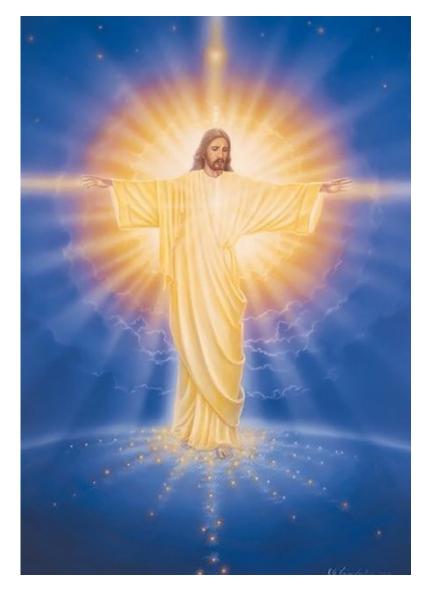
# Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church *Transfiguration of Our lord* 10:00 AM Worship Service • February 19, 2023 *Setting 1*

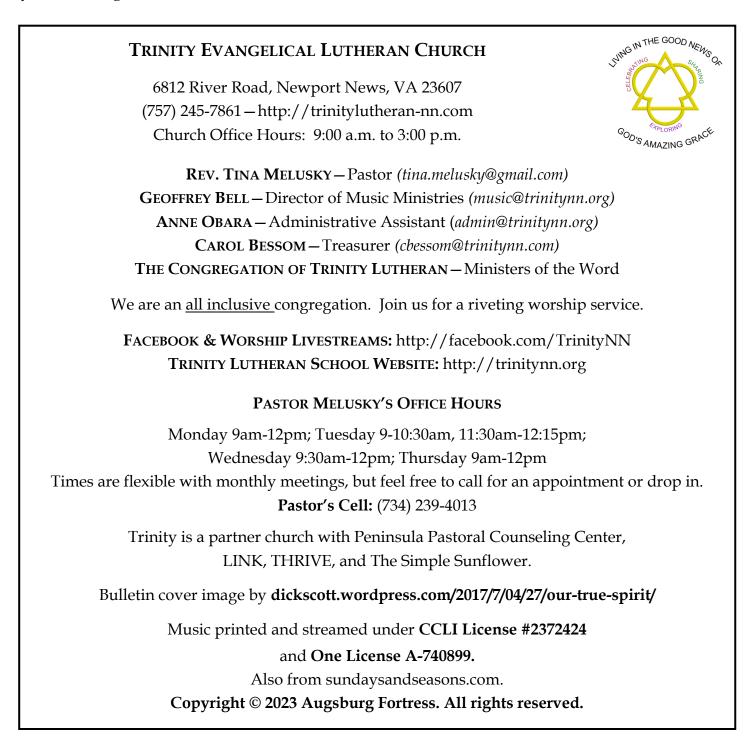


Today's festival is a bridge between the Advent-Christmas-Epiphany cycle that comes to a close today and the Lent-Easter cycle that begins in several days. On a high mountain Jesus is revealed as God's beloved Son, echoing the words at his baptism. This vision of glory sustains us as Jesus faces his impending death in Jerusalem. We turn this week to Ash Wednesday and our yearly baptismal journey from Lent to Easter. Some churches put aside the alleluia at the conclusion of today's liturgy. This word of joy will be omitted during the penitential season of Lent and will be sung again at Easter.

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.

**Trinity offers an induction loop** for the benefit of hearing impaired worshippers. To use, please switch your hearing aid to "T." If you are unsure if your hearing aid is compatible, please contact your audiologist.



#### CARILLON CALL TO WORSHIP

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

PRELUDE

"Refuge" from Sanctuary

Gwyneth Walker

### 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.** 

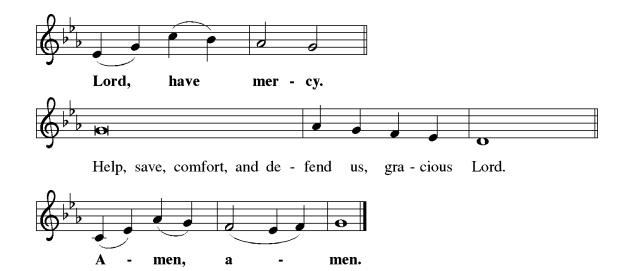
#### **GATHERING HYMN**

#### GREETING

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

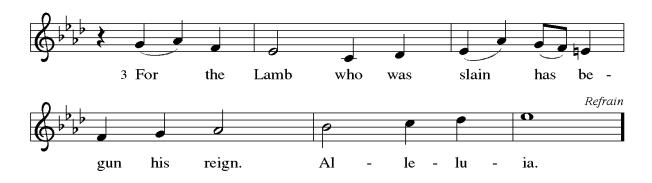
#### **Kyrie**











#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, in the transfiguration of your Son you confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the witness of Moses and Elijah, and, in the voice from the bright cloud declaring Jesus your beloved Son, you foreshadowed our adoption as your children. Make us heirs with Christ of your glory, and bring us to enjoy its fullness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.** 

The assembly is seated.

