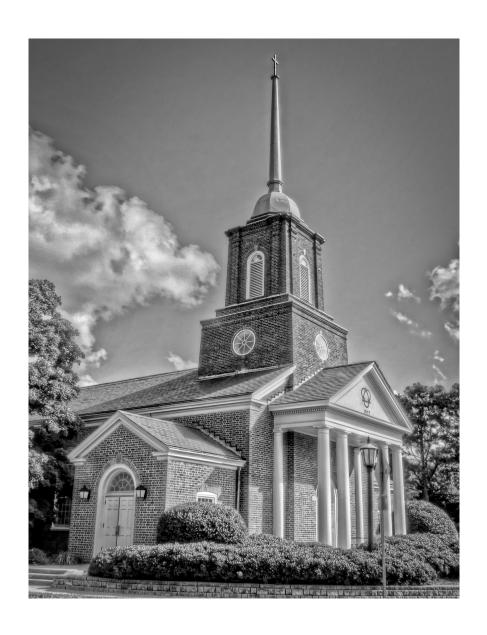
Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

10:00 AM Worship Service • October 16, 2022 Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost • Setting 1



Pray always. Do not lose heart. This is Christ's encouragement in the gospel today. Wrestle with the word. Remember your baptism again and again. Come regularly to Christ's table. Persistence in our every encounter with the divine will be blessed.

Thank you for joining us online or at our in person worship in the sanctuary.

There are no provisions for the nursery, but if you need to use it, please feel free to do so.



TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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PASTOR MELUSKY'S OFFICE HOURS

Monday 9am-12pm; Tuesday 9-10:30am, 11:30am-12:15pm;
Wednesday 9:30am-12pm; Thursday 9am-12pm
Times are flexible with monthly meetings, but feel free to call for an appointment or drop in.

Pastor's Cell: (734) 239-4013

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Carillon Call to Worship

Prelude Prelude on *Wer Nur Den Lieben Gott*

Helmut Walcha

Announcements

Gathering

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

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who is eager to forgive and who loves us beyond our days. **Amen.**

Dear friends, together let us acknowledge Our failure to love this world as Jesus does.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God of Mercy and Forgiveness,

we confess that sin still has a hold on us.
We have harmed your good creation.
We have failed to do justice,
love kindness,
and walk humbly with you.
Turn us in a new direction.
Show us the path that leads to life.
Be our refuge and strength on the journey,
through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend.

Amen.

Beloved of God:

your sins are forgiven + and you are made whole. God points the way to new life in Christ, who meets us on the road.

Journey now in God's abiding love through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Gathering Hymn

If You But Trust in God to Guide You (WER NUR DEN LIEBEN GOTT)

ELW 769

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.

Canticle of Praise





Prayer of the Day

O Lord God, tireless guardian of your people, you are always ready to hear our cries. Teach us to rely day and night on your care. Inspire us to seek your enduring justice for all this suffering world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

The assembly is seated.

First Reading: Genesis 32:22-31

Returning to the home he had fled many years before after stealing his brother's birthright and his father's blessing, Jacob wrestles all night long with a divine adversary who ultimately blesses him and changes his name to "Israel," a name that means "he wrestles with God."

The same night [Jacob] got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed." Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved." The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip.

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

Psalm 121 (read responsively)

I lift up my eyes to the hills; from where is my help to come?

My help comes from the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth.

The Lord will not let your foot be moved nor will the one who watches over you fall asleep.

Behold, the keeper of Israel

will neither slumber nor sleep;

the Lord watches over you; the Lord is your shade at your right hand;

the sun will not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.

The Lord will preserve you from all evil and will keep your life.

The Lord will watch over your going out and your coming in, from this time forth forevermore.

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

The writer of this letter continues his instruction of Timothy, his younger colleague in ministry, by emphasizing the importance of faithful teaching despite opposition.

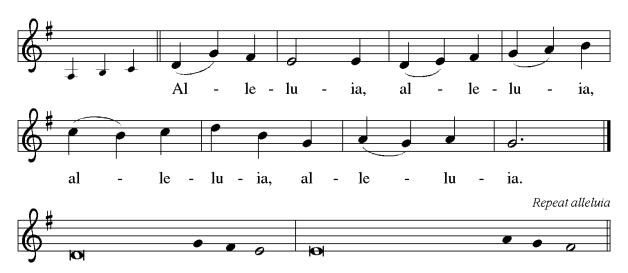
But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

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

The assembly stands.

Gospel Acclamation



The word of God is liv- | ing and active, able to judge the thoughts and intentions | of the heart.

Gospel: Luke 18:1-8

Jesus tells a parable of an unjust judge who is worn down by a widow's pleas. Jesus is calling God's people to cry out for justice and deliverance. For if an unethical judge will ultimately grant the plea of a persistent widow, how much more will God respond to those who call?

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 18th chapter. Glory to you, O Lord.

Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my opponent.' For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.'" And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

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

The assembly is seated.

Children's Chat Pastor Tina Melusky

Sermon Pastor Tina Melusky

The assembly stands.

Hymn of the Day Come Down, O Love Divine (DOWN AMPNEY) ELW 804

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:

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

Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.

Sharing of the Peace

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

Receiving of Tithes and Offerings

The assembly is seated.

Offertory Anthem

I Lift Up Mine Eyes (Allen Pote)

I lift up mine eyes to the hills, and I wonder from where comes my help? My help, it comes from the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth. I lift up mine eyes to the hills, and I wonder, I wonder where is my help?

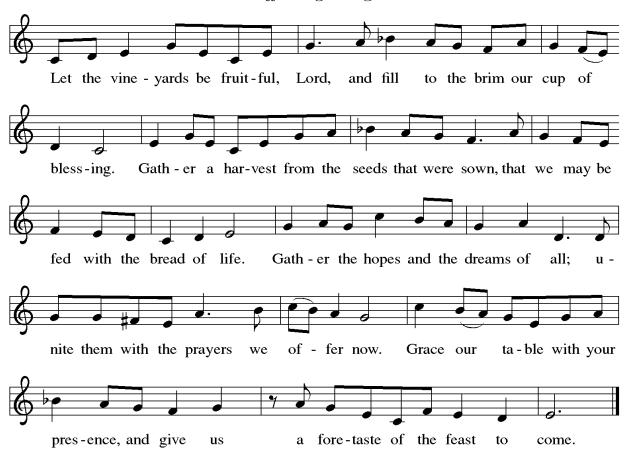
He will not let you stumble, He will not let you fall, the Lord is your keeper.

The sun will not strike you by day nor the moon by night; the Lord will keep your life.

I lift up mine eyes to the hills, and I wonder, I wonder where is my help?

The Lord will keep you from all evil. He will keep your life. He will keep your going out and your coming in from this time forth, and forevermore.

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful *Offering Song*



Text: John W. Arthur, 1922-1980 Music: Richard W. Hillert, b. 1923

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Offertory Prayer

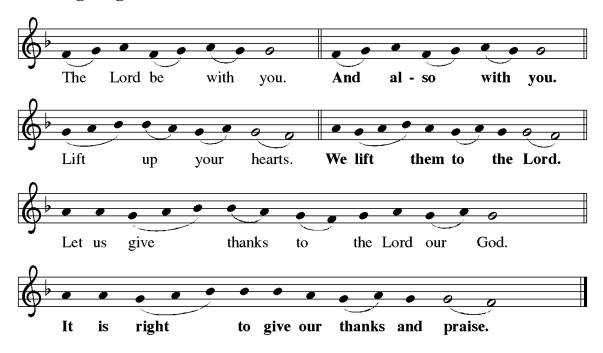
Gracious God, in your great love you richly provide for our needs.

Make of these gifts a banquet of blessing, and make us ready to share with all in need; through Jesus Christ, who sets a table for all. Amen

Meal

The assembly stands.

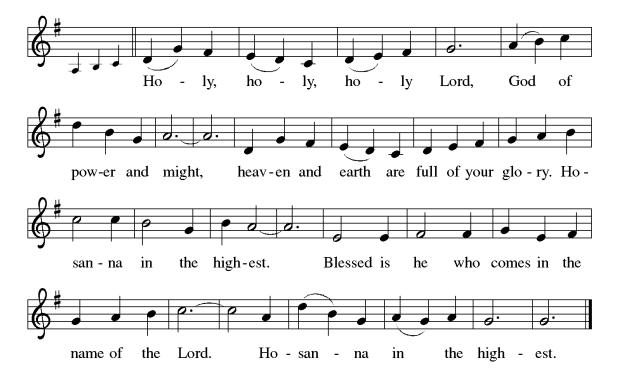
Great Thanksgiving



Proper Preface

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise... ...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Sanctus



Thanksgiving at the Table

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

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

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

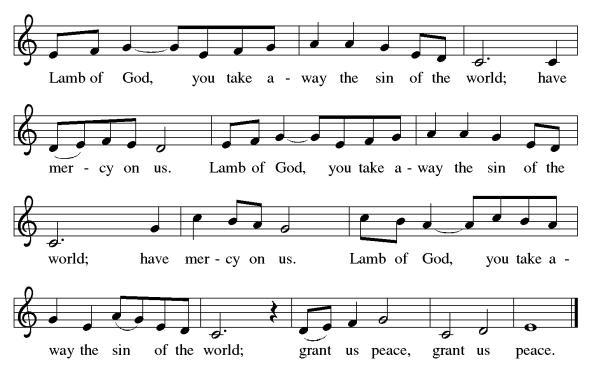
Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever. **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us;

and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Agnus Dei



Music During Distribution

Day by Day (BLOTT EN DAG)

ELW 790

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

God of the abundant table, you have refreshed our hearts in this meal with bread for the journey. Give us your grace on the road that we might serve our neighbors with joy; for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

Blessing

God, who gives life to all things and frees us from despair, bless you with truth and peace. And may the holy Trinity +, one God, guide you always in faith, hope, and love. **Amen**.

Sending Hymn Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing (SICILIAN MARINERS) ELW 545

Dismissal

Go in peace. The living Word dwells in you.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

Postlude

Wer Nur Den Lieben Gott (J.S. Bach)

BWV 642



FLOWERS

The flowers today are presented to the Glory of God and in honor of the 18th wedding anniversary of Ellen and Joshua Badgley by Laura Davis .

SERVING THE ASSEMBLY TODAY

Crucifer: Lois Jean Carpenter; Acolytes: Carl Carpenter and Karina Stevens; Ushers: Jerry

Cobb and Karoline Ardis; Lector: Bill Solomon Camera: Ben Melusky

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): Joan Johnston (The Newport—Rm 33); Shut-in at Home: Peggy Cash, Janet Edwards, Gerda Hudgens, Doris Moeser, and Dick Sallade.

SPECIAL PRAYER REQUESTS: The Ahlen Family and Becky Peterson, 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; Ben Nelson and Kathi Rokitski, requested by Laura Davis; Donald Hall (son), requested by Susan Hall; for the mental health of all those who are first responders, requested by Dinah Balthis; David Harvey (uncle), requested by Anne Obara and Richard Anderson; Matt Eggar, requested by Don and Sandy Sniady; James Newsome (son-in-law) requested by Bill Solomon; the family and friends of Betty Engelhard, former member and daughter of Anne and John Engelhard and Dick Duregger, requested by Sandy Cobb.

Those Who Serve, Military and Civilian Duty: James Fielding, State Dept., Myanmar; Bryan Hunt, State Dept., Belleville, IL.; 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.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR ...

Tuesday Morning Bible Study: There will be NO BIBLE STUDY this week.

Reformation Remix: The next meeting for Reformation Remix will be held on Monday, October 17, at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom. A link will be sent out on Monday, October 17, 2022. Reformation Remix will continue through October. Don't worry, there's no Remix on Halloween so you can get all your trick or treating in!

Choir practice: Choir rehearsals are on Wednesday nights at 7:00 p.m. Any youth or adult who enjoys singing is invited to join us - no musical training required, and we can work with any voice!

Walking Worship Wednesdays: The Fall series of Walking Worship Wednesdays will continue through October 26th, weather permitting. We meet in the parking lot of the Mariner's Museum at 5:45pm. Come join us for a walk through the woods with faith and good company.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

<u>Light the Night</u>: The youth group will be participating in the annual Light the Night event to support the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society (LLS). The mission of LLS is as follows: Cure leukemia, lymphoma, Hodgkin's disease and myeloma, and improve the quality of life of patients and their families. LLS exists to find cures and ensure access to treatments for blood cancer patients. They are the voice for all blood cancer patients and they work to ensure access to treatments for all blood cancer patients. If you would like to donate to this cause, please send a check into the church office and write Light the Night in the memo line. Thank you in advance for your support with this cause. Leukemia and lymphoma have touched the lives of many of our youth group members' families.

