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### **WELCOME TO WORSHIP!**

The Pastor and People of Trinity Lutheran are glad that you are joining us for 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.

## PRAYER UPON ENTERING WORSHIP

God of compassion, You welcome the wayward, and You embrace us all with Your mercy. By our Baptism clothe us with garments of Your grace, and feed us at the table of Your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

## **CONCERNING 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. Anyone who desires, child or adult, may come forward to receive a blessing.

Persons who have questions about what Lutherans believe or have any spiritual concerns are asked to speak with an Usher so that they can direct you to the Pastor so that you may speak with him before communing.



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

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♥ In the Name of Jesus Christ ♥

## **▼** The Preparation **▼**

The Flute and Piano Prelude

"What Wondrous Love Is This"

The Words of Welcome

The Congregation rises.

The Opening Hymn

Lutheran Service Book Hymn # 915

"Today Your Mercy Calls Us"

- Today Your mercy calls us
   To wash away our sin.
  However great our trespass,
   Whatever we have been,
  However long from mercy
   Our hearts have turned away,
  Your precious blood can wash us
   And make us clean today.
- 2 Today Your gate is open,
  And all who enter in
  Shall find a Father's welcome
  And pardon for their sin.
  The past shall be forgotten,
  A present joy be giv'n,
  A future grace be promised,
  A glorious crown in heav'n.

The Hymn continues on the next page...

- 3 Today our Father calls us;
  His Holy Spirit waits;
  His blessèd angels gather
  Around the heav'nly gates.
  No question will be asked us
  How often we have come;
  Although we oft have wandered,
  It is our Father's home.
- 4 O all-embracing Mercy,
  O ever-open Door,
  What should we do without You
  When heart and eye run o'er?
  When all things seem against us,
  To drive us to despair,
  We know one gate is open,
  One ear will hear our prayer.

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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 and Absolution:

- **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?
- **B**ut 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.
- 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 51:2-6; antiphon: verse 1

- P Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.
- Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin!
- P For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.
- Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment.
- P Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me.
- Behold, you delight in truth in the inward being, and you teach me wisdom in the secret heart.
- 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 Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.

## 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.

## 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.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Your mercies are new every morning; and though we deserve only punishment, You receive us as Your children and provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant that we may heartily acknowledge Your merciful goodness, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; 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

Isaiah 12:1-6

<sup>1</sup>You will say in that day:

"I will give thanks to you, O LORD,
for though you were angry with me,
your anger turned away,
that you might comfort me.

<sup>2</sup>"Behold, God is my salvation;
I will trust, and will not be afraid;
for the LORD GOD is my strength and my song,
and he has become my salvation."

<sup>3</sup>With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. <sup>4</sup>And you will say in that day:

"Give thanks to the LORD, call upon his name, make known his deeds among the peoples, proclaim that his name is exalted.

5"Sing praises to the LORD, for he has done gloriously; let this be made known in all the earth.

6Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel."

- This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

The Epistle 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

<sup>16</sup>From now on, therefore, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we once regarded Christ according to the flesh, we regard him thus no longer. <sup>17</sup>Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. <sup>18</sup>All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; <sup>19</sup>that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. <sup>20</sup>Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. <sup>21</sup>For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

- **L** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

The Trinity Singers

"Family of Christ"

The Congregation rises.

The Holy Gospel Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the fifteenth chapter.

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

<sup>1</sup>Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear [Jesus]. <sup>2</sup>And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, "This man receives sinners and eats with them." <sup>3</sup>So he told them this parable: ...

"There was a man who had two sons. <sup>12</sup>And the younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of property that is coming to me.' And he divided his property between them. <sup>13</sup>Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took a journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in reckless living. <sup>14</sup>And when he had spent everything, a severe famine arose in that country, and he began to be in need. <sup>15</sup>So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs. <sup>16</sup>And he was longing to be fed with the pods that the pigs ate, and no one gave him anything.

<sup>17</sup>"But when he came to himself, he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have more than enough bread, but I perish here with hunger! <sup>18</sup>I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. <sup>19</sup>I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Treat me as one of your hired servants." <sup>20</sup>And he arose and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion, and ran

and embraced him and kissed him. <sup>21</sup>And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' <sup>22</sup>But the father said to his servants, 'Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet. <sup>23</sup>And bring the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate. <sup>24</sup>For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.' And they began to celebrate.

