

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.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

<u>Today</u>	
Greeter	Dan and Hilda Painter
Lector	Dan Painter
Eucharistic Assts.	Mary Anderson Hilda Painter
Acolyte/Crucifer	Michael Perry
<u>Next Week</u>	
Greeter	Odie Whittington
Lector	Sue Scheulen
Eucharistic Assts.	Mary Anderson, Sue Scheulen
Acolyte/Crucifer	Will & Cody Wolf

01/07/2018

Our Stewardship

Last week

Offering

Rec'd	\$3005
Required	\$4808
Deficit	\$1803

Attendance

67

Remember in Prayer

Katty, Robert, Carlton, Virginia, Louise, David, Mike Nancy, Page, Sarah

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.



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
 Darla Wolf, Sue Scheulen, Jerry Rogers, Sarah Chichester, Mike Pyne, Tracey Legare

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^d James Mauney
Bishop Emeritus

The Rev^d. 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 v After worship — speak to each other

AT TRINITY, VISITORS AREN'T ONLY EXPECTED...THEY'RE ANTICIPATED!

Welcome!

Synod Greetings

Bishop Humphrey

Prelude

All Glory be to God on High

Heinrich Rinck (1770-1846)

Opening Antiphon

[P] The one who calls you together this day yearns for each of us, and for all people, to hear and be blessed.

[C] **Speak, Lord, for your servants are listening.**

[P] Blessed is the One who comes bringing trustworthy words for the healing of the world.

[C] **Speak, Lord, for your servants are listening.**

[P] Blessed be the Lord, our God: the rock of our salvation!

Stand as Sanctus Bell is sounded three times

Processional 513 Leader: Choir; All: Congregation

Listen, God Is Calling

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!**

The Collect

[P] You invite us, O God, to live in your ways, and you give us to each other to know and to love as we journey in this life. Show us your will for all creation. Help us to sense your urgings with prayerful hearts so that we may honor what you have made, in the name of the holy Trinity, one God, now and forever.

[C] **Amen.**

Confession and Absolution

Bishop Humphrey

[B] *Assured that the One who calls us already knows the confessions of our hearts and is ready to forgive, let us confess our sin before God and before one another...Holy God,*

[C] **you see into each of us and know us fully - as creatures in need of your constant care. We confess that we have both failed heard your Word and to follow your Will.**

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We have failed our nation, neighbors, families, friends, and, even ourselves. Give us ears to hear your wisdom, and lead us to honesty and faith so that we may begin again with renewed strength; in Jesus' name. Amen.

[B] God knows the hearts of those who seek forgiveness, and by grace you have been saved. Your sins are no more. You have been made clean. God strengthens you with freedom through the Holy Spirit, and in Christ's Name you are forgiven.

[C] Thanks be to God!

Reception of New Members

See Bulletin Insert

Sit

Just 4 Kidz! Children's time is omitted for time conservation this morning. As children leave Children's Church (to return at The Eucharist) we sing:

Children's Procession

Jesus loves me—this, I know: for the Bible tells me so.

Little ones to him belong. They are weak, but he is strong!

Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! - the Bible tells me so.

First Lesson

See Bulletin Insert

Psalmody (sung responsively)

See Bulletin Insert

Second Lesson

See Bulletin Insert

Stand

The Gradual



When peace like a riv - er at - tend - eth my way, when
sor - rows like sea bil - lows roll, what - ev - er my lot, thou hast
taught me to say, it is well, it is well with my soul.
It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.

The Holy Gospel

[P] The Holy Gospel according to St. John the first chapter.

[C] **Glory to you, O Lord!**

The Gospel is read

[P] The Gospel of the Lord.

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

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.

Today, we welcome The Rev. Bob Humphrey, Bishop of the Virginia Synod of the ELCA. Bishop Humphrey was formerly copastor of Muhlenberg Lutheran Church, Harrisonburg, VA. He had previously served as pastor of Grace Lutheran Church, in Waynesboro, VA, from 1990 to 2010 and Zion Lutheran Church, in Waynesboro, VA, from 1981 to 1988. He also served as a counselor at Valley Pastoral Counseling Center, in Waynesboro, VA, from 1989 to 1990. Bishop Humphrey graduated from The University of Richmond with a Bachelor of Arts double major in History and Political Science in 1977 and from Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary with a Master of Divinity in 1981. He interned at Hothorpe Hall in England in 1979-80. He also enjoyed post-graduate studies in Counseling at The University of Virginia from 1989-90. Over the years he has also served in a variety of civic and church leadership roles. He and his wife Barbra love spending time with family: their daughter, son-in-law, and grandchildren are amazing! They like to read, especially good mysteries, are fans of British TV shows. He is a lifelong fan and stockholder of the Green Bay Packers. Barbra is a wonderful cook and they enjoy good food and love traveling.

