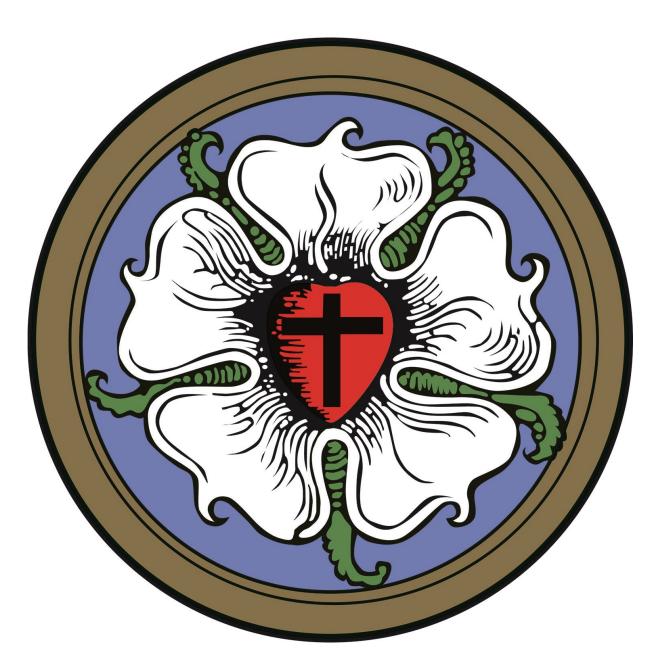
Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

10:00 AM Worship Service • October 31, 2021 Reformation Sunday • Setting 3



Rooted in the past and growing into the future, the church must always be reformed in order to live out the love of Christ in an ever-changing world. We celebrate the good news of God's grace, that Jesus Christ sets us free every day to do this life-transforming work. Trusting in the freedom given to us in baptism, we pray for the church, that Christians will unite more fully in worship and mission.

Thank you for joining us online or at our in person worship in the sanctuary. Today, we only have one worship service at 10:00 a.m. Our usual worship times are 8:30 and 11:00 a.m.

There are no provisions for the nursery, but if you need to use it, please feel free to do so. Large print bulletins are available in the narthex.



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, Director of Music Ministries

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Carillon Call to Worship

Prelude

Toccata and Fugue in D Minor (BWV 565)

J. S. Bach

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.

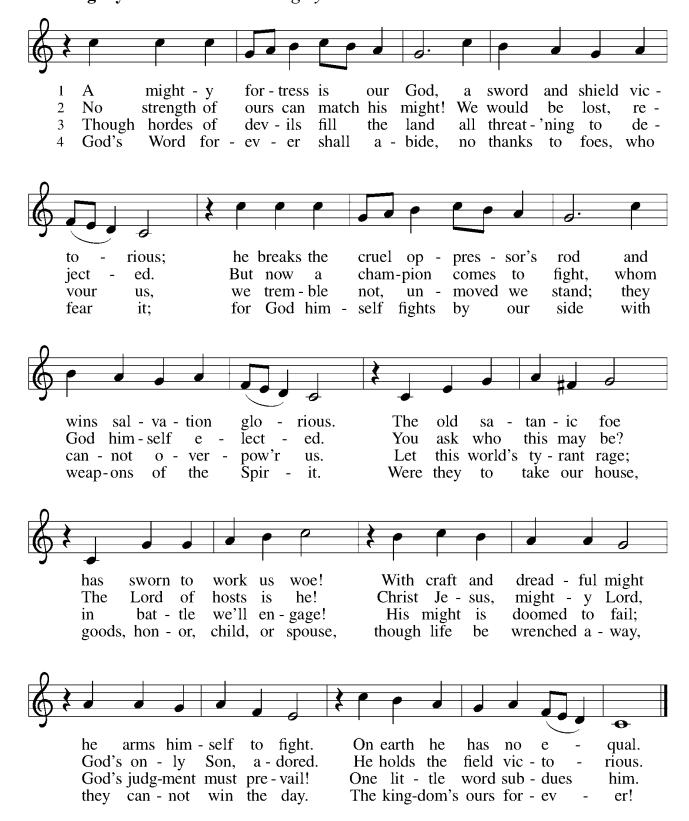
Amen.

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.



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.**

Kyrie



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.

men.

Canticle of Praise





Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, gracious Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

The assembly is seated.

First Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34

The renewed covenant will not be breakable, but like the old covenant it will expect the people to live upright lives. To know the Lord means that one will defend the cause of the poor and needy (Jer. 22:16). The renewed covenant is possible only because the Lord will forgive iniquity and not remember sin. Our hope lies in a God who forgets.

