

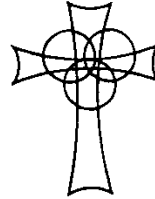
He asked them,

**“But
who
do you
say
that I
am?”**

Mark 8:29, NRSV



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February 28, 2021

WELCOME TO WORSHIP!!!

In the Name of Jesus Christ, Welcome! The Pastor and People of Trinity Lutheran are glad that you are joining us in worship today. During this Lenten Season we remember and recall the great acts of love which Christ Jesus our Lord worked out for us to free us from the power of sin, death and the devil. We pray that as you worship this morning you will discover or rediscover the love that God in Jesus has for you.

A PRAYER AS WE GATHER

O God, by the passion of Your blessed Son, You made an instrument of shameful death to be for us the means of life. Grant us so to glory in the cross of Christ that we may gladly suffer shame and loss for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.



**The Divine Service of Word and Sacrament
in the Season of Lent**

*Divine Service, Setting Four
Lutheran Service Book, Page 203ff*

✠ *Jesus, Mercy!* ✠

✠ **The Preparation** ✠

The Music for Meditation

The Prelude

“Hail. Thou Once Despised Jesus”

The Words of Welcome

The Congregation rises.

The Opening Hymn

Lutheran Service Book Hymn # 531

“Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus”

- 1 Hail, Thou once despised Jesus!
Hail, Thou Galilean King!
Thou didst suffer to release us;
Thou didst free salvation bring.
Hail, Thou universal Savior,
Bearer of our sin and shame!
By Thy merit we find favor:
Life is given through Thy name.**
- 2 Paschal Lamb, by God appointed,
All our sins on Thee were laid;
By almighty love anointed,
Thou hast full atonement made.
All Thy people are forgiven
Through the virtue of Thy blood;
Opened is the gate of heaven,
Reconciled are we with God.**
- 3 Jesus, hail! Enthroned in glory,
There forever to abide;
All the heav'nly hosts adore Thee,
Seated at Thy Father's side.
There for sinners Thou art pleading;
There Thou dost our place prepare,
Ever for us interceding
Till in glory we appear.**

The Hymn continues on the next page...

- 4** **Worship, honor, pow’r, and blessing**
 Thou art worthy to receive;
 Highest praises, without ceasing,
 Right it is for us to give.
Help, ye bright angelic spirits,
 All your noblest anthems raise;
Help to sing our Savior’s merits,
 Help to chant Immanuel’s praise!

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The Invocation:

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

- P** In the Name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

The Confession of Sins:

- P** Our help is in the Name of the Lord,
C **who made heaven and earth.**
- P** If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
C **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**
- P** Since we are gathered to hear God’s Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.
- C** **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**
- P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the Name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Amen.**



✠ The Service of the Word ✠

The Introit of the Day

Psalm 115:11-13, 18; antiphon: Psalm 25:6

- P** Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your steadfast love,
for they have been from of old.
- C** **You who fear the LORD, trust in the LORD!**
He is their help and their shield.
- P** The LORD has remembered us; he will bless us;
he will bless the house of Israel; he will bless the house of Aaron;
- C** **he will bless those who fear the LORD,**
both the small and the great.
- P** We will bless the LORD
from this time forth and forevermore. Praise the LORD!
- 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** Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your steadfast love,
for they have been from of old.

The *Kyrie Eleison* Hymn

Lutheran Service Book Hymn # 945

“Your Heart, O God, Is Grieved”

- 1 *Cantor:*
O God, Father in heaven,
have mercy upon us.
- Congregation:*
Your heart, O God, is grieved, we know,
By ev’ry evil, ev’ry woe;
Upon Your cross-forsaken Son
Our death is laid, and peace is won.
- 2 *Cantor:*
O Son of God, Redeemer of the world,
have mercy upon us.
- Congregation:*
Your arms extend, O Christ, to save
From sting of death and grasp of grave;
Your scars before the Father move
His heart to mercy at such love.

