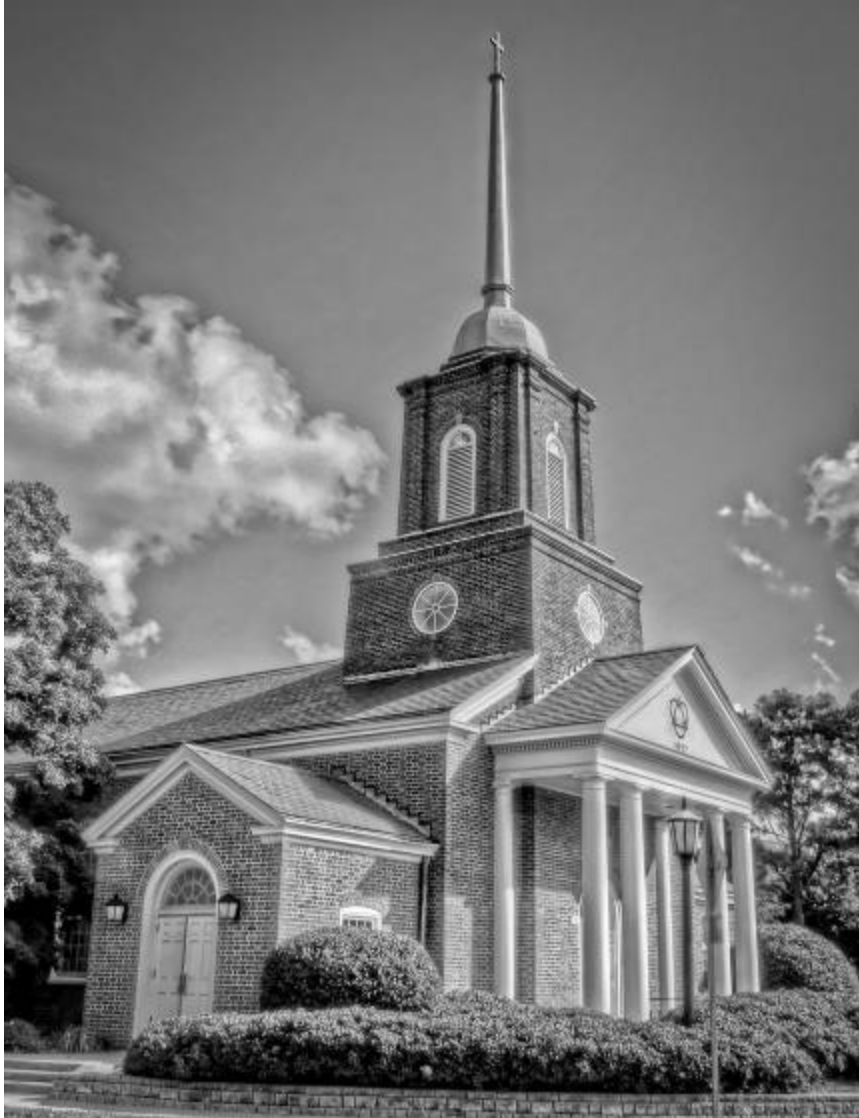


# Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

10:00 AM Worship Service and Facebook Livestream

February 13, 2022 • Service of the Word

Sixth Sunday After Epiphany



*Blessings and curses abound on the sixth Sunday after Epiphany. We would do well to listen closely to whom the “blessed are” and the “woe to” are directed and to find our place in the crowd among those who desire to touch Jesus. The risen Christ stands among us in the mystery of the holy supper with an invitation to live in him, and offers power to heal us all.*

