

# Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

10:00 a.m. Combined Worship Service • June 21, 2020

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Third Sunday After Pentecost



Verbum Domini Manet in Aeternum (VDMA) – The Word of the Lord Endures Forever.

*God does not promise that the path of the disciple will be easy. Jeremiah feels the pain of rejection from those who do not want to hear what he has to say. Jesus declares that his words may bring stark division. Even so, we need not be afraid, for God accounts for each hair on our heads. Though we may experience rejection, frustration, division, and death, God's grace and love make us a new creation each day. Marked with the cross and filled with holy food, we are sent from worship to witness to Christ in the world.*

**Thank you for joining us online as a new way of connecting to God's word as we transition during this time of social distancing to protect ourselves and others.**

**Please feel free to contact Pastor Tina if you need help in any way during this time. Her phone number is listed below. Just know that she is only a phone call away.**



The Reverend Tina Melusky, Pastor

Pastor Melusky's office hours:

Monday: 9 - 2; Tuesday: 9 -10:30, 11:30 - 12:15

Wednesday 9:30 - 12; Thursday 9 - 12

(Times are sometimes flexible with monthly meetings,  
but feel free to call for an appointment or drop in)

William C. Solomon, Interim Organist

Bill Tew, Interim Choir Director

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## Prelude

## Announcements

## Gathering

### Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, whose steadfast love is everlasting, whose faithfulness endures from generation to generation. **Amen.**

Trusting in the mercy of God, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Reconciling God,

**we confess that we do not trust your abundance,  
and we deny your presence in our lives.**

**We place our hope in ourselves  
and rely on our own efforts.**

**We fail to believe that you provide enough for all.**

**We abuse your good creation for our own benefit.**

**We fear difference and do not welcome others  
as you have welcomed us.**

**We sin in thought, word, and deed.**

**By your grace, forgive us;**

**through your love, renew us;**

**and in your Spirit, lead us;**

**so that we may live and serve you in newness of life. Amen.**

Beloved of God,

by the radical abundance of divine mercy

we have peace with God through + Christ Jesus,

through whom we have obtained grace upon grace.

Our sins are forgiven.

Let us live now in hope.

For hope does not disappoint,

because God's love has been poured into our hearts

through the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**



Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim till



all the world a - dore his sa - cred name.



- 1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our cap - tain trod,
- 2 All new - born ser - vants of the Cru - ci - fied
- 3 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,
- 4 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

*Refrain*

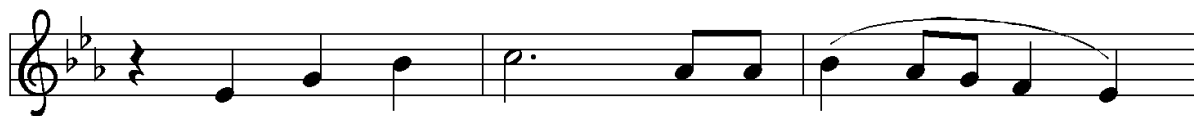


our king vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.  
 bear on their brows the seal of him who died.  
 as thou hast prom - ised, draw us all to thee.  
 praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry!

**Greeting**

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

**Kyrie**



Glo - ry to God in the high -



est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



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.  
 Glo - ry to God in the high -  
 est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

### Prayer of the Day

Teach us, good Lord God, to serve you as you deserve, to give and not to count the cost, to fight and not to heed the wounds, to toil and not to seek for rest, to labor and not to ask for reward, except that of knowing that we do your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

### First Reading: Jeremiah 20:7-13

*Jeremiah accuses God of forcing him into a ministry that brings him only contempt and persecution. Yet Jeremiah is confident that God will be a strong protector against his enemies and commits his life into God's hands.*