The Hymn continues on the next page...

3 *Cantor:*
O God, Holy Spirit,
have mercy upon us.

Congregation:
**O lavish Giver, come to aid
The feeble child Your grace has made.
Now make us grow and help us pray;
Bring joy and comfort; come to stay.**

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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, You see that of ourselves we have no strength. By Your mighty power defend us from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

The Congregation is seated.

The Old Testament Reading

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

¹When Abram was ninety-nine years old the LORD appeared to Abram and said to him, “I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless, ²that I may make my covenant between me and you, and may multiply you greatly.” ³Then Abram fell on his face. And God said to him, ⁴“Behold, my covenant is with you, and you shall be the father of a multitude of nations. ⁵No longer shall your name be called Abram, but your name shall be Abraham, for I have made you the father of a multitude of nations. ⁶I will make you exceedingly fruitful, and I will make you into nations, and kings shall come from you. ⁷And I will establish my covenant between me and you and your offspring after you throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you.” ...

¹⁵And God said to Abraham, “As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her name Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. ¹⁶I will bless her, and moreover, I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall become nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**



¹Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. ²Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. ³More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

⁶For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— ⁸but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. ⁹Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. ¹⁰For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. ¹¹More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

The Congregation rises.

The Gradual and Verse:

Hebrews 12:2; Mark 8:34b

P [O come, let us fix our eyes on] Jesus,
the founder and perfecter of our faith,

C **who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame,
and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.**

P If anyone would come after me,,

C **let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me.**

The Holy Gospel

Mark 8:27-38

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the eighth chapter.

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

²⁷And Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi. And on the way he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that I am?” ²⁸And they told him, “John the Baptist; and others say, Elijah; and others, one of the prophets.” ²⁹And he asked them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered him, “You are the Christ.” ³⁰And he strictly charged them to tell no one about him.

³¹And he began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³²And he said this plainly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³But turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man.”

³⁴And he called to him the crowd with his disciples and said to them, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. ³⁵For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel’s will save it. ³⁶For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? ³⁷For what can a man give in return for his life? ³⁸For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of Man also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

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 Congregation is seated.

The Hymn of the Day

Lutheran Service Book Hymn # 420

“Christ, the Life of All the Living”

1 Christ, the life of all the living,
Christ, the death of death, our foe,
Who, Thyself for me once giving
To the darkest depths of woe:
Through Thy suff’rings, death, and merit
I eternal life inherit.
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,
Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.

The Hymn continues on the next page...

- 2 **Thou, ah! Thou, hast taken on Thee
 Bonds and stripes, a cruel rod;
 Pain and scorn were heaped upon Thee,
 O Thou sinless Son of God!
 Thus didst Thou my soul deliver
 From the bonds of sin forever.
 Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,
 Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.**
- 6 **Thou hast suffered great affliction
 And hast borne it patiently,
 Even death by crucifixion,
 Fully to atone for me;
 Thou didst choose to be tormented
 That my doom should be prevented.
 Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,
 Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.**
- 7 **Then, for all that wrought my pardon,
 For Thy sorrows deep and sore,
 For Thine anguish in the Garden,
 I will thank Thee evermore,
 Thank Thee for Thy groaning, sighing,
 For Thy bleeding and Thy dying,
 For that last triumphant cry,
 And shall praise Thee, Lord, on high.**

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The Sermon

What Makes Jesus The Christ?

The Congregation rises.