<sup>25</sup>"Now his older son was in the field, and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. <sup>26</sup>And he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant. <sup>27</sup>And he said to him, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fattened calf, because he has received him back safe and sound.' <sup>28</sup>But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, <sup>29</sup>but he answered his father, 'Look, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command, yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might celebrate with my friends. <sup>30</sup>But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fattened calf for him!' <sup>31</sup>And he said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. <sup>32</sup>It was fitting to celebrate and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.'"

- **P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- **C** Praise to You, O Christ.

The Apostles' Creed:

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 Almightv. 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 # 609

"Jesus Sinners Doth Receive"

- 1 Jesus sinners doth receive;
  Oh, may all this saying ponder
  Who in sin's delusions live
  And from God and heaven wander!
  Here is hope for all who grieve:
  Jesus sinners doth receive.
- We deserve but grief and shame,
  Yet His words, rich grace revealing,
  Pardon, peace, and life proclaim;
  Here our ills have perfect healing.
  Firmly in these words believe:
  Jesus sinners doth receive.
- 3 Sheep that from the fold did stray
  No true shepherd e'er forsaketh;
  Weary souls that lost their way
  Christ, the Shepherd, gently taketh
  In His arms that they may live:
  Jesus sinners doth receive.
- 4 I, a sinner, come to Thee
  With a penitent confession.
  Savior, mercy show to me;
  Grant for all my sins remission.
  Let these words my soul relieve:
  Jesus sinners doth receive.
- Oh, how blest it is to know:
  Were as scarlet my transgression,
  It shall be as white as snow
  By Thy blood and bitter passion;
  For these words I now believe:
  Jesus sinners doth receive.

The Hymn continues on the next page...

- 6 Now my conscience is at peace;
  From the Law I stand acquitted.
  Christ hath purchased my release
  And my ev'ry sin remitted.
  Naught remains my soul to grieve:
  Jesus sinners doth receive.
- 7 Jesus sinners doth receive;
  Also I have been forgiven;
  And when I this earth must leave,
  I shall find an open heaven.
  Dying, still to Him I cleave:
  Jesus sinners doth receive.

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The Sermon

The Refreshment of Forgiveness

The Congregation rises.

The Prayer of the Church:

- People loved by God, let us come before our Father's throne of grace with confidence through our Lord Jesus and, in the power of His Spirit, ask His mercy for all in need.
- P Kind and gracious Father, we are not worthy to be called Your children, and yet in love You have embraced us, named us Your own, and made us, by Your beloved Son, coheirs of all things. Remember all Your baptized children and stir up in them a desire for a life of communion with You. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- P Holy One, Your Son sends forth His messengers of reconciliation into all the world. Be present with all those who labor in Your Church as pastors, teachers, missionaries, deaconesses, and other ministers. Keep them faithful in their preaching, teaching, and administration of the Sacraments so that Your Church may be built up and strengthened. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.

|   | Father of glory, kindly regard this family of Your people, that we might give a hearty welcome to all fellow sinners and assure them that they are wanted and loved in Your house. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.  |
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|   | Loving Lord, there is no sin that Your Son did not carry to death, no one for whom His sacrifice was not offered. Call those who have wandered from their baptismal birthright home to You and renew them by Your Spirit. Lord, in Your mercy, <b>hear our prayer.</b>  |
|   | Mighty King, Your Word commands us to pray for all those in authority in every place throughout the world. Remember especially in mercy our President, Congress and justices, and all who make, administer and judge our laws. Grant them to serve with integrity and wisdom. Into Your keeping we also commend all serving in our armed forces and local emergency services. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer. |
|   | God our Healer, look with kindness on those who are taking treatments, those suffering from chronic illness or recovering from accidents, especially May Your Son ever be their joy in sorrow; their health in sickness, and ever their peace, comfort, and hope. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.   |
|   | Generous Father, Your hand is open to bless us and to satisfy our desires. Be with and all those who rejoice in Your mercy shown to them. Give all Your people glad hearts which realize Your goodness and that are moved always to praise You, the Giver of every good and perfect gift. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.   |
|   | Comforting Father, You are present with us to give us Your gift of peace to those who grieve for those who have died, so they may not grieve as those who have no hope. Comfort all who mourn with the promises of Your presence now and a future reunion of all baptized believers in heaven. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.  |
| P | Loving Father, Your ears are ever open to the cries of Your children in their need. Hear the prayers of Your people offered to you for ( and for) all those whom we name before You in the silence of our hearts Listen, we pray, to all of these our   |

petitions and grant them in love according to Your good and gracious will. Lord, in

Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

- P Bountiful Giver, Your Son has provided a feast for Your family where they taste Your love in the gift of His Body and His Blood. Give us penitent hearts to receive this most Holy Eucharist in firm faith, for our salvation and to our abundant blessing. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- P Great I Am, You are the life that never ends and the source of all that is. Receive our thanks and praise for the victory over death and the grave, which Your Son won for us. With joy we remember Joseph the Patriarch and all those who have departed this life in Your faith and friendship. Bring us with them to share the joys of Your eternal home. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- P Join our prayers and praises with those of Your faithful people of every time and every place and unite them in the ceaseless petitions of our great High Priest until He comes again in power and great glory as victorious Lord of all. Through Him, with Him and in Him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is Yours, almighty Father, forever and ever!
- 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 # 542

"When I Behold Jesus Christ"

1 When I behold Jesus Christ,
True God who died for me,
I wonder much at His love
As He hung on the tree. Refrain

Refrain: What kind of love is this?
What kind of love is this?
You showed Your love, Jesus, there
To me on Calvary.
What kind of love is this?
What kind of love is this?
You showed Your love, Jesus, there
To me on Calvary.

- For me You gave all Your love,
   For me You suffered pain;
   I find no words, nothing can
   Your selflessness explain. Refrain
- You had no sin, holy Lord,
   But You were tortured, tried;
   On Golgotha there for all
   My sins You bled and died. Refrain
- What love is this? Greater love
   No one has ever known.
   My life with God— this I owe
   To You, and You alone. Refrain

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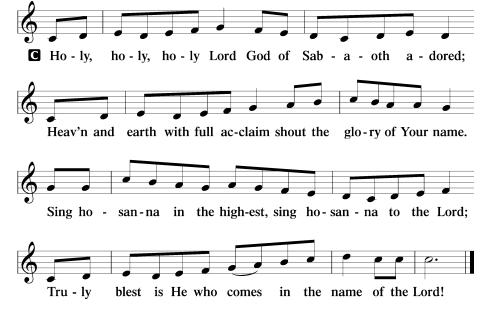
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The Congregation rises.

## 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.
- thinks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. 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:



Text: Stephen P. Starke

The Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer:

- 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:
- 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.

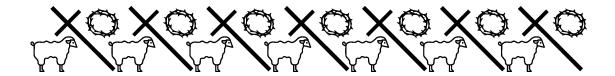
### The Words of Our Lord:

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."

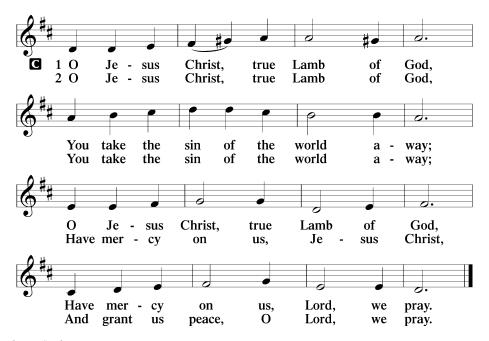
In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My +Blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

### The *Pax Domini*:

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



## The Agnus Dei:



Text: Stephen P. Starke

The Congregation is seated.

## The Distribution of Holy Communion

Holy Communion is celebrated in this place in the joyful confidence that Jesus Christ Himself comes to us to give us in bread and wine His very Body and Blood to offer to us the forgiveness of sins. All Baptized Christians who have been instructed in the meaning of this Sacrament and confess with us Christ's Real Presence in this Holy Meal are welcome to commune with us at this Altar. A fuller explanation of what Lutherans believe concerning Holy Communion may be found on page one of this worship folder.

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: "O Living Bread of Heaven" - The Trinity Singers

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.

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The Thanksgiving and Post-Communion Prayer:

- **P** As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup:
- **©** We proclaim 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.
- 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 H give you peace.
- C Amen.

The Hymn to Depart

Lutheran Service Book Hymn # 423

"Jesus, Refuge of the Weary"

- 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.
- 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 concludes on the next page...

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 blessèd 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 Be All Praise and Glory! ▶

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### THOSE WHO SERVE US THIS MORNING IN WORSHIP

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The Worship Assistant Paul Ritter

The Choir The Trinity Singers
The Flutist Susan Kennedy
The Parish Musician Shire Hell

The Parish Musician Skip Hall

## **NOTES AND NEWS**

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in prayerful solidarity with the people of Ukraine as we ask the Lord to bring peace to them and the world.

