# Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church 8:30 and 11:00 AM Worship Services • 11:00 AM Facebook Livestream ELW Setting 3 • May 15, 2022 Fifth Sunday of Easter



Easter initiates a new day. It anticipates a new heaven and a new earth. The risen Christ is making all things new. In the mystery of holy baptism God has made new people of us. Today Jesus invites us to see everyone in a new light—through the lens of love.

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 room 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.



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) Pastor's cell: (734) 239-4013 **Geoffrey Bell, Director of Music Ministries** music@trinitynn.org Congregation of Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, Ministers of the Word 6812 River Road, Newport News, VA 23607 Church office: (757) 245-7861 Website: www.trinitylutheran-nn.com Facebook: Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church Newport News VA or, Twitter: @TrinityNN Link to Trinity Lutheran School website: https://trinitynn.com/ Trinity Lutheran is a partner church with Peninsula Pastoral Counseling Center, LINK, THRIVE and The Simple Sunflower. Cover image from: JoAnne Rawls

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

Prelude

*Hornpipe in D* 

John S. Dixon

Announcements

## Gathering

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

#### **Thanksgiving for Baptism**

Alleluia, Christ is risen. Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

In the waters of baptism, we have passed over from death to life with Jesus Christ, and we are a new creation. For this saving mystery, and for this water, let us bless God, who was, who is, and who is to come.

We thank you, God, for your river of life, flowing freely from your throne: through the earth, through the city, through every living thing.

You rescued Noah and his family from the flood; You opened wide the sea for the Israelites. Now in these waters you flood us with mercy, and our sin is drowned forever. You open the gate of righteousness and we pass safely through.

In Jesus Christ, you calm and trouble the waters. You nourish us and enclose us in safety. You call us forth and send us out. In lush and barren places, you are with us. You have become our salvation.

Now breathe upon this water and awaken your church once more. **Claim us again as your beloved and holy people.** 

## Quench our thirst; cleanse our hearts; wipe away every tear.

To you, our Beginning and our End, our Shepherd and Lamb, be honor, glory, praise, and thanksgiving, now and forever.

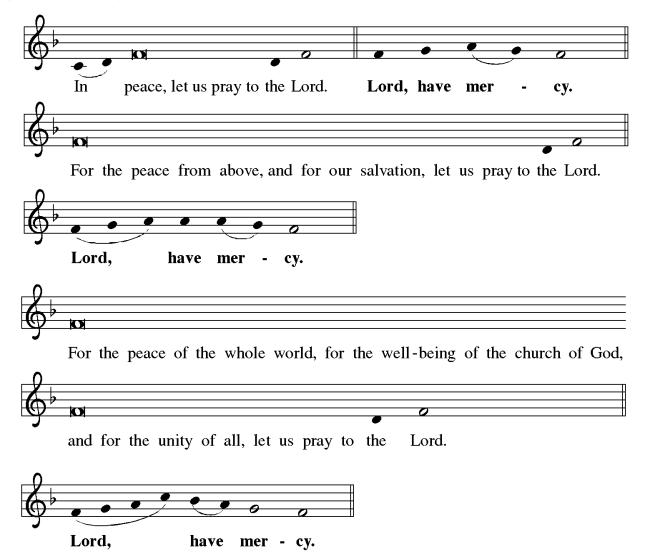
#### Amen.

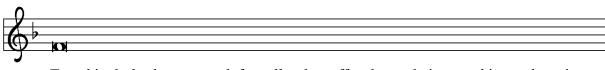
Gathering Hymn	Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!	ELW 377
	EARTH AND ALL STARS	

### Greeting

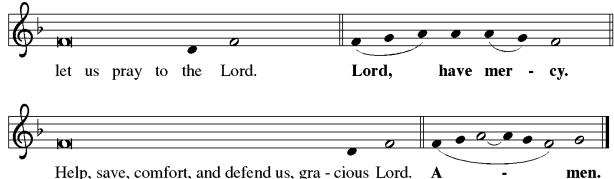
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. And also with you.

## **Kyrie** (11:00 only)





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



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. A

**Canticle of Praise** (sung at both services)



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#### **Prayer of the Day**

O Lord God, you teach us that without love, our actions gain nothing. Pour into our hearts your most excellent gift of love, that, made alive by your Spirit, we may know goodness and

peace, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Assembly is seated.

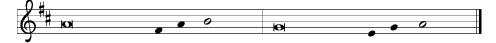
## First Reading: Acts 11:1-18

In defense of his earlier baptism of non-Jewish believers, Peter demonstrates to the members of the Jerusalem church that God's intention to love Gentiles as well as Jews is revealed in Jesus' testimony. In this way the mission to the Gentiles is officially authorized.