The Prayer of the Church

- P** Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.
- P** Almighty God, our thankfulness and praise abounds for all you have done for us in Christ Jesus. Keep us steadfast in Your Word, that neither our own sinful desires, nor worldly fads, nor devilish deceptions may keep us from faithfully confessing Christ, He who purchased and won us from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil with His innocent suffering and death, that we may be His own. Lord, in Your mercy.
- C** **hear our prayer.**

- P** Save and defend Your whole Church, purchased with the precious blood of Christ. Strengthen Your faithful people through the Word and the holy Sacraments, making them perfect in love and in all good works, and establishing in them the faith once delivered to the saints. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Send the light of Your truth into all the earth. Raise up faithful servants of Christ to advance the Gospel both at home and in distant lands. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** In Your mercy strengthen all congregations, and support them in challenging times. Make them steadfast, abounding in the work of the Lord, that our faith and zeal for the Gospel may be refreshed and that the witness of Your people everywhere may be renewed. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Take from us all hatred and prejudice, give us the spirit of love, and order our days in Your peace. Prosper the labor of those who work to bring peace and justice to the nations of the world that mutual understanding and common endeavor may be increased among all peoples. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Sanctify our homes with Your presence, and bless them with joy. Keep our children in the covenant of their Baptism, and enable their parents to bring them up in lives of faith and devotion. Unite the members of all families in a spirit of affection and service that they may show Your praise in our land and in all the world. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Lord, the poor are always with us, and this gives Your people in every age opportunity to show Your compassion. Help us to not only hear Your Word, but to do it, that our faith may be active in service to any neighbor in need. Bring forth in our lives good works of living faith, feeding the hungry and thirsty, visiting the sick and imprisoned, granting shelter to the homeless, and comforting the hopeless with Christ Himself. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Remember all who suffer and stand in need of Your compassionate care, O Lord, especially _____. Through Your Word, grant them the peace that surpasses all understanding. Make us mindful of their needs of body and soul and give us generous hearts that we may be to them Your hands, feet, and lips. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** By Your Word and Holy Spirit comfort all who are in sorrow over the passing of loved ones (especially _____). Bring Your peace and consolation to them in their mourning and grant them a measure of Your love, taking them into Your tender care. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**

P We thank You that You abundantly bless Your people with all that is necessary for life on earth, as well as giving us that which gladdens our hearts. With those who rejoice we also rejoice, especially _____. May we ever give You all thanks and praise for every blessing that You continue to shower on us. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Continue to look with compassion and love upon all of Your children as we commend to Your fatherly care all those who have asked for our prayers. Especially we remember before you _____ and all the people and concerns we name in the silence of our hearts... Hear their prayers, we beseech You, and grant them all that they need according to Your good and gracious will. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Give us this day the daily bread of the Sacrament of the Altar. Rejoicing in the unity of faith that only You could give, preserve our common confession that we may receive Christ's Body and Blood given in, with, and under the bread and wine of this Supper with true thanksgiving. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Receive today our thanks and praise for all who have fallen asleep in faith, trusting in the triumph of Your Son's cross and His victory over the grave. Bring us with them to see You face to face in the Kingdom that has no end. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P All these things and whatever else You know that we need, grant us, Father, for the sake of Him who died and rose again and now lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

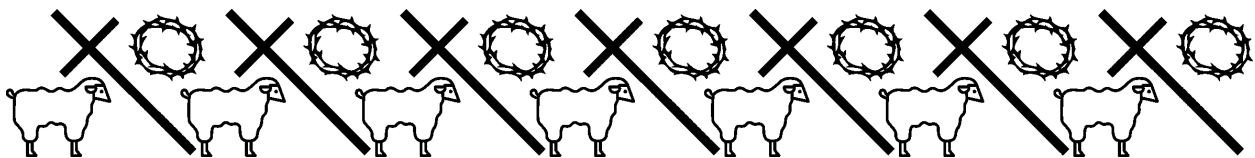
C **Amen.**

The Sharing of the Peace:

P Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us access to His grace.
The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

The Congregation is seated.



