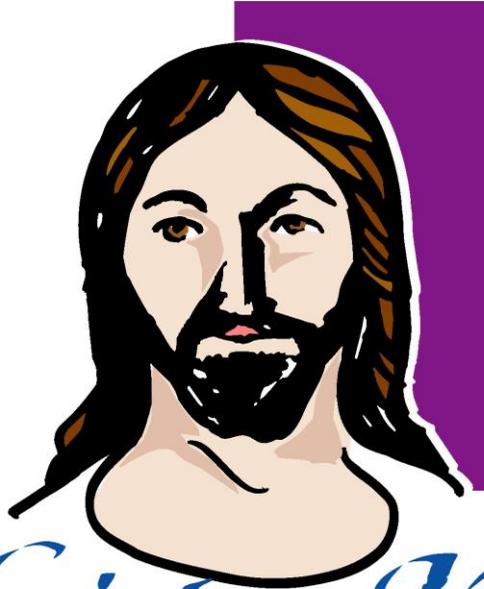


Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

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WiFi Password – HelloFriend

A Special Welcome to those who are worshipping with us for the first time. No matter who we are or where we come from, we all have this in common: God has chosen us in Christ to be His own. We hope you feel welcome and that your experience here is meaningful and will be lasting. **All members and guests are asked to fill out the Welcome Book** and join us in the Welcome Center after the service for fellowship.

Surge, then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone.

PRAYERS HAVE BEEN REQUESTED FOR – Richard Ball, Louise Brodeur, Howard Copeland, Jacque Czypinski, Victor Duarte, Gerry Harger, Kristen Helgeson, Jean Ingmire, Terry Ingmire, Doris Lass, Paul Lass, Ida “Reggie” Licht, Sam Locklear, Brenda Pendry, Viola Person, Erika Straddeck, Bettie Terrell, Marilyn Vaughan, Shirley Whitson and Charlotte Whyne.



Live Nativity – Sat. December 2nd - 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
Come out and support our youth and welcome our community to a night of fellowship and celebration of the birth of our Lord.

Today's Worship Participants

Greeter	xxxxx
Ushers	Errol Jennings and Doug Sulak
Lector	Cathy George
Children's Sermon	Sharyn Leiding
Host/ess	xxxxx

Participants for Next Sunday

Greeter	xxxxx
Ushers	John Knickelbein and Doug Sulak
Acolyte	Ana Mallie
Lector	Anna Carter
Communion Assistant	Chaplain Mallie
Children's Sermon	Pastor Meraz
Host/ess	xxxxx

Nursery



Our nursery is for children from infancy through preschool age and is located past the foyer to the left of the Sanctuary. In addition, there is a “cry room” located between the Narthex and Nursery for children under parental supervision. There is a video monitor and speakers inside so that you may see and hear the service from the cry room.

Please do not bring food or drinks into the sanctuary.

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Processional Hymn

Come, Thou Almighty King

LSB 905



1 Come, Thou al - might - y King, Help us Thy
 2 Come, Thou in - car - nate Word, Gird on Thy
 3 Come, ho - ly Com - fort - er, Thy sa - cred
 4 To Thee, great One in Three, E - ter - nal



name to sing; Help us to praise; Fa - ther all -
 might - y sword; Our prayer at - tend. Come and Thy
 wit - ness bear In this glad hour! Thou, who al -
 prais - es be Hence ev - er - more! Thy sov - 'reign



glo - ri - ous, O'er all vic - to - ri - ous,
 peo - ple bless, And give Thy Word suc - cess,
 might - y art, Now rule in ev - 'ry heart,
 maj - es - ty May we in glo - ry see,



Come and reign o - ver us, An - cient of Days.
 And let Thy righ - teous - ness On us de - scend.
 And ne'er from us de - part, Spir - it of pow'r.
 And to e - ter - ni - ty Love and a - dore.

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Confession and Absolution

Stand

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their baptism.

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

Kneel/Stand

C **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

Stand

Service of the Word

Introit

Ps. 39:4–5, 7–8, 12a; antiphon: 2 Peter 3:13 NIV

C **In keeping with his promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a | new earth,*
the home of | righteousness.**

**O LORD, make me know my end and what is the measure | of my days;*
let me know how fleeting | I am!**

**Behold, you have made my days a few | handbreadths,*
and my lifetime is as nothing be- | fore you.**

And now, O Lord, for what | do I wait?*
My hope | is in you.

**Deliver me from all my trans- | gressions.*
Do not make me the scorn | of the fool!**

Hear my prayer, O LORD, and give ear to my cry; hold not your peace | at my tears!*
For I am a sojourner with you, a guest, like all my | fathers.

