

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 which celebrated 250 years last year. If you're interested in uniting your heart and hands with Trinity Church, please contact the Church Office.



Trinity Lutheran Church [ELCA]

Fairfax at Valley Pike ▪ Stephens City, Virginia
Gathered 1765

"A Creative Christian Community"
August 21, 2016 ▪ Pentecost 14-C



Thanks for worshipping with us today! We hope you'll leave refreshed — and challenged — for the week to come! At Trinity, visitors aren't only *expected*...they're *anticipated*

If you'd like more information about our congregation:

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

Welcome and Greetings!

#52 Gathering Music

See "Summer Celebration!" book in pew

Entrance Rite

- [P] In a world of pain and trouble, we need a place to heal.
- [C] **God is our rock and our fortress, our refuge and strength.**
- [P] God is our hope and our trust.
- [C] **God is our rock and our refuge.**
- [P] We come seeking deliverance: from the evils of sickness, illness, and disease.
- [C] **So, let the old and the aging, the young and the innocent, the confused and the lost, turn to the Lord in hope.**
- [P] For God is our rock and our refuge.
- [C] **Thanks be to God!**

Stand

Sanctus Bell

Confession and Absolution

- [P] God knows us better than we know ourselves. There is nothing we have done, or left undone, that is not already known by God. So, come with confidence to be fully ourselves so that we can be fully forgiven...
God of life,
- [C] **You come to us as the One who has known us even before time. You promise us a kingdom that cannot be shaken, and call us to serve you with praise and thanksgiving. But we forget, and yield to fear. We trust in the tangible rewards of this world, and neglect your promises. We confess that we are a divided people: fostering separations and widening rifts in our families, our communities, and in the world. We have not offered food to the hungry or satisfied the needs of the afflicted. We have spoken evil of others and pointed fingers in blame. We have turned away from you and our community, pursuing instead our own self-interests. You long to set us free from bondage so that we may serve you in perfect freedom: forgiving the ways in which we have been unable to stand in your freedom this day. Parched for mercy, we cry out for your help. Open us to your healing. Free us from all that distances us from your presence. Give us your grace and inspire us to serve you with courage, justice and love. Amen.**
- [P] God rejoices in our longing for wholeness. So, give thanks that we have been known and forgiven - set free to live the resurrected life of faith. In the waters of Baptism we received abundant mercy, flowing like a spring that never runs dry. Forgiven and freed, we are forgiven, to begin anew once more.
- [C] **Thanks be to God!**

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Today (August 21)

Greeter Carolyn Perry
Lector Sue Schuelen
Eucharistic Assts. Carole Pfisterer, Sue Schuelen
Acolyte/Crucifer Michael Perry

Next Week (August 28)

Greeters Monica Lambert
Lector Dorrie Greene
Eucharistic Assts. Hilda Painter, Mike Lambert
Acolyte/Crucifer Mark & Cooper Greene

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Martha; Bernie & Diane; Cody;
Lonnie & Clarissa; Charlie & Louise;
Robert & Frances; Wayne; Joe; Jeff;
Winston

**To add a name to the prayer list
please contact the church office**

Our Stewardship

August 14, 2016

Received \$3294
Required \$4619
Deficit \$1325

Noisy Offering (Win. Rescue Mission) \$100.50

Our Attendance

77



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

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] God of healing and reconciliation, you free us from our burdens and promise us safety and refuge. Help us to trust in your power, that we may praise you without qualification and rejoice in the power of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Open our hearts to helping those most in need, that our community and nation may be rebuilt and restored.

[C] **Amen.**

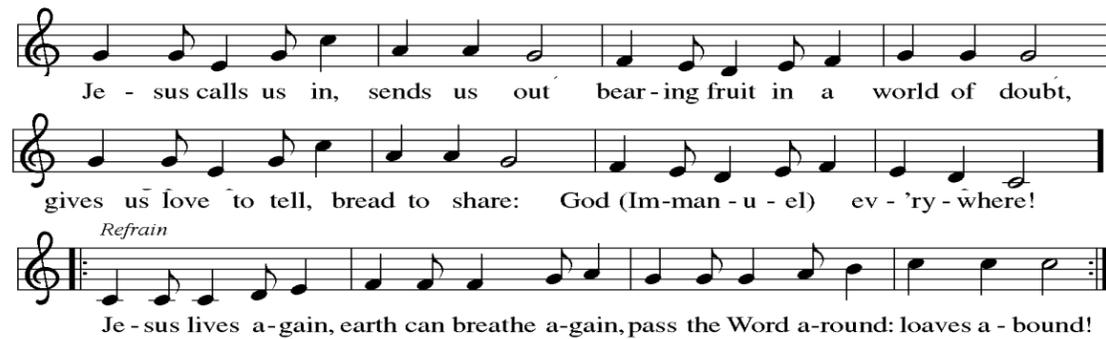
Sit

Just for Kids!

