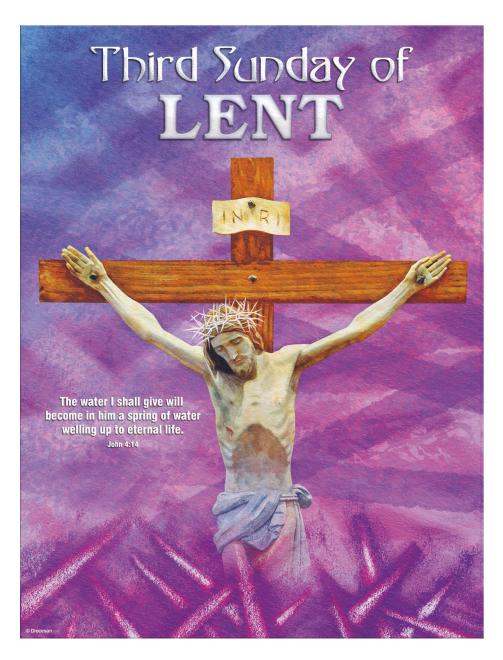
Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

8:30 and 11:00 AM Worship Service and 11:00 Livestream March 20, 2022 • ELW Setting 1

Third Sunday in Lent



The warnings are plentiful and blunt on the third Sunday in Lent. Cut it out or get cut down! The warnings are accompanied by God's invitation to attentiveness: "Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live." The landowner's ultimatum is forestalled by the gardener's readiness to till the ground one more year.

That is good news for all of us. Thanks be to God!

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.

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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)

Geoffrey Bell, Director of Music Ministries

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Carillon Call to Worship

Prelude

Meditation on Berglund

David Lasky

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.

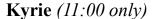


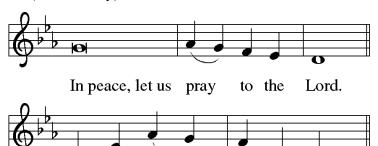
Greeting

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

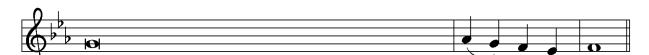
And also with you.

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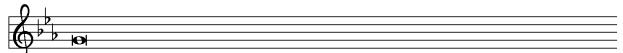


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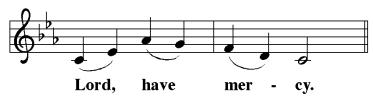
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

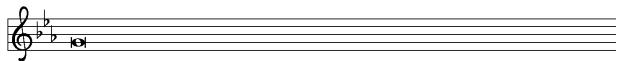




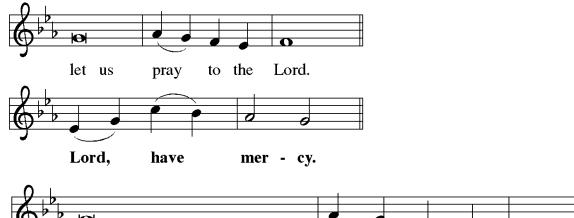
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,







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





Help, save, comfort, and de - fend gra - cious Lord.



Prayer of the Day

Eternal God, your kingdom has broken into our troubled world through the life, death, and resurrection of your Son. Help us to hear your word and obey it, and bring your saving love to fruition in our lives, through 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: Isaiah 55:1-9

Timothy Pruitt

To those who have experienced long years in exile, the return to their homeland is a celebration of abundant life. God calls them into an everlasting covenant of love. Those who return to God will enjoy new life and forgiveness, because God's ways are not our ways.

Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food.

Incline your ear, and come to me;
listen, so that you may live.

I will make with you an everlasting covenant,
my steadfast, sure love for David.

See, I made him a witness to the peoples,

a leader and commander for the peoples.

See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.

Seek the Lord while he may be found,
call upon him while he is near;
let the wicked forsake their way,
and the unrighteous their thoughts;
let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them,
and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.
For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord.
For as the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are my ways higher than your ways
and my thoughts than your thoughts.

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

Psalm 63:1-8 (read responsively at both services)

Carl Carpenter

O God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.

