

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. Our congregation was "gathered" in 1765 by 16 German immigrants who had migrated from Pennsylvania. The building in which we worship (810 Fairfax—currently under renovation) 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 is now in its 252nd year. **If you're interested in uniting your heart and hands with Trinity Church, please speak with the Pastor.** Inquirer's classes are scheduled throughout the year to support our mission of

"RECAPTURING OUR *PAST*...RESHAPING OUR *FUTURE*"

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Today
Greeter Maxine Rogers
Lector Darla Wolf
Eucharistic Assts. Darla Wolf, Tammy Craun
Acolyte/Crucifer Cody & Will Wolf

Next Week
Greeter Nancy Huffman
Lector Nancy Huffman
Eucharistic Assts. Sue Scheulen, Amy Hall
Acolyte/Crucifer Becca Hall

Our Stewardship
Last week
Offering
 Rec'd \$3099
 Required \$4589
 Deficit \$1490

Attendance
 9:30: 94
 5:00: 31



The Rev. Mr. Cameron P. Keyser
 Ricky Gearhart
 Brenda Boldin
 William Edmonson
 Theresa Horn
 Joe Hollis, Ralph Gregory, Bill Herrell
 Jerry Rogers
 Mark Greene
 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/Council Chair
 Vestry/Council Vice-Chair
 Vestry Members

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

The Rev^d Bob Humphrey, Bishop
Virginia Synod ELCA

The Rev. Martha Sims, Dean
Northern Valley Synod Conference

Advent Two

December 10, 2017

9:30am

TRINITY CHURCH

ELCA Lutheran
 Stephens City, Virginia
 Gathered 1765

"A Creative Christian Community"

Welcome

The Confession is omitted during Advent

Prelude

Voluntary

V. Rathgeber (1682-1750)

Stand

Opening Antiphon

[P] A voice cries in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord; make God's way clear...
 [C] **Lift up every valley; lower every mountain.**
 [C] And, the glory of the Lord shall be revealed."

Sanctus Bell

Reminding us of God's Triune Presence with us, now and forever

264 Processional

Prepare the Royal Highway

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

The Bethlehem/Love Candle – Darla Wolf

[R] The prophet Isaiah declares the vision of God's 'Peaceable Kingdom' to be ushered-in by the reign of Christ: "The wolf shall live with the lamb; the leopard shall lie down with the kid; the calf and lion and the fatling together—and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the adder's den—for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea."
 [C] **Our peace comes from God who became one of us in Jesus.**
 [P] And we wait for God's Kyrotic time and light candles of Hope and Peace, walking in the Light of the Lord.

The Second Candle of Advent is lit

O come, O Wis - dom from on high, em - brac - ing all things
 far and nigh: in strength and beau - ty come and stay;
 teach us your will and guide our way. *Refrain* Re joice Re joice
 Em - man - u - el shall come to you, O Is - ra - el.

Apostolic Greeting

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

The Collect

[P] Loving God, you sent your prophet John to prepare your way among us, to call us to repentance and make our pathways straight. Strengthen us to live lives of steadfast love and faithfulness as we await the Messiah's return, that all may see your reign of peace through your just and gracious rule.
 [C] **Amen.**

Canticle of Thanksgiving

He comes the pris - oners to re - lease, in Sa - tan's
bond - age held: the gates of brass be -
fore him burst, the i - ron fet - ters yield.

Sit
Just 4 Kidz! *The Noisy offering benefits the Newtown History Center*
As the Crucifer leads the children to Children's Church, returning at The Eucharist, we sing

Oh, see in the man - ger, in hal - low - ed light
a star throws its beam on this ho - li - est sight.
In clean swad-dling clothes lies the heav - en - ly Child,
more love - ly than an - gels, this Ba - by so mild.

The First Lesson

See Insert

The Psalmody

See Insert

The Second Lesson

See Insert

Stand
The Gradual

Shep-herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why your joy - ous strains pro - long?
What the glad - some tid - ings be which in - spire your heav'n - ly song?
Refrain
Glo - ri - a
in ex - cel - sis De - o; glo - ri - a
in ex - cel - sis De - o.

The Holy Gospel

[P] The Holy Gospel, according to St. Mark, the First Chapter
[C] **Glory to you, O Lord.**

The Gospel is Read

[P] The Gospel of the Lord!
[C] Praise to you, O Christ.

Sit

TRENDING @ TRINITY

Visitors: we are glad you have chosen to be in worship with us this morning. *Please*, take a brief moment to complete one of the Visitor info cards in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate this morning. We'd like to get to know you.

The flowers on the altar this morning are given to the glory of God by Ralph and Carolyn Gregory in memory of their parents.

Please remain after worship for our **Annual meeting**. We will elect Vestry members and vote on the 2018 budget, review the Synod approved constitutional and by law revisions and vote on a proposal on Trinity's Forwarding Faith gift to the Synod.

