## Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

8:30 & 11:00 AM Worship Service • November 28, 2021 First Sunday of Advent • ELW Setting 5



Advent is about the "coming days." God's people have always lived in great expectation, but that expectation finds specific, repeated enunciation in the texts appointed for these four weeks. The ancients anticipated a "righteous Branch to spring up for David." The Thessalonians awaited "the coming of our Lord Jesus with all the saints." Jesus' contemporaries hoped for the time "to stand before the Son of Man." With them we eagerly await the coming days: another Christmas celebration, a second coming, and the advent of Christ in word and supper.

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.

The nursery is available, however since there are no attendants at this time. Feel free to use it as needed. 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. Enlarged print sermon copies are available for the benefit of sight or hearing impaired worshippers. They can be found in the bulletin rack just outside the sacristy kitchen, closest to the wheelchair ramp exit door.

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## 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**

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#### Carillon Call to Worship

Prelude

Wachet auf, ruft uns die stiemme (Sleepers Awake)

J.S. Bach

#### Announcements

## **Lighting of the Advent Wreath**

**Readers** 8:30 - The Stevens family and 11:00 - The Stoffa Family

Blessed are you, God of Jacob, for you promise to transform weapons of war into implements of planting and harvest and to teach us your way of peace; you promise that our night of sin is far gone and that your day of salvation is dawning.

As we light the first candle on this wreath, wake us from our sleep, wrap us in your light, empower us to live honorably, and guide us along your path of peace.

O house of Jacob, come,

let us walk in the light of the Lord. Amen.



## **Gathering**

#### **Confession and Forgiveness**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who alone does wonders, who lifts up the lowly, who fills the hungry with good things. **Amen.** 

Let us confess our sin, trusting in the tender mercy of our God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God for whom we wait,

in the presence of one another,
we confess our sin before you.
We fail in believing that your good news is for us.
We falter in our call to tend your creation.
We find our sense of self in material wealth.
We fear those different from ourselves.
We forget that we are your children
and turn away from your love.
Forgive us, Blessed One,
and assure us again of your saving grace.
Amen.

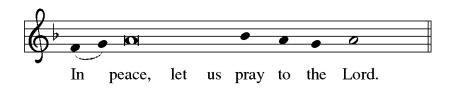
God, in Christ Jesus, has looked with favor upon you! Through the power of the Holy Spirit, + your sins are forgiven. You are children of the Most High, inheritors of the eternal promise and recipients of divine mercy. God strengthens you anew to follow the way of peace. **Amen.** 



### 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.** 

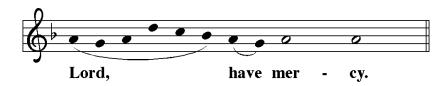
## **Kyrie** (sung at 11:00 only)

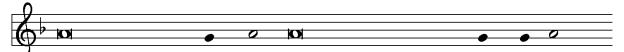






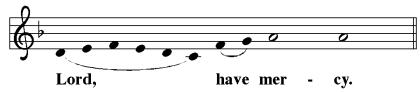
For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal-va-tion, let us pray to the Lord.





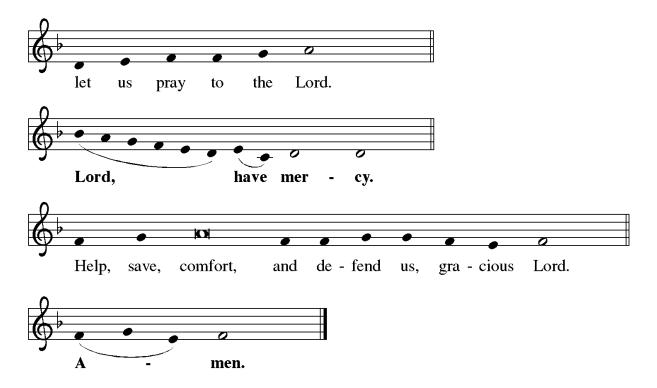
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,







For this ho-ly house, and for all who of - fer here their wor-ship and praise,



### Prayer of the Day

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection alert us to the threatening dangers of our sins, and redeem us for your life of justice, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.** 

The assembly is seated.

## First Reading: Jeremiah 33:14-16

In the Old Testament, "righteousness" often has to do with being faithful in relationship. God acts righteously both in punishing Israel for its sin and in having mercy. In today's reading, Jerusalem's future name—"The Lord is our righteousness"—proclaims that God is even now working salvation for Israel.

