

# TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

# TRINITARIAN

OCTOBER/NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2022

Available online @ [www.trinitylutherannorfolk.org](http://www.trinitylutherannorfolk.org)

God's grace, mercy and peace be with you!

As I prepared to write this article, it occurred to me that writing for the Trinitarian is a bit of a daunting task because one needs to write something that covers the entire span of three months! And I think this quarter must be the hardest because within these three months, we will have Reformation, Thanksgiving and Christmas! Wow - that's a lot to cover! So I will attempt to condense these three celebrations with one sentence:

**God's grace makes me thankful for the gift of salvation through our Messiah, Jesus Christ.**

Let's break this down

**God's grace....**It is by God's grace alone that we have a relationship with Him. It is by God's grace alone that we are not condemned. It is by God's grace alone that we have joy, hope, peace and forgiveness. It is by God's grace alone that we can be saved. And our response to that gift is not pride, conceit or apathy but...

**God's grace makes me thankful....**Yes, I am thankful for many things in my life. I am thankful for this wonderful congregation, I am thankful the care and love I see between the members. I am thankful that there are people that love God, love His Word and love the community. But in the end, my thankfulness has a source and a purpose as...

**God's grace makes me thankful for the gift of salvation through our Messiah, Jesus Christ!** It was God's great act of love, act of grace to send his one and only Son to come to earth to be our Messiah. This gift is unlike any other that the world has or will ever know. It is a gift that changes lives forever! The verse in both Isaiah 9:2 and Matthew 4:16 about the "people living in darkness have seen a great light" is still true this day! God's grace is for me, for Trinity and for the world to know. It is a grace that makes us thankful as no matter what type of day we are having, what struggles we are going through, we can take to heart what the angel told the shepherds - "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord!" (Luke 2:10-11).

Have a wonderful season in Christ,

Pastor Utton  
Vacancy Pastor



## SUNDAY SCHEDULE

10:00 am  
Worship Service

Holy Communion  
Every Sunday

## OUR MISSION

*United in Christ we will  
proclaim the Gospel,  
administer the Sacraments,  
and provide Christian  
education to children and  
adults in a supportive and  
nurturing environment.*

Check out our website:  
[trinitylutherannorfolk.org](http://trinitylutherannorfolk.org)

 Find us on  
**Facebook**

[facebook.com/TLCNorfolk](https://facebook.com/TLCNorfolk)

 FOLLOW US ON  
**twitter**

@tlcnorfolk



6001 Granby Street  
Norfolk VA 23505

757/ 489-2551 Church

## TRINITY'S MINISTRY TEAM

### Pastor

Vacant

### Vacancy Pastors

Rev. Timothy Utton

Chaplain Matthew Prince

### Church Secretary

Anne Combes

### Director of Music

Carroll Smith

### Bookkeeper

Lynn Hubert

### Sexton

Bill Sontag

### Custodian

Antonio Tutt

### Chairman of Deacons

Sharyn Leiding – Zone 3

### Deacons

Sharon Plawin – Zone 1

Craig Scott – Zone 4

Ken Leiding – Zone 5

Roger & Mary Ann Medlin – Zone 6

Bud & Lynn Hubert - Zone 7 & AG

## Council 2022

### President

Bud Hubert

### Vice-President

Scott Thieman

### Recording Secretary

Lynn Hubert

### Treasurer

David Petri

### Christian Growth Chair

Judy Sykes

### LWML President

Cathy George

### Special Ministries Chair

Patty Malone

### Stewardship Chair

Craig Scott

### Worship Chair

Janice Gwin

### Church Properties

Walter Staley - Chair

Gerry Harger - Trustee

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

We are so very blessed at Trinity to have a wonderful family of brothers and sisters in Christ. On September 25<sup>th</sup> we welcomed eight new members into the congregation of Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church. A reception was held in their honor following the church service.

Katie and Kevin Heckman

Charlotte Horton

Christopher Krus

Ted and Carroll Smith

Boyd Sylvester

Orry Watts

Praise be to God! We thank you Lord for the fellowship we share as we gather to hear Your Word.

## October is Church Worker Appreciation Month

We are so very grateful for our Church Staff and for all they do for Trinity! We are especially thankful for our Vacancy Pastors who have been taking such great care of us while we are in the Call Process of looking for our new Pastor. God bless you, Pastor Utton and Chaplain Prince.