✠ The Service of the Sacrament ✠

The Hymn of Preparation

Lutheran Service Book Hymn # 433

“Glory Be to Jesus”

- 1 **Glory be to Jesus,
Who in bitter pains
Poured for me the lifeblood
From His sacred veins!**
- 2 **Grace and life eternal
In that blood I find;
Blest be His compassion,
Infinitely kind!**
- 3 **Blest through endless ages
Be the precious stream
Which from endless torment
Did the world redeem!**
- 4 **Abel’s blood for vengeance
Pleaded to the skies;
But the blood of Jesus
For our pardon cries.**
- 5 **Oft as earth exulting
Wafts its praise on high,
Angel hosts rejoicing
Make their glad reply.**
- 6 **Lift we, then, our voices,
Swell the mighty flood;
Louder still and louder
Praise the precious blood!**

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The Congregation rises.

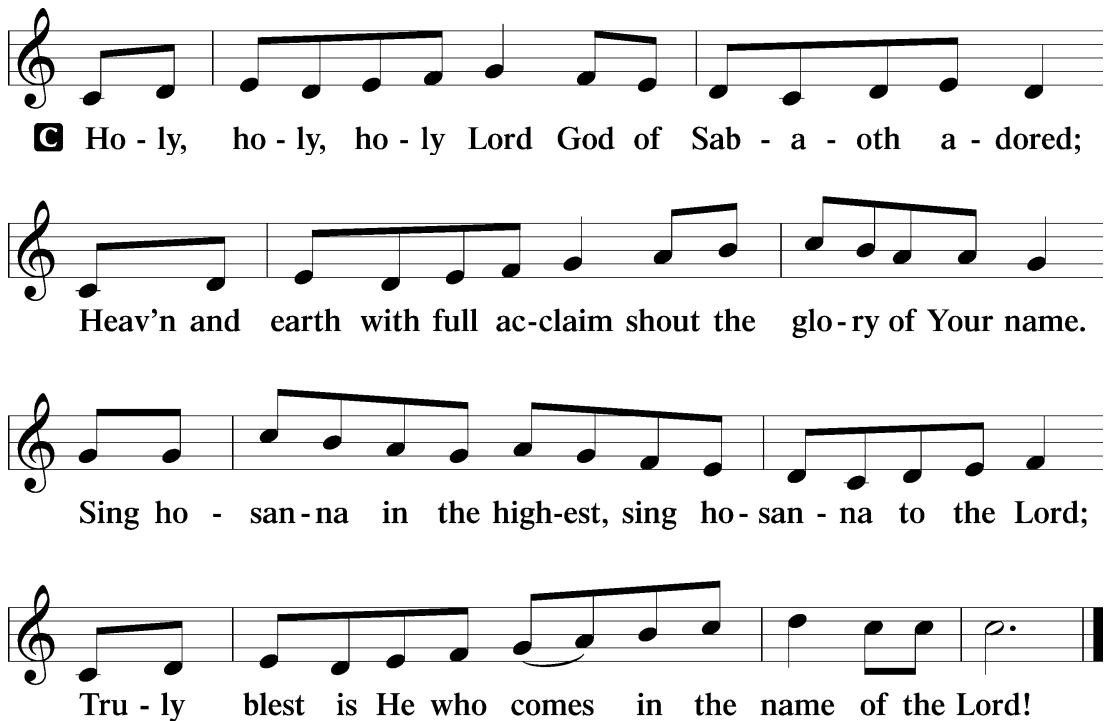
The Preface Dialogue:

- P** The Lord be with you.
C **And also with you.**
- P** Lift up your hearts.
C **We lift them to the Lord.**

- P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C** **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who overcame the assaults of the devil and gave His life as a ransom for many that with cleansed hearts we might be prepared joyfully to celebrate the paschal feast in sincerity and truth. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious Name, evermore praising You and saying:

The *Sanctus*:



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;
 Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.
 Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho - san - na to the Lord;
 Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

The Prayer of Thanksgiving and The Lord's Prayer:

P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. At Your command, Abraham prepared to offer his son Isaac as a sacrifice on the mountain; yet, in mercy You provided a ram as a substitute. We give You thanks that on Calvary You spared not Your only Son but sent Him to offer His life as a ransom for many. As we eat and drink His Body and Blood, grant us, like Abraham our father, to trust in Your promise now fulfilled in Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world. Hear us as we pray in His Name and as He has taught us:

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 Words of Our Lord:

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ Body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."
In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ Blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

The *Pax Domini*:

P The Peace of the Lord be with you always.
C Amen.

