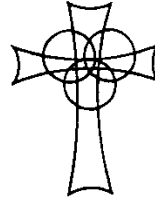




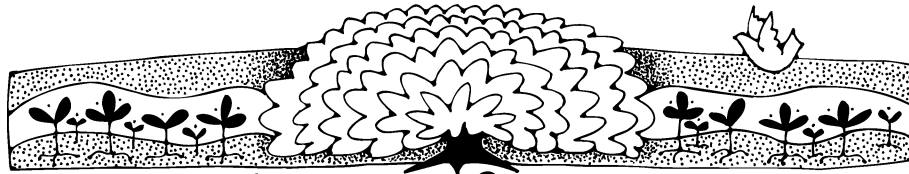
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The Day Of Pentecost

May 31, 2020

WELCOME TO WORSHIP ONLINE!!!

Alleluia! Christ is risen! The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

We are glad that you are joining us online for worship today. We are an “Easter People.” As such, we celebrate Christ’s victory over sin and death not only one Sunday of the Year, but every Sunday! Jesus Christ is worshipped among us here as the Living Lord and He is seen alive as He comes to us through His Word and the Sacraments. We pray that you will see and meet the same Lord Jesus as you worship with us today.

A PRAYER AS WE GATHER

Almighty and ever-living God, You fulfilled the promise of Easter by sending the gift of Your Holy Spirit. Look upon Your people gathered in prayer, open to receive the Spirit’s flame. May it come to rest in our hearts and heal the divisions of word and tongue, that with one voice and one song we may praise Your Name in joy and thanksgiving; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.



The Order of Morning Service Without Communion

*From Divine Service, Setting Three
Lutheran Service Book, Page 184ff*

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

✠ *In the Name of Jesus Christ* ✠

✠ **The Preparation** ✠

The Prelude

"O Holy Spirit, Enter In"

The Words of Welcome

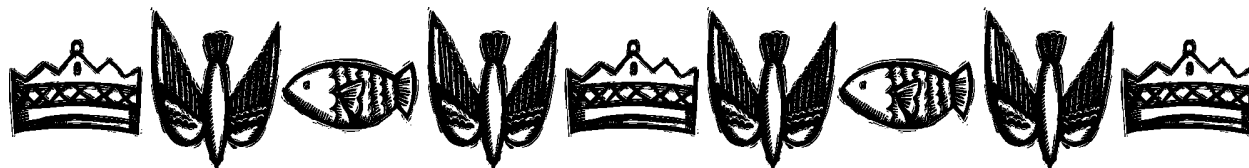
The Opening Hymn

Lutheran Service Book Hymn # 913

"O Holy Spirit, Enter In"

- O Holy Spirit, enter in,
And in our hearts Your work begin,
Your dwelling place now make us.
Sun of the soul, O Light divine,
Around and in us brightly shine,
To joy and gladness wake us
That we may be
Truly living,
To You giving
Prayer unceasing
And in love be still increasing.**

The Hymn continues on the next page ...



- 2 Give to Your Word impressive pow'r,
That in our hearts from this good hour
As fire it may be glowing,
That in true Christian unity
We faithful witnesses may be,
Your glory ever showing.
Hear us, cheer us
By Your teaching;
Let our preaching
And our labor
Praise You, Lord, and serve our neighbor.
- 3 O mighty Rock, O Source of life,
Let Your dear Word, in doubt and strife,
In us be strongly burning
That we be faithful unto death
And live in love and holy faith,
From You true wisdom learning.
Your grace and peace
On us shower;
By Your power
Christ confessing,
Let us see our Savior's blessing.

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The Invocation and Easter Acclamation:

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.
- P** Alleluia! Christ is risen!
C The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The Confession of Sins:

- P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- P** Our Help is in the Name of the Lord,
C who made heaven and earth.
- P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

P Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C **O most merciful God, who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

P Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on His Name He gives power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved.

Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

C **Amen.**

✠ The Service of the Word ✠

The Introit of the Day

Psalm 104:24, 27-28, 30; antiphon: Liturgical Text

P Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful,
and kindle in them the fire of your love. Alleluia.

C **O LORD, how manifold are your works! In wisdom have you made them all;
the earth is full of your creatures.**

P These all look to you,
to give them their food in due season.

