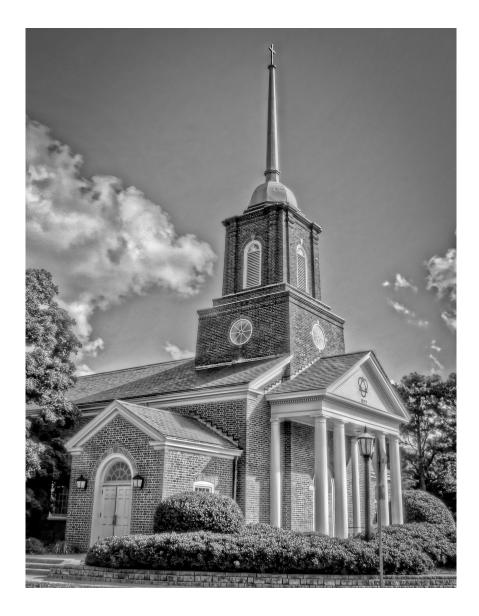
Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church 8:30 & 11:00 AM Worship Services • October 3, 2021 Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost • Setting 1



Today's gospel combines a saying that makes many of us uncomfortable with a story we find comforting. Jesus' saying on divorce is another of his rejections of human legislation in favor of the original intent of God's law. Jesus' rebuke of the disciples who are fending off the children should challenge us as well. What does it mean to receive the kingdom of God as a child does?

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) Geoffrey Bell, Music Director 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, THRIVE Peninsula, LINK and Peninsula Agency on Aging Cover image photo by JoAnne Rawls

Carillon Call to Worship

Prelude

Prelude on Lobe den Herren

John S. Dixon

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 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.**

Gathering Hymn

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty



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.

Canticle of Praise (sung at 11:00 a.m. only)





Prayer of the Day

Sovereign God, you have created us to live in loving community with one another. Form us for life that is faithful and steadfast, and teach us to trust like little children, that we may reflect the image of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

The assembly is seated.

First Reading: Genesis 2:18-24

Genesis 2 stresses that people are not meant to live in isolation but in relationship. Out of love for humanity, God creates them male and female, to provide companionship for each other and to become with each other "one flesh." The Hebrew words used here are ish (man) and ishshah (woman).

The Lord God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner." So out of the ground the Lord God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. And the rib that the Lord God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. Then the man said,

"This at last is bone of my bones

and flesh of my flesh;

this one shall be called Woman,

for out of Man this one was taken."

Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh.

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

Psalm: 8 (read responsively)

O Lord our Lord,

how majestic is your name in all the earth!----

you whose glory is chanted above the heavens out of the mouths of infants and children; you have set up a fortress against your enemies, to silence the foe and avenger.

When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers,

the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,

what are mere mortals that you should be mindful of them,

human beings that you should care for them?

Yet you have made them little less than divine;

with glory and honor you crown them.

You have made them rule over the works of your hands;

you have put all things under their feet:

all flocks and cattle,

even the wild beasts of the field,

the birds of the air, the fish of the sea, and whatever passes along the paths of the sea.

O Lord our Lord,

how majestic is your name in all the earth.

Second Reading: Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12

Quoting from the psalms, this passage from Hebrews emphasizes that Jesus, the one through whom God created everything and who sits at God's right hand, is also the one who experienced human suffering and death in order to blaze the path of salvation for us.

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. But someone has testified somewhere,

"What are human beings that you are mindful of them,

or mortals, that you care for them?

You have made them for a little while lower than the angels;

you have crowned them with glory and honor,

subjecting all things under their feet."

Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them, but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, saying,

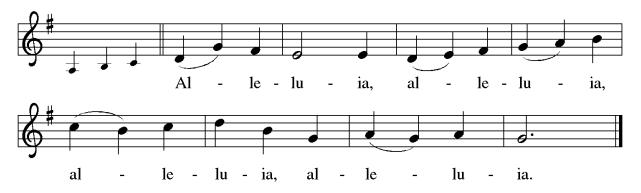
"I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters,

in the midst of the congregation I will praise you."

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

The assembly stands.

Gospel Acclamation



Gospel: Mark 10:2-16

Jesus announced and enacted in history the new reality of God's surprising activity. These two stories demonstrate this new reality: Women and children are accepted and valued, not dismissed as inferior to adult men.

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 10th chapter. Glory to you, O Lord.

Some Pharisees came, and to test Jesus they asked, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?" He answered them, "What did Moses command you?" They said, "Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her." But Jesus said to them, "Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation, 'God made them male and female.' 'For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.' So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate."

Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. He said to them, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery."

People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it." And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

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

The assembly is seated.

Rev. Beth Woodard

Sermon

Owning What is Broken

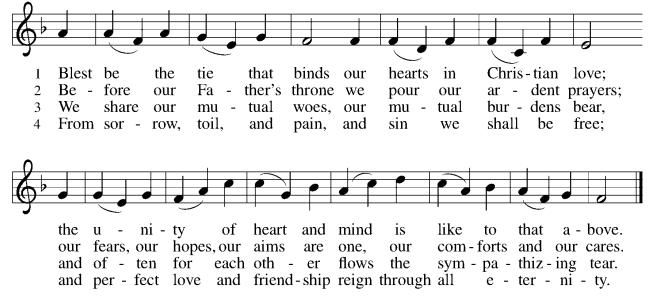
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The assembly stands.

Hymn of the Day

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

ELW 656



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

We Are an Offering

ELW 692



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

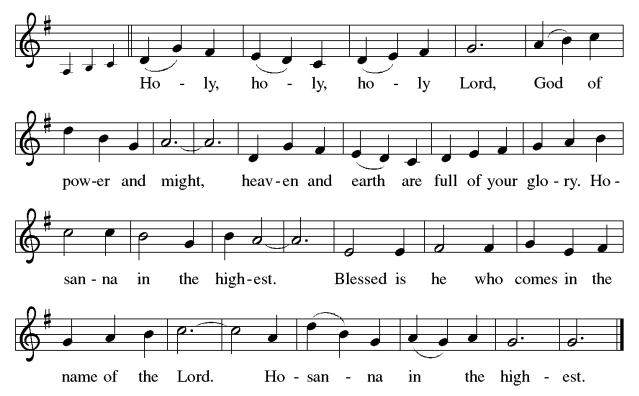
The Lord be with you. And also with you. Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

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.

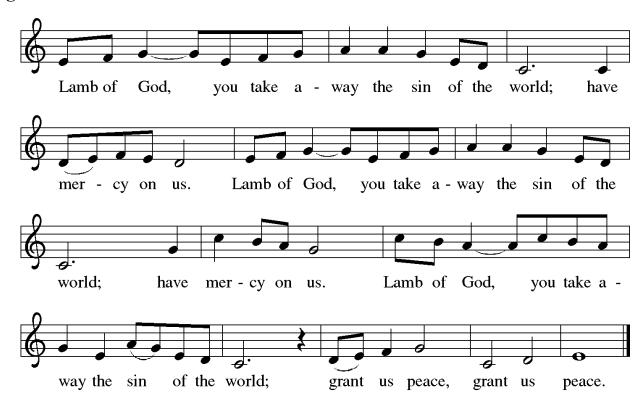
Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

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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Sending

