

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

Sixth Sunday After Epiphany

10:00 AM Worship Service • February 12, 2023

Setting 1



In today's reading from Deuteronomy we are called to choose life by loving and obeying God. Much of today's gospel reading echoes portions of the Ten Commandments. Jesus' instructions to the crowd reveal a pattern of behavior that honors both God and the neighbor, resulting in life and health for the whole community. We too are invited to embrace these commandments, not out of fear of retribution, but because God has promised that to do so means life for us.

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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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

O God, My Faithful God

arr. Michael Burkhardt

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.

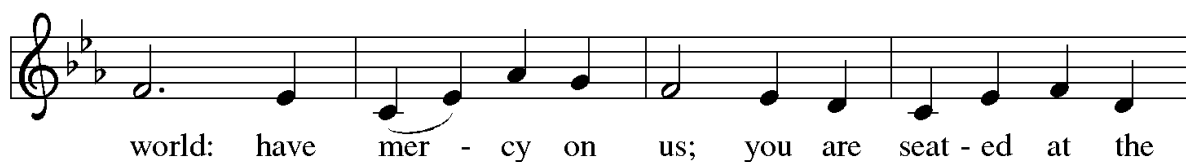
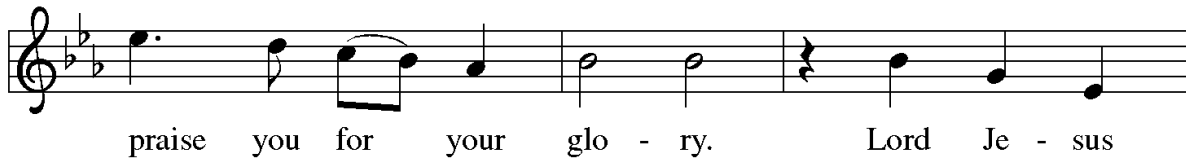
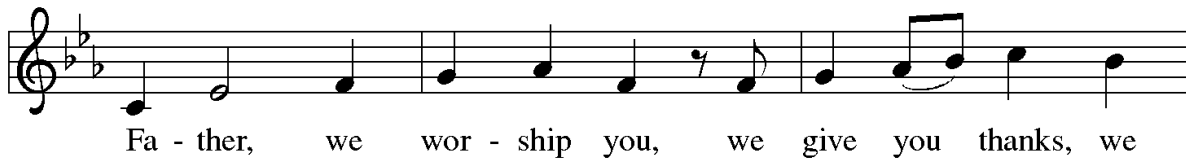
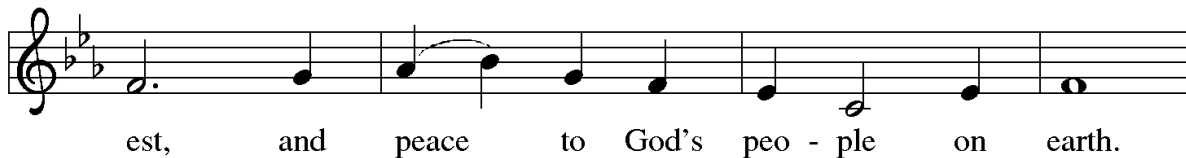
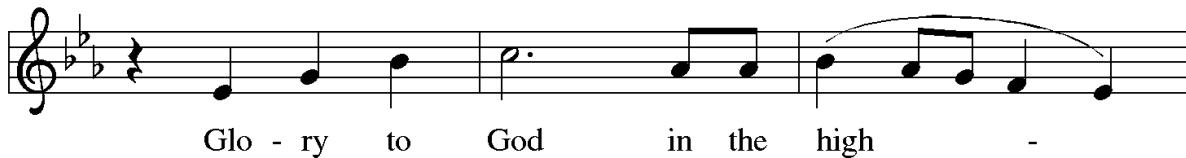
We are forgiven in the name of † Christ our Savior.

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.**

HYMN OF PRAISE

Glory to God

right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

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

O God, the strength of all who hope in you, because we are weak mortals we accomplish nothing good without you. Help us to see and understand the things we ought to do, and give us grace and power to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

The assembly is seated.

