

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

10:00 AM • September 5, 2021

Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost • Setting 10



James tells us to stop showing favoritism in the assembly, treating the rich visitor with more honor than the poor one. Jesus himself seems to show partiality in his first response to the Syrophenician woman in today's gospel. Was he testing her faith in saying Gentiles don't deserve the goods meant for God's children? Or was he speaking out of his human worldview, but transcended those limits when she took him by surprise with her reply? Either way, the story tells us that God shows no partiality. Everyone who brings a need to Jesus is received with equal honor as a child and heir.

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

If You But Trust in God to Guide You

Johann Walther

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, whose teaching is life, whose presence is sure, and whose love is endless. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sins to the one who welcomes us with an open heart.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God, our comforter,

like lost sheep, we have gone astray.

We gaze upon abundance and see scarcity.

We turn our faces away from injustice and oppression.

We exploit the earth with our apathy and greed.

Free us from our sin, gracious God.

Listen when we call out to you for help.

Lead us by your love to love our neighbors as ourselves.

Amen.

All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

By the gift of grace in + Christ Jesus, God makes you righteous.

Receive with glad hearts the forgiveness of all your sins. **Amen.**



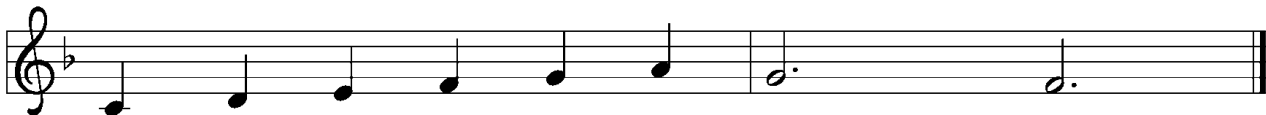
1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre - a - tion!
 2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is won-drous-ly reign - ing
 3 Praise to the Lord, who will pros - per your work and de - fend you;
 4 Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me a - dore him!



O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and sal - va - tion!
 and, as on wings of an ea - gle, up - lift - ing, sus - tain - ing.
 sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy shall dai - ly at - tend you.
 All that has life and breath, come now with prais - es be - fore him!



Let all who hear now to his tem - ple draw near,
 Have you not seen all that is need - ful has been
 Pon - der a - new what the Al - might - y can do
 Let the a - men sound from his peo - ple a - gain.



join - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion!
 sent by his gra - cious or - dain - ing?
 if with his love he be - friend you.
 Glad - ly for - ev - er a - dore him!

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



1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.
2 Glo-ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
3 Ho - ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:
Son of God and gra-cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;
Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.
Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand.
For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

Prayer of the Day

Gracious God, throughout the ages you transform sickness into health and death into life. Open us to the power of your presence, and make us a people ready to proclaim your promises to the whole world, through Jesus Christ, our healer and Lord. **Amen.**

The assembly is seated.

First Reading: Isaiah 35:4-7a

These verses are a word of hope to the exiles in Babylon. Isaiah 34 portrays God's vengeance on Edom, Israel's age-old enemy, which makes the path from Babylon to Zion safe for the exiles' return. The desert itself will flow with water to give drink to the returning exiles.

Say to those who are of a fearful heart,
"Be strong, do not fear!

Here is your God.

He will come with vengeance,
with terrible recompense.

He will come and save you.”

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;
then the lame shall leap like a deer,
and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.
For waters shall break forth in the wilderness,
and streams in the desert;
the burning sand shall become a pool,
and the thirsty ground springs of water.

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

Psalm: 146 (read responsively)

Hallelujah!

Praise the Lord, O my soul!

I will praise the Lord as long as I live;

I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

Put not your trust in rulers,

in mortals in whom there is no help.

When they breathe their last, they return to earth,

and in that day their thoughts perish.

Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help,

whose hope is in the Lord their God;

who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them;

who keeps promises forever;

who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to those who hunger.

The Lord sets the captive free.

The Lord opens the eyes of the blind; the Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;

the Lord loves the righteous.

The Lord cares for the stranger;

the Lord sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked.

The Lord shall reign forever,

your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah!

Second Reading: James 2:1-10 [11-13] 14-17

Faithful Christians do not show partiality to the rich and powerful of the world, especially at the expense of the poor and weak. Likewise, faith does not pay mere lip service to God's will. Instead, a living Christian faith expresses itself in acts of compassion and mercy for those in need.

My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Have a seat here, please," while to the one who is poor you say, "Stand there," or, "Sit at my feet," have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you?

You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. For the one who said, "You shall not commit adultery," also said, "You shall not murder." Now if you do not commit adultery but if you murder, you have become a transgressor of the law. So speak and so act as those who are to be judged by the law of liberty. For judgment will be without mercy to anyone who has shown no mercy; mercy triumphs over judgment.

What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill," and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

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

The assembly stands.

Gospel Acclamation



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the



words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Gospel: Mark 7:24-37

In Mark's gospel, encounters with women usually signify turning points in Jesus' ministry. Here, a conversation with a Syrophenician woman marks the beginning of his mission to the Gentiles.

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

Jesus set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. He said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." But she answered him, "Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." Then he said to her, "For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter." So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. They were astounded beyond measure, saying, "He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak."

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

The assembly is seated.

Children's Chat

Pastor Tina Melusky

Sermon

Pastor Tina Melusky

The assembly stands.



