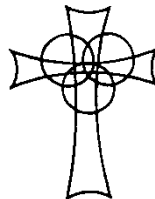


As Moses
lifted up the
serpent
in the
wilderness,
so must the
Son of Man
be lifted up.

John 3:14, ESV



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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, rich in mercy, by the humiliation of Your Son You lifted up this fallen world and rescued us from the hopelessness of death. Lead us into Your light, that all our deeds may reflect 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.



**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

“Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer”

The Words of Welcome

The Congregation rises.

The Opening Hymn

Lutheran Service Book Hymn # 918

“Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer”

- 1 Guide me, O Thou great Redeemer,
Pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but Thou art mighty;
Hold me with Thy pow’rful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
Feed me till I want no more;
Feed me till I want no more.**

- 2 Open now the crystal fountain
Whence the healing stream doth flow;
Let the fiery, cloudy pillar
Lead me all my journey through.
Strong deliv’rer, strong deliv’rer,
Be Thou still my strength and shield;
Be Thou still my strength and shield.**

- 3 When I tread the verge of Jordan,
Bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death and hell’s destruction,
Land me safe on Canaan’s side.
Songs of praises, songs of praises
I will ever give to Thee;
I will ever give to Thee.**

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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:

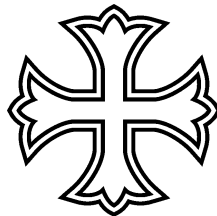
- P** Our help is in the Name of the Lord,
C **who made heaven and earth.**
- P** If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
C **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**
- P** Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and 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 27:3-5; antiphon: verse 1

- P** The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?
C **Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear;
though war arise against me, yet I will be confident.**



- P** One thing have I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after:
that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze upon
the beauty of the Lord and to inquire in his temple.
- C** **For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble;
he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will lift me high upon
a rock.**
- 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** The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

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

Numbers 21:4-9

⁴From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom. And the people became impatient on the way. ⁵And the people spoke against God and against Moses, “Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we loathe this worthless food.” ⁶Then the LORD sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many people of Israel died. ⁷And the people came to Moses and said, “We have sinned, for we have spoken against the LORD and against you. Pray to the LORD, that he take away the serpents from us.” So Moses prayed for the people. ⁸And the LORD said to Moses, “Make a fiery serpent and set it on a pole, and everyone who is bitten, when he sees it, shall live.” ⁹So Moses made a bronze serpent and set it on a pole. And if a serpent bit anyone, he would look at the bronze serpent and live.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

The Epistle

Ephesians 2:1-10

¹And you were dead in the trespasses and sins ²in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience— ³among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. ⁴But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, ⁵even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— ⁶and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, ⁷so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

⁸For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, ⁹not a result of works, so that no one may boast. ¹⁰For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

The Congregation rises.

The Gradual and Verse:

Hebrews 12:2; John 3:16

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 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son,

C **that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life;**

The Holy Gospel

John 3:14-21

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

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

¹⁴[Jesus said:] “As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

¹⁶“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. ¹⁸Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. ¹⁹And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their deeds were evil. ²⁰For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed. ²¹But whoever does what is true comes to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that his deeds have been carried out in God.”

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 # 702

“My Faith Looks Up to Thee”

- 1 My faith looks up to Thee,
Thou Lamb of Calvary,
Savior divine.
Now hear me while I pray;
Take all my guilt away;
O let me from this day
Be wholly Thine!

- 2 May Thy rich grace impart
Strength to my fainting heart;
My zeal inspire!
As Thou hast died for me,
Oh, may my love to Thee
Pure, warm, and changeless be,
A living fire!

The Hymn continues on the next page...

- 3 While life's dark maze I tread
 And griefs around me spread,
 Be Thou my guide;
 Bid darkness turn to day,
 Wipe sorrow's tears away,
 Nor let me ever stray
 From Thee aside.
- 4 When ends life's transient dream,
 When death's cold, sullen stream
 Shall o'er me roll,
 Blest Savior, then, in love,
 Fear and distrust remove;
 O bear me safe above,
 A ransomed soul!

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The Sermon

The Sign of Love

The Congregation rises.