# FIRST LESSON: EXODUS 24:12-18

At Mount Sinai, Moses experienced the presence of God for forty days and forty nights. The "glory of the Lord" settled on the mountain, and on the seventh day God called out to Moses. On the mountain God gave Moses the stone tablets inscribed with the ten commandments.

The Lord said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction." So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. To the elders he had said, "Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them."

Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. Now the appearance of the glory of the Lord was like a devouring fire on the top of themountain in the sight of the people of Israel. Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain.

Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

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

**PSALM 2** (sung responsively)

. . . Why are the nations in an uproar? Why do the peoples mutter empty threats? Why do the kings of the earth rise up in revolt, and the princes | plot together, against the Lord and against the Lord's anointed? "Let us break their yoke," they say; "let us cast off their bonds from us." God whose throne is in heaven is laughing; the Lord holds them in derision. Then in wrath God speaks to them, and in rage fills them with terror. "As for me, I have anointed my king upon Zion, my holy mountain." Let me announce the decree of the Lord, who said to me, "You are my son; this day have I begotten you. Ask of me, and I will give you the nations for your inheritance and the ends of the earth for your possession. You shall crush them with an iron rod and shatter them like a piece of pottery." And now, you kings, be wise; be warned, you rulers of the earth. Submit to the Lord with fear, and with trembling bow in worship; lest the Lord be angry, and you perish in a sudden blaze of wrath. Happy are all who take refuge in God!

#### SECOND LESSON: 2 PETER 1:16-21

At the transfiguration, God's voice was heard, declaring Jesus to be the beloved Son. By the activity of the Holy Spirit, God's voice continues to be heard through the word of scripture.

For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased." We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

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

The assembly stands.

# GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 17:1-9

Shortly before he enters Jerusalem, where he will be crucified, Jesus is revealed to Peter, James, and John in a mountaintop experience of divine glory called the transfiguration.

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 17th chapter. Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

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

The assembly is seated.

#### CHILDREN'S CHAT

SERMON

#### Pastor Tina Melusky

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*The assembly stands.* 

HYMN OF THE DAY

Come, Beloved of the Maker JILL

ELW 306

#### **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.

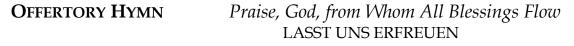
#### **R**ECEIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM** Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies T. Frederick H. Candlyn

*Christ, whose glory fills the skies, Christ, the true, the only Light, Sun of righteousness, arise! Triumph o'er the shades of night: Dayspring from on high, be near; Day star, in my heart appear.* 

Dark and cheerless is the morn unaccompanied by Thee; Joyless is the day's return, till thy mercy's beams I see; Till they inward light impart, glad my eyes and warm my heart.

Visit then this soul of mine! Pierce the gloom of sin and grief! Fill me, Radiancy Divine; scatter all my unbelief; More and more Thyself display, shining to the perfect day.



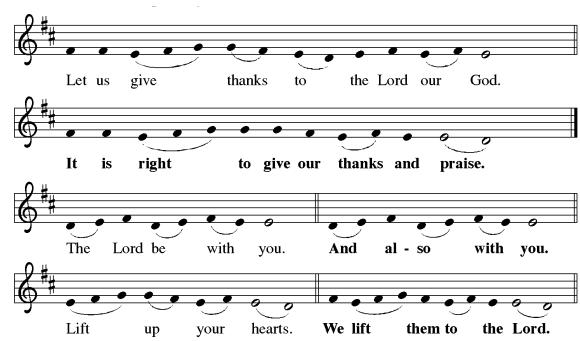


OFFERTORY PRAYER

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

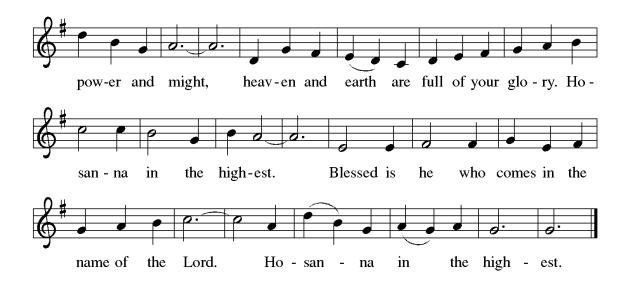
#### **PROPER PREFACE**

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

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God.

