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#### WELCOME TO WORSHIP ONLINE!!!

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

God of compassion, You have opened the way for us and brought us to Yourself. Pour Your love into our hearts, that, overflowing with joy, we may freely share the blessings of Your realm and faithfully proclaim the Good News of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.



### The Order of Morning Service Without Communion

Adapted from Divine Service, Setting Four Lutheran Service Book, Page 203ff

Today's service may seem familiar to some as it follows the traditional outline of what was known to many as the "Page Five" service found in The Lutheran Hymnal. Because our worshipping online during this time prohibits us from our normal weekly celebration of Holy Communion, this seemed to be the most fitting order which allows us to follow our usual order of service that contains Confession and Forgiveness, Scripture, and Sermon, but without the celebration of the Service of the Sacrament.

₦ In the Name of Jesus Christ ₦

#### **▼** The Preparation **▼**

The Music for Meditation

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

The Words of Welcome

The Opening Hymn

Lutheran Service Book Hymn # 790

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

- 1 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
  O my soul, praise Him, for He is your health and salvation!
  Let all who hear
  Now to His temple draw near,
  Joining in glad adoration!
- 2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is wondrously reigning And, as on wings of an eagle, uplifting, sustaining.

  Have you not seen
  All that is needful has been
  Sent by His gracious ordaining?
- Praise to the Lord, who has fearfully, wondrously, made you,
  Health has bestowed and, when heedlessly falling, has stayed you.
  What need or grief
  Ever has failed of relief?
  Wings of His mercy did shade you.

The Hymn continues on the next page...

4 Praise to the Lord, who will prosper your work and defend you; Surely His goodness and mercy shall daily attend you.

Ponder anew

What the Almighty can do

As with His love He befriends you.

5 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him!
All that has life and breath, come now with praises before Him!
Let the Amen
Sound from His people again;
Gladly forever adore Him!

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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 Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- **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?
- **©** But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.
- Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- O most merciful God, who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.
- Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on His Name He gives power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved.
  - Grant this, Lord, unto us all.
- C Amen.

#### **▼** The Service of the Word **▼**

The Introit of the Day

Psalm 67:4-7; antiphon: verse 3

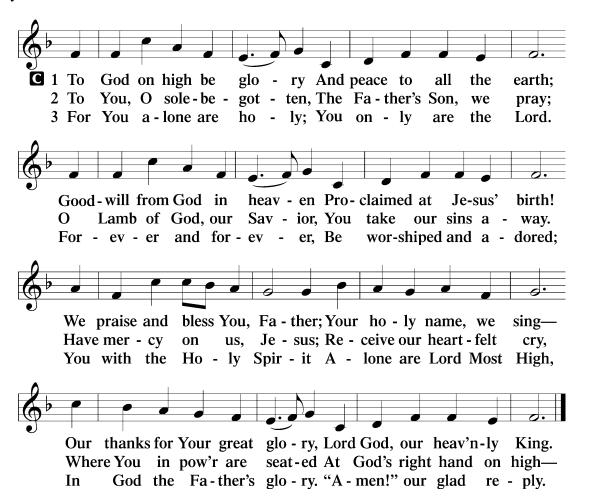
- Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you!
- Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth.
- Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you!
- The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, shall bless us.
- P God shall bless us; let all the ends of the earth fear him!
- 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.
- Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you!

#### The *Kyrie Eleison*:



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





The Salutation and Collect of the Day:

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **C** And also with you.
- **P** Let us pray.

Almighty, eternal God, in the Word of Your apostles and prophets You have proclaimed to us Your saving will. Grant us faith to believe Your promises that we may receive eternal salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.



<sup>2</sup>[The people of Israel] set out from Rephidim and came into the wilderness of Sinai, and they encamped in the wilderness. There Israel encamped before the mountain, <sup>3</sup>while Moses went up to God. The LORD called to him out of the mountain, saying, "Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the people of Israel: <sup>4</sup>You yourselves have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. <sup>5</sup>Now therefore, if you will indeed obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession among all peoples, for all the earth is mine; <sup>6</sup>and you shall be to me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation. These are the words that you shall speak to the people of Israel."

