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OFFICE®TRINITYCHURCHVIRGINIA.ORG September 29, 2024 Pentecost 19 **GATHERING SONG** Gather Us In ELW 532 new light is stream-ing, Here in this place the now is the dark - ness 1 2 We are the young, our lives are a mys-t'ry, we are the old who the here we will take 3 Here we will take wine and the wa - ter, the 4 Not in the dark of build-ings con - fin - ing, not in some heav - en, van - ished a - way; in this space our see fears and our dream-ings yearn for your face; we have been sung through - out all of his - t'ry, here you shall call your here in this place the bread of new birth, sons and your daugh-ters, light years a - way new light is shin - ing, 10 the light brought here of this day. to you in called be light the whole hu to to man race. call be salt for earth. us а new to the now is the king - dom, and now is the day. Gath-er the lost and for - sak - en, gath-er the us in, us in, rich and the haugh-ty, gath-er Gath-er the the us in, us in, Give us wine of com-pas-sion, the to drink the give us to eat Gath-er us in and hold us for - ev - er, gath-er us in and 10 call to blind and the lame; and we shall a - wak - en, us now. give us heart, proud and the strong; а SO meek and so low - ly, bread that is nour-ish well, teach us to fash-ion you; us and make us your own; gath - er all peo-ples to - geth - er, us in, 10 we shall a - rise at the sound of our name. give us the cour - age to en - ter the song. ho - ly lives that and hearts that true. are are fire . . love flesh and bone. of in our our Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950 Music: GATHER US IN, Marty Haugen Text and music © 1982 GIA Publications Inc., 7404 S. Mason Ave., Chicago, IL 60638, www.giamusic.com. 800.442.3358. All rights reserved. Used by permission.

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. And also with you.

810 Fairfax Street Stephens City, VA

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CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Glory to God: Gloria a Dios



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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Generous God, your Son gave his life that we might come to peace with you. Give us a share of your Spirit, and in all we do empower us to bear the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

FIRST READING: Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29

Marcie Stern

A reading from Numbers.

⁴The rabble among them had a strong craving; and the Israelites also wept again, and said, "If only we had meat to eat! ⁵We remember the fish we used to eat in Egypt for nothing, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic; ⁶but now our strength is dried up, and there is nothing at all but this manna to look at."

¹⁰Moses heard the people weeping throughout their families, all at the entrances of their tents. Then the LORD became very angry, and Moses was displeased. ¹¹So Moses said to the LORD, "Why have you treated your servant so badly? Why have I not found favor in your sight, that you lay the burden of all this people on me? ¹²Did I conceive all this people? Did I give birth to them, that you should say to me, 'Carry them in your bosom, as a nurse carries a sucking child, to the land that you promised on oath to their ancestors'? ¹³Where am I to get meat to give to all this people? For they come weeping to me and say, 'Give us meat to eat!' ¹⁴I

am not able to carry all this people alone, for they are too heavy for me. ¹⁵If this is the way you are going to treat me, put me to death at once—if I have found favor in your sight—and do not let me see my misery."

¹⁶So the LORD said to Moses, "Gather for me seventy of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them; bring them to the tent of meeting, and have them take their place there with you."

²⁴So Moses went out and told the people the words of the LORD; and he gathered seventy elders of the people, and placed them all around the tent. ²⁵Then the LORD came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders; and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again.

²⁶Two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested on them; they were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. ²⁷And a young man ran and told Moses, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp." ²⁸And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, "My lord Moses, stop them!" ²⁹But Moses said to him, "Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the LORD's people were prophets, and that the LORD would put his spirit on them!"