Children's Procession

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

Children are invited to follow the Crucifer to the Nursery. They'll return in time for The Eucharist

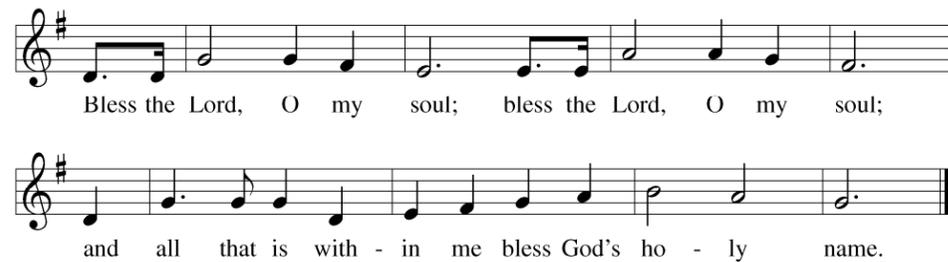


Je - sus calls us in, sends us out bear-ing fruit in a world of doubt,
gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Im-man - u - el) ev - 'ry - where!
Refrain
Je - sus lives a - gain, earth can breathe a - gain, pass the Word a - round: loaves a - bound!

First Lesson

The Psalmody *Congregational Refrain*

See Insert



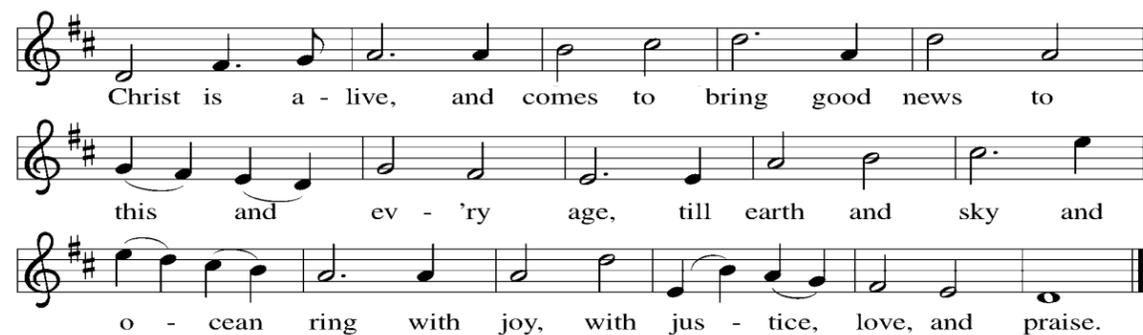
Bless the Lord, O my soul; bless the Lord, O my soul;
and all that is with - in me bless God's ho - ly name.

Second Lesson

Stand

See Insert

The Gradual



Christ is a - live, and comes to bring good news to
this and ev - 'ry age, till earth and sky and
o - cean ring with joy, with jus - tice, love, and praise.

Trending at Trinity

Our Community Meal is August 31. Sign up list is in the Parish Hall for those willing to help provide a portion of the meal. Menu this month is: subs, assorted salads and dessert.

Wouldn't you like to make a living gift to Trinity? We are looking for donors for the landscaping to our columbarium. There is a sign up list in the Narthex of desired items. Donors will have a brick inscribed with their name and donation in the garden.

Looking for 2 energetic, lively young adults (age 19-45) interested in coordinating one young adult *GroundBreakers* group. One would be in charge of planning and scheduling "ministry" activities (shut-in visits, card ministry, sympathy baskets/meal ministry, etc.) The other would line up all the outside fellowship activities (wine tastings, camping, bowling, etc). Both would serve as co-coordinators of the group. If you can, see **Pr. Cam**.

