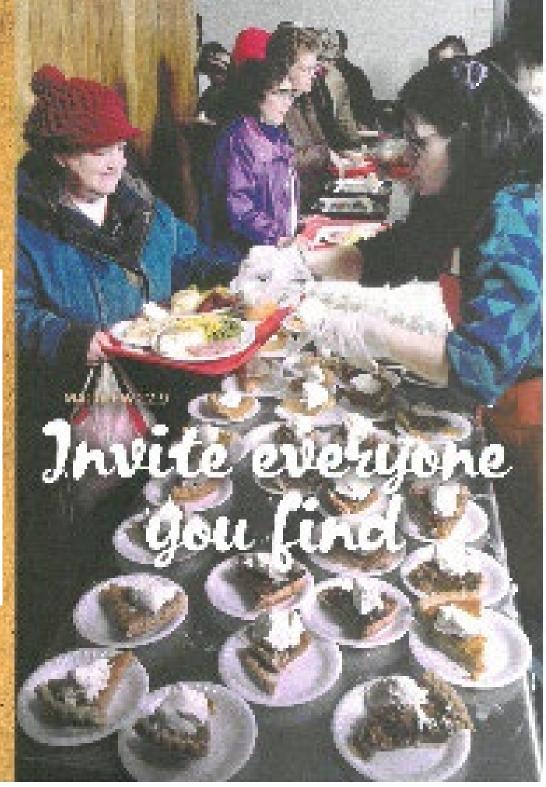


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WELCOME

A Reconciling
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Welcome to Trinity!

We are glad you are here!



The Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost October 15, 2023 Holy Communion 9:30 am

In Isaiah we are given a vision of the great feast to come, when God will wipe away death forever. In Jesus' parable about a great banquet, those invited do not come, so the invitation is extended to others. In our liturgy God spreads a table before us. Even amid anxiety and hardship we rejoice in the peace of God which surpasses all understanding. With great joy we feast at the table of the Lord, and we go forth to share the wonderful invitation with others hungering and thirsting for the abundant life of God.

A warm welcome to all who are visiting with us today. You are invited to participate fully in worship. Please fill out a check-in card if you would like us to be able to contact you. Cards are available from our Welcome Team members.

Members and guests may leave gifts and offerings in the plate on the small table at the entrance to the church.

Enlarged bulletins and Braille Hymnals are available from an usher upon request.

Children's bulletins and coloring pages as well as children's bibles and story books are available just inside the entrance to the church.

As you enter, you are invited to silently pray and meditate. Please silence your cellphones. Thank you.

+ GATHERING +

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

TEMPLE TALK Valerie M

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Amen.

Let us bow before God in humility, confessing our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Steadfast and faithful God, you have revealed the ways of justice, yet we fail to follow you.

We are overwhelmed by the world's violence and suffering. We are afraid to risk what we have for the sake of others.

For the harm we have caused, known and unknown, forgive us. For the unjust demands we place on others and your creation, forgive us.

For the ways we turn away from you and our neighbor, forgive us. Lead us back to you and set us on the right path; in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

Beloved in Christ, God's justice stretches beyond all understanding.

God's compassion is beyond compare. In Jesus, God is always making a new way for us. In + Christ, you are already and always forgiven.

Amen.



- 1 As we gath-er at your ta-ble, as we lis-ten to your word,
- 2 Turn our wor-ship in to wit-ness in the sac ra ment of life;
- 3 Gra-cious Spir-it, help us sum-mon oth-er guests to share that feast



help us know, O God, your pres-ence; let our hearts and minds be stirred. send us forth to love and serve you, bring-ing peace where there is strife. where tri - um-phant Love will wel-come those who had been last and least.



Nour-ish us with sa-cred sto-ry till we claim it as our own; Give us, Christ, your great com-pas-sion to for - give as you for - gave; There no more will en - vy blind us nor will pride our peace de - stroy,



teach us through this ho-ly ban-quet how to make Love's vic - t'ry known. may we still be - hold your im - age in the world you died to save. as we join with saints and an - gels to re - peat the sound-ing joy.

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.

