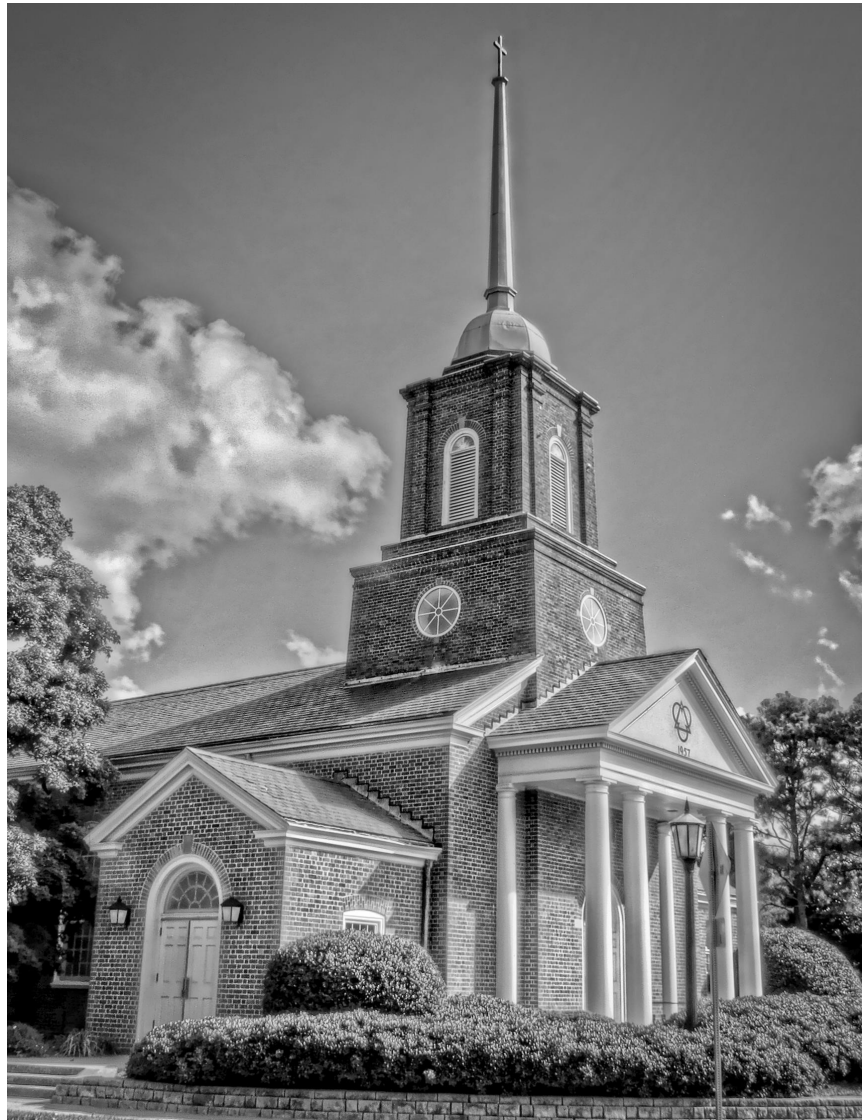


Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

10:00 AM • September 12, 2021

Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost • Setting 3



Three weeks ago we heard Peter's confession of faith as told in John's gospel. This week we hear Mark's version, when Peter says, "You are the Messiah." In John, the stumbling block is Jesus' invitation to eat his flesh, given for the life of the world. In Mark too the scandal has to do with Jesus' words about his own coming death, and here Peter himself stumbles over Jesus' words. But Jesus is anointed (the meaning of messiah) in Mark only on the way to the cross (14:3); so we are anointed in baptism with the sign of the cross.

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

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Carillon Call to Worship

Prelude

All Glory Be to God on High

Johann Pachelbel

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 fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation. Amen.

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness.

Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We give you thanks, O God, O Living One,

For you have created all, and you water the earth abundantly.

Oceans and lakes praise you. Rivers and streams bless you.

All life is sustained by you, our Source.

We praise you for Christ, the firstborn from the dead,

Who frees us from sin and raises us up to new life.

Here at this font we touch the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing through the city of God.

Here, death is washed away forever. Here, we are grafted into the tree of life, with leaves for the healing of the world.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on this assembly, into this community, and throughout all creation.

Cleanse us from our fears and drown our divisions.

Grant that all may drink of your mercy and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim till



all the world a - dore his sa - cred name.



