

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

Combined Worship Services • 10:00 AM

August 15, 2021 • Setting 10

Mary, Mother of Our Lord



Mary's role is not limited to giving birth to Jesus and mothering him in his childhood. In John's gospel, she is among the women standing near the cross; in Acts, she is among the disciples awaiting the gift of the Spirit. Through all that happened she continued to see how God was at work through her son, keeping the ancient promises to her ancestors, brushing aside the rich and powerful, and focusing on those as poor and powerless as Mary herself.

Thank you for joining us online or at our in person worship in the sanctuary.

There are no provisions for the nursery, but if you need to use it, please feel free to do so.



The Reverend Tina Melusky, Pastor

Pastor Melusky's office hours:

Monday: 9 - 2; Tuesday: 9 -10:30, 11:30 - 12:15

Wednesday 9:30 - 12; Thursday 9 - 12

(Times are sometimes flexible with monthly meetings,
but feel free to call for an appointment or drop in)

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Carillon Call to Worship

Prelude

The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came

Paul Manz

Announcements

Gathering

*The assembly stands. All may make the sign of the cross,
the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, whose steadfast love is everlasting, whose faithfulness endures from generation to generation.

Trusting in the mercy of God, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Reconciling God,

**we confess that we do not trust your abundance,
and we deny your presence in our lives.**

**We place our hope in ourselves
and rely on our own efforts.**

We fail to believe that you provide enough for all.

We abuse your good creation for our own benefit.

**We fear difference and do not welcome others
as you have welcomed us.**

We sin in thought, word, and deed.

By your grace, forgive us;

through your love, renew us;

and in your Spirit, lead us;

so that we may live and serve you in newness of life. Amen.

Beloved of God:

by the radical abundance of divine mercy

we have peace with God through + Christ Jesus,

through whom we have obtained grace upon grace.

Our sins are forgiven.

Let us live now in hope.

For hope does not disappoint,
because God's love has been poured into our hearts
through the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Gathering Hymn

My Soul Proclaims Your Greatness

ELW 251



1 My soul pro-claims your great-ness, Lord; I sing my Sav - ior's praise!
2 To all who live in ho - ly fear your mer-cy ev - er flows.
3 To Is - ra - el, your ser - vant blest, your help is ev - er sure;



You looked up - on my low - li - ness, and I am full of grace.
With might - y arm you dash the proud, their schem-ing hearts ex - pose.
the prom - ise to our par - ents made their chil - dren will se - cure.



Now ev - 'ry land and ev - 'ry age this bless-ing shall pro - claim—
The ruth-less you have cast a - side, the low - ly throned in - stead;
Sing glo - ry to the Ho - ly One, give hon - or to the Word,



great won - ders you have done for me, and ho - ly is your name.
the hun - gry filled with all good things, the rich sent off un - fed.
and praise the Pow'r of the Most High, one God, by all a - dored.

Greeting

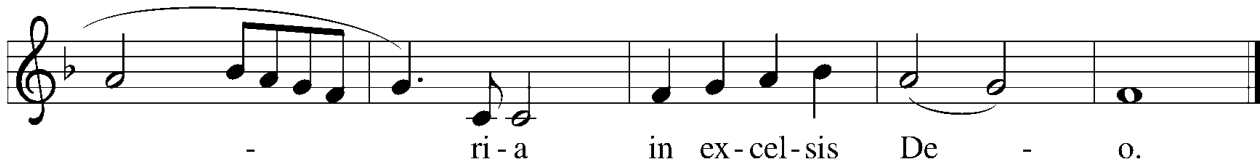
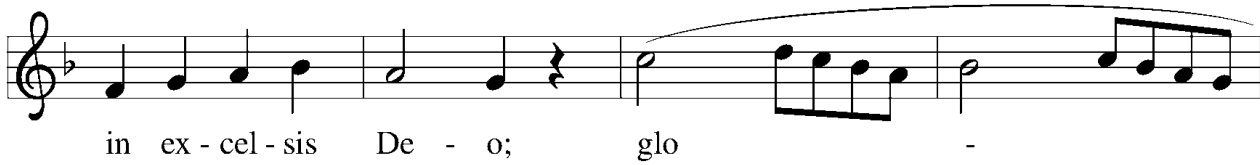
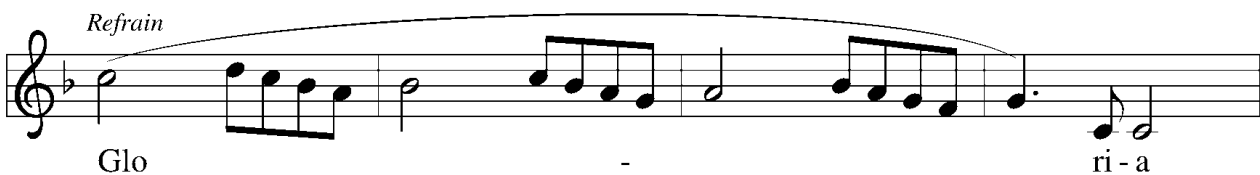
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit
be with you all. **And also with you.**



