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## GREETINGS!

We hope you find your time at *Trinity this morning* fulfilling and meaningful, and that you will leave both refreshed and challenged for the week to come.  
 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 and plan to worship with us again!



### Welcome

**Prelude** *O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing* Harold Rutz (b. 1930)

*Stand as Sanctus Bell is sounded three times*

### Opening Antiphon

[P] As people, as a community of faith –  
 [C] **we gather in this place:**  
 [P] To listen.  
 [C] **to speak.**  
 [P] to worship.  
 [C] **to pray, and to be with God.**  
 [P] Because we know –  
 [C] **God comes into a world filled with uncertainties and darkness and seeks out the voids of our faith,**  
 [P] embraces the wounded and broken.  
 [C] **knocks down the walls of division and strife.**  
 [P] And is the candle shining in the darkness of our days which the darkness will *never* overcome!  
 [C] **For it is by God's grace, and out of God's love, that we live.**  
**Alleluia! Thanks be to God!** - Richard Bott, *Sharing Liturgy*

**Processional 886** *Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

### 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] Almighty God, Light from Light, who commands the universe and all that is made, your Word is the power that makes whole what is broken, the force of good, and the food of Peace. Teach us now as you taught in the synagogue. Heal us now so that in all that we say and do, the freedom we have in you may be for others, too;  
 [C] **Amen.**

### Confession and Absolution

[P] The One who pardons, heals, and strengthens all who repent calls us to name our failings and our hopes. And, we respond: confessing our sin in the presence of God and one another.  
 You call us, O God:  
 [C] **and we ignore your whisper, listening instead to what we know are the false – but alluring - voices of this world.**  
 [P] You call us  
 [C] **but, we choose a different path, following our own devices. We confess that we are unwilling to do your Will, protecting what is familiar and rejecting that which is unknown. We blindly support, and even admire those whose evil Agenda is to destroy us, refusing to speak: afraid to act, excusing it when we falter from the truth.**

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[P] Yet, you call us to be your voice in this world, to be your hands in this world, to be your feet in this world, to proclaim your peace, your comfort, justice, forgiveness, healing, Love and Grace.  
[C] **But, we ignore your still, small voice, forgetting that you are always with us, and that with you all things are possible. Forgive us, lead us, open our ears, and make us new. Remove our desire to heed false prophets, and show us your way; in the name of the Father, Son, [†] and Holy Spirit: one God, Mother of us all. Amen.**

- John Birch, **Faith and Worship**

[P] The God who made you and knows your every thought hears you even now and – *listen*: really does forgive you all your sin. You have been redeemed through Jesus Christ, God's Son, our Savior: Alpha and Omega, all in all.  
[C] **Thanks be to God! Amen.**

*Sit*

**Just 4 Kidz!** Pastor Cam

*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 alternating with Choir*) Psalm 111 See Bulletin Insert

**Second Lesson** See Bulletin Insert

*Stand*

## The Gradual

Thine the a - men thine the praise al - le - lu - ias an - gels raise  
thine the ev - er - last - ing head thine the break - ing of the bread  
thine the glo - ry thine the sto - ry thine the har - vest then the cup  
thine the vine - yard then the cup is lift - ed up lift - ed up.

## 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] **Thanks be to God!**

*Sit*

**A Little Good News!** Pastor Cam

*Stand*

**Hymn of the Day 665**

*Rise, Shine, You People!*

**Everyone is invited** to the Parish Hall following worship this morning as we gather to celebrate the marriage of Sarah (Chichester) and Christian Downs which took place last Sunday.

**Our community meal** is Wednesday, January 31. Menu is soup, grilled cheese and dessert. Sign up list is in the Parish Hall.

**A little help:** we still have offering envelopes for 2018 in the Parish Hall. Most are for our shut in members. Please take a look at your calendar and the available envelopes and see if you can find the time to deliver one or two sets. It's more personal and saves the church the postage.

**2017 donation reports** are also in the Parish Hall. If you made contributions to Trinity in 2017, please pick up your statement today.

**Extra copies** of the February newsletter are in the brochure rack in the Narthex if you weren't here last Sunday to receive a copy.

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.

**Sunday February 4 is Super and Souper Bowl Sunday.** Bring extra canned soup that morning for donation to the Sherando High School Soup Pantry. Remain after worship for our annual "tailgate" fun and food!

**Our Sweetheart Luncheon** will be Sunday, Feb. 11. Following worship we will have a delicious lunch, meal provided, *everyone is asked to bring a dessert to share.*

**Shrove Tuesday** is February 13 and we will have our Pancake supper at 6PM.

The following day is **Ash Wednesday, February 14.** We are offering worship at noon and 7PM, Ashes-to-Go will also be offered from 4-6PM; you will have time to squeeze in a date with your Valentine.

**Trinity** will be serving an evening meal to the **WATTS** program on March 1. Menu will be the same as our February (28) Community Meal (chili, cornbread, salad and dessert). Speak to Martha Cooley or Vickie Hollis if you will help.

**What do you think about the new bulletin format this morning?** We're experimenting with various new layouts to give us more space, larger and more readable type, and a fresher look. Just let PC know if you don't like it - and we'll continue to "color outside the box!"

