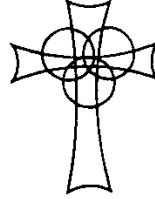


"I came that they may have life
and have it abundantly."

John 10:10



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Good Shepherd Sunday
April 26, 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

O God, our Shepherd, You know Your sheep by name and lead us to safety through the valleys of death. Guide us by Your voice, that we may walk in certainty and security to the joyous feast prepared in Your house, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.



The Order of Morning Service Without Communion

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

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

✠ *In the Name of Jesus Christ* ✠

✠ **The Preparation** ✠

The Prelude

"I Am Jesus' Little Lamb"

The Words of Welcome

The Opening Hymn

Lutheran Service Book Hymn # 740

"I Am Jesus' Little Lamb"

- 1 I am Jesus' little lamb,
Ever glad at heart I am;
For my Shepherd gently guides me,
Knows my need and well provides me,
Loves me ev'ry day the same,
Even calls me by my name.**
- 2 Day by day, at home, away,
Jesus is my staff and stay.
When I hunger, Jesus feeds me,
Into pleasant pastures leads me;
When I thirst, He bids me go
Where the quiet waters flow.**
- 3 Who so happy as I am,
Even now the Shepherd's lamb?
And when my short life is ended,
By His angel host attended,
He shall fold me to His breast,
There within His arms to rest.**

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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.

Alleluia!

✠ The Service of the Word ✠

The Introit of the Day

Psalm 95:1-3, 6-7a; antiphon: John 10:14, 15b

- P** I am the good shepherd.
I know my own and my own know me, and I lay down my life for the sheep.
- C** **Oh come, let us sing to the LORD;
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!**
- P** Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;
let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!
- C** **For the LORD is a great God,
and a great King above all gods.**
- P** Oh come, let us worship and bow down;
let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!
- C** **For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.**
- 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** I am the good shepherd.
I know my own and my own know me, and I lay down my life for the sheep.

The Hymn of Praise

Lutheran Service Book Hymn # 463

“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia”

- 1 Christ the Lord is ris'n today; Alleluia!
Christians, hasten on your way; Alleluia!
Offer praise with love replete, Alleluia!
At the paschal victim's feet. Alleluia!**
- 2 For the sheep the Lamb has bled, Alleluia!
Sinless in the sinner's stead. Alleluia!
Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Alleluia!
Now He lives, no more to die. 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, merciful Father, since You have wakened from death the Shepherd of Your sheep, grant us Your Holy Spirit that when we hear the voice of our Shepherd we may know Him who calls us each by name and follow where He leads; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

The Epistle

1 Peter 2:19-25

¹⁹This is a gracious thing, when, mindful of God, one endures sorrows while suffering unjustly. ²⁰For what credit is it if, when you sin and are beaten for it, you endure? But if when you do good and suffer for it you endure, this is a gracious thing in the sight of God. ²¹For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps. ²²He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. ²³When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly. ²⁴He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. ²⁵For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

The Alleluia Hymn

Lutheran Service Book Hymn # 463

“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia”

**3 Hail, the victim undefiled, Alleluia!
God and sinners reconciled, Alleluia!
When contending death and life, Alleluia!
Met in strange and awesome strife. Alleluia!**

**4 Christians, on this holy day, Alleluia!
All your grateful homage pay; Alleluia!
Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Alleluia!
Now He lives, no more to die. Alleluia!**

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

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

¹[Jesus said:] “Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door but climbs in by another way, that man is a thief and a robber. ²But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. ³To him the gatekeeper opens. The sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. ⁵A stranger they will not follow, but they will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers.” ⁶This figure of speech Jesus used with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

⁷So Jesus again said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. ⁸All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. ⁹I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture. ¹⁰The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.”

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.**

“The King of Love My Shepherd Is”

- 1 The King of love my shepherd is,
Whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am His
And He is mine forever.**
- 2 Where streams of living water flow,
My ransomed soul He leadeth
And, where the verdant pastures grow,
With food celestial feedeth.**
- 3 Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,
But yet in love He sought me
And on His shoulder gently laid
And home rejoicing brought me.**
- 4 In death’s dark vale I fear no ill
With Thee, dear Lord, beside me,
Thy rod and staff my comfort still,
Thy cross before to guide me.**
- 5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight;
Thine unction grace bestoweth;
And, oh, what transport of delight
From Thy pure chalice floweth!**
- 6 And so through all the length of days
Thy goodness faileth never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise
Within Thy house forever!**

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The Sermon

“I Shall Not Want”

Psalm 23:1 and John 10:10

✠ **The Service of Prayer** ✠

The Prayer of the Church

- P** Bidden by our Shepherd, let us come before His throne of grace in prayer on behalf of all people according to their needs.

