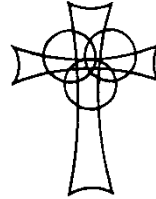




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MARK 10:45, ESV

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March 21, 2021

WELCOME TO WORSHIP!!!

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

A PRAYER AS WE GATHER

O God, with steadfast love You draw us to Yourself, and in mercy You receive our prayers. Strengthen us to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit, that through life and death we may live in Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.



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

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

✠ *Jesus, Mercy!* ✠

✠ **The Preparation** ✠

The Music for Meditation

The Prelude

“Come to Calvary’s Holy Mountain”

The Words of Welcome

The Congregation rises.

The Opening Hymn

Lutheran Service Book Hymn # 435

“Come to Calvary’s Holy Mountain”

- 1** Come to Calv’ry’s holy mountain,
Sinners, ruined by the fall;
Here a pure and healing fountain
Flows for you, for me, for all,
In a full, perpetual tide,
Opened when our Savior died.
- 2** Come in poverty and meanness,
Come defiled, without, within;
From infection and uncleanness,
From the leprosy of sin,
Wash your robes and make them white;
Ye shall walk with God in light.
- 3** Come in sorrow and contrition,
Wounded, impotent, and blind;
Here the guilty, free remission,
Here the troubled, peace may find.
Health this fountain will restore;
They that drink shall thirst no more.
- 4** They that drink shall live forever;
'Tis a soul-renewing flood.
God is faithful; God will never
Break His covenant of blood,
Signed when our Redeemer died,
Sealed when He was glorified.

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 116:1-4, 8; antiphon: verse 43:1

- P** Vindicate me, O God, and defend my cause against an ungodly people,
from the deceitful and unjust man deliver me!
- C** **I love the LORD, because he has heard
my voice and my pleas for mercy.**
- P** Because he inclined his ear to me,
therefore I will call on him as long as I live.
- C** **The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me;
I suffered distress and anguish.**

- P** Then I called on the name of the LORD:
 “O LORD, I pray, deliver my soul!”
- C** **For you have delivered my soul from death,
 my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling.**
- 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** Vindicate me, O God, and defend my cause against an ungodly people,
 from the deceitful and unjust man deliver me!

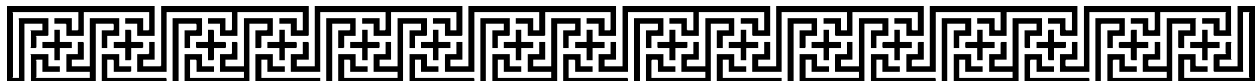
The Kyrie Eleison Hymn

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.**
- 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, by Your great goodness mercifully look upon Your people that we may be governed and preserved evermore in body and soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

The Congregation is seated.

The Old Testament Reading

Jeremiah 31:31-34

³¹“Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah, ³²not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, my covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, declares the LORD. ³³But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, ‘Know the LORD,’ for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the LORD. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

The Epistle

Hebrews 5:1-10

¹Every high priest chosen from among men is appointed to act on behalf of men in relation to God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. ²He can deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is beset with weakness. ³Because of this he is obligated to offer sacrifice for his own sins just as he does for those of the people. ⁴And no one takes this honor for himself, but only when called by God, just as Aaron was.

⁵So also Christ did not exalt himself to be made a high priest, but was appointed by him who said to him,

“You are my Son,
today I have begotten you”;

⁶as he says also in another place,

“You are a priest forever,
after the order of Melchizedek.”

⁷In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to him who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence. ⁸Although he was a son, he learned obedience through what he suffered. ⁹And being made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey him, ¹⁰being designated by God a high priest after the order of Melchizedek.

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 Even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve,

C **and to give His life as a ransom for many.**

The Holy Gospel

Mark 10:32-45

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

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

³²And they were on the road, going up to Jerusalem, and Jesus was walking ahead of them. And they were amazed, and those who followed were afraid. And taking the twelve again, he began to tell them what was to happen to him, ³³saying, "See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be delivered over to the chief priests and the scribes, and they will condemn him to death and deliver him over to the Gentiles. ³⁴And they will mock him and spit on him, and flog him and kill him. And after three days he will rise."

