

From Ashley Landes: Dear Pastor Cam and Trinity congregation, I sincerely thank you for all your thoughts, prayers, get well cards, and visits while I was in the hospital and at Evergreen. I am truly blessed to be part of such a loving and caring congregation. It has been a long road to recovery, but I am getting stronger everyday. I really appreciate all the continued love and support you have given me. I can't wait to get better so I can return to church on Sundays and help with upcoming events.

For your convenience hand sanitizer dispensers have been placed around the building at strategic locations. One press of the button is all that's needed—using too much can dry out your hands. Moms and Dads: make sure your kids don't "dry out their hands!"

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Robert, Denny, Ashley, Carroll, Catty, Harley Jr., Jan, Carlton & Virginia, Karen, family of Art Fulton

Prayer requests may be placed in the white box (cards for writing requests are in the box) on the table with the Memorial Candles each Sunday. The Pastor will pick them up weekly at the *Peace* and include them in the Prayers of the People. If you have a longer-term request, please continue to notify the church office.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS	
	<u>Today</u>
Greeter	Bernetta Jenkins
Lector	Amy Hall
Eucharistic Assts.	Amy Hall, Mary Anderson
Acolyte/Crucifer	Michael Anderson
	<u>Next Week</u>
Greeter	Pauline Fretz
Lector	Joe Hollis
Eucharistic Assts.	Joe Hollis, Carole Pfisterer
Acolyte/Crucifer	Sarah Chichester

2/26/2017	
<u>Our Stewardship</u>	
Last week	
Offering	
Rec'd	\$3461
Required	\$4589
Deficit	\$1128
<u>Attendance</u>	
74	



The Rev. Mr. Cameron P. Keyser
 Ricky Gearhart
 Brenda Boldin
 William Edmonson
 Theresa Horn
 Joe Hollis, Ralph Gregory, Bill Herrell
 Jerry Rogers
 Mark Green
 Dan Painter
 Stacey Gonzales-Herrera, Darla Wolf, Sue Scheulen, Jerry Rogers, Damion Yowell, Mike Pyne

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

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Evangelical Lutheran Church In America

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

The Rev. Martha Sims, Dean
Northern Valley Synod Conference



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Before worship — speak to the Lord ❖ During worship — let the Lord speak to you ❖ After worship — speak to each other!

Prelude

A Prayer for Love

Eric Lincoln / Jefferson Cleveland

Opening Antiphon

- [P] People of God, on this wilderness journey, what will you eat?
- [C] **The Word of the Lord is our daily bread.**
- [P] People of God, in this time of temptation, how will you live?
- [C] **Our faith is in the faithfulness of God.**
- [P] People of God, at this kingdom crossroad, whom will you serve?
- [C] **We worship the Lord our God alone.**

Stand

Sanctus Bell

The bell is sounded three times to remind us of God's Triune Presence with us now and forever

Processional 321

Eternal Lord of Love, Behold Your Church

Confession

The Sign of the Cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism

- [P] We gather in the name of the Father, and of the Son [†], and of the Holy Spirit.
- [C] **Amen.**
- [P] Holy Lord, as we enter this Lenten season,
- [C] **you know the ways of good and evil. You know the things that tempt us and the things that give us life. You know our nakedness, and you know our sin. We confess that we have disobeyed your Word, denying your Providence and care and relying on our own cleverness. Have mercy on us, we pray: cover us with your grace, feed us with the bread of life, and re-create us in your image; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

The Absolution is omitted during Lent

Apostolic Greeting

- [P] The Grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ; the Love of God; and the Presence of the Holy Spirit be with you all!
- [C] **And also with you!**

Collect

- [P] Wild God of wilderness, as we devote these forty days to you, shape us by your Holy Spirit into the image of Christ our Lord, so that we may be ready, by your grace, to confront the power of death with the promise of eternal life.
- [C] **Amen.**

Hymn of Praise

539 red hymnal



A - bide, O dear - est Je - sus, a - mong us with your grace,
A - bide, O dear Re - deem - er, a - mong us with your word



that e - vil may not harm us nor we to sin give place.
and thus now and here - af - ter true peace and joy af - ford.

Sit

Just for Kids!

Following their special time, children may join the Nursery Attendants to share age-appropriate worship, and return at Communion

The Lessons

First Lesson

see Insert

Psalmsody

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Second Lesson

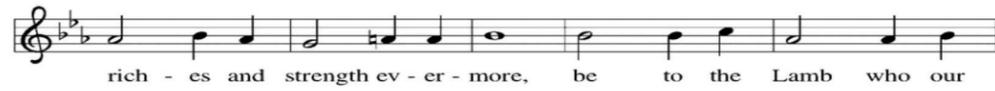
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Stand

The Gradual



Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and pow'r, wis - dom and



rich - es and strength ev - er - more, be to the Lamb who our



bat - tle has won, whose are the king - dom, the crown, and the



throne; whose are the king - dom, the crown, and the throne!

The Holy Gospel

[P] The Holy Gospel, according to St. Matthew, the fourth chapter

[C] Glory to you, O Lord.

The Gospel is read

[C] Praise to you, O Christ!

