Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

8:30 and 11:00 AM Worship Service
11:00 Facebook Livestream
February 20, 2022 • Setting 1
Seventh Sunday After Epiphany



Mercy. Mercy. Joseph lives it in Egypt. Jesus preaches it in the gospel. The Spirit guides us into merciful lives with the power of forgiveness to reconcile what is fractured and divided. Such merciful living is the baptismal blessing of having put on Christ. It is the gift of the lifegiving Spirit. It is a reflection of God's glory revealed in Christ.

Welcome members and guests to our worship service today. If you are a visitor, we encourage you to let us know by <u>signing our book in the narthex</u> or, if you are <u>online</u>, by either <u>clicking on an emoji or sending us a quick "Hello from</u>. . . Our worship services are on FACEBOOK, virtually, at 11:00 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.



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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Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

arr. Mark Hayes

Announcements

Prelude

Gathering

The assembly stands. All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

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 All crea-tures, wor-ship God most high! Sound ev-'ry voice in earth and
- 2 Sing, broth er wind; with clouds and rain you grow the gifts of fruit and
- Sing, broth er fire, so mirth-ful, strong; drive far the shad-ows, join the
- 4 All who for love of God for give, all who in pain or sor row



sky: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Sing, broth - er sun, in splen-dor grain: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Dear sis - ter wa - ter, use - ful, throng: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Dear moth - er earth, so rich in grieve: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Christ bears your bur-dens and your



bright; sing, sis - ter moon and stars of night: clear, make mu - sic for your Lord to hear: care, praise God in col - ors bright and rare: fears; still make your song a - mid the tears:

Al-le - lu - ia, al-le -



- 5 And you, most gentle sister death, waiting to hush our final breath:
 Alleluia! Alleluia!
 Since Christ our light has pierced your gloom, fair is the night that leads us home.
 Alleluia.
- O sisters, brothers, take your part, and worship God with humble heart: Alleluia! Alleluia!
 All creatures, bless the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Three in One: Alleluia.

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

O Lord Jesus, make us instruments of your peace, that where there is hatred, we may sow love, where there is injury, pardon, and where there is despair, hope. Grant, O divine creator, that we may seek to console, to understand, and to love in your name, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

The assembly is seated.

First Reading: Genesis 45:3-11, 15

Many years after being sold into slavery by his jealous brothers, Joseph reveals himself to them. Now the second-in-command in Egypt, Joseph reassures his brothers that God has used their evil intentions for good to preserve life during a devastating famine, and Joseph forgives them.

Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.

Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come—so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty." And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

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

Psalm: 37:1-11, 39-40 (8:30 read responsively, 11:00 sung responsively)



Do not be provoked by | evildoers;

do not be jealous of those | who do wrong.

For they shall soon wither | like the grass, and like the green grass | fade away.

Put your trust in the Lord | and do good; dwell in the land and | find safe pasture.

Take delight | in the Lord,

who shall give you your | heart's desire.

Commit your way to the Lord; put your trust | in the Lord, and see what | God will do.

The Lord will make your vindication as clear | as the light and the justice of your case like the | noonday sun.

Be still before the Lord and wait | patiently.

Do not be provoked by the one who prospers, the one who succeeds in | evil schemes.

Refrain from anger, leave | rage alone;

do not be provoked; it leads on- | ly to evil.

For evildoers shall | be cut off,

but those who hope in the Lord shall pos- | sess the land.

In a little while the wicked shall | be no more;

even if you search out their place, they will | not be there.

But the lowly shall pos- | sess the land;

they will delight in abun- | dance of peace.

But the deliverance of the righteous comes from | you, O Lord; you are their stronghold in | time of trouble.

You, O Lord, will help them and | rescue them;

you will rescue them from the wicked and deliver them, because in you | they seek refuge.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50

In the Apostles' Creed, we speak of the "resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting." Using the metaphor of a planted seed and the story of Adam, Paul preaches passionately about the mystery of following Christ's perfect life into eternity.

