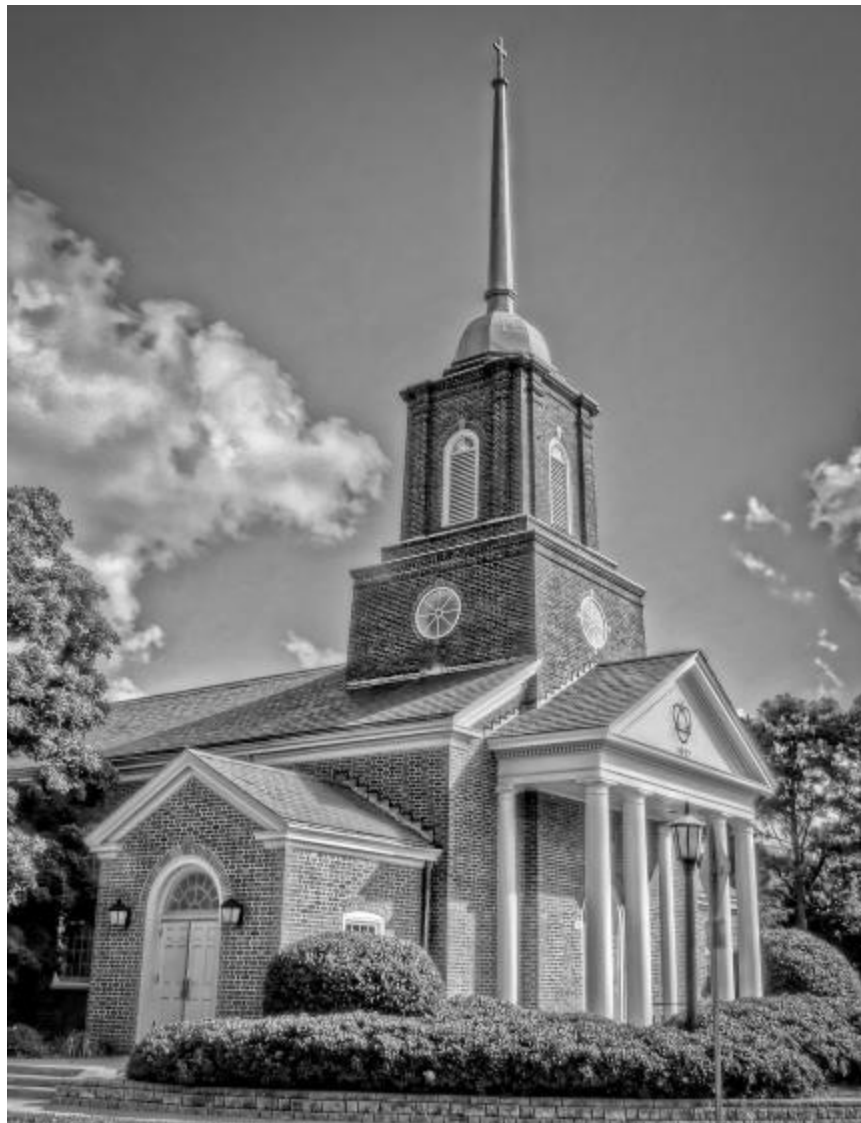


Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

10:00 AM Worship Service and Facebook Livestream

January 9, 2022 • ELW Setting 3

Baptism of Our Lord



Today's festival rejoices in God's blessings. We recall and celebrate our adoption as God's children, the gift of the Holy Spirit, and the promised company of almighty God when we "pass through the waters . . . the rivers . . . fire." On this day the heavens open again for this assembly, and we receive the gift of God's Beloved, Jesus, in bread and wine.

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. Our worship services on Sunday mornings until June are at 8:30 and 11:00. Sunday School for adults and children is held at 9:45 a.m.

A nursery space is available, but there are no attendants. Please feel free to use the nursery for diaper changing, feeding or quiet time for your child or children.

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.

Large Print Sermons are located on the narthex table.