The Acclamation



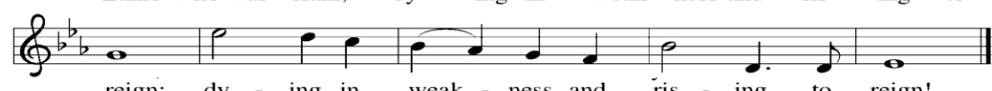
Give we the glo - ry and praise to the Lamb! Take we the



robe and the harp and the palm; sing we the song of the



Lamb who was slain, dy - ing in weak - ness and ris - ing to



reign; dy - ing in weak - ness and ris - ing to reign!

Sit

A Little Good News!

The Rev. Mr. Cameron P. Keyser

Stand

TRENDING @ TRINITY

Council members, please stop in the office *this morning* and pick up your meeting packet and read through it before Tuesday night's meeting.

Next Sunday all are invited to remain after worship for a viewing of a special video travelogue by noted travel writer Rick Steves as he tours the land of Martin Luther. This is part of the on-going celebration of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation. We will have a **potluck German meal** while we enjoy the film. So pull out the cookbooks, search "Allrecipes.com" or contact Kim Begnaud for recipes, and come have some fun!

Our Noisy Offering next week will benefit Holy Cannoli Bakery (see March newsletter for info on the bakery).

Daylight Savings Time begins at 2:00AM this coming Saturday, remember to "spring forward" before you go to bed so you don't miss worship, the movie and wonderful potluck!

Sunday, March 19 we will belatedly celebrate St. Patrick's Day with an **Irish potluck**. If you don't want to bring an Irish dish, bring a **green one**! We're flexible. Just come and enjoy.

We will be having an exciting **Congregational Envisioning** during this meal. The "new" building is complete, we've had time to settle in and let the community know we're back up and running at full speed. **Now what? Start thinking now about where you see Trinity in the next one, five and ten years.** Bring your ideas, thoughts (we'll even take half-baked ones!!) and visions and let's all share them. Council will take what they hear at this gathering and make a plan to move Trinity forward toward 2020 and beyond!

Who could argue about not having to go home and fix a complete meal two Sundays running? Two Sunday "dinners" with your church family!!

Yes, we just observed Ash Wednesday, but we are already **looking for someone to oversee the Easter Egg Hunt for the children** on Saturday, April 15th. Speak to Kim Begnaud (868-0084) if you are interested or want details. We also **need donations of candy for the Egg Hunt**. There will be a bin in the Narthex beginning next week for your contributions.

SYNOD ASSEMBLY will be **June 9-11** in Salem VA at which we will be electing a new Synodical Bishop for the first time in 16 years! Every church in the Synod sends their pastor and at least two delegates, one male, one female. If you would like to volunteer or know more about what it means to be a delegate, speak to **Pastor Cam TODAY**. Expenses are paid by Trinity.

Collecting Canned Goods! So we don't have to collect so much food at the holidays, each month we will spotlight a certain canned food item. You are asked to bring that particular item in during the month. These will be saved until Nov/Dec and used for our holiday baskets. We hope to cut back to one Food Drive this way. **March's canned good is: green beans**

CCAP Food donations continue. We want to make clear that the above mentioned canned food collection for holiday baskets in no way affects our continuous collection of all types of canned and boxed foods for CCAP. That donation bin remains in the front stairwell.

Please see Pastor Cam today if you'd serve as a **New Member Sponsor**. This is a *vital* ministry for the future of our congregation! Please let him know if you will volunteer to help—*please put it in writing, he's terrible about remembering things folks tell him on Sunday!*

Our **March Community meal** will be breaded fish filet, mac and cheese, broccoli and dessert. The sign up list is already posted in the Parish Hall.

Words of thanks: *from Robert, Larry and Debra Carbaugh*—We want to thank Pastor Cam, Ricky Gearhart and the Trinity church members for all of the prayers and concerns with the passing of Frances Carbaugh. She loved her church so much and really missed being a part of moving into the new building when it was completed. So many of you visited and sent cards and well wishes while she was in Lynn Care and she appreciated all of it. The funeral was beautiful and a wonderful tribute to her life. A big thank you to the ladies of the church for the delicious meal prepared and served afterward. Your thoughtfulness means so much to all of us. *(continued back page)*

[P] Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to boldly pray:

Lord's Prayer

[C] **Our Father, which 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 Invitation

[P] Christ has given us another commandment; that we love one another, as God has first loved us. So, come and eat: the bread of life; the cup of salvation: the gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you - and feast on him in your hearts with joy and thanksgiving.

[C] **Thanks be to God.**

Sit

*ALL are invited to the Eucharist. Come by the center aisle;; return to your seat by the side aisles.
Holy Communion can be received by Common Cup, Intinction (dipping wafer into wine), or by individual glass*

Hymns during Communion ELW 334 (vs 1-3 and Lent 1) / 329 / 471

After all have communed, Stand

The Blessing

[P] May the body and blood of our Lord, Jesus, Christ, bless us and keep us now and forever.