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

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

#### **Psalm 25:1-10** (8:30 read responsively; 11:00 sung responsively)



To | you, O Lord,

I lift | up my soul.

# My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be | put to shame, nor let my enemies triumph | over me.

Let none who look to you be | put to shame; rather let those be put to shame | who are treacherous.

# Show me your | ways, O Lord, and teach | me your paths.

Lead me in your | truth and teach me,

for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all | the day long.

## Remember, O Lord, your compas- | sion and love,

#### for they are from | everlasting.

Remember not the sins of my youth and | my transgressions; remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake of your good- | ness, O Lord.

## You are gracious and up- | right, O Lord;

therefore you teach sinners | in your way.

You lead the low- | ly in justice and teach the low- | ly your way.

All your paths, O Lord, are steadfast | love and faithfulness to those who keep your covenant and your | testimonies.

## Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

Upon Timothy's report from the congregation at Thessalonica, Paul is exuberant with gratitude for them. In this passage from his letter, Paul voices overflowing thanks, joy, and blessings for the people of this growing church.

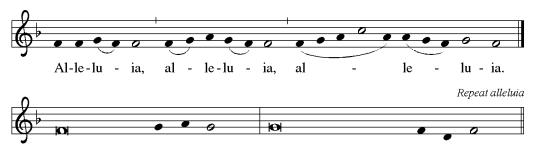
How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

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

#### The assembly stands.

#### **Gospel Acclamation**



Stand up and | raise your heads—\*your redemption is | drawing near. (Luke 21:28)

#### Gospel Lesson: Luke 21:25-36

God will fulfill God's purposes and, already, hidden signs of that fulfillment abound. On that great day there will be dismay, perplexity, confusion, and terror, but God's people shall be given strength to stand boldly and receive God's promised redemption.

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 21st chapter. Glory to you, O, Lord.

Jesus said: "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

"Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

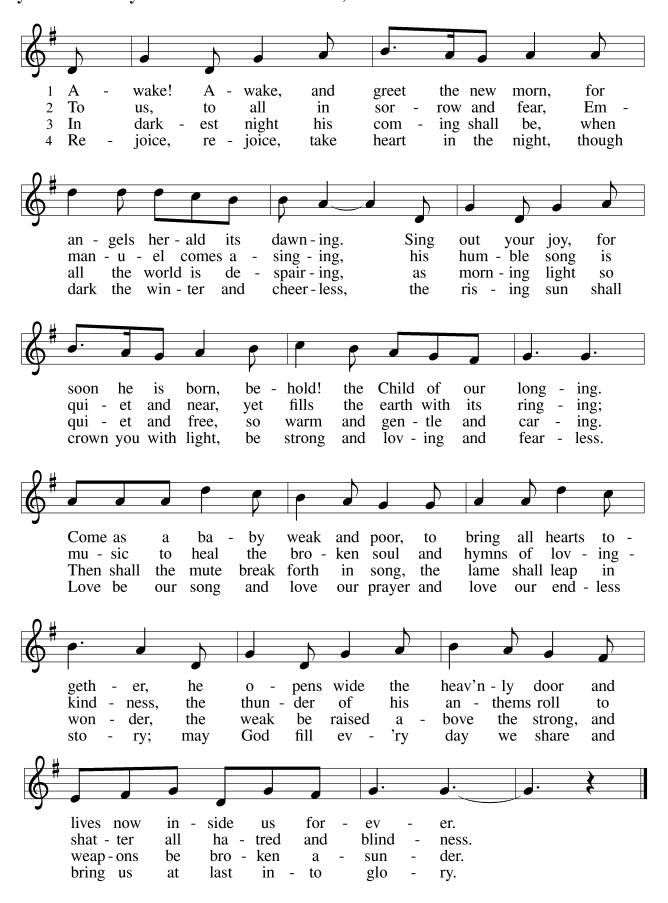
The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, O Christ.

Time with the Children

Pastor Tina

**Sermon** Pastor Tina

The assembly stands.



