



# TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Dear Friends:

I am writing to invite you to attend an ecumenical prayer service on Veterans Day, November 11<sup>th</sup>, here at Trinity Lutheran Church in Hagerstown. This 30–45-minute service will consist of prayer, scripture, a message, and of course, music suited for the occasion. I hope to give each person attending a brief opportunity to share something of his or her experience with one of the branches of the Armed Forces of the United States.

I served as a chaplain in the United States Naval Reserve and had the great privilege of ministering to the faithful men and women of our Armed Forces at various duty stations. As a veteran myself, I can appreciate the sacrifices you made to keep our country safe and strong. Family members of veterans also contributed to this effort, and I extend the invitation to attend this service to them as well.

Major hostilities in World War I formally ended at the 11<sup>th</sup> hour of the 11<sup>th</sup> day of the 11<sup>th</sup> month of 1918 when the treaty between the Allies and Germany went into effect. Not long after, Armistice Day was commemorated in the United States and Europe. At the urging of major U.S. veteran organizations, Armistice Day was renamed Veterans Day in 1954, to include and honor all those who served their country.

Trinity Lutheran Church is located at the corner of Potomac Street and Randolph Avenue in Hagerstown. The service will be held in Fellowship Hall which is handicapped accessible by way of the parking lot at the rear of the building. Light refreshments will be served following the service.

I hope you can be here for this, our first Veterans Day observance. The members of Trinity would be honored to have you attend.

Sincerely yours,

The Rev. Dr. David W. Eisenhuth  
Senior Pastor

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