<sup>7</sup>So Moses came and called the elders of the people and set before them all these words that the LORD had commanded him. <sup>8</sup>All the people answered together and said, "All that the LORD has spoken we will do." And Moses reported the words of the people to the LORD.

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

The Epistle Romans 5:6-15

<sup>6</sup>For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. <sup>7</sup>For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— <sup>8</sup>but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. <sup>9</sup>Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. <sup>10</sup>For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. <sup>11</sup>More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

<sup>12</sup>Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned— <sup>13</sup>for sin indeed was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not counted where there is no law. <sup>14</sup>Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sinning was not like the transgression of Adam, who was a type of the one who was to come.

<sup>15</sup>But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if many died through one man's trespass, much more have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one man Jesus Christ abounded for many.

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



- P Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised, and his greatness is unsearchable.
- On your wondrous works, I will meditate, and I will declare your greatness.
- P Alleluia. The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few;
- therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest. Alleluia.

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 9:35—10:8

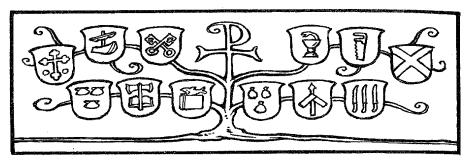
- P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the ninth and tenth chapters.
- Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>9:35</sup>Jesus went throughout all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction. <sup>36</sup>When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. <sup>37</sup>Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; <sup>38</sup>therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."

<sup>10:1</sup>And he called to him his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal every disease and every affliction. <sup>2</sup>The names of the twelve apostles are these: first, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother; James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother; <sup>3</sup>Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; <sup>4</sup>Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him.

<sup>5</sup>These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them, "Go nowhere among the Gentiles and enter no town of the Samaritans, <sup>6</sup>but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. <sup>7</sup>And proclaim as you go, saying, 'The kingdom of heaven is at hand.' <sup>8</sup>Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse lepers, cast out demons. You received without paying; give without pay.

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



#### The Apostles' Creed:

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father 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 Hymn of the Day

Lutheran Service Book Hymn # 830

"Spread the Reign of God the Lord"

- 1 Spread the reign of God the Lord, Spoken, written, mighty Word; Ev'rywhere His creatures call To His heav'nly banquet hall.
- 2 Tell how God the Father's will Made the world, upholds it still, How His own dear Son He gave Us from sin and death to save.
- 3 Tell of our Redeemer's grace, Who, to save our human race And to pay rebellion's price, Gave Himself as sacrifice.
- 4 Tell of God the Spirit giv'n Now to guide us on to heav'n, Strong and holy, just and true, Working both to will and do.

The Hymn continues on the next page...

- 5 Enter, mighty Word, the field; Ripe the promise of its yield. But the reapers, oh, how few For the work there is to do!
- 6 Lord of harvest, great and kind, Rouse to action heart and mind; Let the gath'ring nations all See Your light and heed Your call.

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The Sermon

Called and Gathered, Redeemed and Sent

### **▼** The Service of Prayer **▼**

#### The Prayer of the Church

- **P** Let us pray for all who are God's people through faith in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.
- Let us pray for those who are reconciled to God through the death of His Son and saved through His life, that God would continually protect us from all harm and danger, daily justify us through Christ's blood, and always empower us with the gifts of His Spirit to renounce all our transgressions and to live in righteousness. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- Let us pray for those whom Jesus has sent out in our day to proclaim the Good News of His kingdom—especially remembering all pastors, teachers, missionaries, and ministers, as well as every baptized child of God—that through them, people of every nationality—in every city, town, village, and neighborhood—may freely receive from Christ the blessings of His kingdom for time and eternity. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- Let us pray for all who live in our nation, that we may be a people at peace with one another and respectful of our common humanity; for those who govern in this country, and for the causes of peace and justice, that we may all be given grace and freedom to serve the Lord honorably and in accord with His Word; and for the leaders of the nations, that the whole world may walk together in the way of peace, Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.