KYRIE ELW Setting 8



PRAYER OF THE DAY

Lord of the feast, you have prepared a table before all peoples and poured out your life with abundance. Call us again to your banquet. Strengthen us by what is honorable, just, and pure, and transform us into a people of righteousness and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Sit

+ WORD +

ANTHEM

Sing A Jubilant Song
Trinity Singers

J. Stanton

CHILDRENS MESSAGE

We are in God's house today. We will learn and we will pray. Let us listen, let us sing. Gladly make our praises ring.

We are in God's house today. We will learn and we will pray. Let us listen to God's Word. Gladly do what we have heard.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 25:1-9

¹O Lord, you are my God; I will exalt you, I will praise your name; for you have done wonderful things, plans formed of old, faithful and sure. ²For you have made the city a heap, the fortified city a ruin; the palace of aliens is a city no more, it will never be rebuilt. ³Therefore strong peoples will glorify you; cities of ruthless nations will fear you. ⁴For you have been a refuge to the poor, a refuge to the needy in their distress, a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat. When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm, 5the noise of aliens like heat in a dry place, you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds; the song of the ruthless was stilled. ⁶On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear. ⁷And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; 8he will swallow up death forever. Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken. ⁹It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the Lord for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.



- 1 My Shep-herd, you sup-ply my need; most ho ly is your name.
- 2 When I walk through the shades of death, your pres-ence is my stay;
- 3 The sure pro vi sions of my God at tend me all my days;



In pas - tures fresh you make me feed, be - side the liv - ing stream. one word of your sup-port - ing breath drives all my fears a - way. oh, may your house be my a - bode and all my work be praise.



You bring my wan-d'ring spir - it back when I for - sake your ways, Your hand, in sight of all my foes, does still my ta - ble spread; Here would I find a set - tled rest, while oth - ers go and come;



and lead me, for your mer-cy's sake, in paths of truth and grace.

my cup with bless-ings o - ver-flows, your oil a - noints my head.

no more a strang-er or a guest, but like a child at home.

SECOND READING: Philippians 4:1-9

¹My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved. ²I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. ³Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life. ⁴Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶Do not worry about

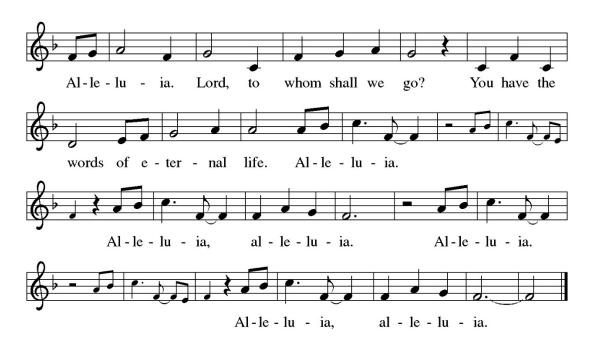
anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. ⁸Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

ELW Setting 8



GOSPEL: Matthew 22:1-14

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: ²"The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. ³He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. ⁴Again he sent other slaves, saying, 'Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.' ⁵But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, ⁶while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. ⁷The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. ⁸Then he said to his slaves, 'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. ⁹Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.' ¹¹¹Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

¹¹"But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, ¹²and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?' And he was speechless. ¹³Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' ¹⁴For many are called, but few are chosen."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Bishop Richard Graham

Silence for reflection



- 1 Now we join in cel e bra tion at our Sav ior's in vi ta tion,
- 2 Lord, as round this feast we gath er, fill our hearts with ho ly rap ture!
- 3 Lord, we share in this com-mu-nion as one fam-'ly of God's chil-dren,



dressed no more in spir-it som-ber, clothed in-stead in joy and won - der; For this bread and cup of bless-ing are for us the sure pos-sess - ing rec - on-ciled through you, our broth-er, one in you with God our Fa - ther.



for the Lord of all ex-is-tence, put-ting off di-vine tran-scen-dence, of your lov-ing deed on Cal-v'ry, of your liv-ing self, our vic-t'ry, Give us grace to live for oth-ers, serv-ing all, both friends and strang-ers,



stoops a - gain in love to meet us, with his ver - y life to feed us. pledge of your un - fail-ing pres-ence, fore-taste here of heav'n-ly glad - ness. seek - ing jus-tice, love, and mer - cy till you come in fi - nal glo - ry.

APOSTLES' CREED

With the whole church we confess our faith...

