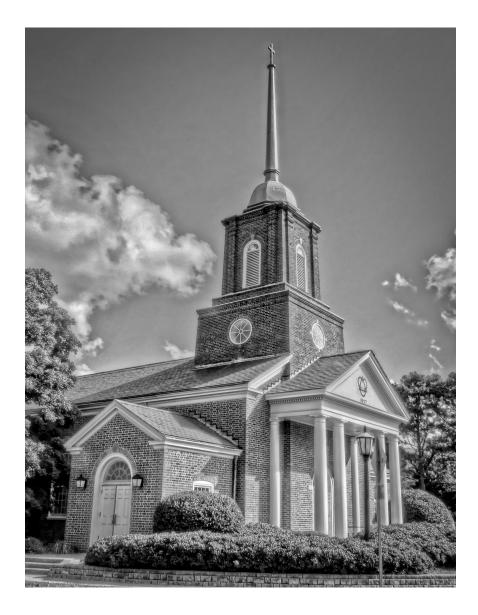
Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church 10:00 AM • August 29, 2021 Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost • Setting 10



Jesus protests against human customs being given the weight of divine law, while the essence of God's law is ignored. True uncleanness comes not from external things, but from the intentions of the human heart. Last week Jesus told us "the words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life" (John 6:63). Now James says God has given us birth by the word of truth. We who were washed in the word when we were born in the font return to it every Sunday to ask God to create in us clean hearts. 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) William C. Solomon, Interim Organist Congregation of Trinity Lutheran, Ministers of the Word 6812 River Road, Newport News, VA 23607 Church office: (757) 245-7861; Pastor's cell: (734) 239-4013 Website: www.trinitylutheran-nn.com Facebook: Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church Newport News VA or, @TrinityNN Trinity Lutheran is a partner church with Peninsula Pastoral Counseling Center, LINK and Peninsula Agency on Aging Cover image photo by JoAnne Rawls

Carillon Call to Worship

Prelude

Communion

Alexandre Guilma

Announcements

Gathering

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

Thanksgiving for Baptism

Blessed be the holy Trinity,+ one God, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy. **Amen.**

Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God, our provider,

help us. It is hard to believe there is enough to share. We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live. We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you. We take offense at your teachings and your ways. Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn? Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world. Amen.

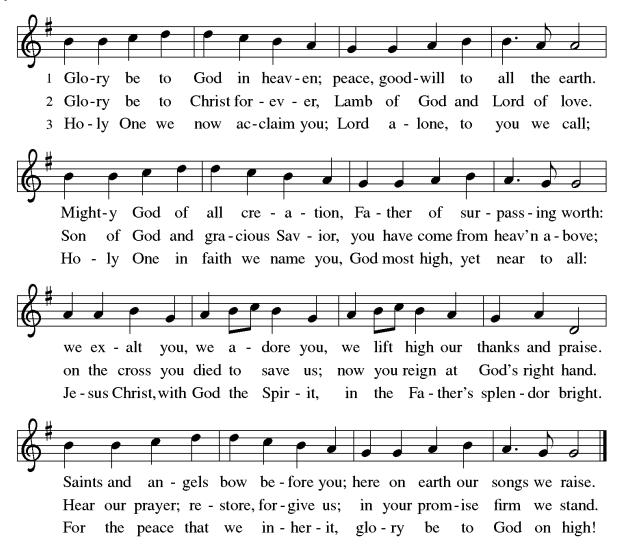
Beloved people of God: in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished. By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough. Through Jesus, + the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy: you are forgiven and loved into abundant life. **Amen.** Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven



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.

Hymn of Praise



Prayer of the Day

O God our strength, without you we are weak and wayward creatures. Protect us from all dangers that attack us from the outside, and cleanse us from all evil that arises from within ourselves, that we may be preserved through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

The assembly is seated.

First Reading: Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9

The Israelites believed the law was a divine gift that provided guidelines for living out the covenant. Moses commands the people to obey the law and to neither add to nor subtract from it. The Israelites are also to teach the law to their children and their children's children.

So now, Israel, give heed to the statutes and ordinances that I am teaching you to observe,

so that you may live to enter and occupy the land that the Lord, the God of your ancestors, is giving you. You must neither add anything to what I command you nor take away anything from it, but keep the commandments of the Lord your God with which I am charging you.

You must observe them diligently, for this will show your wisdom and discernment to the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, "Surely this great nation is a wise and discerning people!" For what other great nation has a god so near to it as the Lord our God is whenever we call to him? And what other great nation has statutes and ordinances as just as this entire law that I am setting before you today?

But take care and watch yourselves closely, so as neither to forget the things that your eyes have seen nor to let them slip from your mind all the days of your life; make them known to your children and your children's children.

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

Psalm: 15 (read responsively)

Lord, who may dwell in your tabernacle?

Who may abide upon your holy hill?

Those who lead a blameless life and do what is right,

who speak the truth from their heart;

they do not slander with the tongue, they do no evil to their friends;

they do not cast discredit upon a neighbor.

In their sight the wicked are rejected, but they honor those who fear the Lord.

They have sworn upon their health and do not take back their word.

They do not give their money in hope of gain, nor do they take bribes against the innocent. Those who do these things shall never be overthrown.

Second Reading: James 1:17-27

The letter of James was intended to provide first-century Christians with instruction in godly behavior. Here Christians are encouraged to listen carefully and to act on what they hear, especially by caring for those least able to care for themselves.

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. Therefore rid

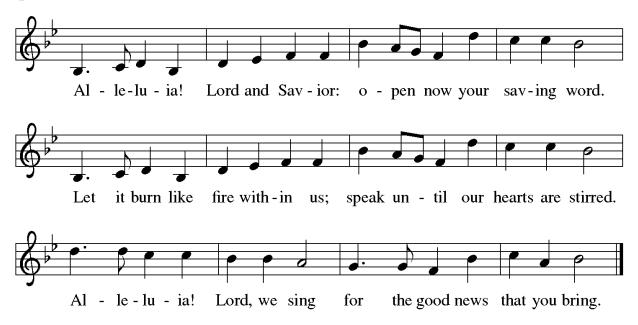
yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.

But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing.

If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

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

The assembly stands.



Gospel Acclamation

Gospel: Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Mark's gospel depicts Jesus as challenging traditional ways in which religious people determine what is pure or impure. For Jesus, the observance of religious practices cannot become a substitute for godly words or deeds that spring from a faithful heart.

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 7th chapter. Glory to you, O Lord.

Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around Jesus, they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles. So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, "Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?" He said to them, "Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written,

'This people honors me with their lips,

but their hearts are far from me;

in vain do they worship me,

teaching human precepts as doctrines.'

You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition."

Then he called the crowd again and said to them, "Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile."

For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person."

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

The assembly is seated.

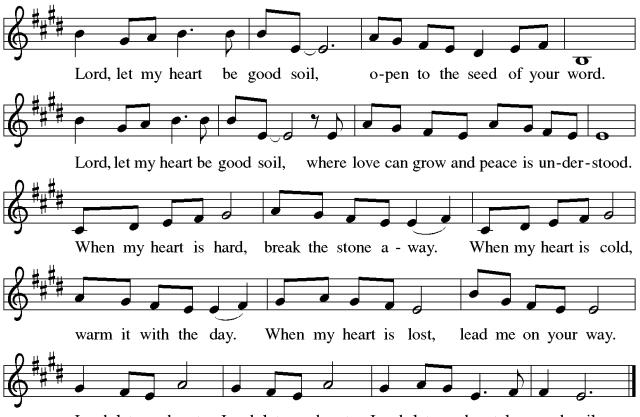
Children's Chat

Sermon

Pastor Tina Melusky

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The assembly stands.



Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart be good soil.

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

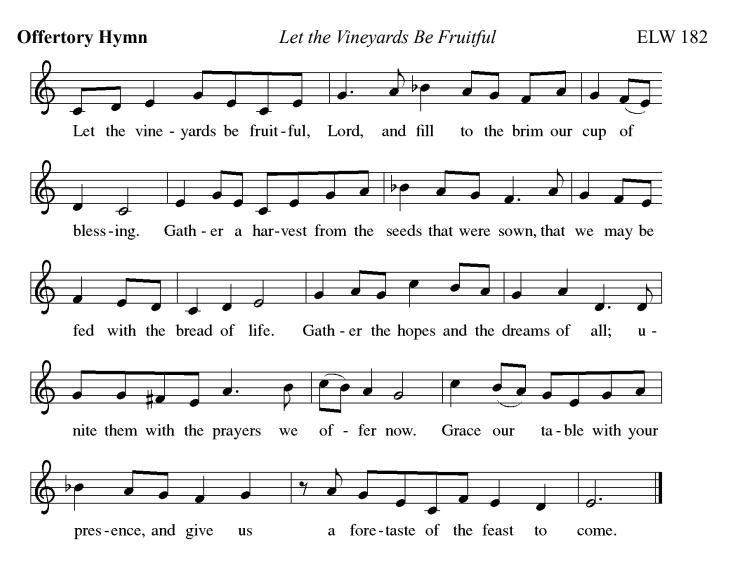
Lord in your mercy. Hear our prayer.