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the Lord," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

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

Psalm: 46 (sung responsively)



God is our ref- | uge and strength,

a very present | help in trouble.

Therefore we will not fear, though the | earth be moved, and though the mountains shake in the depths | of the sea;

though its waters | rage and foam,

and though the mountains tremble | with its tumult.

There is a river whose streams make glad the cit- | y of God, the holy habitation of | the Most High.

God is in the midst of the city; it shall | not be shaken; God shall help it at the | break of day.

The nations rage, and the | kingdoms shake;

God speaks, and the earth | melts away.

The Lord of | hosts is with us;

the God of Jacob | is our stronghold.

Come now, regard the works | of the Lord,

what desolations God has brought up- | on the earth;

behold the one who makes war to cease in | all the world;

who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the | shields with fire.

"Be still, then, and know that | I am God;
I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted | in the earth."
The Lord of | hosts is with us;

Second Reading: Romans 3:19-28

the God of Jacob | is our stronghold.

Paul's words stand at the heart of the preaching of Martin Luther and other Reformation leaders. No human beings make themselves right with God through works of the law. We are brought into a right relationship with God through the divine activity centered in

Christ's death. This act is a gift of grace that liberates us from sin and empowers our faith

in Jesus Christ.

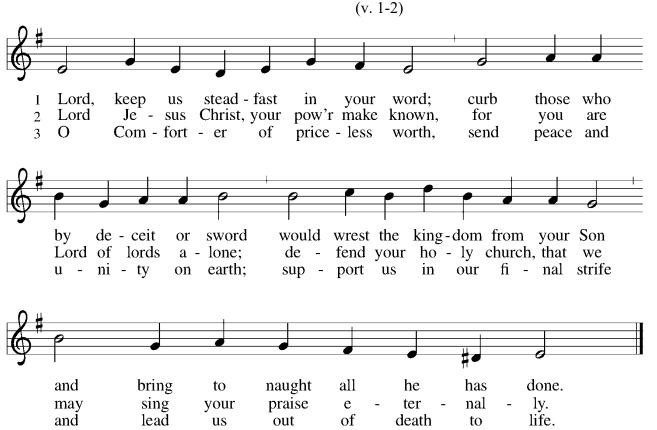
Now we know that whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. For "no human being will be justified in his sight" by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin.

But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to show his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus.

Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith. For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

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

The assembly stands.



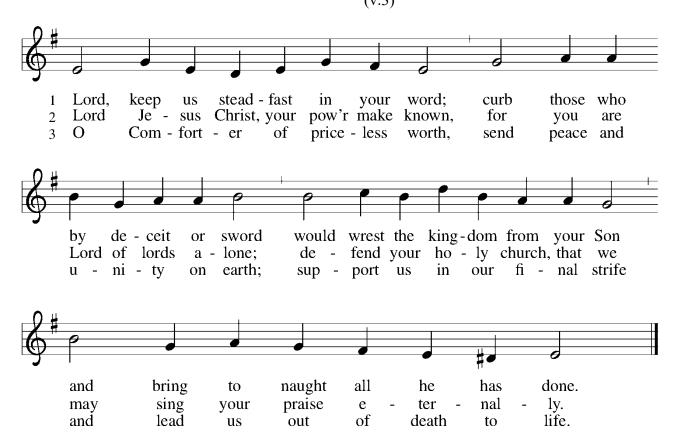
Gospel: Mark 12:28-34

When a scribe asks Jesus which commandment is first of all, Jesus answers that love of God and love of neighbor are interconnected and define the heart of the kingdom of God.

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 12th chapter. Glory to you, O Lord.

One of the scribes came near and heard Jesus and the Sadducees disputing with one another, and seeing that Jesus answered them well, he asked him, "Which commandment is the first of all?" Jesus answered, "The first is, 'Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.' The second is this, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these." Then the scribe said to him, "You are right, Teacher; you have truly said that 'he is one, and besides him there is no other'; and 'to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the strength,' and 'to love one's neighbor as oneself,'—this is much more important than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices." When Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." After that no one dared to ask him any question.

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 Love di-vine, all loves ex cel ling, Joy of heav'n, to
- 2 Breathe, oh, breathe thy lov ing Spir it in to ev 'ry
- 3 Come, Al-might y, to de liv er; let us all thy
- 4 Fin ish then thy new cre a tion, pure and spot less



hum - ble dwell-ing, earth come down! Fix in us thy all thy trou - bled breast; let us all in thee in - her - it; let us nev - er, nev - er life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and let be: let thy great sal - va - tion per - fect us us see



faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je sus, thou all art com - pas - sion, prom - ised rest. Take find thy a - way the love of sin - ning; more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing, stored in thee! Changed from glo - ry in - to re glo - rv.





thy sal - va -'ry trem - bling heart. tion, en ter ev be - gin lib - er - ty. its ning, set our hearts at per - fect love. with ceas out ing, glo thy ry in crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise!