You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory.

You so loved the world that you gave your only Son,

so that everyone who believes in him may not perish

but have eternal life.

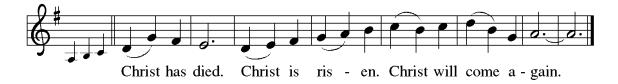
We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

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.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,

we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.



Remembering, therefore, his salutary command, his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension, and the promise of his coming again, we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty not as we ought but as we are able; we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants, and these your own gifts of bread and wine,

so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace, and, receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be formed to live as your holy people and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

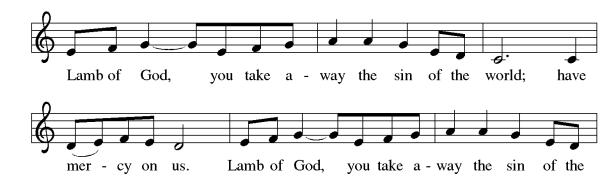
To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.



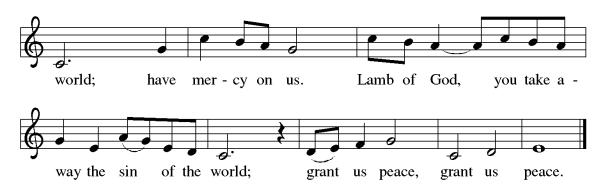
LORD'S PRAYER

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

The assembly is seated.



#### AGNUS DEI



#### COMMUNION

Communion will be held around the table. The bread will be handed to you by the pastor. Please take a communion cup with wine from the outside edge of the tray or a grape juice cup from the center of the tray. Recycle baskets are located outside of the sanctuary doors for your plastic cups.

# **MUSIC DURING DISTRIBUTION**

Beautiful Savior SCHÖNSTER HERR JESU

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.** 

#### **BURYING THE ALLELUIA**

O God, make speed to save us, alleluia, alleluia. O Lord, make haste to help us, alleluia, alleluia.

The faithful people of God praise him for the great deeds he has done.

#### ELW 838

God created us out of dust, restored the land, took Israel out of exile, spoke through the prophets, and gives hope and forgiveness through his Son, Jesus Christ.

Alleluia! Praise God in the holy temple.

Let everything that has breath praise the Lord. Alleluia!

We have much for which to be thankful. But there is not always joy in our lives. **There is sadness and loneliness in the world.** 

Sometimes we need time to think. Jesus spent forty days in the wilderness praying to God.

Lent is our forty days of quiet time to prepare for the mystery of Easter.

Today, we silence our alleluias, and begin a time of reflection and preparation, **As we already anxiously await the Easter dawn when our alleluias shall echo through creation.** 

Lord, help us to draw nearer to you throughout these forty days, **That when they return our alleluias may be sung with joy.** 

Almighty God, you bid your faithful people to rejoice in praise, but also to repent and reflect in silence. Give us grace and courage to devote our hearts to you and to love others are you would, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

# 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	Alleluia, Song of Gladness	ELW 318
	LAUDA ANIMA	

# DISMISSAL

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

# POSTLUDE

Fugue in G Major ("Gigue"), BWV 577

J. S. Bach

2010

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

<u>Church and School Offices CLOSED!</u>: For the President's Day holiday on February 20, Trinity church and school offices will be closed and reopen on Tuesday, February 21.

**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.

<u>Calling all 3rd through 5th grade girls</u>!: 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 <u>GOTRHR.ORG</u> For more information, contact Tricia Wessler at <u>(trish.wessler@gmail.com)</u>

# MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR ...

**Tuesday Morning Bible Study:** On **Tuesday, February 21**, 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.

<u>Shrove Tuesday Pancake Breakfast/Brunch</u>: TODAY is our Pancake Breakfast/ Brunch **after worship**. Please join us for a special fellowship together downstairs in the social hall this morning.

**<u>PORT</u>**: For all who are serving as volunteers for PORT at New Beech Grove in Denbigh tomorrow, Monday, February 20, please do not forget that you are to report to the youth building located just behind and to the right of New Beech Grove Church. It is also behind and adjacent to a Wawa. Please enter to the rear of the building. If you need the church office to resend you the two maps that Teresa put together and were sent to you on 2/7/23, please contact Anne Obara asap.

**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.* 

**Brownies for PORT:** Please place your brownies in the church parlor on the tables that are set up for PORT items. Thank you!

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**. 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:

Flowers are given today to the Glory of God and in memory of Elizabeth Adams Krause, by Shirley and Spindler Krause, Jr. and in memory of Richard Davis and Leila Miley, by Laura Davis.

