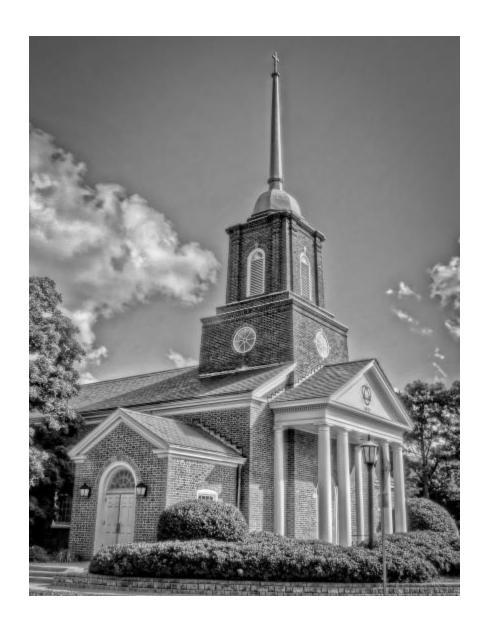
Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

10:00 AM Worship Service and Facebook Livestream
February 6, 2022 • Service of the Word
Fifth Sunday After Epiphany



The fifth Sunday after Epiphany continues to highlight unlikely instruments and circumstances appointed to reveal God's glory. "Who will go for us?" God asks. A person of unclean lips, a former persecutor of the church of God, and three fishermen who couldn't catch a thing. More surprising still, perhaps, is that we are also called.

Welcome members and guests to our worship service today. If you are visiting, we encourage you to let us know that you are online by either clicking on an emoji or sending us a quick "Hello from . . . " Our worship services are on FACEBOOK, virtually, at 10:00 a.m. until such time as COVID numbers come down. Notices through email will be forthcoming to update everyone.



The Reverend Tina Melusky, Pastor tina.melusky@gmail.com

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 to Worship

Prelude Here I Am, Lord arr. Mark Hayes

Announcements

Gathering

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who creates us, redeems us, and calls us by name. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Most merciful God,

we confess that we have sinned against you and your beloved children.
We have turned our faces away from your glory when it did not appear as we expected.
We have rejected your word when it made us confront ourselves.
We have failed to show hospitality to those you called us to welcome.
Accept our repentance for the things we have done and the things we have left undone.
For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.
Forgive us and lead us, that we may bathe in the glory of your Son born among us, and reflect your love for all creation.
Amen.

Rejoice in this good news: In + Christ Jesus, your sins are forgiven. You are descendants of the Most High, adopted into the household of Christ, and inheritors of eternal life. Live as freed and forgiven children of God. **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.



Prayer of the Day

Most holy God, the earth is filled with your glory, and before you angels and saints stand in awe. Enlarge our vision to see your power at work in the world, and by your grace make us heralds of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

First Reading: Isaiah 6:1-8 [9-13]

Through a vision in the temple, the eighth-century prophet Isaiah is called by God to announce judgment against Israel. Aware of his sinfulness and shortcomings, Isaiah is initially hesitant. But when God calls, Isaiah responds, "Here am I; send me!"

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said:

"Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory."

The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. And I said: "Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!"

Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: "Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out." Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I; send me!" And he said, "Go and say to this people:

'Keep listening, but do not comprehend; keep looking, but do not understand.' Make the mind of this people dull, and stop their ears, and shut their eyes, so that they may not look with their eyes, and listen with their ears, and comprehend with their minds, and turn and be healed." Then I said, "How long, O Lord?" And he said: "Until cities lie waste without inhabitant, and houses without people, and the land is utterly desolate; until the Lord sends everyone far away, and vast is the emptiness in the midst of the land. Even if a tenth part remain in it, it will be burned again, like a terebinth or an oak whose stump remains standing when it is felled."

The holy seed is its stump.

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

Psalm 138 (read responsively)

I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart; before the gods I will sing your praise.

I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name, because of your steadfast love and faithfulness;

for you have glorified your name and your word above all things.

When I called, you answered me;

you increased my strength within me.

All the rulers of the earth will praise you, O Lord, when they have heard the words of your mouth.

They will sing of the ways of the Lord, that great is the glory of the Lord.

The Lord is high, yet cares for the lowly, perceiving the haughty from afar.

Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you | keep me safe; you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your right hand shall save me.

You will make good your purpose for me;

O Lord, your steadfast love endures forever; do not abandon the works of your hands.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Paul delivers in a nutshell the story of the gospel that was given to him. In the lineage of the Christian faith, we have received the good news of God's love from generations of believers before us, and we continue to tell this story to the world.

Now I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain.

For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ

died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them—though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

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Gospel: Luke 5: 1-11

Jesus' teaching of God's word has begun to draw great crowds. For Simon, James, and John, Jesus' teaching inspires hospitality, then obedience, and then risk. After Jesus' creative power is revealed, fear and amazement leads these three fishermen to leave everything behind to become apostles.

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 5th chapter. Glory to you, O Lord.

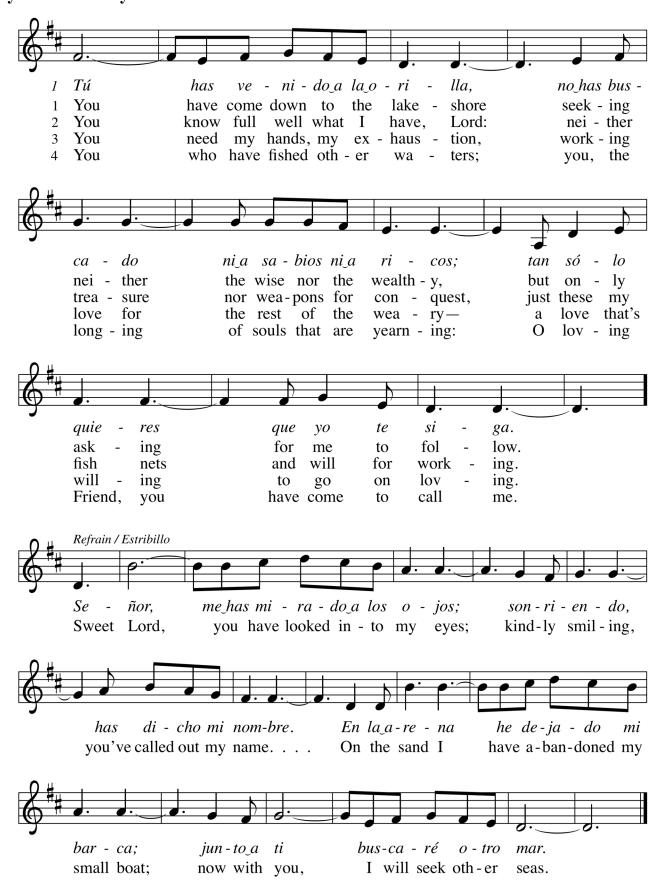
Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch." Simon answered, "Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets." When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon

Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!" For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people." When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

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

Children's Chat Pastor Tina Melusky

Sermon Pastor Tina Melusky



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

God of grace, hear our prayer.