## The Dismissal

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

## Postlude

*Amen, We Praise Your Name*

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### WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

#### Today

**Greeter** Linda Rudy  
**Lector** Sid Dailey  
**Eucharistic Assts.** Mary Anderson, Joe Hollis  
**Acolyte/Crucifer** Michael Perry

#### Next Week

**Greeter** Sid Dailey  
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### 1/21/2018

#### Our Stewardship

#### Last week

#### Offering

Rec'd \$2225  
 Required \$4808  
**Deficit \$2583**

#### Attendance

61

## Remember in Prayer

Katty, Robert, Carlton, Virginia, Louise, David, Mike, Nancy, Page, Sarah, Troy, Eva, Norman, Scott, Michelle, Greg

**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.

## 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 Statement of Faith

[P] Let us say what we do *not* believe:  
 [C] **I refuse to believe that we are unable to influence the events around us, or that we are bound by racism, war, and injustice...**  
 [P] And that which we *do* believe:  
 [C] **I believe those around me are my brother and my sister, and in their dignity; and that our brokenness can be healed.**  
**I believe we can overcome oppression and violence, without resorting to it as we seek to reject revenge and retaliation, for I remember, "Hate cannot drive out hate: only love can."**  
 - from the writings of Martin Luther King, Jr. Disciples of Christ Council on Christian Unity  
 [P] And, in spite of many unanswered questions,  
 [C] **I believe: in the living God, the joy of the universe, who is the pulse and purpose of all things seen and unseen, and who tirelessly seeks to bring victory out of defeat and life out of decay.**  
**I believe in Jesus the Christ, God's true Son, who is bone of our bone and flesh of our flesh, who took upon himself the healing of the human race, who was betrayed, crucified, dead and buried, and on the third day was found to be gloriously alive again.**  
**I believe in the Holy Spirit of God, who brings hope out of despair, love out of apathy, and joy out of sorrow, unceasingly regenerating and reforming the Church that it may always love the world through prayer, word and deed.**  
**In spite of unanswered questions, yes I believe. Amen!** - written by Bruce Prewer

## Prayers of the People

[P] Let us pray for the world, the Church, and for all people according to their need...  
*Sit*  
 [P] for the healing of Earth and all its creatures: that time when the wolf shall soon live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together; that we shall beat our swords into ploughshares, and our spears into pruning-hooks; your Great Day when nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall we learn war any more. Hear us, O God,  
 [C] **for your mercy is great.**  
 [P] For the Church's willingness to cast out demons in its midst, for congregations that are in turmoil, for the healing of divisions between followers of Christ, for leaders of nations, for those who have great wealth, for those who have too much power, for those who have destructive weapons, and for those who have none. Hear us, O God,  
 [C] **for your mercy is great.**  
 [P] For those who are victims of others' idolatry, for children who have no one to listen to their cries for food and shelter, for parents who cannot answer the needs of their children, for peacemakers and diplomats, for those who give through charities, and for those who use the law to make policies for the greater good. Hear us, O God,  
 [C] **for your mercy is great.**  
 [P] For all who are in pain and in need of care, especially those of whom we know...  
*(pastoral petitions are offered)*  
 And those we name before you now either aloud or in silence...  
*(congregational petitions are offered)*  
 Hear us, O God,  
 [C] **for your mercy is great.**  
 [P] For the wisdom to trust you rightly, the power to withstand changes in our own lives that bring us closer to you, for the ability to give thanks for the people who have brought us to this time - our ancestors, teachers, pastors, and the martyrs of every age; hear us, O God,  
 [C] **for your mercy is great.**  
 [P] It is into your hands we commend all those for whom we pray - and those it would be easy to forget, asking your blessing on all your people, that we may come at last to the Truth of Life around your banquet table of new life that has no end; through 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

Many Gifts, One Spirit Al Carmines

*Our gifts for God's Kingdom are joyfully shared!*

Trinity Choir

*Stand*

## The Presentation *(sing twice)*

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] For Earth, which you have molded,

[C] **for creatures and animals, plants, water, air, and fire,**

[P] for Jesus who died and rose again,

[C] **for the breath of life,**

[P] we give you thanks, O God. May these gifts be used for good wherever there is need, in the name of all that you have first given us - especially Christ Jesus, your Son, our Savior.

[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] As we give thanks to the Lord, our God.

[C] **It is right to give God 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 - for in you we live and move and have our being. When the times had at last grown full and the earth had ripened in abundance, you made us in your image for yourself.

And even though we turn from you, again and again you call us to yourself, and in every age, promise liberation once again.

As a mother tenderly gathers her children, you embraced a people as your own to rear them in your way of compassionate Love. From your own being you sent Jesus among us, incarnate of the Holy Spirit and born of Mary our sister who revealed your care for all you have made, and showed us *your* way of reconciliation. As we join around your table, we give you praise - with all creation- for your unending love, as we say:

## The Sanctus

[C] **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might: heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

[P] And so in this great sacrament, we celebrate and proclaim the mystery of our faith:

## Memorial Acclamation

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

[P] On the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord, Jesus took bread, blessed it, broke it, and gave it to us all saying: "This is my Body which is broken for you. After supper, he took the Cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink saying, "This Cup is the New Covenant between God and humankind written by my blood. Drink from this all of you – and when you do, remember me.

Therefore, loving God, recalling now Christ's death and resurrection, we ask you to accept this our sacrifice of praise. Send your Holy Spirit upon us and our celebration, that we may be filled with your Life and Goodness. Unite us in Christ and give us your Peace. And, Lord, remember us in your Kingdom, and teach us to be so bold as 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 this day, our daily bread - and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

**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.**

[P] All whose faith leads them to trust in the true Presence of Christ in this Bread and Wine are invited to the Lord's table, regardless of your denomination. Come: both sides together in twos, and receive this Holy food, returning to your seats by the side aisles.

## 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 the 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 614 / 464 / 469**

*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] Go out from this place to a world fully known by God: Where there is fear, remember the providence of Christ Jesus.

Where there is lack of love, give it.

Where there is pain, bring peace - for you are loved by the One who redeems, and freed to live by the Word of life.

**The Recessional 846** *1<sup>st</sup> time Choir sings first, Congregation repeats twice* Amen, We Praise Your Name