[C] **Amen!**

Prayer

[P] Bless, O Lord, with your Grace, the hours that lie ahead. Give us strength to meet the opportunities; faith to endure the disappointments; enthusiasm to live each day to its fullest; and enough love to share however we can. And, hear us when we pray *A Prayer for Trinity Church:*

[C] **Lord God you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown.' Give us 'faith to go out with good courage not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us, and your love supporting us, through Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

Benediction

[P] Go into the world with confidence and faith that God - who, indeed, *did* - and does *still* - "make all things beautiful" - is beside you, within you, above you, and behind you forever.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son [†], and of the Holy Spirit.

[C] **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn 624

Jesus, Still Lead On

Dismissal

[P]so, go in peace and live the good news of great joy for all people!

[C] **We will! Thanks be to God!**

Postlude

Thuma Mina South Africian Traditional

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Hymn 504

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Apostles' Creed

[C] **I believe in God the Father, almighty – creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ – God's only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried;
He descended into hell. On the third day, he rose again.
He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again 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 the People

[P] As the Lenten journey leads us to repentance and new life, we turn our hearts toward God who is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.

Sit

[P] My Lord, what a morning! The brightness of the rising sun reminds us of the brightness of your love, O Lord. As the darkness has been turned into day by the order of your Creation, so, too, has our darkness been turned to light by the gift of your loving Son, Jesus Christ – and, we give you thanks. In mercy,

[C] **Hear us, kind Lord.**

[P] Lord, you are our hiding place in times of trouble, and surround us with glad cries of deliverance. Hear us as we pray for all who are hungry—whether for power and glory or hungry for a simple meal. Show the mighty that you alone can satisfy their deepest need, and feed the poor from the abundance of your good creation. In mercy,

[C] **Hear us, kind Lord.**

[P] We pray for the Church in times of trial—whether tested by tempestuous change or tempted by safety of the status quo. Give us peace when anger and fear threaten to divide us, and challenge us when we are too comfortable in this world. In mercy,

[C] **Hear us, kind Lord.**

[P] We pray for leaders in high places—whether they are determined to help those who suffer or distant from the cries of the oppressed. Open their eyes to see your saving power at work, and open their ear to hear your prophets' calls for justice. In mercy,

[C] **Hear us, kind Lord.**

[P] Lord God, instruct us in the way we should go and let your steadfast love surround us always;

[C] **Create clean hearts in us this day, O God. Renew a right spirit in our hearts. Do not remove us from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation, and uphold us with your spirit free.**

[P] In mercy,

[C] **hear us, kind Lord,**

[P] for those who need your special touch this morning, O God:

[C] **for families - to be free from bitterness, anger and pride of self.**

[P] In mercy,

[C] **hear us, kind Lord: for those who are aged: that they may have homes of dignity and peace, understanding helpers, and an ever-deepening reassurance of your love and promise of everlasting life.**

[P] In mercy,

[C] **hear us, kind Lord: for children – that they may be grow in wisdom, stature and in favor with you – giving them the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and trust in you, and the spirit of joy in your presence.**

[P] In mercy,

[C] **hear us, kind Lord: for the nations of the world – especially those facing internal conflict or natural disaster. Strengthen those in distress; shield those in danger; heal those who have been harmed. In mercy, hear us, kind Lord.**

[P] For those we know and love who have special needs this morning:
(pastoral petitions are offered)
 And for all those we name before you now – both in our hearts, and on our lips...
(congregational petitions may be offered silently or aloud)

In mercy,

[C] **Hear us, kind Lord.**

[P] Your will, O God, not ours be done, for trusting in your mercy and providence, we commend all for whom we pray. In Christ's name.

[C] **Amen.**

Stand

The Peace

[P] The peace of the Lord be with you all!

[C] **And also with you!**

Please move about—share Christ's Love with one another!

Sit

Offering

Anthem

The fruits of our labor are joyfully shared with Christ's Church

As the Sun with Longer Journey John Earls / Carl Schalk

Trinity Choir

Stand

The Presentation

Offertory Prayer

[P] God of grace and God of glory,

[C] **We give you thanks and praise, O God, for the free and abundant gift of grace you have given us in Jesus Christ. Let the simple gifts of our lives be a sign of our unending gratitude for your undying love; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

† The Holy Eucharist †

The Great Thanksgiving

Glo - ry Lord: to you whom we adore.

[P] We give you thanks loving God of all - you have led us out of the ways of sin and death into your life - loving us ...even when we weren't very loveable. It is your presence by which we are sustained; your Holy Spirit by which we are encouraged and lead; and your salvation which we receive solely as your gift. And, we remember that:

On the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus, took bread, gave **thanks**, broke it and gave it to his friends saying, "Take and eat. This is my body broken for you. Do this...and remember me." Afterwards, he took the cup; gave **thanks**, and gave it for all to drink saying, "This cup is the new covenant between God and humankind: my blood, poured-out for the remission of sins. Take, drink and remember me."

And so, with the Church on earth, we declare the **mystery** of our faith:

(Celebrant sings first, congregation repeats)

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

[P] And with the Church on earth, and the chorus of those who live now with you on that distant sunny shore, we praise your name and join their unending hymn, singing: