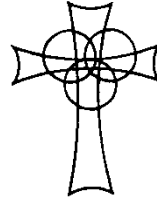


Whoever  
loses his  
life for my  
sake will  
*Find it.*

Matthew 10:39, ESV

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*Fourth Sunday After Pentecost*

**June 28, 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 God, You direct our lives by Your grace, and Your words of justice and mercy reshape the world. Mold us into a people who welcome Your Word and serve one another, 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 Music for Meditation

“Lord, Open Now My Heart to Hear”

The Words of Welcome

*The Congregation rises.*

The Opening Hymn

*Lutheran Service Book Hymn # 908*

“Lord, Open Now My Heart to Hear”

- 1 Lord, open now my heart to hear,  
And through Your Word to me draw near;  
Let me Your Word e'er pure retain;  
Let me Your child and heir remain.**
  
- 2 Your Word inspires my heart within;  
Your Word grants healing from my sin;  
Your Word has pow'r to guide and bless;  
Your Word brings peace and happiness.**
  
- △ 3 To God the Father, God the Son,  
And God the Spirit, Three in One,  
Shall glory, praise, and honor be  
Now and throughout eternity.**

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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 89:15-18; antiphon: verse 1*

- P** I will sing of the steadfast love of the LORD, forever;  
with my mouth I will make known your faithfulness to all generations.
- C** **Blessèd are the people who know the festal shout,  
who walk, O LORD, in the light of your face,**
- P** who exult in your name all the day  
and in your righteousness are exalted.
- C** **For you are the glory of their strength;  
by your favor our horn is exalted.**
- P** For our shield belongs to the LORD,  
our king to the Holy One of Israel.
- 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** I will sing of the steadfast love of the LORD, forever;  
with my mouth I will make known your faithfulness to all generations.

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.

Almighty God, by the working of Your Holy Spirit, grant that we may gladly hear Your Word proclaimed among us and follow its directing; 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 28:5-9*

<sup>5</sup>Then the prophet Jeremiah spoke to Hananiah the prophet in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the LORD, <sup>6</sup>and the prophet Jeremiah said, “Amen! May the LORD do so; may the LORD make the words that you have prophesied come true, and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the LORD, and all the exiles. <sup>7</sup>Yet hear now this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. <sup>8</sup>The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. <sup>9</sup>As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes to pass, then it will be known that the LORD has truly sent the prophet.”

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

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

The Epistle

*Romans 7:1-13*

<sup>1</sup>Or do you not know, brothers—for I am speaking to those who know the law—that the law is binding on a person only as long as he lives? <sup>2</sup>Thus a married woman is bound by law to her husband while he lives, but if her husband dies she is released from the law of marriage. <sup>3</sup>Accordingly, she will be called an adulteress if she lives with another man while her husband is alive. But if her husband dies, she is free from that law, and if she marries another man she is not an adulteress.

<sup>4</sup>Likewise, my brothers, you also have died to the law through the body of Christ, so that you may belong to another, to him who has been raised from the dead, in order that we may bear fruit for God. <sup>5</sup>For while we were living in the flesh, our sinful passions, aroused by the law, were at work in our members to bear fruit for death. <sup>6</sup>But now we are released from the law, having died to that which held us captive, so that we serve not under the old written code but in the new life of the Spirit.

<sup>7</sup>What then shall we say? That the law is sin? By no means! Yet if it had not been for the law, I would not have known sin. I would not have known what it is to covet if the law had not said, “You shall not covet.” <sup>8</sup>But sin, seizing an opportunity through the commandment, produced in me all kinds of covetousness. Apart from the law, sin lies dead. <sup>9</sup>I was once alive apart from the law, but when the commandment came, sin came alive and I died. <sup>10</sup>The very commandment that promised life proved to be death to me. <sup>11</sup>For sin, seizing an opportunity through the commandment, deceived me and through it killed me. <sup>12</sup>So the law is holy, and the commandment is holy and righteous and good.

<sup>13</sup>Did that which is good, then, bring death to me? By no means! It was sin, producing death in me through what is good, in order that sin might be shown to be sin, and through the commandment might become sinful beyond measure.

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

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

*The Congregation rises.*

The Gradual and Verse

*Romans 11:33, 36; Matthew 10:39*

**P** Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God!  
How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!