Word of God, word of life. Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 19:7-14 read responsively

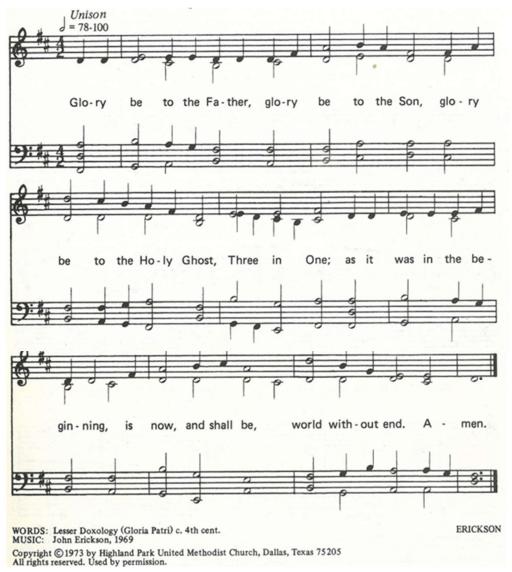
- ⁷The teaching of the LORD is perfect and revives the soul; the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom to the simple.
- ⁸The statutes of the LORD are just and rejoice the heart; the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light to the eyes.
- ⁹The fear of the LORD is clean and endures forever;

the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.

- ¹⁰More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.
- ¹¹By them also is your servant enlightened,
 - and in keeping them there is great reward.
- ¹²Who can detect one's own offenses?
 - Cleanse me from my secret faults.
- ¹³Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over me; then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.

¹⁴Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.

PSALM RESPONSE



SECOND READING: James 5:13-20

A reading from James.

¹³Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. ¹⁴Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. ¹⁵The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. ¹⁶Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. ¹⁷Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. ¹⁸Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest.

¹⁹My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, ²⁰you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

Word of God, word of life. Thanks be to God.



Music: Caribbean traditional

GOSPEL: Mark 9:38-50

The holy gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

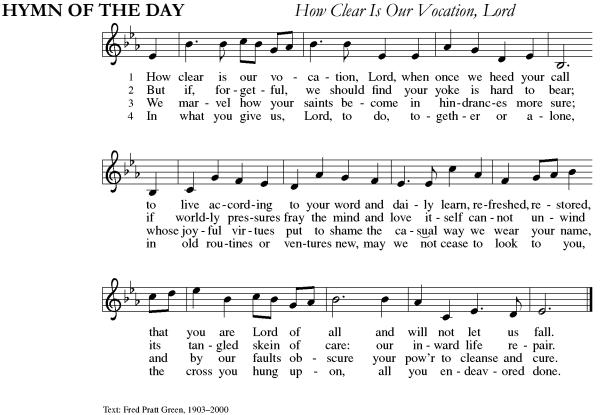
³⁸John said to [Jesus], "Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us." ³⁹But Jesus said, "Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. ⁴⁰Whoever is not against us is for us. ⁴¹For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward.

⁴²"If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. ⁴³If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. ⁴⁵And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. ⁴⁷And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, ⁴⁸where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched.

⁴⁹"For everyone will be salted with fire. ⁵⁰Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another." The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

Pastor JMe Lowden



ELW 580

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM AND WELCOME OF NEW MEMBERS

Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism and for these people, one with us in the body of Christ, whom we welcome as new members into the life and ministry of this congregation: Bruce Everly and Brandon Hampton.

Together with these brothers and sister we come before God to make public affirmation of baptism into Christ.

Let us pray together:

Merciful God, we thank you that you have made us your own by water and the Word in baptism. You have called us to yourself, enlightened us with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished us in the community of faith. Uphold us and all your servants in the gifts and promises of baptism, and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth. We ask this in the name of Christ. Amen.

I ask you all to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God? I renounce them.

Do you believe in God the Father? I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God? I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,

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who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

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.

You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism:

to live among God's faithful people, to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth? **I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.**

To those being welcomed into membership.

Bruce and Brandon, siblings in Christ, do you intend to continue in the covenant of your baptism among God's people in this place?

Those being welcomed respond.

I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

People of God, do you promise to support and pray for these new siblings and one another in your life in Christ?

We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life. Stir up in your people the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence both now and forever. **Amen.**

Welcome

Those being welcomed face the assembly.

Let us welcome Bruce and Brandon, siblings in Christ, to this community of faith.

