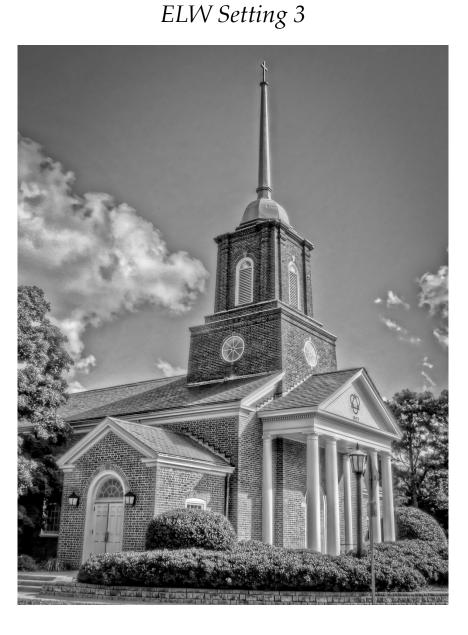
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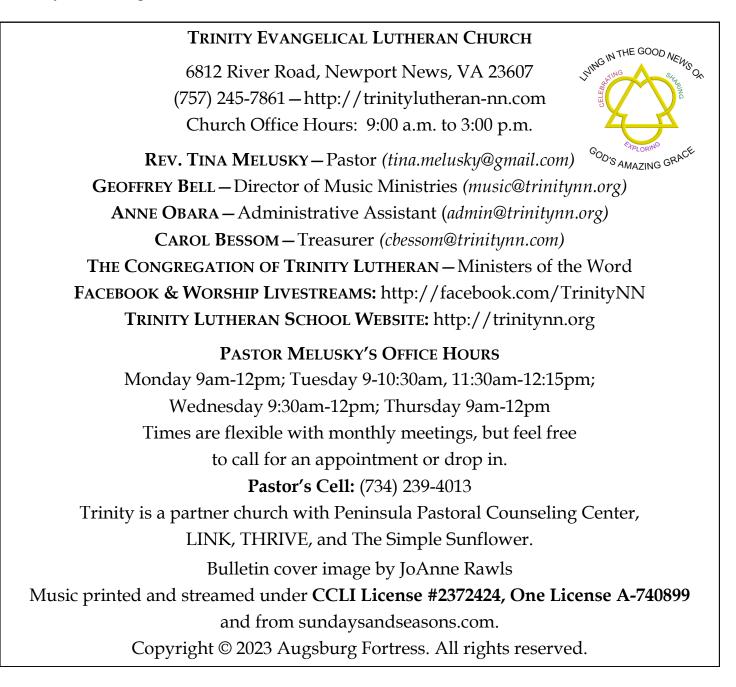
10:00 AM Worship Service • May 14, 2023



Jesus does not abandon his followers. Through the Holy Spirit, Jesus comes to abide with his disciples of every generation. As Pentecost draws near, we are reminded that the risen Christ dwells in us as the Spirit of truth. We receive this Spirit in baptism and pray that in our gathering around the Lord's table the Spirit will transform us to be the body of the risen Christ in the world.

**Welcome members and guests** to our worship service today. If you are visiting, we encourage you to sign the guest register located in the narthex; or, if you are online during our worship service, drop us a line to say hello or that you and your family are attending, so that we know you have joined us for worship. For those who come in person, please include your home address, email address and phone number. In each pew, there is a card that you can fill out if you wish to have a consult with the pastor and/or leave us more information about you. Sunday School begins at 8:45 followed by a worship service at 10:00 AM on Sunday mornings. **A nursery room is available** during the service. The nursery is located off the hallway on the Huntington Avenue side of the church building. At this time, there are no nursery attendants. We also have "activity binders" available for older children to enjoy during the service. Please ask an usher about using one.

**Trinity offers an induction loop** for the benefit of hearing impaired worshippers. To use, please switch your hearing aid to "T."



# CARILLON CALL TO WORSHIP

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Prelude

Prelude on *Down Ampney* 

Robert A. Hobby

## GATHERING

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

#### THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, by whose hand we are given new birth, by whose speaking we are given new life. **Amen.** 

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are welcomed, restored, and supported as citizens of the new creation. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Holy God, holy and merciful, holy and mighty, **you are the river of life, you are the everlasting wellspring.** 

In mercy and might you have freed us from death and raised us with Jesus, the firstborn of the dead. In baptismal waters our old life is washed away, and in them we are born anew.

Glory to you for oceans and lakes, for rivers and streams.

Honor to you for waters that wash us clean, quench our thirst, and nurture both crops and creatures. Praise to you for the life-giving water of baptism, the outpouring of the Spirit of the new creation. Wash away our sin and all that separates us from you. Empower our witness to your resurrection. Strengthen our resolve in seeking justice for all.

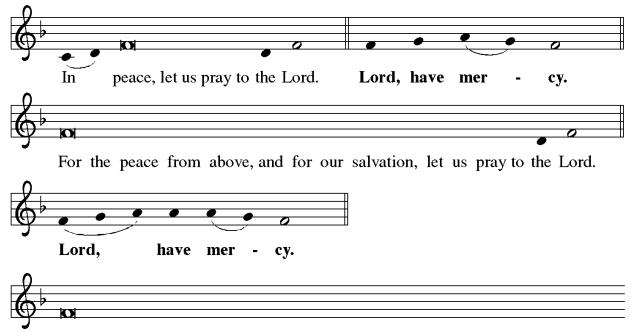
Satisfy the world's need through this living water. Where drought dries the earth, bring refreshment. Where despair prevails, grant hope. Where chaos reigns, bring peace. We ask this through Christ, who with you and the Spirit reigns forever. Amen.