P Blessed Shepherd, You established Your Church with Your sacrificial death and mighty resurrection. Grant us devotion, that we may abide in the teaching of the apostles and honor the fellowship of the Church. Guard us against all enemies of Your Word, and keep us within the care of Your flock and staff forevermore. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Loving Shepherd, You loved the world so much that for it You shed Your blood, and You desire that all would be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth. Inspire and equip Your Church and her ministers to speak faithfully and boldly Your Word, and bless all those who serve us on Your behalf. Bless us especially when we are persecuted for the faith or suffer for the sake of the good that honors You and is obedient to Your Word. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Gracious Shepherd, You seek out those who have fallen and restore the sinner to repentance. Send forth Your Spirit to rekindle faith in the hearts of those who have fallen away from the truth or who have been overcome by temptation and sin. Bring good from ill and increase in all the hunger for Your Word and a recognition of our need, that many may be gathered into Your flock when church doors are opened wide again. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Mighty Shepherd, You hold in Your hands all the might of man, and You hold accountable those who would govern Your people. Grant to us good government and good leaders who will honor Your purpose, protect Your people, serve the cause of justice and defend our liberty against all threats. And give them wisdom and moderation in their pandemic response. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Caring Shepherd, You open Your loving hand to provide for us abundant life. Move us and teach us to continue to have generous hearts that seek to serve our neighbor in their need, so that we may be signs of Your love and presence in the world. Continue, we pray, to hear the prayers of the unemployed and those distraught over the changes in life that have been brought about by this pandemic. Be present with them, and according to Your mercy, care for them and restore them with Your peace. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Merciful Shepherd, Your wounds are our healing and Your voice calls us to You in time of need. Hear us on behalf of all those who suffer in body or mind, who grieve those whom they love, and to whom death draws near. We pray especially for _____ . Grant to them all healing according to Your will, grace to sustain them in the day of trouble, and hope of the new and everlasting life to come. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

- P** Generous Shepherd, You continue to provide for all of our needs of both body and soul. Receive our thanks along with _____ and for all those who rejoice in Your goodness to them. Help us always to remember that all we are and have is from You, that we may always give You the praise You deserve. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Compassionate Shepherd, You know all Your sheep by name and none are forgotten by You. Turn Your ears to our prayers, hearing us as we ask You to remember _____ and all the people and concerns we lift to You now from the silence of our hearts ... Graciously hear and answer these our prayers that we may always know Your love and care for us and live in Your joy. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Faithful Shepherd, You lead Your sheep through this world's life to the life You have prepared for those who are Your own. Receive our thanks for all those of Your flock who now dwell in the house of the Lord forever. And we pray that You continue to lead us, that we too may come to share in that life which has no ending. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** O great Good Shepherd, we pray You to hear Your sheep and answer our prayers with mercy, granting us those things profitable for us and our salvation and keeping from us all things harmful; for You live and reign with the Father 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 # 729

“I Am Trusting Thee, Lord Jesus”

- 1 I am trusting Thee, Lord Jesus,
Trusting only Thee;
Trusting Thee for full salvation,
Great and free.**
- 2 I am trusting Thee for pardon;
At Thy feet I bow,
For Thy grace and tender mercy
Trusting now.**
- 3 I am trusting Thee for cleansing
In the crimson flood;
Trusting Thee to make me holy
By Thy blood.**

The Hymn continues on the next page...

- 4 I am trusting Thee to guide me;
Thou alone shalt lead,
Ev'ry day and hour supplying
All my need.**
- 5 I am trusting Thee for power;
Thine can never fail.
Words which Thou Thyself shalt give me
Must prevail.**
- 6 I am trusting Thee, Lord Jesus;
Never let me fall.
I am trusting Thee forever
And for all.**

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The Silent Worship

The Parish Announcements

The Postlude

Two Postludes on "I Am Trusting Thee, Lord Jesus"

✠ *To God All Praise and Glory!* ✠

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“The LORD is
my shepherd,
I shall not want.”