Evensong Concert Series Today at 5PM, Jeffrey Alban, Music Director /Organist from St John the Baptist Roman Catholic Church in Front Royal will be with us. *Next Sunday*, a trio consisting of flute, violin and cello will be the evening recital. Heather Butler owner of the Newtown Music Center is the violinist and spokesperson for the group. The recital lasts approximately 20 minutes and is followed by a half hour evening service with Eucharist.

Plan now! Sunday, December 31 is the last day for all donations to be designated for the 2017 tax year.

Reminder for those who purchased tickets: LCW Christmas gathering is **5:30PM, Tuesday December 14.**

The Vision's Christmas party, planned for December 16 has been changed to following worship on the 17th.

We continue collecting scarves for our homeless ministry. There's a box in the Narthex for your donations, which will be hung on our fence with a "need one, take one" invitation.

January newsletter deadline is Thursday, December 14 due to the holidays. Thank you!

Inquirer's Class: Are you new to Trinity? Thinking about joining? Plan to meet with Pastor Cam at 11:15am Sunday, January 7 in the Reception Room (outside the administrative offices, to the right as you come in the exterior doors). We will receive new members on January 14. It would be helpful, if you plan to attend the class to let the Pastor or church office (849-4019; trinitychurch@gmail.com) know ahead of time.

Body, Mind, Soul exercise class is taking a break until January. Anyone interested in participating in the new year, speak to Nicole Legare. (nlegare@powerwellness.com)

ELCA Good Gifts make great Christmas presents. A present of a variety of animals may be the perfect gift for the hard to please person(s) on your list. An animal can make a world of difference for a family in need. With one gift, you can help a family escape the cycle of hunger and poverty for good. See Vickie Hollis to purchase.

Farmer's Market Coffee from Lutheran World Relief is available for purchase: see, or call Vickie Hollis (869-4373).

A word of thanks from Ralph Gregory for the cards, calls, visits and the quilt during his recent hospitalization.

Thank you everyone for faithfully contributing throughout the year to our monthly collection. We continue on with the collection in order to complete the menu: **December is spaghetti sauce.** *And yes*, come January we will start all over again. **And, remember the CCAP donation bin is always in the front stairwell for your donations.**

The church office will be closed December 25-January 1.

Christmas Eve Worship
Sunday, December 24
9:30am—Family and Children's Eucharist
11pm—Festival Candlelight Eucharist

Stand
The Blessing

[P] May the Body and Blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ, strengthen us, and keep us in his Grace!
[C] Amen.

Advent Acclamation

C O, thank the Lord and sing his praise; what he has done pro -claim!
Let all who seek the Lord re—joice and proud -ly bear his Name!
Lord, let your ser—vants go in peace your Word has been ful-filled.
O, tid -ings of com - fort and Joy, com-fort and
Joy! O, tid - -ngs of com- fort and Joy!

Prayer of Thanksgiving

[P] We give you thanks, Lord, that in the coming of Christ your steadfast Love and Faithfulness have met and your righteousness and Peace have kissed. May the gifts we offer this day lift up those in need and prepare the way of your salvation in our hearts and through our lives.
[C] Amen.

The Benediction

[P] The Day of the Lord is coming - therefore strive to live in peace, for God’s salvation is near. May faithfulness spring up from the ground and righteousness look down from heaven as you walk in the way of peace, and may the blessing of God, Eternal Majesty, Living Word [†] and Holy Comforter, be with you now and always.
[C] Amen.

437 Recessional

“On Jordan’s Stormy Bank I Stand”

Sending

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

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Remember in Prayer

Katty, Robert, Carlton, Virginia, Louise, Mike, Jeff, Pamela, Vic, BJ

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.

A Little ‘Good News!’

Pastor Keyser

Stand
266 Hymn for the Day

All Earth Is Hopeful

A Statement of Faith

[P] We are not alone: we live in God's world – so we can confess with assurance the depth of our faith... We believe
[C] **in God who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus - the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God.**
We are called to be the Church: to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in Creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus— crucified and risen, our judge and our hope.
[P] In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone.
[C] **Thanks be to God.**

- A New Creed- The United Church of Canada

The Prayers of The People

[P] We come to pray that God will send the Holy Spirit to speak peace to our hearts, and that the Good News of Christ’s New Age may be proclaimed through God’s Word, as we pray for the Church, the world, and all people – according to their need...