GATHERING HYMN	Now the Green Blade Rises	ELW 379
NOEL NOUVELET		

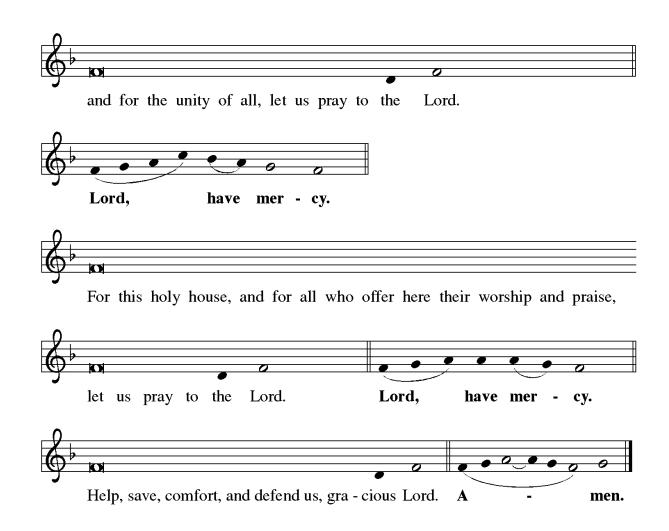
# GREETING

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.** 

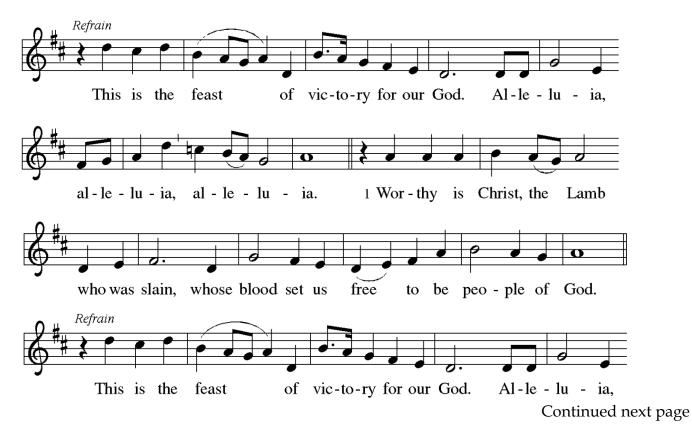
#### **Kyrie**



For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,

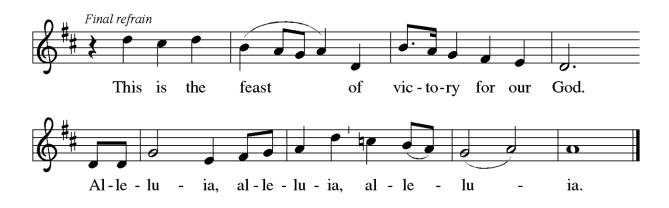


#### **CANTICLE OF PRAISE**





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# PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty and ever-living God, you hold together all things in heaven and on earth. In your great mercy receive the prayers of all your children, and give to all the world the Spirit of your truth and peace, 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 READING: Acts 17:22-31

In Athens, Paul faces the challenge of proclaiming the gospel to Greeks who know nothing of either Jewish or Christian tradition. He proclaims that the "unknown god" whom they worship is the true Lord of heaven and earth who will judge the world with justice through Jesus, whom God has raised from the dead.

Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, God who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is God served by human hands, as though God needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor God made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and God allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for God and find God – though indeed God is not far from each

one of us. For 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said,

'For we too are his offspring.'

"Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now God commands all people everywhere to repent, because God has fixed a day on which God will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom God has appointed, and of this God has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

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

# PSALM 66:8-20 (read responsively)

Bless our God, you peoples; let the sound of praise be heard. Our God has kept us among the living and has not allowed our feet to slip. For you, O God, have tested us; you have tried us just as silver is tried. You brought us into the net; you laid heavy burdens upon our backs. You let people ride over our heads; we went through fire and water, but you brought us out into a place of refreshment. I will enter your house with burnt offerings and will pay you my vows those that I promised with my lips and spoke with my mouth when I was in trouble. I will offer you burnt offerings of fatlings with the smoke of rams; I will give you oxen and goats. Come and listen, all you who believe, and I will tell you what God has done for me. I called out to God with my mouth, and praised the Lord with my tongue. If I had cherished evil in my heart, the Lord would not have heard me;

# but in truth God has heard me and has attended to the sound of my prayer. Blossed be God, who has not rejected my prayer

Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer, nor withheld unfailing love from me

# SECOND READING: 1 Peter 3:13-22

The author of 1 Peter encourages Christians to remain faithful even in the face of defamation and persecution. In baptism we are made clean to act in accordance with what is right.

Who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you – not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

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

The assembly stands.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** 



#### GOSPEL: John 14:15-21

On the night that he is to be arrested, Jesus shares final words with his disciples. As the one through whom God is known, he promises to go before them and act on their behalf.

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 14th chapter. Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to the disciples: "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and God will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows the Spirit. You know the Spirit, because the Spirit abides with you, and the Spirit will be in you.

"I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

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

The assembly is seated.

CHILDREN'S CHAT

**SERMON** 

Pastor Tina Melusky

Pastor Tina Melusky

The assembly stands.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Come Down, O Love Divine DOWN AMPNEY ELW 804

#### NICENE CREED

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

#### **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.

#### SHARING OF THE PEACE

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

The assembly is seated.

