

Announcements

THE FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Stephanie Locke.

THE OFFICER NOMINATING COMMITTEE is seeking input from the congregation regarding potential candidates to be considered for the office of Elder and Deacon. Members of the congregation can utilize the boxes in the Cheatham Center and Locke Commons to provide names to the committee. You may also provide names directly to the members of the committee (Norman Darden, Jacob Caldwell, Lori Flowers, Becky Griffith, Ben Moomaw, Blair Nelligan, and Treasa Plude). Finally, you may fill out the online form by visiting rivermont.org/nominations.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL will be from June 24 to 28 this year. Volunteers are needed to help with the different stations and to shepherd the children throughout the church. Please sign up at the VBS Table in the Cheatham Center today or online at <https://vbspro.events/p/events867ccf>.

YOUTH NEWS:
SNL: Tonight from 6:00 to 7:30, all 6th to 8th grade students are invited to join Josh in the Youth Center for games and fellowship.

636: All high school boys are invited for a time of early morning fellowship this Tuesday! Students will join Shane at the Old Forest Road Biscuitville at 6:36 am.

CIRCLE GROUPS:
Circle 4 will meet this Tuesday at 10:30 am in the Family Room. We will study Habakkuk 3.
Circle 1 will meet next Tuesday, March 12 in the Library from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm. Our study will be "Becoming Rooted in God's Love" taken from Ephesians 3:7-21. Any ladies are welcome to attend!

RIVERMONT FELLOWSHIP NIGHT continues this Wednesday. For dinner, the cost is \$5 per adult (9 and older), \$3 per child (8 and under), with a maximum cost to a family of \$22. College students may eat for free if they show their college ID. **All those wishing to attend dinner this week must make a reservation by noon tomorrow, March 4.** To make your reservation, visit our website, email or call the church office, or fill out a reservation card for the offering plate. The entrée this week will be Tacos.

LENT WORSHIP SERVICE: We will gather for a Lent Worship Service in the Sanctuary this Wednesday at 6:30 pm after our regular RFN meal at 5:45 pm. The season of Lent prepares our hearts to celebrate the resurrection. According to Luke 9:51, as the day drew near for Christ to be taken up, He set His face toward Jerusalem. During Lent we set our hearts toward the cross with humble repentance for sin and hopeful expectation of Christ's cross and resurrection. We will have regular RFN for infants to 6th grade, while 7th grade to adults join in worship.

PRESCHOOL NIGHT AT MI PATRON in the Village Courts Shopping Center is next Tuesday, March 12 anytime between 5:00 to 9:00 pm.

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FLOWER WORKSHOP: On Sunday, March 31 from 2:00 to 5:00 pm, professional floral designers Amy Thornburg and Meg Laughon will conduct a flower workshop to which all are invited. They will create arrangements featuring Dutch Master techniques and the basics of color, form, and texture. Participants will create their own arrangement to take home. The \$30 registration fee includes all materials. Registration begins next Sunday in the Cheatham Center and online.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGSTIME: Don't forget to turn your clock forward an hour Saturday night!

ATTENDANCE: Morning Worship: 8:30 service: 306; 11:00 service: 313; Total: 619. Sunday School: 403.

UPCOMING USHER SCHEDULE

Wednesday's Lent Worship Service at 6:30 pm: Andrea Adams, Todd Scruggs

Next Sunday's Worship Services:
Head Deacon: Larry Langhans **Assistant Deacon:** Clay Atkins **Morning Only:** David Faidley
8:30: Josh Alley, Terry Beckloff, Brian Nash, Jeff Widmeyer
11:00: David Head, Daniel Lass, Steve McCann, Drew Neiderer

Next Sunday's Baroque Ensemble at 4:00 pm: Clay Atkins, Larry Langhans

Concerns of the Church

RECUPERATING: Charlie Mitchell, Becky White

CHRISTIAN LOVE AND SYMPATHY ARE EXTENDED TO

- Jim Stanley and family in the death of his mother, Dorothy G. Stanley, who died Thursday, February 21. She was from Martinsville, Virginia.
- John Locke and family in the death of John's wife, Stephanie G. Locke, who died Friday, February 22. A memorial service in celebration of her life was held in our Sanctuary yesterday afternoon.
- George Paulson and family in the death of his brother, John Paulson, who died Wednesday, February 27. He was from Missouri.