We rejoice with you in the life of baptism.

Together we will give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the world.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Drawn together in the power of the Holy Spirit, we pray with confidence for the church, God's good creation, and all who are in need.

We pray for the people of God in all places. Shape our witness to the good news of Jesus that we joyfully share your transforming love with all whom we encounter. Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.

We pray for the healing of the earth. Renew oceans and seas, marshes and estuaries. Uphold the work of conservationists, oceanographers, and all who care for fragile ecosystems and habitats. Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.

We pray for peace and cooperation among local and global communities. Bless the efforts of community organizers, international aid workers, and all those who work for justice and peace around the world. Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.

We give you thanks for our new members, Bruce and Brandon, whom you have drawn to yourself by the love of Jesus Christ and whom we have welcomed into this household of faith. Keep us close together in your Spirit, in the breaking of bread and the prayers, and in service to others. Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.

We pray for all who are in any need. To all who grieve, bring consolation; to all who are weary or lonely, bring solace. By your grace, make your presence known among all who call to you for healing especially Shirley, Charlotte, Louise, Stephen, Barb, Hadley, Odie, Juanita, Nikki, Dan, Michael and those we name now (*worshippers may add names silently or aloud*). Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.

Other prayers may be offered now.

We entrust these and all our prayers to you, holy God, in the name of your beloved child, Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

PEACE

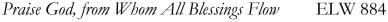
The peace of Christ be with you always. And also with you.

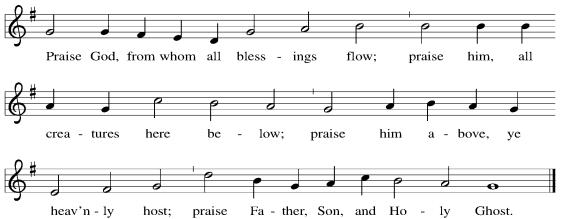


OFFERING Goodness of God soloist: Marcie Stern; guitar: Jason Strosnider Offering is an act of worship that shows our gratitude to God for all that we are and have in our lives. The offering today will provide support for the ministries of Trinity both locally and in the world around us. You may provide your offering in person, scan the QR code adjacent or send it by mail. We thank you for sharing not only your monetary gifts but also your gifts of time and talent to further

our mission to share Jesus' love in worship, fellowship, hospitality, and community, doing God's work with our hands.

OFFERTORY PRESENTATION





OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

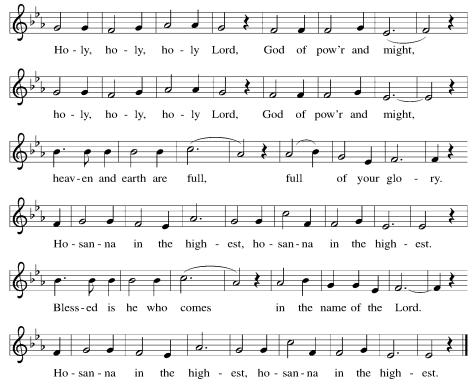
God of mercy and grace, the eyes of all wait upon you, and you open your hand in blessing. Fill us with good things at your table, that we may come to the help of all in need, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and Lord. **Amen.**

DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you. **And also 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 our thanks and praise.**

PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, ... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



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THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

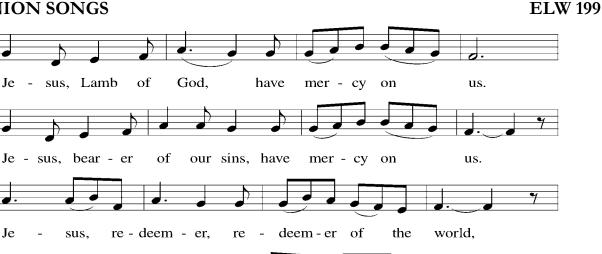
Taste and see that the Lord is good.

Those communing from home, have your package ready to open, but do not consume the elements until the pastor acknowledges those at home and says: "Take and eat. The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ is given and shed for you." Then you may partake.