We also welcome Ken Cibroski and Grace Luciani as new members of Trinity's ministry.

Ken is self-employed— he loves working! He also enjoys landscaping. He and his wife Robin live in Winchester.

Grace transfers to Trinity from Grace Lutheran, Winchester. She enjoys reading, live concerts, all kinds of movies and playing cards.

Please join us for a Reception recognizing all our honorees this morning in the Parish Hall

Our special thanks to Ricky Gearhart, the Trinity choir and the special children's choir lead by Ricky and Kathy Carroll: Sophie Barna, Jacob Carroll, Cooper Greene, Maddie Koontz, Ryland Ortiz, Ben Perritt, Hannah Perritt, and Rylee Scheulen.

There are still 2018 offering envelopes in the Parish Hall, please pick up yours this morning. If you see a set belonging to a friend or neighbor, please take it to them.

New Year! Resolutions? Are you thinking about getting in shape, or just becoming a little more flexible? The Body, Mind and Soul exercise class is back in session! Class begins at 10:30AM. If you wonder if this is the class for you, speak to Nicole Legare—she's in the Nursery most every Sunday looking after our youngest members. (nlegare@powerwellness.com)

The congregation is invited to witness the marriage of Sarah Chichester and Christian Downs on Sunday, **January 21** at 4PM, at Trinity. A reception for the congregation to express their congratulations will be held the following **Sunday, January 28**, after worship.

Our monthly canned good collection for holiday baskets continues on, because the need never ceases. **January is soup.**

CCAP donation bin is always in the front stairwell for your donations.

The Lord's Prayer

- [C] 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.

Fraction and Invitation

- [P] Alleluia! Christ is our sacrifice – and 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 with joy and thanksgiving.

- [C] Thanks be to God!

Sit

The Distribution

All Christians—regardless of denomination are invited to commune. Follow Ushers' instructions, coming as pairs to receive the Bread from Bishop or Pastor. Reception of the Cup: is by Common Cup, Intinction, or Individual Glass. If you desire only a Blessing please fold your arms across the chest.

Congregational Hymns Sung at The Communion 810 / 814 / 520

After all have communed...Stand

Post-Communion Blessing

- [P] May the body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in his grace!
[C] Amen.

The Benediction

- [P] As you go on your way, may Christ go with you: may he go *before* you to show you the way; *behind* you to encourage you; *beside* you to befriend you; *above* you to watch over; and *within* you to give you peace. In the name of the Father, and of the Son [†], and of the Holy Spirit.

John Ylvisaker, Lyrics: "As You Go On Your Way"

- [C] Amen.

The Recessional 841

Lift Every Voice and Sing

The Dismissal

- [P] ...to love and serve the Lord!
[C] We will! Thanks be to God!

Postlude

Lift Every Voice and Sing

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Gospel Response

He lives— oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought; my
sin, not in part, but the whole, is nailed to his cross and I
bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.

Sit

A Little Good News!

The Rev. Bob Humphrey, Bishop
Virginia Synod, ELCA

Stand

Hymn of the Day 737

He Comes to Us as One Unknown

A Time for Celebration!

Pastor Keyser; Mark Greene, Vestry Chair; Bishop Humphrey

Prayers of the People

- [P] We come to pray for all the earth, the Church, and all those in need...
for leaders of nations, that wisdom and integrity will prevail for the good of all people, especially those who are economically deprived...
- [C] **God of Grace, hear our prayer.**
[B] *for regions torn by conflict, that peace may reign and living become an enterprise of construction rather than destruction;*
- [C] **God of Grace, hear our prayer.**
[P] for all people of faith: for the unity of the body of Christ, that divisions might not turn people away; for Hindus, for Muslims, for Buddhists, and for Jews: that wherever prayers are raised up, the one God of all will hear;
- [C] **God of Grace, hear our prayer.**
[B] *for our own nation: for the president and Congress, the Supreme Court and all judges, for state governments, city councils, school boards, and all who have power to make policy: that all consideration be given to what is most healthy for people and creatures;*
- [C] **God of Grace, hear our prayer.**
[P] for those in need: for all who are hungry in our nation and world...for those who have no home and no employment... for those who are either unjustly or justly imprisoned...
for parents and children who live in fear for whatever the reason...for all who are in mourning... and for all who are rejoicing. We pray, especially, for the needs of those who are near and dear to our hearts...*(pastoral petitions are offered)*
- [C] **God of Grace, hear our prayer.**
[B] *for these and all others whom we name before you now - both in our hearts, and on our lips...
(congregational petitions are offered silently or aloud) God of Grace,*
- [C] **hear our prayer.**
[P] With thanksgiving, receive our prayers and grant whatever you see that your people need; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- [C] Amen.

