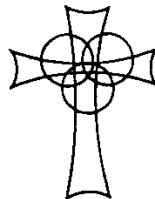


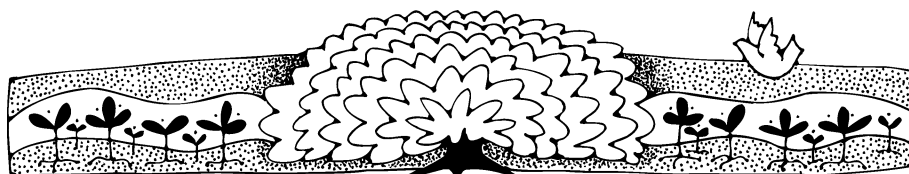


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**September 6, 2020**

**WELCOME TO WORSHIP!!!**

In the Lord's Name, Welcome! In this season for rest and relaxation, the Pastor and People of Trinity are happy that you have come to worship this morning to find rest and refreshment for your soul. May Christ, who promises rest for the weary, strengthen you with His gifts in Word and Sacrament as you pass this hour in this "spiritual oasis."

**A PRAYER AS WE GATHER**

O Lord God, enliven and preserve Your Church with Your perpetual mercy. Without Your help, we mortals will fail; remove from us everything that is harmful, and lead us toward all that gives life and salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.



## The Divine Service of Word and Sacrament

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

✠ *In the Name of Jesus Christ* ✠

### ✠ **The Preparation** ✠

The Prelude

“O Bless the Lord, My Soul”

The Words of Welcome

*The Congregation rises.*

The Opening Hymn

*Lutheran Service Book Hymn # 814*

“O Bless the Lord, My Soul”

- 1 O bless the Lord, my soul!**  
**Let all within me join**  
**And aid my tongue to bless His name**  
**Whose favors are divine.**
- 2 O bless the Lord, my soul,**  
**Nor let His mercies lie**  
**Forgotten in unthankfulness**  
**And without praises die!**
- 3 'Tis He forgives thy sins;**  
**'Tis He relieves thy pain;**  
**'Tis He that heals thy sicknesses**  
**And makes thee young again.**
- 4 He crowns thy life with love**  
**When ransomed from the grave;**  
**He that redeemed my soul from hell**  
**Hath sov'reign pow'r to save.**
- 5 He fills the poor with good;**  
**He gives the suff'ers rest.**  
**The Lord hath judgments for the proud**  
**And justice for th'oppressed.**

*The Hymn continues on the next page...*

**6 His wondrous works and ways  
He made by Moses known,  
But sent the world His truth and grace  
By His beloved Son.**

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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.

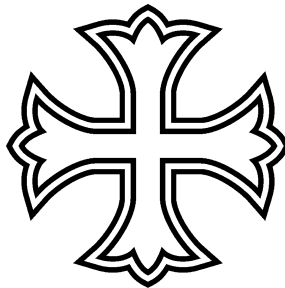
- P** If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?  
**C** But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

- 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 92:1-4; antiphon: verse 5*

- P** How great are your works, O LORD!  
Your thoughts are very deep!
- C** **It is good to give thanks to the LORD,  
to sing praises to your name, O Most High;**
- P** to declare your steadfast love in the morning,  
and your faithfulness by night,
- C** **to the music of the lute and the harp,  
to the melody of the lyre.**
- P** For you, O LORD, have made me glad by your work;  
at the works of your hands I sing for joy.
- 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** How great are your works, O LORD!  
Your thoughts are very deep!

The Kyrie Eleison:



**C** Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.





**C** 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;  
 2 To You, O sole-be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;  
 3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro- claimed at Je-sus' birth!  
 O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.  
 For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor-shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—  
 Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,  
 You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King.  
 Where You in pow'r are seat-ed At God's right hand on high—  
 In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

The Salutation and Collect of the Day:

**P** The Lord be with you.

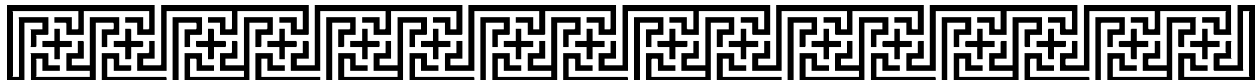
**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Let us pray.