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

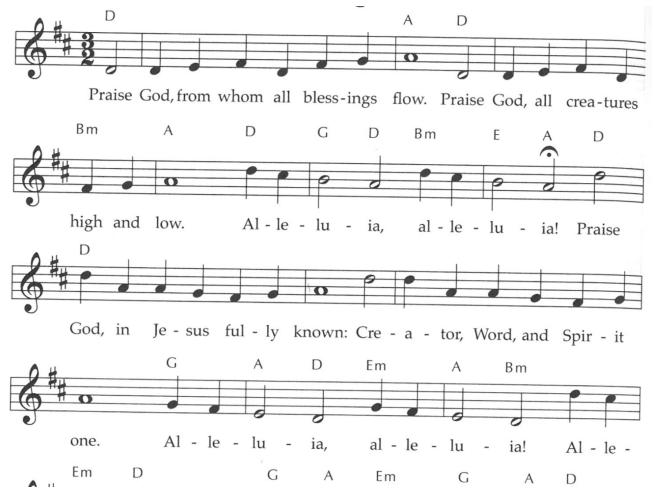
**OFFERTORY ANTHEM** 

*I Will Not Leave You Comfortless* Everett Titcomb

I will not leave you comfortless, I will come to you yet again: Alleluia. And your heart shall be joyful. Alleluia.

**OFFERTORY HYMN** 

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow LASST UNS ERFREUEN



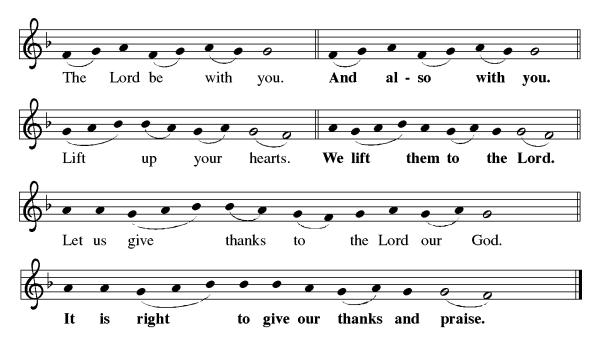


#### **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Generous God,

in this meal you offer your very self. We give thanks for these gifts of the earth. In the breaking of this bread reveal to us the Risen One. In the pouring of this wine pour us out in service to the world; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### MEAL



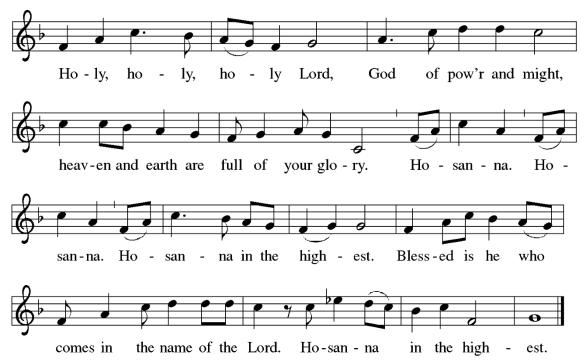
# **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

# **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,

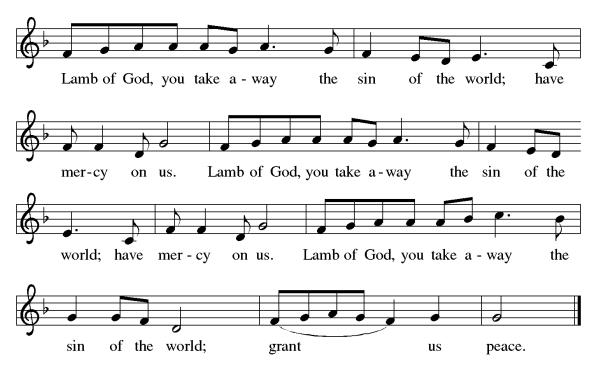
be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.



