Welcome to Trinity!

We are glad you are here!



The Fourth Sunday of Easter Holy Communion

April 30, 2023 9:30 am

Today is sometimes called "Good Shepherd Sunday." Jesus is called the "gate" of the sheep in today's gospel. The risen Christ opens the way to abundant life. He anoints our heads with oil and guides us beside the still waters of our baptism. Each Sunday he spreads a feast before us amid the world's violence and war. We go forth to be signs of the resurrection and extend God's tender care to all creation.

A warm welcome to all who are visiting with us online today.

All Are Welcome At Our Lord's Table Of Grace. In, Through, And Under Bread And Wine We Receive The Real Presence Of Christ – God's Love Poured Out For Us – As Jesus Taught Us. Please Prepare Communion Elements Of Bread Or Crackers, Juice Or Wine For Your Household. As You Are Invited During The Meal Portion Of The Service, You May Partake Of The Elements Saying The Words, "The Body Of Christ Given For You, The Blood Of Christ Shed For You."

+ GATHERING +

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleuia!

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

P—Pastor

W—Women

M—Men

A-AII

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, \pm one God, by whose hand we are given new birth, by whose speaking we are given new life.

A: Amen.

P: Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are welcomed, restored, and supported as citizens of the new creation. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

W: Holy God, holy and merciful, holy and mighty, you are the river of life, you are the everlasting wellspring. In mercy and might you have freed us from death and raised us with Jesus, the firstborn of the dead. In baptismal waters our old life is washed away, and in them we are born anew.

M: Glory to you for oceans and lakes, for rivers and streams. Honor to you for waters that wash us clean, quench our thirst, and nurture both crops and creatures. Praise to you for the life-giving water of baptism, the outpouring of the Spirit of the new creation.

A: Wash away our sin and all that separates us from you. Empower our witness to your resurrection. Strengthen our resolve in seeking justice for all.

P: Satisfy the world's need through this living water. Where drought dries the earth, bring refreshment. Where despair prevails, grant hope. Where chaos reigns, bring peace. We ask this through Christ, who with you and the Spirit reigns forever.

A: Amen.



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.

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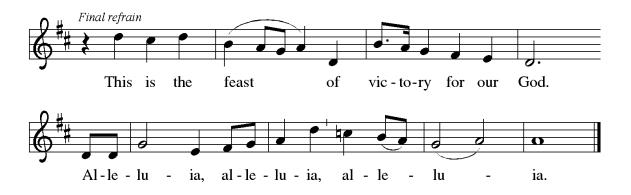
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PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God our shepherd, you know your sheep by name and lead us to safety through the valleys of death. Guide us by your voice, that we may walk in certainty and security to the joyous feast prepared in your house, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

+ WORD +

FIRST READING: Acts 2: 42-47

⁴²[The baptized] devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

⁴³Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. ⁴⁴All who believed were together and had all things in common; ⁴⁵they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, ⁴⁷praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.



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- Where streams of liv ing wa ter flow, my ran somed
- Per verse and fool ish oft I strayed, but yet in death's dark vale fear no ill, with thee, dear
- eth fail if nev er; I noth ing lack soul lead eth and, where the ver dant he shoul - der love he sought me, and on his staffside Lord, be thy rod and my me,



5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight; thine unction grace bestoweth; and, oh, what transport of delight from thy pure chalice floweth!

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cross

6 And so, through all the length of days, thy goodness faileth never. Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise within thy house forever.

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GOSPEL: John 10:1-10

The Holy Gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] ¹"Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. ²The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. ³The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. ⁵They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers." ⁶Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

⁷So again Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. ⁸All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. ⁹I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. ¹⁰The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDRENS MESSAGE

Children are invited to come forward for a message.

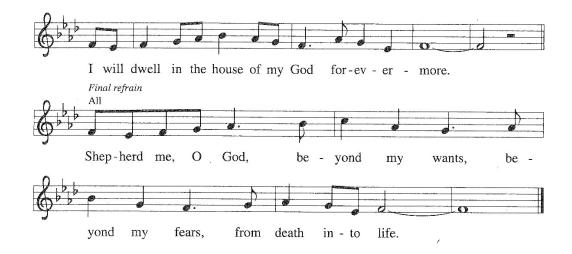
SERMON Pr. Cynthia Baskin

Silence for reflection



all the days of my life;

5 Sure-ly your kind-ness and mer-cy fol-low me



PRESENTATION FOR BAPTISM

Candidate for baptism, sponsors, and parents gather with the ministers at the font. All children are invited to the font as well.