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

# Serving the Assembly

Crucifer	Shawn Murphy
Acolytes	Karina Stevens
	Samantha Harry
Lector	Sarah Green
Ushers/Greeters	Judy Hunt
	Jerry Cobb
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.

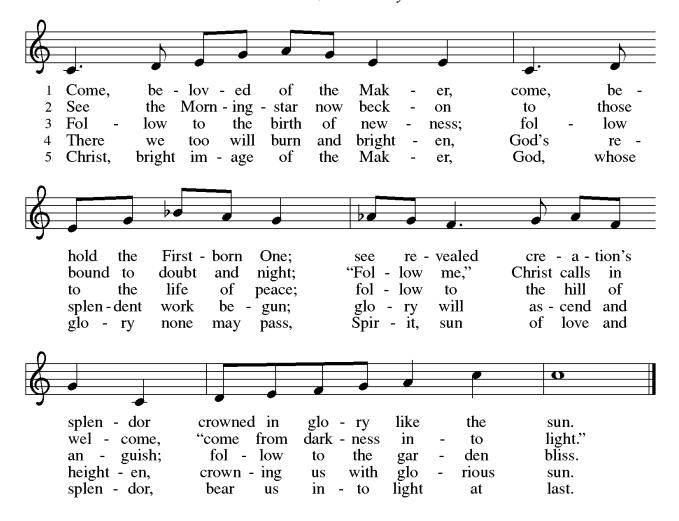
The remaining funds were used for local, national, and international charities. Many of these charities are actively supported by Trinity members who physically participate in the operations. Six thousand dollars was provided to local charities, while \$4,500 was provided to national charities. The remaining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



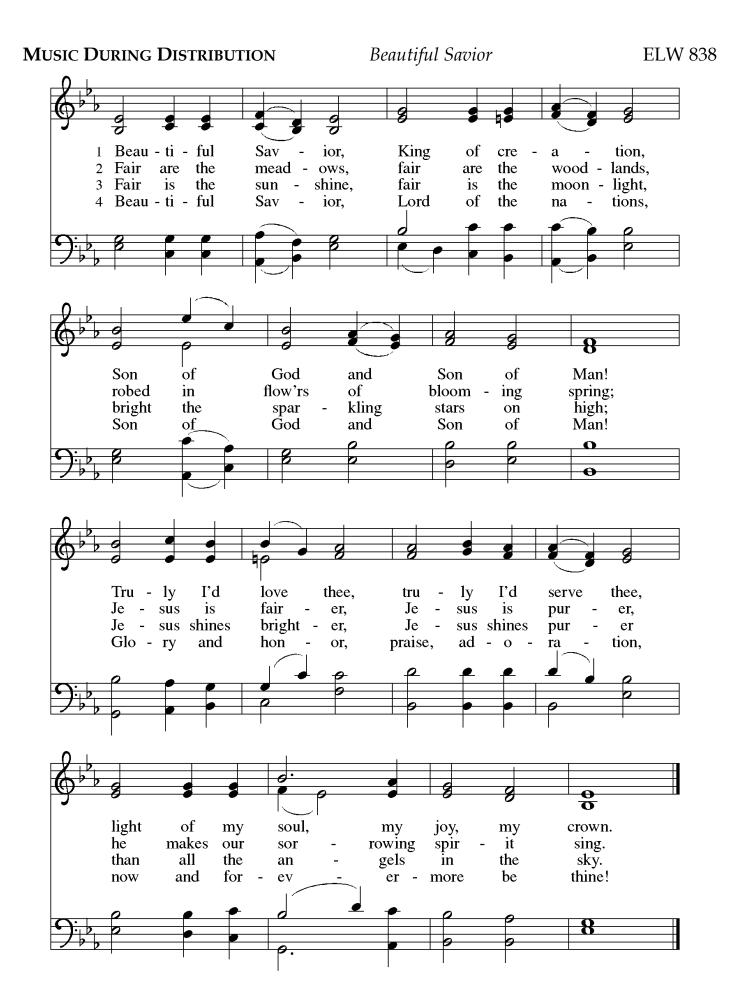
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Come, Beloved of the Maker



Text: Susan Palo Cherwien, b. 1953 Music: JILL, David Cherwien, b. 1957 Text © 2001 Susan Palo Cherwien, admin. Augsburg Fortress. Music © 2002 Augsburg Fortress.

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Text: Gesangbuch, Münster, 1677; tr. Joseph A. Seiss, 1823–1904 Music: SCHÖNSTER HERR JESU, Silesian folk tune, 19th cent.