IN APPRECIATION: *Heartfelt thanks for the many ways the church body has ministered to me during this time of incapacity and of Ferd's unanticipated passing. You have surely been the hands, feet, and heart of Jesus to me.*
In His love, Marilyn Kirshberger

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OUR MISSION

REPC SEEKS THE RENEWING OF LIVES THROUGH GOD'S COMPELLING LOVE IN LYNCHBURG AND THE WORLD.

March 3, 2019 | 8:30 AM & 11:00 AM

Order of Worship

The prelude is a time for the body of Christ to prepare spiritually to enter into His presence in worship. As the prelude begins, please assume a quiet, prayerful, and reverent attitude of worship. (Please silence your mobile devices.)

PRELUDE: **"For the Beauty of the Earth"** arr. Michael Burkhardt
For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,
For the love which from our birth over and around us lies,
Lord of all, to Thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.
For the beauty of each hour of the day and of the night,
Hill and vale, and tree and flow'r, sun and moon and stars of light,
For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,
Friends on earth and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild,
For each perfect gift of Thine to our race so freely giv'n,
Graces human and divine, flow'rs of earth and buds of heav'n,

THE SILENT PRAYER OF PREPARATION:
Our Father in heaven, Who sent Your only-begotten Son into the world, not to condemn the world but that the world through Him might be saved: we pray that You would be pleased to pour out Your Spirit upon us; that, with true repentance of our sins, we might take up our cross, deny ourselves, and faithfully follow Jesus Christ; in Whom alone we trust for our salvation, and in Whose holy name we pray. Amen.

THE GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS: Pastor Brett Eubank

***THE CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 34:1-3, 19-22 (responsively)**

*I will bless the LORD at all times;
His praise shall continually be in my mouth.
My soul makes its boast in the LORD;
let the humble hear and be glad.
Oh, magnify the LORD with me,
and let us exalt His name together!
Many are the afflictions of the righteous,
but the LORD delivers him out of them all.
He keeps all his bones; not one of them is broken.*

Affliction will slay the wicked, and those who hate the righteous will be condemned.
*The LORD redeems the life of His servants;
none of those who take refuge in Him will be condemned.*

***THE HYMN OF PRAISE: #103**
"Holy God, We Praise Your Name" GROSSER GOTT, WIR LOBEN DICH

***THE PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION**

***THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON: 2 Corinthians 7:10**

***THE ACCLAMATION OF PRAISE:**
"Jesus Paid It All" (vs. 3, 4) ALL TO CHRIST
For nothing good have I, whereby Your grace to claim,
I'll wash my garments white in the blood of Calv'ry's Lamb.
Jesus paid it all, all to Him I owe;
Sin had left a crimson stain, He washed it white as snow.

And when before the throne I stand in Him complete,
"Jesus died my soul to save," my lips shall still repeat.
Jesus paid it all, all to Him I owe;
Sin had left a crimson stain, He washed it white as snow.

***THE FELLOWSHIP OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST**
"Welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, to the glory of God."
Romans 15:7

THE SPECIAL TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

THE INTERLUDE:
Children pre-K through first grade may be dismissed for Children's Church to the orange room, #115.

THE READING OF HOLY SCRIPTURE: 1 Peter 1:18-21 (page 1014)

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE SERMON: "The Hope of Holiness" Dr. David Weber

THE PRAYER FOR A RIGHT RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

***THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: THE APOSTLES' CREED (in unison)**
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 Ghost, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

***THE GLORIA:** *"Gloria Patri"* GREATOREX
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
World without end! Amen, Amen!

