

Blessed  
are  
Those



who have not  
seen and yet have believed.

*John 20:29*

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**TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH**

*"Welcoming You to God's Table"*



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“Welcoming You to God’s Table”

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**Welcome**

**Prelude: Brass & Organ**

Gary Benevides

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**Gospel: John 20:19-31**

<sup>19</sup>When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” <sup>20</sup>After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup>Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.”

<sup>22</sup>When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup>If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

<sup>24</sup>But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup>So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.”

<sup>26</sup>A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” <sup>27</sup>Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.” <sup>28</sup>Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” <sup>29</sup>Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.”

<sup>30</sup>Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. <sup>31</sup>But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## SERMON

## HYMN

### **Crown Him with Many Crowns**

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## THE PRAYERS

Uplifted by the promised hope of healing and resurrection, we join the people of God in all times and places in praying for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

*As we begin the prayers, we will pause for 30 seconds of silence to center ourselves, to listen to God, to simply be aware of the presence of Jesus in our midst.*

Open the doors we close, O God, when we fear those who worship you in different ways. Guide us to unity and harmony so that we may come to respect and cherish our commonalities. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Open the paths we ignore, O God, when we prioritize financial gain and convenience over listening to the groaning of the earth. Inspire all to care for the world you have made so that living things might thrive. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Open the rooms we lock, O God, to those who live without a homeland or place of safety. We pray that generous nations offer refuge and peace for all. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Open the hearts we close, O God, to the cries of those in pain. We pray for those isolated physically or emotionally through incarceration, addiction, mental illness, chronic suffering, grief, and all in need. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Please pray for:

Elly, Michael, Curt & Cyndy, Julie S, Edith Stechholz, Andy Wallbillich, Laurie Miller, Paul, Candy, Kevin & family, Vanessa, John, Paul, Greg, Jackie, Rose, Gerhard, Briana & Elliana, Jean, Joann & Frank, Judy, Sapphire Williams, Diane, Duane, Nancy, Erica S, Rees/Ashe family, Orus & family, Paul, Tom S, Lynn-Marie, Francis, Fran Weir, Karen, Kirk Russell, Steve B, ChristyAnne V, Robyn & Ella, Clara, Ralph & Nina, Grant, Cody, Kurt Glacy, Carol Chandler, Juanita, Rhoda, Sue Schutz, Richard & Antoinette Regner, Emily, Cheryl, Kara, Jason Zollo & family, Susan C, Richard Eppler, Jeanne, Frank, Cathy O., Lynne N., Julie, Alex, Scott Cady, Vo Newell, Jessica, Nancy Vincent, William, Christopher, Roy Lantieri, Mary A, John B, Caroline C, Cherry family, Megan Oborski,

Kayla's family & friends, Lily, Doreen, Fred S., Chris Marvin, Dwight, Brian, Alma, Larry S., Jonathan Bruce, Mynot, Betty, Jeremy, Wendy, Rob, Eva, Tom, Mark, Florence, Don, Barbara, Gildo, Dennis, Darlene, Mareen, Dean, Christopher, Max, Mike, Chase, Aidan, Noreen, Helen, Anna Mae, Marvin, Al, Lily, Richard, Julia, all of our shut-ins, the people of Shishmaref and all Alaskan villages.

Open the ways of love, O God, in the pursuit of peace throughout the world, and bless the efforts of missionaries, healthcare professionals, activists for women and children, and relief workers, especially those who find themselves in harm's way. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Open the way to eternal life, O God, as we remember those who have died in faith. Free us from the fear of death, that we embrace the peace you have promised. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

With bold confidence in your love, almighty God, we place all for whom we pray into your eternal care; through Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.**

### **THE BENEDICTION**

P: May the One who brought forth Jesus from the dead raise you to new life, fill you with hope, and turn your mourning into dancing. Almighty God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.  
**Amen.**