The Reverend Tina Melusky, Pastor
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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)

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Carillon Call for Worship

Prelude

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

arr. Joel Raney

Announcements

Installation of New Council Members

Gathering

The assembly stands.

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.

Silence is kept for reflection.

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 and through Jesus Christ, our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

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.**

Hymn of Praise

Praise and Thanksgiving Be to God
(see hymn sheets in back of bulletin)

ELW 458

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, you anointed Jesus at his baptism with the Holy Spirit and revealed him as your beloved Son. Keep all who are born of water and the Spirit faithful in your service, that we may rejoice to be called children of God, 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: Isaiah 43:1-7

Near the end of Israel's exile in Babylon, God promises to bring the people home. They need no longer be afraid, because the one who formed, created, and called them by name now redeems them from all their enemies. God declares them precious and honored, and God loves them.

But now thus says the Lord,
he who created you, O Jacob,
he who formed you, O Israel:

Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;

I have called you by name, you are mine.

When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;

and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;

when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,

and the flame shall not consume you.

For I am the Lord your God,

the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.

I give Egypt as your ransom,

Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you.

Because you are precious in my sight,

and honored, and I love you,

I give people in return for you,

nations in exchange for your life.

Do not fear, for I am with you;
I will bring your offspring from the east,
and from the west I will gather you;
I will say to the north, "Give them up,"
and to the south, "Do not withhold;
bring my sons from far away
and my daughters from the end of the earth—
everyone who is called by my name,
whom I created for my glory,
whom I formed and made."

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

Psalm 29 (*read responsively*)

Ascribe to the Lord, you gods,
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

**Ascribe to the Lord the glory due God's name;
worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.**

The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders;
the Lord is upon the mighty waters.

**The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice;
the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendor.**

The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees;
the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;
**the Lord makes Lebanon skip like a calf,
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.**

The voice of the Lord
bursts forth in lightning flashes.

**The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness;
the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**

The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe and strips the forests bare.
And in the temple of the Lord all are crying, "Glory!"

**The Lord sits enthroned above the flood;
the Lord sits enthroned as king forevermore.**

O Lord, give strength to your people;
give them, O Lord, the blessings of peace.

Second Reading: Acts 8:14-17

Peter and John are sent to support the new Christians in Samaria, a group that was recently baptized after hearing the good news of Christ through the preaching of Philip.

Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

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

Gospel Acclamation



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Gospel: Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

The reading opens with questions about the identity of the Messiah. John the Baptist insists that he is not the Messiah; instead he points ahead to one who is coming. And whether the voice of God was heard by all or only by Jesus, God settles the matter: Jesus is God's beloved Son.

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 3rd chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

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

Children's Chat

Pastor Tina Melusky

Sermon

Pastor Tina Melusky

The assembly stands.

Hymn of the Day

We Are Baptized in Christ Jesus
(see hymn sheets in back of bulletin)

ELW 451

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

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Sharing of the Peace

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

The assembly is seated.

The Word

Thanksgiving for the Word

Praise and thanks to you, holy God, for by your Word you made all things: you spoke light into darkness, called forth beauty from chaos, and brought life into being. For your Word of life, O God,

we give you thanks and praise.

By your Word you called your people Israel to tell of your wonderful gifts: freedom from captivity, water on the desert journey, a pathway home from exile, wisdom for life with you. For your Word of life, O God,

we give you thanks and praise.

Through Jesus, your Word made flesh, you speak to us and call us to witness: forgiveness through the cross, life to those entombed by death, the way of your self-giving love. For your Word of life, O God,

we give you thanks and praise.

Send your Spirit of truth, O God; rekindle your gifts within us: renew our faith, increase our hope, and deepen our love, for the sake of a world in need. Faithful to your Word, O God, draw near to all who call on you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory 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.**

Sending

The assembly stands.

Blessing

God, who leads you in pathways of righteousness, who rejoices over you, and who calls you by name, + bless your going out and your coming in, today and forever. **Amen.**

Sending Hymn

God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me
(see hymn sheets in back of bulletin)

ACS 1084

Dismissal

Go with Christ into a weary world. Share the good news.
Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Come Thou Fount

arr. Jason D. Payne



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church office hours: Monday through Thursday, 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.