COVID UPDATE ... We are happy to know that the COVID metrics in our local area have improved to the place that County officials have made the decision to lift the indoor mask mandate. The wearing of masks while in the church building is now optional, and you are free to wear or not wear them as you choose, or as your personal needs determine. We ask, in love for one another, that everyone continue to observe our "Stay Safe Rules" as printed in the bulletin and posted at the church entrances. Thank you all for your continued patience and loving concern for our Trinity Family during this time.

MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICES ... We are holding Midweek Services this Lent, bringing back this tradition once more to Trinity. These spoken services of Vespers will be held on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 PM, and you are welcome to join us for them either in person at Trinity, or by our livestream on our church Facebook Page. Also, the services will be available for viewing at any time after the livestream on the video archive, also found on our church Facebook Page. More information on these services can be found on the full page announcement in today's bulletin. We hope that you will be able to join us for these times of reflection and thanksgiving for our Lord's work of redemption for our salvation.

*PORTALS OF PRAYER* ... The new booklets for April-June, both in regular and large print, are now available for you to pick up from the literature table at the rear of the sanctuary. If you need us to mail a copy, please contact the church office.

THE LUTHERAN HOUR ... A costly and extravagant meal prepared by a master chef symbolizes the Meal Christ serves to His people, the Church. Listen to the Lutheran Hour with speaker Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler next Sunday, April 3, 2022, for this message, "This Is the Feast", 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.

EASTER FLOWERS ... The Trinity Family is invited to make donations towards beautifying our church home for our Easter celebrations with lilies. Order forms are available on the literature table in the rear of the sanctuary for you to place your order and to give information regarding any dedication you would like to have made for your gift in the Easter Sunday bulletin. Orders can be placed until **Palm Sunday, April 10**<sup>th</sup>.

OUR PRAYER LIST ... We are pleased to have an active ministry of prayer among us, attested by the weekly "O Christ, Hear Us" page in the bulletin, inviting us all to remember these persons and needs in our prayer during worship at Trinity and in our own personal prayers during the week. We kindly ask you to also help us keep this list current and up to date by letting us know of any changes or deletions which need to be made. To do this please contact Pastor or the church office with a note that can be placed in the offering basket at church, or with an email.

CROP HUNGER WALK ... Sunday, May 1<sup>st</sup>. Your help is needed. The Covid Pandemic and Russia's war on Ukraine are pushing millions of additional people into hunger and extreme poverty. We can help thru the Crop Walk. Directions will be given on coming Sundays, but you can contribute anytime now online at <a href="Hyattsville Crop Walk">Hyattsville Crop Walk</a>, then click Trinity Mt. Rainier as your "team," and make your donation. Questions? Call Art Simon at 301-249-7132 or email <a href="martsimon@verizon.net">artsimon@verizon.net</a>. Thanks so very much for whatever you can do!

ALTAR FLOWERS ... The flower chart for 2022 is 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).

REMEMBERING THE SAINTS ... In our weekly Prayer of the Church, the final petition is dedicated to all of the Faithful Departed who are now with the Lord and a part of the Church Triumphant. As a part of this remembrance, we recall by name the saints who are on the calendar of Feasts, Festivals, and Commemorations of our church and remembered during the current week. Some have asked for more information about these saints; so, biographies for each saint, along with a prayer and suggested Scripture readings, are now available for you on our church website.

THIS WEEK'S FEAST...

March 31 **Joseph**, Old Testament Patriarch

Visit <a href="http://tlcmr.org/worship/celebrating-the-saints/">http://tlcmr.org/worship/celebrating-the-saints/</a> where you can learn more about the cycle of saints' days on the church calendar and find the biographies for each saint listed by month.

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 nonperishable 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 Fifth Wednesday of Lent, March 30, 2022

The Passion History, Part 4

Drawn from Matthew 27:11-31; Mark 15:1-20; Luke 23:1-25; John 18:28-19:16a

The Fifth Sunday in Lent, April 3, 2022

Scripture Readings: Isaiah 43:16-21; Philippians 3:8-14; Luke 20:9-20



## The Sacred Season of Lent 2022 Places of the Passion

You are invited during these Lenten days to walk with Our Lord Jesus in traveling on the way of His Passion. Our Midweek Services will lead us to reflect on these places and the events which took place there through our hearing of the Passion History as drawn from the accounts of the Four Evangelists.

Services will be held in person at Trinity as well as being livestreamed on our church Facebook Page. The videos will also be available for viewing at any time following the live service.