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. 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. 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. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Trusting in the transformative power of God's loving Spirit, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

... God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Gracious God, into your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your unending love and amazing grace; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

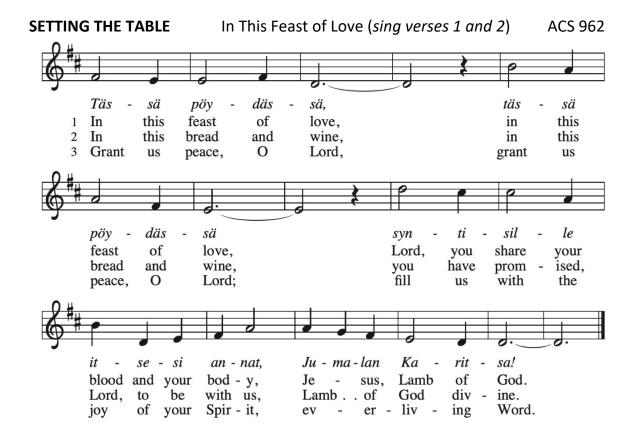
PEACE

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.

+ MEAL +



You may leave your offering in the plate at the entrance to the church after the service.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

God of power, God of plenty, all things belong to you.

We bring your gifts to the table, that all might be fed.

Form us into the body of your Beloved, Jesus Christ, our Savior.

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.

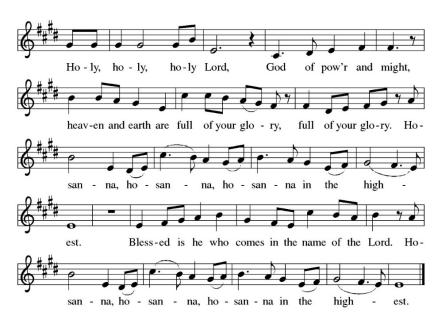
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

ELW Setting 8



WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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 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

Jesus invites you to this table.

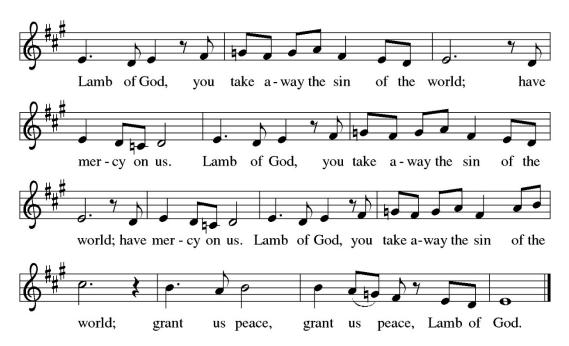
Come, eat and live.

All are welcome at Jesus' table of grace for communion. We will be serving this meal continuously, all around the altar. When the usher indicates that there is space for you, please come up to the front and stand at the first available space. After you have received communion, please return to your seat for prayer and meditation. We invite you to join in singing the communion hymns.

Bread will be placed in your hand by the pastor. Please indicate if you need a gluten-free option. Wine (red) and juice (white) is offered by the assisting minister in individual communion cups. Please place your empty cup in the basket carried by the communion assistant. If you prefer, individually packaged communion elements are available just outside the sanctuary doors.

If you do not wish to commune, you are invited to come forward and cross your arms for a blessing from the Pastor, or remain in your seats for meditation time. Children too young to receive communion are also invited to come forward for a blessing.

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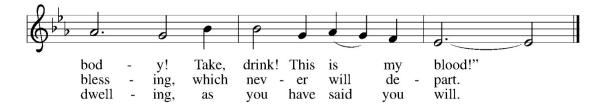
- 1 A round you, O Lord Je sus, your own you gath er still
- 2 We hear your in vi ta tion, and heed, O Lord, your call;
- 3 We are your own for ev er; un til our fi nal breath



to share the feast you give us with grace our lives to fill. your word of con - so - la - tion is spo - ken here to all. we will be true and nev - er— in joy, in grief, in death—



lov - ing - ly, "Take, eat! You say This to us SO is my It draws lov - ing heart; it brings to to your us us your de - part for are still a - mong your peo - ple from you, you