# 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.

**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**

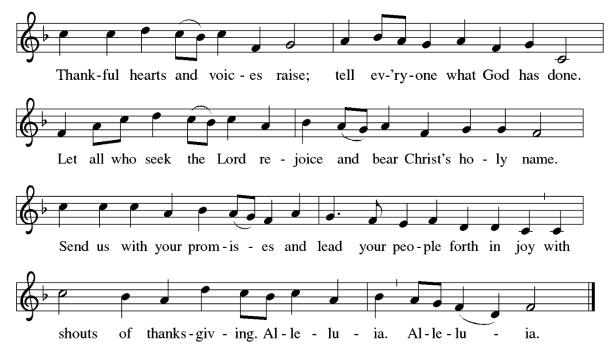
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*Don't Be Afraid* DON'T BE AFRAID

## TABLE BLESSING

Now may the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.** 

# POST COMMUNION CANTICLE



# POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Gracious God, in you we live and move and have our being. With your word and this meal of grace, you have nourished our life together. Strengthen us to show your love and serve the world in Jesus' name. **Amen.** 

# SENDING

# BLESSING

The God of all, who raised + Jesus from the dead, bless you by the power of the Holy Spirit to live in the new creation. **Amen.** 

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#### SENDING HYMN

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling HYFRYDOL ELW 631

#### DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Risen One. **Thanks be to God.** 

POSTLUDE

Postlude on *Hyfrydol* 

Jason D. Payne



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church Office Hours: Monday through Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

**Happy Mother's Day:** To all those who are mothers or provide care, solace and nurture others, Trinity wishes all a very Happy Mother's Day!

Peninsula Pastoral Counseling Center Care and Connect Tour: On Thursday, May 18, from 12-1 p.m., Trinity is hosting a Care and Connect Tour at Peninsula Pastoral Counseling Center (PPCC). All are welcome to come to hear about the work that PPCC does for the community, the services they provide and how they are especially beneficial to their partner churches (like us). This tour is <u>solely informational</u> at <u>no</u> <u>cost to you</u>. There are 10 slots open and it would be fabulous to fill them and show our support for PPCC. Please RSVP to Pastor Tina asap.

Virginia Handbell Consort Next Sunday: Next Sunday, May 21, at 3pm, the sanctuary at Trinity will be filled with the sound of bells as the Virginia Handbell Consort presents Reflection, their spring concert. The program includes classical favorites such as the "Meditation" from Thais and *Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring*, sacred pieces, and arrangements of popular tunes by Duke Ellington and others. Admission is free with donations accepted. Please plan to be here for this fantastic afternoon of music!

<u>Fresh Food Donation</u>: For all my gardeners out there... if you have an overabundance of fresh produce from your gardens and you want to donate it to Thrive, please drop off the produce in the cooler located in the narthex. We will run

the produce up to the Thrive for you along with the produce we are growing here at Trinity.

<u>Photos from NYG 2022 – New Orleans</u>: Youth and parents of youth who went on last year's NYG trip, we need your photos for our annual report and archives. Please send them to the church office asap. Thank you!

Monthly Information Sheet: Beginning the first Sunday in June, the Worship and Music committee has asked that a monthly information sheet be published the first Sunday of every month. This will eliminate the need to include extra pages in our bulletin every week, thus reducing paper waste on a weekly basis. Please take note of the fact that if you want information in the bulletin for events, they need to be sent to the church office the week before the first Sunday of the month. If the information is not received by Wednesday afternoon of that week, it will have to be announced or sent out by Constant Contact email depending on the content.

<u>Please Read! Security Update</u>: In light of recent events throughout our country, the property committee for both TLS and TLC, in conjunction with the Worship and Music committee, as well as our leadership, have been discussing ways to upgrade the safety and security of our building. As a result of these conversations, we have made the decision that **the glass doors along River Road will remain locked on Sunday mornings.** 

Why you may ask? Once Sunday school and worship begin, we have no eyes on those doors, which give access to the entirety of the building. This makes it a security challenge for both us as a church and also for the school. It allows too much free access that we cannot monitor safely.

What now? We are asking that all members of the congregation **please fill out a form available in the narthex to get a key fob (unless you already have one)** which will allow you access to the building through the back door and the glass doors. The front church doors and the sacristy ramp door will remain open on Sunday mornings, so you may choose to enter through those, but if you would like to continue entering through either of the other doors, please get a key fob. Once you fill out the form please place it in the offering plate and we will notify you when your fob is ready for pickup (usually within a week).