**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

*Toccata in F*  
*(BuxWV157)*

Dietrich Buxtehude

## 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.**

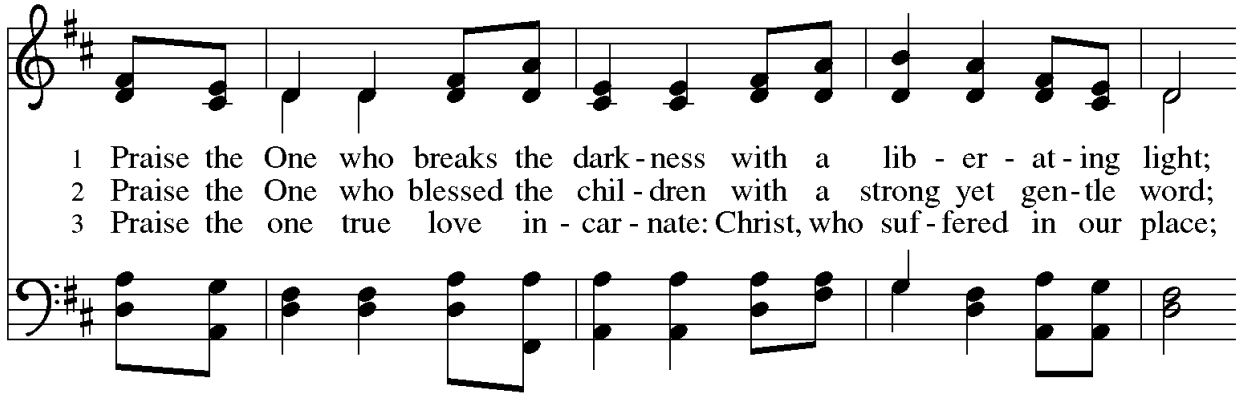
Rejoice in this good news:

In + Christ Jesus, your sins are forgiven.

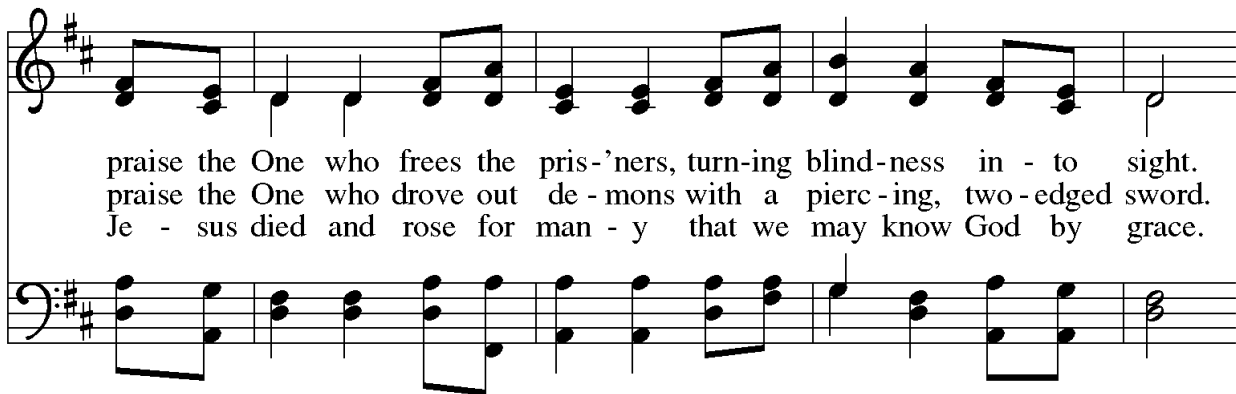
You are descendants of the Most High,  
adopted into the household of Christ,  
and inheritors of eternal life.

Live as freed and forgiven children of God.