O God, from whom all good proceeds, grant to us, Your humble servants, Your holy inspiration, that we may set our minds on the things that are right and, by Your merciful guiding, accomplish them; 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.*



<sup>7</sup>“So you, son of man, I have made a watchman for the house of Israel. Whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. <sup>8</sup>If I say to the wicked, O wicked one, you shall surely die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from his way, that wicked person shall die in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at your hand. <sup>9</sup>But if you warn the wicked to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way, that person shall die in his iniquity, but you will have delivered your soul.”

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

<sup>1</sup>Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God. <sup>2</sup>Therefore whoever resists the authorities resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment. <sup>3</sup>For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad. Would you have no fear of the one who is in authority? Then do what is good, and you will receive his approval, <sup>4</sup>for he is God’s servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword in vain. For he is the servant of God, an avenger who carries out God’s wrath on the wrongdoer. <sup>5</sup>Therefore one must be in subjection, not only to avoid God’s wrath but also for the sake of conscience. <sup>6</sup>For the same reason you also pay taxes, for the authorities are ministers of God, attending to this very thing. <sup>7</sup>Pay to all what is owed to them: taxes to whom taxes are owed, revenue to whom revenue is owed, respect to whom respect is owed, honor to whom honor is owed.

<sup>8</sup>Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. <sup>9</sup>The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet,” and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” <sup>10</sup>Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*The Congregation rises.*

**P** Fear the LORD, you his saints,  
for those who fear him lack nothing!

**C** Many are the afflictions of the righteous,  
but the LORD delivers him out of them all.

**P** Alleluia. Blessed are the poor in spirit,

**C** for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Alleluia.

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the eighteenth chapter.

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

<sup>1</sup>At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, “Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?” <sup>2</sup>And calling to him a child, he put him in the midst of them <sup>3</sup>and said, “Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. <sup>4</sup>Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>5</sup>“Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, <sup>6</sup>but whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to have a great millstone fastened around his neck and to be drowned in the depth of the sea.

<sup>7</sup>“Woe to the world for temptations to sin! For it is necessary that temptations come, but woe to the one by whom the temptation comes! <sup>8</sup>And if your hand or your foot causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life crippled or lame than with two hands or two feet to be thrown into the eternal fire. <sup>9</sup>And if your eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into the hell of fire.

<sup>10</sup>“See that you do not despise one of these little ones. For I tell you that in heaven their angels always see the face of my Father who is in heaven. <sup>11</sup>For the Son of Man came to save the lost. <sup>12</sup>What do you think? If a man has a hundred sheep and one of them has gone astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine on the mountains and go in search of the one that went astray? <sup>13</sup>And if he finds it, truly, I say to you, he rejoices over it more than over the ninety-nine that never went astray. <sup>14</sup>So it is not the will of my Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones should perish.

<sup>15</sup>“If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother. <sup>16</sup>But if he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, that every charge may be established by the evidence of two or three witnesses. <sup>17</sup>If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church. And if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector.

<sup>18</sup>Truly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. <sup>19</sup>Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. <sup>20</sup>For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them.”

**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 # 845*

“Where Charity and Love Prevail”

- 1 Where charity and love prevail  
There God is ever found;  
Brought here together by Christ's love  
By love are we thus bound.
- 2 With grateful joy and holy fear  
His charity we learn;  
Let us with heart and mind and soul  
Now love Him in return.
- 3 Forgive we now each other's faults  
As we our faults confess,  
And let us love each other well  
In Christian holiness.
- 4 Let strife among us be unknown;  
Let all contention cease;  
Be God's the glory that we seek;  
Be ours His holy peace.