C **When you give it to them, they gather it up;
when you open your hand, they are filled with good things.**

P When you send forth your Spirit, they are created,
and you renew the face of the ground.

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 Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful,
and kindle in them the fire of your love. Alleluia.

Alleluia!

“Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord”

- 1 **Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord,
With all Your graces now outpoured
On each believer’s mind and heart;
Your fervent love to them impart.
Lord, by the brightness of Your light
In holy faith Your Church unite;
From ev’ry land and ev’ry tongue
This to Your praise, O Lord, our God, be sung:
Alleluia, alleluia!**

- 2 **Come, holy Light, guide divine,
Now cause the Word of life to shine.
Teach us to know our God aright
And call Him Father with delight.
From ev’ry error keep us free;
Let none but Christ our master be
That we in living faith abide,
In Him, our Lord, with all our might confide.
Alleluia, alleluia!**

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The Salutation and Collect of the Day:

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

O God, on this day You once taught the hearts of Your faithful people by sending them the light of Your Holy Spirit. Grant us in our day by the same Spirit to have a right understanding in all things and evermore to rejoice in His holy consolation; 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 First Reading

Acts 2:1-21

¹When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. ²And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. ⁴And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.

⁵Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. ⁶And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language. ⁷And they were amazed and astonished, saying, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? ⁸And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? ⁹Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, ¹¹both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians—we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God.” ¹²And all were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” ¹³But others mocking said, “They are filled with new wine.”

¹⁴But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them, “Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words. ¹⁵For these men are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day. ¹⁶But this is what was uttered through the prophet Joel:

¹⁷“And in the last days it shall be, God declares,
that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh,
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
and your young men shall see visions,
and your old men shall dream dreams;

¹⁸even on my male servants and female servants
in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy.

¹⁹And I will show wonders in the heavens above
and signs on the earth below,

blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke;

²⁰the sun shall be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood,

before the day of the Lord comes, the great and magnificent day.

²¹And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.



“Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord”

- 3** **Come, holy Fire, comfort true,
Grant us the will Your work to do
And in Your service to abide;
Let trials turn us not aside.
Lord, by Your pow’r prepare each heart,
And to our weakness strength impart
That bravely here we may contend,
Through life and death to You, our Lord, ascend.
Alleluia, alleluia!**

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The Holy Gospel

John 7:37-39

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the seventh chapter.
C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

³⁷On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and cried out, “If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink. ³⁸Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, ‘Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.’” ³⁹Now this he said about the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were to receive, for as yet the Spirit had not been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

- P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
C **Praise to You, O Christ.**
- P** Alleluia! Christ is risen!
C **The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

The Hymn of the Day

Lutheran Service Book Hymn # 496

“Holy Spirit, Light Divine”

- 1** **Holy Spirit, light divine,
Shine upon this heart of mine;
Chase the shades of night away,
Turn the darkness into day.**
- 2** **Let me see my Savior’s face,
Let me all His beauties trace;
Show those glorious truths to me
Which are only known to Thee.**

The Hymn continues on the next page...

- 3 Holy Spirit, pow'r divine,
 Cleanse this guilty heart of mine;
 In Thy mercy pity me,
 From sin's bondage set me free.
- 4 Holy Spirit, joy divine,
 Cheer this saddened heart of mine;
 Yield a sacred, settled peace,
 Let it grow and still increase.
- 5 Holy Spirit, all divine,
 Dwell within this heart of mine;
 Cast down ev'ry idol throne,
 Reign supreme, and reign alone.

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The Sermon

Drinking Deeply of the Spirit

✠ The Service of Baptismal Renewal and Prayer ✠

The Renewal of Baptismal Vows:

- P** Dear People of God: Our Lord Jesus Christ sealed the Paschal mystery of His Death and Resurrection in His ascension to heaven and in the giving of the gift of the Holy Spirit on the Day of Pentecost. That same Spirit continues to grow the Church, giving it birth and new life in the waters of Holy Baptism. Rejoicing in the power that the Spirit works in and through God's chosen people, I call upon you, therefore, to renew the vows and promises of our Baptism.
- P** I, therefore, ask you anew: Do you renounce the devil?
C Yes, I renounce him.
- P** Do you renounce all his works?
C Yes, I renounce them.
- P** Do you renounce all his ways?
C Yes, I renounce them.
- P** Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty?
C Yes, I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.
- P** Do you believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son?
C Yes, I believe 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.

