

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

Reconciling in Christ

10:00 AM Worship Service • January 25, 2026



This year's theme allows us to celebrate how far we all have come in difficult times while also reminding us we need to keep moving toward the goal of true inclusion. It focuses our attention on how community bonds and relationships sustain the individual members of the community, building resilience in institutions and individuals. When we work together for justice, communities are stronger; when we work together, people are stronger.

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 EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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We are a Reconciling in Christ community.

CARILLON CALL TO WORSHIP

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Show Us How to Love
Charles Robinson, baritone

Thompson/Miller

*Hearts open, minds awake, change us now for heaven's sake.
Leave us not alone in hatred's wake. Show us how to love.*

*Hearts open, souls awake, rules we made we now must break.
With our very own lives at stake we must learn to love.*

*Eyes open, shocked awake, much to learn from our mistakes.
Draw us closer in our heartache. Show us how to love.*

GATHERING

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

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT/CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather in the name of God, (+) Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit.

We gather on the traditional homelands of the Kecoughtan peoples.

The roads that brought us here today were a place where Indigenous people walked and lived on this sacred land, and still do today.

We gather to honor the Creator, and all creation-human, animal, plant, water, wind, earth, and sky—that belong to God.

COMMUNAL LAMENT

In response to the ways that people have been excluded and condemned for whom they love and their gender identities or expressions, let us call out to the God who knows the depths of our sorrows and shares the grief in our hearts.

Silence for reflection

O God, when racism, intolerance, and queerphobia, homophobia, transphobia, and biphobia feel inescapable and it is hard to imagine justice and a love that welcomes all of your children to our community, you seem hidden and far away. Come closer and dwell among us, encouraging us as we build resilient and just communities.

Come near to us. Show us the way.

O God, we have witnessed the harm and suffering of many beloved children, especially those whose sexual or romantic orientation, gender identity, or gender expression do not follow the patterns of patriarchy. Challenge us to disrupt this way of treating people who need our love and support.

Come near to us. Show us the way.

O God, we have witnessed the harm and suffering of many people, especially those whose race, ethnicity, or immigration status cause us to ignore needs as we tolerate racism, xenophobia, and the lack of equity in our society that keep many of your beloved children from full belonging.

Come near to us. Show us the way.

Help us to remember that you see us: our troubles and grief, the broken relationships that undermine community, our weakness and lack of courage in confronting evil. You hold our pain. We can leave it all to you. You are our helper.

Come near to us. Show us the way.

Help us to remember that you listen to our desires and calm our troubled hearts. We can cry out to you. You will not abandon us.

Come near to us. Show us the way.

God, rise up and comfort us so we no longer have to be afraid. Lead us to trust in the hope and promise of a resilient community, with justice for the oppressed, afflicted, and excluded.

Amen!

GATHERING HYMN

All Are Welcome
TWO OAKS

ELW 641

The congregation turns to face the processing cross.

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.**

1 Glo - ry to God, whose good - ness shines on me,
 2 World with - out end, . . . with - out end. A - men.

and to the Son, whose grace has par - doned me,
 World with - out end, . . . with - out end. A - men.

and to the Spir - it, whose love has set me free.
 World with - out end, . . . with - out end. A - men.

As it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be. A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

WORD

FIRST READING: Nehemiah 8.1-3, 5-6, 8-10

When the seventh month came and the people of Israel were settled in their towns, all the people gathered together in the area in front of the Water Gate. They asked Ezra the scribe to bring out the Instruction scroll from Moses, according to which the Lord had instructed Israel. So on the first day of the seventh month, Ezra the priest brought the Instruction before the assembly. This assembly was made up of anyone who could understand what they heard. Facing the area in front of the Water Gate, he read it aloud, from early morning until the middle of the day. He read it in the presence of those who could understand, and everyone listened attentively to the Instruction scroll.