Our appreciation goes out also to our support staff:

Director of Music - Carroll Smith

Church Secretary – Anne Combes

Sexton – Bill Sontag

Custodian – Antonio Tutt

Bookkeeper -Lynn Hubert



There is so much work that goes on behind the scenes. A lot of work that is done prior to a Worship Service. Caring for our congregation and our building. Keep them in your prayers. Please take a moment to say THANK YOU! Please let each one of our staff know how much we appreciate all they do for the Lord and for Trinity! A basket of Thank You notes can be found in the Welcome Center along with a basket to place completed notes of thanks!

God Bless You Pastor Utton, Chaplain Prince, Carroll, Anne, Bill, Antonio and Lynn!

## Board of Worship

Janice Gwin

The Board of Worship met on August 7<sup>th</sup> with Janice Gwin, Bud Hubert, Sharon Knorr, Doug Sulak, Carroll Smith, Lynn Hubert, Chaplain Prince, and Pastor Utton in attendance. The Calendar was distributed with dates of when Pastor Utton and Chaplain Prince will be serving through January 8, 2023.

Onyx Engineering met with Bud on Monday, August 8<sup>th</sup> and corrected some problems with the sound system. The sound in the sanctuary seems to be much better now. They returned on August 16<sup>th</sup> to repair a problem with the computer control panel.

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS -

#### LWML Sunday October 2<sup>nd</sup>

The ladies of the LWML will be serving as greeters, ushers, and lector. A reception will follow in the Welcome Center.

#### Reformation Service Sunday October 30<sup>th</sup>

Both pastors will serve this Sunday. The choir will be singing our 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Hymn with saxophone played by David Chadwick. The choir has recently purchased choir robes and will be wearing them for the first time at this service as they process in during the processional. Our Oktoberfest Luncheon will follow in Belvedere Hall.

#### Thanksgiving Eve Service

**Wednesday November 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 pm**  
with Chaplain Prince leading us in worship.

#### Mid-Week Advent Services

**Wednesdays, November 30<sup>th</sup>,  
December 7<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm**  
led by Pastor Utton.

#### Christmas Eve Service,

**Saturday December 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm**  
Both pastors will take part in this service.

#### Christmas Day Service,

**Sunday December 25<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am**  
Pastor Utton will be leading us in worship.

## Board of Deacons

Sharyn Leiding

Special thank you to Pastor Utton who served as our Summer Vacancy Pastor visiting many of our homebound and bringing them communion. What a blessing it was to know that many of our homebound were receiving the pastoral personal touch. A special thank you also to Chaplain Prince for the home visit to Richard and Flo Ball following the deaths of Ron and Michelle Hartman. Deacons will now resume communion visits.

**PLANNING AHEAD** - We are only weeks away from the season of Advent. An event that delights all who participate is our Christmas Caroling, scheduled for Sunday, December 18th. Following worship service, we will have lunch in Belvedere Hall, then carpool to the homes of our Trinitarians who are unable to attend church for health reasons. We sing familiar Christmas hymns and have been known to hear a recitation from our own Santa Claus (Bud Hubert). A few choir members keep us in harmony. **EVERYONE IS ENCOURAGED TO PARTICIPATE!!** Don't miss this opportunity to bring joy to others. A sign-up sheet will appear in the Welcome Center in November.



## Board of Stewardship

Craig Scott

Contributions continue to exceed expenses. The Lord continues to work in the hearts of our members to encourage giving of Time, Talent and Treasure through various means. Give thanks to the Lord. Stewardship Sunday will be observed November 20th. Information will be sent out in early November. The Stewardship Program materials purchased for a four year period will continue to be used through December 2022.

**LWML**

Cathy George

Greetings to all Ladies and those who support the LWML here at Trinity. The fall season will be full of activities.

October 2nd is LWML Sunday!

October 15th is the Tidewater Zone LWML Fall Workshop that will be held at Prince of Peace in Virginia Beach. We will be having a car pool for those interested.

October 30th is our Oktoberfest Luncheon after church. Sign up to bring a side dish.

November 12th there will be a LWML meeting at 10am.

November 20th Holiday Happenings after church in the Welcome Center. This aids us in raising funds for our mission projects.

December 4th hanging of the greens at Trinity.