*The Hymn continues on the next page...*



**5 Let us recall that in our midst  
Dwells Christ, His only Son;  
As members of His body joined  
We are in Him made one.**

**6 For love excludes no race or clan  
That names the Savior's name;  
His family embraces all  
Whose Father is the same.**

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The Sermon

Be Childish

*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** Gracious Father, through the waters of Holy Baptism, You made us citizens of the kingdom of heaven. Keep all the baptized in Your grace until the day Your Son returns to usher in the fullness of His kingdom. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer**
- P** Gracious Father, because You do not desire the death of sinners but that they should turn from their rebellion and receive life in You, Your Son has sent preachers into our midst as watchmen to warn us of Your wrath and to proclaim Your word of forgiveness. Grant courage to pastors to call us to repentance and joy as they deliver Your forgiveness. Bless the work of all teachers, deaconesses, and other church workers, that we might receive the message of Your love. Teach us to obey our leaders and submit to them as those who keep watch over us, and who must give an account for their labors. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer**
- P** Gracious Father, Your Word is near to the hearts of Your people. Grant them courage that they may faithfully speak the Gospel before the world and that those who hear may confess Jesus Christ and be saved. Remember our brothers and sisters throughout the world who endure persecution for the Name of Christ, and strengthen them in their courageous witness. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer**

**P** Gracious Father, You give leaders to every nation and people. Grant to us in this nation good and wise public servants to bear the sword righteously, defending the innocent and punishing wrongdoers. Protect those who work to protect us, especially all in the armed forces, the police, firefighters, and all emergency personnel. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer**

**P** Gracious Father, You lay crosses upon us to teach us humility and dependence on You. Abide with those who are sick or suffering in any way; remembering especially \_\_\_\_\_. Alleviate their suffering, heal their sickness and teach us all to rely only on You in times of satiety and in times of suffering. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer**

**P** Gracious Father, Your Son is the resurrection and the life, in whom all the dead will rise and through whom Your elect will live eternally in Your presence. Give comfort to those who mourn (especially to \_\_\_\_\_), that they might not grieve as those who have no hope, but as those whose hope is the Crucified and Risen One. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer**

**P** Gracious Father, Your loving hand is outstretched in blessing. We give thanks for all of Your blessings to \_\_\_\_\_ and to us all. Grant us all grateful hearts that we may always acknowledge You as the Giver of every good and perfect gift. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer**

**P** Gracious Father, Your ears are always turned to the prayers of Your people. Hear us now as we pray for \_\_\_\_\_ and as we lift before You all of the other petitions we have from the silence of our hearts ... Be pleased to hear our requests and grant them all according to Your good and gracious will. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer**

**P** Gracious Father, as You have given us new life and eternal treasures stored up in heaven until the day of Your Son's return, and as You provide for us until that day through the feast of His Supper, give to all who commune today true repentance and faith, that they might receive this feast for the forgiveness of their sins and the strengthening of their faith toward You and fervent love toward their neighbors. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer**

**P** Gracious Father, You are the Giver of life. We praise You for the lives of Your faithful who lived and died with faith and trust in You. Give us the same grace to live our lives with our eyes firmly fixed on You that we too may come to be in that place where with all Your saints we will behold You face to face. 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.
- C** **Amen.**

The Sharing of the Peace:

- P** “Where two or three are gathered together in My Name,” says the Lord, “there am I in the midst of them.”  
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 # 618*

“I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table”

- 1 I come, O Savior, to Thy table,  
For weak and weary is my soul;  
Thou, Bread of Life, alone art able  
To satisfy and make me whole: *Refrain***

***Refrain* Lord, may Thy body and Thy blood  
Be for my soul the highest good!**

- 2 Thy heart is filled with fervent yearning  
That sinners may salvation see  
Who, Lord, to Thee in faith are turning;  
So I, a sinner, come to Thee. *Refrain***

- 3 Unworthy though I am, O Savior,  
Because I have a sinful heart,  
Yet Thou Thy lamb wilt banish never,  
For Thou my faithful shepherd art: *Refrain***

- 4 Weary am I and heavy laden;  
With sin my soul is sore oppressed;  
Receive me graciously and gladden  
My heart, for I am now Thy guest. *Refrain***

