Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church 10:00 AM Worship Service • November 7, 2021 All Saints Sunday • ELW Setting 3



Of all three years of the lectionary cycle, this year's All Saints readings have the most tears. Isaiah and Revelation look forward to the day when God will wipe away all tears; in John's gospel, Jesus weeps along with Mary and all the gathered mourners before he demonstrates his power over death. On All Saints Day we celebrate the victory won for all the faithful dead, but we grieve for our beloved dead as well, knowing that God honors our tears. We bring our grief to the table and find there a foretaste of Isaiah's feast to come. Welcome members and guests to our worship service today. If you are visiting, we encourage you to sign the guest register located in the narthex. Please include your home address, email address and phone number. In each pew, there is a card that you can fill out if you wish to have a consult with the pastor and/or leave us more information about you. Worship times on Sunday mornings are 8:30 and 11:00 a.m.

A nursery is available for children up to five years of age during the service. The nursery is located off the hallway on the Huntington Avenue side of the church building. There are also "quiet bags" available for older children to enjoy during the service. Please ask an usher about borrowing one.

Parents are invited to bring children from the nursery for Holy Communion to receive a blessing. If children become restless or noisy during worship, parents are encouraged to take them in to and out of the sanctuary as necessary.

Trinity offers an induction loop for the benefit of hearing impaired worshippers. To use, please switch your hearing aid to "T." If you are unsure if your hearing aid is compatible, please contact your audiologist.



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 occasionally flexible with monthly meetings, but feel free to call for an appointment or drop in) Geoffrey Bell, Director of Music Ministries 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 www.trinitylutheran-nn.com Trinity Lutheran is a partner church with Peninsula Pastoral Counseling Center, THRIVE Peninsula, LINK and Peninsula Agency on Aging WEBLINK to Trinity Lutheran School: <u>https://trinitynn.com/</u> Cover image by JoAnne Rawls

Carillon Call to Worship

Prelude

Shall We Gather at the River

Announcements

Lighting of the Candles of Remembrance

Let us remember all the saints whom we hold dear before God.

We praise and bless you, O holy Trinity. You have taught your church that it is an ageless communion of saints. We thank you for gathering those who faithfully waited in hope for the redemption you promised, and now for adding us who celebrate the love of Christ for the redemption of the world. Prepare a place for us among those who are already with you. Help us remember them as an encouragement to saintly living, exciting us to love, in anticipation of an eternal reunion. With them we praise and bless you, O holy Trinity. **Amen.**

Jesus says, Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart,

and you will find rest for your souls.

For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light. And you will find rest for your souls.

At this time, all who feel called are welcome to come forward to light candles in remembrance of the saints of their lives who now rest in God's eternal care.

Gathering

Thanksgiving for Baptism

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. 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, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters. And by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight.

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family. **Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom.**

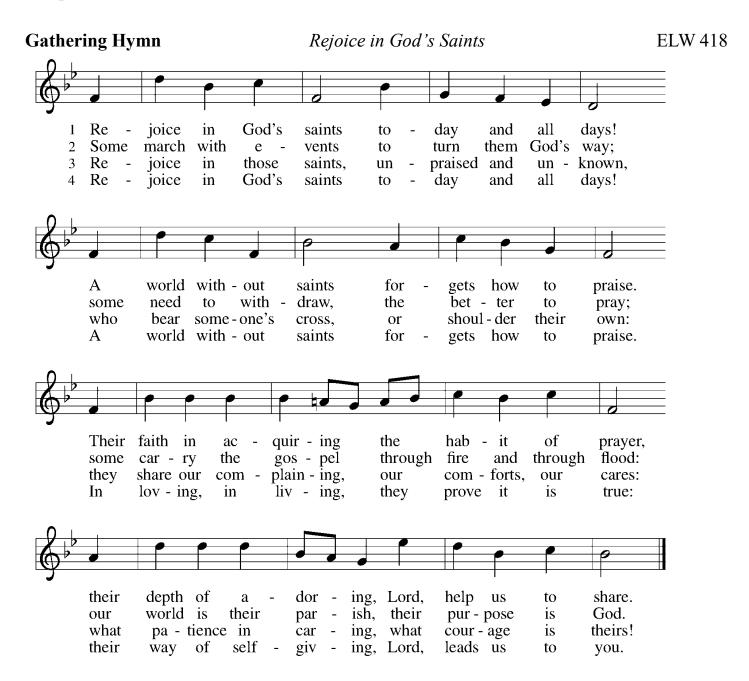
At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift

of new life in Jesus Christ.

Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.

To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**



Kyrie







Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

First Reading: Isaiah 25:6-9

Isaiah sees a vision of the end of days, when God will gather all people on God's holy mountain and will prepare for them a rich feast. At this banquet God will wipe the tears from all eyes. And there will be no more sorrow, for God will destroy death itself. On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples

a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,

of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.

And he will destroy on this mountain

the shroud that is cast over all peoples,

the sheet that is spread over all nations;

he will swallow up death forever.

Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken.

It will be said on that day,

Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us.

