

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

Fifth Sunday After Epiphany

10:00 AM Worship Service • February 5, 2023

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Light shines in the darkness for the upright, the psalmist sings. Isaiah declares that when we loose the bonds of injustice and share our bread with the hungry, the light breaks forth like the dawn. In another passage from the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus, the light of the world, calls his followers to let the light of their good works shine before others. Through baptism we are sent into the world to shine with the light of Christ.

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. 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.

The nursery is available, however since there are no attendants at this time, feel free to use it as needed.

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TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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We are an all inclusive congregation. Join us for a riveting worship service.

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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.

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CARILLON CALL TO WORSHIP

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Prelude on *Gather Us In*

Jeffrey Honoré

GATHERING

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

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
who makes all things new,
whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy One, source of our renewal,
**we confess that we are wrapped up in sin,
and cannot free ourselves.
We have not practiced your righteousness.
Our hearts have turned away from you.
For the sake of the world you so love,
forgive us,
that we may be reconciled to one another
for the glory of your holy name.**

Amen.

Thus says our God:

"The former things have come to pass
and new things I now declare."

God's mercy makes us new.

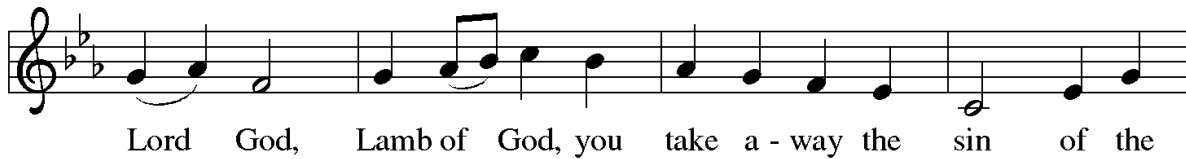
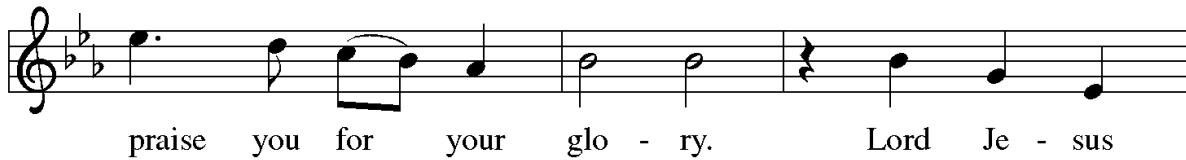
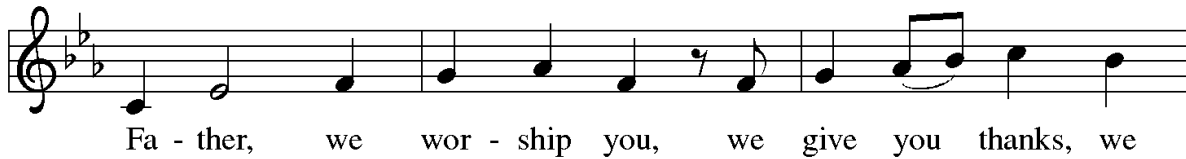
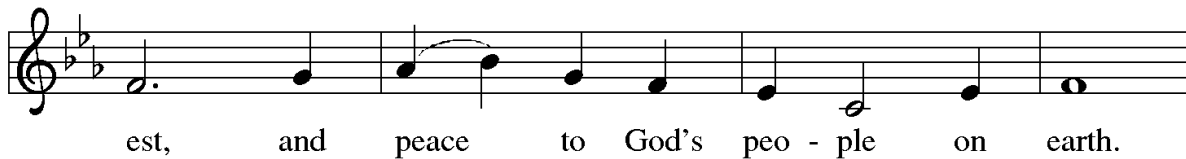
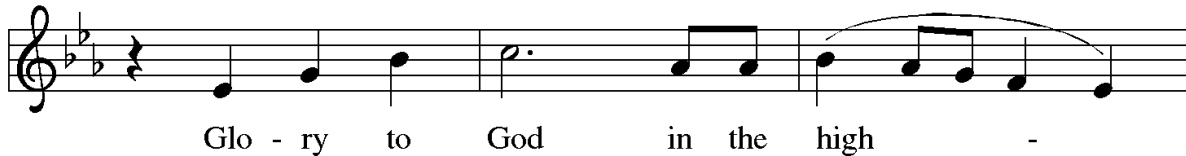
We are forgiven in the name of † Christ our Savior.

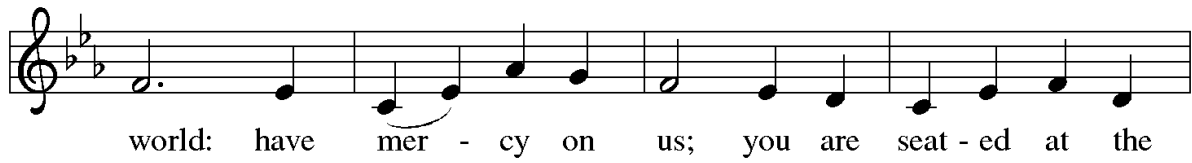
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GREETING

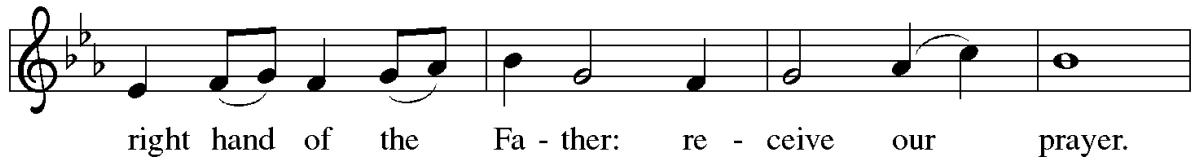
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

HYMN OF PRAISE

Glory to God



world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the



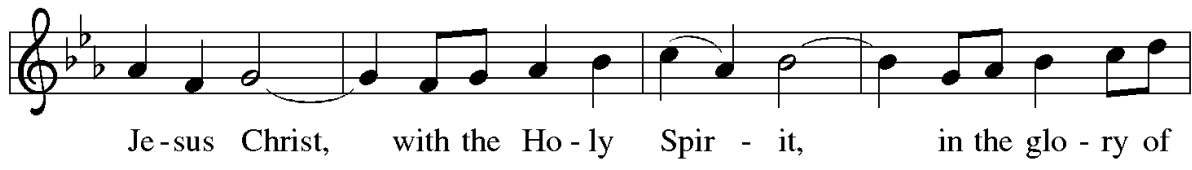
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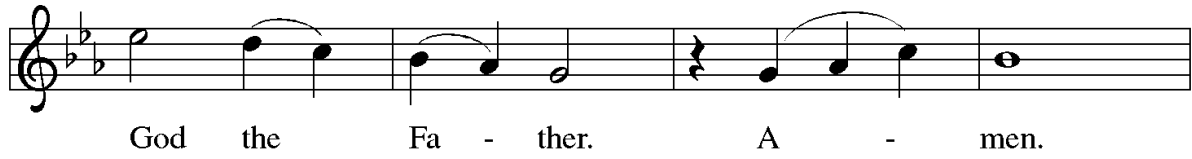
For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a -



lone are the Lord, you a - lone are the Most High,



Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it, in the glo - ry of



God the Fa - ther. A - men.



Glo - ry to God in the high -



est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Lord God, with endless mercy you receive the prayers of all who call upon you. By your Spirit show us the things we ought to do, and give us the grace and power to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

The assembly is seated.

FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 58:1-9a [9b-12]

Shortly after the return of Israel from exile in Babylon, the people were troubled by the ineffectiveness of their fasts. God reminds them that outward observance is no substitute for genuine fasting that results in acts of justice, such as feeding the hungry, sheltering the homeless, and clothing the naked.

Shout out, do not hold back!

Lift up your voice like a trumpet!

Announce to my people their rebellion,

to the house of Jacob their sins.

Yet day after day they seek me

and delight to know my ways,

as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness

and did not forsake the ordinance of their God;

they ask of me righteous judgments,

they delight to draw near to God.

“Why do we fast, but you do not see?

Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?”

Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day,

and oppress all your workers.

Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight

and to strike with a wicked fist.

Such fasting as you do today

will not make your voice heard on high.

Is such the fast that I choose,

a day to humble oneself?

Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush,

and to lie in sackcloth and ashes?

Will you call this a fast,

a day acceptable to the Lord?