Installation of New Church Council Members: Today, we are installing the new church council members, Connie Hoover, Shawn Murphy, Wendy Mynoymany, Diane Roselius, Nathan Rummel, and Kathy Stevens. We wish you the best in all of your Council endeavors.

Offering Boxes: Please pick up your offering boxes for 2022 which will either be on a table in the library or on a table in the narthex. If you are using online giving through VANCO or your bank, please let the church office know if you would still like to have your offering box. **Remember to bring your key fob if you decide to come on the weekend and also be sure to wear a mask.**

Sunday School Classes: At this time, due to the rise in COVID cases, the **children and youth** Sunday School classes have been **cancelled for the month of January**. The **adult Sunday School** class will, however, meet via **Zoom only**.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR . . .

Tuesday Morning Bible Study: The next Tuesday Morning Bible Study will be on Tuesday, January 11. It will be held by Zoom invitation.

Church Council Meeting: The January 11 Church Council meeting will be held by Zoom only at 6:30 p.m. Please be sure to have all reports in CANVAS or send to Anne to include in CANVAS.

VANCO Online giving: The procedure is very user-friendly. Just go to Trinity's website, <http://www.trinitylutheran-nn.com> (see below), and click on the green "online giving" link on the homepage.

Procedure for online giving:

Go to <http://trinitylutheran-nn.com/>

Press the green "online giving" link.

You may also put your offering in the plate located in the narthex.

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 have flower donations every week.

Schappert's New Address: Due to health concerns, Bob and Nancy have recently relocated to Cary, NC near their daughter Susan. Here is their new address: Bob and Nancy Schappert, **215 Brightmore Drive, Apartment 450, Cary, NC, 27518.**

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 on the River Road side of the church. 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**

YOUTH NEWS!

Pure Vida Bracelets Fundraiser for National Youth Gathering: The youth are still selling Pure Vida bracelets to help raise money for the ELCA National Youth Gathering in 2024. The bracelets are \$5 each and make great Valentine's Day or Easter basket gifts. Order forms are located on the table in the narthex. There is no deadline to turn in your form. Please help support our youth!

Winter Celebration: Winter Cel has been officially cancelled.

Bowling Afternoon: The youth group bowling afternoon has also been officially cancelled.

Community Happenings:

Sine Nomine and St Mark Lutheran Church are delighted to present pianist Beckett Behel in concert on Sunday, January 16, 2022 at 4:00 PM. St Mark Lutheran Church is located at 118 Old York-Hampton Highway, Yorktown, VA 23692. 757-898-4395. [Sine Nomine Presents | St Mark Online \(smlconline.org\)](http://smlconline.org)



The program is free and open to the public. **Guests are asked to wear masks inside the sanctuary.** A reception following the program will provide an opportunity to meet and talk with the Mr. Behel. Call 898-4395 for additional information.

Beckett Behel is a classically trained pianist living in Yorktown, VA. He started piano when he was six years old and studied with Mrs. Hellen Heifetz. He has performed with various local orchestras as both a soloist and accompanist and has been playing regularly at *A Chef's Kitchen* in Williamsburg. Outside of piano, he enjoys reading, singing in the car, and playing with his dogs, Cocoa and Ravel.

Ask him about his growing interest in Mongolian throat singing.

His program will feature selections from the 1950s to the 1980s, soft jazz, selections from the silver screen, and popular classical compositions. Beckett is currently a student at William and Mary (class of 2023) where he is majoring in psychology.

The program is free and open to the public. **All guests are asked to wear a mask during the program in the sanctuary.** 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. Behel.**

VA, 23601); Millie Christensen (Morningside: Rm. 131; Lucille Lebold (Williamsburg Landing, Memory Care Unit); Pat O'Connell - (Warwick Forest); 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 newborn daughter, Melody**, requested by Patricia Fielding; **Bob and Nancy Schappert; Pearl O'Connell; Ben Nelson**, requested by Laura Davis; **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; **Peggy Cash**, requested by Dottie Self; **Ms. Marley Keefer**, requested by Glen Titus; **Nancy Lindfors; James Fielding; Kathy Nobles, Erik Rummel's mother, Gisela Nygards**, by Yvonne Christianson; **Mike Cobb; Johannes Hendrik Loots, father of daughter-in-law**, requested by Glen Titus and **Loyd and JoAnne Rawls**, requested by Laura Davis.