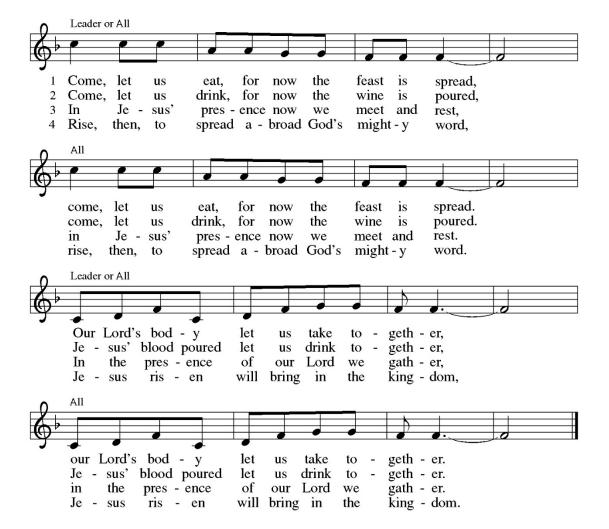


TABLE BLESSING

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

POST COMMUNION HYMN In This Feast of Love (*verse 3*)

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Grant us peace, O Lord, grant us peace, O Lord; fill us with the joy of your Spirit, ever living Word.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Blessed be your name, O God, for we have feasted on your Word, Christ Jesus, the joy and delight of our hearts. Strengthened by this food, send us to gather the world to your banquet, where none are left out and all are satisfied. In Jesus' name we pray.

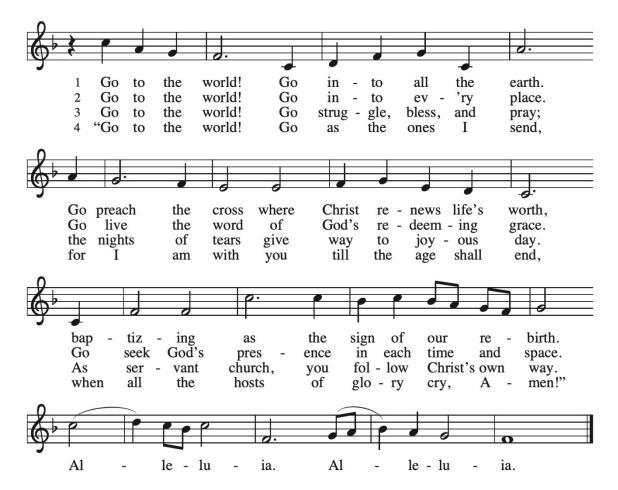
Amen.

+ SENDING +

BENEDICTION

The God of glory, \oplus Jesus Christ, name above all names, and the Spirit who lives in you, bless you now and forever.

Amen.



DISMISSAL

Go in peace. God is at work in you.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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, Libya, Mexico, Morocco, Myanmar, Namibia, North Korea, Palestine, Somalia, Spain/Cataluña, Sudan, Syria,

Ukraine, United States, Venezuela

THE SICK AND SUFFERING

nursing/rehabilitation center/hospital

Yulie N (Village at Rockville)

home

Isabel F, Tigist G, Lineth M, Anya N, Vimala P, Elizabeth R, Gio S, Margo W

family and friends*

Donald B, brother of Marilyn C
Viola Cleo B, online prayer request
Gene B, friend of Kim and Pam B
Pam C, sister of Mike M
Pastor Sarah F-M, friend of Anita S

Josefa F-V, friend of Len S Betsy G, friend of Margaret F David G, friend of Tad and Vi D

Bishop William G, Bishop of the Maryland-Delaware Synod

Joe J, friend of Sarah M and Tom K

Terry K, brother-in-law of David and Leslie C

Anne L, friend of Len S

Randi L, friend of Mike and Valerie M Juan-Maria M-M, friend of Len S Kathy M, niece of Margaret and Greg F

Beatriz N, Vera and Ben's grandmother

Linda P, cousin of Julie N

Martha R (Sterling Care), friend of Trinity

Cristobal R-M, friend of Len S Cristobal R-S, friend of Len S

Karen and Harold S, friends of Pamela B

Paul S, brother of Steve S Alex V, friend of Sunhee P

Victor V and family, friends of Kim and Pam B

first responders

Lisbeth N-D

Greta S & Linda A, sister & sister-in-law of Anita S Vanessa B, friend of Elizabeth & Ben R

This Week at Trinity

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

Sun, Oct 15 The Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost

9:30 am Holy Communion Worship Service

(Coffee Hour to Follow)