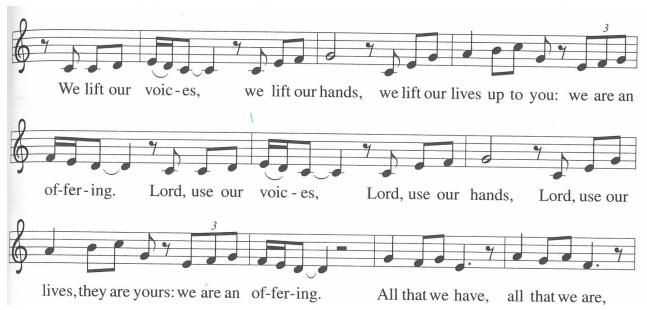
Sharing of the Peace

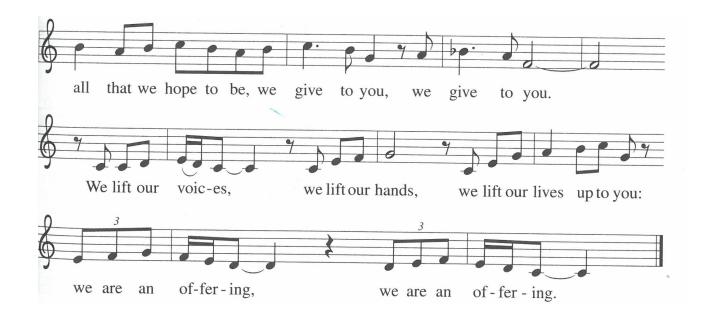
The peace of the Lord be with you always. And also with you.

Offertory Hymn

We Are an Offering

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Offertory Prayer

Blessed are you, O God, Sovereign of the universe.

You offer us new beginnings and guide us on our journey. Lead us in your grace, and prepare us to carry your love to a hungry world, in the name of Christ our light. Amen.

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

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.**



Dismissal

Go with Christ into a weary world. Share the good news.

Thanks be to God.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Offering Boxes: If you have not already done so, please pick up your offering box 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.

National Youth Gathering CANCELLED!: Sadly, we have to report that the NYG scheduled for 2022 has been cancelled and will not be rescheduled. The NYG scheduled for 2024 is still possible.

A Special Invitation Still Being Extended to attend a special class being held by the Adult Sunday School Class on Discipleship in a Democracy using an ELCA Study Guide which was adopted unanimously by the Church Council of the ELCA in America in 2020. The class begins on January 23 and runs for four weeks. If you are interested, contact the church office or Patricia McClelland at psml@cox.net to obtain all of the materials needed for the class. More background on the ELCA social statement can be found in the *Living Lutheran*, *January/February 2022 issues (pages & & 9)*. The social message is available on the ELCA website: http://elca.org/socialmessages and click on Government.

NEXT Theology on Tap: All are welcome to join this group. For those who are new to our congregation, we are usually given a topic to talk about, have some social libations (i.e. beer, soda, coffee, hot chocolate) and enjoy each other's comments on the topic. On **Monday**, **February 28, 2022**, we will be doing another TOT! Please feel free to join us.

Trinity Directly Helps the Homeless: On January 30, Anne Obara and Sandy Hampton (TLS) had the privilege of handing out some canned food to a person who was homeless. It was very heartwarming. So, a big thanks goes to all who bring in food. It is greatly appreciated. This person was also very thankful for the rolling bag that we put all of the food in. If anyone wishes to donate some type of rolling bag to the cause, we will be glad to accept it for times like this.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR ...

Tuesday Morning Bible Study: The next Tuesday Morning Bible Study will be on **Tuesday**, **February 8.** It will be held by Zoom invitation.

NO Church Council Meeting on February 8: Instead, the church council will hold their annual Church Council Retreat on Saturday, February 12, unless notified differently (awaiting a COVID committee decision).

Worship and Music Committee meeting: The next Worship and Music committee meeting will be held on WEDNESDAY, February 9, at (NOTE NEW TIME for this particular meeting only) 6:00 p.m. on Zoom unless otherwise notified.

