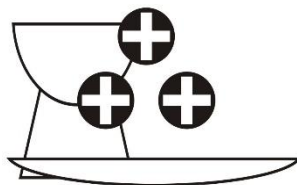


THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT



MARCH 15, 2020

10:30 AM



TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
THE BRONX, NEW YORK

WELCOME TO TRINITY!

"Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God." (Romans 15:7)

WELCOME TO TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH. We are the "FAMILY OF FAITH" here in the Castle Hill section of the Bronx, New York. *"Trinity exists to receive and share God's gifts."*

IS TODAY YOUR FIRST TIME? Welcome once more! Thank you for being with us today. If you are interested in learning more about Trinity, joining our parish or speaking more about things going on in your life, please connect with Pastor Gonzalez. You can reach him at pastor@trinitylutheranbronx.org. We hope that this is not your last time with us & we that you'll continue to share in our joy as a Family of Faith!

THE ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP SERVICE is printed in this booklet (*which is also called the "bulletin."*). LARGE PRINT EDITIONS of this are available at the entrance in the narthex (*the back of the church*). RESTROOMS are located in the side hallway of the sanctuary (*the area of the church where we worship*), which can be accessed through the side door, near the front of the church. A CHANGING TABLE is available in the women's restroom, along with a handicap-accessible stall.

A FEW REMINDERS FOR WORSHIP: If you are still finishing your breakfast, you are welcome to eat in the narthex on the opposite side of the "CITYtots" Play Area. We ask that you would refrain from eating in the sanctuary. Also, please feel free to take this bulletin home with you. It is filled with announcements about upcoming events. You can also use it to review & remember what you have received today throughout the week. During times in the worship service where we are reminded to sit quietly, please remember that many will use this as an opportunity to pray & reflect, so please show care & love to your neighbor, doing your best to remain quiet & respectful.

CHILDREN ARE WELCOME HERE AND ENCOURAGED TO BE IN WORSHIP! Trinity remembers what Jesus says in St. Matthew 18:13-16, "Let the children come" & we are not bothered by their noise or movement... it is a sign of a church that's alive! To make it more convenient for the little ones to receive the joys & benefits of worship, Trinity has provided our "CITYtots" Play Area for those who are not yet attending school. IF YOUR CHILD IS 4 YEARS OLD OR YOUNGER, feel free to sit with them in that area while following along with our worship service. You are even welcome to have a chair placed towards the middle of the narthex, allowing you to continue in worship while they play. FOR THOSE CHILDREN IN SCHOOL (AGES 5 & UP), we believe that it is a great benefit for them to participate in worship. As you enter, you will find coloring sheets & crayon packs for them to use in the sanctuary. Encourage them to sing & celebrate with you throughout our worship service. They will learn from your example & be joy-filled worshipping alongside those who love and care for them.

In the Name of Jesus

Brief Order of Confession and Forgiveness

P: In the Name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Gracious Father, thank You for Your Word that we receive today. Allow that same Word, both in hearing and in the Body and Blood of Your Son, to draw us closer to You and Your will, through our Savior, Jesus, the Christ.

C: Amen.

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. But, if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*(As we seek God's forgiveness, please **quietly reflect** upon those sins of which we are aware and those sins which we committed, yet cannot recall.)*

C: God, I need your mercy. I ask for your mercy because I know that you love me and you are faithful to me, even when I am unfaithful to You. Because of your great compassion, erase all the wrongs that I have done. Scrub away my guilt. Wash me clean from my sin.

Now, I know that I have done wrong. Sometimes I remember my sins and sometimes I forget them, but You know them all. I have done what is outside of Your design and desire, so You are the one I have sinned against. I confess this in front of my sisters and brothers because I am broken and I need Your healing. I am not proud of my sin, so I come to You, humbly asking for Your grace.

I was born to do wrong, a sinner before I left my mother's womb. Yet, You know how to heal me, how to guide me, how to save me. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and faithful spirit within me. Do not cast me away from your presence, and do not take your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your saving grace and sustain in me a willing spirit. Amen.