## Wednesday Evenings During Lent

7:00 PM Lenten Vespers

March 30 The Praetorium

April 6 Calvary



## **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, wearing of a mask is optional. In love and care for one another, use your best judgment with regards to current health guidelines as to whether or not you wear a mask.
- Physical Distancing Requirements have been lifted, so you are free to sit where and as you wish. Use your own best judgement as to how close you wish to sit to others.
- ❖ 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.
- 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.

Thank you all for your continued patience and concern for one another during this time.



## 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.

# PARISH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 27 – APRIL 3 May Be Subject to Change

Today The Fourth Sunday in Lent

8:30 AM Bible Study

9:30 AM Worship Service with Holy Communion

(at church in person and via Facebook Live)

10:30 AM Trinity Singers Rehearsal

12:00 PM EECMYM Worship (at church in person)

Monday10:00 AM – 4:00 PMCompassion Center OpenTuesday9:00 AM—NoonChurch Office Open

10:00 AM – 4:00 PM Compassion Center Open

Wednesday The Fifth Wednesday of Lent

9:00 AM—Noon Church Office Open 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM Compassion Center Open 7:00 PM Midweek Lenten Service

(at church in person and via Facebook Live)

**Thursday** 9:00 AM—Noon Church Office Open

Next Sunday The Fifth Sunday in Lent

8:30 AM Bible Study

9:30 AM Worship Service with Holy Communion

(at church in person and via Facebook Live)

12:00 PM EECMYM Worship (at church in person)

## CHURCH STATISTICS

Sunday, March 20, 2022 Worship Attendance: 23; Communed: 21.

Wednesday, March 23, 2022 Worship Attendance: 7.

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## **♥** O Christ, Hear Us! ♥

## Intercessions for the Week of March 27, 2022

## **Prayers for Continued Healing and Help**

For Members of Our Trinity Family:

John, Diane, Carole, Julie & Kenny, Elizabeth, Joseph, Diane, John Tyler, Elizabeth, Waymond, Alan, August, Clara, David, Ernie, Paul, and Angela

## For Those Who Have Asked of Our Prayers:

Luke, grandson of Charlie & Jean; Betty, mother of Helen;

Susan, relative of Gus & Betty; Joe, friend of Cullen; Britnany, niece of Lynda;

Juliet, mother of Ras-I; Linda, daughter of Gus & Betty; Allan, cousin of Kim;

Lisa, neighbor of Peter & Kim; Dennis & Caron, former Concordia School Teachers;

Zoila, mother of David; Jeff, husband of Mary; Jari, former Concordia Teacher;

Catelyn, step-granddaughter of Ernie; Ray, relative of Kim; Sandy, relative of Kim;

Cherra, mother-in-law of Meghan; Nathan, son of Art; Helen, aunt of Judy;

Susan, friend of Kim; Jim, uncle of Paul; Kathy, co-worker of Joyce;

Sherri, co-worker of Joyce; Bernie, friend of Trinity; Nicy, aunt of Tracy;

Howard, relative of Tracy; Jessica, co-worker of Tracy; Donna, friend of Gus

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 Peele, who celebrates his birthday this week.

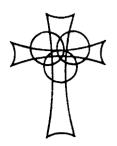
Kevin & Stacey Hagedorn, who celebrate their wedding anniversary this week.

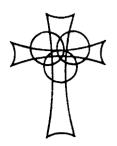
## We Keep In Our Prayers

- **▼** Our Trinity family, our ministries, and our mission.
- ♣ 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 the work of our Compassion Center, for Elma Pervaiz, our center coordinator, and for Redeemer Lutheran and the Lutheran Mission Society, our mission partners.
- ${\bf \Phi}$  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 an end to racism and bigotry in our nation and world.
- 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 shedding their blood.
- ♣ For peace in our world, especially in those places that are affected by war, oppression, or acts of terror.
- For all those we know who are sick, who grieve, and who are in any need of prayer.







## Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

4000 – 30<sup>th</sup> Street at the intersection of 30<sup>th</sup> Street and Bunker Hill Road Mount Rainier, Maryland 20712

## **Sunday Mornings:**

Adult Bible Study – 8:30 AM Worship with Holy Communion – 9:30 AM

## Midweeks in Lent:

Lenten Vespers Wednesday Evenings – 7:00 PM

Worship Services are livestreamed on Facebook Live For more information, please visit the church website.

Church Office Phone: 301-864-4340 Church Web Site: www.tlcmr.org The Reverend Peter A. Schiebel, Pastor



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