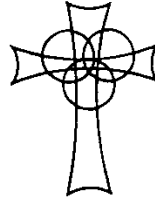


Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

Luke 24:27, NRSV

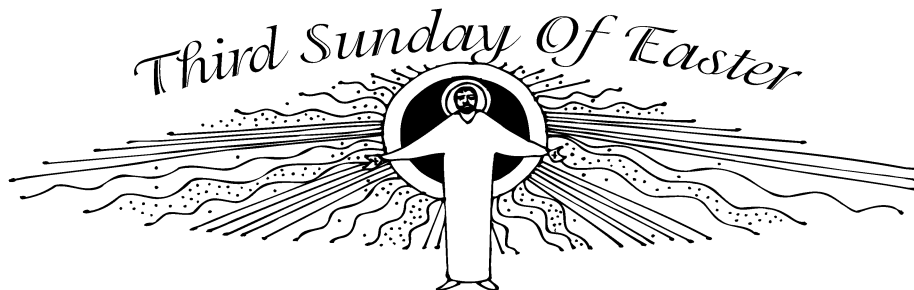


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**WELCOME TO WORSHIP ONLINE!!!**

***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**

O God, Your Son makes Himself known to all His disciples in the breaking of bread. Open the eyes of our faith, that we may see Him in His redeeming work, 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 "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing"  
and "Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen"

The Words of Welcome

The Opening Hymn

*Lutheran Service Book Hymn # 474*  
"Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen"

- 1 Alleluia!**  
**Jesus is risen!**  
**Trumpets resounding in glorious light!**  
**Splendor, the Lamb,**  
**Heaven forever!**  
**Oh, what a miracle God has in sight! Refrain**

**Refrain: Jesus is risen and we shall arise:**  
**Give God the glory! Alleluia!**

- 2 Walking the way,**  
**Christ in the center**  
**Telling the story to open our eyes;**  
**Breaking our bread,**  
**Giving us glory:**  
**Jesus our blessing, our constant surprise. Refrain**

*The Hymn continues on the next page...*

**3 Jesus the vine,  
We are the branches;  
Life in the Spirit the fruit of the tree;  
Heaven to earth,  
Christ to the people,  
Gift of the future now flowing to me. *Refrain***

***Refrain:* Jesus is risen and we shall arise:  
Give God the glory! 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 133; antiphon: verse 1*

- P** Behold, how good and pleasant it is  
when brothers dwell in unity!
- C** **It is like the precious oil on the head, running down on the beard,  
on the beard of Aaron,  
running down on the collar of his robes!**
- P** It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion!  
For there the LORD has commanded the blessing, life forevermore.
- 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** Behold, how good and pleasant it is  
when brothers dwell in unity!

The Hymn of Praise

*Lutheran Service Book Hymn # 474*

“Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen”

- 4 Weeping, be gone;  
Sorrow, be silent:  
Death put asunder, and Easter is bright.  
Cherubim sing:  
“O grave, be open!”  
Clothe us in wonder, adorn us in light. Refrain**

**Refrain: Jesus is risen and we shall arise:  
Give God the glory! Alleluia!**

- 5 City of God,  
Easter forever,  
Golden Jerusalem, Jesus the Lamb,  
River of life,  
Saints and archangels,  
Sing with creation to God the I AM! Refrain**

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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.

O God, through the humiliation of Your Son You raised up the fallen world. Grant to Your faithful people, rescued from the peril of everlasting death, perpetual gladness and eternal joys; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

The Epistle

*1 Peter 1:17-25*

<sup>17</sup>If you call on him as Father who judges impartially according to each one's deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile, <sup>18</sup>knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, <sup>19</sup>but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. <sup>20</sup>He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for your sake, <sup>21</sup>who through him are believers in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

<sup>22</sup>Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart, <sup>23</sup>since you have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God; <sup>24</sup>for

“All flesh is like grass  
and all its glory like the flower of grass.  
The grass withers,  
and the flower falls,  
<sup>25</sup>but the word of the Lord remains forever.”

And this word is the good news that was preached to you.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

The Alleluia Hymn

*Lutheran Service Book Hymn # 488*

“He Is Arisen! Glorious Word”

**1 He is arisen! Glorious Word!  
Now reconciled is God, my Lord;  
The gates of heav'n are open.  
My Jesus did triumphant die,  
And Satan's arrows broken lie,  
Destroyed hell's fiercest weapon.  
O hear what cheer!  
Christ victorious,  
Rising glorious,  
Life is giving.  
He was dead but now is living!**

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**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter.