P: O Lord, open our lips, that our mouths will declare your praise. For you have no delight in sacrifice; if we were to give a burnt-offering, you would not be pleased. The sacrifice acceptable to You is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O Lord, You will not despise. Therefore, dear Father, hearing our confession, allow me, as a called and ordained servant of Christ to announce the grace of God unto all gathered here. Dear sisters & brothers, by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Liturgy of the Holy Word

Apostolic Greeting

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

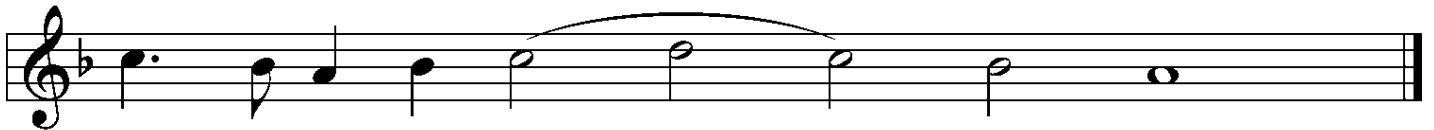
C: And also with you.

Kyrie Eleison (Lord, Have Mercy)

--LSB 944



1 Lord, _____ have mer - cy. Lord, _____ have mer - cy.
2 Christ, _____ have mer - cy. Christ, _____ have mer - cy.
3 Lord, _____ have mer - cy. Lord, _____ have mer - cy.



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

Prayer of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray [*Oremos*]...

(please listen as we lift our prayer to God.)

C: Amen.

Old Testament Reading: Exodus 17:1-7

From the wilderness of Zin, the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?" But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried out to the Lord, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." The Lord said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place

Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the Lord, saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?"

Psalm 95



Oh come, let us sing | to the LORD;*

let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our sal- | vation!

Let us come into his presence with thanks- | giving;*

let us make a joyful noise to him with | songs of praise!

For the LORD is a | great God,*

and a great King a- | bove all gods.

In his hand are the depths | of the earth;*

the heights of the mountains are his | also.

The sea is his, for he | made it,*

and his hands formed the | dry land.

Oh come, let us worship and | bow down;*

let us kneel before the LORD, our | Maker!

For he | is our God,*

and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep | of his hand.

Today, if you | hear his voice,*

do not harden your hearts, as at Meribah,

as on the day at Massah in the | wilderness,

when your fathers put me | to the test*

and put me to the proof, though they had | seen my work.

For forty years I loathed that generation

and said, "They are a people who go astray | in their heart,*

and they have not | known my ways."

Therefore I swore | in my wrath,*

"They shall not enter | my rest."

Glory be to the Father and | to the ☩ Son* and to the Holy | Spirit;

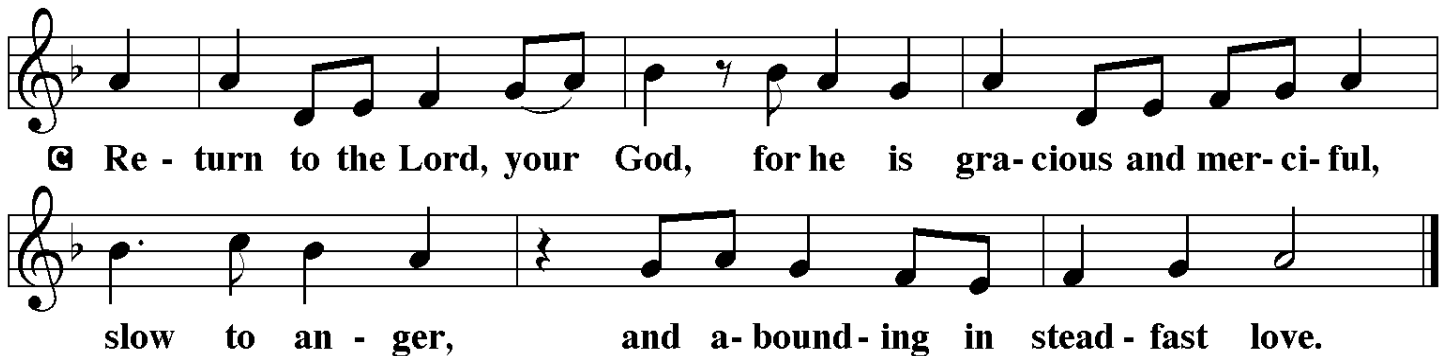
as it was in the be- | ginning,* is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

Epistle (Letter) Reading: Romans 5:1-11

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person-- though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

Verse



Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra- cious and mer- ci- ful,
slow to an - ger, and a- bound- ing in stead - fast love.