December Tidewater Zone LWML Advent Tea at Hope Lutheran Church, date and time TBA.

Also 2022 is the 80th year of the LWML. Here at Trinity we have been busy celebrating those 80 years of LWML through mission projects and collections.

We presented a challenge to our congregation in March to raise \$80.00 for mites every quarter. Overwhelmingly we collected \$345.50 by the end of June!

We continue to pack 80 craft projects for us to send to our sister church Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Mayaguez, Puerto Rico. We sent 20 Cross Bookmarks in May and 20 drawer sachets in July. We are still working on 20 hangers for children's school art work to place on the refrigerator and 20 Christmas candle kits.

Our final challenge for 2022 will be in December. We will be collecting 80 pairs of socks to give to the men's shelter at St. Columba Ecumenical Ministries in Norfolk, VA.

Soli deo gloria!

**Church Council Notes**

Lynn Hubert

The Church Council consists of 12 members – President, Vice President, Recording Secretary, Treasurer, and the Directors of: Christian Growth, Deacons, Special Ministries, Stewardship, Church Properties, Worship, LWML and the Pastor.

All communicant members, who have attained the age of: 18 is eligible to serve on the Church Council as a Director of an Administrative Board; 21 is eligible to serve as an Officer of the Congregation.

Different positions are up for election each year. We are currently looking for individuals to serve as: Vice President (2023) moving into the position of President in 2024, Second Trustee (2023) moving into the position of First Trustee in 2024, (Director of the Board of Church Properties), Director of Christian Growth.

To learn more about these positions, please contact a member of the Nomination Committee (Scott Thieman (Chair), Gerry Harger, or Judy Sykes.

Our sincerest gratitude goes out to those leaving their positions at the end of this year:

Bud Hubert - President

Walter Staley - Director Board of Church Properties

Judy Sykes - Director Board of Christian Growth

Cathy George – President LWML

Gerry Harger moving from Second Trustee to Director of Church Properties

Scott Thieman moving from Vice President to President

We thank you for sharing your gifts of leadership! God Bless you!

**Elections will be held at our next  
Voters' Assembly Meeting  
to be held on Sunday, November 13<sup>th</sup>  
following our Worship Service.**

**Other agenda items include an update from the Call committee and the approval of our Church Budget for 2023. Please make plans to attend!**



## Christian Growth

Judy Sykes

We continue to provide Sunday School lessons to children attending services.

We continue the Nursery Roll program to children under Sunday School age.

Sunday Adult Bible Class has started, meeting at 9:00 am. Offerings will continue to support our Lutheran Church in Puerto Rico.

Advent Devotions will be ordered and made available at church services.

Please continue to pray for our members in crisis/need, for a new pastor who is a good fit for us, and the continued ministry of Trinity Lutheran Church.



## Call Committee Update

Elizabeth Baroody

The Call Committee received our packet of information and candidates from the SED in August so that our work could be resumed. We began with eight candidates to review. At our meeting on August 29<sup>th</sup>, we created a weighted scale to rank all of the candidates in order to help us in the initial phases. We weighted topics such as theology, doctrine, and practice at the top of our scale in order to focus on the fundamental characteristics needed in our new pastor. We met on September 12<sup>th</sup> to review these candidate rankings and determine our top five candidates. At our last meeting on September 22<sup>nd</sup>, we pared the list to our top three candidates that we wish to interview. We also created a list of questions to ask each of them during online Zoom interviews which will begin in early October. Our goal is to carefully keep the process moving. Please continue to pray for our committee as we take on this work. Watch for more information in the bulletin, emails and also at our next Voters' Assembly on November 13<sup>th</sup>.

## Special Ministries

Patty Malone

Thanks to everyone who made the backpack drive successful. We were able to pack 20 backpacks with school supplies. The backpacks were driven to Northern Virginia by Tina Studer and her granddaughters. Info and pics on Facebook.



**SHOEBOXES** for *Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child* need to be returned by **OCTOBER 30th**.

We will be making sandwiches for the **St. Columba Ecumenical Ministries on Sunday, October 16th following the Worship Service**. St. Columba provides meals and clothing for the homeless here in Norfolk. We would also like to include with the sandwiches a few of the other items that go into the bagged lunches for the Day Center. The other items we will try to get are granola bars, beef jerky and bottled water. Many hands make for light work. We hope you will be able to stay after church to help make the sandwiches. If you have never made them before it goes fast and the conversation while making the sandwiches is fun! Hope you will join us!

