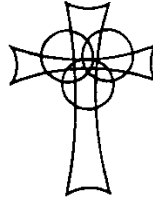


Jesus came
and stood among
them and said,
"Peace be with you."

John 20:19, NRSV

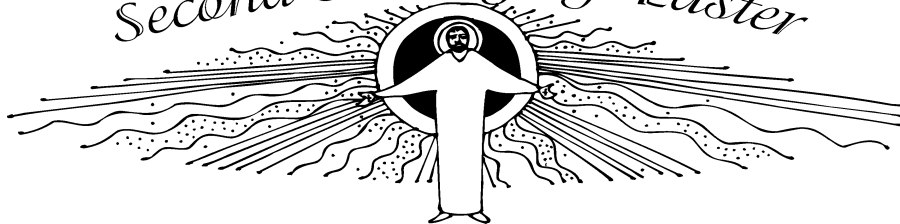
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Second Sunday Of Easter



April 19, 2020

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 and eternal God, the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt, may we, who have not seen, have faith in You and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing, 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

Two Preludes on "Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain"

The Words of Welcome

The Opening Hymn

Lutheran Service Book Hymn # 487
"Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain"

- 1** **Come, you faithful, raise the strain**
 Of triumphant gladness!
 God has brought His Israel
 Into joy from sadness,
 Loosed from Pharaoh's bitter yoke
 Jacob's sons and daughters,
 Led them with unmoistened foot
 Through the Red Sea waters.

- 2** **'Tis the spring of souls today:**
 Christ has burst His prison
 And from three days' sleep in death
 As a sun has risen;
 All the winter of our sins,
 Long and dark, is flying
 From His light, to whom is giv'n
 Laud and praise undying.

The Hymn continues on the next page...

- 3 Now the queen of seasons, bright
 With the day of splendor,
 With the royal feast of feasts
 Comes its joy to render;
 Comes to gladden faithful hearts
 Which with true affection
 Welcome in unwearied strain
 Jesus' resurrection!
- 4 For today among His own
 Christ appeared, bestowing
 His deep peace, which evermore
 Passes human knowing.
 Neither could the gates of death
 Nor the tomb's dark portal
 Nor the watchers nor the seal
 Hold Him as a mortal.
- 5 Alleluia! Now we cry
 To our King immortal,
 Who, triumphant, burst the bars
 Of the tomb's dark portal.
 Come, you faithful, raise the strain
 Of triumphant gladness!
 God has brought His Israel
 Into joy from sadness!

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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 105:1-5, 8; antiphon: 1 Peter 2:2-3

P Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up to salvation—
if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

C **Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name;
make known his deeds among the peoples!**

P Sing to him, sing praises to him;
tell of all his wondrous works!

C **Glory in his holy name;
let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice!**

P Seek the LORD and his strength;
seek his presence continually!

C **Remember the wondrous works that he has done,
his miracles, and the judgments he uttered.**

P He remembers his covenant forever,
the word that he commanded, for a thousand generations.

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 Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up to salvation—
if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

“O Sons and Daughters of the King”

- 1 O sons and daughters of the King,
Whom heav’nly hosts in glory sing,
Today the grave has lost its sting!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

- 2 That Easter morn, at break of day,
The faithful women went their way
To seek the tomb where Jesus lay.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

- 3 An angel clad in white they see,
Who sits and speaks unto the three,
“Your Lord will go to Galilee.”
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

- 4 That night the apostles met in fear;
Among them came their master dear
And said, “My peace be with you here.”
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

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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, grant that we who have celebrated the Lord’s resurrection may by Your grace confess in our life and conversation that Jesus is Lord and God; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

The Epistle

1 Peter 1:3-9

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, ⁵who by God’s power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, ⁷so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to

result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. ⁸Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, ⁹obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

The Alleluia Hymn

Lutheran Service Book Hymn # 477

“Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven”

1 Alleluia, alleluia!
Hearts to heav’n and voices raise:
Sing to God a hymn of gladness,
Sing to God a hymn of praise;
He who on the cross a victim
For the world’s salvation bled—
Jesus Christ, the King of Glory,
Now is risen from the dead.