Sit

[P] Lord, how we love this season of new beginnings - the opportunity to turn toward you and start over...again. Give us the courage and insight to be messengers of your Good News to all we meet bringing a leveling influence along the way, as we seek to be one with you in smoothing the rough places that tatter and fray all of life, Lord,

[C] **hear our prayer.**

[P] God of Eternity, you have created one human family to live in righteousness and peace. Give us the wisdom to order our common life according to your loving purposes, that your glory may be revealed and all people shall see it together. Lord,

[C] **hear our prayer:**

[P] for your Church: to whom you have given us the gift of the Messiah so that we may be steadfast and true. Give us strength to follow your Son until all have come to repentance and are reconciled by his Love. Lord,

[C] **hear our prayer:**

[P] for those who are sick, who suffer need, who are exiled or in danger, especially for those whose needs we know...
(pastoral petitions are offered)

You have made us for a holy purpose: to comfort and care for each other. Give us compassion to love our neighbor and patience to care for those in need – especially those we name before you both in our hearts and on our lips...*(congregational petitions are offered – aloud or in silence)*

Lord,

[C] **hear our prayer:**

[P] for your Creation. Your faithfulness springs up, and your goodness looks down on each of us. Rid us of the laziness and greed that diminish life as you teach us to better care for your creation together. Lord,

[C] **hear our prayer:**

[P] as we remember those who have died – and those they have left behind. We know that one day in your Presence is like a thousand years - and a thousand years are like one day. Your timelessness makes us – even now - one with all the saints who have found their eternal rest in you. Connect our hurting hearts to their peace and calm, reminding us of your Providence over all. Lord,

[C] **hear our prayer.**

[P] And as evening falls, we give our thanks for the comfort and rescue you have so freely given. Where we have flourished, we give you thanks; where we have erred, we will ask your forgiveness – that you will protect us through the night as we rest in your realm of peace and hope. Lord,

[C] **hear our prayer.**

[P] For it is into your hands we commend all for who we pray – trusting in your Mercy, through your Son, our savior and our friend – even Jesus Christ.

[C] **Amen.**

The Peace

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

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

Please share a Greeting with those around you

Sit

The Offering

Anthem

Our gifts to God's Kingdom are joyfully and hopefully given
Emmanuel Soon Will Appear Price / Besig Trinity Choir

Stand

The Presentation

People, Look East!

Peo - ple, look east. The time is near of the crown - ing
Fur - rows, be glad. Though earth is bare, one more seed is
of the year. Make your house fair as you are a - ble,
plant - ed there. Give up your strength the seed to nour - ish.
trim the hearth and set the ta - ble. Peo - ple, look
that in course the flow'r may flour - ish. Peo - ple, look
east, and sing to - day— Love, the Guest, is on the way.
east, and sing to - day— Love, the Rose, is on the way.

Offertory Prayer

[P] We give you thanks, Lord, that in the coming of Christ your steadfast Love and Faithfulness have met and your righteousness and Peace have kissed. May the gifts we offer this day lift up those in need and prepare the way of your salvation in our hearts and through our lives.

[C] **Amen.**

† THE HOLY EUCHARIST †

The Great Thanksgiving

[P] Great Deliverer, how wondrous are your deeds! You created the world and all that is in it. With a mighty arm you parted the waters and led your people to liberation. When we were in exile, you gathered us up in your bosom and led us home like a mother sheep. When we were mistreating our own, you sent prophets to set us right. You pulled down the arrogant and lifted up the weak. And when the time was right, you sent Jesus to set us free. Now send us again your life-giving Spirit and recharge your promise within us, for we are eagerly awaiting our Savior to come again from heaven.

P When we lift up our hearts, **C It's to God that we sing**
P With thanks- giv - ing and hope for the News that he brings:
C It is right and de - light - ful our joy to so bring
P As the man - ger in Beth - le - hem **C wel - comes our King.**

[P] So with gratitude and expectation we remember that Jesus took bread, **blessed**, broke, and gave it to his disciples, saying, This is my body, given for you.

So also we remember that Jesus took the cup, and giving **thanks** said, This is the new covenant of Love and Grace poured out for you and for many. Do this in remembrance of me.

Now, as we wait for him to come again, O God, stir up your power and restore us by sending your Holy Spirit to infuse us with hope in the great mystery of our faith:

Memorial Acclamation

Christ has died; Christ has ris-en; Christ will come a- gain

[P] All glory and honor are yours, eternal God, through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

[C] **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

[P] Lord, remember us in your Kingdom, and teach us to pray—in song—as you once taught us:

C Our Fa- ther, Lord, on heav'n's high throne most ho - ly be your Name
Yours is the King - dom, un - to you in grate - ful love we come.
Your King- dom, come, your will be done; on earth, in heav'n the same.
And in your po- w'r, and glo - ry see: your gift of end - less Love!
Give us this da-y the food we need; for- giv - en may we be.
The glor - y you -rs; your praise be sung by an - gel ho-sts and men
In -to temp - ta - tion do not lead, from e- vil set us free!
In ev' -ry land, by ev' - ry tongue For- ev - er more! A - men!

The Fraction and Invitation

[P] Alleluia! Christ, the Lamb is sacrificed for us!

[C] **So, let us keep the Feast!**

[P] Christ has given us a new Commandment: that *we love one another as he 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 by faith with thanksgiving.

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

The Distribution

ALL Christians are invited to share in The Eucharist Communion is offered by Common Cup, Intinction or Individual Glass. If you desire only a Blessing, please fold your arms across your chest. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request to Celebrant

Hymns to be sung during Communion: ELW 263 / 262 / 476