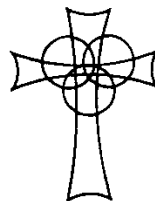
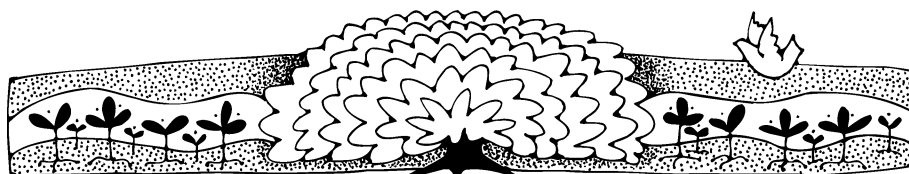


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June 21, 2020

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

Teach us, good Lord God, to serve You as You deserve, to give and not to count the cost, to fight and not to heed the wounds, to toil and not to seek for rest, to labor and not to ask for reward, except that of knowing that we do Your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.



The Divine Service of Word and Sacrament

Divine Service, Setting Four
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✠ *In the Name of Jesus Christ* ✠

✠ **The Preparation** ✠

The Music for Meditation

“Word of God, Come Down on Earth”

The Words of Welcome

The Congregation rises.

The Opening Hymn

Lutheran Service Book Hymn # 545

“Word of God, Come Down on Earth”

- 1** Word of God, come down on earth,
Living rain from heav’n descending;
Touch our hearts and bring to birth
Faith and hope and love unending.
Word almighty, we revere You;
Word made flesh, we long to hear You.
- 2** Word eternal, throned on high,
Word that brought to life creation,
Word that came from heav’n to die,
Crucified for our salvation,
Saving Word, the world restoring,
Speak to us, Your love outpouring.
- 3** Word that caused blind eyes to see,
Speak and heal our mortal blindness;
Deaf we are: our healer be;
Loose our tongues to tell Your kindness.
Be our Word in pity spoken,
Heal the world, by sin now broken.
- 4** Word that speaks God’s tender love,
One with God beyond all telling,
Word that sends us from above,
God the Spirit, with us dwelling,
Word of truth, to all truth lead us;
Word of life, with one bread feed us.

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 56:3-4, 10-11; antiphon: verse 13

- P** For you have delivered my soul from death, yes, my feet from falling,
that I may walk before God in the light of life.

- C** When I am afraid,
I put my trust in you.

- P** In God, whose word I praise, in God I trust; I shall not be afraid.
What can flesh do to me?

- C** In God, whose word I praise,
in the LORD, whose word I praise,

- P** in God I trust; I shall not be afraid.
What can man do to me?
- 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** For you have delivered my soul from death, yes, my feet from falling,
that I may walk before God in the light of life.

The *Kyrie Eleison*:



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

The Hymn of Praise

Gloria in Excelsis



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, because Your abiding presence always goes with us, keep us aware of Your daily mercies that we may live secure and content in Your eternal love; 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 20:7-13

⁷O LORD, you have deceived me, and I was deceived; you are stronger than I, and you have prevailed. I have become a laughingstock all the day; everyone mocks me. ⁸For whenever I speak, I cry out, I shout, "Violence and destruction!" For the word of the LORD has become for me a reproach and derision all day long. ⁹If I say, "I will not mention him, or speak any more in his name," there is in my heart as it were a burning fire shut up in my bones, and I am weary with holding it in, and I cannot. ¹⁰For I hear many whispering. Terror is on every side! "Denounce him! Let us denounce him!" say all my close friends, watching for my fall. "Perhaps he will be deceived; then we can overcome him and take our revenge on him." ¹¹But the LORD is with me as a dread warrior; therefore my persecutors will stumble; they will not overcome me. They will be greatly shamed, for they will not succeed. Their eternal dishonor will never be forgotten. ¹²O LORD of hosts, who tests the righteous, who sees the heart and the mind, let me see your vengeance upon them, for to you have I committed my cause. ¹³Sing to the LORD; praise the LORD! For he has delivered the life of the needy from the hand of evildoers.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

The Epistle

Romans 6:12-23

¹²Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. ¹³Do not present your members to sin as instruments for unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and your members to God as instruments for righteousness. ¹⁴For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

¹⁵What then? Are we to sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! ¹⁶Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? ¹⁷But thanks be to God, that you who were once slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the standard of teaching to which you were committed, ¹⁸and, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. ¹⁹I am speaking in human terms, because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to lawlessness leading to more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness leading to sanctification.