1 We come to you for heal - ing, Lord, of
 2 As once you walked through an - cient streets and
 3 You touch us through phy - si - cians' skills, through
 4 When nights are long with wake - ful - ness, through
 5 We come to you, O lov - ing Lord, in



bod - y, mind, and soul, and pray that by your
 reached toward those in pain, come, ris - en Christ, a -
 nurs - es' gifts of care, and through the love of
 days when strength runs low, grant us your gift of
 our dis - tress and pain, in trust that through our



Spir - it's touch we may a - gain be whole.
 mong us still with pow'r to heal a - gain.
 faith - ful friends who lift our lives in prayer.
 pa - tience, Lord, your calm - ing peace to know.
 nights and days your grace will heal, sus - tain.

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 Hymn

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

ELW 182



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bles - sing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be



fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -



nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your



pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

Offertory Prayer

Jesus, Bread of life, you cause streams to break forth in the desert and manna to rain from the heavens. Accept the gifts you have first given us. Unite them with the offering of our lives to nourish the world you love so dearly; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **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:

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.

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.

Distribution

Sending

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

Lord of life, in the gift of your body and blood you turn the crumbs of our faith into a feast of salvation. Send us forth into the world with shouts of joy, bearing witness to the abundance of your love in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Blessing

People of God, you are Christ's body, bringing new life to a suffering world. The holy Trinity, + one God, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

Sending Hymn

O Christ, Your Heart, Compassionate

ELW 722



- 1 O Christ, your heart, com - pas - sion - ate, bore ev - 'ry hu - man pain.
- 2 As once you wel - comed those cast down and healed the sick, the blind,
- 3 O Christ, cre - ate new hearts in us that beat in time with yours,
- 4 O Love that made the dis - tant stars, yet marks the spar - row's fall,



Its beat - ing was the pulse of God; its breadth, God's vast do - main.
so may all bruised and bro - ken lives through us your help still find.
that, joined by faith with your great heart, be - come love's o - pen doors.
whose arms stretched wide up - on a cross em - brace and bear us all:



The heart of God, the heart of Christ com - bined in per - fect rhyme
Lord, join our hearts with those who weep that none may weep a - lone,
We are your bod - y, ris - en Christ; our hearts, our hands we yield
come, make your church a ser - vant church that walks your ser - vant ways,



to write God's love in hu - man deeds, e - ter - ni - ty in time.
and help us bear an - oth - er's pain as though it were our own.
that through our life and min - is - try your love may be re - vealed.
whose deeds of love rise up to you, a sac - ri - fice of praise!

Dismissal

Go in peace. The living Word dwells in you.

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 THESE TRINITY EVENTS. . .

Tuesday Morning Bible Study: The next Tuesday Morning Bible Study will be on **Tuesday, September 7, at 10:30 a.m., ONLY VIRTUALLY until further notice!!**

Rally Day Sunday: We have A LOT happening next Sunday!

We will be celebrating the Confirmation of four of our youth during worship on **Sunday, September 12**, with one of them sharing their faith journey. After worship, we will gather out in **the playground** for a blessing of our church garden, in honor and recognition of Nathan Rummel's Eagle Scout project. From there, we will join together in **the parking lot** for an outdoor reception and afternoon of fun. We will be joined by Pelican Snowballs and will also have other snacks and drinks to share. Please feel free to bring any outdoor games you would like to enjoy for the day.

Rally Day Project: Help Us Build Manna Bags, on Sunday September 19 down in the Social Hall!

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

Mini hand sanitizers

**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 at Deer Park**. Please put this event on your calendar. More information will be coming soon.

Take me out to the ballgame DETAILS!: Faith and Family Night at the Norfolk Tides is **Wednesday, September 29**. We currently have a block of 20 tickets, but can always add on more if needed! Game time is 7:05 and we will meet at the Box Office entrance to Harbor Park. Tickets are \$10/person. If you and your family are interested in attending, please **RSVP to Pastor Tina by Sunday, September 26**.

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!

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

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COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS . . .

Virginia Housing and Community Development Corporation: VHCDC seeks Volunteers to help replace exterior sheathing and install vinyl siding, insulation, flooring, HVAC, electrical, plumbing, wall-board, and cabinets at a 2-story duplex located at 31 E Howard St in Hampton (Phoebus). Needed are laborers, carpenters, electricians, plumbers, and HVAC technicians. Hours are **9-4 Mon-Sat**. Any time you can give is appreciated. Register at tinyurl.com/dmbweb54 now to help. When completed, this property will house two disabled/homeless veterans and their families. We sincerely appreciate your support.

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

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.

6. NEW! If you attend in person, an offering plate is located in the narthex. You may place your offering there as you enter.

PRAYER LIST

ILLNESS, SURGERY, RECOVERY, SHUT-INS: **Recovery:** Anne Evans and Steve Quist
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; **Bob Schappert; Pat O'Connell; Ben Nelson,** requested by Laura Davis; **Pamela Smith Jones (Patricia's sister),** requested by Patricia McClelland; **Pamela Bosserman (NEW ADDRESS—4521 Thorncroft Drive, Glen Allen, VA, 23060),** requested by Bill Solomon; **Larry of the Lombardo/Navatka families;** requested by Dottie Lombardo Self; 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; 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, both vases of flowers are given to the Glory of God by Trinity Lutheran Church and in honor of all undergoing cancer treatments and in honor of all cancer survivors, by Laura Davis.



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 Montgomery, 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

10:00

Candle lighting

Karoline Ardis

Lector

Bonnie and Dave Carlson

Ushers

John Lunsford

David Roselius

Dave Carlson

Camera

Ben Melusky