P: God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Sponsors present the candidate:

S: I present Chloe Eloise for baptism.

The presiding minister addresses parents or others who bring for baptism children who are not able to answer for themselves:

P: Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have *your child* baptized into Christ? S: I do.

P: As you bring *your child* to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with her among God's faithful people, bring her to the word of God and the holy supper, teach her the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments, place in her hands the holy scriptures, and nurture her in faith and prayer, so that your child may learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

Do you promise to help your child grow in the Christian faith and life? S: I do.

The presiding minister addresses sponsors:

P: Sponsors, do you promise to nurture this person in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help her live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church? S: I do.

The presiding minister addresses the assembly:

P: People of God, do you promise to support Chloe Eloise and pray for her in her new life in Christ?

We do.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

The presiding minister addresses the parents and sponsors of the candidate. The assembly may join in the responses.

P: I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

P: 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?
S: I renounce them.

The presiding minister addresses the assembly. 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, 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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

At the font, the presiding minister begins the thanksgiving:

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father: We give you thanks, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and you created heaven and earth. By the gift of water you nourish and sustain us and all living things.

Blessed be God now and forever.

By the waters of the flood you condemned the wicked and saved those whom you had chosen, Noah and his family. You led Israel by the pillar of cloud and fire through the sea, out of slavery into the freedom of the promised land.

Blessed be God now and forever.

In the waters of the Jordan your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Spirit. By the baptism of his own death and resurrection your beloved Son has set us free from the bondage to sin and death, and has opened the way to the joy and freedom of everlasting life. He made water a sign of the kingdom and of cleansing and rebirth. In obedience to his command, we make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Blessed be God now and forever.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, so that those who are here baptized may be given new life. Wash away the sin of all those who are cleansed by this water and bring them forth as inheritors of your glorious kingdom.

To you be given praise and honor and worship through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

Water is poured on the candidate's head, as the presiding minister says: Chloe Eloise, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

The assembly responds:

Blessed be God, the source of all life, the word of salvation, the spirit of mercy. The pastor, sponsors, parents and the candidate move to the front.





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- 2 This mir a cle of life re born comes from the Lord of 3 Let wa ter be the sa cred sign that we must die each
- 3 Let wa ter be the sa cred sign that we must die each day 4 Re - new - ing Spir - it, hear our praise for your bap - tis - mal pow'r



your brow, the the cross of Je - sus seal both felt on and heard. the sin - less one from life was torn: our life comes through his death. to rise a - gain by his de - sign as fol - l'wers of his way. that wash-es us through all our days. Come, cleanse a - gain this hour.

Clothed with Christ in baptism, the newly baptized may receive a baptismal garment.

The presiding minister continues:

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life.

Laying both hands on the head of the newly baptized, the minister prays: Sustain Chloe Eloise with 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.**

The presiding minister marks the sign of the cross on the forehead of the baptized. Oil prepared for this purpose may be used. As the sign of the cross is made, the minister says:

Chloe Eloise, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever. **Amen.**

WELCOME

A lighted candle may be given to a sponsor of a young child, as a representative of the congregation says:

A: Jesus said, I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will have the light of life.

The ministers and the baptismal group face the assembly. A representative of the congregation leads the assembly in the welcome.

A: Let us welcome the newly baptized.

We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

The baptismal group may return to their places.

ANTHEM

Welcome, Little One Trinity Singers M. Kemp

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

United in the hope and joy of the resurrection, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

... Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Rejoicing in the victory of Christ's resurrection, we lift our prayers and praise to you, almighty and eternal God; through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. **Amen.**

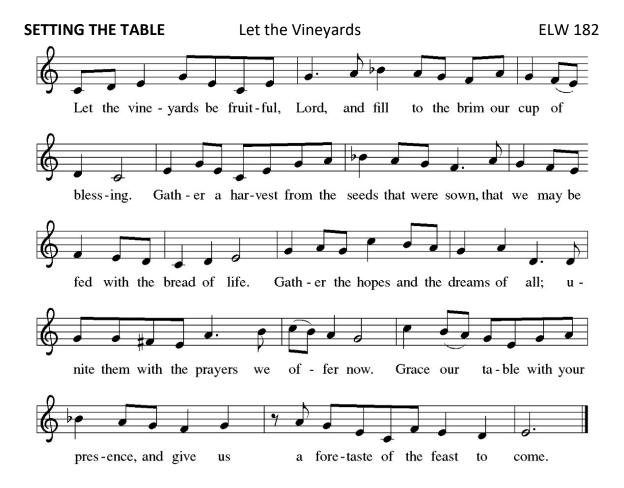
PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Please share a sign of God's peace with those around you. Children and youth are encouraged to come to the front to greet those worshiping with us online. Those at home are welcome to wave back!