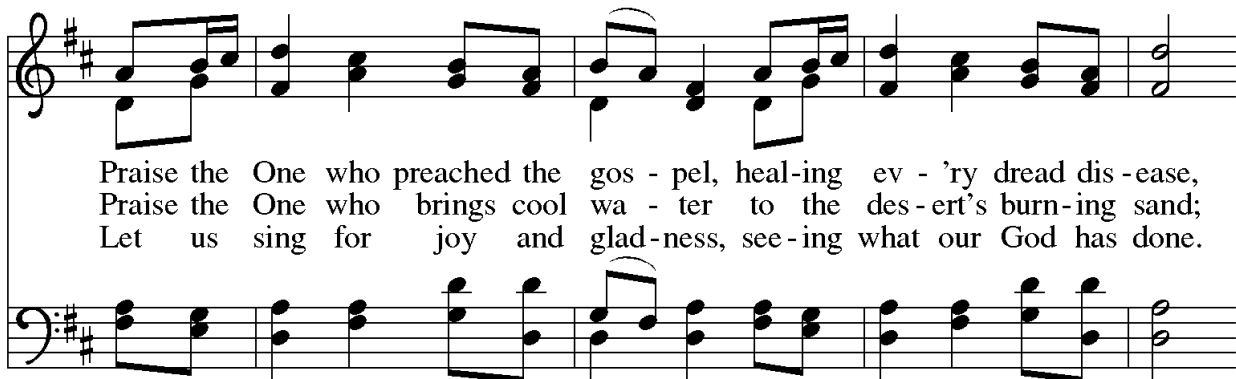
**Amen.**



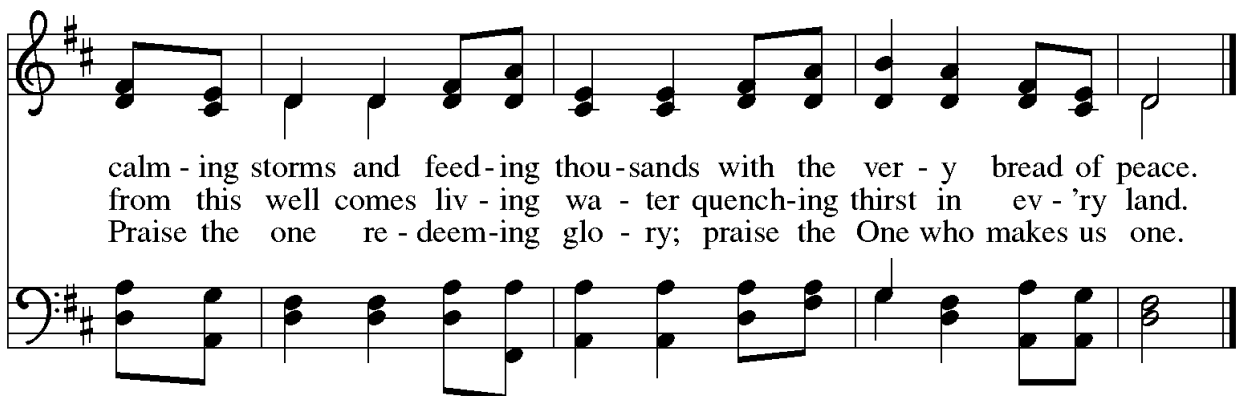
1 Praise the One who breaks the dark-ness with a lib - er - at - ing light;  
2 Praise the One who blessed the chil - dren with a strong yet gen - tle word;  
3 Praise the one true love in - car - nate: Christ, who suf - fered in our place;



praise the One who frees the pris - 'ners, turn - ing blind - ness in - to sight.  
praise the One who drove out de - mons with a pierc - ing, two - edged sword.  
Je - sus died and rose for man - y that we may know God by grace.



Praise the One who preached the gos - pel, heal - ing ev - 'ry dread dis - ease,  
Praise the One who brings cool wa - ter to the des - ert's burn - ing sand;  
Let us sing for joy and glad - ness, see - ing what our God has done.



calm - ing storms and feed - ing thou - sands with the ver - y bread of peace.  
from this well comes liv - ing wa - ter quench - ing thirst in ev - 'ry land.  
Praise the one re - deem - ing glo - ry; praise the One who makes us one.

## 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

## *Glory to God*

ELW 163



Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo - ple on



earth. Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and



Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your



glo-ry. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,



Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world: have



mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the right hand of the

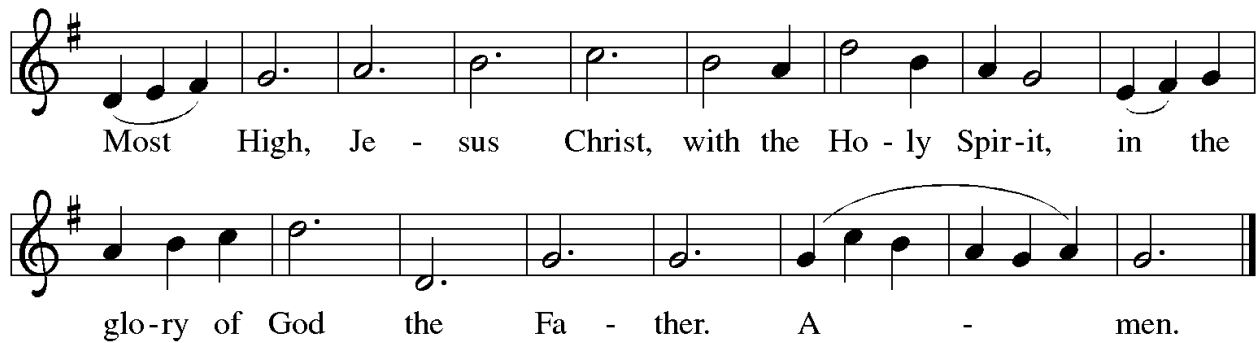


Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer. For you a - lone are the



Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord, you a - lone are the

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## Prayer of the Day

Living God, in Christ you make all things new. Transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your glory, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

## First Reading: Jeremiah 17:5-10

*These verses compose a poem that is part of a larger collection of wisdom sayings that contrast two ways of life. Life with God brings blessing; the power and vitality of God is active in our life. Life without God brings a curse, the power of death.*

Thus says the Lord:

Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals  
and make mere flesh their strength,  
whose hearts turn away from the Lord.

They shall be like a shrub in the desert,  
and shall not see when relief comes.

They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness,  
in an uninhabited salt land.

Blessed are those who trust in the Lord,  
whose trust is the Lord.

They shall be like a tree planted by water,  
sending out its roots by the stream.

It shall not fear when heat comes,  
and its leaves shall stay green;  
in the year of drought it is not anxious,  
and it does not cease to bear fruit.

The heart is devious above all else;  
it is perverse—

who can understand it?

I the Lord test the mind

and search the heart,  
to give to all according to their ways,  
according to the fruit of their doings.

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

**Psalm: Psalm 1** (read responsively)

Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked,  
nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

**Their delight is in the law of the Lord,  
and they meditate on God's teaching day and night.**

They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves  
that do not wither;

everything they do shall prosper.

**It is not so with the wicked;  
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.**

Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes,  
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

**For the Lord knows the way of the righteous,  
but the way of the wicked shall be destroyed.**

**Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:12-20**

*For Paul, the resurrection of Christ is the basis for Christian hope. Because Christ has been raised, those who are in Christ know that they too will be raised to a new life beyond death.*

Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ—whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

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

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**Gospel: Luke 6: 17-26**

*For Paul, the resurrection of Christ is the basis for Christian hope. Because Christ has been raised, those who are in Christ know that they too will be raised to a new life beyond death.*

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 6th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus came down with [the twelve] and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

Then he looked up at his disciples and said:

“Blessed are you who are poor,  
for yours is the kingdom of God.

“Blessed are you who are hungry now,  
for you will be filled.

“Blessed are you who weep now,  
for you will laugh.

“Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.

“But woe to you who are rich,  
for you have received your consolation.

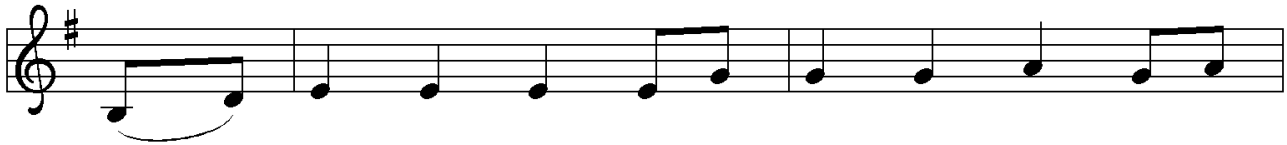
“Woe to you who are full now,  
for you will be hungry.

“Woe to you who are laughing now,  
for you will mourn and weep.

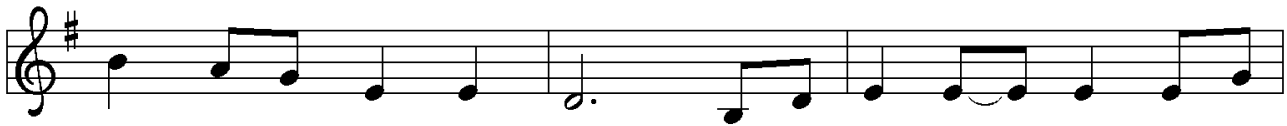
“Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.”