We will be holding another Food Drive in November for the Foodbank of Southeastern Virginia. Please watch your bulletin for further details.



Thank you to everyone for your participation in our ministry to help those who are in need.

Please join us for Trinity's first.....

# Trunk or Treat



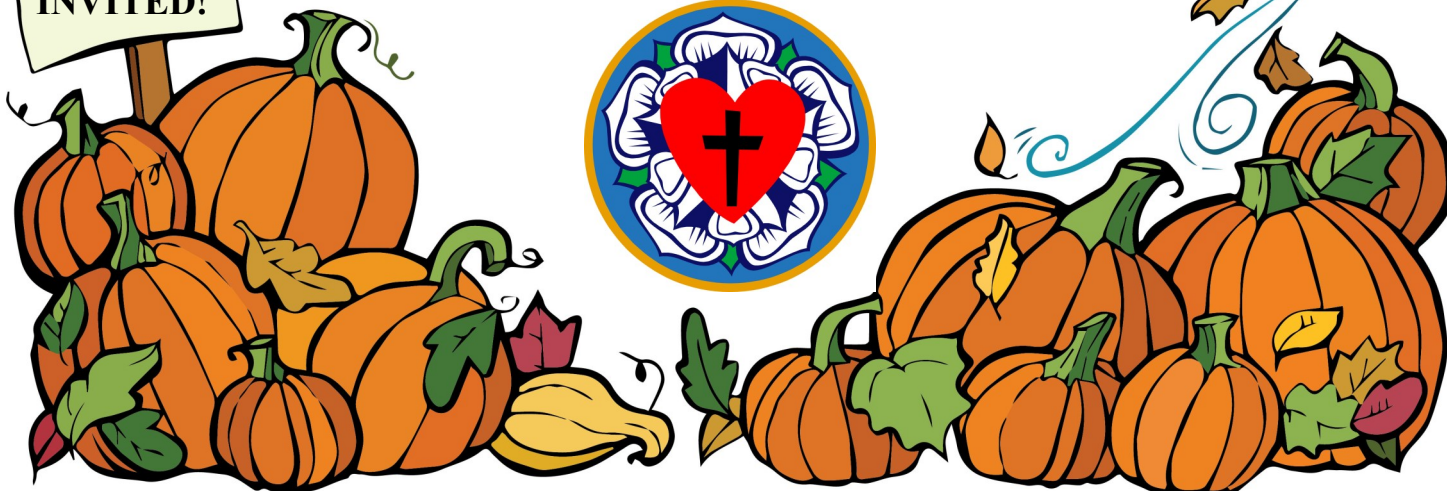
Come and join us on Sunday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> from 2-4 pm in the church parking lot. We would still love to have some more participants. Come park your car. Decorate the trunk and help to hand out candy and trinkets to the kids who come by to Trick or Treat. It's a wonderful outreach to our neighbors and lots of fun as we all get to act like kids again. Bring you kids and your grandkids! We will supply the candy and trinkets, all we need is you! Look for the sign up on the board in the Welcome Center if you would like to participate! Contact Bud and Lynn Hubert for more information.

## REFORMATION SERVICE AND OKTOBERFEST LUNCHEON

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2022

**We look forward to seeing you!!!**

We will be celebrating the Reformation on Sunday, October 30<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am with special music and both Pastor Utton and Chaplain Prince leading our service that morning. Following the service, we will once again gather for our Oktoberfest Luncheon in Belvedere Hall. Along with some traditional German food we always enjoy the many dishes brought in to share by each of our Trinity family. A sign-up sheet can be found in the Welcome Center. Please let us know who will be attending and what dish you will bring!







**November 13, 2022**

## Thanksgiving Worship Service

Our traditional Thanksgiving Worship Service will be held on Wednesday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 p.m. Please join us as we thank God for all He has given us!



## Greening of the Church

Mark your calendars for  
**Sunday, December 4th,**  
**(The Second Sunday of Advent)**  
to join us after the Worship 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. **ALL** are invited to participate in this fellowship event.

This year at Trinity  
we will be celebrating Advent with  
Worship Services  
at 7:00 pm on  
Wednesday evenings.