Reformation Remix: Relearning Lutheranism: Have you ever wondered what you've forgotten from Confirmation? Have you ever wished there was Confirmation for adults? (Ok, probably not so much, but go with me here!!) Have you ever found yourself in church wondering why do we do or say that? Well, hopefully we have a place for you to find your

answers!! Launching in February, we will be moving through the Virginia Synod's Reformation Remix sessions. Highlighting four different tenets of the Lutheran faith, we will explore each theme through scripture, theology, music, art, and storytelling. We will listen to TED talks from seminary professors, look at art work, listen to music, and talk together, all in the hopes of diving deeper into what it means to be a Lutheran, and having a little bit of fun (YES! Theology can be fun!!!). We will be doing this through the year across four 3 week sessions (February, May, September, and October) on Monday evenings from 7-8:15 on Zoom. Our first series will focus on being *Freed by Faith* and we will meet February 7, 14, and 21 with follow-up materials being sent out the 28th. If you have any questions please contact Pastor Tina.

Trinity Supports PORT at Hilton Baptist Church: For only one night and one early morning, Trinity will be supporting PORT by providing a minimum of twelve on site volunteers for Tuesday, February 22 and 23. A SignUpGenius is now out for those who wish to help. We also need 15 people to make casseroles. The recipe is on the last page of this bulletin. If you are interested or you have questions, please contact Anne or Cliff Obara. No overnight persons are needed!!!

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.

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.

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. Call the church office if you need an order form. There is no deadline to turn in your form. Please help support our youth!

PRAYER LIST

ILLNESS, SURGERY, RECOVERY, SHUT-INS: Recovery: Nancy Lindfors; **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); 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, and Kylie Cooper, Connor and Christina Wheeler and father, Steve Wheeler, requested by Kathy Stevens; Hannelore Voss (Karoline's mother) and Anneliese and Parker Anderson, 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 (4521 Thorncroft Drive, Glen Allen, VA, 23060), requested by Bill Solomon; Donald Hall (son), requested by Susan Hall; Peggy Cash, requested by Dottie Self; Ms. Marley Keefer, requested by Glen Titus; Nancy Lindfors; Gisela Nygards, by daughter, Yvonne Christian; Johannes Hendrik Loots, father of daughter-in-law, requested by Glen Titus; Loyd and JoAnne Rawls, requested by Laura Davis, the family and friends of Kathy Nobles, Erik Rummel's mother; Erik and Kelly Rummel; Robert Lee, requested by Anne Obara.

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.

Chicken Stuffing Casserole

PREP TIME 10 minutes
COOK TIME 25 minutes
TOTAL TIME 35 minutes
SERVINGS 6 servings

AUTHOR Holly Nilsson



4.95 from 150 votes

This one-dish chicken stuffing casserole is creamy and flavorful; the whole family will ask for seconds!

Ingredients

- 6 oz boxed stuffing mix or 3 to 4 cups homemade stuffing
- 1 1/4 cup hot water
- 2 cups cooked chicken diced
- ⅓ cup sour cream

- 10.5 oz <u>cream of chicken soup</u> or <u>homemade condensed</u> soup
- 3 cups frozen mixed vegetables defrosted

Instructions

- 1. Preheat oven to 400°F.
- 2. Combine hot water and stuffing mix in bowl.
- 3. Add all remaining ingredients to a greased 9x13 pan. Top with stuffing mixture.
- 4. Bake 25-30 minutes or until bubbly and topping is browned.

Notes

- Combine stuffing and hot water first so it can soak up the water while you prep the rest.
- Run frozen veggies under hot water to defrost quickly.
- Shredded chicken can be substituted with ground beef, ham or leftover turkey.
- Any "cream of" soup can be used in this recipe.
- · Adding a little sprinkle of cheese on the top of the stuffing will give it an extra punch of flavor!

Nutrition Information

Calories: 314, Carbohydrates: 38g, Protein: 22g, Fat: 8g, Saturated Fat: 3g, Cholesterol: 51mg, Sodium: 837mg, Potassium: 424mg, Fiber: 5g, Sugar: 3g, Vitamin A: 4801IU, Vitamin C: 9mg, Calcium: 78mg, Iron: 3mg
(Nutrition information provided is an estimate and will vary based on cooking methods and brands of ingredients used.)

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