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; Josh and Ellen (Davis) Badgley, State Department, Bangkok, Thailand; Michael Titus, US Navy, Naval Shipyard, Washington, DC and Elisabeth Bruce (Titus' daughter-in-law) Elisabeth Bruce, Dept. of Justice, Washington, DC.

Today, the chancel greenery is given to the Glory of God by Trinity Lutheran Church.



It's a GIRL! Congratulations to Glen and Betty Titus on their granddaughter, Gwen Rebekah Bruce-Titus, who was born on New Year's Day. May God's Blessings be with you, your family and new granddaughter.

See the next five pages for the hymn sheets.



1 Come, thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless-ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
 2 Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer: "Hith-er by thy help I've come";
 3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con-strained to be;



streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.
 and I hope, by thy good plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.
 let that grace now like a fet - ter bind my wan-d'ring heart to thee.



While the hope of end-less glo - ry fills my heart with joy and love,
 Je - sus sought me when a strang-er, wan-d'ring from the fold of God;
 Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love.



teach me ev - er to a - dore thee; may I still thy good-ness prove.
 he, to res - cue me from dan-ger, in - ter - posed his pre-cious blood.
 Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.



1 Praise and thanks - giv - ing be to God our
 2 Not our own ho - li - ness, nor that we have
 3 Come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come in vis - i -
 4 Praise to the Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly



mak - er, source of all bless - ing, prod - i - gal cre -
 striv - en brings us the peace which you, O Christ, have
 ta - tion; you are the truth, our hope, and our sal -
 Spir - it: one Lord, one faith, one source of ev - 'ry



a - tor. Bap - tized and made your own, now we come be -
 giv - en. Bap - tized and set a - part, strength - en us, O
 va - tion. Bap - tize with joy and pow'r, give, O Dove de -
 mer - it. Here now re - new your church through this sym - bol



fore you, and we a - dore you.
 Sav - ior, with grace and fa - vor.
 scend - ing, life nev - er end - ing.
 giv - en; grant peace from heav - en.



1 We are bap-tized in Christ Je - sus, we are bap - tized in his death;
2 In the wa - ter and the wit - ness, in the break - ing of the bread,
3 Glo - ry be to God the Fa - ther, glo - ry be to Christ the Son,



that as Christ is raised vic - to - rious, we might live a brand new life.
in the wait - ing arms of Je - sus who is ris - en from the dead,
glo - ry to the Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er three and ev - er one;



And if we have been u - nit - ed in a dread - ful death like his,
God has made a new be - gin - ning from the ash - es of our past;
as it was in the be - gin - ning, glo - ry now re - sounds a - gain



we will all be re - u - nit - ed, for he lives.
in the los - ing and the win - ning we hold fast.
in a song that has no end - ing. . . . A - men.



1 God, be the love to search and keep me; God, be the prayer to
 2 Bind to my-self the name of Ho-ly, great cloud of wit-ness-
 3 Bright-ness of sun and glow of moon-light, flash-ing of light-ning,
 4 Walk-ing be-hind to hem my jour-ney, go-ing a-head to
 5 Christ in the eyes of all who see me, Christ in the ears that



move my voice; God, be the strength to now up-hold me:
 es en-fold; proph-ets, a-pos-tles, an-gels wit-ness:
 strength of wind, depth of the sea to soil of plan-et:
 light my way, and from be-neath, a-bove, and all ways:
 hear my voice, Christ in the hearts of all who know me:



Refrain
 O Christ, sur-round me; O Christ, sur-round me.

Serving the Assembly

10:00

Crucifer

Acolytes

Lector

Ushers/Greeters/Presenters

Camera/Livestream

Ben Melusky