P	Let us pray for the poor and hungry, the homeless and unemployed, and the oppressed, that the Lord would grant them mercy, and that we may help to relieve their suffering and want. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.
P	Let us pray for weather which leads to a rich harvest, that all people may have enough to eat; and for industry and commerce, that the raw materials of God's creation may be turned into useful products which the people may employ to provide for every kind of human need. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.
P	Let us pray for all those who suffer from the ravages of severe weather, that the Lord would protect all those who find themselves in the storm's way, give strength to all those who help those in trouble, and give peace to all those who suffer any kind of loss. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.
P	Let us pray for the sick, especially, that the Lord would grant to all of them healing; for the wounded in spirit, that the Lord would make them whole; and for the grieving, that the Lord would comfort them, especially all affected by the ongoing pandemic and its effects. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.
P	Let us rejoice with those who have received special blessings from God (especially); and we pray that all of God's people would continue to offer their thanks and praise to the Lord for every blessing given to them from His gracious hand. Lord, in Your mercy 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, hear our prayer.
P	Let us pray for all God's people, that they may remember, even in the darkest days of this life, that they are His treasured possession, so that by God's grace they may receive an abundant treasure in heaven together with all the saints who have completed their journey through this wilderness in faith. Lord, in Your mercy, 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.  Amen.

#### The Lord's Prayer:

- P Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold to pray:
  - 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 Collect for the Word:

- E Let us pray.

  Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning.

  Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them that, by patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C Amen.

#### The Benedicamus and Benediction:

- **P** Let us bless the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.
- The Lord bless you and keep you.

  The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

  The Lord look upon you with favor and H give you peace.
- C Amen.



"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 Silent Worship

The Parish Announcements

The Postlude

"Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer"

₩ 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 June. These materials are posted on the church website, and can be found at: <a href="http://tlcmr.org/our-ministries/christian-education/online-bible-study-materials/">http://tlcmr.org/our-ministries/christian-education/online-bible-study-materials/</a> (The link can also be accessed off of our church website home page.)

MIDWEEK DEVOTIONS ... As we remain in these times of multiple concerns for our nation, Pastor is continuing to offer a midweek opportunity for hearing the Word and praying together, albeit virtually. **Every Wednesday in June at 3:00 PM**, Pastor will go live on Facebook for a Midweek Devotion Service. You are welcome to join him live, or at a later time when your schedule permits as the services will be archived on the church Facebook Page.

THE LUTHERAN HOUR... The human body can produce enough energy to power a tiny light bulb. Christ gives His followers power to light the entire world. Lutheran Hour Speaker Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler reflects on the nature of that light and the power behind it. Listen to the Lutheran Hour next Sunday, June 21, 2020, for this message, "Powered by Touch", 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 <a href="www.cph.org">www.cph.org</a> and check out the new and free content available on their homepage which contains many free resources for devotion, learning, and worship.

ALTAR FLOWERS ... While we are away from gathering together for worship in person, we will not be ordering flowers from the florist. If you had scheduled a Sunday to donate Altar Flowers during this time when we are away, and have already paid for them in advance, we would like to still honor your gift by purchasing those flowers on a Sunday when we return to our regular worship. If you have any questions, please contact Rona by calling the church office or by email (trinity-elc-office@verizon.net).

COMPASSION CENTER NEWS... Please be reminded that the Compassion Center continues to be closed. Please keep our workers in your prayers, as well as our clients who are facing extra struggles in this difficult and challenging time.

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

FOOD DISTRIBUTION ... While the Compassion Center continues to be closed, Trinity and Redeemer have chosen to move forward in resuming food distribution for the center's clients whose needs have continued during this time. We will be offering food on Saturdays from 10 AM to Noon at the center with limited contact between workers and clients.