²⁰When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. ²¹But what fruit were you getting at that time from the things of which you are now ashamed? The end of those things is death. ²²But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the fruit you get leads to sanctification and its end, eternal life. ²³For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

The Congregation rises.

The Gradual and Verse

Psalm 145:3, 5b, 6b; Matthew 10:32

P Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised,
and his greatness is unsearchable.

C On your wondrous works, I will meditate,
and I will declare your greatness.

P Alleluia. Everyone who acknowledges me before men,

C I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven. Alleluia.

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 10:5a, 21-33

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

⁵These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them, . . .

²¹“Brother will deliver brother over to death, and the father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death, ²²and you will be hated by all for my name’s sake. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. ²³When they persecute you in one town, flee to the next, for truly, I say to you, you will not have gone through all the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes.

²⁴“A disciple is not above his teacher, nor a servant above his master. ²⁵It is enough for the disciple to be like his teacher, and the servant like his master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household.

²⁶“So have no fear of them, for nothing is covered that will not be revealed, or hidden that will not be known. ²⁷What I tell you in the dark, say in the light, and what you hear whispered, proclaim on the housetops. ²⁸And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. ²⁹Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? And not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. ³⁰But even the hairs of your head are all numbered. ³¹Fear not, therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows. ³²So everyone who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven, ³³but whoever denies me before men, I also will deny before my Father who is in heaven.”

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.



“If You But Trust in God to Guide You”

- 1 **If you but trust in God to guide you
And place your confidence in Him,
You'll find Him always there beside you
To give you hope and strength within.
For those who trust God's changeless love
Build on the rock that will not move.**
- 2 **What gain is there in futile weeping,
In helpless anger and distress?
If you are in His care and keeping,
In sorrow will He love you less?
For He who took for you a cross
Will bring you safe through ev'ry loss.**
- 3 **In patient trust await His leisure
In cheerful hope, with heart content
To take whate'er your Father's pleasure
And all-discerning love have sent,
Doubt not your inmost wants are known
To Him who chose you for His own.**
- 4 **Sing, pray, and keep His ways unswerving,
Offer your service faithfully,
And trust His Word; though undeserving,
You'll find His promise true to be.
God never will forsake in need
The soul that trusts in Him indeed.**

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The Sermon

Is This What I Signed Up For?

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** Heavenly Father, You promise to deliver the lives of Your faithful from the hand of evildoers. Give to Your Church throughout the world a trust in You that does not give way in the midst of the threats, struggles, and afflictions of a fallen world. In the face of those who would divide Your Church, grant true unity in the faith. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**