FIRST LESSON: DEUTERONOMY 30:15-20

The Lord sets before the people of God a clear choice. Life and prosperity will come to the faithful; loss of the land will be the consequence of disobedience. Choosing life entails loving and holding fast to the Lord. Life in God's presence presupposes the promise made to the ancestors.

Moses said to the people: See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the Lord your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, loving the Lord your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the Lord swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

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

PSALM 119:1-8 (*read responsively*)

Happy are they whose way is blameless,
who follow the teaching of the Lord!

**Happy are they who observe your decrees
and seek you with all their hearts,**

who never do any wrong,
but always walk in your ways.

**You laid down your commandments,
that we should fully keep them.**

Oh, that my ways were made so direct
that I might keep your statutes!

**Then I should not be put to shame,
when I regard all your commandments.**

I will thank you with a true heart,
when I have learned your righteous judgments.

**I will keep your statutes;
do not utterly forsake me.**

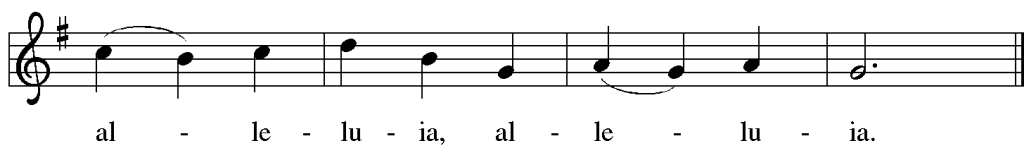
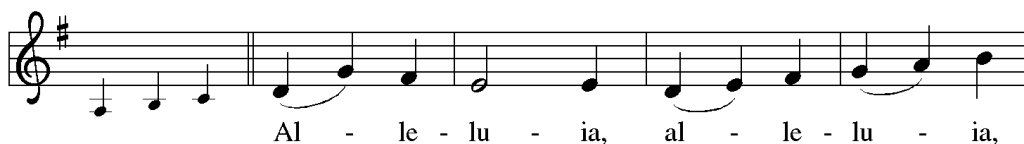
SECOND LESSON: 1 Corinthians 3:1-9

Human leaders in the church are not the ones who control ministry. Rather they are coworkers who belong to God, the one who truly controls and continuously empowers the ministry of the church.

Brothers and sisters, I could not speak to you as spiritual people, but rather as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for solid food. Even now you are still not ready, for you are still of the flesh. For as long as there is jealousy and quarreling among you, are you not of the flesh, and behaving according to human inclinations? For when one says, "I belong to Paul," and another, "I belong to Apollos," are you not merely human? What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you came to believe, as the Lord assigned to each. I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. The one who plants and the one who waters have a common purpose, and each will receive wages according to the labor of each. For we are God's servants, working together; you are God's field, God's building.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Repeat alleluia



**You are the light | of the world.
A city set upon a hill can- | not be hid.**

GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 5:21-37

In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus exhorts his followers to embrace standards of righteousness that exceed legal requirements and traditional expectations.

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

Jesus said to the disciples: "You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, 'You shall not murder'; and 'whoever murders shall be liable to judgment.' But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgment; and if you insult a brother or sister, you will be liable to the council; and if you say, 'You fool,' you will be liable to the hell of fire. So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift. Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are on the way to court with him, or your accuser may hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you will be thrown into prison. Truly I tell you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.

"You have heard that it was said, 'You shall not commit adultery.' But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to go into hell.

"It was also said, 'Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.' But I say to you that anyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of unchastity, causes her to commit adultery; and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

"Again, you have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, 'You shall not swear falsely, but carry out the vows you have made to the Lord.' But I say to you, Do not swear at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. Let your word be 'Yes, Yes' or 'No, No'; anything more than this comes from the evil one."

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

Spirit, Open My Heart
WILD MOUNTAIN THYME

ACS 1043

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

*Gracious Spirit, dwell with me, I would gracious be;
help me now thy grace to see, I would be like thee;
and, with words that help and heal, thy life would mine reveal;
and, with actions bold and meek, for Christ, my Savior, speak.*

*Truthful Spirit, dwell with me, I would truthful be;
help me now thy truth to see, I would be like thee;
and, with wisdom kind and clear, thy life in mine appear;
and, with actions brotherly, speak Christ's sincerity.*

*Holy Spirit, dwell with me, I would holy be;
show thy mercy tenderly, make me more like thee;
separate from sin, I would and cherish all things good,
and whatever I can be give him who gave me thee.*

*Mighty Spirit, dwell with me, I would mighty be;
help me now thy power to see, I would be like thee;
'gainst all weapons hell can wield, be thou my strength and shield;
let thy word my weapon be, Lord, thine the victory.*

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 al - so 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.