Holy Gospel: John 4:5-42

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 4th Chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

[Jesus] came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink'. (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, 'How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?' (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, 'If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, "Give me a drink", you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.' The woman said to him, 'Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?' Jesus said to her, 'Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to

eternal life.' The woman said to him, 'Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water.'

Jesus said to her, 'Go, call your husband, and come back.' The woman answered him, 'I have no husband.' Jesus said to her, 'You are right in saying, "I have no husband"; for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!' The woman said to him, 'Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshipped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem.' Jesus said to her, 'Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.' The woman said to him, 'I know that Messiah is coming' (who is called Christ). 'When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.' Jesus said to her, 'I am he, the one who is speaking to you.'

Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, 'What do you want?' or, 'Why are you speaking with her?' Then the woman left her water-jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, 'Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?' They left the city and were on their way to him.

Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, 'Rabbi, eat something.' But he said to them, 'I have food to eat that you do not know about.' So the disciples said to one another, 'Surely no one has brought him something to eat?' Jesus said to them, 'My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. Do you not say, "Four months more, then comes the harvest"? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, "One sows and another reaps." I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor.'

Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, 'He told me everything I have ever done.' So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there for two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, 'It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world.'

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

Sermon (Followed by **Silence** for prayer & meditation)

Sermon Reflection: What is one thing I've learned from God's Word today
and will TAKE with me into the world?

Hymn of the Day: Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone) --Chris Tomlin

Amazing grace how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost, but now I am found
Was blind but now I see

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
And grace my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed

Chorus:

My chains are gone, I've been set free
My God my Savior has ransomed me
And like a flood His mercy reigns
Unending love amazing grace

The Lord has promised good to me
His word my hope secures
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures

Chorus (2X)

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow
The sun forbear to shine
But God who called me here below
Will be forever mine
Will be forever mine
You are forever mine.

The Apostles' Creed

P: Together, let us confess our faith in the words of the Apostles' Creed.

**C: I believe in God the Father Almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.
On the third day He rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life ☩ everlasting. Amen.**

Prayer of the Church

The Lord's Prayer

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us 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.

Luther's Morning Prayer

P: Together, let us pray the Morning Prayer.

C: I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

Blessing

P: Jesus took the form of a servant and was obedient to death, even death on a cross. May you follow His example and share in the resurrection.

C: Amen.

P: In faithfulness to God, Jesus gave His life as a ransom for many. May you walk in love as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

C: Amen.

P: On the cross of Calvary Jesus bore our grief and carried our sorrows. May His passion bring you healing and peace.

C: Amen.

P: Almighty God – the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit – bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

(Please turn to follow the processional cross to the narthex.)

Recessional Hymn: Give Me Jesus

--TFF 165



1 In the morn-ing when I rise, in the morn-ing when I rise,
2 Dark . . . mid-night was my cry, dark . . . mid-night was my cry,
3 Just a - bout the break of day, just a - bout the break of day,
4 Oh, . . . when I come to die, oh, . . . when I come to die,
5 And . . . when I want to sing, and . . . when I want to sing,



in the morn - ing when I rise, give me Je - sus.
dark. . . . mid - night was my cry, give me Je - sus.
just a - bout the break of day, give me Je - sus.
oh, when I come to die, give me Je - sus.
and when I want to sing, give me Je - sus.

Refrain



Give me Je - sus, give me Je - sus.



You may have all the rest, give me Je - sus.

Text: African American spiritual

Music: GIVE ME JESUS, African American spiritual

*(Following the hymn, **please be seated** for final announcements from Pastor)*

A: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALL EVENTS & ACTIVITIES OUTSIDE OF WORSHIP ARE CURRENTLY SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE! AS WE CONTINUE WORKING THROUGH THE CHALLENGES OF COVID-19, WE WILL KEEP YOU UPDATED. THE FOLLOWING ANNOUNCEMENTS COME FROM OUR NON-SUSPENDED SCHEDULE. ONCE WE RESUME OUR NORMAL SCHEDULE, THESE ANNOUNCEMENTS WILL BECOME ACTIVE ONCE MORE. THANKS!