1 An - gels we have heard on high, sweet - ly sing - ing o'er the plains,
 2 Shep-herds, why this ju - bi-lee? Why your joy - ous strains pro - long?
 3 Come to Beth - le - hem and see him whose birth the an - gels sing;



and the moun-tains in re - ply, ech - o - ing their joy - ous strains.
 What the glad-some tid - ings be which in - spire your heav'n - ly song?
 come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ the Lord, the new - born king.



Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, in choosing the virgin Mary to be the mother of your Son, you made known your gracious regard for the poor, the lowly, and the despised. Grant us grace to receive your word in humility, and so to be made one with your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

The assembly sits.

First Reading: Isaiah 61:7-11

The prophet proclaims a hopeful message: God loves justice and will make an everlasting covenant with Israel and her descendants. In response, the prophet sings a joyful song, like Mary many generations later, about God's mercy and salvation.

Because the shame of God's people was double,
and dishonor was proclaimed as their lot,
therefore they shall possess a double portion;
everlasting joy shall be theirs.

For I the Lord love justice,
I hate robbery and wrongdoing;
I will faithfully give them their recompense,
and I will make an everlasting covenant with them.
Their descendants shall be known among the nations,
and their offspring among the peoples;
all who see them shall acknowledge
that they are a people whom the Lord has blessed.
I will greatly rejoice in the Lord,
my whole being shall exult in my God;
for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation,
he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,
as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland,
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.
For as the earth brings forth its shoots,
and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up,
so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise
to spring up before all the nations.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm: 34:1-9 (read responsively)

I will bless the Lord at all times;
the praise of God shall ever be in my mouth.

**I will glory in the Lord;
let the lowly hear and rejoice.**

Proclaim with me the greatness of the Lord;
let us exalt God's name together.

**I sought the Lord, who answered me
and delivered me from all my terrors.**

Look upon the Lord and be radiant,
and let not your faces be ashamed.

**I called in my affliction, and the Lord heard me
and saved me from all my troubles.**

The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear the Lord

and delivers them.

**Taste and see that the Lord is good;
happy are they who take refuge in God!**

Fear the Lord, you saints of the Lord,
for those who fear the Lord lack nothing.

Second Reading: Galatians 4:4-7

In the promise of the Incarnation, Jesus Christ embodies God's mother-father heart, in love claiming people as adopted children.

When the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

The assembly stands.

Gospel Acclamation



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

Gospel: Luke 1:46-55

Mary's song, the Magnificat, serves as a thematic anthem for God's work in the world and therefore for the ministry of her son, Jesus. In Mary's praise we hear of a saving God who remembers the humble, scatters the proud, lifts up the lowly, and fulfills all things.

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 1st chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Mary said,

“My soul magnifies the Lord,
and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,
for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant.
Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed;
for the Mighty One has done great things for me,
and holy is his name.
His mercy is for those who fear him
from generation to generation.
He has shown strength with his arm;
he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.
He has brought down the powerful from their thrones,
and lifted up the lowly;
he has filled the hungry with good things,
and sent the rich away empty.
He has helped his servant Israel,
in remembrance of his mercy,
according to the promise he made to our ancestors,
to Abraham and to his descendants forever.”