Stand

The Peace

- [P] May the peace God has promised which passes all human understanding be with you all!
- [C] **And, also with you!**

Sit

Offering

Offertory Anthem

God's Alive in Me Douglas E. Wagner

Our gifts for God's Kingdom are joyfully shared!

Trinity Choir and Children

Stand

The Presentation (sing twice)

Noisy offering benefits the Red Wagon



Give thanks with a grate-ful heart, give thanks to the Ho-ly One,
 give thanks be-cause he's giv-en Je-sus Christ, his Son.
 Give thanks with a grate-ful heart, give thanks to the Ho-ly One,
 give thanks be-cause he's giv-en Je-sus Christ, his Son.
 And now let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say, "I am
 rich," be-cause of what the Lord has done for us. And
 now let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say, "I am
 rich," be-cause of what the Lord has done for us. Give thanks!

Prayer of Thanksgiving

- [P] Bless in every way, O Lord, the gifts of your people here given. Enrich our ministries and make us so genuinely grateful to be able to let go of those things we do not – in the end – even own.
- [C] **Amen.**

† **The Holy Eucharist** †

The Great Thanksgiving

- [P] The Lord be with you.
- [C] **And also with you.**
- [P] Lift up your hearts.
- [C] **We lift them to the Lord.**

[P] Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

[C] **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

[P] It is, indeed, right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Holy God: Father, Son [†] and Holy Spirit. From the rising of the sun to its setting your name is praised among all peoples.

Blessed are you, as his Son, Jesus Christ! In the power of the Spirit you created all things, blessed them, and called them 'good.' You called to yourself a people to make your mercy and truth known in all the world. Yet, we betrayed your calling;

[C] **But, you remained faithful.**

[P] We wandered from your way;

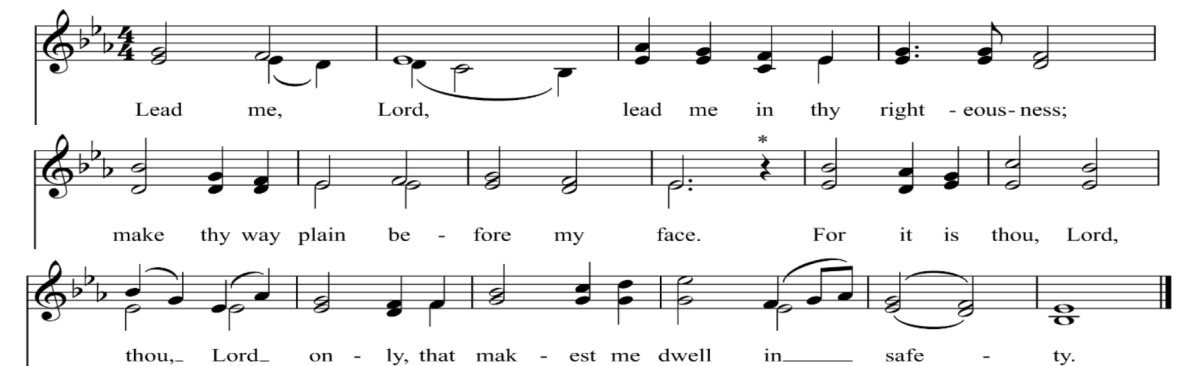
[C] **Yet you called us to return, and led us home.**

[P] And still we continued in our self-centered sin, making ourselves slaves to sin and death until – at the right time—you came and did for us what we would never do for ourselves: bringing Good News to the poor in heart, healing the sick of soul, raising the dead in spirit, sharing table with the unrighteous, and teaching the way that leads to life.

By your incarnation, life, suffering, execution and Resurrection-by water and the Spirit - you gave birth to your Church, and delivered us from slavery into new life..

And so, we praise you: joining our voices with your people on earth and all the company of heaven who forever sing to the glory of your name:

The Sanctus



Lead me, Lord, lead me in thy right-eous-ness;
 make thy way plain be-fore my face. For it is thou, Lord,
 thou, Lord on-ly, that mak-est me dwell in safe-ty.

Words of Institution

[P] On the night of your betrayal, Lord Jesus, we remember that you took bread, **blessed** it, broke it, gave it to your disciples and said, "This is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

You did the same with the cup after the supper, saying, "This **cup** is poured as the New Covenant between God and humankind in my blood."

Blessed Trinity, in **remembrance** of all you have done to save us, we offer ourselves to you in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of our faith:

Memorial Acclamation

Celebrant sings first; Congregation repeats



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

[P] Pour out your Spirit on us and on these gifts that they may become the body and blood of Christ

[C] **And, make us, through them, Christ's body—free in the world to declare and live in your grace, hearing us as we pray:**