# Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

8:30 and 11:00 AM Worship Service and 11:00 Livestream

March 6, 2022 • ELW Setting 1

First Sunday in Lent



These forty days called Lent are like no other. It is our opportune time to return to the God who rescues, to receive the gifts of God's grace, to believe with the heart and confess with the mouth the wonder of God's love in Jesus, and to resist temptation at every turn. This is no small pilgrimage on which we have just embarked. It is a struggle Jesus knew. It is a struggle Jesus shares. The nearness of the Lord, in bread and wine, water and word, will uphold and sustain us.

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 or if you are online at the 11:00 a.m. service drop us a line to say hello or that you and your family are attending, so that we know you have joined us for worship. For those who come in person, please include your home address, email address and phone number. In each pew, there is a card that you can fill out if you wish to have a consult with the pastor and/or leave us more information about you. Worship times on Sunday mornings are 8:30 and 11:00 a.m.

A nursery is available for children up to five years of age during the service. The nursery is located off the hallway on the Huntington Avenue side of the church building. At this time, there are no nursery attendants. We also have "quiet bags" available for older children to enjoy during the service. Please ask an usher about using one.

**Trinity offers an induction loop** for the benefit of hearing impaired worshippers. To use, please switch your hearing aid to "T." If you are unsure if your hearing aid is compatible, please contact your audiologist.

**Enlarged print sermon copies are available** for the benefit of sight or hearing impaired worshippers. They can be found on a table in the narthex.



# The Reverend Tina Melusky, Pastor <u>tina.melusky@gmail.com</u>

Pastor Melusky's office hours: Monday: 9 - 2; Tuesday: 9 -10:30, 11:30 - 12:15 Wednesday 9:30 - 12; Thursday 9 - 12 (Times are occasionally flexible with monthly meetings, but feel free to call for an appointment or drop in) Geoffrey Bell, Director of Music Ministries <u>music@trinitynn.org</u> Congregation of Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, Ministers of the Word

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#### **Carillon Call to Worship**

Prelude

Prelude on Jesus, Still Lead On

Paul Manz

Announcements

# Gathering

The assembly stands. All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism.

#### **Confession and Forgiveness**

In the name of God, who makes a way in the wilderness, walks with us, and guides us in our pilgrimage. Amen.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy One,

we confess that we have wandered far from you: we have not trusted your promises, we have ignored your prophets in our own day, we have squandered our inheritance of grace, we have failed to recognize you in our midst. Have mercy on us! Forgive us and turn us again to you. Teach us to follow in your ways, assure us again of your love, and help us to love our neighbor. Amen.

Beloved in Christ,
the Word draws near to you,
and all who call out to God shall be saved.
In Jesus, God comes to you again and again
and gathers you under wings of love.
In + Jesus' name, your sins are forgiven.
God journeys with you and teaches you how to live in love.
Amen.

**Gathering Hymn** 

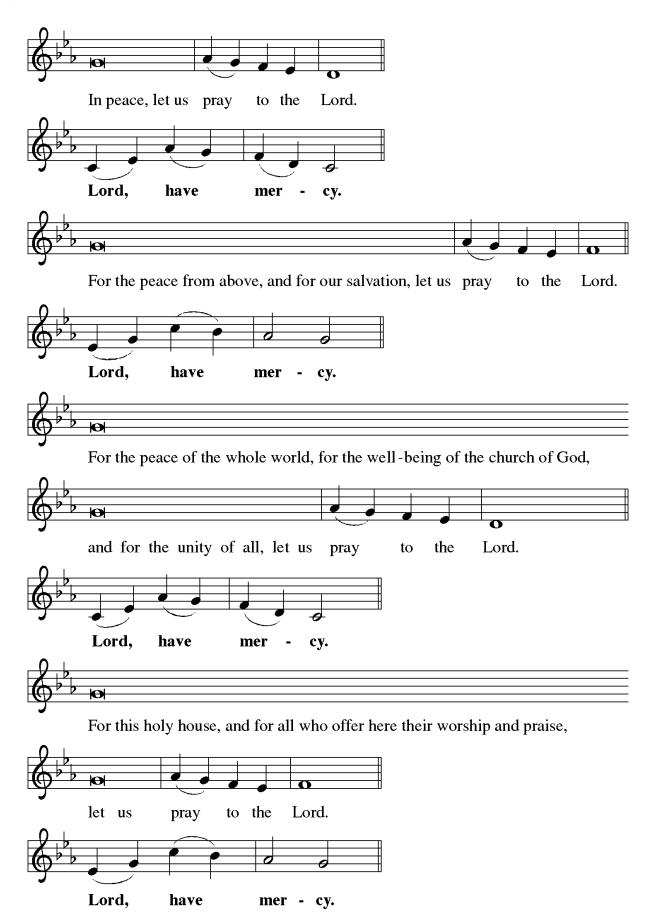
The Glory of These Forty Days (ERHALT UNS, HERR)