△ 3 Alleluia, alleluia!
Glory be to God on high:
Alleluia to the Savior
Who has gained the victory;
Alleluia to the Spirit,
Fount of love and sanctity!
Alleluia, alleluia
To the triune Majesty!

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The Holy Gospel

John 20:19-31

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

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

¹⁹On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.” ²⁰When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you.” ²²And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of anyone, they are forgiven; if you withhold forgiveness from anyone, it is withheld.”

²⁴Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe.”

²⁶Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe.” ²⁸Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” ²⁹Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”

³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; ³¹but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

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!

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.**

“O Sons and Daughters of the King”

- 5** When Thomas first the tidings heard
That they had seen the risen Lord,
He doubted the disciples’ word.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 6** “My piercèd side, O Thomas, see,
And look upon My hands, My feet;
Not faithless but believing be.”
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 7** No longer Thomas then denied;
He saw the feet, the hands, the side;
“You are my Lord and God!” he cried.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 8** How blest are they who have not seen
And yet whose faith has constant been,
For they eternal life shall win.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 9** On this most holy day of days
Be laud and jubilee and praise:
To God your hearts and voices raise.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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The Sermon

Peace Be with You!

✠ The Service of Prayer ✠

The Prayer of the Church

- P** Hear us, merciful Father, as we pray for ourselves, for the Church, for our nation and for all conditions and manner of people.

God of mercy, keep us from the doubts and fears that cripple us and prevent us from knowing the fullness of Your saving peace and gracious presence. Teach us to trust in Your Word and to believe with all our hearts, minds, bodies and strength in Jesus Christ, crucified for our sins and raised for our justification. Lord, in Your mercy,

- C** hear our prayer.

- P** God of grace, bestow upon Your Church Your Holy Spirit and all the gifts that come down from on high. Grant to us faithful pastors and church workers who will preach and teach faithfully, and ears to hear Your Word proclaimed. Give us boldness in our own witness before the world and courage to speak Your Name without fear. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** God of power, give courage and strength to those persecuted for the faith, and comfort the families of the martyrs. Keep Your Church from following the winds of change, and make her steadfast in the doctrine of the apostles and the faith once delivered to the saints. Help us to admonish those who have fallen away with Your Word and to restore with gentleness those who have wandered from the truth. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** God of might, counsel the nations and their leaders in the paths of peace and justice. Bless us with wise, faithful and just leaders who will protect the sanctity of life and defend us against all enemies, foreign and domestic. Make us wise and discerning citizens who use the gift of liberty for noble purpose. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** God of love, teach us to love one another as You have loved us. Guide us so that in our neighborhoods and communities we may manifest the love of Christ as well as His strength. Deliver us from all that would threaten our homes and families. Protect the police, firefighters, disaster-relief workers and medical personnel who attend to us, as well as the places where we live and work. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** God of comfort, give Your aid and relief to all who suffer want or need, to the sick in their afflictions, to those troubled in mind, and to those to whom death draws near [*especially* _____]. Heal and sustain them according to Your gracious will, and preserve them in faith to eternal life. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** God of hope, be with those who grieve the loss of those whom they love. Point them to the promise of the resurrection and the gift of everlasting life to all who die in Christ. Deliver us from the distractions of things that do not matter, that we may focus on the needful things of Your Word and Sacraments and so be found faithful when our Lord returns in His glory. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** God of compassion, You daily and richly bless us with good gifts. Be with _____ and all those who rejoice in Your kindness. Help us always to return our gratitude and thanksgiving to You. And remind us always of Your generosity to us, so that out of the abundance You have given us, we might remember the needs of the poor and serve them in Your Name. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**