I know that this decision may startle or frustrate some. However, in the world we live in, caution and safety are the focus. This is a step we have to take not only for the safety of the congregation, but of the school as well. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to Pastor Tina.

The Simple Sunflower: The Simple Sunflower needs your help! We depend on community volunteers to help us pick-up and arrange flowers for patients in the hospital when they are donated. We typically get 1-2 donations per month and it only takes 1-2 hours of your time. You can sign up to volunteer whenever you are available. If you are interested in receiving email invitations for volunteer events as they arise, please contact Tricia Wessler (simplesunflower.hr@gmail.com) or put your name on the Interest Sheet posted in the sacristy hall.

<u>All Chairmen of Committees/Groups, etc.</u>: Your annual congregation reports are due in to the church office by May 25, please. Thank you!

Lina's Eagle Scout Box: The Red Food Box needs you! Donations needed! If you are willing to bring in food to place in the box, here is a list of some of the items that can be purchased: disposable water bottles, canned goods with pull tabs (items that do not need to be refrigerated or heated), tuna packs, granola bars, crackers, anything else that would be nutritious and non perishable. So, please bring in an item or two to feed our hungry community! If you happen to have any prewrapped, plastic utensils, we could use those also. Thanks to all who have brought in items so far.

<u>Mini Newsletter News</u>: Why Faith? Maybe you've never asked yourself this question, maybe you're asking it right now. Why is faith so important in the world today? In your personal life? We're going to be exploring this conversation as a congregation as we look ahead to our 125th anniversary. Why is faith still relevant in the world and in our lives?

Every week, **Pastor Tina will be holding "Why Faith?" conversations at coffee shops and breweries around the Peninsula**. These are open conversations, come and grab a drink, sit for a few minutes of conversation or stay for the whole time. Together we can learn more about where our faith is calling us today.

Our next session will be on **Monday**, **May 15**, **from 6-8 p.m. at Starbucks at Jefferson Commons**.

# MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR ...

**Tuesday Morning Bible Study:** Bible Study will be held Tuesday, **May 16**, in the church parlor, from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. All are welcome to join us.

<u>Youth Yard Sale</u>: It is time to mark your calendars and clean out your closets. If you need a pick up, please contact Kathy Stevens or Kelly Rummel. If you bring in items, please place them in either the youth room or Sunday School room at the end of the hall. The sale will be held on July 21-23. There is a tremendous amount of items to sell this year. You all have been so generous, but we need buyers. Please help us spread the word about the sale!

# YOUTH

**Sunday School for Youth Group:** Come and hang out before church (8:45 - 9:45 a.m.) and join us in conversation and movie watching. We are now watching *Thor: Ragnorok.* Please join us!

Yard Sale: We have a huge amount of donations to include lots of furniture, so we are going to be all hands on deck starting on Sunday July 16 immediately following the church service. Work days will be from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Monday - Thursday, and we will take all the parental help that we can get as there are lots of big furniture items that must be handled. Sale dates are July 21-22, so we will work 8 a.m. - 3 p.m. both those dates concluding with our mass clean up after church on July 23. All youth who plan to attend the National Youth Gathering in 2024 should plan to assist with this yard sale. Also, make sure that all your friends, coworkers, neighbors, and even strangers on the street know about this sale! Contact Kelly or Kathy with questions.

# PRAYER LISTS

**ILLNESS, SURGERY, RECOVERY, SHUT-INS: Nursing Homes/Assisted Living:** Jeanette Cantrell; Millie Christensen; Joan Johnston, Lucille Lebold ; **Shut-in at Home:** Peggy Cash, Janet Edwards, J.R. Griffin, Gerda Hudgens, Doris Moeser, and Dick Sallade; **Recovery At Home:** Bonnie Carlson, Butch Klapperich and Steve Quist.