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MID-WEEK LENTEN MEAL & WORSHIP SERVICE. This year, we will be sharing in Lenten Mid-Week services, celebrating in the Liturgy together, mid-week, during the season of Lent. We will also share in a light supper before our worship together. Each service begins at 7:00PM. Here is the schedule of services:

- Wednesday, March 18, 2020 (*THE THIRD WEEK IN LENT*)
- Wednesday, March 25, 2020 (*THE FOURTH WEEK IN LENT*)
- Wednesday, April 1, 2020 (*THE FIFTH WEEK IN LENT*)

TRINITY’S SPRING SPRUCE-UP – 2 WEEK EVENT! All are invited to join together on Saturday, March 28, 2020 at 11 AM and then on Saturday, April 4, 2020 at 1PM as we clean-up and organize at Trinity! We have several different tasks to be completed, including the cleaning of our sanctuary as we prepare for the season of Easter. Please sign-up so that we can make sure that we finish all the tasks that need to be completed! We give thanks to God that we can take care of our church together!

“FAMILY OF FAITH” EASTER BRUNCH! On Sunday, April 12, 2020, following our Easter Sunday Worship Service, we gather in our community room for our Easter Brunch. This is a wonderful time to celebrate the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, breaking the fast of Lent together and beginning the Easter season! All are invited to our joyous celebration together as we gather with our “Family of Faith!” Also, PLEASE invite all to our Holy Week Liturgies and to our celebration feast at Trinity as we hope to help all feel welcome as we give thanks for this wonderful time together, continuing to receive and share God's gifts!

“MHM” MOTHER’S DAY DRIVE! From March 1 – April 26, 2020, our new outreach ministry, “Moms Helping Moms,” will be hosting a collection for women’s personal care & hygiene products. All of these products will be donated directly to a shelter for single mothers, helping them to be able to care for their basic needs. The gifts will be delivered to them in time for Mother’s Day, along with some words of encouragement and prayer. Any items to be donated can be brought to church from now until April 26. For more information, please speak to our MHM Leadership Team: Mrs. Jasmin Ayala, Ms. Cassandra Maldonado, and Mrs. Ruthie Helliger.

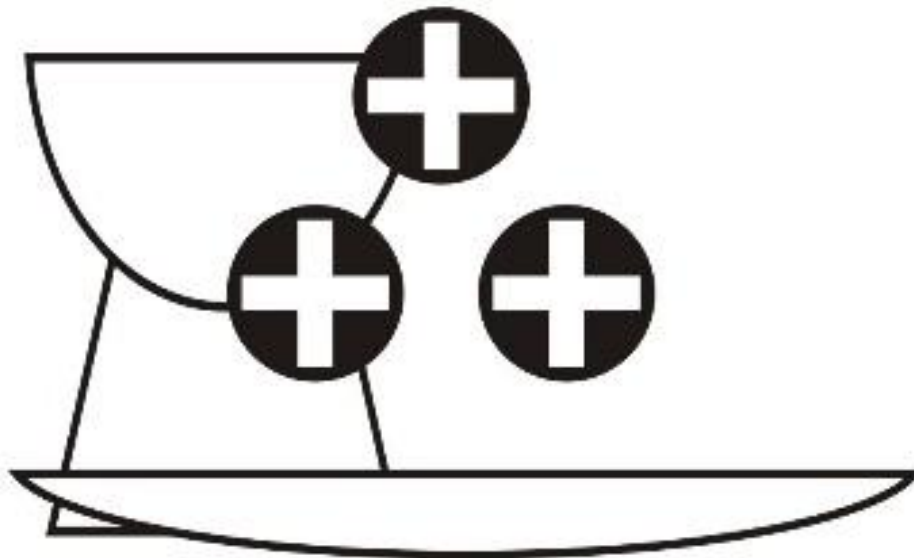
WALKING IN HER SHOES: A DAY OF SHARED EXPERIENCE. On Saturday, April 25, 2020 at 1:30PM, SALT is hosting our ladies for a day of fellowship and growing together. Ladies will be invited to exchange their life experiences and stories, speaking about how each has moved forward from specific life events and occurrences while also sharing how these experiences can help those currently walking through the same situation. This can also help us grow in how we view one another with compassion and empathy. Along with this, the event will have an opportunity to put together baskets for the “MHM Mother’s Day Drive.” For more information, please speak with Mrs. Rosemarie Venero-Schenkel.