1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our cap - tain trod,
 2 All new - born ser - vants of the Cru - ci - fied
 3 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,
 4 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

Refrain



our king vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.
 bear on their brows the seal of him who died.
 as thou hast prom - ised, draw us all to thee.
 praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry!

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

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb



who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and

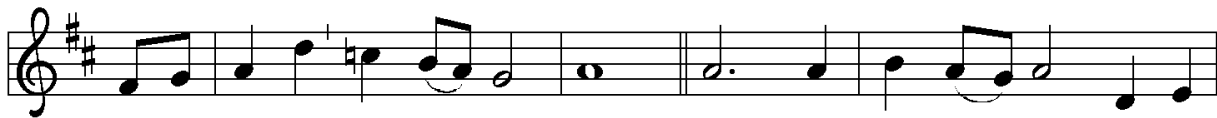


strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of



God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,

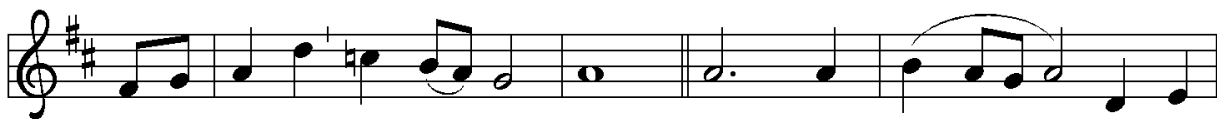


glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was

slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

Final refrain

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Prayer of the Day

O God, through suffering and rejection you bring forth our salvation, and by the glory of the cross you transform our lives. Grant that for the sake of the gospel we may turn from the lure of evil, take up our cross, and follow your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

The assembly is seated.

First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-9a

The image of the servant of the Lord is one of the notable motifs in the book of Isaiah. Today's reading describes the mission of the servant, whom early Christians associated with Jesus. Like Jesus, the servant does not strike back at his detractors but trusts in God's steadfast love.

The Lord God has given me
the tongue of a teacher,
that I may know how to sustain
the weary with a word.
Morning by morning he wakens—
wakens my ear
to listen as those who are taught.
The Lord God has opened my ear,
and I was not rebellious,
I did not turn backward.
I gave my back to those who struck me,
and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;
I did not hide my face
from insult and spitting.

The Lord God helps me;
therefore I have not been disgraced;
therefore I have set my face like flint,
and I know that I shall not be put to shame;
he who vindicates me is near.

Who will contend with me?

Let us stand up together.

Who are my adversaries?

Let them confront me.

It is the Lord God who helps me;
who will declare me guilty?

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

Psalm: 116:1-9 (read responsively)

I love the Lord, who has heard my voice,
and listened to my supplication,
**for the Lord has given ear to me
whenever I called.**

The cords of death entangled me; the anguish of the grave came upon me;
I came to grief and sorrow.

Then I called upon the name of the Lord:

“O Lord, I pray you, save my life.”

Gracious is the Lord and righteous;
our God is full of compassion.

The Lord watches over the innocent;

I was brought low, and God saved me.

Turn again to your rest, O my soul.

for the Lord has dealt well with you.

For you have rescued my life from death,

my eyes from tears, and my feet from stumbling;

I will walk in the presence of the Lord
in the land of the living.

Second Reading: James 3:1-12

This text uses various images to illustrate how damaging and hurtful the way we speak to and about others can be. Not only are we to control our speech, but what we say and how we say it are to reflect our faith.

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits.

How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, but no one can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh. 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 8:27-38

This story provides the turning point in Mark's gospel. Peter is the first human being in the narrative to acknowledge Jesus as the Messiah, but he cannot accept that as the Messiah Jesus will have to suffer. Moreover, Jesus issues a strong challenge to all by connecting discipleship and the cross.

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 8th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah." And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this, quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But, turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake of the gospel will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

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

The assembly is seated.

Children's Chat

Pastor Tina Melusky

Sermon

Kelly Murphy

The assembly stands.