P Lord God, strengthen pastors, teachers, ministers, and leaders of the Church, that they may faithfully defend the faith in the midst of those who do not believe in Jesus Christ and who advocate a faith and trust in self. Give them courage to proclaim clearly that the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P O Lord, send Your Spirit of Truth upon Your holy people. Be with the members of our Trinity and Mekane Yesus congregations, and with every Christian congregation, and aid us with Your strength and power that we may be those who go into the world of our daily life and living giving witness to the Spirit's power and work in our lives. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Almighty God, Your power is without limitation. Grant the governing authorities of this world the wisdom to use the power entrusted to them not for their own advancement, but for the benefit of the people they serve. Give us leaders who are honest, upright, and compassionate, so that they may promote all that is good and noble in Your sight. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P O Lord, You truly care about our welfare in this world. We thank You for the talent, ability, and wisdom you have given to doctors, nurses, and others in the medical field to restore to health and strength those who are sick. Bless and sustain all those who are ill (including _____). Grant them a sure faith and trust in Your care for them, and, according to Your will, bring healing from above. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Almighty God, accept our gratitude for all Your benefits to us, especially for _____.. May we all use Your blessings in such a way that You receive the glory from us as Your kingdom of priests and a holy nation. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Heavenly Father, You care for every child of Your creating. Hear the prayers of Your children for all of the needs and concerns we have, especially we remember (_____ and) all the requests of those who have asked for our prayers, which we present to You from the things unspoken and hidden in our hearts.... We pray You to hear and accept our prayers, granting us all things that seem best for us according to Your good and gracious will. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Gracious God, grant repentance and faith to all who come to the Lord's table this day to receive this feast of Your Son's Body and Blood that, refreshed by this life-giving Food, they may live in the forgiveness, life, and peace that this sacred Meal brings them. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P We give You thanks for the mercy You have shown to all Your saints during their earthly lives (and especially toward _____). Comfort all who mourn, giving them the sure confidence that all who die in the faith are one in Christ and that on the Last Day we will all be reunited as we are gathered around the throne of God to sing our endless song of praise. 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 Blessing of Men on Father’s Day:

P Let us pray.

Blessed are You, O Lord our God, Creator of heaven and earth.

We give thanks to You for all the men of faith who have done Your will throughout the ages.

We thank you for Abraham, the father of Israel, for Moses, the deliverer,

for Samuel, the judge, for David, the king, for Isaiah, the prophet,

for Peter and Paul and all the Apostles of Christ,

and for Joseph, the husband of Mary and the Guardian of Our Lord.

God of our ancestors in faith, we ask Your blessing upon the faithful men of this congregation, our brothers and friends, our spouses and sons, our grandfathers and fathers.

Bless them and all men who place their trust in You. Keep them steadfast in Your Word. Empower them to hold fast their faith and reject all that is evil.

May they not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of their minds, so that they may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

P The blessing of Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, descend upon all of our fathers, grandfathers, and father-figures, and remain with them forever.

C **Amen.**

✠ The Service of the Sacrament ✠

The Hymn of Preparation

Lutheran Service Book Hymn # 570

“Just as I Am, without One Plea”

- 1 **Just as I am, without one plea
But that Thy blood was shed for me
And that Thou bidd’st me come to Thee,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**
- 2 **Just as I am and waiting not
To rid my soul of one dark blot,
To Thee, whose blood can cleanse each spot,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**
- 5 **Just as I am, Thou wilt receive,
Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
Because Thy promise I believe,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**
- 6 **Just as I am; Thy love unknown
Has broken ev’ry barrier down;
Now to be Thine, yea, Thine alone,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**

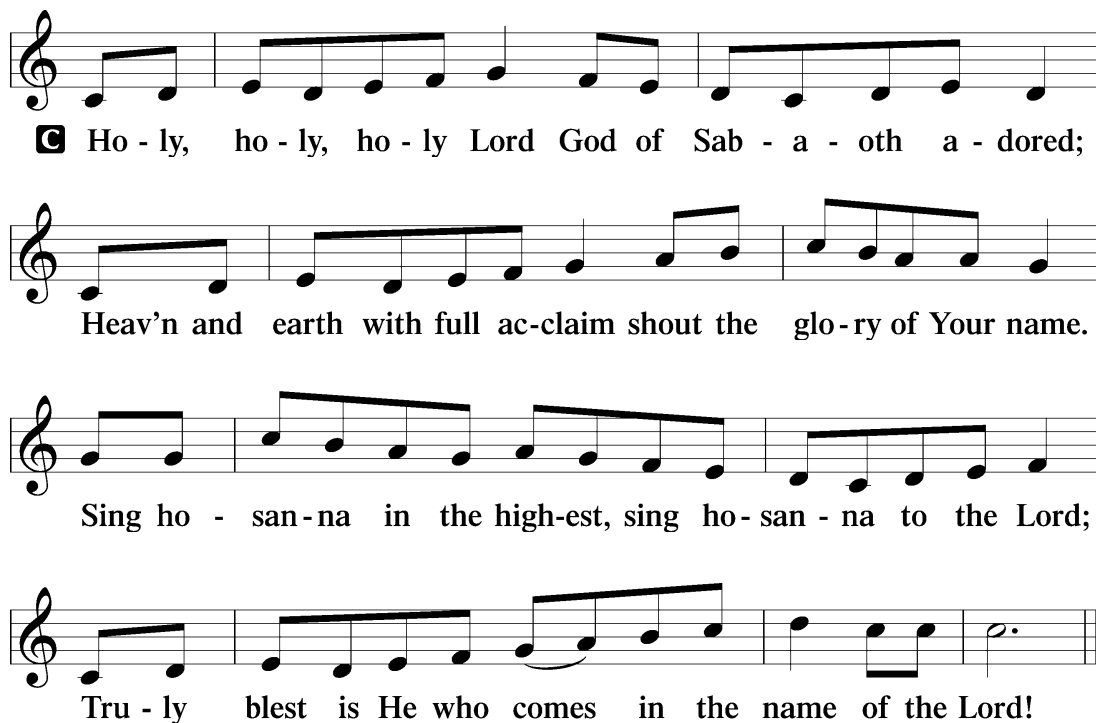
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The Congregation rises.