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So, when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

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

Psalm 148 (8:30 read responsively; 11:00 sung responsively)



Hallelujah! Praise the Lord | from the heavens; praise God | in the heights.
Praise the Lord, | all you angels; sing praise, all you | hosts of heaven. Praise the Lord, | sun and moon; sing praise, all you | shining stars.

Praise the Lord, heav- | en of heavens, and you waters a- | bove the heavens.

Let them praise the name | of the Lord,

who commanded, and they | were created,

who made them stand fast forev- | er and ever,

giving them a law that shall not | pass away.

Praise the Lord | from the earth,

you sea monsters | and all deeps;

## fire and hail, | snow and fog,

**tempestuous wind, do-** | **ing God's will;** mountains | and all hills,

fruit trees | and all cedars;

wild beasts | and all cattle,

creeping things and | flying birds;

sovereigns of the earth | and all peoples,

princes and all rulers | of the world;

young | men and maidens,

old and | young together.

Let them praise the name | of the Lord,

whose name only is exalted, whose splendor is over | earth and heaven.

The Lord has raised up strength for the people and praise for all | faithful servants, the children of Israel, a people who are near the Lord. | Hallelujah!

## Second Reading: Revelation 21:1-6

John's vision shows us that in the resurrection the new age has dawned; God dwells with us already. Yet we wait for the time when the tears that cloud our vision will be wiped away. Then we will see the new heaven, new earth, and new Jerusalem.

I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

"See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away." And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life."

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

The assembly stands.



## Gospel Lesson: John 13:31-35

After washing the disciples' feet, predicting his betrayal, and then revealing his betrayer, Jesus speaks of his glorification on the cross. This deep complicated love of Jesus, even to death on the cross, will be the distinctive mark of Jesus' community.

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

When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

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

The assembly is seated.

Time with the Children

Pastor Tina Melusky

Bishop Bob Humphrey

Silence is kept for reflection after the sermon.

The assembly stands.

Sermon

#### Hymn of the Day

#### ELW 648

#### Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate: he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## **Prayers of Intercession**

God, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

## **Sharing of the Peace**

The peace, which enables people to live in unity and in the spirit of mutual forgiveness, comes from Christ, whose word has been proclaimed.

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

The assembly is seated.

## **Receiving of Tithes and Offerings**

**Offertory Anthem** (11:00)

The Call

David Ashley White

Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life: such a way as gives us breath, such a truth as ends all strife, such a life as killeth death.

Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength: such a light as shows a feast, such a feast as mends in length, such a strength as makes his guest.

*Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart: such a joy as none can move, such a love as none can part, such a heart as joys in love.* 

The assembly stands.

**Offertory Hymn** 

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow LASST UNS ERFREUEN



## **Offertory Prayer**

Living God,

you gather the wolf and the lamb to feed together in your peaceable reign, and you welcome us all at your table. Reach out to us through this meal, and show us your wounded and risen body, that we may be nourished and believe in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

## Meal

#### 0 0 with Lord be with The you. And al - so you. 0 Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord. 0 Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

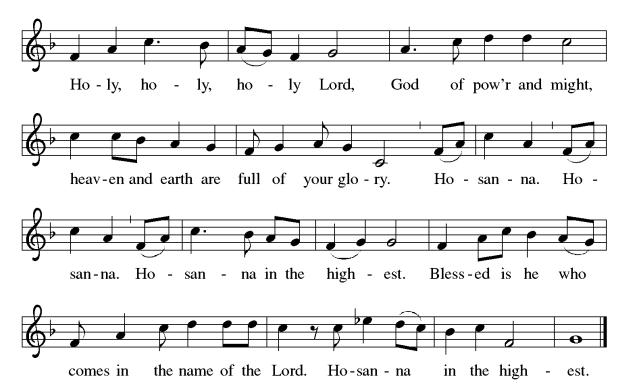
### The Great Thanksgiving

## **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



## 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. Praise to you for saving 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:



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.

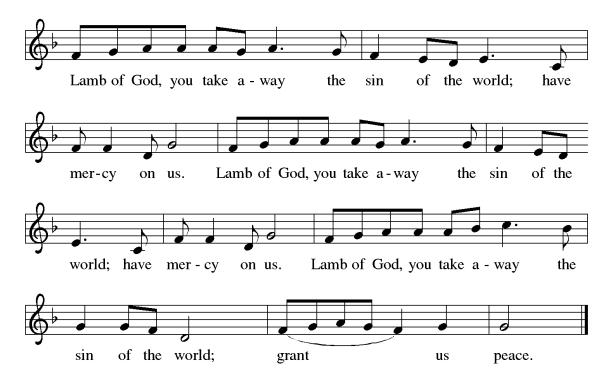


## Lord's Prayer

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.