The *Agnus Dei*:

C 1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,

You take the sin of the world a - way;
You take the sin of the world a - way;

O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,

Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

The Congregation is seated.

The Distribution of Holy Communion:

Lutherans believe that in this Sacrament the very Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ are present in, with, and under the physical elements of bread and wine. And this Sacrament is distributed to the Baptized of the Church who believe in the Presence of Christ in the Sacrament, sincerely repent of their sins, and desire to receive God's forgiveness in this Holy Meal. Those who are present at this celebration who are baptized, have been instructed in the meaning of this Supper, and believe likewise are welcome to commune with us at this Altar today.

Holy Communion is distributed to the congregation in a continuous manner in front of the altar. Please follow the direction of the ushers to make your way to the Altar. The Sacrament is distributed in the following way...Please extend your hand to the Pastor to receive the Body of Christ. Christ's Blood is then received from individual cups from the assistant (wine and white grape juice are available). After receiving, please place your empty cup into the tray at the end of the communion rail and return to your seat by way of the side aisle. Children and those not wishing to receive the Sacrament are welcome to come forward to receive a blessing from the Pastor.

Music During the Distribution: "Glory Be to Jesus"

After all have communed, the Pastor continues:

The Eucharistic Blessing:

- P** The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ✠ in peace.
- C** Amen.

The Congregation rises.

The Post-Communion Hymn

Lutheran Service Book Hymn # 692

"Praise to You and Adoration"

- 1 Praise to You and adoration,
Blessèd Jesus, Son of God,
Who, to serve Your own creation,
Came to share our flesh and blood.
Guide me that I never may
From Your fold or pastures stray,
But with zeal and joy exceeding
Follow where Your steps are leading.**
- 2 Hold me ever in Your keeping;
Comfort me in pain and strife.
In my laughter and my weeping
Be with me throughout my life.
Give me greater love for You,
And my faith and hope renew
In Your birth, Your life, and passion,
In Your death and resurrection.**

The Post-Communion Thanksgiving:

P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup:
C **We show the Lord's death until He comes.**

P Let us pray.
We give you thanks, almighty and merciful God, that You have refreshed us with Your Holy Sacrament; and we beseech You to strengthen us in the confidence that by the death of Your Son, which we show forth in this Eucharist, You have given Your people everlasting life; for the sake of the same 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 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 # 685

“Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus”

- 1 **Let us ever walk with Jesus,
Follow His example pure,
Through a world that would deceive us
And to sin our spirits lure.
Onward in His footsteps treading,
Pilgrims here, our home above,
Full of faith and hope and love,
Let us do the Father's bidding.
Faithful Lord, with me abide;
I shall follow where You guide.**
- 2 **Let us suffer here with Jesus
And with patience bear our cross.
Joy will follow all our sadness;
Where He is, there is no loss.
Though today we sow no laughter,
We shall reap celestial joy;
All discomforts that annoy
Shall give way to mirth hereafter.
Jesus, here I share Your woe;
Help me there Your joy to know.**

The Hymn continues on the next page...

NOTES AND NEWS

PERSONAL SCRIPTURE STUDY ... Even though we are not able to hold our Sunday Morning Bible Class at this time doesn't mean that you can't continue to be "in the Word" on your own. Pastor has provided parts of our Bible Study guide, "A Longer Look at the Lessons", for your use during the Lenten Season. These materials are posted on the church website, and can be found at: <http://tlcmr.org/our-ministries/christian-education/online-bible-study-materials/> (The link can also be accessed off of our church website home page.)

LENTEN DEVOTIONS AND BIBLE STUDY...We will continue to offer online Midweek Devotions and Bible Study as our midweek worship offering this Lent. These services will be livestreamed on the church Facebook Page at **4:00 PM on Wednesdays** and will be available for viewing at any time following in the video archive.

