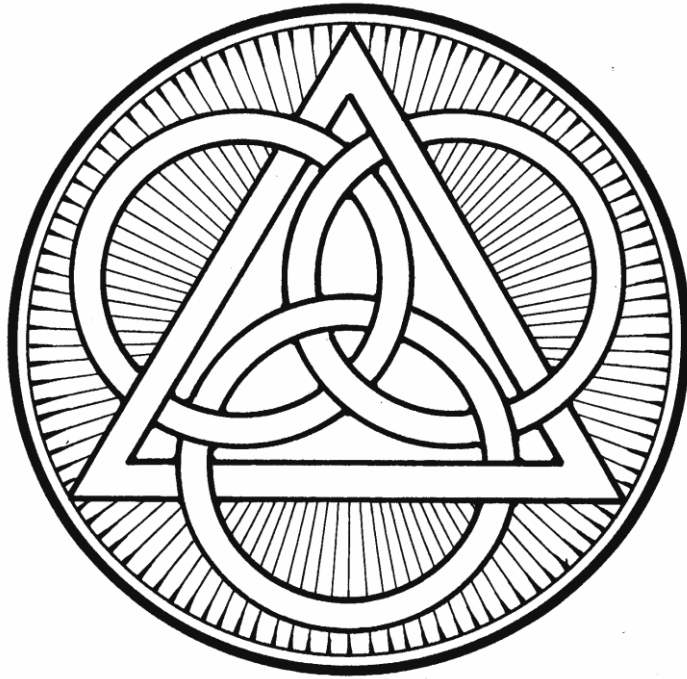


# THE FEAST OF THE HOLY TRINITY

*Divine Service for the Octave of Pentecost*



JUNE 4, 2023

LEBANON LUTHERAN CHURCH

Lebanon Church, VA

The congregation assembles and offers silent prayer upon entering the pews.

## Announcement of the Day

The ministers gather for the procession. The congregation stands for the Entrance Hymn.

### Entrance Hymn

*God Himself is Present*



1 God Him - self is pres - ent: Let us now a - dore Him  
2 God Him - self is pres - ent: Hear the harps re - sound - ing;  
3 Fount of ev - 'ry bless - ing, Pu - ri - fy my spir - it,



And with awe ap - pear be - fore Him. God is in His  
See the hosts the throne sur - round - ing. "Ho - ly, ho - ly,  
Trust - ing on - ly in Your mer - it. Like the ho - ly



tem - ple; All with - in keep si - lence; Hum - bly kneel in  
ho - ly!" Hear the hymn as - cend - ing, Songs of saints and  
an - gels, Wor - ship - ing be - fore You, May I cease - less -



deep - est rev - 'rence. He a - lone On His throne  
an - gels blend - ing. Bow Your ear To us here:  
ly a - dore You. Let Your will Ev - er still



Is our God and Sav - ior; Praise His name for - ev - er!  
Hear, O Christ, the prais - es That Your Church now rais - es.  
Rule Your Church ter - res - trial As the hosts ce - les - tial.

Text: Gerhard Tersteegen, 1697–1769, abr.; tr. Frederick W. Foster, 1760–1835, alt.; tr. John Miller, 1756–90, alt.

Tune: Joachim Neander, 1650–80

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## THE PREPARATION

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

**C** **Amen.**

**P** Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden, cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit that we may perfectly love You and worthily magnify Your holy name; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** **Amen.**

**P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**C** **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

**P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**C** **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. 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.

## SERVICE OF THE WORD

### Introit

*Psalm 8:1–2a, 3–5; antiphon: Liturgical Text*



Blessèd be the Holy Trinity and the undivided | Unity.\*

Let us give glory to him because he has shown his mer- | cy to us.

O | LORD, our Lord,\*

how majestic is your name in | all the earth!

You have set your glory above the | heavens.\*

Out of the mouth of babes and infants, you have es- | tablished strength.

When I look at your heavens, the work of your | fingers,\*

the moon and the stars, which you have | set in place,

what is man that you are mind- | ful of him,\*

and the son of man that you | care for him?

Yet you have made him a little lower than the heavenly | beings\*  
and crowned him with glory and | honor.

and crowned him with glory and | honor.

**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.**

Blessèd be the Holy Trinity and the undivided | Unity.\*

Let us give glory to him because he has shown his mer- | cy to us.

## Apostolic Greeting

**P** The grace of our † Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C** And also with you.

## Gloria in Excelsis

*Luke 2:14; John 1:29*

**A** Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to His peo-ple on earth.

**C** Lord God, heav - en - ly king, al - might - y God and  
Fa - ther: We wor - ship You, we give You thanks, we  
praise You for Your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly  
Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God: You  
take a-way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on  
us. You are seat - ed at the right hand of the  
Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer. For You a - lone are the

Ho - ly One, You a-lone are the Lord, You a-lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa-ther. A - men.