1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call
 2 "Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call
 3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call
 4 "Will you love the you you hide if I but call
 5 Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call



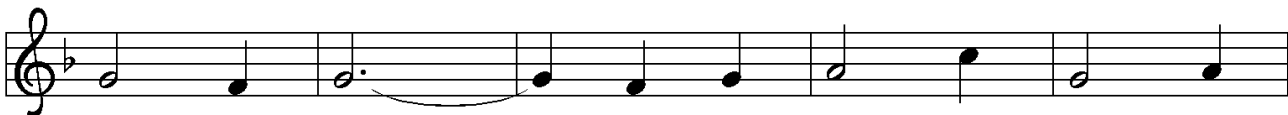
your name? Will you go where you don't
 your name? Will you care for cruel and
 your name? Will you set the pris - 'ners
 your name? Will you quell the fear in -
 my name. Let me turn and fol - low



know and nev - er be the same?
 kind and nev - er be the same?
 free and nev - er be the same?
 side and nev - er be the same?
 you and nev - er be the same.



Will you let my love be shown, will you let my
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare, should your life at -
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as
 Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and



name be known, will you let my life be
 tract or scare? Will you let me an - swer
 this un - seen, and ad - mit to what I
 world a - round, through my sight and touch and
 foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and live and



grown in you and you in me?"
 pray'r in you and you in me?"
 mean in you and you in me?"
 sound in you and you in me?"
 grow in you and you in me.

The presiding minister addresses the candidates and the assembly.

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**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.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

The minister addresses the assembly.

People of God, do you promise to support and pray for one another in your life in Christ?

We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

Let us rejoice with these sisters and brothers in Christ.

**We rejoice with you in the life of baptism.
Together we will give thanks and praise to God
and proclaim the good news to all the world.**

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 Lord

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

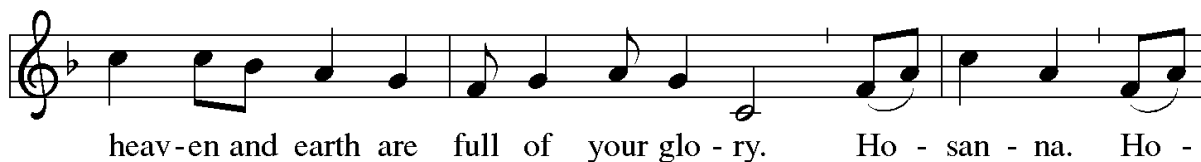
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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



Thanksgiving at the Table

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God.
You are most holy,
and great is the majesty of your glory.

You so loved the world that you gave your only Son,
so that everyone who believes in him may not perish
but have eternal life.

We give you thanks for his coming into the world
to fulfill for us your holy will
and to accomplish all things for our salvation.
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.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.



Christ has died. Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.

Remembering, therefore, his salutary command,
his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension,
and the promise of his coming again,
we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty,
not as we ought but as we are able;
we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving
and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants,
and these your own gifts of bread and wine,
so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ

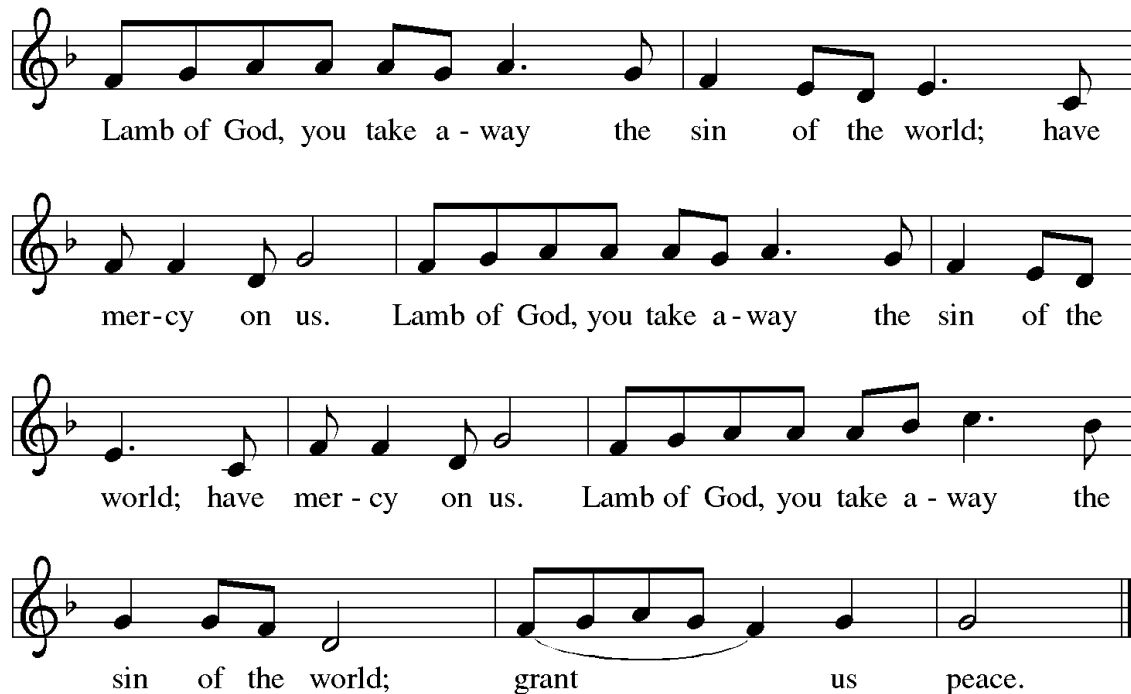
may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace,
and, receiving the forgiveness of sin,
may be formed to live as your holy people
and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory in your holy church, 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