Is not this the fast that I choose:

to loose the bonds of injustice,

to undo the thongs of the yoke,
to let the oppressed go free,
and to break every yoke?
Is it not to share your bread with the hungry,
and bring the homeless poor into your house;
when you see the naked, to cover them,
and not to hide yourself from your own kin?
Then your light shall break forth like the dawn,
and your healing shall spring up quickly;
your vindicator shall go before you,
the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard.
Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer;
you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.

If you remove the yoke from among you,
the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil,
if you offer your food to the hungry
and satisfy the needs of the afflicted,
then your light shall rise in the darkness
and your gloom be like the noonday.
The Lord will guide you continually,
and satisfy your needs in parched places,
and make your bones strong;
and you shall be like a watered garden,
like a spring of water,
whose waters never fail.
Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt;
you shall raise up the foundations of many generations;
you shall be called the repairer of the breach,
the restorer of streets to live in.

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

PSALM 112:1-9 [10] (*read responsively*)

Hallelujah! Happy are they who fear the LORD
and have great delight in God's commandments!

**Their descendants will be mighty in the land;
the generation of the upright will be blessed.**

Wealth and riches will be in their house,
and their righteousness will last forever.

**Light shines in the darkness for the upright;
the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.**

It is good for them to be generous in lending
and to manage their affairs with justice.

**For they will never be shaken;
the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.**

They will not be afraid of any evil rumors;
their heart is steadfast, trusting in the LORD.

**Their heart is established and will not shrink,
until they see their desire upon their enemies.**

They have given freely to the poor, and their righteousness stands fast forever;
they will hold up their head with honor.

**The wicked will see it and be angry; they will gnash their teeth and pine
away; the desires of the wicked will perish.**

SECOND LESSON: 1 Corinthians 2:1-12 [13-16]

Though people such as the Corinthians are enamored with human philosophy and wisdom, Paul continuously presents God's hidden wisdom which is Jesus Christ crucified. True spiritual maturity involves judging ourselves and others in light of God's revelation in the cross.

When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.

Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. But we speak God's wisdom,

secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But, as it is written,

“What no eye has seen, nor ear heard,
nor the human heart conceived,
what God has prepared for those who love him” –

these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God’s except the Spirit of God. Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God. And we speak of these things in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual things to those who are spiritual.

Those who are unspiritual do not receive the gifts of God’s Spirit, for they are foolishness to them, and they are unable to understand them because they are spiritually discerned. Those who are spiritual discern all things, and they are themselves subject to no one else’s scrutiny.

“For who has known the mind of the Lord
so as to instruct him?”
But we have the mind of Christ.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
Repeat alleluia

**Jesus says, “I am the light | of the world
whoever follows me will have the | light of life.”**

GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 5:13-20

In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus encourages his followers to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world, doing good works and keeping God's commandments.

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 5th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus said: "You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

"You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

"Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven."

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

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light
HOUSTON

ELW 815

APOSTLE'S CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Merciful God, receive our prayer.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

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

RECEIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Walk in Light

Karen Marroli

*And we shall study war no more. Come, O people,
O come and walk in the light of the Lord.
And we shall walk the paths of peace. Come, O people,
O come and walk in the light of the Lord.*

*The night is far spent; the day is at hand. Dona nobis pacem.
And we shall study war no more. Come, O people,
O come and walk in the light of the Lord.*

*So let us cast off the works of night so we may wear a Shield of day.
Come, O people, O come and walk in the light of the Lord.
Evermore and evermore.*

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Liberating God,
 you break the bonds of injustice
 and let the oppressed go free.
 Receive these offerings in thanksgiving
 for all your works of merciful power,
 and shape us as people of your justice and freedom.
 You we magnify and adore, through Jesus our Savior. Amen.