For more information on our Lenten Worship for this year, please see the Lenten Service calendar following the announcements in today's bulletin.

THE LUTHERAN HOUR... A house is not a person—but, could a Person be a house, a place to belong? Dr. Michael Zeigler talks about finding that place, in Christ. Listen to the Lutheran Hour next Sunday March 7, 2021, for this message by Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler, "A Place to Belong", 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.

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 the new and free content available on their homepage which contains many free resources for devotion, learning, and worship.

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. In the version of the weekly bulletin that is published online, we only list the persons we are praying for by their first names because of privacy concerns and laws, while we continue to lift them up by full name in our spoken prayers. Pastor continues 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.

ALTAR FLOWERS ... The flower chart for 2021 is now available for you to donate floral arrangements to adorn the Lord's Altar in honor of special occasions or in memory of loved ones. The chart can be found on the bulletin board in the narthex. The donation for a single arrangement is \$30.00. If you have any questions, please contact Rona by calling the church office or by email (trinity-elc-office@verizon.net).

COMPASSION CENTER NEWS... Our Compassion Center is open and is once again serving members of our community with their needs for food and clothing. Please see the full page announcement in the bulletin for more information. If you are able to volunteer during the Center's open hours, please contact Elma. Thank you all for your continued help and support and prayers.

In an effort to keep the cupboards full at the Compassion Center during this time of great need in our community we will continue to need your generous donations of food. All non-perishable foods are welcome, and especially needed items include:

Peanut Butter; Pasta; Pasta Sauce; Macaroni & Cheese; Canned Tuna and Chicken;
Canned Fruit; Soup.

There is also a need for diapers, especially sizes 4, 5, and 6.

Donations can be dropped off at the Center during Center hours. And you can also leave your donations at church, and we will make sure that it is delivered to the Compassion Center. Thank you for your loving and generous support.

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

PREPARING FOR THE COMING WEEK ...

The Third Sunday in Lent, March 7, 2021

Scripture Readings: Exodus 20:1-17; 1 Corinthians 1:18-31; John 2:13-22



The Sacred Season of Lent 2021 at Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church Mount Rainier, Maryland

We invite you to join us in observing the Lenten Season with these special opportunities for worship, prayer, and study as we prepare ourselves for the celebration of God's great acts of love in the passion, death, and resurrection of His Son for our life and salvation.

Midweek Lenten Worship

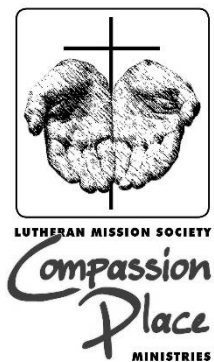
Lenten Devotions and Bible Study Wednesdays at 4:00 PM via Livestream

Please join us for these moments of prayer and Scripture Study via our livestream available through links on our website or on our church Facebook Page.

Theme for Lent 2021 – The Road Back to God

Drawing on the title of this year's Lenten Devotional, our Midweek Studies will look at some of the Old Testament Readings which are proclaimed at the Great Vigil of Easter, seeing them in the light of our own journey from death to life in Christ's passion and resurrection which we have shared in through our Baptism.

March 3, 2021	A Watery Journey: The Flood
March 10, 2021	A Journey of Faith and Trust: Abraham & Isaac on Mount Moriah
March 17, 2021	A Journey towards Freedom: The Exodus
March 24, 2021	A Journey through the Valley of Death: Ezekiel's Vision of the Dry Bones



Hyattsville Compassion Center

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and the Lutheran Mission Society*

Ms. Elma Pervaiz, Center Coordinator
Center Phone Number: 301-277-2302, ext. 23

We are happy to announce that our Compassion Center has reopened!