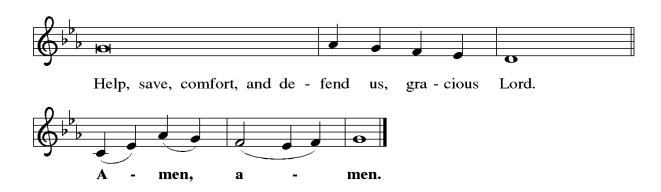
## Greeting

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.



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# **Prayer of the Day**

O Lord God, you led your people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide us now, so that, following your Son, we may walk safely through the wilderness of this world toward the life you alone can give, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.** 

# First Reading: Deuteronomy 26:1-11

The annual harvest festival, called the Feast of Weeks, provides the setting for this reading. This festival celebrates the first fruits of the produce of the land offered back to God in thanks. In this text, worshipers announce God's gracious acts on behalf of Israel.

When you have come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, "Today I declare to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us." When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the Lord your God, you shall make this response before the Lord your God: "A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors; the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have given me." You shall set it down before the Lord your God and bow down before the Lord your God. Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house.

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

**Psalm 91: 1-2, 9-16** (8:30 read responsively; 11:00 sung responsively) You who dwell in the shelter of | the Most High, who abide in the shadow of | the Almightyyou will say to the Lord, "My refuge | and my stronghold, my God in whom I | put my trust." Because you have made the | Lord your refuge, and the Most High your | habitation, no evil | will befall you, nor shall affliction come | near your dwelling. For God will give the angels charge | over you, to guard you in | all your ways. Upon their hands they will | bear you up, lest you strike your foot a- | gainst a stone. You will tread upon the lion | cub and viper; you will trample down the lion | and the serpent. I will deliver those who | cling to me; I will uphold them, because they | know my name. They will call me, and I will | answer them; I will be with them in trouble; I will rescue and | honor them. With long life will I | satisfy them,

and show them | my salvation.

# Second Reading: Romans 10:8b-13

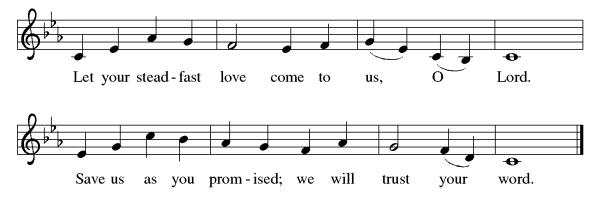
Paul reminds the Christians at Rome of the foundation of their creed, the confession of faith in the risen Christ as Lord.

"The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart"

(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

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## **Gospel Acclamation**



Gospel: Luke 4:1-13

After being filled with the Holy Spirit at his baptism, Jesus is led in the wilderness. Through his responses to the temptations of the devil, he defines what it means to be called "the Son of God."

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 4th chapter. Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread." Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone.'"

Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And the devil said to him, "To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." Jesus answered him, "It is written,

'Worship the Lord your God,

and serve only him.""

Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written,

'He will command his angels concerning you,

to protect you,'

## and

'On their hands they will bear you up,

so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.""

Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

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

# Sermon

# The assembly stands.

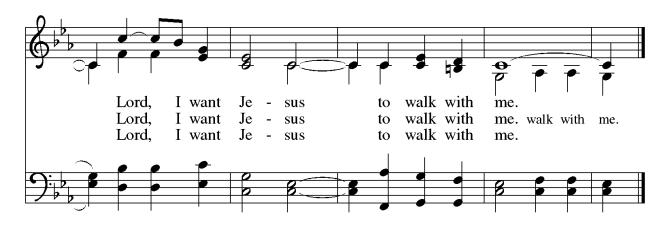
Hymn of the Day

## I Want Jesus to Walk With Me (SOJOURNER)



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## **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**

Merciful God, receive our prayer.

## **Sharing of the Peace**

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

## **Receiving of Tithes and Offerings**

#### **Offertory Anthem**

Lead me, Lord (11:00 only)

Lead me, Lord, lead me in thy righteousness, make thy way plain before my face. For it is thou, Lord; thou, Lord, only, that makest me dwell in safety.

**Offertory Hymn** 

*Jesus, Still Lead On* (SEELENBRÄUTIGAM)

The assembly stands.