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."

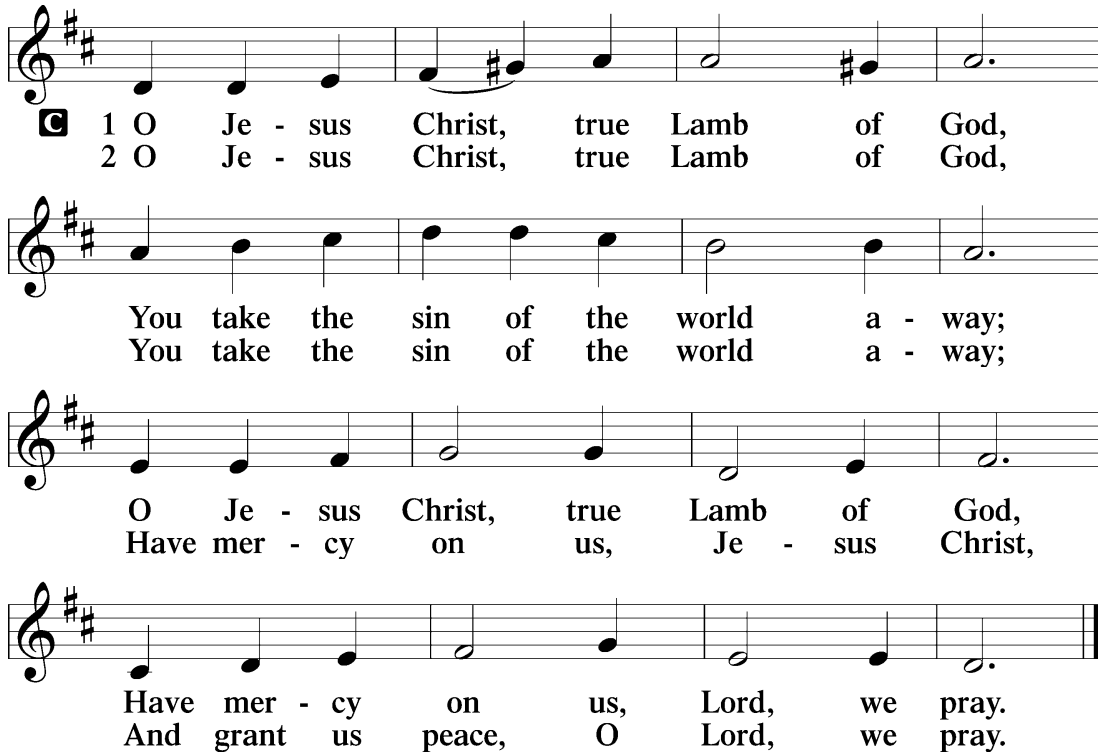
In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ Blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

The *Pax Domini*:

P The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

The *Agnus Dei*:



C 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 ✠ 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.