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;**

**as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

**In keeping with his promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a | new earth,*
the home of | righteousness.**

Kyrie



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

Gloria in Excelsis



C 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;
2 To You, O sole - be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro - claimed at Je - sus' birth!
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor - shipped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n - ly King.
Where You in pow'r are seat - ed At God's right hand on high—
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

C Eternal God, merciful Father, You have appointed Your Son as judge of the living and the dead. Enable us to wait for the day of His return with our eyes fixed on the kingdom prepared for Your own from the foundation of the world; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Ezekiel 34:11–16, 20–24

¹¹“For thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out. ¹²As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his sheep that have been scattered, so will I seek out my sheep, and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. ¹³And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land. And I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the ravines, and in all the inhabited places of the country. ¹⁴I will feed them with good pasture, and on the mountain heights of Israel shall be their grazing land. There they shall lie down in good grazing land, and on rich pasture they shall feed on the mountains of Israel. ¹⁵I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I myself will make them lie down, declares the Lord GOD. ¹⁶I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them in justice. . . .

²⁰“Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: Behold, I, I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. ²¹Because you push with side and shoulder, and thrust at all the weak with your horns, till you have scattered them abroad, ²²I will rescue my flock; they shall no longer be a prey. And I will judge between sheep and sheep. ²³And I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. ²⁴And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them. I am the LORD; I have spoken.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Rev. 7:14b; Ps. 84:5

C These are the ones coming out of the great tribu- | lation.*

They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood | of the Lamb.

Blessèd are those whose strength is | in you,*

in whose heart are the highways to | Zion.

Epistle

1 Corinthians 15:20–28

²⁰But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. ²¹For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. ²²For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. ²³But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. ²⁴Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. ²⁵For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. ²⁶The last enemy to be destroyed is death. ²⁷For “God has put all things in subjection under his feet.” But when it says, “all things are put in subjection,” it is plain that he is excepted who put all things in subjection under him. ²⁸When all things are subjected to him, then the Son himself will also be subjected to him who put all things in subjection under him, that God may be all in all.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse



C Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



C These things are writ - ten that you may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



C Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 25:31–46

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-fifth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

³¹[Jesus said:] “When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. ³² Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. ³³ And he will place the sheep on his right, but the goats on the left. ³⁴ Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. ³⁵ For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, ³⁶ I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.’ ³⁷ Then the righteous will answer him, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? ³⁸ And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? ³⁹ And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?’ ⁴⁰ And the King will answer them, ‘Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.’

⁴¹ “Then he will say to those on his left, ‘Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. ⁴² For I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, ⁴³ I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.’ ⁴⁴ Then they also will answer, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to you?’ ⁴⁵ Then he will answer them, saying, ‘Truly, I say to you, as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.’ ⁴⁶ And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Apostles' Creed

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life ✝ everlasting. Amen.

Sit

Children's Message



Hymn of the Day *The Head That Once Was Crowned with Thorns*

LSB 532



1 The Head that once was crowned with thorns Is crowned with glo - ry now;
2 The high - est place that heav'n af - fords Is His, is His by right,
3 The Joy of all who dwell a - bove, The Joy of all be - low
4 To them the cross, with all its shame, With all its grace, is giv'n;



A roy - al di - a - dem a - dons The might - y Vic - tor's brow.
The King of kings and Lord of lords, And heav'n's e - ter - nal Light;
To whom He man - i - fests His love And grants His name to know.
Their name an ev - er - last - ing name, Their joy the joy of heav'n.

5 They suffer with their Lord below,
They reign with Him above,
Their profit and their joy to know
The myst'ry of His love.

6 The cross He bore is life and health,
Though shame and death to Him:
His people's hope, His people's wealth,
Their everlasting theme.

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Sermon

P The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

Amen.

Stand (as you are able)

Prayer of the Church

P ...let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

Sit

Offering *Please take this time to sign in the Welcome Book at the end of your pew.*

(Loose coins directly support LCMS families studying for the ministry through Coins for Christ.)

Offertory Hymn

We Give Thee But Thine Own

LSB 781 sts. 1-2



1 We give Thee but Thine own, What - e'er the gift may be;
2 May we Thy boun - ties thus As stew - ards true re - ceive



All that we have is Thine a - lone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.
And glad - ly, as Thou bless - est us, To Thee our first-fruits give!

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Lord's Prayer

C **Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

Benedicamus and Benediction

P Let us bless the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you
and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C **Amen.**



1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion, Son of
 2 Fair are the mead - ows, Fair are the wood - lands, Robed in
 3 Fair is the sun - shine, Fair is the moon - light, Bright the
 4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions, Son of



God and Son of Man! Tru - ly I'd love Thee, Tru - ly I'd
 flow'rs of bloom - ing spring; Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is
 spar - kling stars on high; Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines
 God and Son of Man! Glo - ry and hon - or, Praise, ad - o -



serve Thee, Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
 pur - er, He makes our sor - r'wing spir - it sing.
 pur - er Than all the an - gels in the sky.
 ra - tion Now and for - ev - er - more be Thine!

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Sharing the Peace of Christ

Following the service, the people may greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, "Peace be with you," as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Matt. 5:22–24; Eph. 4:1–3).