- P** God of faithfulness, Your loving eyes behold Your children, especially in their time of need. Hear the prayers which we lift to You on behalf of _____ and for all those whom we name to You from the silence of our hearts ... According to Your love for us and Your gracious will, grant us all for which we pray, for we trust in You. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** God and Father, who raised Jesus from the dead, we give You thanks and praise for all those who, having faithfully followed the Gospel of Your Son in this life, now eternally rest with You in Your heavenly kingdom. Grant that we, following Your Son in that same faith, may also come to share with all the saints the joy of life eternal with You. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** O blessed God and Lord, hear the prayers of Your people and teach us to trust in Your will to answer our prayers with all that is needful and beneficial, both for us and for all for whom we have prayed; 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:
- 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

Lutheran Service Book Hymn # 481

“Scatter the Darkness, Break the Gloom”

- 1 Scatter the darkness, break the gloom;
Sun, reveal an empty tomb
Shining with joy for all our sorrows,
Hope and peace for all tomorrows,
Life unclipped by doubt and dread:
Christ has risen from the dead!**

- 2 Bearing the standard from on high
As the Lamb of God to die;
He who for us, so cruelly treated,
Lives again—our foes defeated!
Where is your sting, O death and grave?
Christ has shown His strength to save!**

The Hymn continues on the next page...

- 3 Banners of triumph, be unfurled!
Trumpets, sound throughout the world!
Crying and sighs, give way to singing:
Life from death, our Lord is bringing!
Let there begin the jubilee—
Christ has gained the victory!**

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The Silent Worship

The Parish Announcements

The Postlude

Two Postludes on “Scatter the Darkness, Break the Gloom”

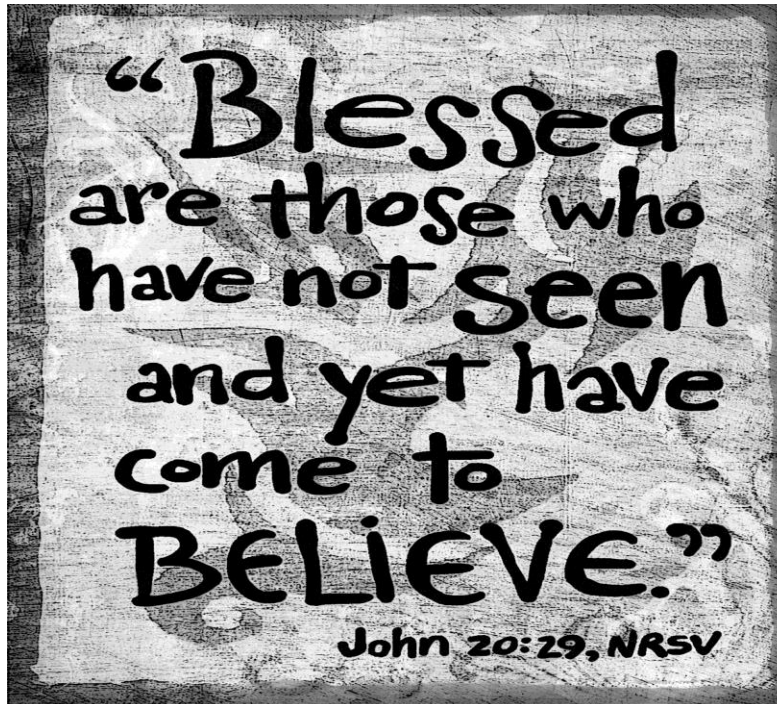
✠ *To God All Praise and Glory!* ✠

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NOTES AND NEWS

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 ... As we go through the Easter Season, Pastor will continue to lead our Midweek gathering with a time of Devotions and Bible Study. Our study, “The Days of Resurrection”, will look at the various accounts found in the Gospel and elsewhere in the New Testament of the events of Easter Day and the forty days that followed. You are welcome to join us online Wednesday Evenings at 7:00 PM as we go live from the Multi-Purpose Room.