Chrismon workshop this Saturday at 10AM! Christine Cornwell has been kind enough to offer to lead a Chrismon workshop for those wishing to make their own, or help repair the church's ornaments. Please bring : pliers, a towel, small sharp pointed scissors and a small hole puncher.



Youth ages 13-20: Have we got a group for you! Meet with Lynn Downs in Room 203 (the one with the couches!) at 10:45 on **Sunday, September 18** (put it on your calendar). There'll be food! We'll talk about where we want to go and how to get there. This is *your* group, so come and make *your voice heard!*

Next Sunday following worship there will be a **planning meeting** for all events until the end of the year. If you are interested in helping with things like the Fall Festival, Veteran's Day Pancake meal, Food Drives, etc... join us!

Pastor Cam will be offering an **inquirer's class** September 18 at 11:15AM. New members will be received on Sept. 29. Please speak to Pastor Cam if you plan to attend.



Mark your calendar for Saturday Oct 1. We will have a special Fall Festival and Blessing of the Animals.

Pastor Cam is *still* looking for your *spooky Stephens City stories*. He'd like to put together a Ghost walk of sorts in the fall to benefit Stone House, as a way of saying thank you to them for all they do for us throughout the year (use of their property for Easter Egg Hunt, petting zoo, etc.). Do you know any family stories or tales of ghosts or legends of Stephens City that we can use? Email them to cameronkeyser@gmail.com or jot them down and bring them to the church office.

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.

*All Christians - regardless your denomination - are invited to the Eucharist
Come by the center aisle, receive by Common Cup, intinction, or individual glass
Return to your seat by the side*

Hymns ELW 614 / 623 / 751

*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 of Thanksgiving

- [P] We give you thanks, O God, that you have refreshed our souls through these gifts of bread and wine by your promised presence in, with and under it all. Strengthen us through these gifts to a deeper faithfulness to you, a renewed spirit to serve others, and hear us as we share 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 Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

Benediction

- [P] Go forth into the world rejoicing, seeking those who feel unknown and forgotten.
Be strengthened in your faith, and trust in the kingdom that cannot be shaken.
And, may the blessing of God sustain you; the peace of God protect you; and the hope of God encourage you.
In the name of the Father, and of the Son [†], and of the Holy Spirit.

[C] Amen.

ELW 632 **Recessional**

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

Dismissal

- [P] ..Go in peace—to love and serve the Lord!
[C] **We will! Thanks be to God!**

Postlude

Andante

J. H. Rinck (1770-1846)

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The Holy Gospel

See Insert

- [P] The Holy Gospel, according to St. Luke the thirteenth chapter.
[C] **Glory to you, O Lord.**
[P] May the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable to you, O Lord, our rock and our redeemer.
[C] **Amen.**
- The Gospel is read**
- [P] The Gospel of the Lord!
[C] **Praise to you, O Christ. Amen.**

Sit

A Little Good News!

The Rev^d Mr. Cameron P. Keyser

Stand

ELW 627 **Hymn of the Day**

O Day Full of Grace

A Statement of Faith

- [P] We believe
[C] **in God the Father, infinite in wisdom, power and love, whose mercy is over all his works, and whose will is ever directed to his children's good.**
We believe in Jesus Christ, Son of God and Son of man, the gift of the Father's unfailing grace, the ground of our hope, and the promise of our deliverance from sin and death.
We believe in the Holy Spirit as the divine presence in our lives, whereby we are kept in perpetual remembrance of the truth of Christ, and find strength and help in time of need.
We believe that this faith should manifest itself in the service of love as set forth in the example of our blessed Lord, to the end that the kingdom of God may come upon the earth. Amen.

Prayers of the People

- [P] Almighty God, you know us better than we know ourselves. Hear us as we pray for the Church, the world, and for all people according to their need...