Our operating hours are:
Monday: 10 AM – 4 PM
Tuesday: 10 AM – 4 PM
Wednesday: 10 AM – 2 PM

Food and Clothing Ministry is available by appointment during the center's open hours.
Please call Elma to make arrangements for us to assist you.

The thrift center will be open during our operating hours with the following safety guidelines:

- Masks must be worn at all times
- Please observe social distancing
- Number of persons in the center at a time will be limited

In-Kind Donations for the thrift center are limited at this time owing to reduced staffing at the center.
If you have donations, please contact Elma at the center before bringing your items during center hours.

Trinity Stay-Safe Rules

- ❖ If you are sick, PLEASE STAY HOME, and please get under a doctor's care.
- ❖ If you are over 65 or immunocompromised, please be careful, follow the rules here at church, or feel free to stay home with God's blessing and ours. (We'll be here when you are ready to come back to worship.)
- ❖ While in the church building, please wear a mask as much as possible for the sake of your neighbors.
- ❖ Please spread out in church in order to do the recommended distancing (six feet). In addition to the pews in the nave, you may also be seated in the balcony or church overflow. Of course, families who reside together may sit together.
- ❖ Wash your hands often. 20 seconds with soap and water. Hand sanitizer is available for you to use as well. Try not to touch your face.
- ❖ Cough and sneeze into a tissue or into your elbow.
- ❖ Please, no handshaking. Use an elbow bump or wave for now.
- ❖ Limit your socializing indoors after the service; or better yet, use distanced visiting with one another outside.
- ❖ All Worship materials are printed for each service. As we will not be reusing them, please take them home with you to recycle.
- ❖ Offerings will not be collected during the service. Please place your offering in the basket on the table in the rear of the nave, or continue to mail in your offering to the church office.
- ❖ Holy Communion will be distributed in a continuous fashion using individual wafers and cups. Please follow the direction of the usher to go forward and receive the Sacrament, and please keep a distance in line between persons.

PARISH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 28 – MARCH 7
May Be Subject to Change

Today	<i>The Second Sunday in Lent</i> 9:30 AM	Worship Service with Holy Communion (at church in person and via Facebook Live)
Monday	10:00 AM – 4:00 PM	Compassion Center Open
Tuesday	9 AM—Noon 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM	Church Office Open Compassion Center Open
Wednesday	10:00 AM – 2:00 PM 4:00 PM	Compassion Center Open Lenten Devotions and Bible Study (via Facebook Live)
Thursday	9 AM—Noon	Church Office Open
Next Sunday	<i>The Third Sunday in Lent</i> 9:30 AM	Worship Service with Holy Communion (at church in person and via Facebook Live)

CHURCH STATISTICS

Ash Wednesday, February 17, 2021
 Sunday, February 21, 2021

Worship Attendance: 11; Communed: 10.
 Worship Attendance: 18; Communed: 17.



✠ O Christ, Hear Us! ✠

Intercessions for the Week of February 28, 2021

Prayers for Continued Healing and Help

For Members of Our Trinity Family:

John, Diane, Julie & Kenny, Elizabeth, Joseph, Diane, Evelyn, Waymond, Alan, August, Clara, David, Ernie, Paul, Sylvia, Angela, Priscilla, and David, Sr.

For Those Who Have Asked of Our Prayers:

Luke, grandson of Charlie & Jean; 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;
Eric, homeless; Mary, cousin of Pastor; Alan, cousin of Kim; Danielle, neighbor of Kim;
Shirley, aunt of Kim; Lisa, neighbor of Peter & Kim; Dennis & Caron, former Concordia Teachers;
Zoila, mother of David; Jeff, husband of Mary; Ty & Clare, friends of David & Joyce;
Jari, former Concordia Teacher; Jim, friend of Judy; Joyce, friend of the Peeles; Cora, aunt of Tracy

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

Steve Orchowski, Madison Hudson, Thandika Elias, Matthew Juhasz, Matt Orchowski, and Ethan Maddox, who celebrate their birthdays this week.

Ras-I and Leah Dowling, 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.