**Salutation and Collect of the Day**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And al - so with you.

*The Presiding Minister chants the Collect.*

**P** Let us pray...

**C** A - men.

*Sit*

**Old Testament Reading**

*Isaiah 6:1-7*

In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the temple. Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he

covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. And one called to another and said:

“Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts;  
the whole earth is full of his glory!”

And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke. And I said: “Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!”

Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. And he touched my mouth and said: “Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for.”

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

*The Assistant Minister chants the antiphon, introducing the psalm. The congregation responds with the bold text.*

**Psalm**

*Psalm 29*

*Antiphon:* Ascribe to the LORD the glory | due his name;\*

worship the LORD in the splendor of ho- | liness.

**Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly | beings,\***

**ascribe to the LORD glo- | ry and strength.**

Ascribe to the LORD the glory | due his name;\*

worship the LORD in the splendor of | holiness.

**The voice of the LORD is over the | waters,\***

**the God of glory thunders,**

**the LORD, over many | waters.**

The voice of the LORD is | powerful,\*  
the voice of the LORD is full of | majesty.

**The voice of the LORD breaks the | cedars;\***  
**the LORD breaks the cedars of | Lebanon.**

He makes Lebanon to skip | like a calf,\*  
and Sirion like a young | wild ox.

**The voice | of the LORD\***  
**flashes forth | flames of fire.**

The voice of the LORD shakes the | wilderness;\*  
the LORD shakes the wilderness | of Kadesh.

**The voice of the LORD makes the deer give birth**  
**and strips the | forests bare,\***  
**and in his temple all cry, | “Glory!”**

The LORD sits enthroned o- | ver the flood,\*  
the LORD sits enthroned as king for- | ever.

**May the LORD give strength to his | people!\***  
**May the LORD bless his people | with peace!**

**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.**

*Antiphon:* Ascribe to the LORD the glory | due his name;\*  
worship the LORD in the splendor of ho- | liness.

## Epistle

*Romans 11:33–36*

Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!



“For who has known the mind of the Lord,  
or who has been his counselor?”

“Or who has given a gift to him  
that he might be repaid?”

For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be  
glory forever. Amen.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

**Verse**

*Liturgical Text*

**C** Alleluia. Blessed are you, O Lord God of our fathers, and greatly  
to be praised and glorified forever. Alleluia.

**Holy Gospel**

*John 3:1–17*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the third chapter.



**C** Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him.” Jesus answered him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother’s womb and be born?” Jesus answered, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water

and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.' The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit."

Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" Jesus answered him, "Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things? Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know, and bear witness to what we have seen, but you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him."

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



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

*Sit*

**Sermon**

*Stand*

## Hymn of the Day

*Holy, Holy, Holy*



1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!  
2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore Thee,  
3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide Thee,  
4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!



Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to Thee;  
Cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;  
Though the eye of sin - ful man Thy glo - ry may not see,  
All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea.



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!  
Cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore Thee,  
On - ly Thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side Thee,  
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!



God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!  
Which wert and art and ev - er - more shalt be.  
Per - fect in pow'r, in love, and pu - ri - ty.  
God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

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## Athanasian Creed

- L** Whoever desires to be saved must, above all, hold the catholic faith.
- C** Whoever does not keep it whole and undefiled will without doubt perish eternally.
- L** And the catholic faith is this,

- C** that we worship one God in Trinity and Trinity in Unity, neither confusing the persons nor dividing the substance.
- L** For the Father is one person, the Son is another, and the Holy Spirit is another.
- C** But the Godhead of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit is one: the glory equal, the majesty coeternal.
- L** Such as the Father is, such is the Son, and such is the Holy Spirit:
- C** the Father uncreated, the Son uncreated, the Holy Spirit uncreated;
- L** the Father infinite, the Son infinite, the Holy Spirit infinite;
- C** the Father eternal, the Son eternal, the Holy Spirit eternal.
- L** And yet there are not three Eternals, but one Eternal,
- C** just as there are not three Uncreated or three Infinites, but one Uncreated and one Infinite.
- L** In the same way, the Father is almighty, the Son almighty, the Holy Spirit almighty;
- C** and yet there are not three Almightyies, but one Almighty.
- L** So the Father is God, the Son is God, the Holy Spirit is God;
- C** and yet there are not three Gods, but one God.
- L** So the Father is Lord, the Son is Lord, the Holy Spirit is Lord;
- C** and yet there are not three Lords, but one Lord.
- L** Just as we are compelled by the Christian truth to acknowledge each distinct person as God and Lord, so also are we prohibited by the catholic religion to say that there are three Gods or Lords.
- C** The Father is not made nor created nor begotten by anyone.
- L** The Son is neither made nor created, but begotten of the Father alone.