Standing above all of the people, Ezra the scribe opened the scroll in the sight of all of the people. And as he opened it, all of the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all of the people answered, "Amen! Amen!" while raising their hands. Then they bowed down and worshiped the Lord with their faces to the ground. They read aloud from the scroll, the Instruction from God, explaining and interpreting it so the people could understand what they heard.

Then Nehemiah the governor, Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all of the people, "This day is holy to the Lord your God. Don't mourn or weep." They said this because all the people wept when they heard the words of the Instruction. "Go, eat rich food, and drink something sweet," he said to them, "and send portions of this to any who have nothing ready! This day is holy to our Lord. Don't be sad, because the joy from the Lord is your strength!"

Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 19

The heavens are telling the glory of God,
and the firmament proclaims God's handiwork.

**Day to day pours forth speech,
and night to night declares knowledge.**

There is no speech, nor are there words;
their voice is not heard;
**yet their voice goes out through all the earth
and their words to the end of the world.**

In the heavens God has set a tent for the sun,
**which comes out like a bridegroom from his wedding canopy,
and like a strong man runs its course with joy.**

Its rising is from the end of the heavens
**and its circuit to the end of them,
and nothing is hid from its heat.**

The law of the Lord is perfect,
reviving the soul;
**the decrees of the Lord are sure,
making wise the simple;**
the precepts of the Lord are right,
rejoicing the heart;
**the commandment of the Lord is clear,
enlightening the eyes;**
the fear of the Lord is pure,
enduring forever;
**the ordinances of the Lord are true
and righteous altogether.**

More to be desired are they than gold,

even much fine gold;

sweeter also than honey

and drippings of the honeycomb.

Moreover, by them is your servant warned;

in keeping them there is great reward.

But who can detect one's own errors?

Clear me from hidden faults.

Keep back your servant also from the insolent;

do not let them have dominion over me.

Then I shall be blameless

and innocent of great transgression.

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart

be acceptable to you,

O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 12.12-31a

Christ is just like the human body—a body is a unit and has many parts; and all the parts of the body are one body, even though there are many. We were all baptized by one Spirit into one body, whether Jew or Greek, or slave or free, and we all were given one Spirit to drink. Certainly, the body isn't one part but many. If the foot says, "I'm not part of the body because

I'm not a hand," does that mean it's not part of the body? If the ear says, "I'm not part of the body because I'm not an eye," does that mean it's not part of the body? If the whole body were an eye, what would happen to the hearing? And if the whole body were an ear, what would happen to the sense of smell? But as it is, God has placed each one of the parts in the body just like as God wanted. If all were one and the same body part, what would happen to the body?

But as it is, there are many parts but one body. So the eye can't say to the hand, "I don't need you," or in turn, the head can't say to the feet, "I don't need you."

Instead, the parts of the body that people think are the weakest are the most necessary. The parts of the body that we think are less honorable are the ones we honor the most. The private parts of our body that aren't presentable are the ones that are given the most dignity. The parts of our body that are presentable don't need this. But God has put the body together, giving greater honor to the part with less honor so that there won't be division in the body and so the parts might have

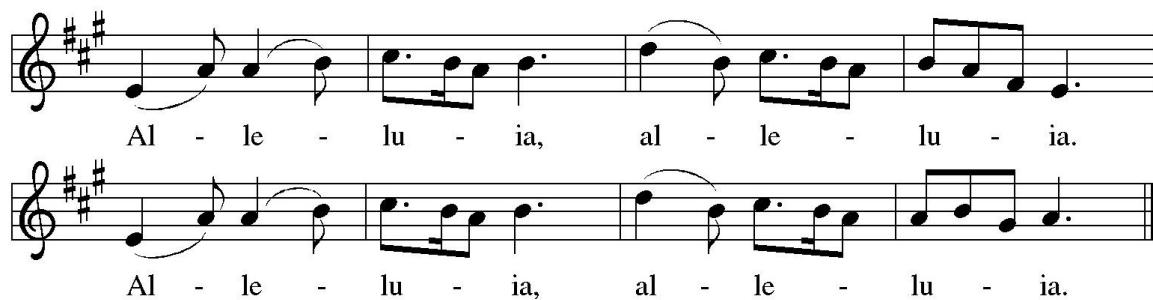
mutual concern for each other. If one part suffers, all the parts suffer with it; if one part gets the glory, all the parts celebrate with it.