Nicene Creed

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

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven. was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate: he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

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

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.

Sharing of the Peace

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

Receiving of the Tithes and Offerings

The assembly is seated.

Offertory Anthem

God Is Our Refuge

Allen Pote

Offertory Hymn

Brian Wren



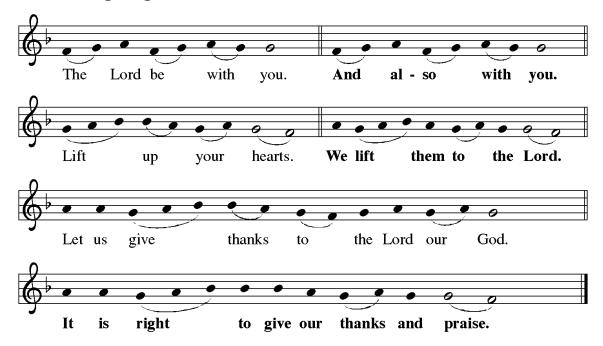
Offertory Prayer

Holy God,

the earth is yours and everything in it, yet you have chosen to dwell among your creatures. Come among us now in these gifts of bread and wine, and strengthen us to be your body for the world through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Meal

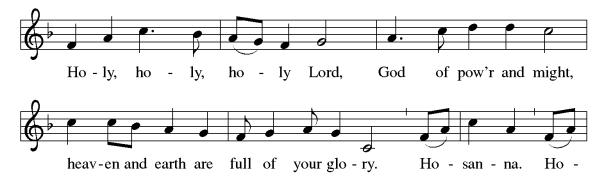
Great Thanksgiving

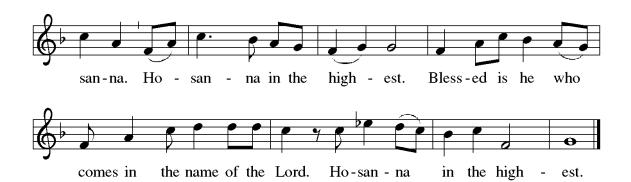


Proper Preface

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.



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.

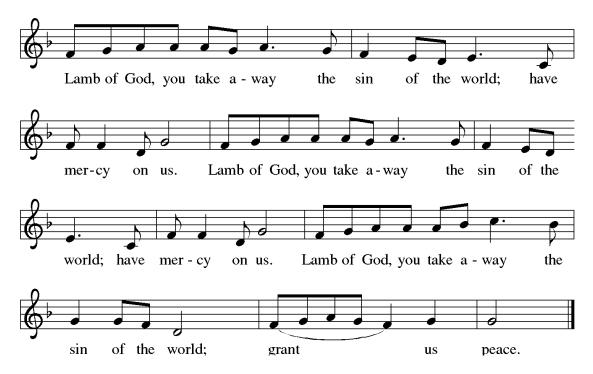
To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.



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



Communion

Directions for communion have changed because of COVID restrictions. There are two options for communion, either in the pew or at the rail. Ushers will dismiss pews one pew per side at a time. Those on the lectern side will only proceed to the lectern side of the altar and the pews on the pulpit side to the pulpit side of the altar. Bread will be precut and distributed by Pastor Tina. Gluten free wafers will be available in the white dish, as usual. Wine will be prefilled in the trays with proper spacing of the cups. There will be a few cups of grape juice in the center. Trash cans will be positioned outside both doors to dispose of cups.

Music During the Distribution

Dearest Jesus, at Your Word One Bread, One Body arr. Paul Manz arr. Lloyd Larson

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 Canticle

Thankful Hearts



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



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



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



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.**



- 1 The church's one foun-da tion is Je sus Christ, her Lord;
- 2 E lect from ev 'ry na tion, yet one o'er all the earth,
- 3 Though with a scorn-ful won der this world sees her op-pressed,
- 4 Through toil and trib u la tion and tu mult of her war,
- 5 Yet she on earth has u nion with God, the Three in One,



she his new a - tion by wa - ter and the word. cre sal - va - tion one Lord, one faith, one her char - ter of birth: a - sund - er, by by schisms. . rent her - e - sies dis - tressed, peace for - ev - er waits the con-sum - ma - tion of she more; mys - tic sweet com - mu - nion with those whose rest and won.