O Lord, you have enticed me,  
 and I was enticed;  
 you have overpowered me,  
 and you have prevailed.  
 I have become a laughingstock all day long;  
 everyone mocks me.  
 For whenever I speak, I must cry out,  
 I must shout, "Violence and destruction!"  
 For the word of the Lord has become for me

a reproach and derision all day long.  
If I say, "I will not mention him,  
or speak any more in his name,"  
then within me there is something like a burning fire  
shut up in my bones;  
I am weary with holding it in,  
and I cannot.  
For I hear many whispering:  
"Terror is all around!  
Denounce him! Let us denounce him!"  
All my close friends  
are watching for me to stumble.  
"Perhaps he can be enticed,  
and we can prevail against him,  
and take our revenge on him."  
But the Lord is with me like a dread warrior;  
therefore my persecutors will stumble,  
and they will not prevail.  
They will be greatly shamed,  
for they will not succeed.  
Their eternal dishonor  
will never be forgotten.  
O Lord of hosts, you test the righteous,  
you see the heart and the mind;  
let me see your retribution upon them,  
for to you I have committed my cause.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm: 69:7-10 [11-15] 16-18** (read responsively)

Surely, for your sake I have suffered reproach,  
and shame has covered my face.  
**I have become a stranger to my own kindred,  
an alien to my mother's children.**  
Zeal for your house has eaten me up;  
the scorn of those who scorn you has fallen upon me.  
**I humbled myself with fasting,  
but that was turned to my reproach.**  
When I made sackcloth my clothing,  
I became a byword to them.

**Those who sit at the gate murmur against me,  
and the drunkards make songs about me.**

But as for me, this is my prayer to you, at the time you have set, O LORD:

“In your great mercy, O God, answer me with your unfailing help.

**Save me from the mire; do not let me sink;**

**let me be rescued from those who hate me and out of the deep waters.**

Let not the torrent of waters wash over me, neither let the deep swallow me up;  
do not let the pit shut its mouth upon me.

**Answer me, O LORD, for your love is kind;**

**in your great compassion, turn to me.**

Hide not your face from your servant;

be swift and answer me, for I am in distress.

**Draw near to me and redeem me;**

**because of my enemies deliver me.**

### **Second Reading: Romans 6:1b-11**

*In baptism we were incorporated into the reality of Christ's death and resurrection. We have been made new in Christ through his death and resurrection to live freed from sin.*

Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

### **Gospel: Matthew 10:24-39**

*Jesus warns his disciples that their ministry in his name will meet with opposition. However, he assures them that they need not fear for the truth will come to light. Life is found in Christ.*



The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 10th chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus said to the twelve: “A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!

“So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. And even the hairs of your head are all counted. So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

“Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

“Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword.

For I have come to set a man against his father,  
and a daughter against her mother,  
and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law;  
and one’s foes will be members of one’s own household.

Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.”

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Children’s Chat**

Pastor Tina

**Sermon**

Pastor Tina



1 I love to tell the sto - ry of un - seen things a - bove,  
 2 I love to tell the sto - ry: how pleas - ant to re - peat  
 3 I love to tell the sto - ry, for those who know it best



of Je - sus and his glo - ry, of Je - sus and his love.  
 what seems, each time I tell it, more won - der - ful - ly sweet!  
 seem hun - ger - ing and thirst - ing to hear it like the rest.



I love to tell the sto - ry, be - cause I know it's true;  
 I love to tell the sto - ry, for some have nev - er heard  
 And when, in scenes of glo - ry, I sing the new, new song,



it sat - is - fies my long - ings as noth - ing else would do.  
 the mes - sage of sal - va - tion from God's own ho - ly word.  
 I'll sing the old, old sto - ry that I have loved so long.

*Refrain*

I love to tell the sto - ry; 'twill be my theme in glo - ry



to tell the old, old sto - ry of Je - sus and his love.

**Apostle's Creed**

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
 creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

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

### **Prayers of Intercession**

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

### **Sharing of the Peace**

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

### **Thanksgiving for the Word**

Praise and thanks to you, holy God, for by your Word you made all things: you spoke light into darkness, called forth beauty from chaos, and brought life into being. For your Word of life, O God,

**we give you thanks and praise.**

By your Word you called your people Israel to tell of your wonderful gifts: freedom from captivity, water on the desert journey, a pathway home from exile, wisdom for life with you. For your Word of life, O God,

**we give you thanks and praise.**

Through Jesus, your Word made flesh, you speak to us and call us to witness: forgiveness through the cross, life to those entombed by death, the way of your self-giving love. For your Word of life, O God,

**we give you thanks and praise.**

Send your Spirit of truth, O God; rekindle your gifts within us: renew our faith, increase our hope, and deepen our love, for the sake of a world in need. Faithful to your Word, O

God, draw near to all who call on you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever.

**Amen.**

### **Lord's Prayer**

**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.**

### **Blessing**

Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus.

God, the creator, + Jesus, the Christ, and the Holy Spirit, the comforter, bless you and keep you in eternal love. **Amen.**



1 O Christ, your heart, com - pas - sion - ate, bore ev - 'ry hu - man pain.  
 2 As once you wel - comed those cast down and healed the sick, the blind,  
 3 O Christ, cre - ate new hearts in us that beat in time with yours,  
 4 O Love that made the dis - tant stars, yet marks the spar - row's fall,



Its beat - ing was the pulse of God; its breadth, God's vast do - main.  
 so may all bruised and bro - ken lives through us your help still find.  
 that, joined by faith with your great heart, be - come love's o - pen doors.  
 whose arms stretched wide up - on a cross em - brace and bear us all:



The heart of God, the heart of Christ com - bined in per - fect rhyme  
 Lord, join our hearts with those who weep that none may weep a - lone,  
 We are your bod - y, ris - en Christ; our hearts, our hands we yield  
 come, make your church a ser - vant church that walks your ser - vant ways,



to write God's love in hu - man deeds, e - ter - ni - ty in time.  
 and help us bear an - oth - er's pain as though it were our own.  
 that through our life and min - is - try your love may be re - vealed.  
 whose deeds of love rise up to you, a sac - ri - fice of praise!

**Dismissal**

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **YOUTH NEWS**

### **Youth Assembly:**

While Synod Assembly was cancelled, the Youth Assembly was not, and NINE of our very own youth were able to participate in this online experience with youth from across the state. A special shout out to our voting members - Carson Turnage, Mackenzie Anderson, Nathan Rummel, and Emma Recupero. Thanks so much for representing our congregation and youth group!

### **Kairos:**

Changes, changes, changes... **Kairos** will be **virtual** this year! All rising 9th -12th graders are invited to participate **July 20 -23** in this rethought out event. There will still be large and small group sessions held, but the entire event will be held on a web based platform. A minimal fee to cover the cost of materials and your Kairos T-shirt will be charged. Save the dates for now, and please keep your eyes open for more information that will be posted via our Facebook link.

### **Yard Sale and Fundraising for NYG:**

The 2021 National Youth Gathering will be held in Minneapolis, Minnesota next summer, and per the planning team, the event is still on schedule to occur. Registration will actually begin in September!!! Due to the large number of youth that we are attempting to send to this event (14 or more!), we need to continue our fundraising in order to register for and book this trip. Due to the COVID 19 pandemic, we are attempting to find more creative ways to fundraise that will involve more limited contact but won't require the youth to sell goods either. One such event will be the Flocking of the Flamingos in congregation members' yards which will begin in July. More information on that event is forthcoming. Our annual yard sale will also be needed to help raise funds for this event. The advisors are actively working to set up this event in a safe way to allow for social distancing and minimal amounts of people in the sale at a time. If you would like your youth to participate in that event, please save the dates of July 18- 26, with the sale dates of July 24 and 25. If parents would like to run or host other fundraisers in order to raise money for this event please get in touch with Pastor Tina, Kelly, or Ashleigh as soon as possible.

### **VA Aquarium Adventure Course:**

We have not forgotten about our outdoor high adventure ropes course trip at the VA Beach Aquarium that we had scheduled when the pandemic hit. The ropes course has reopened, but we are going to wait until the fall to tackle this event. We will post a new date once we have one.

## **MORE NEWS!**

### **Walking Worship Wednesdays (WWW):**

Pastor Tina will be on vacation from June 23-27. There will be no WWW this week. It will resume on Wednesday, July 1.

### **Tuesday Morning Bible Study:**

This class will be held at the usual time via Zoom. Pastor Tina will not be leaving for vacation until after the class is over. If you have not been a part of the weekly Bible Study and would like to be, please contact the church office at 245-7861.

### **Annual Congregation Reports:**

The reports from each committee are due now! If you have not already provided your report to the church administrator, please do so. We would also love to have a photo or two that we can include with your report. Thank you!

