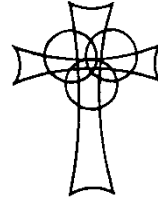




**Destroy
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and
I will raise it
again in three
days”**

John 2:19, NIV

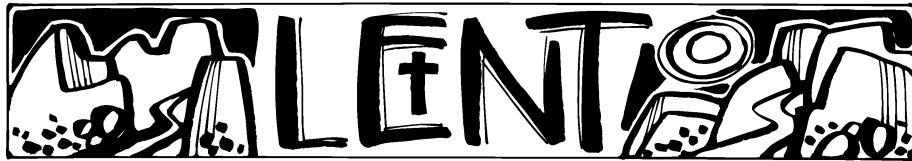
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March 7, 2021

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

Holy God, through Your Son You have called us to live faithfully and act courageously. Keep us steadfast in Your covenant of grace, and teach us the wisdom that comes only through 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

“To Your Temple, Lord, I Come”

The Words of Welcome

The Congregation rises.

The Opening Hymn

Lutheran Service Book Hymn # 981

“To Your Temple, Lord, I Come”

- 1 To Your temple, Lord, I come,
For it is my worship home.
This earth has no better place,
Here I see my Savior’s face.**
- 2 I through Him am reconciled,
I through Him become Your child.
Abba, Father, give me grace
In Your courts Your love to trace.**
- 3 While Your glorious praise is sung,
Touch my lips, unloose my tongue
That my joyful soul may bless
Christ the Lord, my righteousness.**
- 4 While the prayers of saints ascend,
God of love, to mine attend.
Hear me, for Your Spirit pleads;
Hear, for Jesus intercedes.**
- 5 While I listen to Your Law,
Fill my soul with humble awe
Till Your Gospel bring to me
Life and immortality.**

The Hymn continues on the next page...

- 6 While Your ministers proclaim
Peace and pardon in Your name,
Through their voice, by faith, may I
Hear You speaking from the sky.
- 7 From Your house when I return,
May my heart within me burn,
And at evening let me say,
“I have walked with God today.”

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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 69:14-16; antiphon: verse 9

- P** For zeal for your house has consumed me,
and the reproaches of those who reproach you have fallen on me.
- C** **Deliver me from sinking in the mire;
let me be delivered from my enemies and from the deep waters.**
- P** Let not the flood sweep over me, or the deep swallow me up,
or the pit close its mouth over me.
- C** **Answer me, O LORD, for your steadfast love is good;
according to your abundant mercy, turn to me.**
- 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** For zeal for your house has consumed me,
and the reproaches of those who reproach you have fallen on me.

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, whose glory it is always to have mercy, be gracious to all who have gone astray from Your ways and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of Your Word; 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

Exodus 20:1-17

¹And God spoke all these words, saying,

²“I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

³“You shall have no other gods before me.

⁴“You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. ⁵You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me, ⁶but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.

⁷“You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain.

⁸“Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. ⁹Six days you shall labor, and do all your work, ¹⁰but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates. ¹¹For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

¹²“Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

¹³“You shall not murder.

¹⁴“You shall not commit adultery.

¹⁵“You shall not steal.

¹⁶“You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

¹⁷“You shall not covet your neighbor’s house; you shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, or his male servant, or his female servant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor’s.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

The Epistle

1 Corinthians 1:18-31

¹⁸The word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

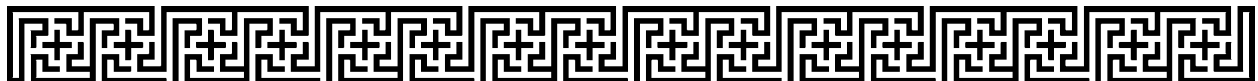
²⁰Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. ²²For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, ²³but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, ²⁴but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

²⁶For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. ²⁷But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; ²⁸God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, ²⁹so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. ³⁰He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, whom God made our wisdom and our righteousness and sanctification and redemption. ³¹Therefore, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

The Congregation rises.



The Gradual and Verse:

Hebrews 12:2; John 2:19

- 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** Destroy this temple,
C **and in three days I will raise it up.**

The Holy Gospel

John 2:13-22

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the second chapter.
C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹³The Passover of the Jews was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. ¹⁴In the temple he found those who were selling oxen and sheep and pigeons, and the money-changers sitting there. ¹⁵And making a whip of cords, he drove them all out of the temple, with the sheep and oxen. And he poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. ¹⁶And he told those who sold the pigeons, "Take these things away; do not make my Father's house a house of trade." ¹⁷His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me."