MEAL

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

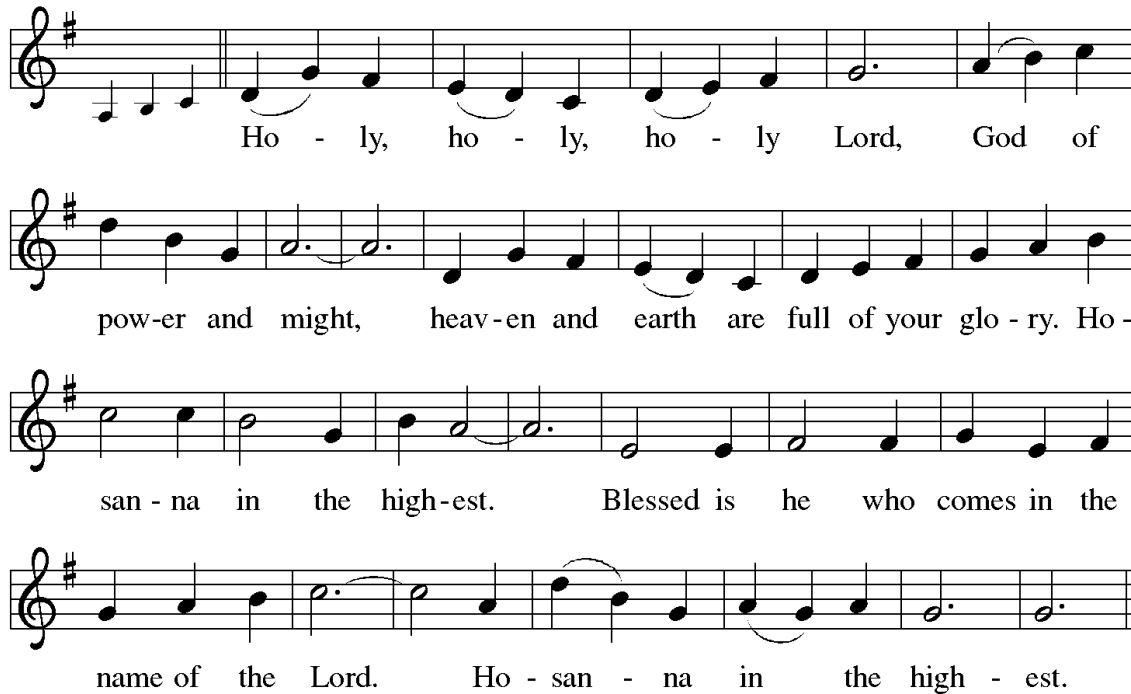
The Lord be with you. And also with you.
 Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
 Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
 It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

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Holy God, you alone are holy, you alone are God.

The universe declares your praise:
beyond the stars; beneath the sea;
within each cell; with every breath.

We praise you, O God.

Generations bless your faithfulness:
through the water; by night and day;
across the wilderness; out of exile; into the future.

We bless you, O God.

We give you thanks for your dear Son:
at the heart of human life; near to those who suffer;
beside the sinner; among the poor; with us now.

We thank you, O God.

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 his love for us on the way, at the table, and to the end,
we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We pray for the gift of your Spirit:
in our gathering; within this meal;
among your people; throughout the world.

Blessing, praise, and thanks to you, holy God, through Christ Jesus,
by your Spirit, in your church, without end.

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.**

The assembly is seated.

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. Recycle baskets are located outside of the sanctuary doors for your plastic cups.

MUSIC DURING DISTRIBUTION

Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service
BEACH SPRING

ELW 712

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

Holy One, we thank you for the healing that springs forth abundantly from this table. Renew our strength to do justice, love kindness, and journey humbly with you. **Amen.**

BLESSING

The God who faithfully brings forth justice and breaks the oppressor's rod † bless, strengthen, and uphold you, today and always. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

Rise, Shine, You People
WOJTKIEWIECZ

ELW 665

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Follow the law of Jesus.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

The Lord Is My Light

Mary McDonald

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Trinity Scholarship Forms available: Scholarship forms are available on the youth bulletin board and online. **Applications are due May 1st** and may be **mailed or turned in to the office** in person. You may give them to Kathy Stevens, Anne Obara, or any member of the committee (Sandy Lunsford, Charlotte Duff, Jacob Wessler, or Al Lebold). Please note: **Applications must be fully complete** or they cannot be considered. Please contact Kathy Stevens if you have any questions. Tip: Don't wait until the last minute! References are part of the application and those take time.

Bible 365!: Our next meeting will be on Thursday, February 23 at 7:00 p.m. Here is a list for the next four week's readings: Week 5: Exodus 1-21, Week 6: Exodus 22-40, Week 7: Luke, Week 8: John.