The musical notation consists of four staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. Each staff contains a single melodic line with lyrics underneath. The notes are mostly quarter and eighth notes, with some slurs and ties. The lyrics are: "The Lord be with you. And al - so with you." (Staff 1), "Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord." (Staff 2), "Let us give thanks to the Lord our God." (Staff 3), and "It is right to give our thanks and praise." (Staff 4).

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.

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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.

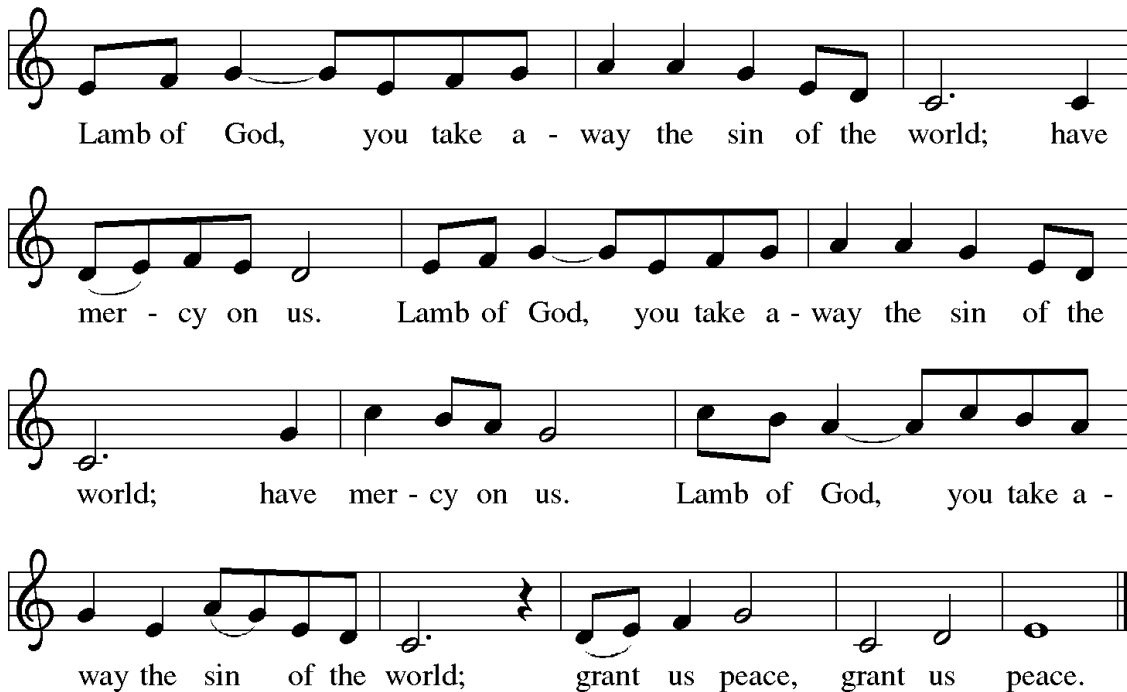
Amen.

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.

AGNUS DEI



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -
way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

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

One Bread, One Body
ONE BREAD, ONE BODY

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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

O God, My Faithful God
WAS FRAG ICH NACH DER WELT

ELW 806

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Follow the law of Jesus.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Processional

William Mathias



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)

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR . . .

Tuesday Morning Bible Study: On **Tuesday, February 14**, 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.

Church Council Meeting: The next church council meeting will be on **Tuesday, February 14 at 6:30 p.m.** both in person and by 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 Denhigh 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 resent out by email on 2/6/23 and is on the last page of the bulletin. Almost all of our slots have been filled. We still need more volunteers for check-in and in the kitchen as well as 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 *Lord of the Rings: Fellowship of the Ring*.

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.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

On **February 26 at 3pm**, **Geoffrey Bell** will present his **first organ recital at Trinity** since joining us as our Director of Music Ministries. The program will feature classic works by Bach, Franck, Mathias, and others; newer works by composers such as Gwyneth Walker and Paul Manz; and selections by African-American composers to commemorate Black History Month.

