

OUR INVITATION

Trinity Church is a member congregation of the Virginia Synod of the **Evangelical Lutheran Church In America** [ELCA], one of the world's largest Christian denominations—a *"little: church—with a BIG Idea!* Our congregation was "gathered" in 1765 by 16 German immigrants who had migrated from Pennsylvania. The building in which we worship was constructed in 1906, and is the third worship space utilized by the congregation. While our history is vital to who we are as a faith community, we focus on the future and on what God is calling us to be and to do in the *present*. We are a dynamic, growing, joyful part of the family of God - and we invite you to be a part of our journey of faith. If you're interested in uniting your heart and hands with Trinity Church, please contact the Church Office.



A "Creative Christian Community"

CONSECRATION OF PRAYER GARDEN AND COLUMBARIUM

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2016
9:30AM

Congregants gather to the rear of the Prayer Garden facing the Columbarium

Preparation for Worship

Surely the Presence of the Lord
Music by Lanny Wolfe

CHOIR

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I can hear the brush of angel's wings—I see glory on each face.
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CHOIR and CONGREGATION

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There's a holy hush around us as God's glory fills my heart.
With his joy and strength around me, I give thanks for this, my part.*

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Greeting

[P] We gather in the name of the Father, and of the Son [+], and of the Holy Spirit.
[C] Amen.
[P] The grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ; the love of God; and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all!
[C] And, also with you!

Collect

[P] You have promised, Lord, that "wherever two or more are gathered," in your name, "I am there in the midst of them." And, we bring our thanksgiving for that assurance. As we gather in this sacred space to set apart this Prayer Garden and Columbarium, may your presence infuse the brick and mortar, the marble and stone, each gift of vegetation, and all people gathered here that generations to come may sense here your grace, your peace and the promise of your resurrection as they come to pray, to remember, to refresh, and to bring to you an enduring sense of faithfulness and trust. We pray in the name of our Savior and friend, even Christ Jesus, our Lord.
[C] Amen.



The Rev. Mr. Cameron P. Keyser
Ricky Gearhart
Brenda Boldin
William Edmonson
Theresa Horn
Joe Hollis, Ralph Gregory, Bill Herrell
Jerry Rogers
Chuck Stern
Anne Vermillion
Mark Greene, Stacey Gonzales-Herrera, Carolyn Gregory, Sid Dailey, Jerry Rogers, Damion Yowell

Pastor
Choirmaster/Organist
Parish Administrator
Parish Treasurer
Housekeeper/Sexton
Trustees
Property Manager (vol.)
Vestry Chair
Vestry Vice-Chair
Vestry Members

The Rev^d Elizabeth Eaton, Presiding Bishop
Evangelical Lutheran Church In America

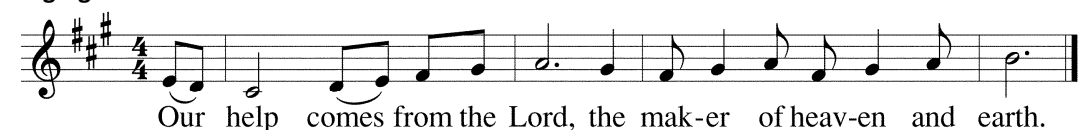
The Rev^d Dr. James Mauney, Bishop
Virginia Synod ELCA

The Rev. Martha Sims, Dean
Northern Valley Synod Conference

Psalmody

Psalm 121

Congregation



Cantor

1. I lift up my eyes to the mountains: from where shall come my help?
My help shall come from the Lord who made heaven and earth.
2. May God never allow you to stumble! Let God sleep not, your guard.
Neither sleeping nor slumbering, God, Israel's guard.
3. The Lord is your guard and your shade: and at your right side stands,
By day the sun shall not smite you nor the moon in the night.
4. The Lord will guard you from evil: God will guard your soul.
The Lord will guard your going and coming both now and for ever.
5. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

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Gospel

St. John 1:1-3

- [P] In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. The Word of the Lord.
- [C] **Thanks be to God.**

The Consecration

The Presider processes to each corner of the ground to be consecrated, making the sign of the cross upon the ground and at each of the four corners of the Columbarium.

At the Entrance Gate

- [P] May the blessing of God Eternal be upon this place and all who enter in to sanctify it and keep it holy, through Christ Jesus our Lord.
- [C] **Amen.**

At the location of the Fountain

- [P] May the blessing of the God Eternal be upon this place as the water from this fountain reminds them of their Holy Baptism into Christ and the promise of life eternal to sanctify it and keep it holy, through Christ Jesus our Lord.
- [C] **Amen.**

At the Vegetation

- [P] May the blessing of the God Eternal be upon this place, and may this glorious vegetation remind all of God's creative power still working among us birthing, nourishing, and providing for all living things.
- [C] **Amen.**

At each corner of the Columbarium

- [P] Most merciful God, we pray for all those whom we love, but see no longer. Grant them peace; let light perpetual shine upon them, and in your loving wisdom and almighty power receive them to yourself, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
- [C] **Amen.**

When the Presider has returned to the place where she or he began the procession

- [P] In the name of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, this memorial is now consecrated to be a living sign of our mortality and our sure and certain hope of resurrection through Jesus Christ our Lord.
- [C] **Even so, come Lord Jesus. Even so quickly come!**

Doxology

- [C] **Glory be to the Father; and to the Son [†]; and to the Holy Spirit.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be: world without end, Amen.**

Dismissal

- [P] We depart in God's peace.
- [C] **Thanks be to God!**

Congregation departs to the Sanctuary where worship continues