We have a supply of food on hand to begin distribution once again, but we will need further donations to continue. If you are able to donate food there will be a tent setup outside of the Compassion Center on Redeemer's campus on **Sunday**, **June 14th from Noon-2 pm**. You can drop off food donations at that time (open your trunk and they can be unloaded without contact).

Currently, the biggest need is for:

- Peanut butter
- Cereal (especially individual size)
- Cereal bars
- Soups
- Canned meat

(We would like, if possible, to have cans with tops that can be pulled off without a can opener, especially for our homeless clients. And we currently have a large supply of corn and green beans.)

If you don't feel comfortable dropping off food or going to the grocery store please consider making a donation to Trinity or Redeemer and earmarking it for Compassion Center clients. And please, please pray for the ministry of the Compassion Center and especially for the people who utilize its services, particularly during these tough times.

#### PREPARING FOR NEXT SUNDAY ...

The Third Sunday after Pentecost, June 21, 2020 Scripture Readings: Jeremiah 20:7-13; Romans 6:12-23; Matthew 10:5a, 21-23



### REOPENING NEWS!!!

# "BACK TO TRINITY" SUNDAY – JUNE 21,2020!!! In-Person Worship Resumes at 9:30 AM

RESUMING PUBLIC WORSHIP ... After 13 long weeks since we last met together on March 15<sup>th</sup>, County Executive Alsobrooks has allowed churches to resume indoor worship services at 25% of building capacity, beginning June 15<sup>th</sup>. Based upon "pew space" in the nave, we have a capacity of 108, which places our limit at 27 persons. (Because of actual building space, which would include the balcony, overflow, and other areas in the church, our building's capacity number could actually be greater.) Even at 27 persons, this number does allow us the opportunity, based on our average attendance, to be able to invite all those of our members who feel comfortable to return to in person worship to do so.

Please read through the following announcements so that you will know what we are doing for us to be able to worship safely together again.

WHEN YOU ARRIVE ... You will be met at the door by a table holding copies of the Sunday Service and Bulletin, as well as hand sanitizer. Please then take your seat for worship. Pews in the Nave have been marked off for use, and we ask you to please distance yourselves accordingly; persons from the same household may sit together. Seating is also available in the balcony and the overflow as needed. We also ask you to please resist the great temptation to socialize before the service. We know we all want to do this because we've been away from each other so long, but for the time being, it is best for us to limit our interactions with one another while indoors. Feel free to have "properly distanced fellowship" outside after service.

MASKS ... As in many other indoor venues, we are asking that you please wear a mask as much as possible while inside the church building. We realize that there will be times when you may need to take the mask off (such as to receive Communion), but to promote everyone's well-being, we ask you to wear them. If you do not have a mask from home to wear, we do have a limited supply of disposable masks available. Please ask for one.

BULLETINS ... Per reopening suggestions, hymnals have been removed from the pews, so the order of service has been fully printed in the Sunday Bulletin. After the service, please take these home with you for your personal devotions, keeping up with the latest Trinity news, and to recycle. Thank you.

OFFERINGS ... We will continue to not pass the offering plates as a part of the worship service at this time. A basket is available on the "literature table" in the rear of the nave to receive your offerings as you enter for worship. You may also continue to mail in your offerings to the church office as well.

SHARING THE PEACE ... We will continue to share the Peace of the Lord with one another corporately; the response to the Pastor of "And also with you", is directed to everyone ("And also with y'all"). That being said, you may feel free to "share the peace" with those around you through a wave or a smile as we continue for a while in our distancing.

HOLY COMMUNION ... As we can now gather together in person around the Lord's Table, we will once again offer the Lord's Supper as a part of our regular worship. Holy Communion will be offered to those present through use of individual hosts and cups (wine and grape juice will be offered). The distribution will take place in a "continuous fashion". Each pew will be directed forward by section (pulpit side, lectern side, overflow and balcony). As you come forward, please keep some distance in between persons.