COMMUNION SONGS

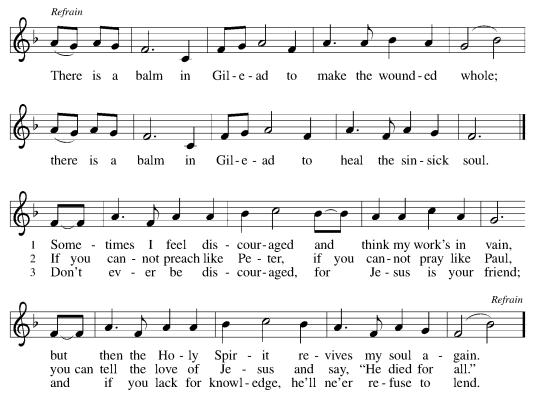
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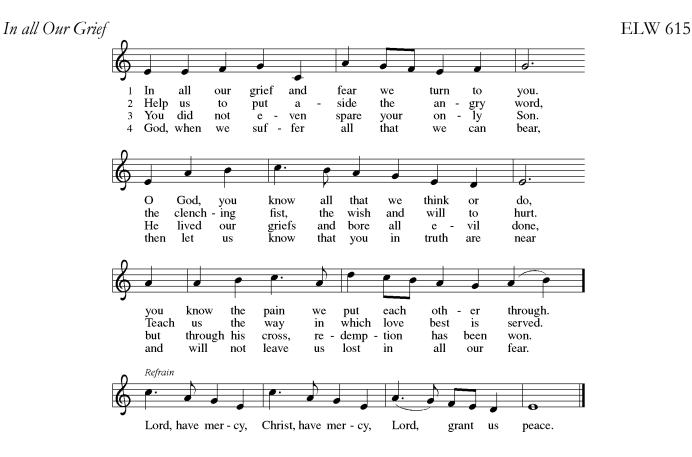


grant grant us peace, us peace.

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POST COMMUNION BLESSING

May the body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in his grace. Amen

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

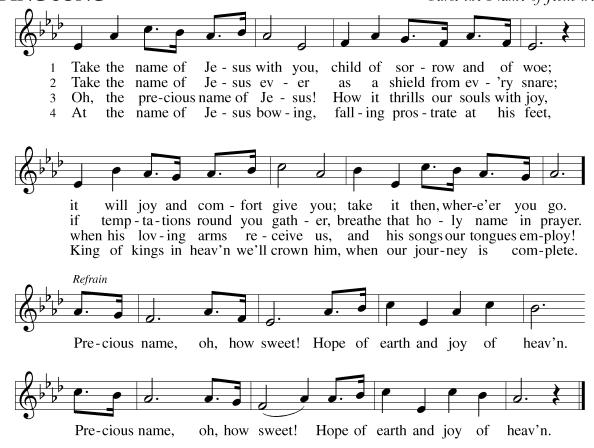
ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. Amen.

SENDING SONG

Take the Name of Jesus with You



Text: Lydia Baxter, 1809–1874 Music: PRECIOUS NAME, William H. Doane, 1832–1915

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the good news. Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Rise Go Joyously

L. Smith

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Trending @ Trinity

Pastor's Study on being a Lutheran during a critical election year is taking a break this week. Everyone is encouraged to remain after worship for a special coffee time in honor of the new members.

There will be a brief meeting following coffee time for anyone interested in participating in any way in this December's Kringle Market – Trinity's craft sale, bazaar, and holiday festivities.

The church office will be closed this week while Pastor and Brenda attend the Virginia Synod Gathering of the Ministerium. In the event of a pastoral emergency, Pastor may be reached on her cell phone.

The new quarter of the daily devotional booklet, *Christ in Our Home*, are in the Narthex rack at the foot of the ramp.