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

<sup>13</sup>That very day two of them were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, <sup>14</sup>and they were talking with each other about all these things that had happened. <sup>15</sup>While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and went with them. <sup>16</sup>But their eyes were kept from recognizing him. <sup>17</sup>And he said to them, “What is this conversation that you are holding with each other as you walk?” And they stood still, looking sad. <sup>18</sup>Then one of them, named Cleopas, answered him, “Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?” <sup>19</sup>And he said to them, “What things?” And they said to him, “Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, a man who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, <sup>20</sup>and how our chief priests and rulers delivered him up to be condemned to death, and crucified him. <sup>21</sup>But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things happened. <sup>22</sup>Moreover, some women of our company amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the morning, <sup>23</sup>and when they did not find his body, they came back saying that they had even seen a vision of angels, who said that he was alive. <sup>24</sup>Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but him they did not see.” <sup>25</sup>And he said to them, “O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! <sup>26</sup>Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?” <sup>27</sup>And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.

<sup>28</sup>So they drew near to the village to which they were going. He acted as if he were going farther, <sup>29</sup>but they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, for it is toward evening and the day is now far spent.” So he went in to stay with them. <sup>30</sup>When he was at table with them, he took the bread and blessed and broke it and gave it to them. <sup>31</sup>And their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. And he vanished from their sight. <sup>32</sup>They said to each other, “Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the Scriptures?” <sup>33</sup>And they rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem. And they found the eleven and those who were with them gathered together, <sup>34</sup>saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!” <sup>35</sup>Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he was known to them in the breaking of the bread.

**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 # 919*

“Abide, O Dearest Jesus”

- 1 Abide, O dearest Jesus,  
Among us with Your grace  
That Satan may not harm us  
Nor we to sin give place.
- 2 Abide, O dear Redeemer,  
Among us with Your Word,  
And thus now and hereafter  
True peace and joy afford.
- 3 Abide with heav'nly brightness  
Among us, precious Light;  
Your truth direct and keep us  
From error's gloomy night.
- 4 Abide with richest blessings  
Among us, bounteous Lord;  
Let us in grace and wisdom  
Grow daily through Your Word.

*The Hymn continues on the next page...*

**5 Abide with Your protection  
Among us, Lord, our strength,  
Lest world and Satan fell us  
And overcome at length.**

**6 Abide, O faithful Savior,  
Among us with Your love;  
Grant steadfastness and help us  
To reach our home above.**

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The Sermon

Better Than We Had Hoped For

**✠ The Service of Prayer ✠**

The Prayer of the Church

**P** You have heard our pleas for mercy, O Lord, and given up Your Son to be our Savior. Hear us now as we come to You on behalf of ourselves and all people according to their needs.

Our hearts have burned in us, O Lord, as Your Word has been read and preached. Keep our faith from growing cold and grant us grace, that we may not waver in faith or succumb to temptation. Give to us and to our children receptive hearts, that we may hear and, hearing, believe and, believing, be steadfast in this faith and hope all our days. Lord, in Your mercy,

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

**P** You have cleansed us, O Lord, with water and the Word in Baptism, and You have marked us as Your own people. Give to us grace, that we may live out this faith in holy lives, lifting up Your name in word and works for as long as we live. Guide us, that we may purify our souls by living in obedience to Your Word and in brotherly love for one another. Lord, in Your mercy,

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

**P** Bless Your Church, O Lord, that she may welcome the stranger in Christ's name and manifest the unity of the faith in the bonds of love. Bless Matthew, presiding in our Synod; John, our district president; and Peter, our circuit visitor and our pastor. Bless those training for church-work vocations, and all those receiving their intern and vicarage assignments and first Calls this week. Bless each of us as we live out our baptismal vocation of worship, witness, prayer and service. Lord, in Your mercy,

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



- P** Guard our nation, O Lord, that we may enjoy peace and security in the face of threat and danger. Bless our president; the Congress of the United States; our governor; and all state and local officials, that they may fulfill their offices faithfully. Bless the members of the armed forces who protect us. And teach the peoples of all nations the ways of peace. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** In this time of suffering which has gripped our nation and world, we pray that You would continue to bless and protect all those who serve us: doctors, nurses, and other medical professionals; police, fire, and first responders; and all workers in services which aid in providing us provisions for our lives. Give to us all patience and wisdom that we may pass through this time, and grant to us Your peace which passes all our own understanding. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Deliver us from all our afflictions, and grant us strength to bear all our burdens, O Lord. Hear our prayers particularly for \_\_\_\_\_. According to Your gracious will, heal the sick, relieve those who suffer, comfort the grieving and give peace to the dying. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Receive our thanks along with \_\_\_\_\_ and all those who celebrate the gifts they received from Your loving hand. Give us always glad and thankful hearts for all of Your blessings which You grant to us day by day. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Continue to turn Your ears to our prayers, especially as we pray for \_\_\_\_\_ and for all those we name before You from the silence of our hearts ... Hear us according to Your compassion and love, and grant all that we pray for according to Your gracious will. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Stay with us, O Lord, and be our strength in weakness and our hope in time of despair. Your gracious will once kept the saints in faith even unto death. Keep us, we pray, with them in Your faith and fear, that we may be found faithful when Christ comes again in His glory to bring to fulfillment all things, once and forevermore. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** These and whatever other things we need, O Lord, we pray You to grant us in the name of and for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ, whose death has made full atonement for our sin and whose resurrection has granted to us the promise of our own joyful resurrection to eternal life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, 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.**