You are the body of Christ and parts of each other. In the church, God has appointed first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healing, the ability to help others, leadership skills, different kinds of tongues. All aren't apostles, are they? All aren't prophets, are they? All aren't teachers, are they? All don't perform miracles, do they? All don't have gifts of healing, do they? All don't speak in different tongues, do they? All don't interpret, do they? Use your ambition to try to get greater gifts.

Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

The assembly Stands.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



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

GOSPEL: Luke 4.14-21

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the fourth chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit to Galilee, and news about him spread throughout the whole countryside. He taught in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

Jesus went to Nazareth, where he had been raised. On the Sabbath he went to the synagogue as he normally did and stood up to read. The synagogue assistant gave him the scroll from the prophet Isaiah. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

“The Spirit is upon me,
because God has anointed me.

God has sent me to preach good news to the poor,
to proclaim release to the prisoners
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to liberate the oppressed,
and to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”

Jesus rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the synagogue assistant, and sat down.

Every eye in the synagogue was fixed on him. He began to explain to them, “Today, this scripture has been fulfilled just as you heard it.”

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

The assembly is seated.

CHILDREN'S CHAT

Pastor Tina Toburen

SERMON

Pastor Tina Toburen

The assembly stands.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Let Streams of Living Justice
THAXTED

ELW 710

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

God desires full life for all. As a church we recognize that beloved children whose sexual or romantic orientation, gender identity, or gender expression do not follow the patterns of sexism and patriarchy are too often restricted from realizing abundant life. This church names as sin the social forces that silence, control, or devalue people on the basis of sexual or romantic orientation, gender identity, or gender expression. We affirm all people are created in God's image, and we reject any power, privilege, or prejudice that undermines our community and disrupts joy, gladness, relationships, and flourishing life for all people. I invite you to profess your faith, renouncing the forces of evil and the power of sin. Do you renounce the powers of racism, sexism, queerphobia, homophobia, transphobia, biphobia, and ableism?

We renounce them.

Do you renounce systems of oppression that harm God's children?

We renounce them.

Do you renounce the sins of silence that draw one away from God and neighbor?

We renounce them.

Do you believe in God the Creator?

We believe in you, O God, who spoke all life into being, author of heaven and earth, architect of time, quilter of the cosmos. You shape our bodies from the dust of the ground, and by your breath we are given life.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

We believe in you, O God, who became incarnate in Christ Jesus, the Word made flesh, truly divine and truly human. You lived among us to reveal your justice, died among us to break the bonds of sin and death, and were raised among us to bring abundant life.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

We believe in you, O God, who transforms us by the Holy Spirit, draws us into community, moves us to action, and inspires us to hope against hope. You breathe new life into a fallen world and equip us to proclaim the good news of resurrecting love. All thanks and praise to you, O God, our beginning and our end. 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.**

The assembly is seated.

RECEIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Christ Has Broken Down the Wall

Mark A. Miller

Christ has broken down the wall. Christ has broken down the wall.

Let us join our hearts as one. Christ has broken down the wall.

We're accepted as we are. We're accepted as we are.

Through God's love all are reconciled. We're accepted as we are.

Cast aside your doubts and fears. Cast aside your doubts and fears.

Peace and love, freely offered here; cast aside your doubts and fears.

We will tear down the walls! We will tear down every wall!

God has called us, one and all. Christ has broken down the wall.