Table Blessing

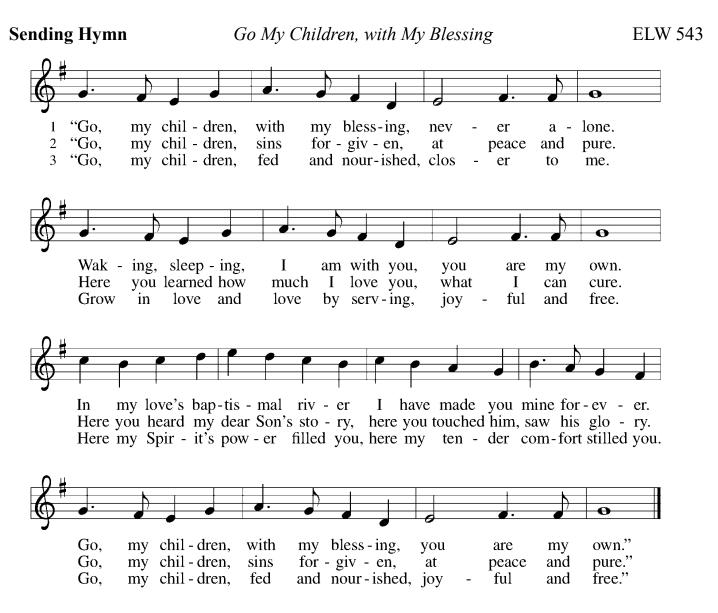
Now may the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. Amen.

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.**



Dismissal

Go in peace. The living Word dwells in you. Thanks be to God. Amen.

Postlude

Grand Choeur

Theodore Dubois



ANNOUNCEMENTS



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

This is World Communion Sunday! So what is World Communion Sunday, you may ask? It is a celebration that several Christian denominations observe on the first Sunday in October, which promotes Christian UNITY and ecumenical COOPERATION. The focus is on the observance of the EUCHARIST. This tradition began in 1933 by Hugh Thomson Kerr.

Hearing Aid information: The "T-Loop" switch has been turned back on. We hope that those who wear hearing aids should now hear better. If not, please let us know and Cliff Obara will try to work with you to see what is going on.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THESE TRINITY EVENTS...

A hearty Trinity welcome to our supply pastor: The Rev. Beth Woodard, will be presiding at Trinity today. She comes to us from Personal Touch Home Care as their Hospice Chaplain. We welcome her to the pulpit and to our Trinity congregational family.

Pastor Tina is in Michigan TODAY: Pastor Tina presided at a wedding in her home state yesterday. She will return later today and be back in the office on Monday, October 4.

We also welcome our new Music Director: Geoffrey Bell joins us today as our new Trinity Music Director. His plans for a revival of our church choir will be forthcoming. He has already mentioned to me a potential new idea he has for the choir. Former choir members, be prepared to get a call. Anyone who has a brand new interest in singing in the choir, please let Geoffrey know about you. His email address is **music@trinitynn.org** and he has already been checking his emails. Welcome Geoffrey!

Children's Sunday School: In the classrooms downstairs, Kathy Stevens will be teaching 5 year olds - 6th graders. Kelly Rummel will be working with the high schoolers in the youth room and Pastor Tina will be teaching confirmation in the Teacher's Resource Room near the church office.

Adult Sunday School Gears Up Again!: ALL ARE INVITED to the Adult Sunday School Class. Please consider joining us ! The Trinity Adult Discussion Group will gather for our first fall session on Sunday, October 3 during the Sunday School hour (between services at 9:45 a.m. in the parlor). Our book for the fall is QUESTIONS TO ALL YOUR ANSWERS: THE JOURNEY FROM FOLK RELIGION TO EXAMINED FAITH by Roger Olson (Introduction and ten chapters with discussion questions). On October 3 we will be discussing the Introduction to the book, and then we will read and discuss one chapter each week that the group meets. The book is available electronically as well as in hardback or in paperback.

We will be meeting in person, but do have the means to include folks who wish to be included via Zoom, but will only set up a Zoom meeting for a specific date if anyone interested contacts Patricia McClelland by email (psm1@cox.net) with that request by the Thursday prior to that Sunday. Hope to see YOU there !!

Calling on ALLwho have any Fall Gardening Experience: We need your help please! Our current gardeners do not know as much about fall gardening as spring. Can you help them? Please contact either Pastor Tina or Kelly, if you can help in any way. Thanks!