¹⁸So the Jews said to him, "What sign do you show us for doing these things?" ¹⁹Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." ²⁰The Jews then said, "It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and will you raise it up in three days?" ²¹But he was speaking about the temple of his body. ²²When therefore he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the Scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

- 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 # 850

“God of Grace and God of Glory”

- 1 God of grace and God of glory,
On Your people pour Your pow’r;
Crown Your ancient Church’s story;
Bring its bud to glorious flow’r.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
For the facing of this hour,
For the facing of this hour.**
- 2 Lo, the hosts of evil round us
Scorn the Christ, assail His ways!
From the fears that long have bound us
Free our hearts to faith and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
For the living of these days,
For the living of these days.**
- 3 Cure Your children’s warring madness;
Bend our pride to Your control;
Shame our wanton, selfish gladness,
Rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
Lest we miss Your kingdom’s goal,
Lest we miss Your kingdom’s goal.**
- 4 Save us from weak resignation
To the evils we deplore;
Let the gift of Your salvation
Be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
Serving You whom we adore,
Serving You whom we adore.**

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The Sermon

God First

The Congregation rises.

The Prayer of the Church

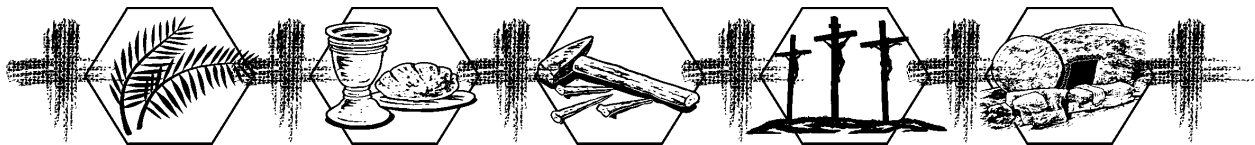
- P** Because our heavenly Father promises to hear our prayers and come to our aid, let us pray for ourselves, our fellow Christians and all people.
- P** Let us pray for all the baptized, that the Old Adam in us by daily contrition and repentance be drowned and die with all sins and evil desires, and that a new man daily emerge and arise to live before God in righteousness and purity forever. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Let us pray for the true wisdom of God to fill our lives, that we hold tightly to the seemingly weak and foolish execution of Jesus because it is the power of God for our salvation, and that we humbly rejoice that God chooses what is foolish and weak to shame the world and grant life in Christ Jesus. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Let us pray for zeal for the Gospel and our Father's house, that we passionately care for God's house as our Savior did, that we boldly speak His seemingly foolish but always saving Word of the cross, and that we be granted a never-ending desire to learn the Scriptures and receive His forgiveness. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Let us pray for our Christian lives, that we lead holy lives because Christ has cleansed our bodies to be God's temples, that we live by God's commandments because He has brought us out of sin's house of slavery, and that all our actions love both God and our neighbor. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Let us pray for those who govern in our world, that they see that God's commandments, written on our hearts, are not burdens but blessings that lead to improved lives and a better society; that they be guided to godly decisions; and that they defend life and uphold justice. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Let us pray for those who are hospitalized, recovering from surgery, facing chronic pain or long-term health problems, and all who suffer as a result of living in a fallen world, especially _____, that God would grant mercy and perseverance, as well as healing according to His good and gracious will. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Let us pray for those who mourn (especially for _____), that in their time of sorrow they would not lose hope but rely on God's promise that He will never leave them or forsake them. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**

- P** With those who have received special blessings from God, especially with _____, we rejoice; and we pray that all of God's people would continue to offer their thanks and praise to the Lord for every blessing given to them from His gracious hand. Lord, in Your mercy
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Let us pray for all the people and concerns that have been committed to our prayers, especially _____ and all those we name before the Lord in the silence of our hearts... We pray that the Lord will indeed hear these prayers and grant them all according to His good and gracious will. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Let us pray for the faithful who receive Christ's Body and Blood this day, that the Holy Spirit grant us true repentance, faith that believes this simple gift is God's power for our salvation, and joy because we are receiving Jesus, who is our wisdom, righteousness, sanctification and redemption. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Remembering Perpetua, Felicity and their companions, and all those who have departed this life and are numbered among the countless multitude who are ever with the Lord, let us give God thanks and praise. And we pray that the Lord would one day grant us a place with them at the feast which knows no end. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Gracious Father, as You have promised, hear the prayers we bring before Your throne of grace through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- 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 # 425