+ MEAL +



You are welcome to mail your offering or give through PayPal on our website.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Generous God, in this meal you offer your very self. We give thanks for these gifts of the earth. In the breaking of this bread reveal to us the Risen One. In the pouring of this wine pour us out in service to the world; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.

PROPER PREFACE AND SANCTUS

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,

that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,

for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ,

the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin;

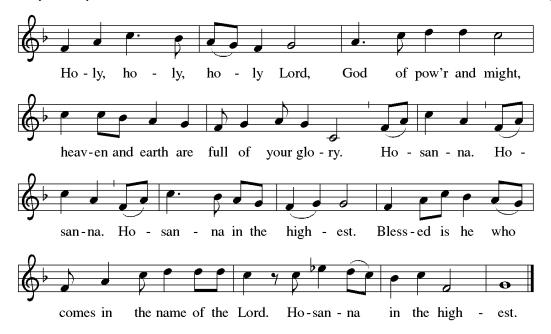
who in dying has destroyed death,

and in rising has brought us to eternal life.

And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures,

and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim,

we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Holy God, you alone are holy, you alone are God. The universe declares your praise: beyond the stars; beneath the sea; within each cell; with every breath. **We praise you, O God.**

Generations bless your faithfulness: through the water; by night and day; across the wilderness; out of exile; into the future.

We bless you, O God.

We give you thanks for your dear Son: at the heart of human life; near to those who suffer; beside the sinner; among the poor; with us now.

We thank you, O God.

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.

Remembering his love for us on the way, at the table, and to the end, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

We pray for the gift of your Spirit: in our gathering; within this meal; among your people; throughout the world.

Blessing, praise, and thanks to you, holy God, through Christ Jesus, by your Spirit, in your church, without end. **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

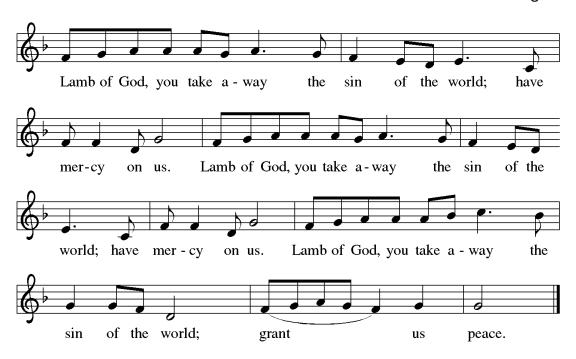
Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

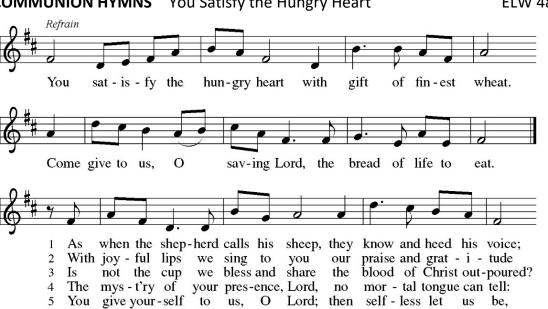
Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.

INVITATION

Come and know Christ, broken and poured out for you.

LAMB OF GOD ELW Setting 3







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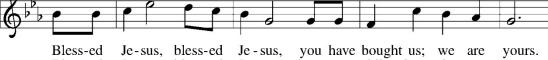


3 You have prom-ised to re - ceive us, poor and sin - ful though we be; 4 Ear - ly let us seek your fa - vor, ear - ly let us do your will;



In your pleas-ant pas-tures feed us, keep your flock, from sin de - fend us, you have mer - cy to re - lieve us, bless - ed Lord and on - ly Sav - ior,

for our use your fold pre-pare. seek us when we go a-stray. grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free. with your love our spir - its fill.



Bless-ed Je-sus, bless-ed Je - sus, hear us chil - dren when we pray. Bless-ed Je-sus, bless-ed Je - sus, ear - ly let us turn to you. Bless-ed Je-sus, bless-ed Je - sus, you have loved us, love us still.