Therefore I have gazed upon you in your holy place, that I might behold your power and your glory.

For your steadfast love is better than life itself; my lips shall give you praise.

So will I bless you as long as I live and lift up my hands in your name.

My spirit is content, as with the richest of foods, and my mouth praises you with joyful lips,

when I remember you upon my bed, and meditate on you in the night watches.

For you have been my helper, and under the shadow of your wings I will rejoice.

My whole being clings to you; your right hand holds me fast.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:1-13

Taylan Bonnett

Paul uses images from Hebrew Scriptures and prophecy to speak the truth of Jesus Christ: He is our rock, our water, our food, and our drink. Christ is the living sign of God's faithfulness.

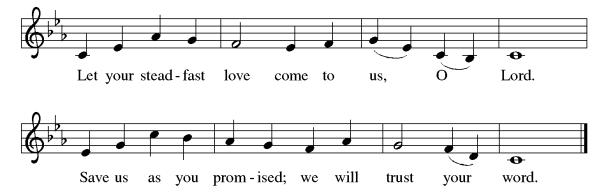
I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, and all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness.

Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play." We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

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

The assembly stands.

Gospel Acclamation



Gospel: Luke 13:1-9

Asked about current tragic events, Jesus turns a lesson about whether suffering is deserved into a hard call to obedience. He then tells a parable that holds out hope that the timeline for ultimate judgment will be tempered by patience.

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

At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. Jesus asked them, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did."

Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, 'See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?' He replied, 'Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'"

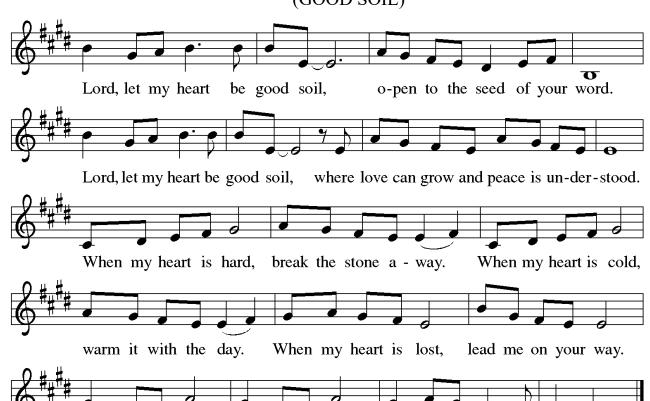
The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, O Christ.

The assembly sits.

Children's Chat Pastor Tina

Sermon Pastor Tina

The assembly stands.



Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart be good soil.

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 (11:00 only)

Christ Hath a Garden

Robert Bridges/Gerald Near

Christ hath a garden walled around, a paradise of fruitful ground, Chosen by love and fenced by grace from out the world's wide wilderness.

Like trees of spice his servants stand, there planted by his mighty hand; By Eden's gracious streams that flow to feed their beauty where they grow.

Awake, O wind of heaven, and bear their sweetest perfume through the air: Stir up, O south, the boughs the bloom, till the beloved Master come.

That he may come, and linger yet among the trees that he hath set; That he may evermore be seen to walk amid the springing green.

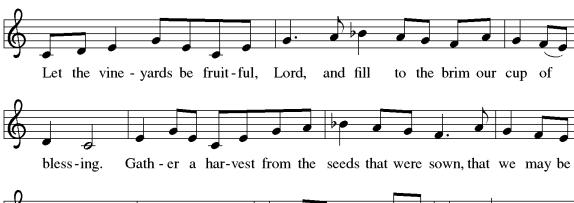
Receiving of Tithes and Offerings

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Offertory Hymn

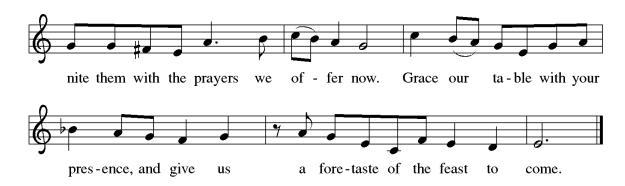
Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

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fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and the dreams of all; u-



Offertory Prayer

Extravagant God,

you have blessed us with the fullness of creation.

