



**First Trinity Evangelical-Lutheran Church
Holy Cross Evangelical-Lutheran Chapel
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania**



Lutheran Worship and Devotional Resources

*"I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come? My help comes from the LORD,
who made heaven and earth" (Psalm 121:1-2).*

Worship Services

First Trinity and Holy Cross Sunday Service:

- www.facebook.com/LCMSpittsburgh/ - First Trinity Evangelical-Lutheran Church and Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Chapel in Pittsburgh.

If you want more church:

- <https://worshipanew.org/> - Television broadcast available online and through cable.
- <https://www.ctsfw.edu/daily-chapel/> - Concordia Theological Seminary – Fort Wayne daily chapel service.
- <https://redeemer-fortwayne.org/web-broadcasts/> - Redeemer Lutheran Church in Fort Wayne broadcasts.

LCMS President Harrison addresses the church in the midst of pandemic

- <https://blogs.lcms.org/2020/a-message-from-lcms-president-matthew-c-harrison-amid-the-coronavirus-pandemic/>
- <https://files.lcms.org/wl/?id=SWCAOXRTIfaBjeu38q3MMQYU5aExWZR0> - Propers for use during a time of pestilence.

Devotions

For the congregation, suitable for the whole family

- <https://www.lcms.org/how-we-serve/mercy/health-ministry/pandemic> - During this time of uncertainty, our greatest comfort is found in God's Word. Tune in to live devotions on the [LCMS Facebook page](#) every weekday at 9 a.m. (or watch the archived videos [here](#)). These devotions, led by LCMS President Rev. Dr. Matthew C. Harrison, LCMS First Vice-President Rev. Peter K. Lange, and LCMS Director of Worship Rev. Sean Daenzer, will focus on the words of comfort and promise found in Romans, Lamentations, and the four Gospels.
- <http://peacesussex.org/downloads/congregation-at-prayer/> - A short, manageable order of daily prayer for family devotions centered around the catechism and the daily lectionary. Includes learn-by-heart Bible and hymns verses.
- <https://blogs.lcms.org/2016/new-devotional-guide-the-lords-mercy-endures-forever/> - Forty devotions focused on God's mercy, written for use especially in times of crisis. Free copies available for order. Or download here: https://blogs.lcms.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/08/Devotional_booklet_printer_v7.pdf
- <https://thewordendures.org/> - Daily Bible study and devotion hosted by the Rev. William C. Weedon.
- <https://www.lhm.org/dailydevotions/> - Lutheran Hour Ministries provides a daily devotion, also offering an app version.
- <https://www.facebook.com/ctsfw/> - Concordia Theological Seminary – Fort Wayne on Facebook also posts devotions at least once a day.
- <https://www.facebook.com/ConcordiaSem/> - Concordia Seminary – St. Louis also published daily devotions.
- <https://higherthings.org/reflections/> - “Reflections” is the daily devotional put out by Higher Things. Although mostly geared towards youth and young adults, the material is salutary for all ages.

For families with children

- <https://files.lcms.org/wl/?id=IOzhHfyshEJZnoncFxRazY2LP51gEljC> - Do your children understand what the parts of the liturgy mean? Do you? Here is a short instruction on the parts of the liturgy for families to use with children under 10. Read through one or two parts and explore your hymnal. Be aware that page numbers reflect the numbering in the *Lutheran Service Book* (the burgundy hymnal), not *The Lutheran Hymnal* (the red one that we use at First Trinity).

- <https://www.mission-friends.org/materials/> - Short devotions on the catechism, focused on missionary work, intended for families of younger children (through about 4th grade). Includes a short write-up about the countries served by our LCMS missionaries along with coloring pages, simple craft ideas, and a recipe.

Lenten Devotions

- https://steadfastlutherans.org/lenten-devotions/?fbclid=IwAR3gtMDiGMm7PTE23RkiMLjvHNOveztDtJwI3pwTeSdx3KXt8Ly2O_1Oaio – Confessional Lutheran group with a variety of resources. These are the devotions that were available in print form at First Trinity and Holy Cross.

Bible Studies

- <https://files.lcms.org/wl/?id=tKaxnjeVYdzWYpBbXQ2sigqsFi3nsfmV> - *Feed My Lambs*, a Bible study by President Harrison focused on care for our neighbors. In the midst of a national crisis, this resource may direct our attention and mercy to the needs of our neighbors.
- <https://files.lcms.org/wl/?id=jEhvTGBlbDt4IS2GRhWrqNmtThsaoRQt> - *Bible Study after a Disaster*, by LCMS Disaster Response. A Bible study that refocuses our attention on Jesus and what is truly important during uncertain times.
- <https://www.lcms.org/worship/hymn-of-the-day-studies> - *Hymn of the Day Studies*. Give this uncertain season a soundtrack of hope. The LCMS has created brief, downloadable studies on hymns. Enjoy reflecting on the theology of these hymns and singing them with your family or by yourself.
- <https://www.lcms.org/Document.fdoc?src=lcm&id=2344> - *A Simple Way to Pray*, by Rev. Dr. John W. Sias. This time is a time to lean into prayer. This brief study provides a resource to help you avail yourself of the privilege of prayer.