O God the Father, the Fountain and Source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; 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 # 685

“Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus”

- 1 **Let us ever walk with Jesus,
Follow His example pure,
Through a world that would deceive us
And to sin our spirits lure.
Onward in His footsteps treading,
Pilgrims here, our home above,
Full of faith and hope and love,
Let us do the Father’s bidding.
Faithful Lord, with me abide;
I shall follow where You guide.**
- 2 **Let us suffer here with Jesus
And with patience bear our cross.
Joy will follow all our sadness;
Where He is, there is no loss.
Though today we sow no laughter,
We shall reap celestial joy;
All discomforts that annoy
Shall give way to mirth hereafter.
Jesus, here I share Your woe;
Help me there Your joy to know.**
- 3 **Let us gladly die with Jesus.
Since by death He conquered death,
He will free us from destruction,
Give to us immortal breath.
Let us mortify all passion
That would lead us into sin;
And the grave that shuts us in
Shall but prove the gate to heaven.
Jesus, here with You I die,
There to live with You on high.**

The Hymn continues on the next page...

- 4 Let us also live with Jesus.
He has risen from the dead
That to life we may awaken.
Jesus, You are now our head.
We are Your own living members;
Where You live, there we shall be
In Your presence constantly,
Living there with You forever.
Jesus, let me faithful be,
Life eternal grant to me.**

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The Silent Worship

The Parish Announcements

The Postlude

“If You But Trust in God to Guide You”

✠ *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: <http://tlcmr.org/our-ministries/christian-education/online-bible-study-materials/> (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... When we want something to be perfect, we practice it over and over until it becomes part of us. In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus encourages His followers to practice being perfect, because God already sees them that way, through faith in Christ. Listen to the Lutheran Hour next Sunday, June 28, 2020, for this message by Lutheran Hour Speaker, Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler, "Practice Makes Perfect", 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 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).

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.

This past Saturday with minimal advertising the food distribution ministry of Trinity and Redeemer supplied 7 families, some quite large, with food. This is more than what the Compassion Center typically does and based on the buzz from additional outreach calls made by volunteers on Saturday, we expect an even bigger response this coming Saturday.

And thanks be to God and to so many of you who contributed so generously this past Sunday. Because of the overwhelming and inspiring generosity, we do not anticipate needing to ask for more donations to be dropped off this coming Sunday but will gauge the need for more donations after seeing how next Saturday goes.

PREPARING FOR NEXT SUNDAY ...

The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost, June 28, 2020

Scripture Readings: Jeremiah 28:5-9; Romans 7:1-13; Matthew 10:34-42





WELCOME BACK!!!!!!!!!!

REOPENING NEWS!!!

RESUMING PUBLIC WORSHIP ... After 13 long weeks since we last met together on March 15th, County Executive Alsobrooks has allowed churches to resume indoor worship services at 25% of building capacity, beginning June 15th. 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: www.tlcmr.org. 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: trinity-elc-pastor@verizon.net

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.

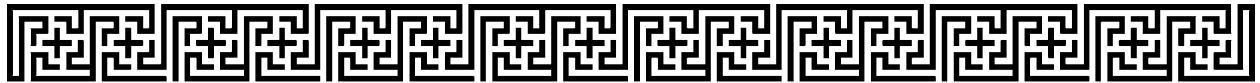


Trinity Stay-Safe Rules

- ❖ 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 21-28
May Be Subject to Change

Today	<i>The Third Sunday after Pentecost</i>	9:30 AM	Worship Service with Holy Communion (at church in person and via Facebook Live)
Monday		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	<i>The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost</i>	9:30 AM	Worship Service with Holy Communion (at church in person and via Facebook Live)



✠ O Christ, Hear Us! ✠

Intercessions for the Week of June 21, 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; Billie, 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

Our Fathers, Grandfathers, and Father Figures on this Father's Day.

Penny Kriesch, and Olivia Hines, who celebrates their birthdays this week.

Thomas & Elouise Mathews, who celebrate their wedding anniversary 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.