### **Letter from the Church Council President:**

Next week, a letter should be coming to all congregation members regarding the Annual Meeting, the proposed budgets for both the church and school and a synopsis of the Covid Response Ad Hoc committee.

### **Youth Yard Sale:**

If you have items for the Youth Yard Sale being held on July 24 and 25, please contact the office before you bring your items. The school is having camps almost every week this summer and we want to make sure there is adequate social distancing . Please bring a mask! Also, the “green room” has a little room left in it. The youth room is locked and will have to be unlocked for you to place any large items. Instructions on youth pickups of very large items will be sent out at a later date.

### **Zumba Classes:**

Our Zumba instructor, Dee Dee, has resumed her classes on Tuesday evenings from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. held in the TLS gymnasium. She accepts donations for the class. All are welcome and the gym is sanitized both before and after the class.

## PRAYER LIST

**ILLNESS, SURGERY, RECOVERY, SHUT-INS:** **Recovery at Home:** Teresa Flores (recovering from hand surgery); Shirley Fulton (recovering from hip surgery) and Rick Johnson (recovering from back surgery); **Retirement Home:** Alan Bobbe (Warwick Forest, Apt. 30); Peggy and Hardy Cash (2022 Executive Dr., Apt 318, Hampton, VA, 23666), Millie Christensen (Morningside: Rm. 131); Betty Hasel (The Newport, Rm 14); Charles Kessler (The Chesapeake - Assisted Living, Rm.206); Lucille Lebold (Williamsburg Landing, Memory Care Unit); Edith Naurath (Warwick Forest - The Gardens, Memory Care Unit); Rudi Naurath (Warwick Forest – Apt. 127, 850 Denbigh Blvd, 23608); Buddy Schultz (Commonwealth Senior Living at Hampton, Rm. 503 Memory Care Unit, 1030 Topping Lane, Hampton, VA, 23666); **Shut-in at Home:** Jeanette Cantrell (The Chesapeake, 955 Harpersville Road, AL302, Newport News, VA, 23601, jcantrell116@gmail.com); Janet Edwards, Gerda Hudgens and Joan Johnston.

**SPECIAL PRAYER REQUESTS:** The **Ahlen Family** requested by Kathy Stevens; **Bill Nuckols (father), Carolyn Patterson, Shirley Skinner, and Oxana Sidor** (friend), **Mike Muskalla (former member)** and **the friends and family of Mr. Kim Lassiter** (special friend), requested by Patricia Fielding; **Charlotte Rogers and Tina McManama**, requested by Richard and Sandra Anderson; **Hannelore Voss (Karoline's mother)**, requested by the Ardis family; **Sharon (Sherry) Johnston**, requested by Grant and Donna Owens; **Sandy Nelson (friend)**, requested by Pastor Tina; **Donna Gauthier and the friends and family of The Rev. Dwayne Westermann (ret. former assistant to the Bishop of the Virginia Synod), Tobias Janke, and the friends and family of Valerie Hixon (former teaching colleague)**, requested by Laura Davis; **Bonnie Carlson**, requested by Dave Carlson; **Rlou Baum (mother of Wendy Kowalski)**, requested by Jessica Moye; **Jacque and Harry Hartman**, requested by Nancy Lindfors; **Patrick Kube**, by Diane Roselius; **Luke and Pat**, requested by Janet Earnhardt; **Nancy Sumpter (mother), June Geyer (grandmother) and Molly Chartrand (Jacob's co-worker)**, requested by Patricia Wessler; **Maria Goldsby**, requested by Kathy Stevens; **George Kingston**, requested by Sandy and John Lunsford; **the family and friends of Tom Sallade (Linda Madler's brother and son of Dick and Maureen Sallade); the friends and family of Doug Carlson**, requested by Dave Roselius; **Pattie and Steve Dowd; Patrick Soukup (friend with COVID19)**, requested by Anne Obara.

**Those Who Serve, Military and Civilian Duty:** Andrea & Mike Cobb, USCG; James Fielding, Marine Corps; Georgia; Bryan Hunt, State Dept., Washington, D.C.; Eric Lindfors, Deputy Commander US Naval Forces - Korea; Tyler Obara, Air Force National Guard, LAFB and Ashby Owens, Operation Smile.