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

- 1 **When I survey the wondrous cross
 On which the Prince of Glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss
 And pour contempt on all my pride.**

- 2 **Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast
 Save in the death of Christ, my God;
All the vain things that charm me most,
 I sacrifice them to His blood.**

- 3 **See, from His head, His hands, His feet
 Sorrow and love flow mingled down!
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet
 Or thorns compose so rich a crown?**

- 4 **Were the whole realm of nature mine,
 That were a tribute far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine,
 Demands my soul, my life, my all!**

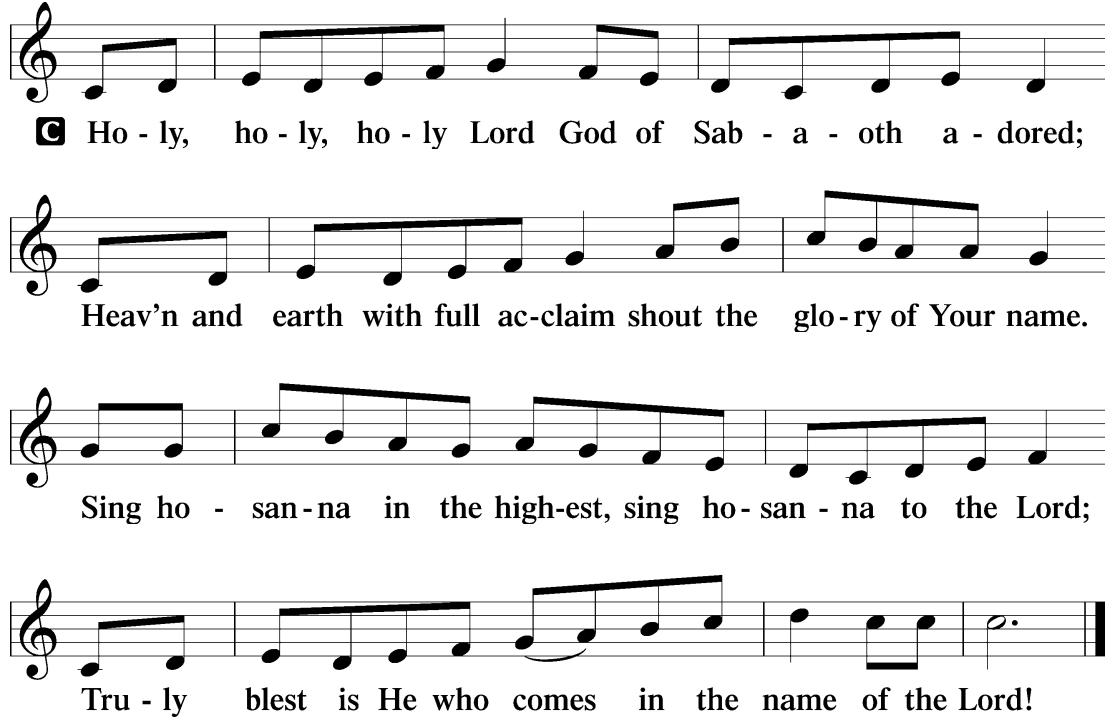
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The Congregation rises.

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."