In concern for everyone's well-being, Pastor and his assistant will have cleaned their hands before the distribution with hand sanitizer and will wear masks. Pastor will distribute Christ's Body and bless all those not receiving at the center of the rail (where the Font is usually located). Turning to the left, the assistant will have the tray of cups with Christ's Blood available for you. At the end of the rail will be a place for you to place your empty cup. Please then return to your seat by use of the side aisle.

*RESTROOMS* ... For the time being, and to help us in managing the amount of cleaning which needs to be maintained, we kindly ask that those in the building do not use the restrooms on the fellowship hall level of the building. The restroom in the church office lobby is available for your use. However, if there should be an "emergency need" to use the restroom downstairs, please let Pastor know so that it can be cleaned. Thank you for your understanding.

TO SUM UP ... All of these items (and a few others) are summarized in our "Trinity Stay-Safe Rules" which you will find after the announcements in this bulletin and posted at church. If you have any questions or concerns about any of these things, please speak with Pastor or one of our MPG Members (Helen & Waymond Joynes, Julie Gilroy, Michael McCoyer, Vincent Peele, Paul Ritter) to let your thoughts and questions be heard. We look to having your input.

#### FOR THOSE NOT YET QUITE READY TO RETURN ...

As exciting as it is for us to be able to reopen the doors of the church building to our Trinity Family for worship together, we also realize that because of the situation that this pandemic has brought, we are not yet at an ending of it all. Like many of our leaders have pointed out, we know that the pandemic is not over, and though things have gotten better, we are not able to say that anything we do as individuals or groups is 100% safe. All of us remain vigilant about our safety for both our health and the health of others.

If you do not as yet feel ready to return to worship in person, because of age or medical condition or any other reason, we understand completely. Be at peace with your decision and know that we hold you in our hearts and in our prayers, waiting to greet you when you do return.

Also, we kindly ask any who are sick or showing the symptoms of the virus to please stay home from coming to church, and if needed to get under your doctor's care.

ONLINE WORSHIP ... As we begin the reopening of our church building with the gradual relaxing of limits on public gatherings for churches, we will continue to offer the option for worshipping online, especially for those of our Trinity family who are unable to be with us, or who are not as yet ready to make their return. Please join us on our church Facebook Page, or through the link available on the church webpage to help those who are not on Facebook to join us. Also on the church webpage, you will find a link to the current worship service bulletin which you can view or print to aid your participation in the service. We hope that this method of "gathering together" will continue to be a blessing for those who have need of it. If there are any problems, comments, questions, or even complaints, please contact Pastor by phone or email and let us know what we can try to do to be better.

*PRIVATE COMMUNION* ... For those who are shut-in or who may be fearful of coming out in these days, please contact Pastor so we can have conversation together and—depending on health, conditions, and schedule—make arrangements to come and bring you Communion.

Also, appointments can be made for individuals or families to meet with Pastor Schiebel at the church to celebrate and receive the Sacrament together. Please call the church office (301-864-4340) or email Pastor (trinity-elc-pastor@verizon.net) and we'll set up a mutually convenient time to be together for this time with the Lord and one another.

If either of these are not workable for you, we may suggest making a "Spiritual Communion" as a part of your devotions and online worship. A meditation and prayer for this purpose is available on the church website under the "Worship" tab.

#### Other Announcements as We Continue to Go Together Through This Time

YOUR OFFERINGS TO TRINITY ... Please continue to remember Trinity and its ministry during this time both with your prayers and your ongoing financial support. You can bring your gift to worship, or you may send your offerings either by mailing them to the church office, or by bringing them with you to your "Communion Appointment", or by giving them to Pastor when he makes a Communion call at your home. We thank you in advance for your continued generous and grateful stewardship of the gifts that God has blessed you with.

LOOKING AFTER ONE ANOTHER ... During this time, some of us may find ourselves at a place where we might need a little hand in getting things done, especially if you should find yourself having to stay home. If you could use some help with errands or shopping or a hot meal, please let Pastor or a MPG Member know and we'll work at making arrangements to get the help you are needing.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS ... With the reopening of Trinity for worship, we are working towards reopening the church office as well. To begin with, we plan on opening the office on a limited basis, which will be announced on the weekly calendar in the bulletin. We hope to resume "regular hours" again soon.