Sharing of the Peace

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

Receiving of Tithes and Offerings

The assembly is seated



Offertory Prayer

Jesus, Bread of life,

you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world. Amen.

Meal

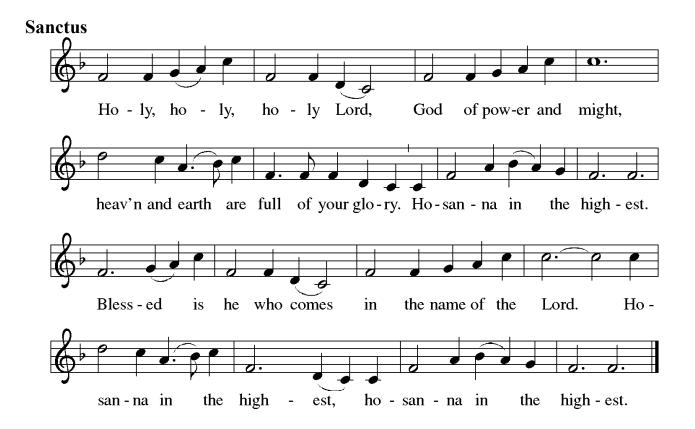
The assembly stands.

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:



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.

Agnus Dei



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Table Blessing

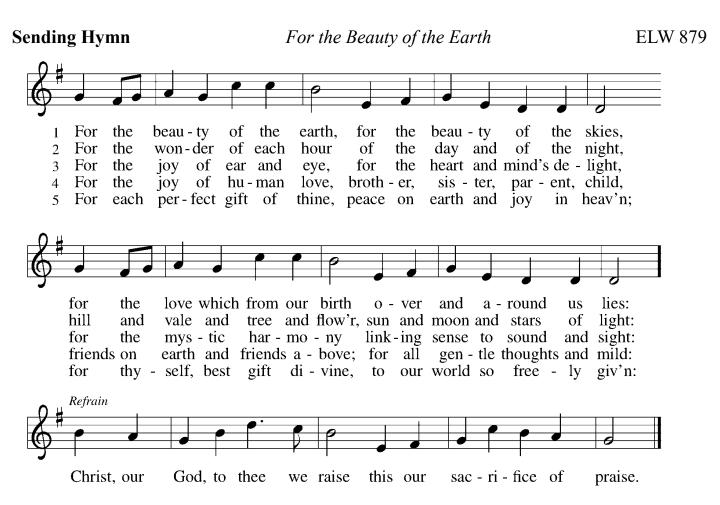
Now may the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. Amen.

Post Communion Prayer

Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray. **Amen.**

Blessing

The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us + be upon you now and forever. Amen.



Dismissal

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ. **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

Postlude



ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

For COVID reasons, we no longer have bench cushions in our pews. If you need to do so, you are welcome to bring your own, but please remember to take it back home with you.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR ...

Tuesday Morning Bible Study: The next Tuesday Morning Bible Study will be on Tuesday, August 31, at 10:30 a.m., both virtually and in person.

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. Classes meet from 9:45 until 10:30ish a.m.

Church Picnic: Congregational Life has picked the date for our annual church picnic. It will be on **Sunday, September 26 at Deer Park**. Please put this event on your calendar. More information will be coming soon.

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.** See you there!

Faith and Family Night: Take me out to the ballgame . . . On Wednesday, September 29 in Norfolk. The game starts at 7:00. More arrangements will be forthcoming as we near the date.

Car Fit: Erik Rummel sent this flier to the church as a notification. Please see one of the following pages of the bulletin for details. This event is FREE!

Virginia Synodical Women's Organization - Women of the ELCA - A Call to the VSWO is on one of the following pages for details.

TRINITY HAPPENINGS ...

Flower Chart Sign-ups: Please sign-up or call the church office at 245-786for the last day of August or any Sunday in 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 readers for the month of September, 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.