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

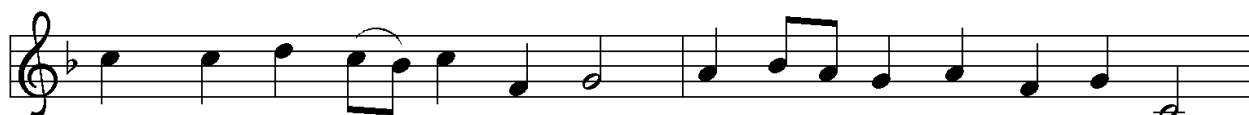
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Table Blessing

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

Post Communion Canticle



Thank-ful hearts and voic - es raise; tell ev-'ry-one what God has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - jice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.



Send us with your prom-is - es and lead your peo-ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks-giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

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. **A men.**

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.**



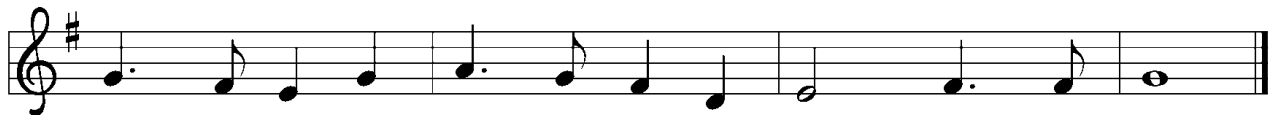
1 "Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, nev - er a - lone.
 2 "Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.
 3 "Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, clos - er to me.



Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you, you are my own.
 Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
 Grow in love and love by serv - ing, joy - ful and free.



In my love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for - ev - er.
 Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry, here you touched him, saw his glo - ry.
 Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you, here my ten - der com - fort stilled you.



Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, you are my own."
 Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure."
 Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, joy - ful and free."

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 14, at 10:30 a.m., ONLY VIRTUALLY until further notice!!**

Rally Day Sunday: We have A LOT happening TODAY!

We will be celebrating the Confirmation of three of our youth: Kelly Murphy, Garrett Mynoymany and Carter Recupero during worship on TODAY, with one of them sharing their faith journey. We wish them well in their future 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 **PREPARE** the Manna Bags **next Sunday, September 19!**

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 next **Sunday, September 19.** The adults will meet in the parlor and the children in the social hall for creating Manna Bags.

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 23.** See you there!

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

Take me out to the Ball Game! 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.**

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 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/>

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 Navatka,** requested by Dottie Lombardo Self; **Eric Curtin,** requested by Jennifer Curtin Caylor; **Siobhan Leonard (daughter-in-law),** requested by Susan Piland; **Donald**

Hall (son of member, Susan Hall), requested by Dee Klapperich; and **the family, friends and the Virginia Beach Police Dept. for Virginia Beach Police Chaplain, Don Staton**, requested by Todd Recuperero.

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, flowers are given to the Glory of God by Trinity Lutheran Church, by Laura Davis and in thankfulness to God and in memory of my parents, Michael and Dorothy Lombardo, by Dottie Lombardo Self.



Serving the Assembly

10:00

Crucifer	Nathan Rummel
Acolyte	Andrew Rummel
Lector	Patricia McClelland
Ushers	Cliff Obara Anne Obara
Alternate	Astrid Quist
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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

Crucifer

Nathan Rummel

Acolyte

Andrew Rummel

Lector

Patricia McClelland

Ushers

Clifford Obara

Anne Obara

Dave Carlson

Camera

Ben Melusky