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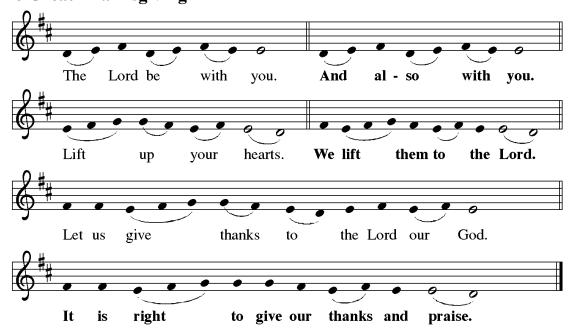


**Offertory Prayer** 

Extravagant God,

you have blessed us with the fullness of creation. Now we gather at your feast where you offer us the food that satisfies. Take and use what we offer here, come among us, and feed us with the body and blood of Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

#### Meal



#### The Great Thanksgiving

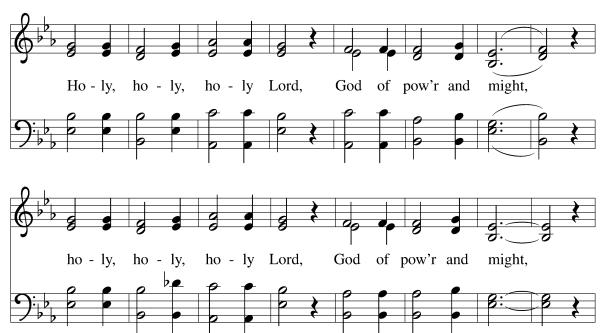
# **Proper Preface**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise...

... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

#### Sanctus

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# Thanksgiving at the Table

Blessed are you, O God of the universe. Your mercy is everlasting and your faithfulness endures from age to age. Praise to you for creating the heavens for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea. Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness to the land of milk and honey. Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one. Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ. Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

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.

With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

# Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

O God of resurrection and new life: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine. Bless this feast. Grace our table with your presence.

# Come, Holy Spirit.

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread. Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world. Breathe new life into us. Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.

# Come, Holy Spirit.

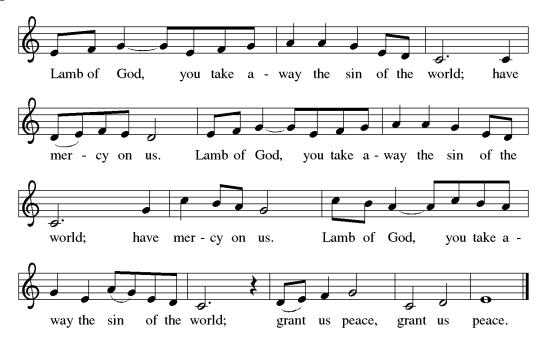
With your holy ones of all times and places, with the earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever.

# 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**



#### Communion

Communion will be held around the table today. The bread will be handed to you by the pastor. Please take a communion cup with wine from the outside edge of the tray or a grape juice cup from the center of the tray. Trash receptacles are located outside of the sanctuary doors for your plastic cups.



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# Sending

# **Table Blessing**

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. Amen.

## **Post Communion Prayer**

Blessed Jesus, in this rich meal of grace, you have fed us with your body, the bread of life. Now send us forth to bear your life-giving hope to a world in need. **Amen.** 

## Blessing

You are children of God, anointed with the oil of gladness and strengthened for the journey.

Almighty God, motherly, majestic, and mighty, + bless you this day and always. Amen.

# **Sending Hymn**

Just a Closer Walk with Thee (CLOSER WALK)

Refrain Just a clos-er walk with thee, grant it, Je-sus, is my plea; dai - ly walk-ing close to thee, let it be, dear Lord, let it be. am weak but thou art strong: Je - sus, keep me from all wrong; 1 I 2 Through this world of toil and snares, if I fal-ter, Lord, who cares? 3 When my fee-ble life is o'er, time for me will be no more; Refrain I'll be sat - is - fied as long as I walk, let me walk close to thee. Who with me my bur-den shares? None but thee, dear Lord, none but thee. to thy king - dom shore, to thy shore. guide me gent-ly, safe-ly o'er

## Dismissal

Go in peace. Jesus meets you on the way. **Thanks be to God.** 

Postlude

Erhalt uns, Herr, bei deinem Wort

Johann Pachelbel



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

**Children's Sunday School Updates:** Happy March! We are back to our normal schedule with Sunday school starting this Sunday. Here is a summary of what our classes are covering and where they're meeting!

**K-4:** Bible stories and activities with Kathy Stevens in the main Sunday school classroom downstairs.

**Youth Group (5-12):** Continuing with the "Boundless" curriculum with Kelly Rummel in the youth room.

**Confirmation (7-8):** Deep dive into the parables of Jesus with Pastor Tina in the teacher workroom upstairs.

**First Communion (all ages):** exploration of Communion and preparation to take their first communion with Karoline Ardis in the music classroom downstairs (between the youth room and the Sunday school classroom).