This is the Lord for whom we have waited;

let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

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

Psalm 24



The earth is the Lord's and all | that is in it, the world and those who | dwell therein. For the Lord has founded it up- | on the seas and established it up- | on the rivers. Who may ascend the mountain | of the Lord, and who may stand in God's | holy place? Those of innocent hands and puri- | ty of heart, who do not swear on God's being, nor do they pledge by | what is false. They shall receive blessing | from the Lord and righteousness from the God of | their salvation. Such is the generation of those who seek | you, O Lord, of those who seek your face, O | God of Jacob. Lift up your heads, O gates; and be lifted up, O ever- | lasting doors, that the King of glory | may come in. Who is this | King of glory? The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord, might- | y in battle! Lift up your heads, O gates; and be lifted up, O ever- | lasting doors, that the King of glory | may come in. Who is this | King of glory? Truly, the Lord of hosts is the | King of glory.

Second Reading: Revelation 21:1-6a

Here is a vision of the new heaven and new earth in which God resides fully with God's people so that mourning, despair, and pain have been eradicated. These renewing words from the God who spans all of time are trustworthy and true.

I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

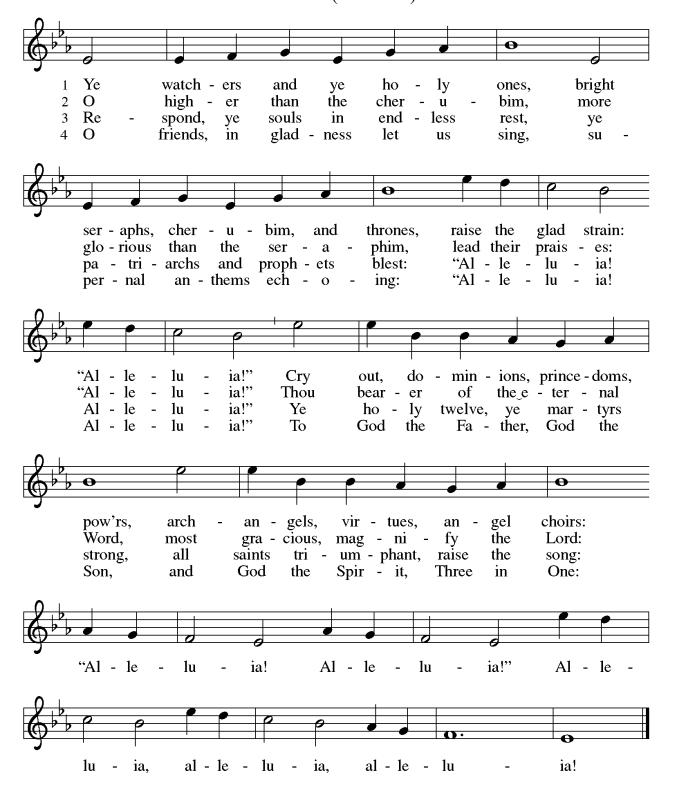
"See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away."

And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end."

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

Gospel Processional

Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones (v. 1 and 2)



Gospel Lesson: John 11:32-44

Through the raising of Lazarus, Jesus offers the world a vision of the life to come, when death and weeping will be no more.

The Holy Gospel according to John the 11th chapter. Glory to you, O, Lord.

When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"

Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

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

Gospel Processional

Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones (v. 3and 4) ELW 475

Liturgy of the Saints

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Let us pray,

We thank you, O God, for all your servants and witnesses of times past: for Abraham and Sarah, Moses and Miriam, Deborah and Gideon, Samuel and Hannah, for Isaiah and the prophets, for Mary, mother of our Lord, for Mary Magdalene, Peter, Paul and for all the disciples, for Stephen and Phoebe, and for all the martyrs and saints in every time and in every land.

This morning, we especially remember the beloved saints of this congregation who have entered into eternal rest and life everlasting these past two years:

For 2020, we remember:

Phyllis P. ArgenbrightBetty Ruth Pope HaselErnest "Ernie" Glenn MoeserEdith Bayer NaurathRudolph "Rudi" J. NaurathCharlotte Copenhaver RyanWilliam Jerome "Buddy" SchultzCharles "Charley" F. Smith

For 2021, we remember . . .

Diana Dely Behlmar	James W. "Jim" Gribble	Charles Kessler
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Sermon

Pastor Tina

ELW 423

God.

Hymn of the Day

Shall We Gather at the River



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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.

The assembly is seated.

Receiving of Tithes and Offerings

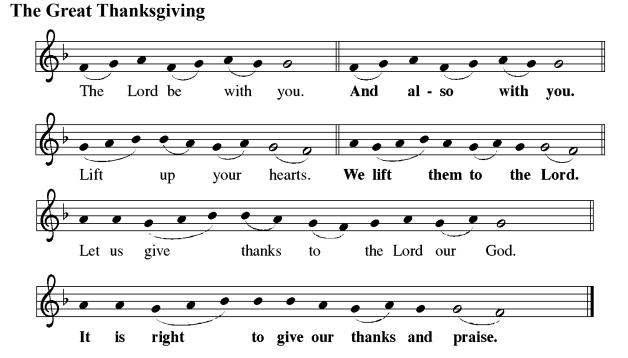
Offertory Anthem *River in Judea* (Marcus/Feldman; arr. John Leavitt) **Offertory Hymn** Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful ELW 181 Let the vine - yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of bless-ing. Gath - er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u of - fer now. nite them with the prayers we Grace our ta-ble with your pres-ence, and give a fore-taste of the feast to us come.