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

The assembly sits.

Children’s Chat

Pastor Tina Melusky

Sermon

Pastor Tina Melusky

The assembly stands.

Hymn of the Day

O Little Town of Bethlehem

FOREST GREEN CMD

English folk melody

Phillips Brooks, 1868

Arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906

1. O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, How still we see thee lie!
2. For Christ is born of Ma - ry; And gath - ered all a - bove,
3. How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly, The won - drous gift is given!
4. O ho - ly Child of Beth - le - hem, De - scend to us, we pray;

A - bove thy deep and dream-less sleep The si - lent stars go by.
While mor - tals sleep, the an - gels keep Their watch of won - dering love.
So God im - parts to hu - man hearts The bless - ings of His heaven.
Cast out our sin and en - ter in, Be born in us to - day.

Yet in thy dark streets shin - eth The ev - er - last - ing light;
O morn - ing stars, to - geth - er Pro - claim the ho - ly birth!
No ear may hear His com - ing, But in this world of sin,
We hear the Christ - mas an - gels The great glad tid - ings tell;

The hopes and fears of all the years Are met in thee to - night.
And prais - es sing to God the King, And peace to all on earth.
Where meek souls will re - ceive Him, still The dear Christ en - ters in.
O come to us, a - bide with us, Our Lord Em - man - u - el!

This tune in a higher key, 292

Music: Arrangement from the *English Hymnal*, 1906. Used by permission of Oxford University Press.

Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

For us and for our salvation

**he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Sharing of the Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

Receiving of Tithes and Offerings

The assembly sits.

Offertory Hymn

What Child is This?

ELW 296



1 What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mar - y's lap is sleep - ing?
2 Why lies he in such mean es - tate where ox and ass are feed - ing?
3 So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh; come, peas - ant, king, to own him.



Whom an - gels greet with an - thems sweet while shep - herds watch are keep - ing?
Good Chris - tian, fear; for sin - ners here the si - lent Word is plead - ing.
The King of kings sal - va - tion brings; let lov - ing hearts en - throne him.



This, this is Christ the king, whom shep - herds guard and an - gels sing;
Nails, spear shall pierce him through, the cross be borne for me, for you;
Raise, raise the song on high, the vir - gin sings her lul - la - by;



haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mar - y!
hail, hail the Word made flesh, the babe, the son of Mar - y!
joy, joy, for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mar - y!

Offertory Prayer

God of goodness and growth,

all creation is yours, and your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens. Water and word, wine and bread: these are signs of your abundant grace. Nourish us through these gifts, that we might proclaim your steadfast love in our communities and in the world, through Jesus Christ, our strength and our song. Amen.

Meal

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Proper Preface

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise... ..we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Sanctus



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -



san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Thanksgiving at the Table

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,
who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,
who preached good news to the poor,
and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.
Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension,
we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord,
and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food,
the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord;
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory, now and forever.

Amen.

Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,**

**but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

The assembly is seated.

Agnus Dei



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

Communion

Sending

The assembly stands.

Table Blessing

Now may the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

Post Communion Prayer

God of the welcome table, in this meal we have feasted on your goodness and have been united by your presence among us. Empower us to go forth sustained by these gifts so that we may share your neighborly love with all, through Jesus Christ, the giver of abundant life. **Amen.**

Blessing

Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate

us from the love of God in Christ Jesus.

God, the creator, + Jesus, the Christ, and the Holy Spirit, the comforter, bless you and keep you in eternal love. **Amen.**

Sending Hymn

For All the Faithful Women (stanzas 1, 2 & Last)

ELW 419

(We will not be singing the line that begins "O God for saints . . .")



1 For all the faith - ful wom - en who served in days of old,
Insert one or more of stanzas 3-11 or this general stanza 2:
O God, for saints and ser - vants, those named and those un - known,
Last All praise to God the Fa - ther! All praise to Christ the Son!



to you shall thanks be giv - en; to all, their stor - y told.
in whom through all the a - ges your light of glo - ry shone,
All praise to God the Spir - it, who binds the church as one!