Please mark your calendars for this special afternoon of music! This recital will kick off our year of 125th anniversary musical celebrations – a full list of events and dates will be coming soon!

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, Gloria Stoffa and Butch Klapperich..

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 Eggar**, requested by Don and Sandy Sniady;

Mary Lou Hubble (Jacob's aunt), requested by the Wessler family; **Barbara Smith**, requested by the Lunsfords **the family and friends of Daniel Hickman (cousin of Pastor Tina)**, requested by Pastor Tina and **the family and friends of James Newsome (Bill Solomon's son-in-law)**, requested by Bill Solomon .

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**.

FLOWERS:

Greenery has been presented to the Glory of God.

The Worship and Music committee has decided that there will be no flowers presented on the pedestals in the sanctuary during Lent beginning February 26. You may donate flowers starting April 16 forward.

Serving the Assembly

Crucifer	Lois Jean Carpenter
Acolytes	Carl Carpenter Andrew Rummel
Lector	Sarah Green
Ushers/Greeters	Clifford Obara Anne Obara
Altar Guild	Karoline Ardis Steve Quist
Camera/Livestream	Chech & Greg Vicik

TEAM DONATION AND KESSLER BEQUEST DISTRIBUTION

Sixteen requests were received for distributing the TEAM donation (\$10,000) and the Kessler bequest (\$7,300). The ad-hoc committee adjusted the value of the gifts such that all requests were fulfilled. The final distribution was approved by the Church Council and checks have been mailed. The table below provides a list of the final distribution and a brief description of each of the organizations.

Using the Kessler bequest, Trinity has purchased additional *All Creation Sings* hymnals to better fill the pews. The Kessler bequest will also be used to support the 125th Anniversary Hymn Fest which will include a guest organist.

The remaining funds were used for local, national, and international charities. Many of these charities are actively supported by Trinity members who physically participate in the operations. Six thousand dollars was provided to local charities, while \$4,500 was provided to national charities. The remaining \$4,050 was provided to international charities.

Organization	Level	Amount	Brief Description
Trinity Lutheran Church	Internal	\$ 750	All Creation Sings hymnals (50)
Trinity Lutheran Church	Internal	\$ 2,000	125th Anniversary Hymn Fest
Pastoring the City	Local	\$ 500	Interfaith group of Pastors in Newport News
Four Oaks Day Service	Local	\$ 750	Supports homeless with various services
CAN United Way	Local	\$ 750	Housing support for local families
Peninsula Pastoral CC	Local	\$ 750	Mental health counselling
Simple Sunflower	Local	\$ 1,000	Flower re-gifting to hospital patients
Thrive Peninsula	Local	\$ 1,000	Food and financial assistance/coaching
Newsome Bailey Project	Local	\$ 1,250	Mentoring/tutoring for underserved students
Carolina Lutheran Camp	National	\$ 750	Lutheran Camp in Virginia
First Nations Development	National	\$ 750	Supports impoverished Native Americans
ELCA for Leaders	National	\$ 1,000	Scholarships at the Lutheran Seminary
Bethlehem Community Table	National	\$ 2,000	Lutheran meal service in New Orleans
Lutheran Immigration/Refugee	International	\$ 750	Refugee services
Carpio Medical Clinic	International	\$ 1,500	Medical clinic in Costa Rica
Lutheran Disaster Relief	International	\$ 1,800	World wide disaster relief

Chicken Stuffing Casserole for 9 X 13 inch pan

Ingredients

6 oz boxed stuffing mix or 3 to 4 cups [homemade stuffing](#)

1 ¼ cup hot water

2 cups cooked chicken diced

⅓ cup sour cream

10.5 oz [cream of chicken soup](#) or [homemade condensed soup](#)

3 cups frozen mixed vegetables defrosted

Instructions

Preheat the oven to 400°F.

Mix together hot water and stuffing mix in a medium bowl. Set aside to rest for 5 minutes.

In a greased 9x13 inch pan, combine cooked chicken, sour cream, cream of chicken soup, and mixed vegetables. Mix well.

Top with the stuffing mixture and bake for 25-30 minutes, until bubbly and golden brown.

