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## Does it feel like Lent to you?

Maybe, the only thing that is the same about this Lent is that it, like every other Lent, will last 40 days, not including Sundays. Well, another equivalence is that it is busy, extremely busy. After these two notations, everything else seems to be different.

The way that we are doing our Lenten services, at least in English, is unique, and I pray a blessing to you all. Recording pieces of the services and having them melded in "post-production" is a first-time experience for me. But, of course, the biggest curve ball is ... NO homemade soup, **no soup for you** (a Seinfeld, sitcom reference)! We all know that the way to a Lutheran's heart is through his or her stomach, ha ha.

Planning for Holy Week also resembles nothing that I have ever experienced. Blending Trinity traditions with traditions that are new to Trinity, and learning the traditions of the Spanish-speaking membership has been both a challenge and a blessing to me and to Pastor Rafael, as it is the first Lent, Holy Week, and Easter that we will experience at Trinity. Remember. that we did



### WORSHIP AT TRINITY

**SATURDAY AT 5:00PM**  
**SUNDAY AT 10:00AM**  
**SPANISH LANGUAGE AT**  
**11:30AM**

also

### LIVE STREAMING OF WORSHIP AT TRINITY

Sundays at 10:00 am & 11:30AM  
Wednesday's during Lent  
6:00 pm Lenten Reflections in Spanish  
8:00 pm Holden Evening Prayer

Holy Week Worship  
Maundy Thursday, April 1st  
5:00 pm Spanish  
5:30 pm Seder Dinner in FLC  
7:00 pm Worship  
Good Friday, April 2nd  
5:00 pm 7 Words from the Cross (Spanish)  
7:00 pm Stations of the Cross  
Saturday, April 3rd  
7:00 pm Easter Vigil  
Easter, April 4th

not come back to in-person worship until well after Easter in 2020.

Does it feel like Lent to you who are reading this article, without the soup and the in-person gathering, at least for midweek events? Has our journey with Jesus been hindered? Has our focus on the cross been blurred? Is it easier to be distracted by the Easter displays, which by now must be dominating many places of commerce, and overlook Lent and Holy Week?

I pray that, through all the differences, we can remember the words of Hebrews 13 that tell us, "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever". I pray that we remember that God has always been, is, and always will be the constant, including during the pre-COVID, COVID, and post-COVID periods. The God of the cross, Jesus, is the constant, *especially* when things seem different that they have ever been. It is not that God is less present this year, but we may be less effective in spotting God's hands in the midst of the extra chaos that has become our way of life.

No, the cross is not any less effective, Jesus death and resurrection means no less, and even much more this year. Through it all, we must remember that we are not the constant, that our ability to believe is never a constant, but that the God of the cross, Jesus, is unwavering, "the same yesterday, today and forever", the same in love, the same in forgiveness, the same in salvation from the consequence of sin, which is death.

Let this message be in our ears, in our hearts, and may it permeate our souls as we journey with Jesus to the same cross and the same resurrection that has always, is, and will always be more than enough for all of us who receive the gift of faith.

7:00 am  
Sunrise Service (Outdoors)  
8:30 am  
10:00 am  
11:30 am (Spanish)

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TLC Worship Service-Kissimmee  
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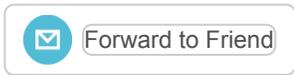
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Let the Church say ... Amen!  
In Christ ... Pastor Chris



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