- P** Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?
- C** **Yes, 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.**
- P** Is it your earnest purpose to continue steadfast in this faith and in the promise of your Baptism and, as a member of the Church, to be diligent in the use of the Means of Grace and prayer?
- C** **Yes, with the help of God.**
- P** The almighty God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given you the new birth of water and of the Spirit and has forgiven you all your sins, strengthen You with His grace to life everlasting. ✠ Peace be with you.
- C** **Amen.**

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.

Almighty God, You have blessed us in love with the Savior to whom the nations cry and in whom is forgiveness of sins, life and salvation. Grant to us Your Holy Spirit, the Comforter whom You have promised, that we and all who call upon His Name shall be saved. Help us to treasure in our hearts Your mercy and to give ourselves fully to Your service. Lord, in Your mercy,

- C** **hear our prayer.**

- P** Almighty God, You delivered Your Word through Moses and the prophets and fulfilled Your Word in Christ. He was planted in death for our sins and raised for our justification, and in Him shall all the nations of the earth be united. Give us pastors who will preach this Word faithfully and church workers who are devoted to Your service. Lord, in Your mercy,

- C** **hear our prayer.**

- P** Almighty God, You breathe hope into the weary and renew Your Church by Your grace. Bless newly planted congregations that they may endure, guide established congregations that they may not lose heart, and build up our Synod that our zeal for Your Kingdom may not flag but flourish and prosper according to Your will. Lord, in Your mercy,

- C** **hear our prayer.**

- P** Almighty God, You have promised the thirsty will drink and from the empty will flow forth rivers of living water. Help us to show forth in holy lives the fruits of the Spirit and to live with love toward our neighbor. Give us a servant's heart that doesn't seek our own way but walks on the path of eternal life. Lord, in Your mercy,

- C** **hear our prayer.**

- P** Almighty God, You have promised to make one people from the many. Take from us all pride, prejudice and hate, that we may not hinder the cause of the Gospel by our shame but give welcome to all people in the Name of Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Almighty God, You have ordered all things in heaven and on earth. Bless our president; our governor; the Congress of the United States; and all elected and appointed civil servants, that the rule of law may protect the weak, preserve life from conception to its natural end, and peace may reign for the benefit of all. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Almighty God, have mercy and spare us. Put an end to the pandemic, and restore the communities of the world to their common life. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Almighty God, You carry the burdens of our lives in Your hands. Deliver from illness and suffering all who cry to You for release. Hear us on behalf of the sick, the dying and those who mourn, especially as we pray for_____. Answer Your people, O Lord, and deliver them from their infirmities and their grief by Your grace. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Almighty God, You open Your hand and satisfy the desires of all that lives. Receive our thanks for all of the blessings You have bestowed on us all, and especially on _____. Give us grateful hearts which always praise You for Your loving-kindness. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Almighty God, Your Spirit intercedes for us before You with groans that words cannot express. Hear now our prayers we lift to You for _____ and for all the petitions we bring to You now from the silence of our hearts... In mercy, receive all that we have asked for, and in love, answer us according to Your will. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Almighty God, Your Word endures forever, and by that Word You have gathered a people for Yourself. Receive our thanks for all of Your saints whom You have called to by Your own and whom You have called to life eternal. Give us, who still walk here on earth by faith, to be united in doctrine and in the fellowship of Your table, confessing Christ boldly and living together in faith and love until our Lord returns in His glory to bring all things to their appointed completion when we will dwell in His house forever. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**

- P** Almighty God, hear Your people for the sake of Him who loved us even to death and who lives to call to Himself all who will be saved. You know what we need and those things we should ask in Your Name. Grant them to us for the sake of our crucified, risen and ascended Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

The Lord's Prayer:

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

- P** Let us pray.
O God, for our redemption You gave Your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross and by His glorious resurrection delivered us from the power of the enemy. Grant that all our sin may be drowned through daily repentance and that day by day we may arise to live before You in righteousness and purity forever; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

The *Benedicamus* and Benediction:

- P** Alleluia! Christ is risen!
- C** **The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!**
- 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 # 650

“Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling”

- 1 Holy Spirit, ever dwelling**
In the holiest realms of light;
Holy Spirit, ever brooding
O'er a world of gloom and night;
Holy Spirit, ever raising
Those of earth to thrones on high;
Living, life-imparting Spirit,
You we praise and magnify.