Sit

- [P] God of life and love, we come to this new day refreshed from the refuge of sleep and rest. Sustain us in the coming hours, that we might be inspired to be your witness in the world. Lord of new possibilities,
[C] **Hear our prayer.**
[P] We lay our hectic lives on the altar before you today. Summer's warmth and rest are almost gone, and our minds are turning to times ahead: school, crops and harvests...politicians are plotting elections, and stores are already thinking about the holidays to come. As we bow our heads before you, help us put aside today's concerns and tomorrow's fears – if only for a while - that we may worship and revel in your presence today. Lord of new possibilities,
[C] **Hear our prayer.**
[P] By your Word, give us wisdom, by your Spirit, grant us healing, and set us free to serve you with love. Hear us as we share the concerns of our lives, praying for your holy Church. Make us humble in our service and generous with our invitations to the outcast. May all with whom we come into contact see, feel, and know – by the living of our lives – the forgiveness, acceptance, grace and hope given to all so freely through Christ. Lord of new possibilities,
[C] **Hear our prayer.**
[P] We pray for the needs of the world: for peace with justice among nations, religions, and people; for those suffering in places torn by war and natural disasters; and for those who are bent over by oppression whatever nation they call home. Spur leaders to forgo the honor and privileges of power and to address the concerns of the poor and those burdened by suffering: those who are homeless; those in mental distress; those in nursing homes – who have none to care for them; for those living with long-term illness who are longing for relief; for all in need of healing: those who are sick, those whose strength is failing and eyesight waning; those who seek and need a deeper sense of your presence, especially...*(pastoral petitions are offered)*

Lord of new possibilities,
[C] Hear our prayer.
 [P] for those special needs only the two of us know – and which we lift to you now...
(congregational petitions may be offered aloud)
 Lord of new possibilities,
[C] Hear our prayer.
 [P] From cancer, AIDS, and heart disease—
[C] Lord, set us free!
 [P] From diabetes, Alzheimer's, and Parkinson's—
[C] Lord, set us free!
 [P] From multiple sclerosis, ALS, birth defects, chemical dependency, and depression—
[C] Lord, set us free!
 [P] Through modern medicine and the miracles of science—
[C] Lord, set us free!
 [P] And through your healing touch, bless our lives, as only you can bless—and
[C] Lord, set us free!
 [P] Lord of new possibilities,
[C] Hear our prayer...
 [P] for “Millennials” and “X-ers,” and “Baby Boomers...” – that we may all know of your peaceable kingdom. Lord of new possibilities,
[C] Hear our prayer.
 [P] And, Lord and keeper of our days, as the evening approaches, give us your rest this coming night. Release from us the burdens of the day, and awaken us, in praise and thanksgiving, refreshed for your service at the dawn. Lord of new possibilities,
[C] Hear our prayer.
 [P] For it is into your hands we leave all our burdens – assured of your peace and your providence, through Christ. Our Lord.
[C] Amen.

Peace

[P] May Christ's peace be with you all!
[C] And, also, with you!

Please feel free to move about and share Christ's Peace with one another!

Sit

Offering

Offertory *Seek Ye First* Traditional *The fruits of our labor are joyfully shared with Christ's Church* Hannah and Sarah Chichester

Stand

The Presentation

Al - le - lu - ia, song of glad - ness, voice of joy that can - not die;
 In our hymns we pray with long - ing: Grant us, bless - ed Trin - i - ty,
 al - le - lu - ia is the an - them ev - er dear to choirs on high;
 at the last to keep glad Eas - ter with the faith - ful saints on high;
 in the house of God a - bid - ing thus they sing e - ter - nal - ly.
 there to you for - ev - er sing - ing al - le - lu - ia joy - ful - ly.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

[P] Loving God, inspired by the knowledge of your love, and giving thanks for the gifts you offer us each day, we pray that these offerings and our lives - that both may show forth the wondrous healing of your love in the world.
[C] Amen.

† **The Holy Eucharist** †

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And** al - so 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 him thanks and praise.

[P] It is indeed right and salutary that we should—at all times and in all places give thanks to the Lord, our God, for

On the night in which he was betrayed, Jesus took bread, gave **thanks**, broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: *Take and eat: this is my body given for you. Do this and remember me.*

After supper he took the cup; gave **thanks**, and gave it for all to drink, saying:

*This is my blood of the new covenant which brings new **life**. Drink from this all of you, and, when you do, remember me.*

For as often as we eat of this Bread and drink from this Cup, we remember the Lord's death—until he comes, declaring the mystery of our faith:

Celebrant sings first; Congregation repeats:

Christ has died. Christ is ris-en. Christ will come, come a-gain.

Lord's Prayer

[P] Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:
 Our father,
[C] who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name. Thy Kingdom, come; thy Will be done on earth – as it is in heaven.
Give us, today, 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] Alleluia! Christ is our sacrifice. Therefore, let us keep the feast—for Christ has given us a new commandment: that we love one another as he 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

The Distribution