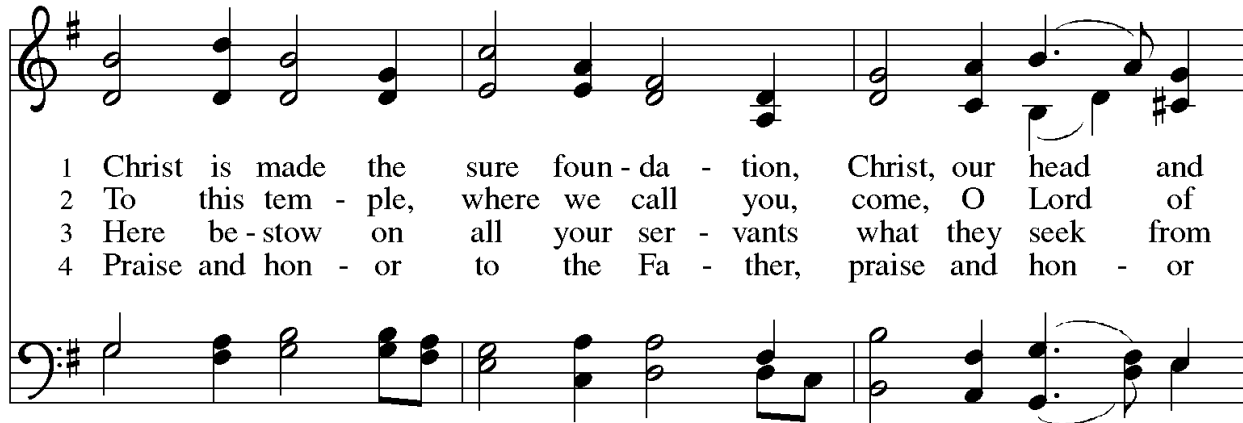
Notes

Combine stuffing and hot water first so it can soak up the water while you prep the rest.

Run frozen veggies under hot water to defrost quickly.

Shredded chicken can be substituted with ground beef, ham or [leftover turkey](#). Any "cream of" soup can be used in this recipe.


Adding a little sprinkle of cheese on the top of the stuffing will give it an extra punch of flavor!



1 Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion, Christ, our head and
 2 To this tem - ple, where we call you, come, O Lord of
 3 Here be - stow on all your ser - vants what they seek from
 4 Praise and hon - or to the Fa - ther, praise and hon - or



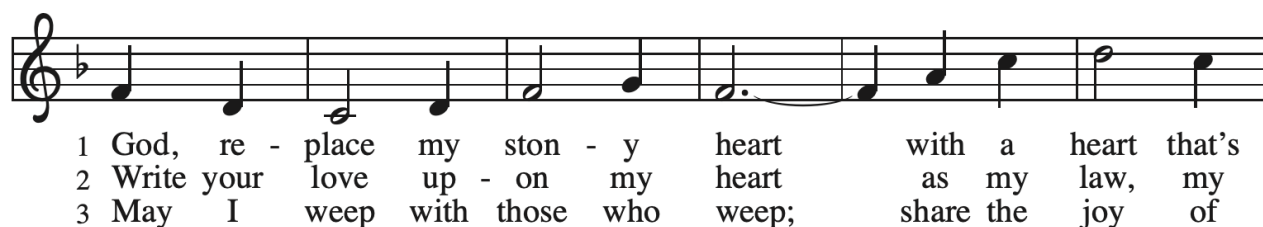
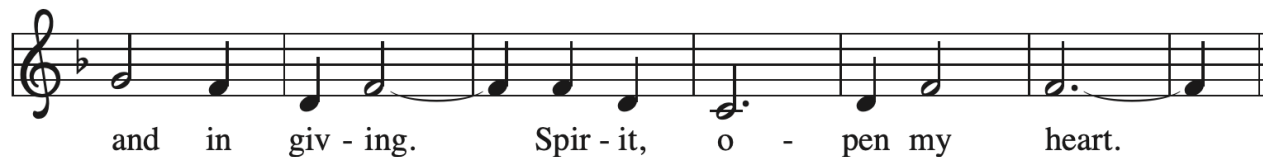
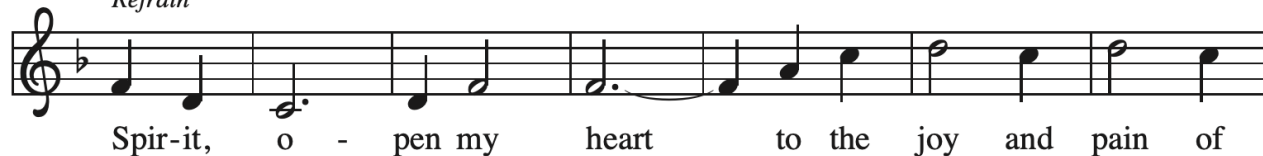
cor - ner - stone, cho - sen of the Lord and pre - cious,
 hosts, and stay; come with all your lov - ing - kind - ness,
 you to gain; what they gain from you, for - ev - er
 to the Son, praise and hon - or to the Spir - it,