It is with much sadness and gratitude that Trinity accepted Joe Hollis's letter of resignation as Trustee for the church this week. Joe has served diligently and faithfully as a Trustee for 30 years and we are most deeply grateful for his service. According to the Constitution:

- C12.14 The property of this congregation shall be held in trust by 3 trustees elected by this congregation and appointed by the court according to the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia.
- C12.15 Trustees shall serve for a term of 5 years, without limit as to the number of terms. However, the office shall be declared vacant upon the death, resignation, or failure to continue as voting member on the part of the person serving as Trustee. The Trustee shall abide by the decisions of congregation.
- C12.16 When there is a vacancy in the office of Trustee, this congregation shall elect a person who is a voting member of the congregation and who is of legal age and the Officers of the congregation shall recommend to the court the person so elected be appointed trustee.

The congregation council will meet on Oct. 8 for it's regular meeting and at that time discuss possible nominees for a new Trustee. If you are willing to put your name forward, please speak to any member of council prior to the 8th. Your council members are: Roger Wickboldt, Marianne Watson, Carole Pfisterer, Mistie McPadalin, Jim Hall, Mike Pyne, David Reichert.

Spread the word, invite friends and neighbors: Saturday, October 5, 7:30-10:30AM, Trinity hosts a community breakfast to raise funds for the building/capital fund. Since 1/1/23 to 8/31/24 we have received \$ 20,735.32 in building fund contributions. Since 1/1/23 there has been \$ 41,106.38 in disbursements with \$39,112.53 coming from foundation repair."

Sunday Oct. 6 Pastor JMe will offer a Blessing of the Animals service at 2PM here at church. All pets are welcome as long as they are on a leash or in a carrier.

Food pantry donation request for September is peanut butter; October is jelly. The black bin for donations is in the Narthex.

Bedding drive to benefit Sleep in Heavenly Peace Organization

Sleep in Heavenly Peace is a non-profit organization dedicated to building beds and supplying bedding to children ages 3-17 in Winchester and the counties of Frederick, Shenandoah and Warren.

Trinity's LCW is heading up a bedding drive during the month of October and all items brought in by members and friends of the congregation will be delivered to the organization in November.

If you would like to donate NEW bedding, here is what they are looking for:

- Twin size sheet sets with pillowcase (NOT Twin long)
- Twin size blankets
- Twin size comforters

You can find "bed in a bag" options at Walmart, Target and other stores.

At this time there are other organizations supplying pillows and mattresses, so please don't buy these. Please bring your bedding donations to the church **Nursery** any time during the month of October. If you'd prefer making a monetary donation, please see Maxine Rogers and someone from LCW will do the shopping for you! If you have any questions about this organization or the bedding drive, please don't hesitate to speak to any member of the LCW.

Zoom to Worship, 9:30AM Meeting ID: 898 8887 8840 Passcode: 458736 Dial 1-301-715-8592 US Facebook Live: you must have internet, but you do not need to have a Facebook account https://www.facebook.com/trinitylutheranchurchstephenscityva/live/

This week: Greeter: Bill & Mistie McPadalin; Reader: Marcie Stern; Comm. Asst.: Bob Lowden Next week: Greeter: Martha Cooley; Reader: Sue Teal; Comm. Asst.: Mary Anderson

Calendar

Food pantry item: jelly Choir meets each Thursday at 5:30pm Community Music School lessons in rm 203 each Fri. 5-6PM ***Brenda will be away Oct 7-18**



1-3 Church office closed
5-7:30AM Community Pancake breakfast
6-2PM Blessing of the Animals
8-9:30AM Sewing for the Savior, room 204
11:30AM Lutheran Church Women, rm 205
6:30PM Council
20- Noisy Offering benefits Winchester SPCA
22 -9:30AM Sewing for the Savior, room 204
27-Reformation Sunday
30- 5:30PM Community Meal, meatloaf, mashed potatoes, peas, dessert

Birthdays

5-Liz Perritt6-Shirley Herrell9-Dorothée St. Germain

11-JMe Lowden, Patty Stringer16-Jerry Rogers23-Bob Lowden