- 2 Holy Spirit, ever living**
As the Church's very life;
Holy Spirit, ever striving
Through us in a ceaseless strife;
Holy Spirit, ever forming
In the Church the mind of Christ:
You we praise with endless worship
For Your gifts and fruits unpriced.

- 3 Holy Spirit, ever working**
Through the Church's ministry;
Quick'ning, strength'ning, and absolving,
Setting captive sinners free;
Holy Spirit, ever binding
Age to age and soul to soul
In communion never ending,
You we worship and extol.

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The Silent Worship

The Parish Announcements

The Postlude

“Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling”

✠ *To God All Praise and Glory!* ✠

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Divine Service, Setting Three from Lutheran Service Book

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NOTES AND NEWS

OUR SUMMER SCHEDULE ... Even though many changes have already been placed on us because of the state of emergency, Trinity is making its changeover from our “Regular” to our “Summer” Worship Schedule this weekend. Those congregational “summer routines” are as follows:

Sunday Worship will continue to be held at 9:30 AM

Sunday Morning Bible Study will be on its summer break, already begun.

Midweek Bible Study will also go on its recess for the summer months.

Lord willing, we hope to resume our Regular Schedule of worship and study together following the Labor Day Weekend holiday on Sunday, September 13th. Please stay tuned for more information as the summer comes to a close.

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 ... With the announcement this past week of the continued limits on worship gatherings and its impact on our being able to gather for public worship as a congregation, Pastor feels the need to continue offering 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.

TRINITY TRIBUNE ... Owing to the ongoing disruptions that the current situation have brought to congregational life and the workings of our church office, it was decided that we would not publish a Summer Edition (June, July, August) of the church newsletter. We hope that you will continue to keep informed about news and goings-on here at Trinity by reading the weekly bulletin and through other updates by email. Thank you for your understanding.

THE LUTHERAN HOUR... Blessing is a condition that's true even if you're not completely conscious of it or even if you don't fully appreciate it. Only God can bless in this sense. Jesus, sitting in God's spot on the mountain, speaks for God as the Son of God and He blesses. Listen to the Lutheran Hour next Sunday, June 7, 2020, for this message, "An Undeserved Salute", from Lutheran Hour Speaker, Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler, 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.

FELLOWSHIP ON ZOOM ... As the time of our separation from one another seems to grow longer as our County continues its limits on attendees at worship services, it has been nice to use the technological means we have to stay connected to one another. You are welcome to join us for another Zoom Fellowship **next Sunday, June 7th, at 4:00 PM**. Connection information will be sent out to members through email by this Friday. If you are not on our church announcement email list, please email Pastor at trinity-elc-pastor@verizon.net so he can include you.

ONLINE WORSHIP ... As the county government continues to hold with its limits on public gatherings for churches, we will also continue our worshipping together online. 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 work for us until we are able to meet with one another in our dear church home again. 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.

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. During this time when we will be publishing our weekly bulletin online, we will only list the persons we are praying for by their first names because of privacy concerns and laws, while we may continue to lift them up by full name in our spoken prayers. Pastor will continue 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.

MAKING PLANS TOWARDS REOPENING ... While the County Executive has begun the County's reopening process, the limits on how many persons can gather for worship remains held at 10 people. That limit continues to restrict us from opening our building for us to gather together for worship in a regular way, and so we continue to wait and pray for the time when our local leaders make a decision which will allow us to open the doors again. Until then, Pastor and the Ministry Planning Group (MPG) are looking through different things that we will need to be doing to get us ready to once more open the doors of our church home for public worship.

If you have any questions or concerns about our reopening, please be sure to contact Pastor or any 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.

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

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

PREPARING FOR NEXT SUNDAY ...

The Feast of the Holy Trinity: The First Sunday after Pentecost, June 7, 2020

Scripture Readings: Genesis 1:1-2:4a; Acts 2:14a, 22-36; Matthew 28:16-20



OFFERING OF LETTERS ... Our annual Offering of Letters with Bread for the World to appeal to our government leaders for their continued remembering to help the hungry in our nation and world will continue this year, albeit from our homes. The following is from Art Simon on how you can be a part of this effort...