Postlude

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A special thank you to everyone who donated crafts and baked goods for our Holiday Happenings on Nov. 19th.



Maybe you stopped by the Welcome Center and enjoyed some goodies or picked up a craft; whatever you purchased we want you to know that you are helping to support our mission work through the LWML. We raised approximately \$550!

YOUTH NEWS - The next Preteen Fun Nights will be held on **Friday, December 8, 2017 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.** We meet in Belvedere Hall. It is an evening of games, fun, snacks, Bible object lesson, crafts and more fun!

New Members to be Welcomed! – Join us next Sunday, December 3rd as we welcome Trinity's newest members, Walter and Tresea Staley, and Mark Winterstein. We will have a reception immediately following the Worship Service so please introduce yourself and say hello!

The Poinsettia sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the hallway. Poinsettias will be \$8.00 this year and must be paid for in advance. Order deadline is Sunday, December 3rd. Poinsettias may be taken home after the late service on Christmas Eve. Please make checks payable to LWML.

December 3rd is the First Sunday of Advent – Mark your calendars for Sunday, December 10th (the Second Sunday of Advent) to join us after the late service to decorate the church for Christmas. Our tradition is to place handmade Chrismons on the two large Christmas trees that stand on either side of the altar. You are invited to participate in this fellowship event.

Christ Lutheran Church invites you to attend their Advent Services to be held on Thursdays, 12/7, 12/14, 12/21 at 6:30 pm with Rev. Dr. Matt Prince serving. Soup will be served each Thursday at 5:30 pm. Bring a sandwich, share the soup and enjoy the fellowship.

Christmas Caroling to the Homebound - Gather at the church on **December 17th** at 4:00 p.m. so that we can snack, compare notes, separate into two groups and prepare to SING A JOYFUL NOISE.

LWML NEWS - We will be holding our Women's Epiphany Luncheon on Saturday January 6th at The Pagoda Restaurant & Tea House, 265 W. Tazewell Street in Norfolk at 11:30 am. Please sign up by January 1st on the LWML board to let us you know you are attending. All ladies of the congregation are invited!

The next issue of the Trinitarian newsletter will be coming out soon. We need your help!!!! Each time we print there are over 100 copies that are not picked up and then have to be mailed. In order to help us save on printing, paper and postage we will no longer be printing every copy. If you have an email you will receive your copy electronically. If you would still like to receive a paper copy, please let the Church Office know either by calling 489-2551 or by email at tlc@trinitylutherannorfolk.org. The newsletter is always available on our website at www.trinitylutherannorfolk.org. Please help us to keep you informed of Trinity's happenings.

THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

Sunday, November 26 th	Last Sunday of the Church Year	
	Sunday School and Adult Bible Class	9:00 am
	Worship Service	10:00 am
Monday, November 27 th	Bowling League	6:30 pm
Wednesday, November 29 th	Choir Practice	6:30 pm
Thursday, November 30 th	Ladies Weekly Bible Study	11:30 am
Saturday, December 2 nd	Live Nativity	6:30 pm
Sunday, December 3 rd	First Sunday of Advent/Welcome New Members	
	Sunday School and Adult Bible Class	9:00 am
	Communion Worship Service	10:00 am

Scriptures for December 3rd

Isaiah 64:1-9 ~ 1 Corinthians 1:3-9 ~ Mark 11:1-10

You are cordially invited to the 44th Annual German Christmas Service at St. John Lutheran Church on Thursday, December 14, 2017 at 7:00 pm. Residents of Hampton Roads gather to celebrate the birth of our Savior by participating in a German Language Service. Refreshments to follow in the Church Social Hall.

FILL THE BOOKSHELF - your Special Ministry team has teamed up with REACH Inc. a local non-profit whose mission is to support the literacy needs of at-risk and homeless children. You may ask, *How can I help?* The first thing we are going to try and do is fill a bookshelf with new and gently loved children and teen books. The bookshelf is located in the Welcome Center. We hope to get more involved by driving the books to the shelters and schools and maybe even get involved with reading aloud at the shelters/schools. This is just the beginning of hopefully a great partnership. Did you know 25% of the children in the U.S. grow up not learning how to read? We can help change this and we hope you will join us in this worthwhile endeavor.

In preparation for our 100th Anniversary Celebration in 2020 a new fund raiser, "\$100,000 for 100 Years", will begin on January 1, 2018 and run through December 2020. Our prayers are to raise \$100,000 that would be divided between Building and Repair needs and to fund our yearlong celebration. Please prayerfully consider your participation in this fundraiser. We are looking for those who would be interested in serving on the 100th Anniversary Committee. It will take many volunteers to help make this celebration a success. If you have some ideas to share and time to help with the preparation, please sign up on the volunteer board in the Welcome Center. If you have any questions please contact Bud or Lynn Hubert.

Sunday, November 19, 2017
Worship Attendance – 111
General Offerings - \$4,365.22