Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

8:30 and 11:00 AM Worship Service and 11:00 Livestream March 13, 2022 • ELW Setting 1 Second Sunday in Lent



Though we sometimes doubt and often resist God's desire to protect and save us, our God persists. In holy baptism, God's people have been called and gathered into a God-initiated relationship that will endure. Lent provides the church with a time and a tradition in which to seek God's face again. Lent provides another occasion to behold the God of our salvation in the face of the Blessed One who "comes in the name of the Lord."

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 6812 River Road, Newport News, VA 23607

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Carillon Call to Worship

Prelude

Announcements

Prelude on *Thy Holy Wings*

John Ferguson

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 God of Abraham Praise (LEONI)



Greeting

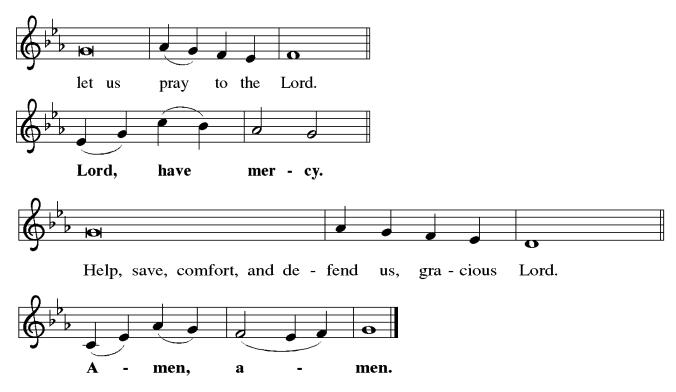
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Kyrie (11:00 only)



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



Prayer of the Day

God of the covenant, in the mystery of the cross you promise everlasting life to the world. Gather all peoples into your arms, and shelter us with your mercy, that we may rejoice in the life we share in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

The assembly is seated.

First Reading: Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

God promises a childless and doubting Abram that he will have a child, that his descendants will be as numerous as the stars, and that the land of Canaan will be their inheritance. Abram's trust in God is sealed with a covenant-making ceremony, a sign of God's promise.

After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." But Abram said, "O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." But the word of the Lord came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.

Then he said to him, "I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give

you this land to possess." But he said, "O Lord God, how am I to know that I shall possess it?" He said to him, "Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon." He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him.

When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, "To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates."

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

Psalm 27 (8:30 read responsively; 11:00 sung responsively)



The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom then | shall I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I | be afraid?

When evildoers close in against me to de- | vour my flesh,

they, my foes and my enemies, will stum- | ble and fall.

Though an army encamp against me, my heart | will not fear.

Though war rise up against me, my trust will | not be shaken.

- One thing I ask of the Lord; one | thing I seek;
 - that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life; to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to seek God | in the temple.

For in the day of trouble God will | give me shelter,

hide me in the hidden places of the sanctuary, and raise me high up- | on a rock.

Even now my head is lifted up above my enemies | who surround me.

Therefore I will offer sacrifice in the sanctuary, sacrifices of rejoicing; I will sing and make music | to the Lord.

Hear my voice, O Lord, | when I call;

have mercy on me and | answer me.

- My heart speaks your message— | "Seek my face."
 - Your face, O Lord, | I will seek.

Hide not your face from me, turn not away from your ser- | vant in anger.

Cast me not away—you have been my helper; forsake me not, O God of | my salvation.

Though my father and my moth- | er forsake me,

the Lord will | take me in.

Teach me your | way, O Lord; lead me on a level path, because of | my oppressors.
Subject me not to the will | of my foes, for they rise up against me, false witnesses | breathing violence.
This I believe—that I will see the goodness | of the Lord in the land | of the living!
Wait for the Lord| and be strong. Take heart and wait | for the Lord!

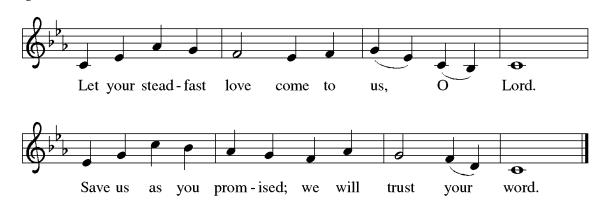
Second Reading: Philippians 3:17--4:1

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

Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

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

The assembly is stands.



Gospel Acclamation

Gospel: Luke 13:31-35

Neither Herod's plotting nor Jerusalem's resistance to maternal love will deter Jesus from his sacrificial mission.

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 13th chapter. Glory to you, O Lord.

At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to Jesus, "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." He said to them, "Go and tell that fox for me, 'Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.' Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.'"

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

The assembly sits.

Children's Chat

Sermon

The assembly stands.

Pastor Tina

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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.

The assembly sits.

Offertory Anthem

Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth (11:00 only) (Janzen/Jennings)

Mothering God, you gave me birth in the bright morning of this world. Creator, source of every breath, you are my rain, my wind, my sun.

Mothering Christ, you took my form, offering me your food of light, grain of life, and grape of love, your very body for my peace.

Mothering Spirit, nurturing one, in arms of patience hold me close, so that in faith I root and grow until I flower, until I know. The assembly stands.