#### **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**

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

Christ Is the World's True Light

Walter Kendall Stanton

Christ is the world's true Light, its Captain of salvation;
The Daystar clear and bright of every race and nation.
New life, new hope awakes where'er we own his sway;
Freedom her bondage breaks, and night is turned to day.
In Christ all people meet, their ancient feuds forgetting,
The whole round world complete, from sunrise to its setting.
When Christ is throned as Lord, we shall forsake our fear;
To ploughshare beat the sword, to pruning hook the spear.
One Lord, in one great Name, unite us all who own thee;
Cast out our pride and shame that hinder to enthrone thee.

The world has waited long, has travailed long in pain; To heal its ancient wrong, come, Prince of Peace, and reign.

### The assembly stands.



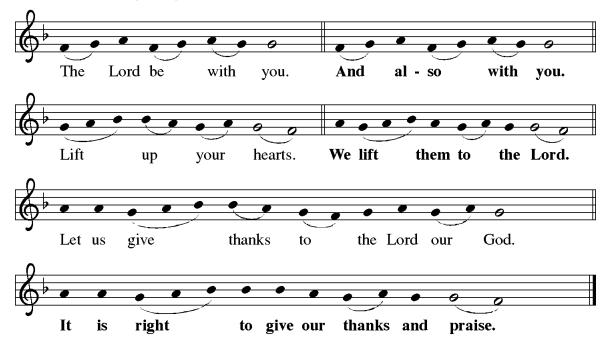
#### **Offertory Prayer**

God of our waiting and watching,

we offer the gifts of our hearts and our lives to the service of all your people. Prepare the way before us as we meet you in this simple meal, through Christ Jesus, our pathway and our peace. Amen.

#### Meal

## The Great Thanksgiving

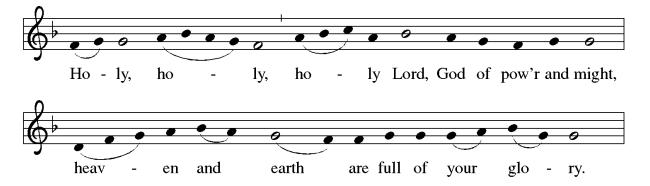


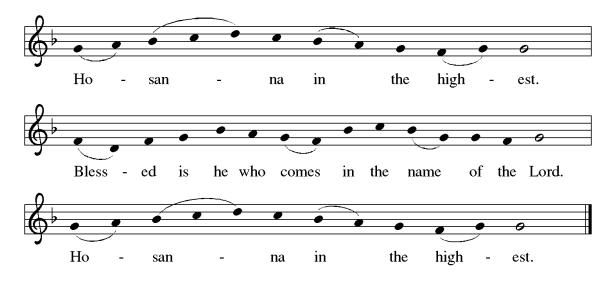
## **Proper Preface**

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

Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life:

Blessed are you for the birth of creation.

Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light.

Blessed are you for your promise to your people.

Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams.

Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will.

Blessed are you for your Son Jesus,

the Word made flesh.

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.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

With this bread and cup we remember your Word dwelling among us, full of grace and truth. We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection. We look with hope for his coming.

Come, Lord Jesus.

Holy God, we long for your Spirit. Come among us. Bless this meal May your Word take flesh in us. Awaken your people. Fill us with your light. Bring the gift of peach on earth. **Come, Holy Spirit.** 

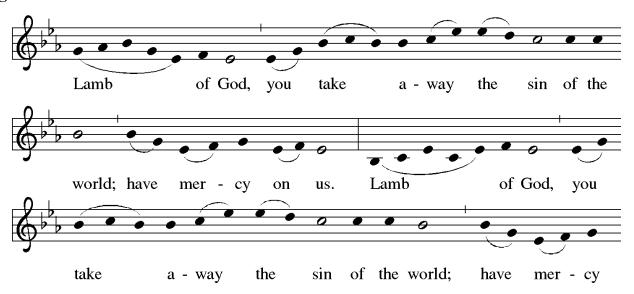
All praise and glory are your, Holy One of Israel, Word of God incarnate, Power of the Most high, one God, now and forever. **Amen.** 

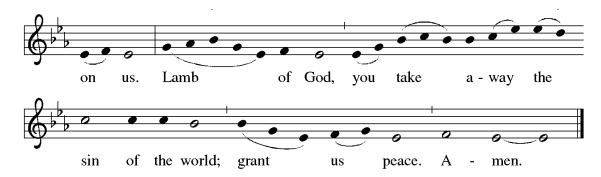
#### Lord's Prayer

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.

The assembly is seated.