They served with strength and glad - ness in tasks your wis - dom gave.
we of - fer glad thanks-giv - ing and fer - vent prayer we raise
With saints who went be - fore us, with saints who wit - ness still,



To you their lives bore wit - ness, pro - claimed your pow'r to save.
that, faith - ful in your ser - vice, our lives may sing your praise.
we sing glad al - le - lu - ias and strive to do your will.

2 We honor faithful Mary,
fair maiden, full of grace.
She bore the Christ, our brother,
who came to save our race.
May we, with her, surrender
ourselves to your command
and lay upon your altar
our gifts of heart and hand.

Dismissal

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

Postlude

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church Office Hours: **Mondays through Thursdays, 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.**

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR . . .

Tuesday Morning Bible Study: The next Tuesday morning Bible Study will be on **Tuesday, August 17, at 10:30 a.m., virtually only**. As usual, a Zoom invitation will be emailed to all.

Mobile Communion: Next Sunday, **August 22 from 12:30 to 2:00 p.m.**, we will conduct another Mobile Communion (formerly Drive-by communion). Please wear a mask and stay in your car.

Rally Day Sunday: Rally Day Project: Help Us Build Manna Bags!

Sometimes it is a struggle to figure out how we are best able to help our siblings in need when we're at stop signs or stop lights, and we see them asking for help. Do we ignore them? Give them money? What do we do? One option is having a stash of manna bags in your car! A small bag filled with some of the essentials, which are easy to hand out and can make a difference. For Rally Day, we will be collecting items to put these together for folks in the congregation to collect and have on hand if they would like. Here are the items we're collecting:

Mini Water Bottles

Applesauce

Granola Bars

Individual Boxes of Raisins

Plastic Spoons

Gallon Sized Ziploc Bags

Bring whatever you are able and we will set a date for assembly and pick up!

Sunday School Begins: Time to come back to Sunday School. It resumes on **Sunday, September 19**. Classes will be announced at Rally Day. More information will be out soon.

Church Picnic: Congregational Life has picked the date for our annual church picnic. It will be on **Sunday, September 26**. So, please put this event on your calendar. More information will be forthcoming.

Theology on Tap!: We are getting back into the swing of things . . . So, swing on over to **Tradition Brewing Company at 6:30 p.m.** (we will be sitting outside) on **Thursday, September 30**. Remember to dress accordingly for our outdoor discussion.

TRINITY HAPPENINGS . . .

Flower Chart Sign-ups: Please **sign-up** for the month of August or September. Flowers need to be picked up after the 11:00 a.m. service or at the latest by Tuesday morning. The cost of the flowers is \$20 per vase. Thank you!

Reader Sign ups: We need more readers for the month of August, please. Either sign up on the board in the entrance of the church or call the church office. Thank you!

STILL Seeking Garden Tenders: Can you help? We have already been gleaning a great number of cucumbers, squash and tomatoes. Please consider helping water JUST ONE DAY or picking veggies and taking them to THRIVE. Contact Pastor Tina or Anne in the church office at 245-7861, if you are interested.

From the Hilton Clergy: We can do it! Let's fill up St. Nicholas Chapel.

Feed my lambs, tend my sheep.

In his sermon several weeks ago, The Rev. Marc Vance, associate rector of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, said how great it would be if every parishioner would buy at least one extra canned or boxed food item each time they go shopping and bring it to church each Sunday – not just St. Andrew's parishioners, but those of the Hilton churches, and not just the Hilton churches but, if it would spread to all of the Newport News churches – as a way of feeding those in need.

St. Andrew's is inviting the Hilton churches (of which Trinity is a part) to join us in filling up St. Nicholas Chapel. We will serve as the drop-off location unless each church prefers to have their own gathering place.

Here is a list of suggested items to donate: **Canned vegetables, soups, fruits, meats, and pastas; boxes of cereal, pastas, and crackers; and jars of peanut butter and jelly are what is needed.** As the donations begin to grow, we will make them available to THRIVE Peninsula and other outreach organizations that have food pantries.