Calling all 3rd through 5th grade girls!: Come join Trinity's Girls On The Run Club! We meet at Trinity **Mon and Wed from 3pm-4:30pm** weekly starting **Feb 27th** and will complete a 5K together on **May 21st**. Coaches Tricia Wessler, Angel Cottom and Tina Melusky will facilitate lessons that blend physical activity with life skill development to help girls build a sense of confidence while fostering care and compassion for self and others! Register online at GOTRHR.ORG For more information, contact Tricia Wessler at (trish.wessler@gmail.com)

Welcome Back!: After a brief hiatus, Trinity welcomes Linda Ross back to our church family. Her address is 14101 Foursquare Road, Smithfield, VA, 23430. Her phone number is 757-357-5809 and her email address is lkross56@gmail.com. Glad to have you with us again, Linda.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR . . .

Tuesday Morning Bible Study: On **Tuesday, February 7**, there will be a Bible Study from **10:30 to 11:30 am. in the church parlor**. Pastor Tina will also send out a Zoom invitation.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Breakfast/Brunch: Mark your calendars for our revival of the Pancake Breakfast/Brunch on Sunday, February 19 after worship. Many thanks to David Hunt who volunteered to make pancakes, etc. If there is anyone who is willing to HELP make pancakes for us, please inform David Hunt, Connie Hoover or Pastor Tina. Thank you!

PORT: Trinity will be serving those in need of shelter and food at **New Beech Grove Baptist Church**, on Beechmont Drive, in the Denbigh section of Newport News, on **Monday, February 20** (not Sunday, February 19 as it is listed in the latest **PORT reminder**). The recipe for the chicken casserole was sent out by email on 1/24/23 and is on the last page of the bulletin. The committee is so pleased with the response we have received thus far for help with our PORT requests. We still need more volunteers and cooks to make the casseroles. If you can make one, but are intimidated by the [SignUpGenius.com](https://www.signupgenius.com), please do not hesitate to contact the church office for help. Thanks everyone!

Black History Month Event: As a congregation, we are committed together to our Reconciling in Christ journey. As part of that effort, we are seeking to educate ourselves towards a goal of joyful inclusion of all of our siblings. February is marked out as Black History Month and as part of that celebration, we will be joining together on **Monday, February 27 at 6:30 in the social hall** to view the documentary "Let the World See." "Let the World See" is centered around Mamie Till-Mobley's fight to bring her son, Emmett's, body home to Chicago after he was murdered. We will watch the documentary together and then engage in discussion after. Please feel free to bring drinks and snacks to enjoy during viewing.

YOUTH

Sunday School for Youth Group: Come and hang out before church (8:45 - 9:45) and join us in conversation and movie watching. We are now watching *Hidden Figures*.

Souper Bowl Party: The Youth Group and family members will meet on Sunday, February 12 at 6 PM at the Rummel house for an evening of food and fun watching the Super Bowl. We will provide pizza and drinks. Please bring your favorite super bowl side dish, appetizer or dessert. Your admittance fee to the party is one canned good per person. All food collected will be donated to THRIVE. It is a school night, so we will conclude our evening after the half time show in order to get all the kiddos to bed in time. Please sign up on Facebook if you plan to attend. Looking forward to a fun evening!

NEW YOUTH ANNOUNCEMENTS!

Brownies for PORT: Our youth group has been asked to make brownies for our friends at PORT this year. I am asking for **12 youth group families** to make **one tray of brownies**. Once you make your pan, **cut them into 12 individual brownies**

bagging them in a sealed Ziploc bag to stay fresh. Please **deliver them to church** by **Sunday, February 19**. If you are able to assist, please sign up on our Trinity Youth Facebook page. Thank you in advance for your support of this important ministry!

7th Day Event: Our annual overnight, faith sharing event for youth in **5th and 6th grades** and their adult advisors is **BACK!** **7th Day** will take place from **Saturday, March 4 - Sunday, March 5 at Eagle Eyrie Conference Center**. During the weekend, participants are part of a “Shepherd Group” with other youth and adult leaders. Participants will explore a story of the Bible through drama, games, crafts, and music. In the evening youth and adults will have time to relax in their cottages with their congregation and other congregations across the VA Synod. The cost is **\$125 per youth or adult participant. Early Registration is \$115 which ends February 6**. Please see the youth group Facebook page for the link to sign up and pay for this event. Also note in the comments section on Facebook that you are planning to attend.

COMMUNITY

Prayer Service for Safety in our School Systems: Join our siblings from the Hampton Roads region on **Sunday, Feb 5th at 2PM** as we gather as a Body of Christ to pray for our community and the protection of our children and faculty in the school system. Our goal is to pray for an environment that is healthy, safe and conducive for learning so that our children can obtain a proper education. This vigil will be held at **Liberty Live Church, 1021 Big Bethel Rd., Hampton, VA 23666**. Volunteers are needed, please visit: harvestchurchva.org/prayervigil

PRAYER LISTS

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; **Recovery At Home:** Bonnie Carlson .

SPECIAL PRAYER REQUESTS: **The Ahlen Family and Chloe Koenig**, requested by Kathy Stevens; **Hannelore Voss (Karoline’s mother)**, requested by the Ardis family; **Matt Adamo (Brother-in-law of Patricia)**, requested by Patricia Fielding; **Shirley Krause**, requested by Anne Obara; **Matt Egggar**, requested by Don and Sandy Sniady;

James Newsome (Bill Solomon's son-in-law), requested by Bill Solomon ; **Gloria Stoffa** and **the family and friends of Daniel Hickman (cousin of Pastor Tina)**, requested by Pastor Tina.

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**.

Greenery has been presented to the Glory of God.

Serving the Assembly

Crucifer	Nathan Rummel
Acolytes	Samantha Harry Karina Stevens
Lector	Kathy Stevens
Ushers/Greeters	Jerry Cobb Karoline Ardis
Altar Guild	Karoline Ardis Steve Quist
Camera/Livestream	Chech & Greg Vicik

Chicken Stuffing Casserole

Ingredients/Variations

CHICKEN Chopped rotisserie, leftover chicken breast or thighs, or pre-packaged chicken breast will all work great!

STUFFING This casserole uses a simple boxed stuffing mix (any flavor) or use your own home-made stuffing if you'd prefer!

VEGGIES Frozen veggies are easy and don't require any chopping or cooking (just run them under hot water to defrost). Use leftover roast veggies in place if you have them.

SAUCE Cream of chicken soup and sour cream make up this base of this dish. Use any "cream of" soup you have on hand or make your own condensed soup if you'd prefer!

How to Make Chicken Stuffing Casserole

This dish is similar to a quick chicken pot pie with a stuffing topping! Hot and comforting, it can be on the table in no time at all!

Prep Stuffing: Add hot water and fluff with fork. To make it quick, hot tap water works for this recipe, no need to boil it.

Mix ingredients: Place ingredients (per recipe below) to casserole dish and top with stuffing mixture.

Bake until bubbly and golden on top!

Source: <https://www.spendwithpennies.com/chicken-stuffing-casserole/>



1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing, now is the dark - ness
 2 We are the young, our lives are a mys - t'ry, we are the old who
 3 Here we will take the wine and the wa - ter, here we will take the
 4 Not in the dark of build-ings con - fin - ing, not in some heav - en,



van - ished a - way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings
 yearn for your face; we have been sung through - out all of his - t'ry,
 bread of new birth, here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ers,
 light years a - way— here in this place the new light is shin - ing,



brought here to you in the light of this day.
 called to be light to the whole hu - man race.
 call us a - new to be salt for the earth.
 now is the king - dom, and now is the day.



Gath-er us in, the lost and for - sak - en, gath-er us in, the
 Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty, gath-er us in, the
 Give us to drink the wine of com - pas - sion, give us to eat the
 Gath-er us in and hold us for - ev - er, gath-er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en,
 proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low - ly,
 bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash - ion
 make us your own; gath-er us in, all peo - ples to - geth - er,



we shall a - rise at the sound of our name.
 give us the cour - age to en - ter the song.
 lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true.
 fire . . of love in our flesh and our bone.

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: GATHER US IN, Marty Haugen

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1 I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to
 2 I want to see . . . the bright-ness of God. I want to
 3 I'm look - ing for . . . the com - ing of Christ. I want to

fol - low Je - sus. God set the stars to give
 look at Je - sus. Clear Sun of righ - teous - ness,
 be with Je - sus. When we have run . . . with

light to the world. The star of my life is Je - sus.
 shine on my path, and show me the way to the Fa - ther.
 pa - tience the race, we shall know the joy of Je - sus.