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

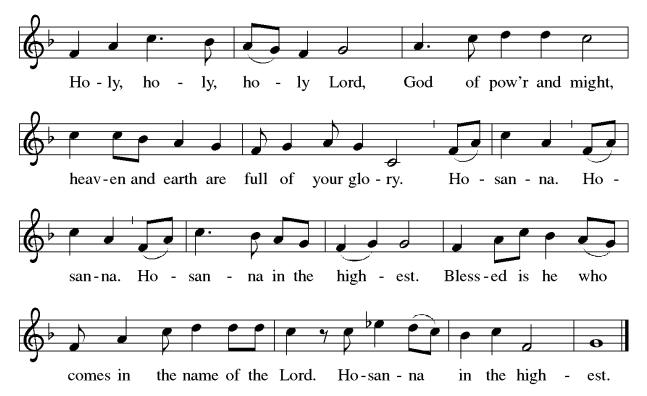


Proper Preface

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.

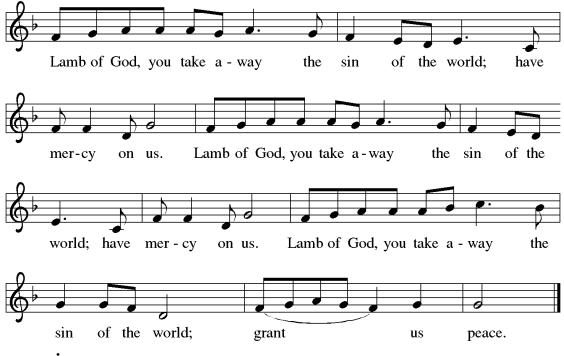
To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.



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.





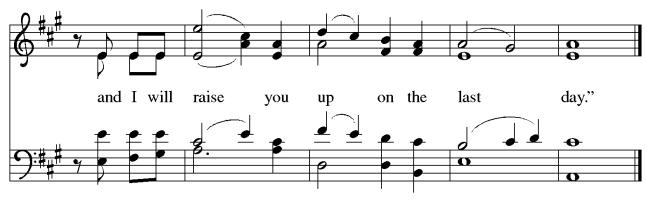
Communion

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



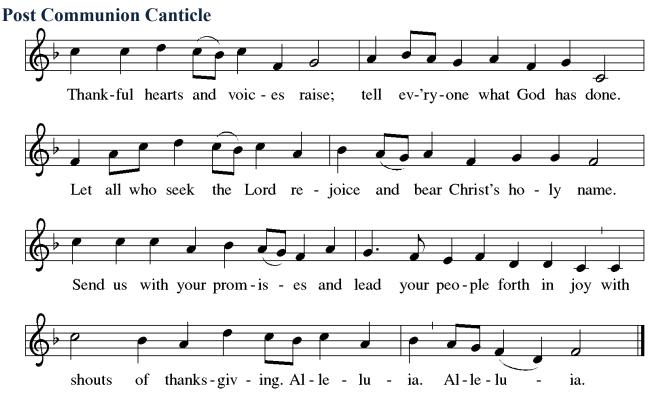
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Sending

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

Blessed Jesus, at this table, you have been for us both host and meal. Now send us forth to extend our tables and to share your gifts until that day when all feast together at your heavenly banquet. **Amen.**

Blessing

God, the beginning and the end, who has written your name in the book of life, + bless and keep you in grace and peace from this time forth and forevermore. **Amen.**



Dismissal

Led on by the saints before us, go in peace to serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

Postlude

Postlude on Sine Nomine

Wayne L. Wold



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.

All Saints Sunday: Included in our prayers today during our worship service are all of the Trinity Saints who have gone before us from 2020 through 2021.

Biographies for church council nominees: Please see the bulletin inserts for the church council biographies.

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...

Finance Committee meeting: On **Monday, November 8 at 6:30 p.m.** there will be a Finance meeting held in the TLS Teacher Resource Room both in person and virtually.

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

Church Council Meeting: The next council meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 9 at 6:30 p.m. both in person and virtually.

Manna Bags: 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!

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); NEW! Joan Johnston (The Newport—no room number yet); **Shut-in at Home:** Janet Edwards, Gerda Hudgens, 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 by Sandy and Jerry Cobb.

Serving the Assembly

Crucifer	Nathan Rummel
Acolytes	Karina Stevens
Teorytes	Michaela Moye
Torchbearers	Keegan Wise
Torenocarers	Andrew Rummel
Bible Bearer	Lois Jean Carpenter
Lector	Bill Solomon
Ushers/Greeters/Presenters	Cliff Obara
	Anne Obara
	Dave Roselius
Altar Guild	Steve Quist
	Karoline Ardis
Building Lock up	Cliff Obara
Camera/Livestream	Ben Melusky