**5 Jesus lives! To Him my heart
Draws with ever new delight.
Earthly vanities, depart,
Hinder not my heav'nward flight.
Let this spirit ever rise
To its Magnet in the skies.**

**6 Hallelujah, angels, sing!
Join us in our hymn of praise,
Let your chorus swell the strain
Which our feebler voices raise:
Glory to our God above
And on earth His peace and love!**

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The Holy Gospel

Luke 24:44-53

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter.
C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

⁴⁴Then [Jesus] said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled.” ⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, ⁴⁶and said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high.”

⁵⁰Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. ⁵¹While he blessed them, he parted from them and was carried up into heaven. ⁵²And they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, ⁵³and were continually in the temple blessing God.

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

- P** Alleluia! Christ is risen!
C **The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Alleluia!

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 # 553

“O Christ, Our Hope, Our Heart’s Desire”

- 1 O Christ, our hope, our hearts’ desire,
Creation’s mighty Lord,
Redeemer of the fallen world,
By holy love outpoured:
- 2 How vast Your mercy to accept
The burden of our sin
And bow Your head in cruel death
To make us clean within.
- 3 But now the bonds of death are burst,
The ransom has been paid;
You now ascend the Father’s throne
In robes of light arrayed.
- 4 O let Your mighty love prevail
To purge us of our pride
That we may stand before Your throne
By mercy purified.

The Hymn continues on the next page...

**5 Christ Jesus, be our present joy,
Our future great reward;
Our only glory, may it be
To glory in the Lord!**

**△ 6 All praise to You, ascended Lord;
All glory ever be
To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost
Through all eternity!**

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The Sermon

Our Future Awaits
Text: Ephesians 1:15-23

✠ The Service of Prayer ✠

The Prayer of the Church

P God has gone up with a shout and the Lord with the sound of the ram's horn. Come let us raise up our prayers to ascend before Him, pleading for the Church, ourselves, and for all people as they have need.

P Blessed Lord, in humility You served us even to death, and in glory You reign over all that You have redeemed with Your blood. Give to us a spirit of wisdom and knowledge, that our hearts may be enlightened by Your Word and our wills may be directed toward Your purpose and Your glory. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Blessed Lord, You established Your Church and cleansed her with Your blood. Continue to cleanse and renew Your people, that we may remember our baptismal vocation of worship, witness, prayer and service. Give to Your Church faithful men and women who will heed Your call to church-work vocations, and bless especially those who serve Your people with the precious gifts of Your Word and Your holy Sacraments. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Blessed Lord, You have revealed to us the Father's will in words and works that show forth His saving love for us. Bless those who govern in our land, and give them pause that they may consider the sacred character of their responsibility and serve You for the protection of the weak, the relief of the oppressed and the defense of Your precious gift of life. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Blessed Lord, You have called us to see by faith through the darkened mirror of these times. Help us to know clearly Your Gospel, to proclaim it without fear and to serve our neighbor with Your love, manifesting all needful gifts of the Spirit to fulfill Your bidding. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

- P** Blessed Lord, You give to us great gifts for the relief of pain and for the healing of many, especially in this time of pandemic. Be with those who serve us in the medical arts, who search for medicines and cures for our afflictions, who care for the sick in their illness and who offer comfort while waiting with the dying. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Blessed Lord, You healed the sick and raised the dead. Come to the aid and comfort of those whose names we lift before You, that in their illness, pain and struggles they may know Your healing power, especially as we remember _____. Give them strength to endure their afflictions and patience as they await with us the perfect healing of everlasting life. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Blessed Lord, You have gone on to prepare a place for those who follow You. Remember in love and compassion those who grieve the passing of their loved ones. Comfort them with the sure promise that those who die in faith are forever with You until the day when You will reunite us in Your eternal kingdom. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Blessed Lord, You open Your hand and satisfy the desire of all the living. We give You thanks for Your love and tender mercy towards _____ and to all those whom You have blessed. Give us grateful hearts which always bless Your Name for Your goodness. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Blessed Lord, as You reign at the Father's right hand, You intercede for us, Your brothers and sisters. Hear and receive our prayers for _____ and for all of the other petitions we raise to You from the silence of our hearts... Present all that for which we ask to the Father, that in Your Name we may receive that which is best for us according to God's gracious will. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Blessed Lord, You are the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end, from You all things come and to You all things must return. Receive our thanks for the saints of every generation whose fidelity has commended the faith to us, and make us as faithful in preserving the hope to which we have been called. Bring us at last to that day, when all things are under Your feet and Your Name is above all names and we shall rest in Your presence forevermore. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** All these things, blessed Lord, we pray to the Father in Your Name, and by the Spirit we trust that You will answer the prayers of Your people and well provide us with grace sufficient for every need. To You, O Triune God, we pray.
- 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 Easter Season:

P Let us pray.

O God, for our redemption You gave Your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross and by His glorious resurrection delivered us from the power of the enemy. Grant that all our sin may be drowned through daily repentance and that day by day we may arise to live before You in righteousness and purity forever; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

The *Benedicamus* and Benediction:

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C **The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

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.**



The Hymn to Depart

Tune: *Son of God, Eternal Savior*

“See, the Conqueror Mounts in Triumph”

- 1 See, the Conqu’ror mounts in triumph;
See the King in royal state,
Riding on the clouds, His chariot,
To His heav’nly palace gate!
Hark! The choirs of angel voices
Joyful alleluias sing,
And the portals high are lifted
To receive their heav’nly King.**

- 2 He who on the cross did suffer,
He who from the grave arose,
He has vanquished sin and Satan;
He by death has spoiled His foes.
While He lifts His hands in blessing,
He is parted from His friends;
While their eager eyes behold Him,
He upon the clouds ascends.**

- 3 Thou hast raised our human nature
On the clouds to God’s right hand;
There we sit in heav’nly places,
There with Thee in glory stand.
Jesus reigns, adored by angels;
Man with God is on the throne.
Mighty Lord, in Thine ascension,
We by faith behold our own.**

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The Silent Worship

The Parish Announcements

The Postlude

“See, the Conqueror Mounts in Triumph”

✠ *To God All Praise and Glory!* ✠

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NOTES AND NEWS

A BLESSED MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND ... to one and all as we take the time to give thanks for those who in service to our country “gave the last full measure of devotion” so that we might have the freedoms and liberties we enjoy. May the memory of the fallen be eternal and may we continue to be blessed in our living in “the land of the free and the home of the brave.”

IF THIS HAD BEEN A “NORMAL YEAR” ... this weekend would have marked the changeover from our “Regular” to our “Summer” Worship Schedule. Even though the current situation has made changes already, we would like to announce that we will begin our congregational “summer routines” **beginning next Sunday.**

And, like good Lutherans we ask, “What does this mean?”

Sunday Worship will continue to be held at 9:30 AM

Sunday Morning Bible Study will be on its summer break, already begun.

Midweek Bible Study will also go on its recess for the summer months.

Lord willing, we hope to resume our Regular Schedule of worship and study together following the Labor Day Weekend holiday on Sunday, September 13th. Please stay tuned for more information as the summer comes to a close.

FELLOWSHIP ON ZOOM ... We invite our Trinity Family to come together for a bit of “face time” with one another **this afternoon at 4:00 PM.** Information on how to connect was sent out in an email to members last Friday. If you did not receive this email, or would like to join us, please send an email to trinity-elc-pastor@verizon.net, and Pastor will forward the information to you so you can be with us.

MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDY ... Please join us on Facebook Live this Wednesday Evening at 7:00 PM from the Multi-Purpose Room as Pastor concludes our Easter Midweek gatherings for Devotions and Bible Study, and our study of “The Days of Resurrection”. This final study will be a look at the events of Pentecost as recorded in Acts 2. We hope you can join us.

THE LUTHERAN HOUR... Jesus brings the Word of peace to those who have grown weary of all the babble. Listen to the Lutheran Hour for this message, “Jesus Doesn’t Babble”, from guest speaker, Rev. Dr. Matthew Harrison, President of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, next Sunday, May 24, 2020, on WMZQ 98.7 FM at 7:00 AM or on Sundays at 1:30 PM and 6:30 PM on WFAZ 1220 AM. If you are out of the radio station’s range you may listen on line to WFAZ worldwide at WFAZ.com.