We hope that you will be able to join us  
for our special Advent services as you  
prepare for Christmas this year!

**November 30th**

**December 7th**

**December 14th**





## Birthdays

**October**

- 2 Robert Kuethe
- 5 Ellie Thieman
- 8 Lynn Hubert
- 11 Deborah Adams
- 13 Suzanne Wolvin
- 14 Peggy Bashara
- Brenda Gould
- Julie Kuenzli
- 18 Rachel Prince
- 20 Elena Kuenzli
- Vera Kuenzli
- 22 Christopher Krus
- 23 Chuck Edsall
- 26 Kevin Heckman

**November**

- 1 Trevor Gwin
- 2 Amanda Sontag
- 8 Carole Brooks
- 10 Beyne Yosief
- 14 Paul Gillooly
- 17 Samuel Locklear
- 22 Patty Malone
- 23 Karyn Gwin
- 24 Roger Medlin
- 25 Ed Sontag

**December**

- 3 Hayden Jennings
- 4 Clint Dalton
- Melissa Othmer
- 5 Luke Prince
- 14 Pat Gregory
- 16 Terry Ingmire
- 22 Bill Sontag
- Celia Sabillon
- 25 Happy Birthday Jesus!
- 28 Mara Kane
- 29 Ray Johnson
- 31 John Knickelbein

**October**

- 1 Ralph ♥ Sharon Knorr
- 2 Trevor ♥ Karyn Gwin
- 10 Timothy ♥ Brenda Gould
- 21 Walter ♥ Tresea Staley

**November**

- 9 Paul ♥ Jean Diehl

**December**

- 16 Roger ♥ Mary Ann Medlin



## Operation Barnabas

Here is the address for the latest Warning Order -

<http://www.lcms.org/operationbarnabas/resources>



In the event of inclement weather please visit our website at [www.trinitylutherannorfolk.org](http://www.trinitylutherannorfolk.org)  
and our Facebook page at TLCNorfolk for announcements concerning any cancellations.  
Notifications will also be sent by email to those with an email address on file  
and by phone to those who do not.





Sunday	Monday				Friday	Saturday
						1
2 <b>Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost/ LWML Sunday</b> Mite Sunday 9am Adult Bible Class 10am Communion Worship Service	3 6:30pm Bowling League	4	5	6 11:30am Ladies Bible Study 4:30pm Choir Rehearsal 6:30pm Men's Bible Study @ Richard Ball's home	7	8
9 <b>Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost</b> 9am Adult Bible Class 10am Communion Worship Service	10 <b>Columbus Day</b> Office Closed 6:30pm Bowling League	11	12	13 11:30am Ladies Bible Study 4:30pm Choir Rehearsal	14	15 9:00 am LWML Tidewater Zone Fall Workshop
16 <b>Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost</b> 9am Adult Bible Class 10am Communion Worship Service	17 6:30pm Bowling League  ← Sandwich Making following Worship	18	19	20 11:30am Ladies Bible Study 4:30pm Choir Rehearsal 6:30pm Men's Bible Study @ Richard Ball's home	21	22
23 <b>Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost</b> 9am Adult Bible Class 10am Communion Worship Service 2pm Trunk or Treat	24 6:30pm Bowling League	25	26	27 11:30am Ladies Bible Study 4:30pm Choir Rehearsal	28	29
30 <b>Reformation Sunday</b> 9am Adult Bible Class 10am Communion Worship Service 11:30am Oktoberfest Luncheon	31 <b>Reformation Day Halloween</b> 6:30pm Bowling League					

## OCTOBER WORSHIP SERVER SCHEDULE

	October 2	October 9	October 16	October 23	October 30
Lector	Sharyn Leiding	Scott Thieman	Boyd Sylvester	Cathy George	NA
Communion Assistant	Bill Sontag	John Knickelbein	Roger Medlin	Bill Sontag	NA