TO MULTIPLY OUR HELP TO REDUCE HUNGER: AN OFFERING OF LETTERS

The economic impact of the coronavirus is hitting low-income people especially hard, and making millions of other Americans newly desperate for help.

Food charities are too swamped to meet the additional demand for food. As a result, the response of government and our letters to Congress are more crucial than ever.

We can do our “Offering of Letters” at home ONLINE by sending an email to each of Maryland’s two U.S. Senators:

Senator Ben Cardin at www.Cardin.Senate.gov.

Senator Chris Van Hollen at www.VanHollen.Senate.gov.

The message to each (but in your own words):

Dear Senator [Name]:

Please address the nation’s health and economic crisis by expanding SNAP, so that no American needs to go hungry.

Please also increase food and development assistance in our foreign aid program, with special emphasis on saving the lives of women and children.

Thank you for leading this cause!

Sincerely,

[your name and address in MD or DC]

And THANK YOU, Trinity members and friends, FOR OFFERING YOUR CITIZENSHIP TO GOD ON BEHALF OF HUNGRY PEOPLE by writing Senators Cardin and Van Hollen!



breadfortheworld
HAVE FAITH. END HUNGER.

Continuing Announcements as We Continue to Go Together Through This Time of Crisis

RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION ... With the limits placed on public gatherings it has become necessary for us to “think outside the box” on how we can best supply the blessings of the Lord’s Supper to our members until we are able to gather again for regular public worship.

Appointments can be made for individuals, families, or other groupings of no more than nine (9) people 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.

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.

YOUR OFFERINGS TO TRINITY ... As the world around us seems to be shutting down and coming to a near standstill, we know from our own lives that the bills don’t stop finding their way into our mailboxes. And the same is true for our congregation as the costs of doing ministry continue, even in this time.

We ask you to please continue to remember Trinity and its ministry during this time both with your prayers and your ongoing financial support. 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. Our hope and plan is that we will continue to make a weekly deposit from the gifts we receive.

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 orders from the Governor with regards to the closing of non-essential businesses being extended by the County Executive, and out of caution and concern for our office staff, we have decided that the church office will only be officially open on an “as needed basis”.

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.

Pastor will be in the building as regularly as schedule permits.

Thank you all for your patience and understanding as we work our best to continue serving our Trinity Family.

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 ... In addition to being your spiritual leader and all-around nice guy in doing what he’s called to do in providing for the spiritual care we all certainly need at this time, he is also trying his best to become a learn at home “tech guru” as he manages the website, Facebook, and working “behind the camera” for videos we are doing. If you get a reply back to a comment you’ve made on Facebook, it’s most likely him. He will also continue to be available for you to contact in more “traditional” ways as well:

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

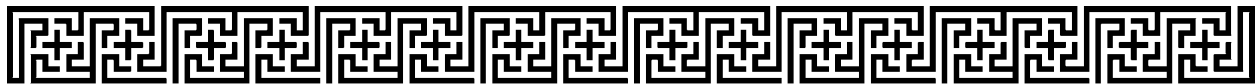
If he’s not readily available right at the moment that you call or text or email, just be patient, Pastor will get back in touch with you just as soon as he is able.

A FINAL WORD ... This entire situation is very fluid, with news and advisories changing every day. We are making the best of what has been brought to us, preparing as we are able to provide continued spiritual care for our Trinity Family. If things change with regards to orders from the government, we will do our best to change with them, keeping you informed on what we have to do and what we will be doing. We ask your continued patience, and together, with the Lord, we will get through this.

PARISH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 31—JUNE 7

Subject to Change

Today	<i>The Day of Pentecost</i>
	9:30 AM Worship Service via Facebook Live
Wednesday	3:00 PM Midweek Devotions via Facebook Live
Next Sunday	<i>The Feast of the Holy Trinity: The First Sunday after Pentecost</i>
	<i>Congregational Festival of Title</i>
	9:30 AM Worship Service via Facebook Live
	4:00 PM Fellowship on Zoom



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

Genesis 31:49 NKJV



✠ O Christ, Hear Us! ✠

Intercessions for the Week of May 31, 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

Ryan Pratico, Alexis Ramdass, John H. Bowman, and Lauren McBroom, who celebrate their birthdays this week.

Richard & Amanda Hudson, 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.