OFFERTORY HYMN

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

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OFFERTORY PRAYER

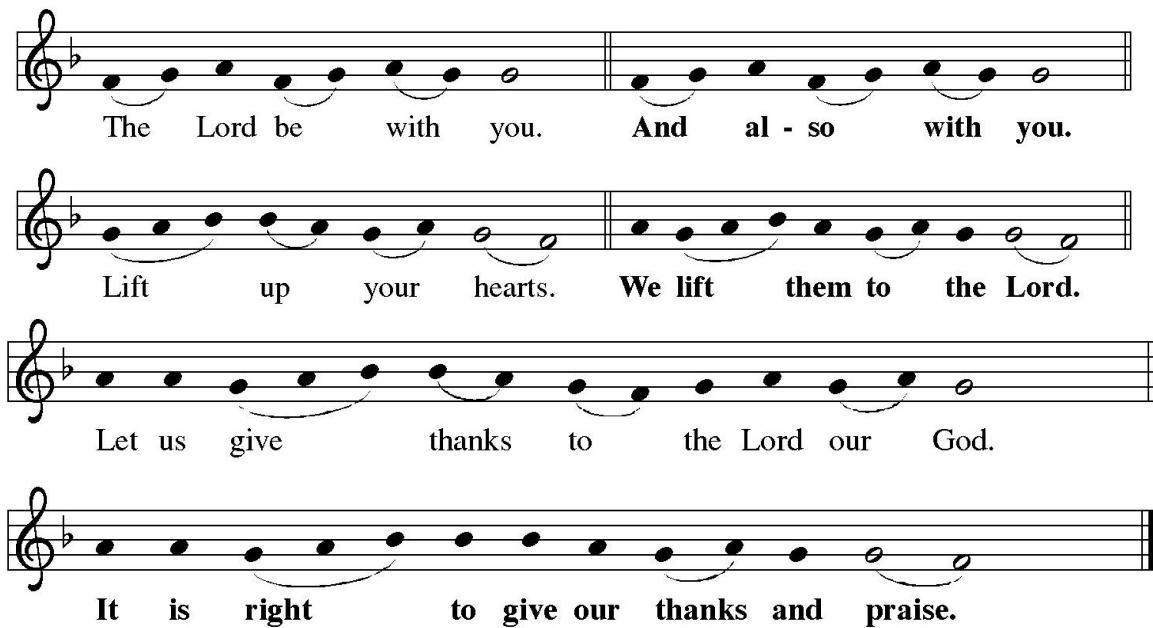
Generous God,
we give you praise! You liberate us from sin and death by the abundance at this table.

Multiply these gifts and fill us with your spirit, so that we may embody Christ and enflesh your radical freedom.

Amen.