Psalm 23:1, NRSV

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... When someone special pays you a visit, you stand a little taller in their presence. Lutheran Hour Speaker, Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler, talks about dignity, humility, and life in the presence of God in his message, “Stand a Little Taller”, next Sunday, May 10, 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.



FELLOWSHIP ON ZOOM... It has been wonderful to have the opportunity to have “face time” with members of our Trinity family on Zoom. We are scheduling another Zoom Meeting for **Next Sunday Afternoon, May 10th, at 4:00 PM.** Although we know that this is Mother’s Day, we still hope that you can join us, or maybe even invite your mom to join us! Information regarding logging in and joining our Zoom Meeting by either computer video or by phone will be sent out by email later this week. If you do not receive our group emails to members, and would like to join us, please contact Pastor by email at trinity-elc-pastor@verizon.net so he can add you to the list.

VIRTUAL CROP WALK ... With the current restrictions on gatherings, the annual CROP Walk for hunger which would have been held today 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.)

Or if you would like to donate in a more “old fashioned” way ... you can make a check payable to **CWS Crop Walk** and send it in the mail to: Art Simon
15604 Peyton Court, Bowie, MD 20716

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

Thank you for whatever you are able and willing to do! And we are glad to report that, thanks to your generosity, we have so far raised \$520.00 to help the hungry in our community. Let’s see how much more of a blessing we can be to those in need!

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.

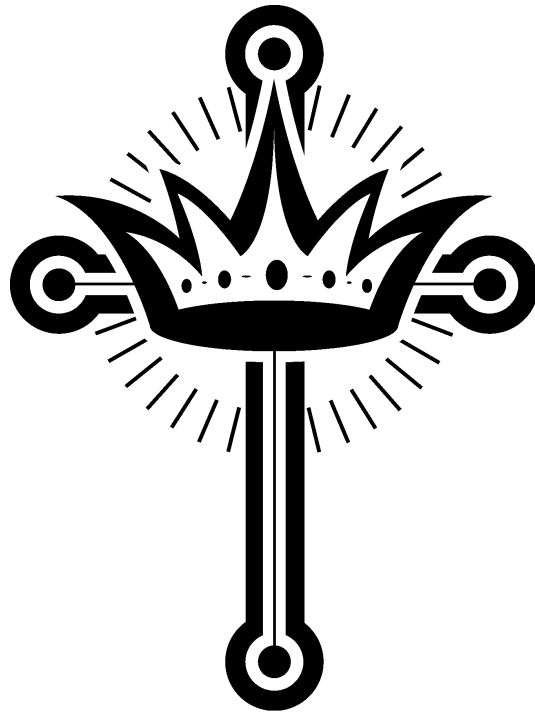
Elma Pervaiz, Coordinator, LMS Compassion Center, Hyattsville, MD

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 Fifth Sunday of Easter, May 10, 2020

Scripture Readings: Acts 6:1-9, 7:2a, 51-60; 1 Peter 2:2-10; John 14:1-14



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 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

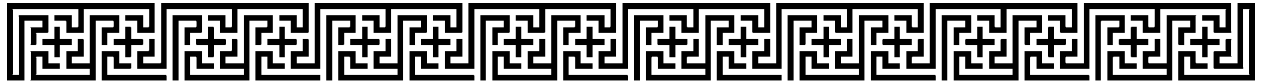
If he’s not readily available right at the moment that you call or text or email, just be patient, Pastor will get back in touch with you just as soon as he is able.

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 MAY 3-10

Subject to Change

Today	<i>The Fourth Sunday of Easter: Good Shepherd Sunday</i>
	9:30 AM Worship Service via Facebook Live
Wednesday	7:00 PM Devotions and Bible Study via Facebook Live
Next Sunday	<i>The Fifth Sunday of Easter</i>
	9:30 AM Worship Service via Facebook Live
	4:00 PM Fellowship on Zoom



*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 3, 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;
Alan, cousin 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

Carole Dingess, who celebrates her birthday this week.

Charles & Michelle McNear, 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.