The Prayer of the Church

- P** Because God has sent His Son into the world that we might be saved through Him, our heavenly Father promises to hear and answer our prayers. So let us pray for the Church and for all people.
- P** Let us pray for a renewal of baptismal faith in this Lenten season, that we humbly acknowledge that apart from Christ, we are dead in our trespasses and sins; that we gratefully trust that our heavenly Father has made us alive with Christ; and that we joyfully live as God's workmanship, doing the good works He created us to do.
 Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Let us pray for contentment, that we gratefully receive our daily bread from God's hand with thanksgiving; that we be kept from grumbling, impatience and complaining; and that we be guided to use our Father's gifts wisely to glorify Him and care for the people He places in our lives. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Let us pray for humble hearts, that we openly confess — as Israel did — that we have sinned, and that we look in trusting faith not to a snake on a pole but to Jesus who was lifted up on a cross that we might not perish. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**

- P** Let us pray for the spread of the Gospel, for missionaries and for all who speak the message that we have been saved by grace, that all ministers of the Word be strengthened for their God-given callings; that believers be built up in faith; and that unbelievers come to know that God, being rich in mercy, sent His Son that the world might be saved through Him. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Let us pray for all those who govern throughout the world and in our land, that God use them, as He has promised to bring order to our society; that they always seek the things that make for peace; that they be guided to godly decisions and faithful service; and that they defend life and uphold justice. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Let us pray for those who are sick, sorrowing and struggling against the effects of sin in this world, especially _____, that they live with the certainty that God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son for us, that they be granted peace and patience, and that, at the right time in the way He knows is best, our heavenly Father deliver them from their suffering. 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** Let us pray for _____ and all those who rejoice in God's goodness in their lives, marriages and families, that our merciful Father receive our thanksgivings for His care, that He guide their lives, and that they continue to receive and acknowledge His blessings in their lives. 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 all who come to the Lord's Table this day, that because God's Son amazingly comes not to condemn us but to save us, we confess our sins and eagerly receive the Body and Blood of Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Remembering St. Joseph, Patrick, and all the saints who now rest from their labors, we pray that God receive our praises for their faith and good works, and that He keep us also faithful until death so that, with them, we receive the crown of life. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**

P Gracious Father, You are rich in mercy, so we place ourselves and all those for whom we pray into Your loving hands; 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 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 # 571

“God Loved the World So That He Gave”

- 1 God loved the world so that He gave
His only Son the lost to save,
That all who would in Him believe
Should everlasting life receive.**
- 2 Christ Jesus is the ground of faith,
Who was made flesh and suffered death;
All then who trust in Him alone
Are built on this chief cornerstone.**
- 3 God would not have the sinner die;
His Son with saving grace is nigh;
His Spirit in the Word declares
How we in Christ are heaven’s heirs.**
- 4 Be of good cheer, for God’s own Son
Forgives all sins which you have done;
And, justified by Jesus’ blood,
Your Baptism grants the highest good.**
- 5 If you are sick, if death is near,
This truth your troubled heart can cheer:
Christ Jesus saves your soul from death;
That is the firmest ground of faith.**

The Hymn continues on the next page...

**△ 6 Glory to God the Father, Son,
And Holy Spirit, Three in One!
To You, O blessed Trinity,
Be praise now and eternally!**

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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:

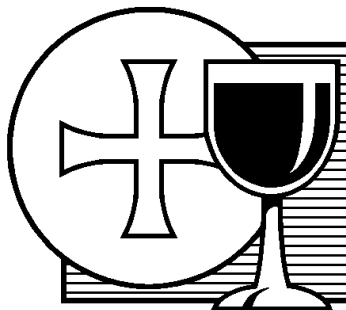
- P** Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. At Your command, Abraham prepared to offer his son Isaac as a sacrifice on the mountain; yet, in mercy You provided 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*:

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: "God Loved the World So That He Gave"



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 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 # 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.

2 For me You gave all Your love,
For me You suffered pain;
I find no words, nothing can
Your selflessness explain. *Refrain*

3 You had no sin, holy Lord,
But You were tortured, tried;
On Golgotha there for all
My sins You bled and died. *Refrain*

4 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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The Silent Worship

The Parish Announcements

The Postlude

“When I Behold Jesus Christ”

✘ *To God All Praise and Glory!* ✘



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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... We might not see weakness as a virtue. And yet, weakness is where God's strength is made perfect. Listen to the Lutheran Hour next Sunday March 21, 2021, for this message by Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler, "But He Is Strong", 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).