MEAL

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

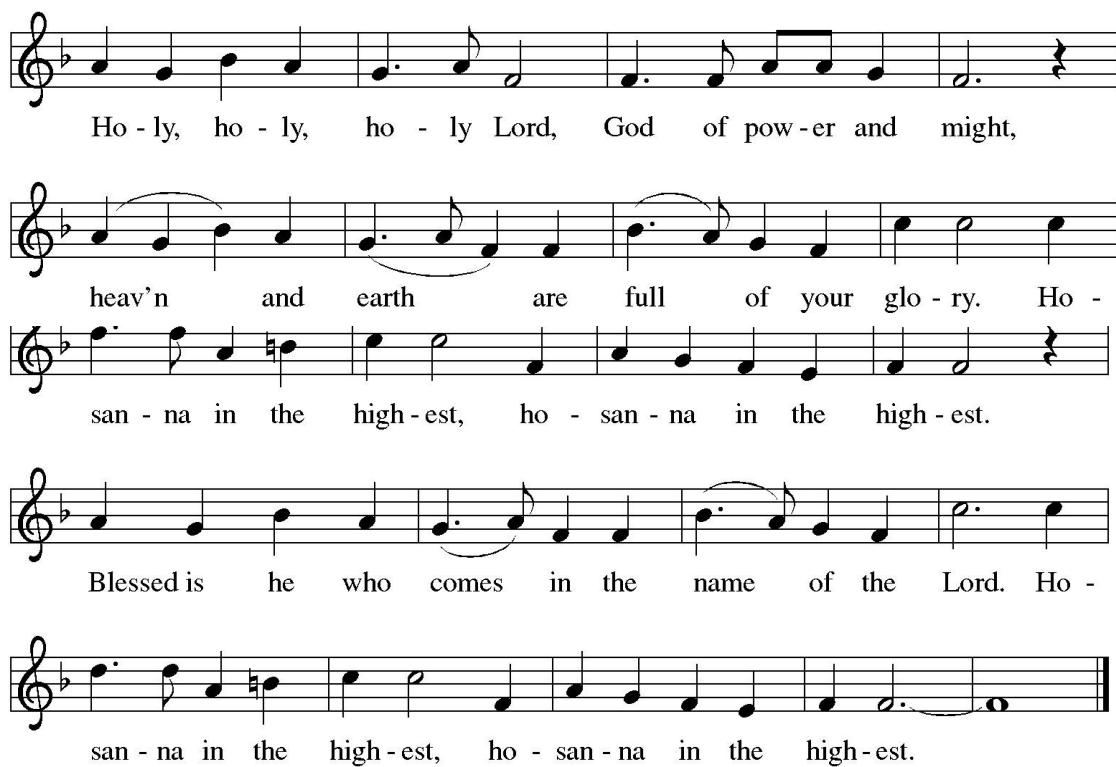
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est, 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, ho - san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

All thanks and praise are yours, O God, for in Christ you became incarnate in a human body. By your flesh we are freed from sin, death, and all that holds us captive. You have been revealed to us as one who breathes, and you breathe into us new life. With all of creation, we cry out:

Breathe on us, that we may live! (Ezekiel 37:9)

Words of Institution

Groaning in expectation with all of creation, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Breath of God, in this bread and cup you bring new life to this resilient community.

Breathe on us, that we may live!

May your Spirit intercede for us with sighs too deep for words, so that we might be made one body in Christ.

Breathe on us, that we may live!

Revive our faith, infuse us with your peace, and reveal to us your justice, so that we might

witness to the resurrection in all that we say and in all that we do.

Breathe on us, that we may live!

All thanks and praise to you, O God, Holy One and Holy Three.

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

Build a Longer Table
NOËL NOUVELET

ACS 1062

The assembly stands.

SENDING

TABLE BLESSING

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

BLESSING

Let nothing disturb you. Let nothing make you afraid. All things are passing. God alone never changes. Patience gains all things. If you have God you will want for nothing. God alone suffices. ~Teresa of Avila

May the blessing of God (+), Holy One and Holy Three, be with us today and every day, building us into a resilient community that practices justice and radical inclusion.

Amen!

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Practice resilient justice!
Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE**SERVING THE ASSEMBLY**

CRUCIFER – Mark Madler

ACOLYTES – Luke Harry and Reid Jay

LECTOR – Kathy Stevens

TORCHBEARERS – Elena and Karina Stevens

USHERS/GREETERS – Jacob and Tricia Wessler

CAMERA/LIVESTREAM – Clifford Obara

ANNOUNCEMENTS**PORT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

The Newport News homeless shelter night (PORT) that Trinity supports is coming up on Monday, February 23rd. The host church for that night is Denbigh United Presbyterian Church in Newport News. We need volunteers to prepare a chicken casserole, provide various salad items and breakfast bag items. We will also need volunteers to help prepare and serve the dinner, support guest check-in, and support guest check-out on Tuesday morning (February 24th). Copies of the casserole recipe will be in the narthex, or you can request one by email (cliffordobara@cox.net). To sign up for food donations or volunteer to work, please use the Sign-Up Genius link below or contact Cliff or Anne Obara:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4DADA72AA3FBC34-61611261-port>

Together we can make a difference to those that struggle with the basic needs of shelter and food.