THE LUTHERAN HOUR... Being pursued is a terrifying place to be. And, unfortunately, we all live there. But the good news is that we’re not the only ones being pursued. You and I have a Lord Who pursues the pursuer. We have a Savior Who will not let the enemy of His people have the last word. Hear Guest Speaker Pastor Ryan Tinetti’s message, “The Great Pursuit”, on The Lutheran Hour next Sunday, April 26, 2020, on WMZQ 98.7 FM at 7:00 AM or on Sundays at 1:30 PM and 6:30 PM on WFX 1220 AM. If you are out of the radio station’s range you may listen on line to WFX worldwide at WFX.com.

EASTER FELLOWSHIP ON ZOOM... It was wonderful to have had the opportunity to “get together” with several of our members this past Easter afternoon in a Zoom Meeting. It seemed to go well, even for it being a first time. And as it went well, it gives us a green light to try it again. We hope to do it again on Sunday afternoon, April 26th. Be on the lookout for an email later this week with the login information.

VIRTUAL CROP WALK ... With the current restrictions on gatherings, the annual CROP Walk for hunger had to be cancelled. However, this does not mean that we are unable to support those who help our neighbors in need.

The following is a message from Art Simon on how you can help...

Trinity has been amazingly generous in supporting the CROP WALK in recent years. But the Pandemic--which creates a food crisis for millions of people here and abroad--also prevents our usual Walk and hinders solicitations. So what can we do?

If we are able, we can open our hearts and “walk” for the hungry by (1) contributing **online** and/or (2) inviting others to do so. If possible by Sunday, May 3, or that first week in May.

Here is how it works:

1. Search **Hyattsville Crop Walk**
2. Click **Team** (then scroll down to Trinity, Mt. Rainier)
3. Click **Donate** (any amount you wish)
4. **Credit Trinity** (optional) as you complete payment.

To invite others, just copy and give the four steps above to friends, neighbors, co-workers or relatives. Their contributions will be credited to Trinity. (Getting credit for Trinity is not so important, but it does encourage us and others.)

If you have questions, call Art Simon at 301-249-7132.

Thank you for whatever you are able and willing to do!

Jesus: “I was hungry and you fed me. ... When you did it for the least of my sisters and brothers, you did it for me.” (Matthew 25) What an opportunity!

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

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 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 Third Sunday of Easter, April 26, 2020
Scripture Readings: Acts 2:14a, 36-41; 1 Peter 1:17-25; Luke 24:13-35



Continuing 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.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS ... With the current orders from 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.

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.)

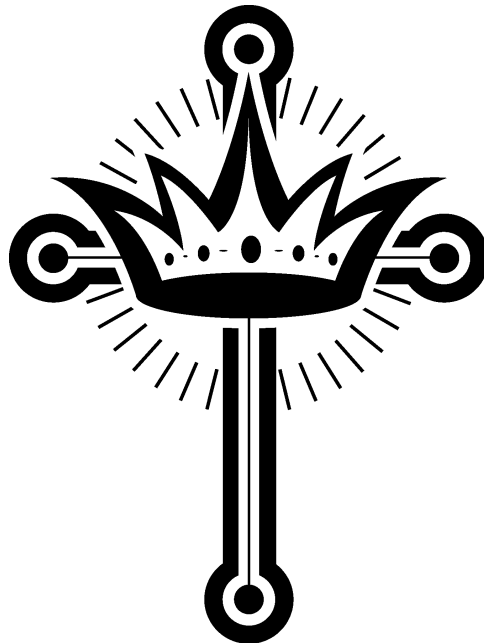
Pastor's Home Phone: 301-345-5592

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 APRIL 12-19
Subject to Change

Today *The Second Sunday of Easter*
9:30 AM Worship Service via Facebook Live

Wednesday 7:00 PM Devotions and Bible Study via Facebook Live

Next Sunday *The Third Sunday of Easter*
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 April 19, 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; Billie, friend of Rona & Paul;
William, brother of Pastor

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

John R. Hines, who celebrates his birthday this week.

Peter & Kim Schiebel, who celebrate their wedding anniversary 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.