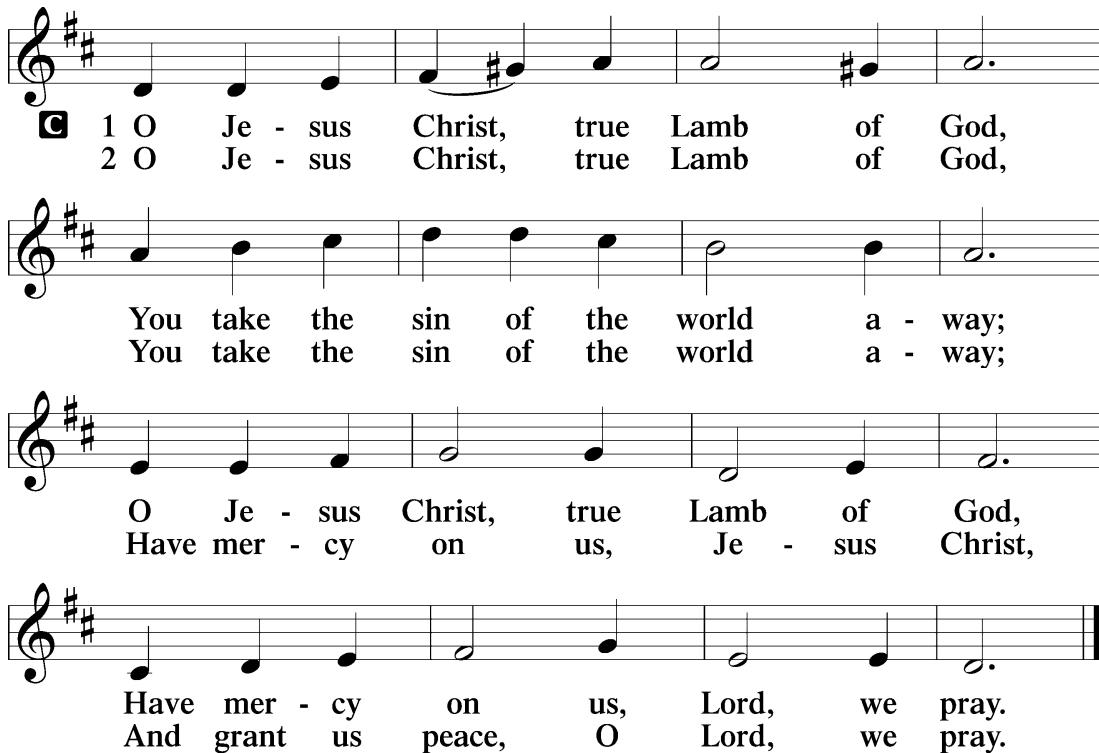
In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ Blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

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: “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

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 # 423

“Jesus, Refuge of the Weary”

- 1 **Jesus, refuge of the weary,
Blest Redeemer, whom we love,
Fountain in life's desert dreary,
Savior from the world above:
Often have Your eyes, offended,
Gazed upon the sinner's fall;
Yet upon the cross extended,
You have borne the pain of all.**

- 2 **Do we pass that cross unheeding,
Breathing no repentant vow,
Though we see You wounded, bleeding,
See Your thorn-encircled brow?
Yet Your sinless death has brought us
Life eternal, peace, and rest;
Only what Your grace has taught us
Calms the sinner's deep distress.**

The Hymn continues on the next page...

- 3 Jesus, may our hearts be burning
With more fervent love for You;
May our eyes be ever turning
To behold Your cross anew
Till in glory, parted never
From the blessed Savior's side,
Graven in our hearts forever,
Dwell the cross, the Crucified.**

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The Silent Worship

The Parish Announcements

The Postlude

“Jesus, Refuge of the Weary”

✠ *To God All Praise and Glory!* ✠



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NOTES AND NEWS

JUST A FRIENDLY REMINDER ... Daylight Savings Time begins **next weekend**. Please remember to “Spring Forward” your clocks one hour this Saturday so that you can be on time for worship next Sunday.

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... Why did Jesus commend a poor widow who gave all her money to a corrupt institution that oppressed widows? Dr. Michael Zeigler takes a deeper look. Listen to the Lutheran Hour next Sunday March 14, 2021, for this message by Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler, "Widow's Mite", 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 Fourth Sunday in Lent, March 14, 2021

Scripture Readings: Numbers 21:4-9; Ephesians 2:1-10; John 3:14-21



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

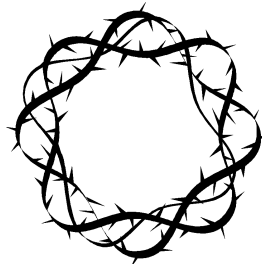
Lenten Devotions and Bible Study Wednesdays at 4:00 PM via Livestream

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.

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| 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

*A shared ministry of
Redeemer & Trinity Congregations
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 MARCH 7 - 14
May Be Subject to Change

Today	<i>The Third 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 Fourth Sunday in Lent</i> 9:30 AM	Worship Service with Holy Communion (at church in person and via Facebook Live)

CHURCH STATISTICS

Sunday, February 28, 2021

Worship Attendance: 21; Communed: 20.



✠ O Christ, Hear Us! ✠

Intercessions for the Week of March 7, 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; 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; 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

David Pratico, Evan Smith, and Gladys Liebrecht, who celebrate their birthdays 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.