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.

PERSONAL SCRIPTURE STUDY ... Even though we will be taking our study opportunities on a summer break doesn't mean that you can't continue to be "in the Word" on your own. Pastor will be looking into providing the study guide, "A Longer Look at the Lessons", for your use during the summer months. Most likely, the materials will be posted on the church website. A link will be included in next Friday's Email Update from Pastor.

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.

MAKING PLANS TOWARDS REOPENING ... While we hope that the County Executive will allow the County to begin reopening according to the Governor's plan, we have no way of knowing when that will actually be taking place as we all wait to see "the numbers go down". Until then, Pastor and the Ministry Planning Group (MPG) are looking through different things that we will need to be doing to get us ready to once more open the doors of our church home for public worship.

If you have any questions or concerns about our reopening, please be sure to contact Pastor or any of our MPG Members (Helen & Waymond Joynes, Julie Gilroy, Michael McCoyer, Vincent Peele, Paul Ritter) to let your thoughts and questions be heard. We look to having your input.

COMPASSION CENTER NEWS... Please be reminded that the Compassion Center continues to be closed. Please keep our workers in your prayers, as well as our clients who are facing extra struggles in this difficult and challenging time.

Elma Pervaiz, Coordinator, LMS Compassion Center, Hyattsville, MD

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 together for worship in person, 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).

PREPARING FOR NEXT SUNDAY ... The Day of Pentecost, May 31, 2020

Scripture Readings: Numbers 11:24-30; Acts 2:1-21; John 7:37-39

OFFERING OF LETTERS ... Our annual Offering of Letters with Bread for the World to appeal to our government leaders for their continued remembering to help the hungry in our nation and world will continue this year, albeit from our homes. The following is from Art Simon on how you can be a part of this effort...

TO MULTIPLY OUR HELP TO REDUCE HUNGER: AN OFFERING OF LETTERS

The economic impact of the coronavirus is hitting low-income people especially hard, and making millions of other Americans newly desperate for help.

Food charities are too swamped to meet the additional demand for food. As a result, the response of government and our letters to Congress are more crucial than ever.

We can do our “Offering of Letters” at home ONLINE by sending an email to each of Maryland’s two U.S. Senators:

Senator Ben Cardin at www.Cardin.Senate.gov.

Senator Chris Van Hollen at www.VanHollen.Senate.gov.

The message to each (but in your own words):

Dear Senator [Name]:

Please address the nation’s health and economic crisis by expanding SNAP, so that no American needs to go hungry.

Please also increase food and development assistance in our foreign aid program, with special emphasis on saving the lives of women and children.

Thank you for leading this cause!

Sincerely,

[your name and address in MD or DC]

And THANK YOU, Trinity members and friends, FOR OFFERING YOUR CITIZENSHIP TO GOD ON BEHALF OF HUNGRY PEOPLE by writing Senators Cardin and Van Hollen!



breadfortheworld
HAVE FAITH. END HUNGER.

Continuing Announcements as We Continue to 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.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS ... With the orders from the Governor with regards to the closing of non-essential businesses being extended by the County Executive, 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.

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

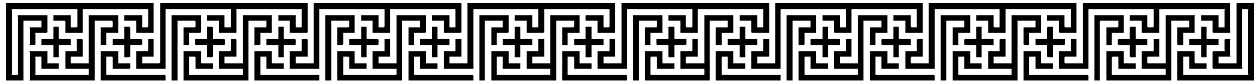
If he’s not readily available right at the moment that you call or text or email, just be patient, Pastor will get back in touch with you just as soon as he is able.

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 MAY 24-31

Subject to Change

Today	<i>The Ascension of Our Lord (Observed)</i>
	9:30 AM Worship Service via Facebook Live
	4:00 PM Fellowship on Zoom
Wednesday	7:00 PM Devotions and Bible Study via Facebook Live
Next Sunday	<i>The Day of Pentecost</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 May 24, 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;
Alan, cousin of Kim; Jennifer, daughter of Pr. Schwandt; Danielle, neighbor of Kim

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

Adam McCoyer, who celebrates his birthday this week.

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.