Refrain

In him there is no dark-ness at all. The night and the

day are both a - like. The Lamb is the light of the

cit - y of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

Text: Kathleen Thomerson, b. 1934
Music: HOUSTON, Kathleen Thomerson
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Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the
brim our cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the
seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.
Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the
prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence,
and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

Text: John W. Arthur, 1922-1980

Music: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

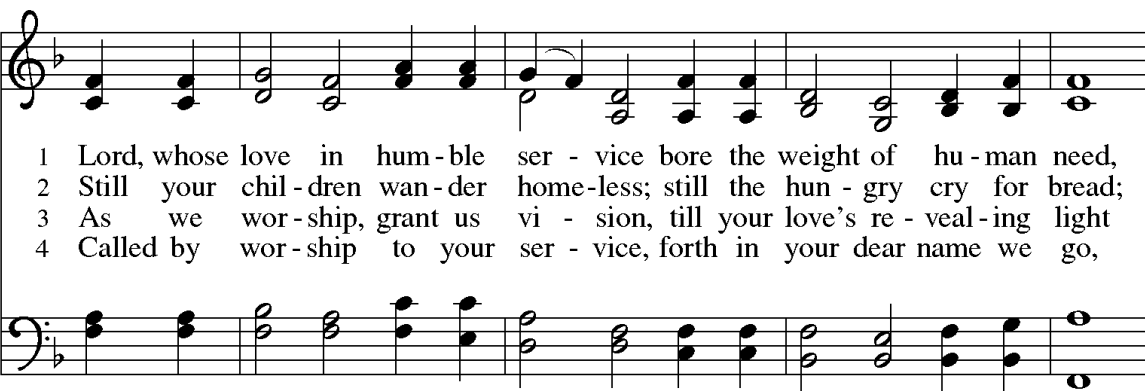
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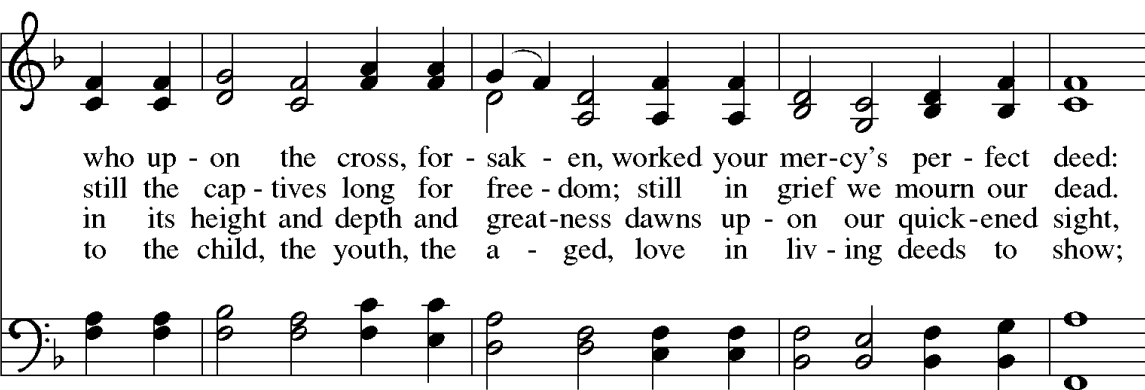
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Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service