Sine Nomine Presents... and St Mark Lutheran Church are delighted to partner with the Senior Center York to present Thomas Pandolfi on Thursday, September 23, 2021 at 1:30 PM. St Mark Lutheran Church is located at 118 Old York-Hampton Highway, Yorktown, VA 23692

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

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.

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/

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Press the green "online giving" link.
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PRAYER LIST

ILLNESS, SURGERY, RECOVERY, SHUT-INS: Recovery: Anne Evans and Steve Quist (from second knee surgery); **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 Alex Ommaya (cousin), 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) and Rachel and Matthew Bradley and their unborn twins, requested by Patricia Fielding; Nancy Schappert, requested by Bob Schappert, Pat O'Connell; Ben Nelson, requested by Laura Davis; Pamela Smith Jones (Patricia's sister), requested by Patricia McClelland; Pamela Bosserman, requested by Bill Solomon,; Chris Shorts (son), requested by Teresa Flores; the family and friends of Stella Flores (Mother-in-law of Teresa), by Teresa Flores and the family, friends and the Virginia Beach Police Dept. for Virginia Beach Police Chaplain, Don Staton, requested by Todd Recupero.

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.

Chancel Flowers: Today, the flowers are given to the Glory of God by Trinity Lutheran Church.







Helping Mature Drivers Find Their Safest Fit

CarFit Event

Wednesday, September 1 10:00 am to 1:00 pm



CarFit offers older adults the opportunity to have a team of trained professionals go through a 12-point safety check to include positioning of the driver's seat and mirrors to ensure they "fit" their vehicle properly for maximum comfort and safety.

The check takes about 20 minutes.

The event will take place in the parking lot at Brittingham Midtown Community Center located at 570 Mclawhorne Dr. in Newport News.

Schedule your online appointment at www.yorkcounty.gov/parksandrec or call 890-4102 for more information.

Seniors & Law Enforcement Together (S.A.L.T.) Organizations: AARP, James City County Police Department, Hampton Police Department, Hampton Sheriff's Office, Williamsburg James City County Sheriff's Office, Williamsburg Police Department, Virginia Peninsula Regional Jail, Virginia State Police, York County Parks & Recreation and York-Poguoson Sheriff's Office.

VSWO 2021 Call to Convention

Official notice is given that the 33rd annual convention of the

Virginia Synodical Women's Organization - Women of the ELCA

will be held on September 25, 2021 via Zoom.

Convention Theme: Planted in Love, Pivotal in Purpose

Convention Scripture: "And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus giving thanks to God our Father, through him." *Colossians 3: 17*

Convention Hymn: Now thank we all our God (ELW 840)

Convention Chaplain: Pastor Jeniffer Tillman, Apostles Lutheran Church, Gloucester, VA

Special Guest: Pastor Colleen Montgmery, Virginia Synod, Director for Digital Ministries

Offering: Offering will be split between Women of the ELCA, Extraordinary Lutheran Ministries and Minnick Schools feeding program (encircle, formerly Lutheran Family Services)

Business: All convention business will be conducted via Zoom. Voting members must be able to connect to the internet. Business will include the adoption of the 2022-2023 budget and election of the following for 2 year terms: President, Treasurer and 3 board members. The following elections will be held for 1-year terms: Vice President, Secretary and 3 board members.

Schedule

The 2021 VSWO convention will open with worship followed by a keynote address by the Rev Colleen Montgomery. The first session will be from 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. We will break from 12-1p.m. for lunch and the business session will be held from 1-3 p.m.

VOTING MEMBERS

The constitution of the VSWO includes the following provisions for representation at convention:

Article VI, Section 2: Representation Item 1: Voting members of a convention shall be the elected officers and board members of the synodical women's organization and one voting member from each unit on the roll of this synodical women's organization. Item 2: Those congregations not represented by a unit shall be invited to send to the regular convention, one representative who shall have seat and voice. Voting members *must* register for convention using the enclosed Registration Form. The Bulletin of Reports will be available on-line by September 20, 2021.

Registration

Congregations/units are encouraged to gather as a group to participate, especially if the lack of internet access would prohibit participation for some.

Serving the Assembly

	<u>10:00</u>
Candle lighting	Karoline Ardis
Lector	Michelle Stoffa
Ushers	Cliff Obara
	Anne Obara
	John Lunsford
Camera	Ben Melusky