THE RECEPTION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM: *"Jesus, Lover of My Soul"* Sanctuary Choir
Philip W. J. Stopford

Jesus, lover of my soul, let me to Thy bosom fly,
While the nearer waters roll, while the tempest still is high;
Hide me, O my Savior, hide, till the storm of life be past;
Safe into the haven guide, O receive my soul at last!
Other refuge have I none; hangs my helpless soul on Thee;
Leave me not alone, still support and comfort me.
All my trust on Thee is stayed, all my help from Thee I bring;
Cover my defenseless head with the shadow of Thy wing.
Thou, O Christ, art all I want; more than all in Thee I find.
Raise the fallen, cheer the faint, heal the sick, and lead the blind.
Just and holy is Thy name; I am all unrighteousness.
False and full of sin I am; Thou art full of truth and grace.
Plenteous grace with Thee is found, grace to cover all my sin.
Let the healing streams abound; make and keep me pure within.
Thou of life the fountain art; freely let me take of Thee.
Spring Thou up within my heart, rise to all eternity. Amen.

***THE COMMUNION HYMN: #420**
"At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing" ST. GEORGE'S, WINDSOR

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER:

If you are not a member of this congregation but are a baptized believer who is welcome to receive Communion in your home church, then you are invited to receive the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper with us. Baptized children of this congregation are welcome to receive the Sacrament after they have received instruction and admission by the Session. After reviewing the communion packet with your child, contact the church office to set up a meeting with the pastors. The packet is at www.rivermont.org/communion.

The Words of Invitation and Institution

The Prayer of Consecration, concluding with The Lord's Prayer (in unison):
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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

The Distribution of the Bread and Cup

The Concluding Communion Prayer

***THE HYMN OF RESPONSE: #307** *"Nothing but the Blood"* PLAINFIELD

***THE BENEDICTION**

***THE CONGREGATIONAL AND CHORAL AMEN (sung by all):**
"A-men, A-men, A-men!"

***POSTLUDE:** *"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"* arr. Michael Burkhardt

*The congregation standing. Please feel free to be seated if you need to do so.
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SERMON NOTES

1. The blood of Christ is freeing. (18)

2. The blood of Christ is precious. (19)

3. The blood of Christ is imperishable. (20-21)

RIVERMONT EPC APP IS HERE! You can now download the new Rivermont EPC app for your phone or tablet. It is available for both Apple and Android and features a number of tools (sermon podcast, online giving, Bible reading plan, event calendar, etc.) to keep you informed and connected. When you download the app, make sure to "allow notifications" so we can send out important communication (like weather closings) directly to your app.

MARCH FOOD DRIVE: This month REPC will help replenish the Rivermont Area Emergency Food Pantry. Monetary gifts are welcome. Checks should be made out to Holy Trinity Lutheran Church; be sure to state in the memo line "from REPC." For food donations, a bin will be available across from the Library and downstairs near the Fellowship Hall. The following non-perishable items (expiration date within one year) are needed: soup, peanut butter, jelly, canned vegetables, canned fruit, canned chicken, macaroni and cheese, tuna, crackers, cereal, pasta, and pasta sauce. With questions, contact Paulette Parker (434-384-1827) or Jay Spencer (434-610-0011).

PRAYING FOR OUR MISSIONARIES: Rivermont Area Emergency Food Pantry
Being persuaded that the love of Christ compels us to share our food with the hungry in our neighborhood, our church participates with several area churches in the Rivermont Area Emergency Food Pantry, located at nearby Trinity Lutheran Church. Please pray for this ministry as it supplies food for individuals and families in need in the Rivermont area.

Prayer Usher Ministry
Prayer Ministry teams are available after each morning service for those who would like someone to pray with them about a personal need. The Prayer Ushers will meet you at the Family Room off the Cheatham Center. They will be identified with name tags. This ministry is available to visitors as well as members. All prayer requests are confidential.