EASTER FLOWERS ... The Trinity Family is invited to make donations towards beautifying our church home for our Easter celebrations with lilies. An order form is available following the announcements in today's bulletin 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 **March 28th**.

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

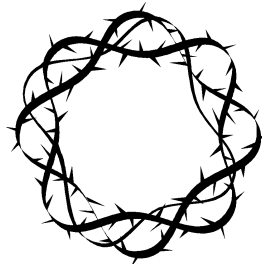
Please join us for these moments of prayer and Scripture Study via our livestream available through links on our website or on our church Facebook Page.

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.

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.

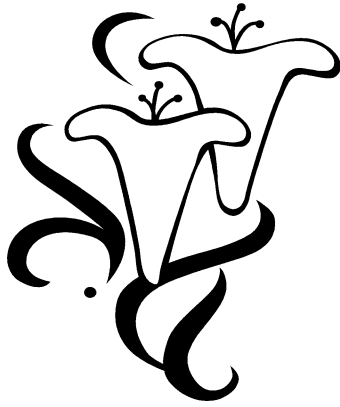
The thrift center will be open during our operating hours with the following safety guidelines:

- 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.



Easter at Trinity

As we celebrate our Savior’s victory at Easter, our joy is heightened with the sight of beautiful flowers adorning God’s House on Easter Sunday. This year we are offering Lilies. You can help us with the purchase of Easter Flowers to enhance our worship on this special day. The cost for each plant is \$10.00. We will be ordering only 18 Lilies. Please sign up on the sheet in the Narthex to give us your name and any “dedication” information you would like shown in the Easter Sunday Bulletin. You can also use this order form.

You may choose to take your plant(s) home following the Easter Service or the Sunday following, or donate them to share the joy of Easter with others. Your donation may be left in the offering or sent to the church office marked for “Easter Flowers”.

Orders are due by March 28, 2021.

The lilies are \$10.00 each. Number of Lilies _____

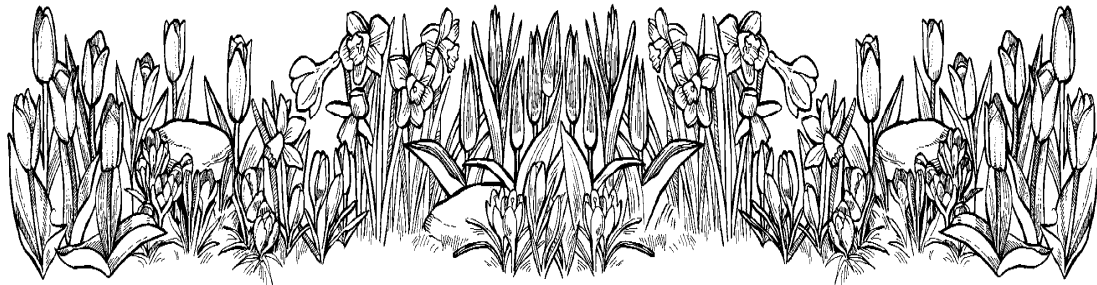
Please **print** the following as you would like it to appear in the bulletin:

Given by:

In Honor of:

In Memory of:

Please fill out this form and return it to the church office or you may call the church office at 301-864-4340. Also, there is a sign up sheet in the narthex. Donations towards the purchase of lilies are greatly appreciated even if you do not wish to take a lily home. Any lilies that are purchased through donation will be distributed to sick and shut-in members or used to beautify our church yard.



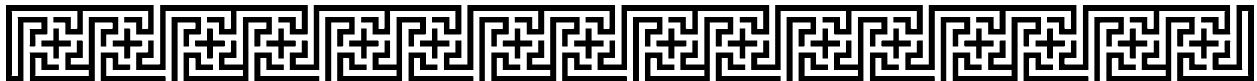
PARISH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 14 – 21
May Be Subject to Change

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

CHURCH STATISTICS

Sunday, March 7, 2021

Worship Attendance: 19; Communed: 17.



✠ O Christ, Hear Us! ✠

Intercessions for the Week of March 14, 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

Kate Kennedy and Carolyn Beus, 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.