RED FOOD BOX

We are looking for food donations, especially items with protein. We are also in great need of water bottles. Thank you so much to all who are so faithfully donating items for the Red Food Box!

A MESSAGE FROM THE TREASURER

Congregation Members, your 2026 offering envelope boxes are available in the library. Please note that, if your offering number was in the 200 range, that number has now been changed for 2026. Please find your envelopes by *name* rather than number.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER NEEDED

We are looking for a 3rd Sunday school teacher; please see Kathy Stevens if you are interested.

RIC

As Trinity continues to explore how poverty impacts our community and the wider world during National Poverty Awareness Month, the RIC Core Team warmly invites you to a Carpio Mission Trip Potluck Luncheon and Presentation on January 25, immediately following the worship service.

Pastor Tina and Tricia Wessler, along with members of the mission team, will share photos and stories from their September 2025 mission trip to San Jose, Costa Rica. Come hear firsthand about meaningful moments, relationships formed, and the work of caring for and learning from the people of La Carpio.

Bring a dish to share, enjoy fellowship together, and be inspired by how God is at work beyond our walls. We hope to see you there!

2025-2026 MMCS (Mildred McDaniel Concert Series) -Reformation Lutheran Church
13100 Warwick Blvd. Newport News, VA. Please visit:

<https://mmcsonline.org/2025-2026-mmcs/>

4pm Norfolk State University Choir. January 25, 2026

4pm Trio Niche Sunday, February 15, 2026.

4pm I. Sherman Greene Chorale Sunday March 15, 2026.

4pm Jae Sinnett Trio Sunday, April 26, 2026.

4pm Peninsula Concert Band with Ice Cream Social, Saturday, May 16, 2026.

A NOTE FROM THE TREASURER

The Pastor's Discretionary Fund has a variety of uses. The pastor may purchase items for Children's Chat with these funds or help an individual in the congregation who might need temporary financial assistance or even help someone outside of the congregation who is experiencing hard times but does not necessarily qualify for institutional aid. In short, these funds are used in several ways to support our mission as a church.

These funds have seen a lot of use lately and are running a bit low. If you would like to make a donation to this fund *in addition to your offering to the general fund*, simply mark it as such on your check. Your donation to the Pastor's Discretionary Fund will be appreciated almost as much as your donation to the general fund! Thank you!

PRAYER LIST

ILLNESS, SURGERY, RECOVERY, SHUT-INS – Nursing Homes/Assisted Living:
Millie Christensen, Barbara Olson; At Home: Tony Flores, Shirley Anderson, and Bonnie Carlson; Jerry Cobb, Williamsburg Landing Rehab; Virginia Hamby, Harmony on Peninsula, Room 121. Bob Sumpter, Tricia Wessler's Stepfather, requested by Tricia Wessler; Jarvis Edwards, recovering from surgery at home.

PRAYER REQUESTS: Steve Wheeler, neighbor of the Stevens, *requested by Kathy Stevens*; Ken Hoffman, may he find new employment, *requested by Ken Hoffman*; the Family of Garrett Feiner, who passed away on December 26th, *requested by Karoline Ardis*; David Nelson, Susan Piland's brother; *requested by Susan Piland*, Susan Piland; *requested by Tricia Wessler*, Family and friends of Guy Self (brother of Bob Self), *requested by Dottie Self*; Mike Cobb; *requested by his mother Sandy Cobb*, Karina Stevens's psychology teacher Jacob Lelesch; *requested by Karina Stevens*, Mary Cherry Hewett, friend of Tricia Wessler; *requested by Tricia Wessler*; Lee Owens, Grant's brother, *requested by Grant Owens*; Tom Lenahan; nephew of Sandy's cousin, *requested by Don and Sandy Sniady*, Easton Aland, Children's Hospital, *requested by Don and Sandy Sniady*; Family & Friends of Chelsea Simonsen. *requested by Kathy Stevens*; Butch Klapperich, *requested by Dee Klapperich*; Michele and Tom Leonard, *requested by Dottie Self*; Eddie Bateman & Karen Vodenichar, *requested by the Sniady Family*; Bonnie Carlson, *requested by Pastor Tina*; Blaine Pearsall, *requested by Lina Valdez*; Family and friends of Scott Campbell, *requested by Todd Recupero*; Stephanie Beauvais, *requested by Jarvis Edwards*; Mike Marshall, *requested by John and Sandy Lunsford*; Wayne Skinner, Carroll Emerson, and Judy Wagner St. Pierre, *requested by the Dail family*; Scully, Pastor Tina's dog, *requested by Tricia Wessler*; Ahlen family, *requested by Kathy Stevens*. Izzy Perez, *requested by Pastor Tina*.