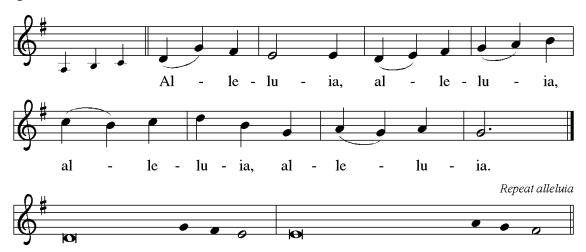
But someone will ask, "How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?" Fool! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. And as for what you sow, you do not sow the body that is to be, but a bare seed, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body.

So it is with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable, what is raised is imperishable. It is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. It is sown a physical body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a physical body, there is also a spiritual body. Thus it is written, "The first man, Adam, became a living being"; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. But it is not the spiritual that is first, but the physical, and then the spiritual. The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. As was the man of dust, so are those who are of the dust; and as is the man of heaven, so are those who are of heaven. Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we will also bear the image of the man of heaven.

What I am saying, brothers and sisters, is this: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

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

Gospel Acclamation



Love your enemies, and you will be children of | the Most High; forgive, and you will | be forgiven. (Luke 6:35, 37)

Gospel: Luke 6:27-38

Jesus continues to address a crowd of his disciples. He invites his followers to shower radical love, blessing, forgiveness, generosity, and trust even on enemies and outsiders. Living in harmony with God's intent brings the reward of overflowing blessing.

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

Jesus said: "But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you.

If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

"Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back."

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

Sermon

Pastor Tina Melusky

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

God of grace, hear our prayer.

Sharing of the Peace

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

Receiving of Tithes and Offerings

The assembly is seated.

Offertory Anthem

Make me a Channel of Your Peace (11:00 a.m. service only)

Sebastian Temple

Make me a channel of your peace. Where there is hatred let me bring your love; where there is injury, your pardon, Lord; and where there's doubt true faith in you.

Make me a channel of your peace. Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope; where there is darkness, only light; and where there's sadness, ever joy.

O Master, grant that I may never seek so much to be consoled as to console, to be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love with all my soul.

Make me a channel of your peace. It is in pardoning that we are pardoned, in giving of ourselves that we receive, and in dying that we're born to eternal life.

Offertory Hymn

vic - t'ry is ours,

Goodness Is Stronger Than Evil (GOODNESS IS STRONGER)

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vic - t'ry is ours,

through God who loves

us.

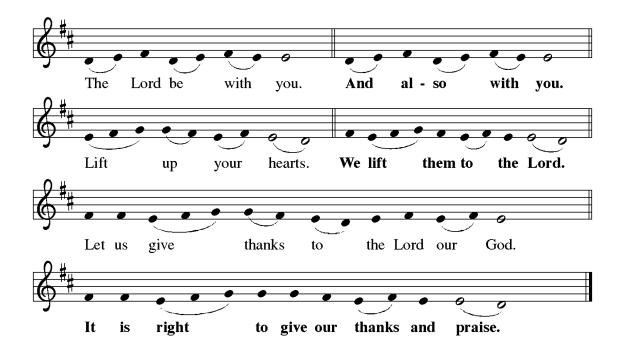
Offertory Prayer

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

Sovereign of the universe.
You offer us new beginnings
and guide us on our journey.
Lead us to your table,
nourish us with this heavenly food,
and prepare us to carry your love
to a hungry world,
in the name of Christ our light. Amen.

Meal

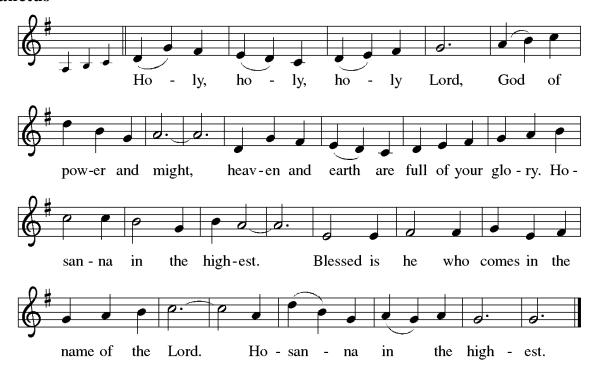
Great Thanksgiving



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, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all. 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.