- 5 What higher gift can we inherit?  
It is faith’s bond and solid base;  
It is the strength of heart and spirit,  
The covenant of hope and grace. *Refrain***

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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, 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*:



**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. In Your righteous judgment You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them and all their children from the tree of life. Yet, in Your great mercy, You promised salvation by a second Adam, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His cross a life-giving tree for all who trust in Him. We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His Body and Blood. Hear us as we pray in His Name and as He has taught us:

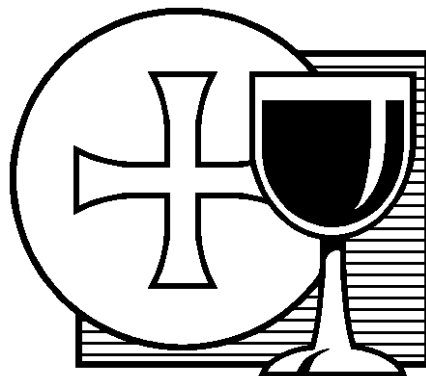
**C** **Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy Name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine 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.*

*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  $\text{✠}$  in peace.
- C** Amen.

*The Congregation rises.*

The *Nunc Dimittis*:

**C** 1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -  
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All  
part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the  
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the  
glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:  
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three - in - One;  
A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -  
For as in the be - gin - ning, Is  
to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your  
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -  
peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.  
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

The Post-Communion Collect:

- P** Let us pray.  
We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; 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 *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 # 793*

“Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven”

- 1 Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;  
To His feet your tribute bring;  
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,  
Evermore His praises sing:  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Praise the everlasting King.**
- 2 Praise Him for His grace and favor  
To His people in distress;  
Praise Him still the same as ever,  
Slow to chide and swift to bless:  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Glorious in His faithfulness.**
- 3 Fatherlike He tends and spares us;  
Well our feeble frame He knows;  
In His hand He gently bears us,  
Rescues us from all our foes.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Widely yet His mercy flows.**

*The Hymn continues on the next page...*



- 4 Angels, help us to adore Him;  
You behold Him face to face;  
Sun and moon, bow down before Him,  
All who dwell in time and space.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Praise with us the God of grace.**

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The Silent Worship

The Parish Announcements

The Postlude

“Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven”

✠ *To God All Praise and Glory!* ✠

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## NOTES AND NEWS

*PERSONAL SCRIPTURE STUDY* ... Even though we will be taking our study opportunities on a summer break 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 month of July. 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.)

*RETURNING TO OUR REGULAR SCHEDULE* ... Ordinarily, on Labor Day Weekend we would be announcing our return to our "regular schedule" and the resuming of study opportunities. However, there has been nothing "ordinary" about 2020. What we can announce is that for the time being, our Sunday Schedule will continue as it has been with our only holding Divine Service at 9:30 AM. We will continue to review our plans and see if and when we might resume Sunday Morning Bible Study before worship. Until then, Pastor will continue to publish the study materials on the Sunday Readings on the church website.

Stay tuned for an email announcement later this week regarding the return and format of our Midweek Bible Studies. Thank you all for your continued understanding and patience as we navigate these different times together.

*THE LUTHERAN HOUR*... Our relationship with God is not something to "set and forget" like a thermostat. Listen to the Lutheran Hour next Sunday, September 13, 2020, for this message by The Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler, "Fireplace Spirituality", 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.

*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.

*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](http://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.

*ALTAR FLOWERS ...* If you had scheduled a Sunday to donate Altar Flowers during the time when we were away from our church building, and have already paid for them in advance, we would like to still honor your gift by purchasing those flowers for a Sunday service now that we've returned. Please let the church office know which Sunday you would like to sponsor. We also welcome other donors for other available Sundays as well. If you have any questions, please contact Rona by calling the church office or by email ([trinity-elc-office@verizon.net](mailto:trinity-elc-office@verizon.net)).

*COMPASSION CENTER NEWS...* Plans have been made for the opening of our Compassion Center, beginning on September 14<sup>th</sup>. Please see the full page announcement in the bulletin for more information. Thank you all for your help and support and prayers during this time and as we move forward to continue to help our clients as we resume our food and clothing ministry for them.