## **Agnus Dei**





#### Communion

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 the pastor. 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**

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

**ELW 490** 



- 1 Let all mor tal flesh keep si lence, and with fear and trem bling stand;
- 2 King of kings, yet born of Mar-y, as of old on earth he stood,
- 3 Rank on rank the host of heav-en spreads its van-guard on the way;
- 4 At his feet the six winged ser aph, cher u bim with sleep less eye,



pon - der noth - ing earth - ly - mind - ed, for with bless - ing in his hand the bod - y Lord of lords in hu - man ves - ture, in and the blood. the Light of light, de - scend-ing from the realms of end - less day, veil their fac - es to the pres-ence, as with cease-less voice they cry:



Christ our God to earth de-scend - ing comes full hom-age to de - mand. he will give to all the faith - ful his own self for heav'n-ly food. comes, the pow'rs of hell to van - quish, as the dark-ness clears a - way. "Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, Lord Most High!"

## **Sending**

## **Table Blessing**

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



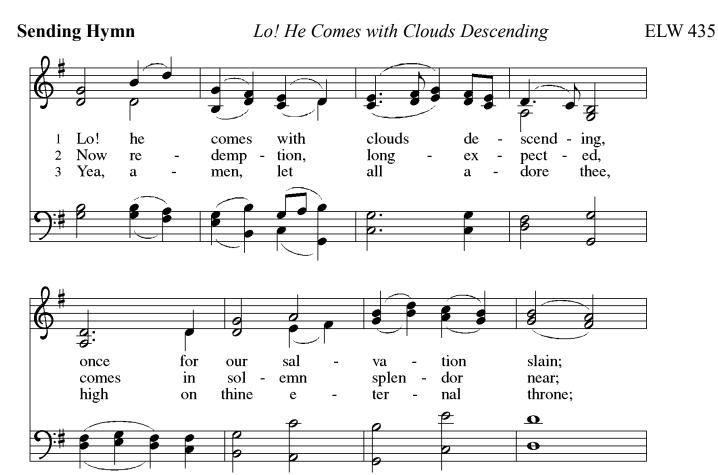


#### **Post Communion Prayer**

Most High God, you have come among us at this table. By the Spirit's power, form us to be bearers of your word, sharing gifts of mercy and grace with all, through Christ Jesus, our host and our guest. **Amen.** 

#### **Blessing**

The God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing, so that we may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit, through Christ Jesus for whom we wait. **Amen.** 





## **Dismissal**

Go in peace. Christ is near.

Thanks be to God.



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

**Our new church council members:** All church members on the ballot, Connie Hoover, Shawn Murphy, Wendy Mynoymany Diane Roselius, Nathan Rummel, Kathy Stevens, Elim Sniady, Phil Shook, Bill Solomon and Sue Moeslein (Trustee), have been elected to church council as of the ballot and virtual election on November 21, 2021. Congratulations to everyone!

**New information regarding FLOWERS:** In order to place an order for flowers to include an announcement in the bulletin, please contact the church office and pay for your flowers in advance. This allows us enough time to contact the florist since we do not do flowers every week.

#### MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THESE TRINITY EVENTS...

Tuesday Morning Bible Study: The next bible study will be on Tuesday, November 30 at 10:30 a.m., both virtually and in person. Please note the change in time!!!!

Advent Thursdays: The worship theme for Advent Thursdays will be "Holy Darkness" which will be a meditative service around creativity and prayer. The services will be held by **Zoom only at 6:30 p.m.** each of these evenings. Here is the schedule:

Thursday December 2: Darkness is Holy Thursday, **December 9**: Darkness is Beautiful

Thursday, December 16: Darkness Holds Promise

Thursday, December 23: Darkness Holds God

**Decorating**: We will be "greening" the church nave/sanctuary on **Sunday, December 12 after the 11:00 worship service**. All are welcome to come to help. Many hands are needed to decorate. The youth will be decorating the Christmas trees with Chrismons.

Blue Christmas service: A Blue Christmas Service will be held on Monday, December 13 at 6:30 p.m. You have the choice to come in person to worship or follow virtually on Facebook Livestream. This service is designed for all who suffer from loss or any other situation where the comfort from the words of this service would be particularly beneficial.