HW HELP at TRINITY! Every Wednesday from 3-5PM, we have our HW Help program for those who need assistance. The young people are invited to get assistance with their homework, or any other work that they may have. For more information, please speak with Pastor Gonzalez.

ANOINTING WITH OIL FOR HEALING will occur when announced in the bulletin & weekly announcements. The next date is: Sunday, March 29.

“LIFT” (LEARNING IN FAITH @ TRINITY)! Would you like to be baptized, receive Holy Communion, or join our "Family of Faith" here at Trinity? We are excited about sharing our faith with others. Together, we give thanks to God for our opportunities to join Trinity as a member and learn more about the Christian faith. This happens in our LIFT Classes, specifically designed for adults to learn and become members. For more information, please speak with Pastor Gonzalez.

WEBSITE & CALENDAR - UPDATED!!! Our website is newly updated, including the calendar feature, which tells of the wonderful events upcoming in the life of our church. Please direct your friends and family to view the website and promote it on your social media pages. God willing, our Lord will use this to reach those outside of our normal interaction and encourage them to gather with our Family of Faith!



TRINITY'S FAMILY OF FAITH

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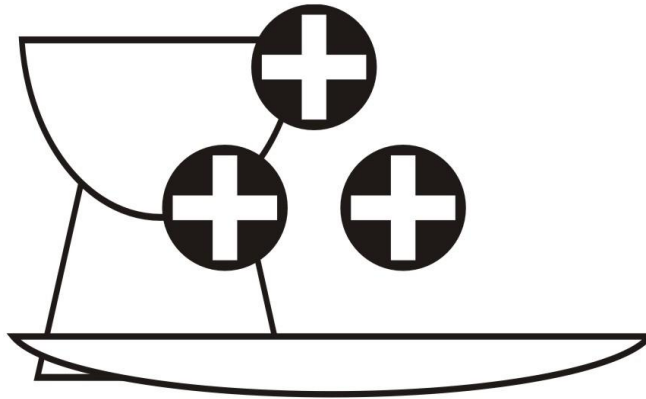
“CITY+” (College & “20’s”) EVENT: “Locked In” Lock-in! On Friday, March 27, 2019, beginning at 6PM, our CITY+ Group (17 – 29 years old) will be gathering together for an evening of fun, fellowship, and faith, including a “lock-in” overnight at the church! For more information, please speak with Pastor G.

“CITY” (6th Grade - HS) EVENT: GAME DAY! On Saturday, April 18, 2020, our CITY group will gather for a fun afternoon of games, food, and fun time together. We will meet at church at 2PM for this event! For more information, please speak with Pastor G.

“CITY Jr.” (8 -12 yrs. old) EVENT: PIZZA, POPCORN, & MOVIE NIGHT! On Friday, March 20, 2020, our CITY Jr. group will have a movie night, along with Pizza & Popcorn! Please bring your friends for this fun evening at church! We’ll gather at 6:30PM. For more information, please speak with Pastor G.

“SALT” EVENT: WOMEN’S RETREAT! From Friday, May 1-3, 2020, our SALT will be attending our FIRST ANNUAL WOMEN’S RETREAT! This will be a great opportunity for our women to journey together as they grow in faith and fellowship with one another. For more information, please speak with Pastor G or with Mrs. Katie Gonzalez.

“LIGHT” EVENT: SERVICE & HELP DAY! On Saturday, March 28, 2020 at 10AM, our LIGHT (Leaders’ Imitating God’s Heart at Trinity) are invited to help for our “Spring Spruce-Up!” For more information, please speak with Pastor G.



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