- C** The Holy Spirit is of the Father and of the Son, neither made nor created nor begotten, but proceeding.
- L** Thus, there is one Father, not three Fathers; one Son, not three Sons; one Holy Spirit, not three Holy Spirits.
- C** And in this Trinity none is before or after another; none is greater or less than another;
- L** but the whole three persons are coeternal with each other and coequal, so that in all things, as has been stated above, the Trinity in Unity and Unity in Trinity is to be worshiped.
- C** Therefore, whoever desires to be saved must think thus about the Trinity.
- L** But it is also necessary for everlasting salvation that one faithfully believe the incarnation of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- C** Therefore, it is the right faith that we believe and confess that our Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is at the same time both God and man.
- L** He is God, begotten from the substance of the Father before all ages; and He is man, born from the substance of His mother in this age:
- C** perfect God and perfect man, composed of a rational soul and human flesh;
- L** equal to the Father with respect to His divinity, less than the Father with respect to His humanity.
- C** Although He is God and man, He is not two, but one Christ:
- L** one, however, not by the conversion of the divinity into flesh, but by the assumption of the humanity into God;
- C** one altogether, not by confusion of substance, but by unity of person.

- L** For as the rational soul and flesh is one man, so God and man is one Christ,
- C** **who suffered for our salvation, descended into hell, rose again the third day from the dead,**
- L** ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father, God Almighty, from whence He will come to judge the living and the dead.
- C** **At His coming all people will rise again with their bodies and give an account concerning their own deeds.**
- L** And those who have done good will enter into eternal life, and those who have done evil into eternal fire.
- C** **This is the catholic faith; whoever does not believe it faithfully and firmly cannot be saved.**

*The congregation is seated.*

## RECOGNITION OF SERVANTS OF THE CONGREGATION

*Those to be honored are presented before the altar.*

- P** Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, you have served our Lord faithfully in the educational ministry of the Church. Hear what Holy Scripture has to say about those who serve in the Church.
- A** I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to feel this way about you all, because I hold you in my heart, for you are

all partakers with me of grace, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I yearn for you all with the affection of Christ Jesus.

**A** And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

**P** Let us pray.  
Gracious Father, You direct Your people to use their gifts in service to others. Receive our thanks and praise for the faithful service of these teachers. Bless them with wisdom and patience, and with love and faithfulness to Your Word, that they may continue to serve with gladness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

**P** Go in the name of the Lord. Be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain. The almighty and most merciful God, the Father, the † Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.

**C** Amen.

*Those recognized return to their pews. We then stand for the Prayer of the Church.*

## Prayer of the Church

*Sit*

### SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

Baptized and repentant sinners who accept our doctrine, are not under church discipline, and who confess with us that the body and blood of the Lord are distributed and received with the bread and wine of the Sacrament are welcome to commune at this altar. Those who are not yet Baptized or who are unsure of their confession of faith may come forward for a blessing; approach the steps with arms crossed over chest to receive a blessing.

### Offering

*When the Offering has been received and the altar made ready, we stand for the Offertory.*

### Offertory

*Psalm 116:12–13, 17–19*



**C** What shall I ren - der to the Lord for all His ben - e-fits to



me? I will of - fer the sac - ri - fice of thanks - giv - ing and will



call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-



va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my



vows to the Lord now in the pres - ence of all His peo - ple, in the  
courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

### Offertory Prayer

- A** Merciful Father,  
**C** We offer with joy and thanksgiving, what You have first given us: our selves, our time, and our possessions – signs of Your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of Him Who offered Himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### Preface

*2 Timothy 4:22; [Colossians 3:1]; [Psalm 136]*

**P** The Lord be with you.  
**C** And al - so with you.  
**P** Lift up your hearts.  
**C** We lift them to the Lord.

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

## Proper Preface

## Sanctus

*Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9*

**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of

pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of Your

glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Bless - ed is He who comes in the name

of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## Prayer of Thanksgiving



## Distribution

The pastor and those who assist him receive the body and blood of Christ first and then distribute them to those who have been admitted to the Lord's Table.