PRAYER REQUESTS: The Ahlen Family and the family of Chloe Koenig, requested by Kathy Stevens; Hannelore Voss (Karoline's mother), requested by the Ardis family; Matt Adamo (Brother-in-law of Patricia) and Hazel Woodard, requested by Patricia Fielding; Matt Eggar, Mary Lou Hubble (Jacob's aunt), requested by the Wessler family; Barbara Smith, requested by the Lunsfords; Jessica Savage, requested by the Dail Family; Jonathan Blank (Pastor Tina's Brother-in-law) requested by Pastor Tina; Susan Koehlinger (Laura's mother), requested by Laura Jay; **Marlin Ryan (friend)**, requested by Betty and Glen Titus; and **David Dellinger**, requested by Laura Davis.

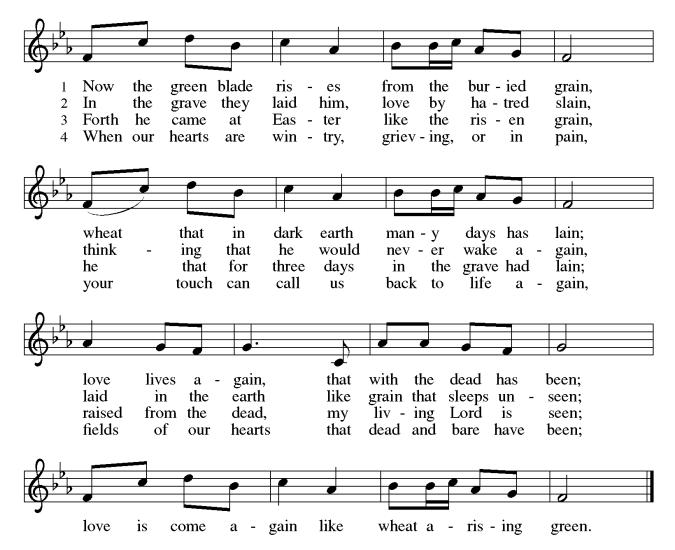
**Those Who Serve, Military and Civilian Duty: James Fielding**, State Dept., Myanmar; **Bryan Hunt**, State Dept., Belleville, IL.; **Eric Lindfors**, Deputy Commander US Naval Forces - Korea; **Tyler Obara**, Virginia Air National Guard, LAFB; **Josh and Ellen (Davis) Badgley**, State Department, Bangkok, Thailand; **Michael Titus**, US Navy, Naval Shipyard, Washington, DC and wife, **Elisabeth Bruce**.

**NEW ADDRESS:** Two weeks ago, there was a typo in the bulletin on Ken Hoffman's apartment number. It should have been **Apt. 102** instead of 202.

Today's flowers are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Sudie Wagner and Fran Spilde, by Jeanette, Kenny, and Katie Dail and Corey Stall.

Serving the Assembly		
Crucifer	Lois Jean Carpenter	
Acolytes	Elena Stevens	
	Karina Stevens	
Torchbearers	Carl Carpenter	
	Abbi Wessler	
Lector Ken and Lisa Surles-I		
Ushers/Greeters/Presenters	Cliff and Anne Obara	
Camera/Livestream	Garrett Mynoymany	

Now the Green Blade Rises



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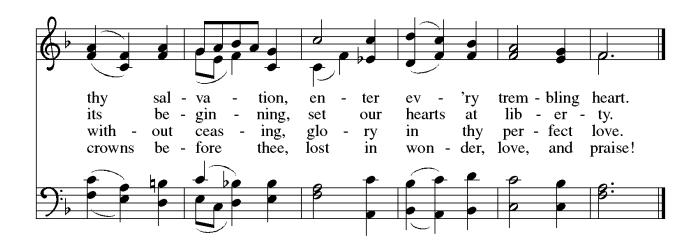
Don't Be Afraid



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