Holy Week and Easter 2020

Dear Trinity and St. Timothy families,

There is no doubt that this year our celebration of Holy Week and Easter will be different than we have ever experienced. Not only will we hear the words of Scripture that detail the passion of Christ, the story of our salvation, the joy of resurrection, we find ourselves in many ways living the story of Holy Week and Easter. This year we wait as did the disciples, from the distance of the crowds, we wait in fear of what we are hearing and seeing in the world around us, we wait in hope anticipating once again the reality of Jesus’ promise.

Although we cannot gather together for our observance of Holy Week as we are accustomed, we invite you to join us remotely from your homes, electronically and digitally as together we read Scripture, sing praise, pray thankfully, and live the story of resurrection and Easter. We can do this together; we are Easter people! Now more than ever we can give witness to the power of the message of Easter, where fear and death have no power over what Jesus has accomplished for us on the cross and at the tomb.

We invite you this week with Facebook on your digital device, at our website tlcmidland.org on your computer, or on the radio in your car at FM 102.9 (strongest signal Trinity Parking lot) for Holy Week worship.

On **Maundy Thursday** – we will hear of how Jesus took on the role of a servant, kneeling at the feet of his disciples, he lovingly served them by washing their feet and asking them in response to serve one another. We are encouraging you to serve one another while physically distancing yourself. In your home make the point of calling someone, sending a card to someone in a care facility, write thank-you cards to those on the front lines. If you like getting outside do a little yard work for an elderly neighbor or here at either of our respective church sites. Take a picture and send it to: mcrouch@tlcmidland.org and then tune in to our worship at 7:00pm (tlcmidland.org) or at a time that is meaningful for you.

On **Good Friday** – Jesus took his disciples up to the garden of Gethsemane to keep watch and to pray. We invite you to take a moment at designated hours to pray with fellow disciples as we read scripture and remember Jesus’ passion for our salvation. Electronically at the designated time you will receive a reminder to pray and read a portion of the passion story. Our day will conclude by tuning in to our Tenebrae Service (Service of Shadows) at 7:00pm (tlcmidland.org) in which we will hear the words of Jesus from the cross.
Good Friday Cont.

7:00am – Jesus prays – pray for strength for fellow believers  
Reading: Matthew 26:36-46
10:00am – Jesus is Arrested – pray for those incarcerated  
Reading: Matthew 26: 47-68
1:00pm – Peter’s denial – pray for ourselves in time of doubt  
Reading: Matthew 26: 69-75
4:00pm – Jesus is mocked – pray for those who suffer on behalf of faith  
Reading: Matthew 27: 11-31
7:00pm – Jesus is crucified – pray a prayer of gratitude  
Reading: Matthew 27:32-44

Easter – Upon sunrise, we will meet the women at the tomb as they experience firsthand the joy of that first Easter morning. We, along with the first witnesses will hear those words of hope “Christ is risen, He is risen indeed Alleluia”. In song, through scripture, in prayer we will join our hearts together praising God and being filled with the powerful message that fear and death have no power over us. Although separated by distance we can be assured that by the power of the Holy Spirit we are truly together. We invite you to tune in for worship and celebration.

As your Pastors and worship leaders we pray our observance of Holy Week and Easter, although different this year, will be filled with great spiritual growth. More than ever before Jesus’ words have become our present reality, though fear and anxiousness, doubt and death would like to have dominion over us, Jesus speaks the final word, “I am the resurrection and the life”, which fills our lives with the hope, when we will be reunited and together again.

In Easter hope,  
Pastor Gerald  
Pastor Danielle  
Pastor Megan  
Councils and Worship Teams of Trinity and St. Timothy

(Both the councils of Trinity and St. Timothy have agreed to continue worship services on Wednesdays from St. Timothy and Sunday’s from Trinity until restrictions are lifted and it is safe to gather together)

If you would like to receive communion, individual appointments can be made by calling Pastor Gerald at the Trinity office 631-0692 or 989 430-5998. Each of the Pastors is available remotely for counseling, please call them individually on their cell phone: Pastor Gerald 989-430-5998, Pastor Danielle 864-561-7693, Pastor Megan 231-730-4127.