Bless-ed Je-sus, bless-ed Je-sus, you have bought us; we are yours. Bless-ed Je-sus, bless-ed Je-sus, hear us chil-dren when we pray. Bless-ed Je-sus, bless-ed Je-sus, ear-ly let us turn to you. Bless-ed Je-sus, bless-ed Je-sus, you have loved us, love us still.

TABLE BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace. **Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

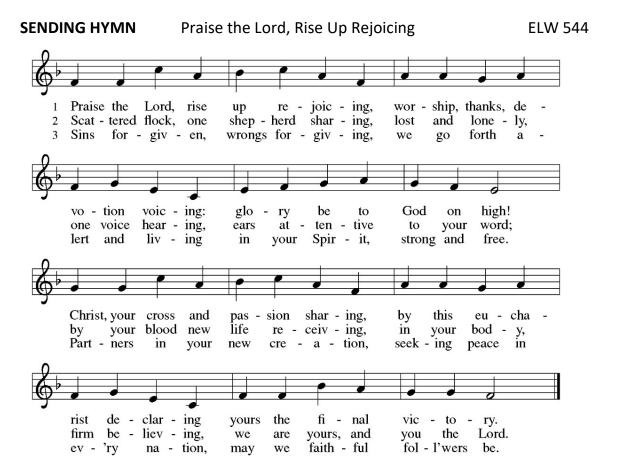
Gracious God, in you we live and move and have our being. With your word and this meal of grace, you have nourished our life together. Strengthen us to show your love and serve the world in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

+ SENDING +

BENEDICTION

The God of all, who raised \oplus Jesus from the dead, bless you by the power of the Holy Spirit to live in the new creation.

Amen.



DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

Christ is Risen Indeed! Alleluia!

Go in peace. Serve the Risen One. Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

TWO MINUTE CONNECTION: Please take 2 minutes at the end of worship to speak with someone you don't know or don't know well. This will help everybody to get to know one another better and strengthen our community here at Trinity!



Remember in Your Prayers THE CHURCH

our synod & bishops: Bishops Elizabeth E & Leila O

our missionaries: Stephen D/Marta G, Cent. Amer

our congregation: Trinity Church THE NATIONS: Afghanistan, El Salvador, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, India, Indonesia, Iraq, Israel, Korea, Mexico, Myanmar, Namibia, Palestine, Somalia, Spain/Cataluña, Sudan, Syria, Ukraine, United States, Venezuela

THE SICK AND SUFFERING nursing/rehabilitation center/hospital

Philip T (Manor Care Potomac) Yulie N (Village at Rockville)

home

Tigist G, Margo W, Lineth M, Isabel F, Gio S, Vimala P, Anya N, Pam B, Julie N, Jim K

family and friends*

Lonnie B, friend of Carol B Donald B, brother of Marilyn C Rebecca E, online prayer request Members of Faith LC, Cambridge, MA, friends of Kim and Pam B Pastor Sarah F-M, friend of Anita S David G, friend of Tad and Vi D Tracey L, friend of Tom K and Sarah M Timothy K, friend of Len and Ani S-G John M, brother of Sarah M Martha R (Sterling Care), friend of Trinity Karen and Harold S, friends of Pamela B Margarita S G, sister of Ana S G Family of Eduvigas T, cousins of Lineth M Gerry W, friend of Tom K and Sarah M first responders

Lisbeth N-D

Greta S & Linda A, sister & sister-in-law of Anita S Vanessa B, friend of Elizabeth & Ben R *For family and friends, prayer requests will be kept on the list for four weeks. After four weeks, please complete another card/call the office.

births

Henry S-M, April 24, 2023, son of Scott M and Meredith S, grandson of Karl and Miriam M deaths

Darrell Cooper, + April 25, 2023, friend of Carol B

This Week at Trinity

Livestreamed services on Trinity YouTube channel https://www.youtube.com/@TrinityELCA/streams

Sun, Apr 30, Fourth Sunday of Easter

Food Collection

9:30 am **Holy Communion** Worship Service

(Coffee Hour to Follow)

10:45 am Children's Faith Formation (Rm 11)

Mon, May 1

7:30 pm Heavenly Handbells (Sanc)

Tues, May 2

7:00 pm Stephen Ministry Supv (Rm 10)