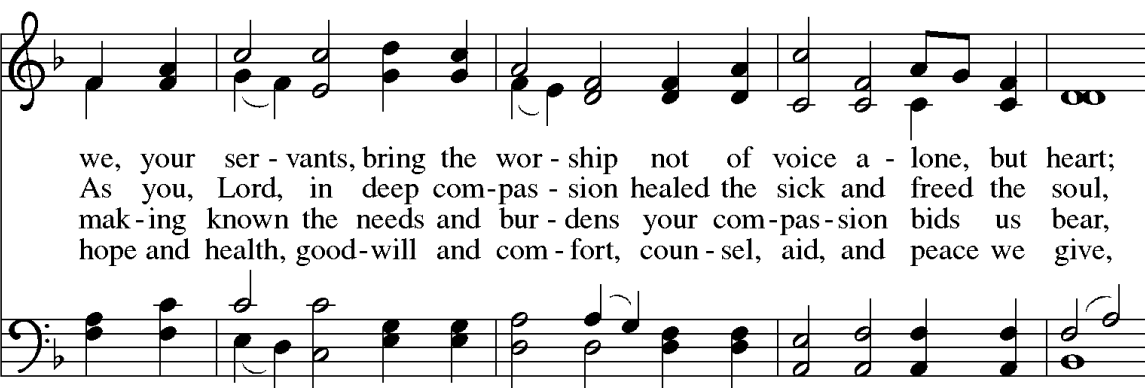
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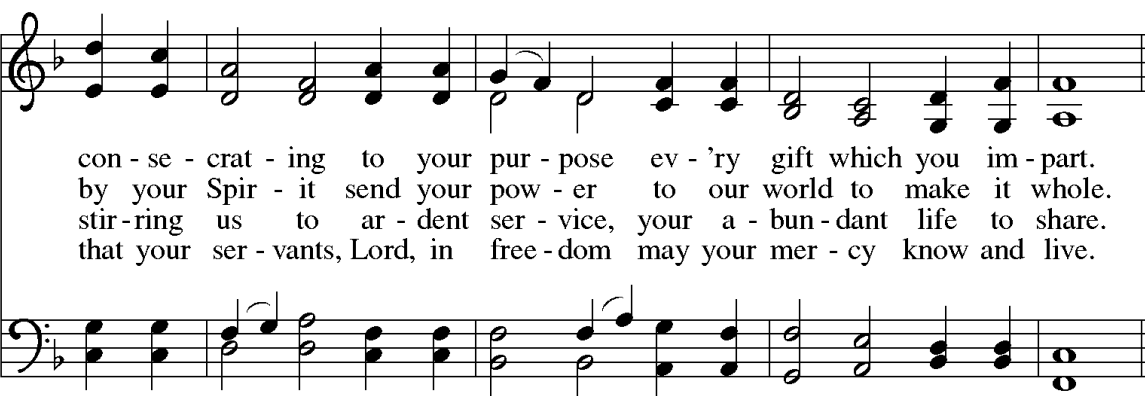
1 Lord, whose love in hum-ble ser - vice bore the weight of hu - man need,
2 Still your chil-dren wan-der home-less; still the hun - gry cry for bread;
3 As we wor-ship, grant us vi - sion, till your love's re - veal - ing light
4 Called by wor-ship to your ser - vice, forth in your dear name we go,



who up - on the cross, for - sak - en, worked your mer-cy's per - fect deed:
still the cap - tives long for free - dom; still in grief we mourn our dead.
in its height and depth and great-ness dawns up - on our quick-ened sight,
to the child, the youth, the a - ged, love in liv - ing deeds to show;



we, your ser - vants, bring the wor - ship not of voice a - lone, but heart;
As you, Lord, in deep com-pas - sion healed the sick and freed the soul,
mak - ing known the needs and bur - dens your com-pas - sion bids us bear,
hope and health, good-will and com - fort, coun - sel, aid, and peace we give,



con - se - crat - ing to your pur - pose ev - 'ry gift which you im - part.
by your Spir - it send your pow - er to our world to make it whole.
stir - ring us to ar - dent ser - vice, your a - bun - dant life to share.
that your ser - vants, Lord, in free - dom may your mer - cy know and live.

Text: Albert F. Bayly, 1901–1984
Music: BEACH SPRING, *The Sacred Harp*, Philadelphia, 1844; arr. *Selected Hymns*, 1985
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1 Rise, shine, you peo - ple! Christ the Lord has en - tered
 2 See how he sends the pow'rs of e - vil reel - ing;
 3 Come, cel - e - brate; your ban - ners high un - furl - ing,
 4 Tell how the Fa - ther sent the Son to save us.



our hu - man sto - ry; God in him is cen - tered. He comes to
 he brings us free - dom, light and life and heal - ing. All men and
 your songs and prayers a - gainst the dark - ness hurl - ing. To all the
 Tell of the Son, who life and free - dom gave us. Tell how the



us, by death and sin sur - round - ed, with grace un - bound - ed.
 wom - en, who by guilt are driv - en, now are for - giv - en.
 world go out and tell the sto - ry of Je - sus' glo - ry.
 Spir - it calls from ev - 'ry na - tion God's new cre - a - tion.

Text: Ronald A. Klug, b. 1939, alt.

Music: WOJTKIEWIECZ, Dale Wood, 1934–2003

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