From heav'n he came and one ho - ly name she yet saints their watch are till with the vi - sion Oh, bless - ed heav'n-ly

sought her to be his ho - ly bride; bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food, keep - ing; their cry goes up: "How long?" glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blest, cho - rus! Lord, save us by your grace,



with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died. she press - es and to one hope with ev - 'ry grace en - dued. soon the night of weep - ing shall the morn and be of song. the great church vic - to - rious shall be the church at rest. and we, like saints be - fore us, may that see you face face.

Dismissal

Go in peace. The living Word dwells in you.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

Postlude Toccata on Aurelia Robert A. Hobby



ANNOUNCEMENTS



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

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.

Welcome and thank you to Brass Ensemble: Our Director of Music Ministries has assembled an array of musicians to compliment our hymns for this Reformation Sunday. Their names and the type of instrument they play are listed on the last page. We thank them all for being with us today and for their musical talent.

All Saints Sunday: Next Sunday, November 7, is all Saints Sunday. There will be only one service at 10:00 a.m. For this festival Sunday, we remember our special loved ones with a photo placed on any sanctuary/nave window sill. We will be celebrating and remembering all those who have gone on to the church triumphant by lighting a candle before the worship service. (Note: Please remember to take your photos home after the service).

Calling on ALL who 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!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THESE TRINITY EVENTS...

Tuesday Morning Bible Study: The next bible study will be on Tuesday, November 2, at 9:45 a.m., in person and virtually.

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 able 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

Edmarc Holiday Baskets: Thanks to all who have picked up bags to fill for the Edmarc Holiday Baskets. If you did not sign up last week, please do so asap so that we know who is bringing in the bags. We still need money for a turkey or ham.

YOUTH NEWS!

Lock In Evening/ Homebound Gifts: The youth group will be meeting at Trinity on Friday, November 12, 2021 for an evening of games and to make gifts for our homebound members. Please plan on arriving at the church at 6 PM. We will eat dinner together (PIZZA!!!), and then we will spend the evening hanging out, making homebound gifts, and playing some of our favorite games. Remember that we will be wearing masks during this entire event. Please keep an ear out for more details on this event, to determine if we will be spending the night at the church or if we will have parents pick their youth up later that evening. Please email or Facebook message Kelly if you plan to attend this event.

Online Rally Events: The youth group will gather after second service on Sunday, November 21 to participate in a VA Synod online event together. Bring money for lunch as we will run out and grab a quick bite before the event begins. We will be singing, playing games, and engaging with youth from all across the state. We will also take some time to paint our blocks in the youth room. Please email or Facebook message Kelly if you plan to attend this event. Also remember your mask!

Light the Night: Thank you to everyone that donated to Light the Night. We **raised over \$200** to donate to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. We had a very successful walk on the Noland Trail as the event got moved to a virtual platform due to COVID 19.

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.

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. **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: Hospital: Don Golden (TELC Organist Emeritus); Recovery from surgery: Patricia Fielding; Rehab: Pat O'Connell (Sheltering Arms rehab in Short Pump, VA); 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, 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; Matt Adamo (Brother-in-law of Patricia) and Rachel and Matthew Bradley and their unborn twins, requested by Patricia Fielding; Bob and Nancy Schappert; Pearl and 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; Donald Hall (son), requested by Susan Hall; Mary Lucia Spake, requested by Bill Solomon; Rianna Colette, requested by Vivian Barnes and the family and friends of Charles Kessler.

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, the chancel flowers are given to the Glory of God and in honor of Reformation Sunday and in honor of Pastor Tina Melusky's 5th Anniversary here at Trinity Lutheran Church.

REMINDER: Next Sunday is Daylight Savings.! Please remember to set your clocks back an hour in order to make it to church at the appropriate time . . . 10:00 for one service.

Brass Ensemble

Trumpet	Charlie Smith
	Hayden Cameron
Trombones	John Lopez
	Josh Nobles
Horn	Ellen Polachek
Timpani	Christian Allen

Brass Settings Used in Today's Service

Festival Setting of the Liturgy, ELW Setting 3 – Richard Hillert

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God – arranged by David Cherwien

Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word – arranged by David N. Johnson

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling – arranged by John Ferguson

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow – arranged by Geoffrey T. Bell

The Church's One Foundation – arranged by Jeremy J. Bankson

Serving the Assembly

Crucifer	Shawn Murphy
Acolytes	Samantha Harry
·	Keegan Wise
Bible Bearer	Nathan Rummel
Torchbearers	Lois Jean Carpenter
	Andrew Rummel
Lector	Bill Solomon
Ushers	John Lunsford
	Dave Carlson
	Steve and Astrid Quist
Camera	Ben Melusky