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

*FOOD DISTRIBUTION ...* As we move towards the reopening of the Compassion Center, Trinity and Redeemer have chosen to continue our food distribution ministry through September. We will be offering food on Saturdays, September 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, and 26<sup>th</sup>, from 10 AM to Noon at the center with limited contact between workers and clients.

In an effort to keep the cupboards full at the Compassion Center during this time of great need in our community we will be collecting food on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of this month from 12-2 at the Compassion Center. 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.

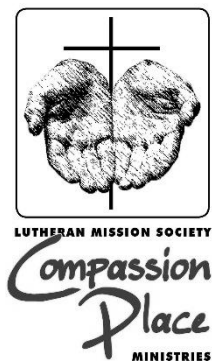
Donations can also be left at church, and we will make sure that it is delivered to the Compassion Center. Thank you for your loving and generous support.

*PREPARING FOR NEXT SUNDAY ...*

The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost, September 13, 2020

Scripture Readings: Genesis 50:15-21; Romans 14:1-12; Matthew 18:21-35





## **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 we will be reopening our Compassion Center,  
beginning on Monday, September 14, 2020.*

Our operating hours will be:

**Monday: 10 AM – 4 PM**

**Tuesday: 10 AM – 4 PM**

**Wednesday: 10 AM – 2 PM**

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

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

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

In-Kind Donations for the thrift center are limited at this time  
owing to reduced staffing at the center.

If you have donations, please contact Elma at the center  
before bringing your items during center hours.

## **Trinity Stay-Safe Rules**

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

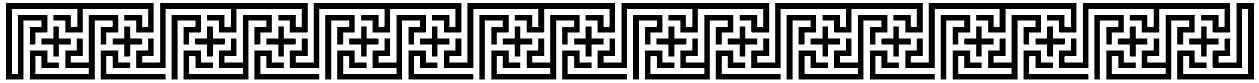
**PARISH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 6--13**  
*May Be Subject to Change*

<b>Today</b>	<b><i>The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost</i></b>	
	9:30 AM	Worship Service with Holy Communion (at church in person and via Facebook Live)
	12:00 – 2:00 PM	Food Ingathering at Redeemer
<b>Tuesday</b>	9 AM—Noon	Church Office Open
<b>Thursday</b>	9 AM—Noon	Church Office Open
<b>Saturday</b>	10 AM—Noon	Food Distribution at the Compassion Center
<b>Next Sunday</b>	<b><i>The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost</i></b>	
	9:30 AM	Worship Service with Holy Communion (at church in person and via Facebook Live)

**CHURCH STATISTICS**

Sunday, August 30, 2020

Worship Attendance: 20; Communed: 17.



✠ **O Christ, Hear Us!** ✠

**Intercessions for the Week of September 6, 2020**

**Prayers for Continued Healing and Help**

*For Members of Our Trinity Family:*

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; John, relative of Pastor; Dina, niece of Sylvia;  
Betty, mother of Helen; Susan, relative of Gus & Betty; Joe, friend of Cullen;  
Britnany, niece of Lynda; Juliet, mother of Ras-I; Kristie, co-worker of Joyce;  
Giovanna, co-worker of Joyce; Linda, daughter of Gus & Betty; Sue, co-worker of Joyce;  
Rosemary, sister-in-law of Sylvia; Nicole & daughter, Anya, co-worker of Joyce;  
Eric, homeless; Mary, cousin of Pastor; Billie, friend of Rona & Paul; Alan, cousin of Kim;  
Danielle, neighbor of Kim; Shirley, aunt of Kim; Eric, son of Sylvia;  
Lisa, neighbor of Peter & Kim; McKenzie, relative of Tracy;  
Dennis & Caron, former Concordia Teachers; Logan, son of co-worker of Kristina;  
Tasha, and her son Layton, friends of Kristina

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**

Travis Joynes, Shirley Simon, and Joy Sandiford, who celebrate their birthdays this week.

For the blessing of work and labor.

**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.