## Communion Hymn

*Holy God, We Praise Thy Name*



1 Ho - ly God, we praise Thy name; Lord of all, we  
2 Hark! The glad ce - les - tial hymn An - gel choirs a -  
3 Lo, the a - pos - tles' ho - ly train Join Thy sa - cred  
4 Thou art King of Glo - ry, Christ; Son of God, yet  
△ 5 Ho - ly Fa - ther, ho - ly Son, Ho - ly Spir - it,



bow be - fore Thee. All on earth Thy scep - ter claim,  
bove are rais - ing; Cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim,  
name to hal - low; Proph - ets swell the glad re - frain,  
born of Mar - y. For us sin - ners sac - ri - ficed,  
three we name Thee; Though in es - sence on - ly one,



All in heav'n a - bove a - dore Thee. In - fi - nite Thy  
In un - ceas - ing cho - rus prais - ing, Fill the heav'ns with  
And the white - robed mar - tyrs fol - low, And from morn to  
As to death a Trib - u - tar - y, First to break the  
Un - di - vid - ed God we claim Thee And, a - dor - ing,



vast do - main, Ev - er - last - ing is Thy reign.  
sweet ac - cord: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord!  
set of sun Through the Church the song goes on.  
bars of death, Thou hast o - pened heav'n to faith.  
bend the knee While we own the mys - ter - y.

Text: Latin, c. 4th cent.; German version Katholisches Gesangbuch, 1774, Vienna; tr. Clarence A. Walworth, 1820–1900, alt.  
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## Additional Hymns

*LBW 200, 214*

*After the congregation has communed and returned to the pews, we stand for the Post-Communion Blessing.*

## Post-Communion Blessing

### Post-Communion Canticle

*[Psalm 105:1–3, 42–43]; [1 Chronicles 16:8–10]*

**C** Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what  
He has done. Let ev - 'ry-one who seeks the Lord re -  
joice and proud - ly bear His name. He re-calls His prom-is-  
es and leads His peo - ple forth in joy with shouts of thanks -  
giv - ing. Al - le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia.

*The Assistant Minister prays the Collect.*

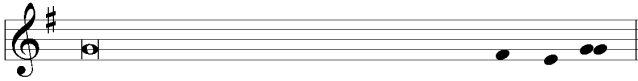
### Post-Communion Collect

**A** Let us pray...

**C** Amen.

## Benediction

Numbers 6:24–26



**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** A - men.

## Hymn to Depart

*Now Thank We All Our God*



1 Now thank we all our God With hearts and hands and voic - es,  
2 Oh, may this boun-teous God Through all our life be near us,  
△ 3 All praise and thanks to God The Fa - ther now be giv - en,



Who won - drous things has done, In whom His world re - joic - es;  
With ev - er joy - ful hearts And bless - ed peace to cheer us  
The Son, and Him who reigns With them in high - est heav - en,



Who from our moth - ers' arms Has blest us on our way  
And keep us in His grace And guide us when per - plexed  
The one e - ter - nal God, Whom earth and heav'n a - dore;



With count - less gifts of love And still is ours to - day.  
And free us from all ills In this world and the next!  
For thus it was, is now, And shall be ev - er - more.

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## Announcements and Dismissal

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## ***Prayer Requests***

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Rev. Bill White, Fran Reidy, Arlene Hamman, the Heird family, Steve Lowe, Adam Porter, Michael Reidy, Stephanie Andre, Kim, the Tim Middleton family, Robert Denley, Wayne and Barbara Himelright, Margaret Daley, John Marshall Winkfield, Mary Artz, June Maxwell, Shirley Foster, Ruth Rickard, for the Lutheran Church in the Valley, for an increase in parish membership, for a full-time pianist, for John and Helen Baker, for the victims of violence and natural disaster.

## ***From the Anniversary Committee***

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- *Pull out your favorite recipes!* We're building a cookbook in conjunction with the 175th anniversary celebration. Recipes may be submitted to Tammy Leathers. Cookbooks will be available for purchase and proceeds will be used toward the anniversary celebration.
- *A message from Carolyn Frye*  
I am still working on the church history and would like to ask two things:
  1. If you are a descendent of the early church members, please let me know and tell me who it is and how you are related. I want to put that in the back of the book.
  2. If you have any OLD pictures, (50+ years) or any new photos of the church building -- groundbreaking, renovations, etc, please contact me.

Carolyn Frye 540-535-9580 or carolyndfrye@yahoo.com

## ***Congregational Budget Information***

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Needed each week: \$3,173.71

Sunday 5/28: \$2,120.00

## *This Week*

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Monday – 10am ZOOM Bible Study: Acts 19-20, No Monday Evening Class.

Tuesday – 10 and 11am, Greenfield Services.

Wednesday – Matins at 8:15am, Confession at 10am, Midweek Holy Communion at 1:30pm.

## *Looking Ahead*

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The Southern District Convocation is this Saturday, June 10 (Warrenton), the National Convocation is August 7-11 (Oklahoma City), the Atlantic Regional Convocation is October 13-14 (York, PA). **Our congregation is entitled to have one lay delegate at each of these events.** We have budgeted for expenses for lay delegates.



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