Wed, May 3

7:30 pm Worship Team Mtg (Rm 10)

Thurs, May 4

7:30 pm Trinity Singers (Music Rm) **Sun, May 7, Fifth Sunday of Easter**

Food Collection

9:30 am Holy Communion Worship Service

(Coffee Hour to Follow)

11:00 am Congregational Mtg and Luncheon

Birthdays

May 3. Anya N Baptism Anniversaries	6.	Bob C
Apr 30. Vincent M	3.	Atticus D
May 1. Peggy J	٥.	Logan D
Dan S		Jim M
24	5.	Margaret F

Welcome Back Pr. Cynthia Baskin

Pr. Cindy, now retired from active ministry, has served as a supply priest/pastor in both Episcopal and Lutheran congregations. She and her husband live in North Potomac and enjoy traveling.

Office Hours: Carol B will be our interim admin 9-3 Mon-Thurs. Please contact the office or a council member if you need pastoral care.

Online offering is available via Paypal!

See details on the Trinity website http://www.trinityelca.org/give

Masks are no longer required in the building.



Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting | May 7 Graduate Recognition | May 14 Monthly Food Collection | May 20 LVC Hike-a-Thon | May 20 Church Picnic | May 21

Quarterly Interfaith Women's Center Dinner

Our quarterly dinner for Interfaith Works Women's Center is TODAY Sunday, April 30th, serving 37 women. Be sure to clearly mark the items you are bringing for the Women's Center dinner. Disposable containers should be used. If you have questions, please contact Leslie S. at lcsjwm@verizon.net



Monthly Food Collection | May 20 | 9 - noon Thanks to the many congregation members

Thanks to the many congregation members who continue to support our monthly food drives to support Bethesda Help. We are also pleased that each month we welcome donations from members of the neighborhood. Each month we drop off between 300-500 pounds of food and 10-20 gift cards. Bethesda Help is very appreciative and recognizes Trinity each month in the BH newsletter.

Take a hike for social justice. Lutheran Volunteer Corps is sponsoring a Hike-a-thon to raise money for social justice fellowships on May 20 at 11:00 am at the US National Arboretum. This hike is organized by LVC's Bon House and Sydney Johnson. For more info visit LVC's website at www.lutheranvolunteercorps.org

Alleluia Poster

A large coloring poster is available Sunday mornings during the Easter season. The poster is open for everyone to enjoy and color. You are invited to sit at the table, color for a bit and engage in conversation.

Congregational Meeting and Lunch

Sunday, May 7th will be our spring Congregational meeting and lunch immediately following worship. The theme for the lunch will be "Salad Bar". Everyone is encouraged to bring a favorite salad to share. Be creative and think outside the box—or bowl!

Enjoy music and support Bethesda Help

On Sunday April 30 at 2pm at St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 6030 Grosvenor Lane, The Tempo Giusto Ensemble and members of the Thalea Quartet and Talla Rouge will perform a concert of Bach concerti, Bruch's Romanze in F major, and Coleridge-Taylor's Novelletten. Admission is free, but donations are encouraged. 100% of proceeds will benefit Bethesda Help. Tempo Giusto musicians will match all donations. For more information see https://musicforfood.net/concerts/giustothale atalla-tf6nx

Call Committee Progress

Before a slate of candidates is provided by the Synod, the Call Committee must prepare a Ministry Site Profile (MSP). The MSP is a standardized form requiring basic statistical information, as well as in depth questions about the Congregation. The Call Committee has submitted the MSP to the Synod and it has been approved by the Bishop. We are optimistic we will receive a slate of candidates in the next few weeks. For more background on the development of the MSP, please see the April Trinitarian.

The Call Committee is excited to move onto the next step of the Call Process. We will keep the Congregation up to date on our progress. Please feel free to reach out to any of us with questions or concerns. We ask that you also keep our call process in your prayers.

Yours in Christ, The Call Committee

Serving in Worship Today

Assisting Minister: Valerie M

Cantor: Carol B
Lector: Fred S

Altar Guild: Valerie M

Usher: Fred S

Livestream Operators: Rob and Dan S, Mike M

Tellers: Dick and Peggy J

Coffee Hour: Leslie C and Chelsea Y

Staff

Guest Pastor: Rev. Cynthia Baskin

Interim Musician: Marcello Silva

Office: Carol Bruno

Handbell Choir: Marilyn Converse

Custodian: Kathy Boone