THOSE WHO SERVE, MILITARY AND CIVILIAN DUTY – Garrett Mynoymany, Naval Station Great Lakes, LTJG Courtney Duff, USCG, stationed in sector New Orleans; James Fielding, Tokyo, Japan; Tyler Obara, Virginia Air National Guard, LAFB.

GATHERING HYMN

All Are Welcome

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1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safe - ly
 2 Let us build a house where proph-ets speak, and words are strong and
 3 Let us build a house where love is found in wa - ter, wine and
 4 Let us build a house where hands will reach be - yond the wood and
 5 Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and vi - sions

live, a place where saints and chil - dren tell how
 true, where all God's chil - dren dare to seek to
 wheat: a ban - quet hall on ho - ly ground where
 stone to heal and strength - en, serve and teach, and
 heard and loved and trea - sured, taught and claimed as

hearts learn to for - give. Built of hopes and dreams and
 dream God's reign a - new. Here the cross shall stand as
 peace and jus - tice meet. Here the love of God, through
 live the Word they've known. Here the out - cast and the
 words with - in the Word. Built of tears and cries and

vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love of
 wit - ness and as sym - bol of God's grace; here as one we
 Je - sus, is re - vealed in time and space; as we share in
 strang - er bear the im - age of God's face; let us bring an
 laugh - ter, prayers of faith and songs of grace, let this house pro -

Refrain

Christ shall end di - vi - sions:
 claim the faith of Je - sus:
 Christ the feast that frees us: All are wel - come,
 end to fear and dan - ger:
 claim from floor to raf - ter:

all are wel - come, all are wel - come in this place.

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950
 Music: TWO OAKS, Marty Haugen

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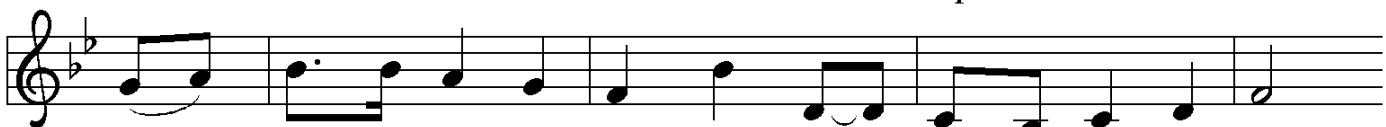
1 Let streams of liv - ing jus - tice flow down up - on the earth;
 2 For heal - ing of the na - tions, for peace that will not end,
 3 Your ci - ty's built to mu - sic; we are the stones you seek;



give free - dom's light to cap - tives, let all the poor have worth.
 for love that makes us lov - ers, God grant us grace to mend.
 your har - mo - ny is lan - guage; we are the words you speak.



The hun - gry's hands are plead - ing, the work - ers claim their rights,
 Weave our var - ied gifts to - geth - er; knit our lives as they are spun;
 Our faith we find in ser - vice, our hope in oth - ers' dreams,



the mourn - ers long for laugh - ter, the blind - ed seek for sight.
 on your loom of time en - roll us till our thread of life is run.
 our love in hand of neigh - bor; our home-land bright - ly gleams.