The assembly is seated.

**Agnus Dei** 



## Communion

Communion will be held around the table. 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.

## **Music During the Distribution**

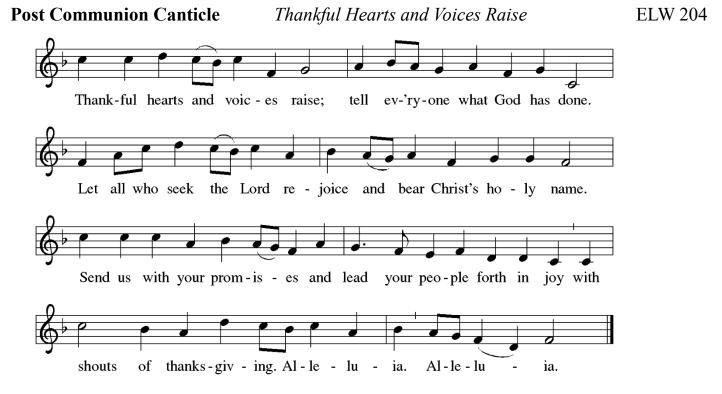
*I Come with Joy* DOVE OF PEACE

The assembly stands.

## Sending

## **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, generous God, for in this bread and cup we have tasted the new heaven and earth where hunger and thirst are no more. Send us from this table as witnesses to the resurrection, that through our lives, all may know life in Jesus' name. **Amen.** 

#### Blessing

God, the Author of life, Christ, the living Cornerstone, and the life-giving Spirit of adoption, + bless you now and forever. **Amen.** 

Sending Hymn	Lift High the Cross	ELW 660
	CRUCIFER	

## Dismissal

Alleluia! Christ is risen. Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia! Go in peace. Tell what God has done. Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Fanfare and Recessional

Douglas E. Wagner

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

**Welcome Bishop Humphrey!:** We are glad you could be with us today. There will be a reception between services during which Bishop Humphrey will be talking to the congregation and answering any questions we may have. Reception committee is providing food and drink, but you are welcome to bring a breakfast dish to share.

**Directory Information Needed!!:** We are in the process of putting together our new directory. If your contact information has changed at all over the last two years (address, email, phone number) please contact the church office with updated information. Thanks!

Help for Eastern Europe: The ELCA is requesting funds to help the Eastern Europe Crisis to include not only Ukraine, but also neighboring countries, such as Hungary, Poland and Slovakia, who have been providing help to the Ukrainian people, Here is the link, if you wish to help fund this response: https://www.elca.org/Our-Work/Relief-and-Development/Lutheran-Disaster-Response/Our-Impact/Eastern-Europe-Crisis-Response

**Pedestal Flowers for Sunday Morning:** The Simple Sunflower group is willing to coordinate taking all floral donations to Riverside Hospital to "re group" any leftover fresh flowers from an arrangement into a fresh new arrangement to give to people (in the hospital) who may need a bit of cheer in their life. If you wish to donate flowers in memory or honor of someone, you may make a note of this on the flower chart. If you do not wish to take your flowers home, you may check the box to have them donated to The Simple Sunflower organization at no charge to you.

We Need Your Help! Nursery Volunteers: As we are getting fully back into the swing of worship services and schedule, we are looking for a new team of folks who would be willing to rotate serving in the nursery. For the Sunday that you are scheduled, you attend both worship services and if there are children who require nursery care, you spend time with them, playing and generally looking out for them, so that their parents can attend worship. If you would be interested and willing to serve, please reach out to Pastor Tina.

## YOUTH

**Final Confirmation Class:** Today from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., we will hold our final Confirmation class. There will be a quiz and we will plan for the June 5 worship service.

Lock In and Painting: Youth group members, please note this change in our youth calendar! You asked for it, so you are getting it... Lock In!!! We will meet at the church on May 20 at 6 p.m. for our spring lock in. It will be an evening filled with games and fun! On Saturday morning (May 21), we will be making breakfast at church and then spend the day painting the blocks in the youth room. Many of you want to update your blocks, and even more of you haven't even started a block! Please sign up on Facebook or text Kelly if you plan to come and if you are bringing a friend with you. You will need a snack to share Friday night, a change of clothes, and your sleeping bag and pillow. Parents, please pick up your youth on Saturday at 12. Get those hiding spaces ready for Sardines!

**Pure Vida Bracelets Fundraiser for National Youth Gathering: Our order finally came in. Yay!** So . . . 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 gifts. Call the church office if you need an order form.