10:45 am Sunday School Classes and Adult

Forum

Mon, Oct 16

7:30 pm Heavenly Handbells Rehearsal

Tues, Oct 17

10:00 am Stephen Ministry Training

11:00 am Staff Meeting 7:30 pm Council Meeting

Thurs. Oct 19

7:30 pm Trinity Singers rehearsal

Sat, Oct 21

9:00 am Council Retreat 9:00 am Food Drive

Sun, Oct 22 The Twenty-First Sunday After Pentecost

9:30 am Holy Communion Worship Service

(Coffee Hour to Follow)

10:45 am Sunday School Classes and Adult

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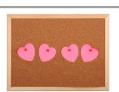
Council Retreat | October 21
Food Drive | October 21
Children's Koinonia | October 28
Reformation Day | October 29
Women's Center Dinner | October 29

^{*}For family and friends, prayer requests will be kept on the list for 4 weeks. To renew, please complete another card/call the office.



Welcome Bishop Richard Graham

Richard Graham was born in the Midwest and raised in Lutherville, outside of Baltimore. He was ordained in 1978 and served congregations in Hagerstown, Annapolis, and College Park before being elected bishop of the DC-Metro Synod in 2007. He and his wife Nancy Ann still live in College Park. They have two married daughters, one who lives in Delaware with her family and one who lives with her family in Hungary.



Faith Formation Bulletin Board

The bulletin board

outside of Room 11 has information about our faith formation offerings this academic year. Individual flyers will be posted there about Adult Forum guest speakers. Please check it out.

Connect to Trinity's Hearing Assistance System

- 1. Download the AudioFetch app to your smartphone or tablet.
- Connect your phone/tablet to the AudioFetch WiFi network.

(Currently, password should be required).

3. Connect your phone/tablet to your listening device. This will be unique to your device.

Please come to the A/V table if you need assistance.



Birthdays

17	Benjamin N	18	Samuel S
17	Jon S	20	David K
17	William V	21	David F

Baptism Anniversaries

17	Sunhee P	20	Jeanine B
19	Shirley O	21	Rebecca P



Children's Koinonia

Saturday, October 28th, 9:00am-12pm

Children are invited to gather in the social hall for a morning of fun and fellowship. We will paint pumpkins, make bird feeders, and play games. A snack will be provided. Toddlers and preschoolers are welcome as well. Young children need to be accompanied by a parent.

Please RSVP to Valerie M. so enough materials can be purchased.



Interfaith Works Women Center Dinner, Sunday, October 29th

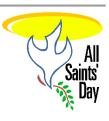
The Social Ministry Team is assisting in the Interfaith Works Woman Center Dinner. The entrée is being provided, but sides, desserts, and drinks are needed at Trinity by noon on the 29th.

Please review the signup through the link below and contribute what you are able. We're also looking for 3 people (not limited to Social Ministry team members) to serve dinner.

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050E4CAB A82F4-interfaith1#/

All Saints Sunday

Please begin submitting names and death dates for those you would like remembered on All Saints Sunday, November 5.



Please note that the remembrances are for those who have passed away **since November 1, 2022**. Please email names to the office. Thank you.



October 21, Monthly Food Drive

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 between 10-20 gift

cards. Our next food drive will be from 9:00am until 12 noon. Bethesda Help is very appreciative and recognizes Trinity each month in the BH newsletter.

Contact Margaret F at gmfitzwm85@gmail.com for more information.



Little Free Library and Pantry

Near the entrance to our large parking lot,

facing Old Georgetown Rd., you may have noticed our little library and pantry. They are ready for you to add items or help yourselves to an item. The library is for new or gently used books for both adults and children. The pantry is for non-perishable items, including no fresh produce. A detailed list is forthcoming in the next Trinitarian. Please consider the season, ease of use, and shelf life/best by date. Also, please nothing with chocolate, especially in warm or hot weather.

Serving in Worship Today

Assisting Minister: Carol B

Cantor: Elizabeth R

Lector: Nancy N

Altar Guild: Valerie M

Communion Assistant: Stella B A

Usher: Angela B

Livestream Operators: Mike M/Jeanine B/John B

Welcome Team: Jerry B

Coffee Hour: Thor and Nancy N

Tellers: Elizabeth and Ben R

<u>Staff</u>

Guest Pastor: Bishop Richard Graham

Interim Musician: Marcello Silva

Office: Carmen Davis

Handbell Choir: Marilyn Converse

Custodian: Kathy Boone