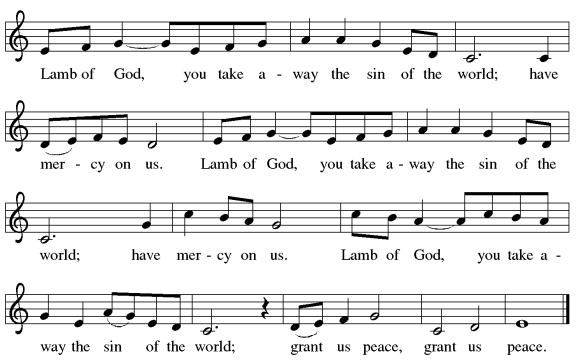
Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, 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.

Agnus Dei



The assembly is seated.

Communion

If you have not already done so, please pick up a wafer/wine cup which is provided for you in a basket in the narthex. Communion will take place in the pews until further notice.

Sending

The assembly stands.

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

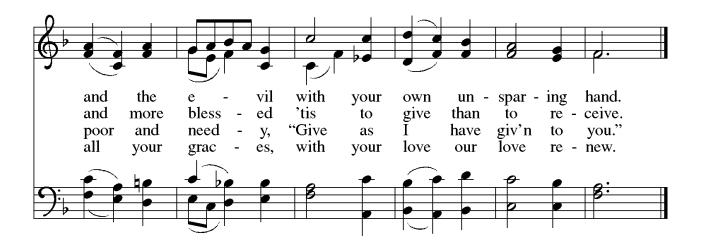
We give you thanks, gracious God, for we have feasted on the abundance of your house. Send us to bring good news and to proclaim your favor to all, strengthened with the richness of your grace in your Son, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

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.

Postlude

Alleluia on Lasst Uns Erfreuen

Franklin D. Ashdown



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. Those who are using VANCO or some other means to electronically send in your offering, your offering envelopes will not be mailed. However, we would like to know if you want to pick them up.

Choir Rehearsals Resume: Starting Wednesday, February 23, the choir will resume practicing from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. in the choir room. No special training necessary. If you wish to be a part of the choir, just come on a Wednesday evening for a rehearsal.

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 ...

Reformation Remix: Relearning Lutheranism: Next Remix is on Monday, February 21.

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. In our third session, we will focus on *Freedom in Music and Art*. information and Zoom link will be sent out on the Monday, February 21. If you have any questions please contact Pastor Tina.

Tuesday Morning Bible Study: The next Tuesday Morning Bible Study will be on Tuesday, February 22. It will be held by Zoom invitation.

Ash Wednesday Drive-by Ashes, March 2: We will have opportunities for ash distribution on March 2. The first will be at 7:45 a.m. and the second at 3:00 p.m. Please feel free to come by at either time.

Ash Wednesday services: Two worship services will be held on Ash Wednesday, March 2. At noon, we will hold the first abbreviated service and then at 7:00 p.m., we will have the regular service which will also be live streamed.

Lenten Midweek Services (and soup) held on Zoom: Lenten Midweek Evening Services will be on Zoom again this year at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday evenings. The dates to mark on your calendar are: March 9, 16, 23, 20 and April 6. The services will be similar to Advent with prayer, creative prayer and reflection. There will be five themes, one for each session. They are as follows: Faithfulness, Mercy, Compassion, Forgiveness and Love, respectively. Soup recipes will be provided in the email that will be sent out each week for the service. We plan to coordinate a way for the choir to worship together with us before their practice.

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, 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 (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, requested by daughter, Yvonne Christian; Johannes Hendrik Loots, father of daughter-in-law, requested by Glen Titus; 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's daughter-in-law).

A memorial service for Kathy Nobles (Erik Rummel's mother) will be held at Resurrection Lutheran Church, 765 J. Clyde Morris Blvd. at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, February 26. All are welcome.

Today, the **Chancel FLOWERS** are given to the Glory of God and in honor of their 45th wedding anniversary, by Laura and Dick Davis.

Chicken Stuffing Casserole

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



4.95 from 150 votes

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

Ingredients

AUTHOR

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

Holly Nilsson

- 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 cooked and WARM when you deliver the casserole (just in case time is of the essence). Thank you!