## Kairos Registration is Open

Kairos will be held from **June 26 (Sunday evening)** to **July 1 (Friday noon)** at Roanoke College. Kairos is our week-long faith formation event, offered each summer for youth who will be 9th-12th graders in the fall. Several times each day, we gather the whole Kairos group of about 175 youth and adults for lots of singing and skits and fun and prayers, then participants gather in small groups that meet throughout the week. Kairos has many special features: event theme t-shirts, Open Talent Mic Show, faith testimonies, comic relief, reflection time, prayer stations, speed friending, t-shirt fashion show, and more!

("Kairos" is the New Testament Greek word for "special time." It is used whenever God's people want to talk about a time of change, of renewal, of God's special work in the believer and the community.)

This event is a chance for youth who are already committed to a life of faith to be part of a unique Christian community for an entire week, to have a fresh experience of the grace and presence of God in that community, and to develop habits for discipleship that can be taken home as they live out their baptismal call to be followers of Jesus.

Please visit the VA ELCA youth page to register for the event which includes paying the registration fee. If you need financial assistance for your youth to attend the event or if you have any questions, please speak with Kelly Rummel or Pastor Tina Melusky. **Reformation Remix Returns!:** The next Reformation Remix will be on Monday, **May 22 at 7:00 via Zoom**. Our theme for May is "Adorned by the Word," and we will be exploring this topic through TED talks, art work, poetry, and scripture. All are welcome, even if you weren't able to make the February session, we would love to have you join us! If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Tina.

**Tuesday Morning Bible Study:** NO Tuesday Morning Bible Study this week. Bible Study will resume next week.

**Theology on Tap:** The next TOT is scheduled for **Monday**, **May 23**, at Tradition Brewing Company, upstairs in the loft section. Starting at 6:30 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. All are welcome to join in. Come see what it's all about.

## 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.

**Thrive Vegetable Garden Fundraiser:** We 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. There is a form attached to this bulletin, some are in the narthex or they may be obtained in the church office.

## **PRAYER LIST**

ILLNESS, SURGERY, RECOVERY, SHUT-INS: Recovery at Home: Bonnie Carlson; Sarah Green; Nursing Homes/Assisted Living: Jeanette Cantrell (The Chesapeake, 955 Harpersville Road, AL302, Newport News, VA, 23601); Dick Davis NEW! (The Hidenwood, 50 Wellesley Drive, Apt. 228, NN, 23606); Millie Christensen (Morningside: Rm. 131; Lucille Lebold (Williamsburg Landing, Memory Care Unit); Pat O'Connell (Warwick Forest—The Gardens): 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; 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; Gisela Nygards, requested by daughter, Yvonne Christian; Loyd and JoAnne Rawls, requested by Laura Davis; 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; Ellen Baker's (TLS librarian) mother, Barbara Zerkel, diagnosed with metastatic lung cancer; cards may be sent to: The Baker Family, 23218 Oyster Court, Carrollton, VA, 23314; requested by Tricia Wessler, Alice Klein, requested by Jodi Newsome King, Janet Edwards, Wes Stilley, both requested by Jerry and Sandy Cobb and the friends and family of Sandy Nelson, requested by Pastor Tina Melusky;

**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 greenery is placed on our pedestals to the Glory of God.

**Gathering Hymn** 

Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!



Hymn of the Day

Beloved, God's Chosen

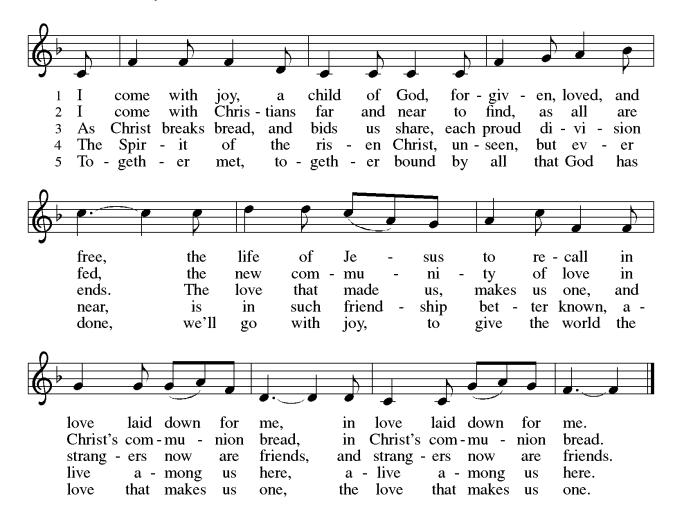
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## **Music During the Distribution**

I Come with Joy

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Sending Hymn

Lift High the Cross