ELCA Disaster Relief: On Sunday, September 18, Hurricane Fiona struck Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands causing massive flooding and power outages. The islands have experienced devastating flooding and loss of power. The Caribbean Synod led by Bishop Idalia Negrón Caamaño consists of Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. It's one of the six synods along with the Virginia Synod in ELCA Region 9. We have received a request from Bishop Negrón Caamaño for assistance with recovery. The Caribbean Synod will be purchasing and distributing Wal-Mart gift cards to allow residents to purchase the resources they need. If you would like to help the Caribbean Synod with this project, please make a financial donation to the Virginia Synod Disaster Response Fund using the button below. The Virginia Synod will ensure the financial support gets to the Caribbean Synod.

If you would like to donate, here is the link::

https://secure.myvanco.com/L-YR1Z/campaign/C-ZDMP

<u>Community-Wide Educational Program</u>: Presented by the ADL (Anti-Defamation League) via Zoom, from 7PM to about 8:15 PM. Please feel free to invite others. *Please note the minimum age for this program is high school and up since it includes graphic contents*.

The Rev. Anne Kirchmier, Rector, St. Andrews Episcopal Church and Chair of Pastoring the City, and Rabbi Séverine Sokol, Temple Sinai and member of Pastoring the City, will be cohosting the sessions. This program was the initiative of Pastoring the City following the traumatic event that took place at Temple Israel in Colleyville, TX. Pastoring the City is an interfaith clergy group that cares deeply about our community and wants to expand and deepen relationships with each other so that we can serve the people of Newport News more effectively. More information will be forthcoming.

Part 1: October 20 at 7 PM - The History of Antisemitism with Vlad Khaykin

Part 2: October 27 at 7 PM - Zionism: Understanding its History and Contemporary Role in Modern Jewry and Antisemitism with Shaya Lerner

Part 3: November 3 at 7 PM - State of Hate in Virginia and Across the Region with Meredith Weisel

Register in advance for all the sessions by going to https://bit.ly/ptcadl

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the program.

Inclusion Means Everyone Has a Voice!: Reconciling in Christ is a program of the ELCA that supports congregations in their desire to become a more inclusive congregation. We've been called by the Church Council to participate in this journey. One of the first steps is to ask congregants what your thoughts and opinions about this process are. We've created a survey for this purpose and it was emailed to you. We want everyone who considers Trinity their worship home to complete an individual survey. To take the survey online, go to https://forms.gle/bA4VrCDYQ5j1jbj87

Hard copies of the survey are available in the church library or you can request one be sent to you by contacting the church office. We want to hear from any interested person in order to make this the most inclusive and comprehensive journey possible. This survey should only take about 10-15min to complete. Your responses are completely anonymous. We value your privacy. Your honest responses will help us build a successful and inclusive journey.

At the request of several folks who still wish to fill out the survey, we have extended the response date. They are now requested by **TODAY**, **October 16**, **2022**. Thank you for your time, and thank you to everyone who has already filled out a survey. The RIC Committee (Tricia Wessler, Sue Moeslein, Phil Shook, Wendy Mynoymany, Kathy Stevens)

A Note from the Finance Committee: Just a reminder that, as Finance Chair Cliff Obara mentioned at the annual meeting, when we vote to approve a NEW budget (done in June), we are also voting to increase our regular offerings to the general fund. If you haven't done that yet, please prayerfully consider the needs of our church family and the needs of our community family, which your offerings help to fill! Thank you!

<u>VANCO Online giving</u>: The procedure to use the online offering system, VANCO, is very user-friendly. Just go to Trinity's website, **http://trinitylutheran-nn.com/** and click on the green "online giving" link found on the homepage. If you are updating your donation and paying by credit card, you will have to re-enter the CVC number. If you have questions about the donation site or how to make your donation, please don't hesitate to contact the church office, (757) 245-7861.