# November

Sunday	Monday				Friday	Saturday
		1 <b>All Saints' Day</b>	2	3 11:30am Ladies Bible Study 4:30pm Choir Rehearsal 6:30pm Men's Bible Study @ Richard Ball's home	4	5
6 <b>All Saints' Day</b> (observed) 9am Adult Bible Class 10am Communion Worship Service 12pm Council Meeting Daylight Saving Time Ends	7 6:30pm Bowling League	8 Election Day	9	10 11:30am Ladies Bible Study 4:30pm Choir Rehearsal	11 <b>Veteran's Day</b> Office Closed	12 10am LWML Meeting
13 <b>Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost</b> 9am Adult Bible Class 10am Communion Worship Service 11:30am Fall Voters' Assembly	14 6:30pm Bowling League	15	16	17 11:30am Ladies Bible Study 4:30pm Choir Rehearsal 6:30pm Men's Bible Study @ Richard Ball's home	18	19
20 <b>Last Sunday of the Church Year</b> 9am Adult Bible Class 10am Communion Worship Service Stewardship Sunday LWML Holiday Happenings	21 6:30pm Bowling League	22	23 7pm Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service	24 <b>Thanksgiving Day</b> Office Closed	25 Office Closed	26
27 <b>First Sunday in Advent</b> 9am Adult Bible Class 10am Communion Worship Service	28 6:30pm Bowling League	29	30 7pm Midweek Advent Service			

## NOVEMBER WORSHIP SERVER SCHEDULE

	November 6	November 13	November 20	November 27
Lector	Judy Sykes	Scot Thieman	Cathy George	Boyd Sylvester
Communion Assistant	Dave Petri	John Knickelbein	Roger Medlin	Bill Sontag



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 11:30am Ladies Bible Study 4:30pm Choir Rehearsal 6:30pm Men's Bible Study @ Richard Ball's home	2	3
4 <b>Second Sunday in Advent</b> Mite Sunday 9am Adult Bible Class 10am Communion Worship Service 11:30am Decorating Church	5 6:30pm Bowling League	6	7 7pm Midweek Advent Service	8 11:30am Ladies Bible Study 4:30pm Choir Rehearsal	9	10
11 <b>Third Sunday in Advent</b> 9am Adult Bible Class 10am Communion Worship Service Lighting of the Christmas Trees	12 6:30pm Bowling League	13	14 7pm Midweek Advent Service	15 11:30am Ladies Bible Study 4:30pm Choir Rehearsal 6:30pm Men's Bible Study @ Richard Ball's home	16	17
18 <b>Fourth Sunday in Advent</b> 9am Adult Bible Class 10am Communion Worship Service 11:30am Caroling to Homebound	19 6:30pm Bowling League	20	21	22 11:30am Ladies Bible Study 4:30pm Choir Rehearsal	23 Office Closes at noon	24 <b>Christmas Eve</b> 7pm Family Candlelight Worship Service
25 <b>Christmas Day The Nativity of our Lord</b> 9am Adult Bible Class 10am Communion Worship Service/ Service of Lessons and Carols	26 Office Closed	27 Office Closed	28	29 11:30am Ladies Bible Study 4:30pm Choir Rehearsal	30 Office Closed	31 <b>New Years Eve</b>

## DECEMBER WORSHIP SERVER SCHEDULE

	December 4	December 11	December 18	December 25
Lector	Ken Leiding	Judy Sykes	Scott Thieman	Cathy George
Communion Assistant	Dave Petri	John Knickelbein	Roger Medlin	Bill Sontag

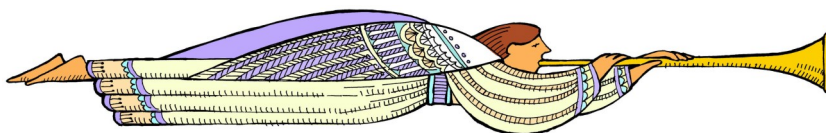


# TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

6001 Granby Street  
Norfolk VA 23505

757/ 489-2551 Church

[www.trinitylutherannorfolk.org](http://www.trinitylutherannorfolk.org)



**YOUR CHURCH STAFF** prays that the peace and joy of Christ will be yours always. Have a blessed Christmas and Happy New Year!  
*Pastor Utton, Chaplain Prince, Anne Combes, Carroll Smith, Bill Sontag and Lynn Hubert*

## Christmas Schedule

*Christmas Eve Service* - Saturday, December 24<sup>th</sup>

7:00 pm Family Candlelight Communion Service

*Christmas Day Service* - Sunday, December 25<sup>th</sup>

10:00 am A Service of Lessons and Carols  
with Communion Celebration