**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 in the narthex and 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:** We are once again able to help fill 10 Christmas baskets with food for families through Edmarc. You can help in two ways. You can donate money for us to buy a turkey or ham for a family by dropping a check in the offering plate making sure that you note in the memo line that it is for Edmarc. You can also visit our Christmas Tree located in

#### **YOUTH NEWS!**

Decorating the Church Christmas Trees: After the 11 AM service on December 12, the youth group will be helping to "green" the church by Decorating the Christmas trees with our beautiful Chrismons. Youth should meet Kathy Stevens and Pastor Tina after church to help decorate. Parents are welcome to help as well. Youth should be done with this project by around 1:30 p.m.. Please contact Kathy Stevens or Pastor Tina if you have questions about this event.

Caroling, Homebound Gifts, Painting, and Christmas Party: On Sunday, December 19, the youth group will meet following the 11 AM service and go out to lunch. We will then return to the church to work on painting our blocks in the youth room and gathering what we need for our homebound gifts. We will head out to start Christmas caroling to our Homebound members' homes around 4 PM ending our travel around the city at the Rummel house for our annual Christmas party. What will you need that day? Money for a fast food lunch, a mask, your beautiful singing voice, and a side item or dessert to share at the Christmas party. Pizza will be provided for dinner. Please see Kelly Rummel if you have any questions about this event.

Winter Celebration: Attention all 9th -12th grade youth, we are going back to Eagle Eyrie! The annual Winter Celebration faith formation event held for high school youth will occur January 21 -23 in Lynchburg VA. There are no paper forms this year. Please go online through the link on the Youth Group Facebook page and register for this event. Once you have filled out the Google Doc, you will pay for the event through an online payment system. Cost for the event is \$150; if you need assistance with this cost please speak to Kelly Rummel or Pastor Tina. Registration is due by December 13. Please note, once you are registered, you must send a copy of your COVID vaccination card to Dave Delaney at delaney@vasynod.org. All participants must be fully vaccinated before the start of the event. If you cannot attend in person, and you would like to participate online, follow the same process for registration, and the fee is only \$35. Once registered, make sure that you go online and let Kelly Rummel know via the Facebook page that you can attend and if you will be going virtually or in person. Please speak with Kelly Rummel if you have any questions.

#### **COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS...**

The Virginia Handbell Concert: St. Mark Lutheran Church in Yorktown (118 Old York-Hampton Hwy, Yorktown, VA 23692) and the *Sine Nomine* concert series presents *The Virginia Handbell Concert*, directed by Mr. Al Reese (husband of former TLS Music Teacher, Lois Reese), on Saturday December 4, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. Here is a link to their website: Sine Nomine Presents | St Mark Online (smlconline.org). The program is free and open to the public. Guests are asked to wear masks inside the sanctuary during the program. Donations will be accepted to help support the concert series. A reception following the program will provide an opportunity to meet and talk with Mr. Reese and members of the VHC. Call 898-4395 for additional information.

**Giving to Trinity:** There are a number of ways that members can give their donations to Trinity Lutheran Church during these times when not everyone can be 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.

5. 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: Hospice: Don Golden (TELC Organist Emeritus); Recovery: Patricia Fielding and Nancy Lindfors; Rehab: Pat O'Connell - NEW info! (Warwick Forest, The Gardens, Room 327); Nursing Homes/Assisted Living: Jeanette Cantrell (The Chesapeake, 955 Harpersville Road, AL302, Newport News, VA, 23601); Millie Christensen (Morningside: Rm. 131; Lucille Lebold (Williamsburg Landing, Memory Care Unit); NEW! Joan Johnston (The Newport—Rm 33); 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 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 and Peggy Cash, requested by Dottie Self.

**Those Who Serve, Military and Civilian Duty:** 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.

**Due to last week's error of no chancel flowers... This week the flowers are** given to the Glory of God and by Spindler and Shirley Krause in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Krause and by Rock Moeslein in honor of his and Sue's wedding anniversary.

The Team Foundation forms for donation suggestions are located in the narthex. A Constant Contact email went out on November 12, explaining what these forms were for. If you did not get the email, please contact the church office for more information about The Team Foundation and about making a suggestion for where our funds should be applied.

## **Serving the Assembly**

8:30 11:00

**Crucifer** Shawn Murphy

**Acolytes** Andrew Rummel

Carl Carpenter

**Lector** Kathy Stevens Judy Hunt

Advent Wreath Lighters and Stevens family Stoffa family

Readers

Ushers/Greeters/Presenters Steve Quist Cliff Obara

Anne Obara

Camera/Livestream Ben Melusky