bind - ing all the church in one; ho - ly Zi - on's
 hear your peo - ple as they pray; and your full - est
 with the bless - ed to re - tain; and here - af - ter
 ev - er three and ev - er one: one in might and



help for - ev - er and our con - fi - dence a - lone.
 ben - e - dic - tion shed with - in these walls to - day.
 in your glo - ry ev - er - more with you to reign.
 one in glo - ry while un - end - ing a - ges run!

Refrain*Refrain*

Text: Ruth Duck, b. 1947

Music: WILD MOUNTAIN THYME, Irish melody; adapt. Alfred V. Fedak, b. 1953

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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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One Bread, One Body

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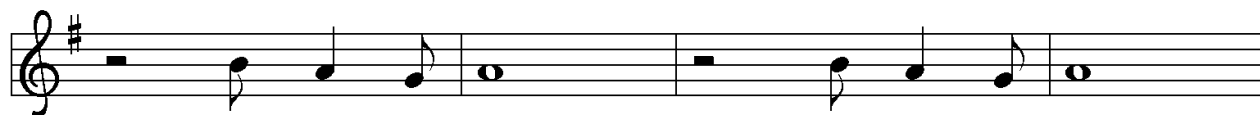
One bread, one bod-y, one Lord of all; one cup of



bles-sing which we bless, and we, though man-y



through-out the earth, we are one bod - y in this one Lord.



1 Gen - tile or Jew, ser - vant or free,
2 Man - y the gifts, man - y the works,
3 Grain for the fields, scat-tered and grown,



wom - an or man, no more.
one in the Lord of all.
gath - ered to one for all.