Offertory Hymn

As a Mother Comforts Her Child (TRINITY OF LOVE) ACS 1015

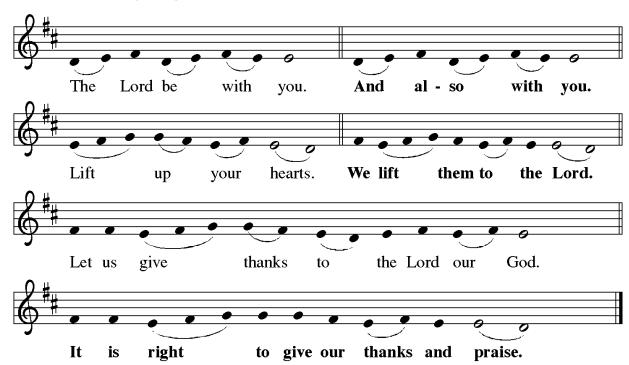


Offertory Prayer

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

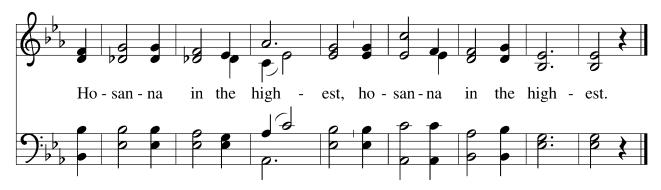
Proper Preface

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:



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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 and the earth from the waters of the flood. Praise to you 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.

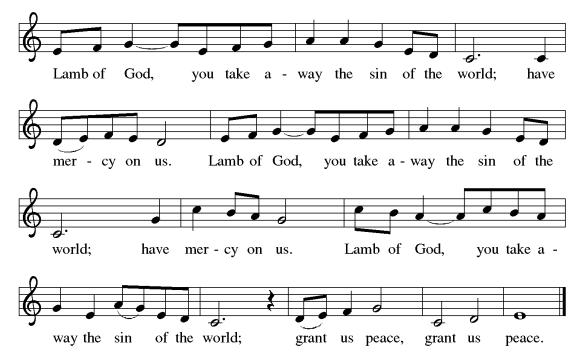
With your holy ones of all times and places, with the earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever.

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

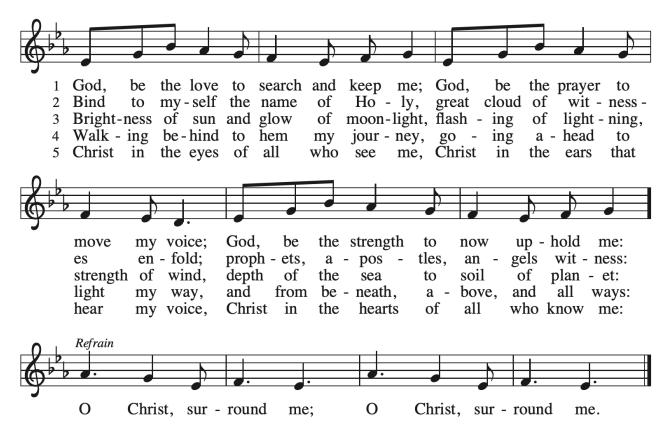


Communion

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.

The assembly sits.

Music During the Distribution



Sending

The assembly stands.

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.



Dismissal

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

Postlude

Prelude in E-flat Major

Alexander Guilmant



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. Sunday School started back last week. 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 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: 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

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.

Thrive Vegetable Garden Fundraiser: Congratulations Trinity! Our mighty little garden raised over 800 lbs. of produce this past year, with all produce being donated to Thrive. As we look toward the future of our garden, we know that we will need some additional funds to continue this hearty little project. The Garden Committee is teaming with the Youth Group to make Stepping Stones for our garden. The Youth Group will design and decorate a stone to stay permanently in the garden. Stones will measure approximately 8-12 inches and cost the following: \$25 - Decorative Stone and/or \$50 - Decorative Stone with your Family's Name on it.

If you are interested in a stone, please fill out the order form in the back of the bulletin, and give it, along with your donation check, to Carol Bessom. All proceeds from this fundraiser will go to support our beautiful vegetable garden.

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; Flora May (mother), requested by Jon May; Lisa Meunier, requested by Diane Roselius and Malachi King.

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 greenery is presented for the Glory of God by Trinity Lutheran Church.**



Want to brighten the day of a sick patient in the hospital? Want to help repurpose fresh flowers that might otherwise be thrown away after an event?

Sign up to be a Simple Sunflower Volunteer!

We regift flowers from weddings and events to hospitalized patients at Riverside Regional Medical Center. It's a great way to give back to our community.

To volunteer, sign up at <u>simplesunflower.org</u>

or contact church member, Tricia Wessler.

We are also collecting small, clean vases to donate to the organization. You can leave them in the designated box in the TLC Narthex.

THRIVE

Stepping Stones Fundraiser



Name:	
Phone #:	
(#)_Decorative Stepping Stone	\$25
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(#)_Decorative Stepping Stone with Family Name	20U

Total Enclosed:

Name to be Placed on the Stone (if applicable):

Serving the Assembly

8:30

Keegan Wise

Michaela Moye

Karina Stevens

Cheryl Griffin

Acolytes

Lector Ushers/Greeters/Presenters

Altar Guild

Building Open/Lock Up Camera Karoline Ardis and Steve Quist Steve Quist Judy Hunt John Lunsford Karoline Ardis Karoline Ardis and Steve Quist Obara/Lunsford Cliff Obara

11:00