“This Joyful Eastertide”

**1 This joyful Eastertide**  
Away with sin and sorrow!  
My love, the Crucified,  
Has sprung to life this morrow: *Refrain*

*Refrain:* Had Christ, who once was slain,  
Not burst His three-day prison,  
Our faith had been in vain:  
But now has Christ arisen,  
arisen, arisen;  
But now has Christ arisen!

**2 Death’s flood has lost its chill**  
Since Jesus crossed the river;  
Lover of souls, from ill  
My passing soul deliver: *Refrain*

**3 My flesh in hope shall rest**  
And for a season slumber  
Till trump from east to west  
Shall wake the dead in number: *Refrain*

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The Silent Worship

The Parish Announcements

The Postlude

“This Joyful Eastertide”

✠ *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](http://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.

*FELLOWSHIP ON ZOOM*... We hope that you will be able to join us at **4:00 PM this afternoon** for another opportunity to have some “face time” as a Trinity Family even while we have to be apart from one another. Information regarding logging in and joining our Zoom Meeting by either computer video or by phone was sent out by email last week. If you did not receive this information, please reach out to Pastor before this afternoon so he can get it to you.

*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*... God doesn't have to figure out something about you that He doesn't already know. He doesn't have to figure out if He loves you or if He's committed to you or if you're worth it. God's not testing you to figure something out about you He didn't already know. He's testing you so that you can figure out something about Him that you didn't know, so that you can figure out that you can trust Him.. Hear Lutheran Hour Speaker, Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler, and his message, “Rescue, Test, Rest”, on next Sunday, May 3, 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.

*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](http://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](mailto:trinity-elc-office@verizon.net)).

*PREPARING FOR NEXT SUNDAY* ... The Fourth Sunday of Easter: Good Shepherd Sunday,  
May 3, 2020  
Scripture Readings: Acts 2:42-47; 1 Peter 2:19-25; John 10:1-10



*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](mailto:trinity-elc-pastor@verizon.net)) and we’ll set up a mutually convenient time to be together for this time with the Lord and one another.

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

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

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

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

*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](http://www.tlcmr.org). We will send out reminder messages by email of "scheduled" Facebook Live events so you can join us on the livestream.
- *Website:* Please visit our website as much of what we post in emails and on Facebook will also be shared on the website as well. The website will also be where you will be able to "pick-up" your Sunday Bulletin to follow along with the worship services.



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

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

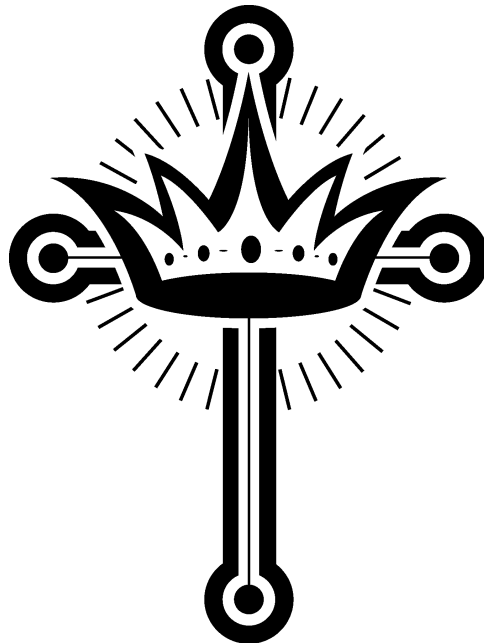
Pastor's Home Phone: 301-345-5592

Pastor's Cell Phone: 202-288-0652

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

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

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





**PARISH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 12-19**  
*Subject to Change*

<b>Today</b>	<i>The Third Sunday of Easter</i>
	9:30 AM      Worship Service via Facebook Live
<b>Wednesday</b>	7:00 PM      Devotions and Bible Study via Facebook Live
<b>Next Sunday</b>	<i>The Fourth Sunday of Easter: Good Shepherd Sunday</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 April 26, 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.

**Thanksgivings and Blessings**

Kristina Juhasz, August Kruelle, Robin Smith, Darla Yaun, Bonnie Priebe, and Emily Sahadeo,  
who celebrate their birthdays this week.

Gus & Noel Pratico, 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.