³⁵And James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came up to him and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." ³⁶And he said to them, "What do you want me to do for you?" ³⁷And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." ³⁸Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or to be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?" ³⁹And they said to him, "We are able." And Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink, and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized, ⁴⁰but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared." ⁴¹And when the ten heard it, they began to be indignant at James and John. ⁴²And Jesus called them to him and said to them, "You know that those who are considered rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. ⁴³But it shall not be so among you. But whoever

would be great among you must be your servant, ⁴⁴and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all. ⁴⁵For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

- 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 # 560

“Drawn to the Cross, Which Thou Hast Blest”

- 1 Drawn to the cross, which Thou hast blessed
With healing gifts for souls distressed,
To find in Thee my life, my rest,
Christ crucified, I come.
- 2 Thou knowest all my griefs and fears,
Thy grace abused, my misspent years;
Yet now to Thee with contrite tears,
Christ crucified, I come.

The Hymn continues on the next page...

**3 Wash me and take away each stain;
Let nothing of my sin remain.
For cleansing, though it be through pain,
Christ crucified, I come.**

**4 And then for work to do for Thee,
Which shall so sweet a service be
That angels well might envy me,
Christ crucified, I come.**

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The Sermon

A Secret Ambition

The Congregation rises.

The Prayer of the Church

P Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

P Holy God, preserve Your Church everywhere on this earth; defend her constantly from the attacks of Satan and the world; and grant that she boldly may declare Him who came not to be served but to serve and give His life as a ransom for many. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Lord of the Church, as You appointed Your Son as High Priest for us in the order of Melchizedek and heard His prayers, hear our prayers for those who minister to Your people today; grant to Your servants Your guidance, a steadfast faith, and willing hearts that say with Mary, “Behold, I am the servant of the Lord.” Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P God of Your people, bless the members of our congregation, the Mekane Yesus congregation, and every congregation, that in thankfulness for Your great mercy we may continually support the work of Your Church through our gifts, our service, and our own faithful witness to Your goodness and mercy. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Gracious Father, because our hearts are inclined to sin, forgive our iniquity and remember our sin no more; write Your Word anew upon our hearts that we may be Your people even as You are our God. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

- P** Lord of the nations, even when Your Son was condemned to death by the powers of this world, You used the government for Your purposes and for our eternal good; so use civil authorities today for the benefit of all people; graciously come to the aid of our president, our governor, and all who establish, uphold, and judge our laws; and guide them to govern according to Your will. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Gracious God who did not withhold Your Son, Your only Son from us, come to the aid of all those in need especially remembering _____; relieve their anxieties, heal them according to Your will, grant them Your peace, provide for their needs, and fill them with rejoicing because of Your goodness. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** God of peace, by Your Word and Holy Spirit comfort all who are in sorrow over the passing of loved ones (especially _____). Bring Your peace and consolation to them in their mourning and grant them a measure of Your love, taking them into Your tender care. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Loving God, we thank You that You abundantly bless Your people with all that is necessary for life on earth, as well as giving us that which gladdens our hearts. With those who rejoice we also rejoice, especially with _____. May we ever give You all thanks and praise for every blessing that You continue to shower on us. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Caring God, continue to look with compassion and love upon all of Your children as we commend to Your fatherly care all those who have asked for our prayers. Especially we remember before you _____, and all the people and concerns we name in the silence of our hearts... Hear all these prayers, we beseech You, and grant them all according to Your good and gracious will. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** O Lord, we often grow weary and faint, and sometimes even stumble and fall as the devil and the world confront us with their many obstacles and temptations. Feed, refresh, and strengthen us, therefore, with Christ's Body and Blood that our faith may not become weary in battle, but go from strength to strength. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** God of the saints, we thank You for the memory of all Your saints to whom You have granted a blessed end and graciously taken from this valley of sorrow to Yourself in heaven. When our last hour comes, defend us from the temptations of the devil and let Your holy angels lead us safely home to You. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**

P Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, 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 # 427

“In the Cross of Christ I Glory”

- 1 **In the cross of Christ I glory,
Tow’ring o’er the wrecks of time.
All the light of sacred story
Gathers round its head sublime.**
- 2 **When the woes of life o’ertake me,
Hopes deceive, and fears annoy,
Never shall the cross forsake me;
Lo, it glows with peace and joy.**
- 3 **When the sun of bliss is beaming
Light and love upon my way,
From the cross the radiance streaming
Adds more luster to the day.**
- 4 **Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure
By the cross are sanctified;
Peace is there that knows no measure,
Joys that through all time abide.**

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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:

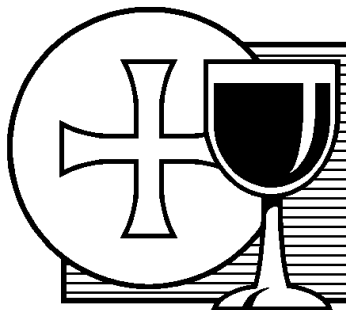
- P** Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. At Your command, Abraham prepared to offer his son Isaac as a sacrifice on the mountain; yet, in mercy You provided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



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 # 429

“We Sing the Praise of Him Who Died”

Sung to Old Red Hymnal Tune

- 1 We sing the praise of Him who died,
Of Him who died upon the cross.
The sinner’s hope let all deride;
For this we count the world but loss.
- 2 Inscribed upon the cross we see
In shining letters, “God is love.”
He bears our sins upon the tree;
He brings us mercy from above.
- 3 The cross! It takes our guilt away;
It holds the fainting spirit up;
It cheers with hope the gloomy day
And sweetens ev’ry bitter cup.
- 4 It makes the coward spirit brave
And nerves the feeble arm for fight;
It takes the terror from the grave
And gilds the bed of death with light;
- 5 The balm of life, the cure of woe,
The measure and the pledge of love,
The sinner’s refuge here below,
The angels’ theme in heav’n above.
- 6 To Christ, who won for sinners grace
By bitter grief and anguish sore,
Be praise from all the ransomed race
Forever and forevermore.

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The Silent Worship

The Parish Announcements

The Postlude

“We Sing the Praise of Him Who Died”

✠ *To God All Praise and Glory!* ✠



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NOTES AND NEWS

COVID-19 PROTOCOL CHANGES ... Recently, the Governor and County Executive both made changes to the capacity limits for houses of worship which we have been seeking to follow since we have resumed in-person public worship last June.

The capacity limit in our county has been raised from 25% to 50%, which for us here at Trinity will allow us to now have up to **63 persons** with us for worship. And for a congregation of our size, this pretty much allows us to say that with our typical, pre-pandemic, average attendance, all of our regular attendees can be together in the sanctuary. (Services will continue to be livestreamed as well.)

While this is certainly a cause for rejoicing, and we do hope that many will be able to return, we will continue to abide by the protocols that we have had in place for our worship gatherings since June. Masks will continue to be required, as well as hand sanitizing and distancing. For more information, please see the “Trinity Stay Safe Rules” that we have printed later in the Bulletin.

Thank you for your continued patience and understanding.

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 holding our final online Midweek Devotions and Bible Study as our midweek worship offering this Lent on **Wednesday at 4:00 PM**. This service will be livestreamed on the church Facebook Page 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.

We will be taking a hiatus for Holy Week and Easter Week from these devotional moments and will resume them on **April 14th**.

HOLY WEEK BEGINS NEXT SUNDAY ... We will enter into the most sacred time of the Church's Liturgical Year as we walk with our Savior Jesus through His passion, death, and resurrection and rejoice in the life and salvation that He has won for us. We pray that you will join us for worship in these holy days, either in person at Trinity or online.

A calendar of the worship services we are offering this year for Holy Week can be found following the announcements in today's bulletin.

Pastor also plans to make a video “Holy Week Preview” which will be available in the video archive on the church Facebook Page before the close of this week. The video will be an introduction to the services of Holy Week as they will be celebrated here at Trinity.

THE LUTHERAN HOUR... When you're in a pinch and out of options and someone says they've got you covered, it's good news. Listen to the Lutheran Hour next Sunday March 28, 2021, for this message by Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler, "Got You Covered", 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.

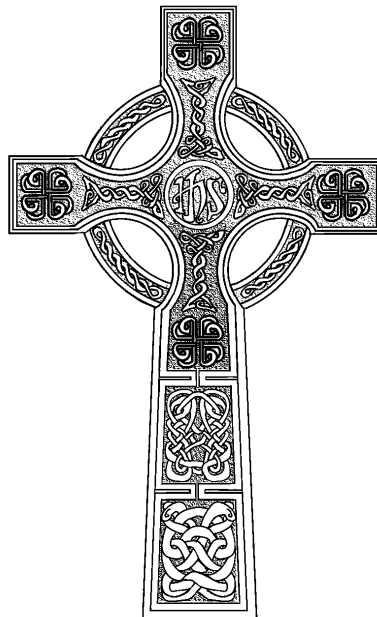
Donations can be dropped off at the Center during Center hours. And you can also leave your donations at church, and we will make sure that it is delivered to the Compassion Center. Thank you for your loving and generous support.

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

PREPARING FOR THE COMING WEEK ...

The Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday, March 28, 2021

Scripture Readings: Zechariah 9:9-12; Philippians 2:5-11; Mark 14:1 – 15:47





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

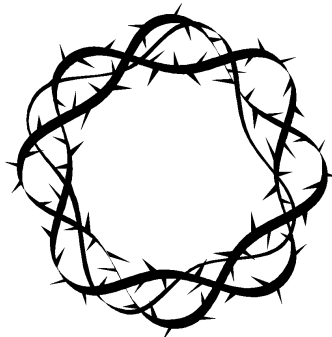
Lenten Devotions and Bible Study Wednesdays at 4:00 PM via Livestream

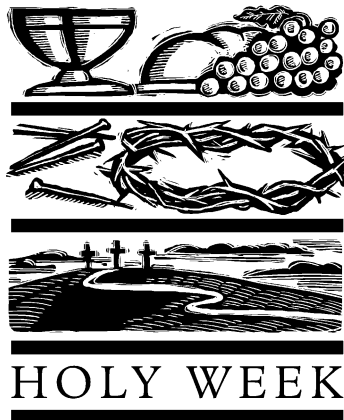
Please join us for these moments of prayer and Scripture Study via our livestream available through links on our website or on our church Facebook Page.

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 24, 2021 A Journey through the Valley of Death: Ezekiel's Vision of the Dry Bones





**The Celebration of Holy Week
at Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church
Mount Rainier, Maryland**

March 28—April 4, 2021

*All are invited to share in the events of this Most Holy Week
as we remember God's great love for us and for the world
in the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of His Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord.*

The Sunday of the Passion – Palm Sunday ✧ March 28, 2021

9:30 AM **The Liturgy of Palm Sunday**
with the Commemoration of the Lord's Entrance into
Jerusalem; the Reading of the Passion according to Saint
Mark; Sermon by Pastor Schiebel, "When God Writes a Lovesong";
and the celebration of Holy Communion.



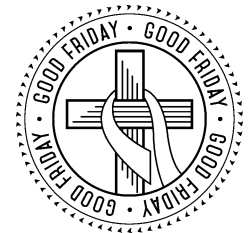
Maundy Thursday ✧ April 1, 2021



7:00 PM **The Liturgy of Holy Thursday**
with Confession and Absolution; Sermon by Pastor Schiebel, "This
Blessed Sacrament of Unity"; the celebration of Holy Communion
on "the night in which our Lord was betrayed"; and the Preparation
of the Church for Good Friday.

Good Friday ✧ April 2, 2021

7:00 PM **The Stations of the Cross**
A devotional service which follows the traditional *Via Dolorosa*
in Jerusalem recounting the journey taken by our Lord Jesus
from His condemnation to Calvary and to His burial.



**The Feast of the Resurrection of Our Lord
Easter Sunday ✧ April 4, 2021**



9:30 AM **The Festival Celebration of the Resurrection**
with the Blessing and Lighting of the Paschal Candle; Easter Hymns
and Music; Sermon by Pastor Schiebel, "The New, Eternal,
Normal"; the Renewal of Baptismal Vows, and the celebration of
Holy Communion.



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.

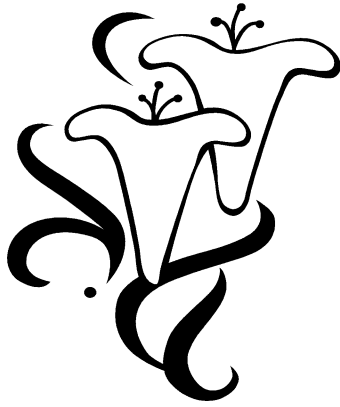
The thrift center will be open during our operating hours with the following safety guidelines:

- 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.



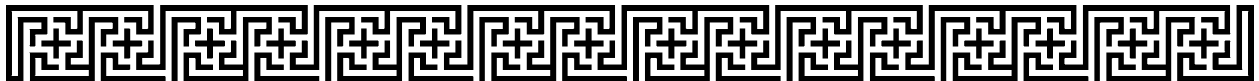
PARISH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 21 – 28
May Be Subject to Change

Today	<i>The Fifth 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 Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday</i> 9:30 AM	Worship Service with Holy Communion (at church in person and via Facebook Live)

CHURCH STATISTICS

Sunday, March 14, 2021

Worship Attendance: 19; Communed: 17.



✠ O Christ, Hear Us! ✠

Intercessions for the Week of March 21, 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

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.