Make lib - er - ty a bea - con, strike down the i - ron pow'r;
 O great weav - er of our fab - ric, bind church and world in one;
 In - scribe our hearts with jus - tice; your way—the path un - tried;



a - bol - ish an - cient ven - geance: pro - claim your peo - ple's hour.
 dye our tex - ture with your ra - diance, light our col - ors with your sun.
 your truth—the heart of strang - er; your life—the Cru - ci - fied.

Text: William Whitla, b. 1934

Music: THAXTED, Gustav Holst, 1874–1934

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OFFERTORY HYMN

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

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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

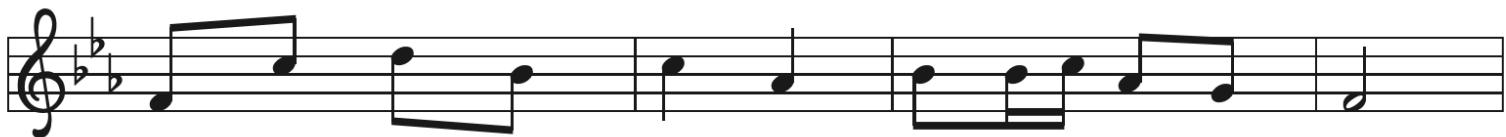
Music: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

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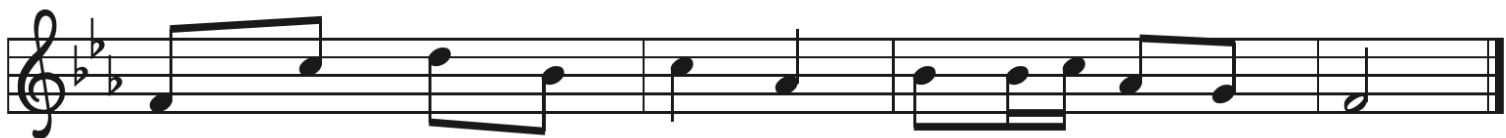
1 Build a long - er ta - ble, not a high - er wall,
 2 Build a saf - er ref - uge, not a larg - er jail;
 3 Build a broad - er door - way, not a long - er fence.
 4 When we lived as ex - iles, ref - u - gees a - broad,



feed - ing those who hun - ger, mak - ing room for all.
 where the weak find shel - ter, mer - cy will not fail.
 Love pro - tects all peo - ple, spar - ing no ex - pense.
 Christ be - came our door - way to the reign of God.



Feast - ing to - geth - er, strang - er turns to friend,
 For an - y place where jus - tice is de - nied,
 When we em - brace com - pas - sion more than fear,
 So must our ta - bles wel - come those who roam.



Christ breaks walls to piec - es; false di - vi - sions end.
 Christ will breach the jail wall, free - ing all in - side.
 Christ tears down our fenc - es: all are wel - come here.
 None can be ex - clud - ed; all must find a home.

Text: David Bjorlin, b. 1984

Music: NOËL NOUVELET, French carol

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SENDING HYMN

The Lord Now Sends Us Forth

ELW 538

En - via - do soy de Dios, mi ma - no lis - ta es - tá
 The Lord now sends us forth with hands to serve and give,
 pa - ra cons - truir con él un mun - do fra - ter - nal.
 to make of all the earth a bet - ter place to live.

Los án - ge - les no son en - via - dos a cam - biar
 The an - gels are not sent in - to our world of pain

un mun - do de do - lor por un mun - do me - jor;
 to do what we were meant to do in Je - sus' name;

me ha to - ca - do a mí ha - cer - lo rea - li - dad.
 that falls to you and me and all who are made free.

A - yú - da - me, Se - ñor, a ha - cer tu vo - lun - tad.
 Help us, O Lord, we pray, to do your will to - day.

Text: Anonymous, Central America; tr. Gerhard M. Cartford, b. 1923
 Music: ENVIADO, anonymous, Central America
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