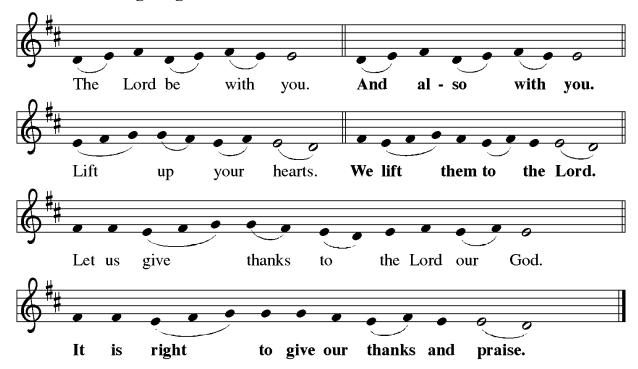
Now we gather at your feast
where you offer us the food that satisfies.

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



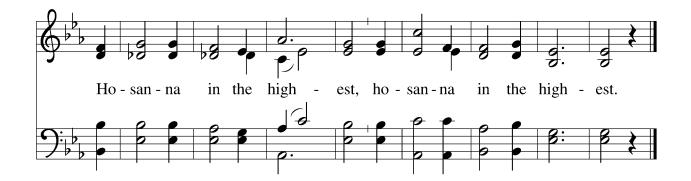
Proper Preface

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 ELW 190





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.

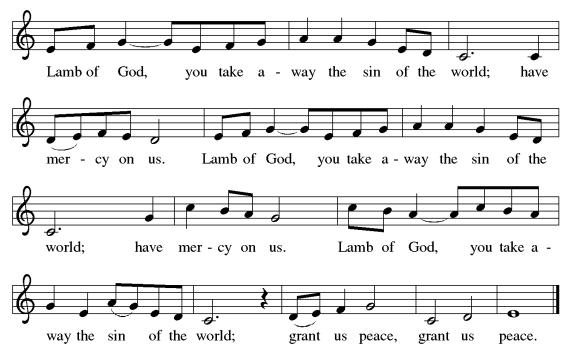
With your holy ones of all times and places, with the earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever.

Amen.

Lord's Prayer

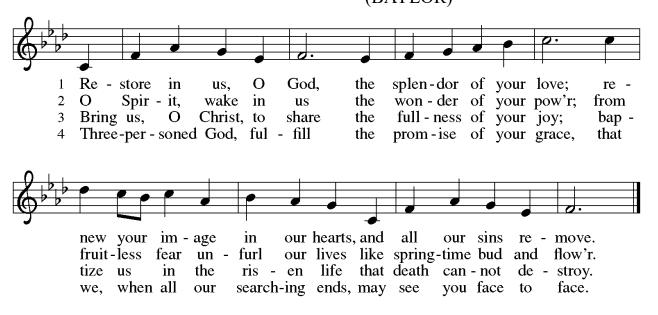
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the 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.



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

Fantasia on *Berglund*

(Robert Buckley Farlee)



ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Children's Sunday School Updates: Happy March! Sunday School is back in session each week from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.

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 22, in person and on Zoom.

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 23, 20 and April 6. Special provisions have been made for the choir members to see the service. 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, http://www.trinitylutheran-nn.com 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.

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.



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 Garden Project

THRIVE Stepping Stones Fundraiser



Name:	
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(#)_Decorative Stepping Stone	\$25
(#) Decorative Stepping Stone with Family Name	\$50
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Name to be Placed on the Stone (if applicable):	
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Serving the Assembly

8:30 11:00

Crucifer Shawn Murphy

Acolytes Kelly Murphy

Lector Cheryl Griffin Tidewater Chapter, Order

of DeMolay group

Ushers/Greeters/Presenters Carol Bessom, Kathy Stevens, John Lunsford

Karina and Elena Stevens Karoline Ardis

Altar Guild Karoline Ardis and Steve Karoline Ardis and Steve

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Building Open/Lock Up Steve Quist Obara

Camera Ben Melusky