Text: John Foley, SJ, b. 1939

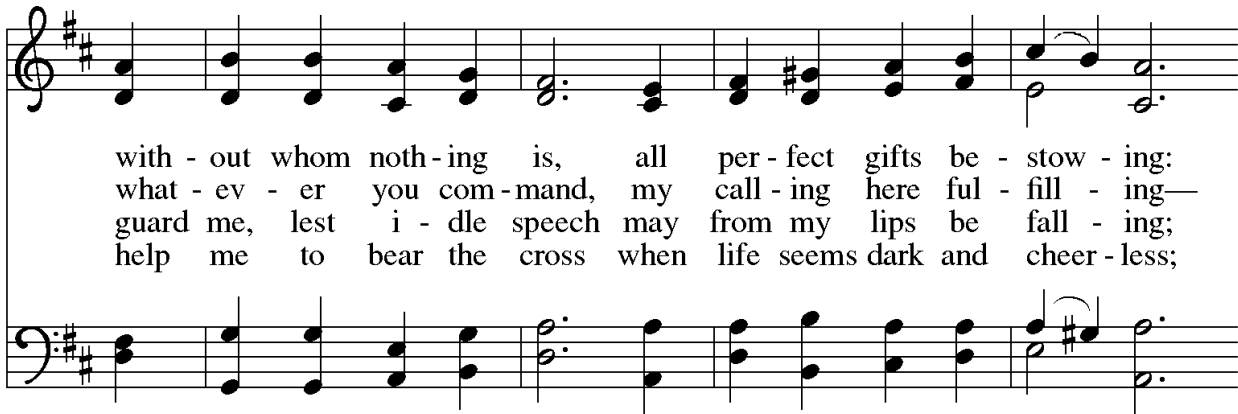
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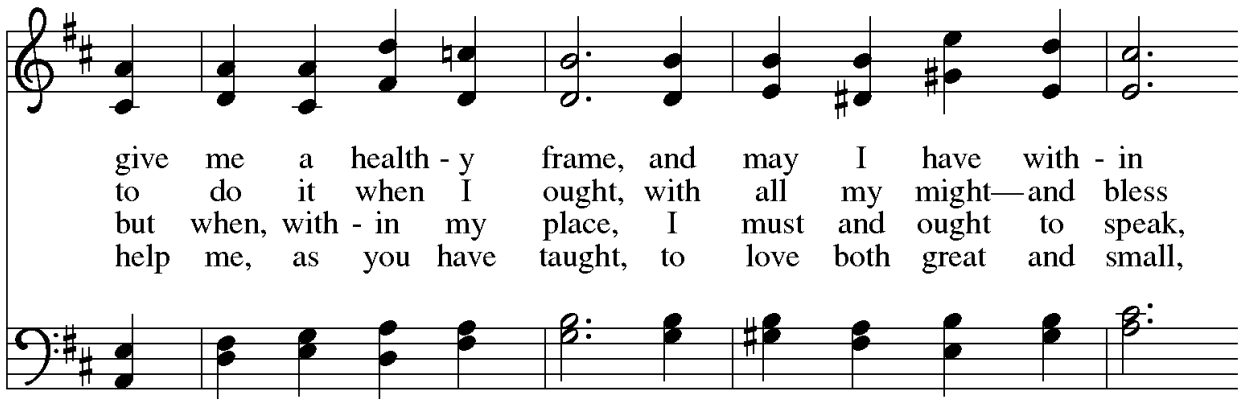
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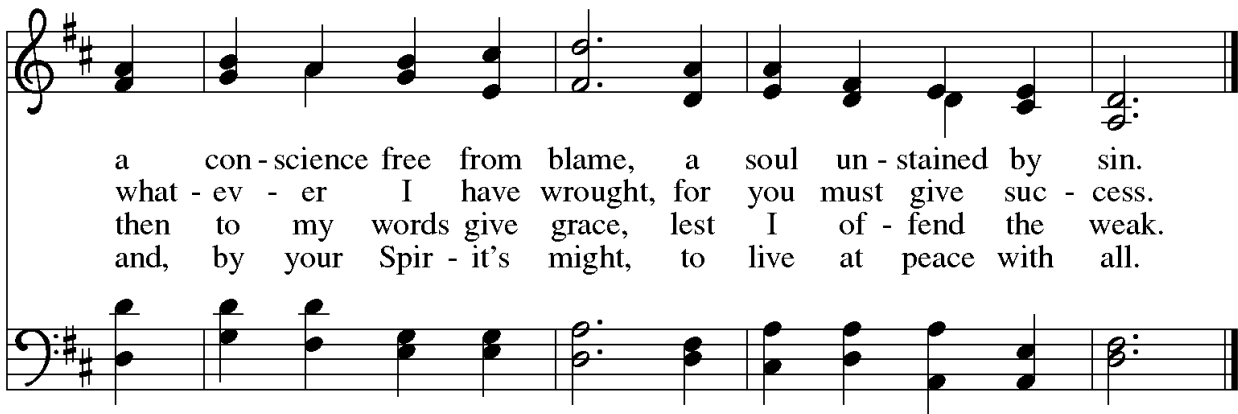
1 O God, my faith - ful God, true foun - tain ev - er flow - ing,
 2 Give me the strength to do with read - y heart and will - ing
 3 Keep me from say - ing words that lat - er need re - call - ing;
 4 When dan - gers gath - er round, oh, keep me calm and fear - less;



with - out whom noth - ing is, all per - fect gifts be - stow - ing:
 what - ev - er you com - mand, my call - ing here ful - fill - ing—
 guard me, lest i - dle speech may from my lips be fall - ing;
 help me to bear the cross when life seems dark and cheer - less;



give me a health - y frame, and may I have with - in
 to do it when I ought, with all my might—and bless
 but when, with - in my place, I must and ought to speak,
 help me, as you have taught, to love both great and small,



a con - science free from blame, a soul un - stained by sin.
 what - ev - er I have wrought, for you must give suc - cess.
 then to my words give grace, lest I of - fend the weak.
 and, by your Spir - it's might, to live at peace with all.