

Devotional and Prayer Resources during the COVID-19 Pandemic

Dear Trinity Members,

During the pandemic, as you find yourself spending more time at home, you have more time for prayer, devotions, and the study of God's Word. That's what Lent is all about!

While there are lots of resources that you can access on-line, on radio and TV, or in-print, obviously we want to make use of those resources that are faithful to the Word of God and the Lutheran confession of the faith.

Listed below are some resources that will strengthen your faith in Jesus, stir you up to love and good works for your neighbor, help you to pray, and give you peace and hope at this time. Remember, you can use these resources all the time, not just during the pandemic.

Print Resources

- *Portals of Prayer* has been around forever, but it's still the best little devotional and prayer book you can find. We have copies here at church in large-print, digest, and pocket sizes. We can get you a copy if you need one. You can also subscribe digitally.
- Your Bible! Your hymnal! Your catechism! Use them to read, sing, and pray.

On-line Resources

- Our synod's official website has a page dedicated to the pandemic. You will find links to daily devotions, Bible studies, Sunday school lessons, all of which can be used at home. In addition, there are videos, articles, and commentaries about the pandemic and our synod's response and our personal response to it. <https://www.lcms.org/>
- The website of our seminary in Fort Wayne, Indiana provides live-streaming of their daily chapel services. <https://www.ctsfw.edu/>
- Lutheran talk radio! Search the archives for interviews and presentations on all kinds of interesting topics—including COVID-19. <https://issuesetc.org/>
- Like Issues, etc., this on-line radio station provides devotions, studies, and church music that can nourish and strengthen your faith. <https://www.kfuo.org/>
- On this website of the Lutheran Hour Ministries you will find Lenten devotions and video-based studies that you can view on-line. <https://www.lhm.org/>

TV/Radio Resources

- Worship Anew is a 30-minute service that provides Scripture readings, sermon, the Lord's Prayer, the Apostles' Creed, and appropriate music each Sunday. It is broadcast on channels 49 WCIX Springfield at 7:30 a.m.; 50 WPWR Chicago at 8:00 a.m.; and 2 WTWO Terra Haute at 7:00 a.m. (IL time); 40 WHMB Indianapolis (9:00 a.m. (IL time).
- Don't forget, Trinity's service is broadcast on WITY 980AM twice every Sunday—at 10:30 a.m. and 10:30 p.m. The Lutheran Hour is broadcast Sunday at 10:00 a.m., also on WITY.
- Don't forget to check out Trinity's website <https://trinitylutherandanvilleil.com/>

Jesus is with you, Pastor Tibben