<u>Glass Vases for The Simple Sunflower</u>: Small to medium sized glass vases are needed to repurpose flowers from The Simple Sunflower. If you have any vases to donate, please place them in the labeled cardboard box at the wheelchair ramp door, near the sacristy kitchen. Thank you.

<u>Trinity Discussion Group, a.k.a. Adult Sunday School Class</u>: From 8:45 until 9:30 a.m., in the church parlor, we will be discussing the book "Twelve Unlikely Heroes: *How God Commissioned Unexpected People in the Bible and What He Wants to Do with You,* by John MacArthur. ALL ARE WELCOME TO JOIN THIS DISCUSSION GROUP.

YOUTH

<u>Pure Vida Bracelets Fundraiser for National Youth Gathering</u>: The youth are still selling Pure Vida bracelets to 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 or grab one from either the narthex or church office.

<u>Sunday School for Youth Group</u>: Come and hang out before church (8:45 -9:45) and join us in conversation and movie watching. Our October movie is Hello Dolly, and we are looking at how it relates to the book Phillipians.

<u>Light the Night</u>: For those who are signed up for the walk, the Youth Group members and families will meet on October 22 at 5 PM at Trinity to carpool over to McArthur Mall. Please bring money for a quick bite in the mall food court. If you want to meet us at the mall instead, please let Kelly know. We will participate in the opening ceremonies at 7 PM, and then we will walk the one mile course through downtown Norfolk with our lanterns. We are usually finished around 8:30 PM. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Lost and Found - November 18-20: All 7th and 8th graders are eligible to attend the VA Synod's Lost and Found event this year which is held at Eagle Eyrie near Lynchburg, VA. This is a wonderful faith centered weekend with kids your age from around the Synod. You will spend your weekend in fun, fellowship, and faith from Friday evening through Sunday afternoon, and you will get to see our very own Samantha Harry serve on the planning team for the event. If you are interested in going, please go online to the VA Synod Youth Website, fill out the registration form, and make a payment before October 24. Also, please sign up on our youth group bulletin board, so we can plan transportation to and from the event. Your registration fee for the event is \$150, which includes an event t-shirt. If you need assistance with the registration fee, please let Kelly Rummel or Pastor Tina know. Remember that there is a Talent Show, so plan on bringing your talent with you if you want to share it.

Lock In: Lock In / Homebound Gifts: The youth group will meet at Trinity on Friday, November 11, for an evening of games and to make Christmas gifts for our homebound members. Please plan on arriving at the church at 6 PM. Please eat dinner before you arrive. We will spend the evening hanging out, making homebound gifts, and playing some of our favorite games including Sardines. Things to bring: PJ's, a sleeping bag and pillow, change of clothes, and a snack to share. We will eat donuts in the morning, and then parents can pick you up at 8AM. Be sure to sign up for the event on the youth group bulletin board.

Youth Schedule 2022 - 2023

October 22 Light the Night – Leukemia/ Lymphoma Society – McArthur Center

5 Pm Festival starts, 7 PM Walk starts

November 11 Homebound Gifts/ Lock In

November 12 Roanoke College Lutheran Visit Day

November 18-20 Lost and Found (7th and 8th graders – Eagle Eyrie)

December 11 Decorating and Caroling

January 8 Bowling

January 27-29 Winter Celebration (9th-12th graders – Eagle Eyrie)

February 12 Soup-er Bowl Party (Watch the Super Bowl / Canned Food Drive)

March 4-5 Seventh Day 5th and 6th graders

March 17-18 Lock In

April 2 Stuff Eggs and Make Baskets for Homebound members

April 9 Easter Egg Hunt (Easter Sunday)

April 23 Ropes Course (VA Beach Aquarium)

May 7 Fundraiser for 2024 NYG – Cake Auction

June Confirmation Sunday

June 9-11 Youth Assembly

June 25-30 Kairos (Week-long event at Roanoke College – Rising 9th-12th

graders)

July 9-13 Launch (Graduated High School Seniors)

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July YARD SALE for NYG 2024

^{***}Dates are subject to change based off of Advisors' schedules and weather events!***

SPCA Donations: As a celebration of the Feast of St. Francis and acknowledgment of our commitment to serve all of creation, we will be collecting items for Peninsula SPCA throughout the rest of October. Bring donations to church and we will deliver them at the end of the month.