**C** **For from him and through him and to him are all things.  
To him be glory forever. Amen.**

**P** Alleluia. Whoever finds his life will lose it,

**C** **and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. Alleluia.**

The Holy Gospel

*Matthew 10:34-42*

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

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

<sup>34</sup>[Jesus said:] “Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth. I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. <sup>35</sup>For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law. <sup>36</sup>And a person’s enemies will be those of his own household. <sup>37</sup>Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. <sup>38</sup>And whoever does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me. <sup>39</sup>Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.

<sup>40</sup>“Whoever receives you receives me, and whoever receives me receives him who sent me. <sup>41</sup>The one who receives a prophet because he is a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward, and the one who receives a righteous person because he is a righteous person will receive a righteous person’s reward. <sup>42</sup>And whoever gives one of these little ones even a cup of cold water because he is a disciple, truly, I say to you, he will by no means lose his reward.”

**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 Word for Young Christians

The Hymn of the Day

*Lutheran Service Book Hymn # 659*

*“Lord of Our Life”  
Sung to Old Red Hymnal Tune*

- 1 Lord of our life and God of our salvation,  
Star of our night and hope of ev'ry nation:  
Hear and receive Your Church's supplication,  
Lord God Almighty.**
- 2 See round Your ark the hungry billows curling;  
See how Your foes their banners are unfurling  
And with great spite their fiery darts are hurling,  
O Lord, preserve us.**
- 3 Lord, be our light when worldly darkness veils us;  
Lord, be our shield when earthly armor fails us;  
And in the day when hell itself assails us,  
Grant us Your peace, Lord:**

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

- 4 **Peace in our hearts, where sinful thoughts are raging,  
Peace in Your Church, our troubled souls assuaging,  
Peace when the world its endless war is waging,  
Peace in your heaven.**

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The Sermon

Fact-Checking the Prophet

*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** Father, we thank You that You have released us from the Law and that we now belong to Christ. Help us always to serve You in the new life of the Spirit and bear fruit for You. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Father, we thank You for all You do to provide us with our daily bread. Be with all who work to grow the fruits of the earth that You have given us for food. Give them favorable weather and a successful harvest. Bless also all involved in the commerce and industry of our land. Allow the fruits of their labor to provide for the material needs of the many who rely on them. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Father, we thank You for our own nation and the many freedoms that You have provided for us here. Guide our elected and appointed leaders to serve us with integrity. Be with those who defend our freedoms in the armed forces, as well as the police and firefighters who protect our freedoms closer to home. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Father, we thank You for the freedom from sin, sickness and death that will come with the full manifestation of Your Son's Kingdom. Give comfort, healing, patience and endurance to all who suffer from illness, injury or chronic affliction [*especially* \_\_\_\_\_]. Strengthen their faith so that they know that despite their suffering, they have not lost their reward. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Father, we thank You for Your great and generous gifts which You pour into our lives. We rejoice with \_\_\_\_\_ and all who rejoice in the blessings You have granted. Help us all to ever acknowledge You as the One who blesses us with love and mercy all the days of our lives. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**

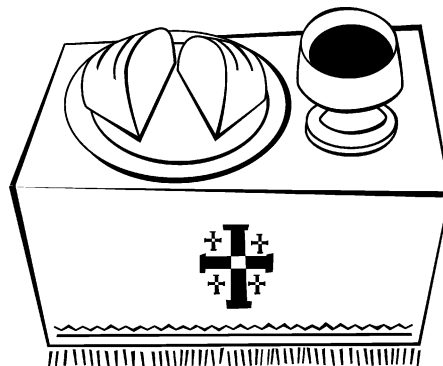


- P** Father, we thank You for the blessed hope of everlasting life. Grant Your comfort and peace to [\_\_\_\_\_ and] all those who mourn the passing of loved ones. Assure them that all those who believe in Christ will rise and live forever and that we too will share with them in the joy of heaven's life. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Father, we thank You that You listen and hear the prayers of Your children. We commit ourselves into Your care, and lift up to You the concerns that we have. We especially pray for \_\_\_\_\_ and for all the petitions we speak to You from the silence of our hearts.... Hear all that for which we pray, and grant us what we ask according to Your gracious and loving will. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Father, we thank You for the foretaste of the feast to come that comes in the Body and Blood of Your Son. May this eating and drinking strengthen our faith, bind us to You and free us for service to others. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Father, we thank You for the great cloud of witnesses that surrounds us. Join our praise with theirs and bring us at last with them into the full freedom of Your Kingdom. 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 # 623*

“Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray”

- 1 Lord Jesus Christ, we humbly pray  
That we may feast on You today;  
Beneath these forms of bread and wine  
Enrich us with Your grace divine.
- 2 Give us, who share this wondrous food,  
Your body broken and Your blood,  
The grateful peace of sins forgiv’n,  
The certain joys of heirs of heav’n.
- 3 By faith Your Word has made us bold  
To seize the gift of love retold;  
All that You are we here receive,  
And all we are to You we give.
- 4 One bread, one cup, one body, we,  
Rejoicing in our unity,  
Proclaim Your love until You come  
To bring Your scattered loved ones home.
- 5 Lord Jesus Christ, we humbly pray:  
O keep us steadfast till that day  
When each will be Your welcomed guest  
In heaven’s high and holy feast.

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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  $\text{✠}$  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  $\text{✠}$  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 to 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 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 # 923*

“Almighty Father, Bless the Word”

**1** **Almighty Father, bless the Word**  
**Which through Your grace we now have heard.**  
**Oh, may the precious seed take root,**  
**Spring up, and bear abundant fruit!**

**2** **We praise You for the means of grace**  
**As homeward now our steps we trace.**  
**Grant, Lord, that we who worshiped here**  
**May all at last in heav’n appear.**

△ **3** **Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;**  
**Praise Him, all creatures here below;**  
**Praise Him above, ye heav’nly host:**  
**Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

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The Silent Worship

The Parish Announcements

The Postlude

“Almighty Father, Bless the Word”

✠ *To God All Praise and Glory!* ✠

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## NOTES AND NEWS

*PORTALS OF PRAYER...*The July – September 2020 Portals of Prayer are available on the literature table in the back of the church. If you would like to receive a copy of the Portals of Prayer but are not able to pick it up from church, please contact the church office and a copy will be mailed to you. Thank you.

*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.)

*THE LUTHERAN HOUR...* Are you living in the reality of life as it is right now, life as it will be, or somewhere in between? Listen to the Lutheran Hour next Sunday, July 5, 2020, for this message by Lutheran Hour Speaker, Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler, "Unhelmed", 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...* 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.

On Saturday, June 13<sup>th</sup>, we served 17 families with 26 bags of food which totaled 780 pounds of food distributed. And thanks be to God and to so many of you who contributed so generously this past Sunday.

On Sunday, July 5<sup>th</sup>, we will have another ingathering of food for distribution. All donations are welcome, and cereal, ramen noodle cups, pasta, and granola/cereal bars would be greatly appreciated. More information concerning time and place will be made available soon.

*PREPARING FOR NEXT SUNDAY ...*

The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost, July 5, 2020

Scripture Readings: Zechariah 9:9-12; Romans 7:14-25a; Matthew 11:25-30





# WELCOME BACK!!!!!!

## ***REOPENING NEWS!!!***

*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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto: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.

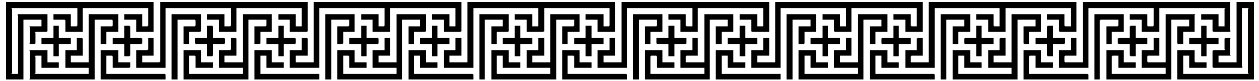
**PARISH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 28 – JULY 5**  
*May Be Subject to Change*

<b>Today</b>	<i>The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost</i>	
	9:30 AM	Worship Service with Holy Communion (at church in person and via Facebook Live)
<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>	<i>The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost</i>	
	9:30 AM	Worship Service with Holy Communion (at church in person and via Facebook Live)
	TBA	Food Ingathering for Compassion Center

**CHURCH STATISTICS**

Sunday, June 21, 2020

Worship Attendance: 18; Communed: 16





✠ **O Christ, Hear Us!** ✠

**Intercessions for the Week of June 28, 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**

Emilie & Samantha Hagedorn, and Judy Welch, who celebrate their birthdays this week.

Jack & Gunhild Redman, 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.