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





1 My soul cries out with a joy - ful shout that the  
 2 Though I am small, my . . . God, my all, you . . .  
 3 From the halls of pow'r to the for - tress tow'r, not a  
 4 Though the na - tions rage from . . age to age, we re -



God of my heart is great, and my spir - it sings of the  
 work great . . things in me, and your mer - cy will last from the  
 stone will be left on stone. Let the king be - ware for your  
 mem - ber who holds us fast: God's mer - cy must de -



won - drous things that you bring to the ones who wait.  
 depths of the past to the end of the age to be.  
 jus - tice tears ev - 'ry ty - rant . . . from his throne.  
 liv - er us from the con - quer - or's crush - ing grasp.



You fixed your sight on your ser - vant's plight, and my  
 Your ver - y name puts the proud to shame, and to  
 The hun - gry poor shall . . weep no more, for the  
 This sav - ing word that our fore - bears heard is the



weak - ness you did not spurn, so from east to west shall my  
 those who would for you yearn, you will show your might, put the  
 food they can nev - er earn; there are ta - bles spread, ev - 'ry  
 prom - ise which holds us bound, till the spear and rod can be



name be blest. Could the world be a - bout to turn?  
strong to flight, for the world is a - bout to turn.  
mouth be fed, for the world is a - bout to turn.  
crushed by God, who is turn - ing the world a - round.



My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your jus - tice burn.



Wipe a - way all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is a - bout to turn.

## 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.**

(ST. THOMAS)



1 Let jus - tice flow like streams of spar - kling wa - ter, pure,  
 2 Let righ - teous - ness roll on as oth - ers' cares we heed,  
 3 So may God's plumb line, straight, de - fine our mea - sure true,



en - a - bling growth, re - fresh - ing life, a - bun - dant, cleans - ing, sure.  
 an ev - er - flow - ing stream of faith trans - lat - ed in - to deed.  
 and jus - tice, right, and peace per - vade this world our whole life through.

**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.**

(ENGELBERG)



1 To be your pres - ence is our mis - sion here, to show com -  
 2 To be your pres - ence is our mis - sion bold, to feed the  
 3 To be your pres - ence is our mis - sion blest, to speak for  
 4 We are your heart, O Christ, your hands and voice, to serve your



pas - sion's face and lis - t'ning ear, to be your heart of mer - cy  
 poor and shel - ter home - less cold, to be your hands of jus - tice,  
 all the bro - ken and op - pressed, to be your voice of hope, your  
 peo - ple is our call and choice, and in this mis - sion we, the



ev - er near,  
 right up - hold, al - le - lu - ia!  
 love ex - pressed,  
 church, re - joice,

**Dismissal**

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

**Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude**

*Fugue in F*  
 (BuxWV 157)

Dietrich Buxtehude



**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

**Offering Envelopes:** If you have not already done so, please stop by the church to pick up your offering envelopes. If you are using VANCO or some other means to send in your offering, your offering envelopes will not be mailed. However, we would like to know if you want to pick them up.

**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 [psm1@cox.net](mailto:psm1@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 8 & 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.**

### **MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR . . .**

**Tuesday Morning Bible Study:** The next Tuesday Morning Bible Study will be on **Tuesday, February 15**. It will be held by Zoom invitation..

**Reformation Remix: Relearning Lutheranism: Next Remix is on February 14.** 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: WE STILL NEED VOLUNTEERS TO WORK!!** Hilton Baptist is providing N95 masks for everyone (PORT Staff and guests both). This is for **only one evening, no overnight and one early morning, February 22 and 23**. A **HUGE THANKS** to all who have already signed up to provide food or work. The **SignUpGenius** is still available for those who wish to help. The recipe is on the last page of last week's and this week's bulletins. If you are interested or you have questions, please contact Anne or Cliff Obara.

**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 Nygard,** 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; the family of Robert Lee (cousin of Anne),** 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 (daughter-in-law of Glen and Betty Titus).

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 ¼ cup hot water
- 2 cups cooked chicken diced
- 1/3 cup sour cream
- 10.5 oz [cream of chicken soup](#) or [homemade condensed 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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Chicken Stuffing Casserole <https://www.spendwithpennies.com/chicken-stuffing-casserole/>

You may use an aluminum pan to place your casserole mixture into. We will be using the oven at Hilton Baptist to reheat all of the casseroles, but we would appreciate it very much if they were already HOT when you deliver the casserole (just in case time is of the essence). Thank you!