Tuesday Morning Bible Study will be on **Tuesday, October 5, at 10:30 a.m**., ONLY VIRTUALLY until further notice!!

Worship and Music Committee meeting: The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 5 at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom.

Walking Worship Wednesdays: It's time to get out your walking sneakers again! Our fall version of WWW starts this Wednesday evening at 5:45 p.m. at the Noland Trail, Mariner's Museum. Hope to see you there!

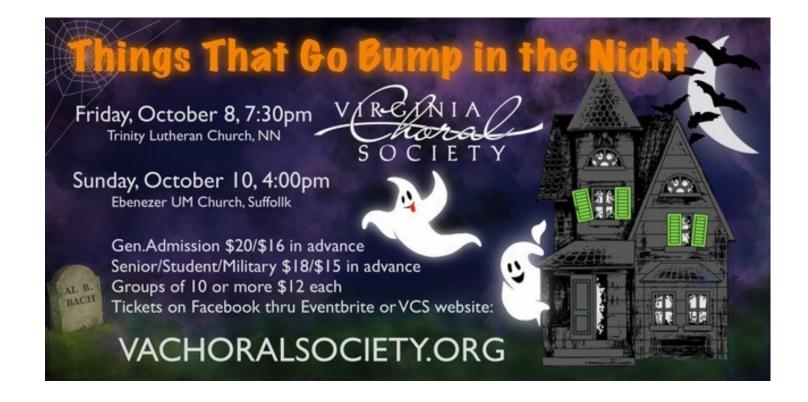
Church Council Meeting: On Tuesday, October 12 at 6:30 p.m. there will be a church council meeting held via Zoom.

Manna Bags UPDATE!: The first batch of Manna Bags are complete. We are still collecting items and we still need items to complete quite a few more bags. You can now pick up some Manna bags to hand out to those in need, if you so choose. They are located at the wheelchair ramp door as you exit on Sunday morning. If you are not wanting to attend service, but do wish to participate in this project, please let the church office know and we will make necessary arrangements. Here are the items we're still collecting:

Mini Water Bottles	Applesauce	Granola Bars
Individual Boxes of Raisins	Mini hand sanitizers	Gallon Sized Ziploc Bags

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 <u>tinyurl.com/dmbweb54</u> now to help When completed, this property will house two disabled/ homeless veterans and their families. We sincerely appreciate your support.



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. 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: 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); Shutin 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; Shirley Anderson, requested by the Anderson family; Matt Adamo (Brother-in-law of Patricia) and Rachel and Matthew Bradley and their unborn twins, requested by Patricia Fielding; Bob and Nancy 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), requested by Susan Hall; Mary Lucia Spake, requested by Bill Solomon and the family and friends of Linda Sidebottom, requested by Gerda Hudgens (mother) and Liz GHudgens Gibson (niece).

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.

Correction to last week's Chancel Flowers: Last Sunday's flowers were given to the Glory of God , by Laura Davis and to the Glory of God and in honor of their anniversary, by Don and Sandy Sniady.

Chancel Flowers: Today, the chancel flowers are given to the Glory of God by Suzanne Beckstoffer.

CHRISTIAN HOPE AND SYMPATHY are extended to the family and friends of our member, Charles Kessler, who passed away on Thursday, September 30. His obituary has not been posted online as yet. More information will be forthcoming. All memorials may be made to either Trinity Lutheran Church, Virginia Wesleyan University (where Charles taught), or a charity of your choice. Please keep the family and friends of Charles in your prayers. "Thanks be to God who gives us victory over death through Jesus Christ our Lord."

Serving the Assembly

	<u>8:30</u>	<u>11:00</u>
Lector	Kelly Rummel	Patricia McClelland
Ushers	Steve Quist	Clifford Obara
	Astrid Quist	Anne Obara John Lunsford
Camera		Cliff Obara