Even when the office is "closed", messages can still be left for Rona or Pastor by calling the church office and leaving a voicemail. The messages are checked either in the office or remotely daily. You may also email us as well.

KEEPING IN TOUCH ... During this time, we want to be sure that we stay connected together, especially to help us keep informed with each other about our church family and what we are doing to get each other through this time spiritually. Please help us by noting the following...

- *Email and Phone:* It is important that we have correct and current contact information, especially phone numbers and emails. (And if you have us using a work email, please consider giving us your personal email to use.) Please be sure that the church office has that information. Most of the email notices that we send out will also be posted on our Facebook Page and Group, as well as on our website.
- Facebook: We are beginning to use Facebook more as a platform to get things out, especially with our videos of worship and devotions from Pastor. If you are on Facebook, please consider liking our Facebook Page and joining our Facebook Group—both are named "Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, Mount Rainier, MD". If you are not on Facebook, you can still look at the Facebook Page through the link available on the home page on our church website: <a href="www.tlcmr.org">www.tlcmr.org</a>. We will send out reminder messages by email of "scheduled" Facebook Live events so you can join us on the livestream.
- Website: Please visit our website as much of what we post in emails and on Facebook will also be shared on the website as well. The website will also be where you will be able to "pick-up" your Sunday Bulletin to follow along with the worship services.

REACHING PASTOR ... As there continue to be restrictions on visitations at hospitals and other health institutions, as well as some questions about even visiting with people at their homes, there is always a need for Pastor and People to stay connected. Pastor remains available to you all, and he is trying his best to remain in contact with you. If you have need to reach him, please feel free to do so by any of the following:

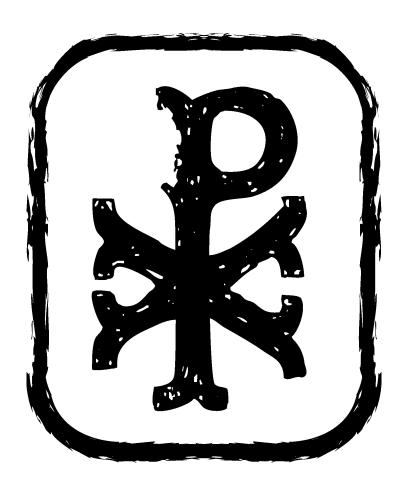
Church Office Phone: 301-864-4340 (If no one is in the office, we are able to check the

church's voicemail from where we are.)

Pastor's Home Phone: 301-345-5592 Pastor's Cell Phone: 202-288-0652

Pastor's Email: <u>trinity-elc-pastor@verizon.net</u>

If he's not readily available right at the moment that you call or text or email, just be patient, Pastor will get back in touch with you just as soon as he is able.



## **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 JUNE 14-21 May Be Subject to Change

Today The Second Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 AM Worship Service via Facebook Live

**Tuesday** 9 AM—Noon Church Office Open

**Wednesday** 3:00 PM Midweek Devotions via Facebook Live

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

**Saturday** 10 AM—Noon Food Distribution at the Compassion Center

Next Sunday The Third Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 AM Worship Service

(at church in person and via Facebook Live)

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May the Lord watch between you and me, when we are absent one from another.

Genesis 31:49 NKJV



# **※** O Christ, Hear Us! **※**

#### Intercessions for the Week of June 14, 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

Vicar Daniel, Lamb of God Lutheran, Landover Hills; Eric, homeless; Sandra, aunt of Kim;

Mary, cousin of Pastor; Steven, acquaintance of Tracy; Billiei, friend of Rona & Paul;

Alan, cousin of Kim; Jennifer, daughter of Pr. Schwandt; Danielle, neighbor of Kim

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

Julie Gilroy, who celebrates her birthday 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.