Topics

During outbreak of disease

- <https://blogs.lcms.org/2020/when-one-cant-flee-the-plague/> - Living in your baptism during the outbreak of coronavirus.
- <https://blogs.lcms.org/2020/read-luthers-letter-about-plague/> - Luther wrote an open letter to the people of Wittenburg during the 1527 outbreak of plague.
- <https://issuesetc.org/2017/04/07/0974-the-resurrection-of-christ-and-of-the-christian-pr-matt-harrison-4717/> - Pr. Matthew Harrison talks about the resurrection of Jesus and the life of the Christian.

Peace

- <https://issuesetc.org/2020/03/04/0643-the-words-of-scripture-peace-pr-will-weedon-3-4-20/> - Rev. William C. Weedon talks about peace.
- <https://issuesetc.org/2008/11/05/peace-in-the-scriptures/> - Dr. Peter Scaer talks about peace in the Scripture
- <https://blogs.lcms.org/2015/depart-in-peace-praying-for-a-good-death/> - An article based on the *Nunc Dimitis*, focused on praying for a good and faithful death.
- <https://blogs.lcms.org/2014/the-joy-of-everyday-life/> - Pastor Harrison writes about peace and joy in the “everyday” of life.

God’s Mercy

- <https://issuesetc.org/2019/04/08/0982-lutheran-catechesis-the-kyrie-pr-peter-bender-4-8-19/> - Pr. Peter Bender talks about the Kyrie
- <https://issuesetc.org/2017/04/07/0974-the-resurrection-of-christ-and-of-the-christian-pr-matt-harrison-4717/> - Pr. Matthew Harrison talks about the resurrection of Jesus and the life of the Christian.

God’s Comfort for His people

- <https://issuesetc.org/2017/06/05/1561-suffering-grief-and-hope-pr-matt-harrison-6517/> Pr. Harrison talks about suffering, grief, and hope
- <https://issuesetc.org/2009/01/05/comfort-in-the-scriptures/>
- <https://blogs.lcms.org/2007/the-comfort-of-the-incarnation-12-2007/> - A devotional article by Professor Pless of CTSFW on taking comfort in Jesus’ incarnation. Has a Christmas-y theme, but Jesus is our incarnate God with us all through the year.
- <https://blogs.lcms.org/2015/sermon-on-isaiah-51/> - During this time of social distancing, here is a sermon entitled “Hope and comfort for those who feel alone”
- <https://issuesetc.org/2012/09/10/1-the-hymn-my-hope-is-built-on-nothing-less-pr-bill-cwirla-91012/> - A reflection on the Hymn *My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less* by Pastor Bill Cwirla
- <https://issuesetc.org/2009/02/04/christians-anxiety/> - About Christians and anxiety
- <https://issuesetc.org/2012/09/14/1-the-hymn-gods-own-child-i-gladly-say-it-pr-will-weedon-91412/> - Study on the baptismal hymn *God’s Own Child I Gladly Say It*.

Miscellaneous

- <https://www.tabletalkradio.org/> - A fun Lutheran podcast teaching the faith with somewhat educational theological game shows.
- <https://thecross957.org/> - Online radio, including several confessional podcasts.
- <https://www.lhm.org/> - Lutheran Hour Ministries also provides an online radio program, as well as several podcasts. To find LHM on your local radio affiliate, use the broadcast guide [here](#).
- <https://www.facebook.com/TheLCMS/> - The LCMS Facebook page also provides a variety of devotions and updates.
- <https://www.lcms.org/> - Very similar to the LCMS Facebook page, listing a variety of resources.
- <https://www.kfuo.org/> - Another LCMS online radio program, also offering several recorded programs.
- <https://issuesetc.org/> - A strong Lutheran radio program available online. It also has an extensive archive of devotions, presentations, and sermons.
- <http://www.palmpa.org> – Information, news, and announcements from Pittsburgh Area Lutheran Ministries with a link to the latest issue of *The Pittsburgh Lutheran*.

Spanish Resources

- [Devocional Salmo 46](#) - Brief Spanish devotion in the style of Portals of Prayer by Vicar Tyler McMiller.
- [Salmo 46 en sí](#) - Psalm 46, the Lord's Prayer, and the Apostles' Creed in Spanish by Vicar Tyler McMiller.