**Ushers needed:** The duties for ushering right now are very easy. Please consider helping at least one Sunday. Both services could use ushers. If you are willing to help, please contact Cliff Obara. He can be reached at 810-3970 or cliffordobara@cox.net.

Choir Rehearsals: Choir rehearsals are on Wednesday evenings from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. If you wish to be a part of the choir, no experience necessary, just come on a Wednesday evening to a rehearsal.

**Easter Lily Donations:** A total count for lilies is due on March 21; therefore we are ready to take your orders. Each lily is **\$13.00.** If you wish to pay by check, please make it out to Trinity Lutheran Church and write for "Easter Lily (ies)." Order forms will be sent out by Constant Contact next week and at a table in the narthex starting this Sunday.

# MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR ...

**Tuesday Morning Bible Study:** The next Tuesday Morning Bible Study will be on **Tuesday, March 8**, <u>in person and on Zoom</u>.

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 to use the online offering system, VANCO, is very user-friendly. Just go to Trinity's website, <u>http://www.trinitylutheran-nn.com</u> and click on the green "online giving" link on the homepage. More instructions below.

If you have questions about the donation site or how to make your donation, please don't hesitate to contact the church office, 245-7861.

# **Procedure for online giving:**

# Go to http://trinitylutheran-nn.com/

# Press the green "online giving" link.

**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	<b>Gallon-Sized Ziploc</b>
		Bags

**Easter Egg Candy:** The youth group is collecting Easter candy for our annual Easter egg hunt. Please make sure that the donated candy is **individually wrapped** and **small enough to fit in a little plastic egg.** Please avoid hard candies like jawbreakers, long candy bars, boxed candy, or lollipops. Feel free to **drop off the candy in the youth room**, the **church office**, or to **one of the advisors**. Please have **all candy donated by Palm Sunday**. Thank you in advance for your support of this project.

Easter Egg Hunt: All youth age birth – 4th grade are invited to participate in the annual

**Easter Egg Hunt** at Trinity on Easter Sunday (April 17). Join us at **10 AM in the gym** with your basket ready to collect over 1000 eggs filled with candy and lovingly stuffed by our youth group team.

# YOUTH NEWS

**Putt Putt:** On **March 27**, the youth group will meet to go play **Putt Putt** after the second service. Bring money for a quick fast food lunch and a round of Pirate's Cove Adventure Golf, (**\$20 total**). We will return to the church after our mini golfing, and we will call parents on the way back to come and **pick you up**, probably around **4:00 p.m.**. Sign up on Facebook if you plan to attend.

**Easter Egg stuffing:** The youth group will meet **between services** on **April 10** in the youth room to stuff all our Easter eggs for the annual egg hunt and make baskets for the homebound members. Please come and join us as many hands make this project go very quickly.

**Easter Egg Hunt:** On **April 17 (Easter Sunday)**, the youth group will meet at **9:30 AM to** "hide" the eggs for the Easter egg hunt. Youth group members should meet in the youth room to hide the eggs and then be prepared to help our young members hunt for the eggs.

# **COMMUNITY NEWS**

# For those who are reading the bulletin before Sunday . . .

**One City Marathon: SUNDAY!!** The city of Newport News is holding their One City Marathon. Please be sure to come to church via River Road and park on the side street or enter the parking lot from River Road only. If you wish to have more information on this race and/ or wish to see which roads are blocked, you can type in One City Marathon in your browser. Here is the link for street closures (scroll down to Traffic Impacts - Partial Road Closures or Blacked/Closed Roads, or Full Road Closures at: <u>https://www.onecitymarathon.com/plan-your-race/</u>

# PRAYER LIST

# ILLNESS, SURGERY, RECOVERY, SHUT-INS: 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), 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; Shay Robinson, requested by Jean Cantrell and for the mental health of all those who are first responders, requested by Dinah Balthis and Flora May (mother), requested by Jon May.

**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).

Today, the **Chancel FLOWERS** are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Elizabeth Krause Adams, by Spindler and Shirley Krause.

# Serving the Assembly

	8:30	11:00
Crucifer	Lois Jean Carpenter	
Acolytes	Carl Carpenter	
	Samantha Harry	
Lector	Cheryl Griffin	Patricia McClelland
Ushers/Greeters/Presenters		Cliff Obara
		Anne Obara
Altar Guild	Karoline Ardis and Steve Quist	Karoline Ardis and Steve Quist
Building Open/Lock Up	Steve Quist	Anne Obara and Cliff Obara
Camera		Cliff Obara