In a beloved children's anthem based on John 21:15-17, Natalie Sleeth wrote

Feed My lambs, tend My sheep, over all a vigil keep;

In My name, lead them forth gently as a shepherd.

When they wander, when they stray, their protector be.

As ye do unto My flock, thus ye do to me.

Feed My lambs, tend My sheep, over all a vigil keep;

In My name, lead them forth gently as a shepherd.

Unto all who lose the way Hope and comfort be.

As ye do unto My flock, thus ye do to Me.

Feed My lambs, tend My sheep, over all a vigil keep;

In My name, lead them forth gently, gently as a loving shepherd of the Lord.

As a loving shepherd of the Lord.

Let's be shepherds of the Lord and feed the hungry!

Giving to Trinity: There are a number of ways that members can give their donations to Trinity Lutheran Church during these times when we are not physically in church.

1. You may **write a check** and mail it in. It can be addressed to the attention of Carol Bessom, Trinity Lutheran Church, 6812 River Road, Newport News, VA, 23607.
2. During the church office hours, you may come in to **hand deliver your donation** to Anne, Carol or Pastor Tina.
3. Set up an **automatic withdrawal from your own bank**, which will then send it to Trinity.
4. And lastly, the newest method is the . . .
5. 4. VANCO Online giving: If you have questions about the donation site or how to make your donation, please don't hesitate to contact the church office, 245-7861.

Procedure for online giving:

Go to: <http://trinitylutheran-nn.com/>

Press the green "online giving" link.

PRAYER LIST

ILLNESS, SURGERY, RECOVERY, SHUT-INS: Testing: Pat O'Connell; **Recovery from surgery:** Charlotte Duff, Anne Evans; **Recovery at home:** Nancy Lindfors, Sandy Sniady, and Grant Owens; **Nursing Homes/Assisted Living:** Jeanette Cantrell (The Chesapeake, 955 Harpersville Road, AL302, Newport News, VA, 23601); Millie Christensen (Morningside: Rm. 131; Charles Kessler (The Chesapeake - Assisted Living, Rm.207); Lucille Lebold (Williamsburg Landing, Memory Care Unit); **Shut-in at Home:** Janet Edwards, Gerda Hudgens, Joan Johnston, and Doris Moeser.

SPECIAL PRAYER REQUESTS: **The Ahlen Family** and **Mary Palitto (teacher)**, requested by Kathy Stevens; **Hannelore Voss (Karoline's mother)**, requested by the Ardis family; **Jack and Sharon (Sherry) Johnston and Pam Little (Donna's sisters)**, requested by Grant and Donna Owens; **Bonnie Carlson**, requested by Dave Carlson; **Sandy Nelson**, requested by Pastor Tina Melusky; **Kimber Pulley Matzke**, requested by the Owens family,

Shirley Anderson, requested by the Anderson family; **Flora May**, requested by Jon May; **Matt Adamo (Brother-in-law of Patricia)**, requested by Patricia Fielding **Ken Orie (friend)**, requested by Sandy and Jerry Cobb; **Nancy Schappert**; requested by Bob Schappert; **Ben Nelson**, requested by Laura Davis; **Pamela Smith Jones (Patricia's sister)**, requested by Patricia McClelland; **Taylor Beattie**, requested by Patricia Fielding and **the family and friends of Stella Flores (Mother-in-law of Teresa)**, by Teresa Flores.

Those Who Serve, Military and Civilian Duty: NEW! James Fielding, State Dept., Myanmar; Georgia; Bryan Hunt, State Dept., Washington, D. C.; Eric Lindfors, Deputy Commander US Naval Forces - Korea; Tyler Obara, Virginia Air National Guard, LAFB, Ashby Owens, Operation Smile and Josh and Ellen (Davis) Badgley, State Department, Bangkok, Thailand.

Serving the Assembly

10:00

Candle lighting

Karoline Ardis

Lector

Patricia McClelland

Ushers

Dave Roselius

Cliff Obara

Anne Obara

Alternate

Karoline Ardis

Camera

Ben Melusky
