

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

10:00 AM Combined Worship Service • July 5, 2020

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Fifth Sunday After Pentecost



The mystery of God's ways is sometimes hidden from the wise and intelligent. Jesus associates with those often excluded from the religious community. Like Paul, we struggle with our own selfish desires and seek God's mercy and forgiveness. We gather to be refreshed by Christ's invitation: "Come to me, all you that are weary." Gathered around word, water, and meal, we find rest for our souls.

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.**



1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call
 2 "Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call
 3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call
 4 "Will you love the you you hide if I but call
 5 Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call



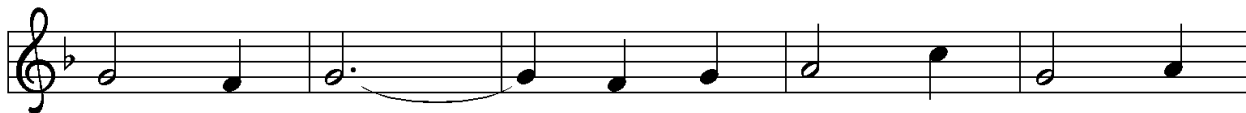
your name? Will you go where you don't
 your name? Will you care for cruel and
 your name? Will you set the pris - 'ners
 your name? Will you quell the fear in -
 my name. Let me turn and fol - low



know and nev - er be the same?
 kind and nev - er be the same?
 free and nev - er be the same?
 side and nev - er be the same?
 you and nev - er be the same.



Will you let my love be shown, will you let my
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare, should your life at -
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as
 Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and



name be known, will you let my life be
 tract or scare? Will you let me an - swer
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 world a - round, through my sight and touch and
 foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and live and

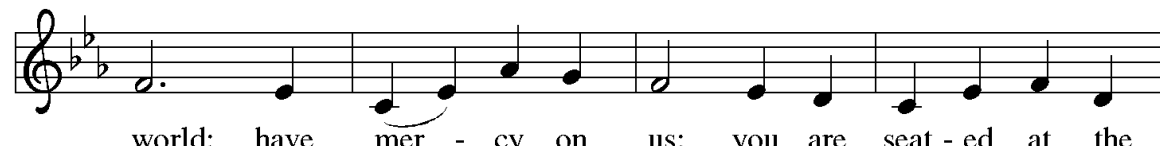
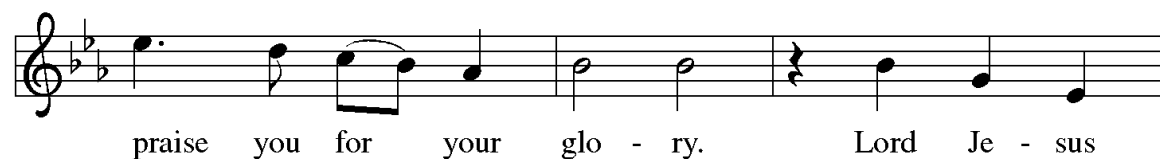
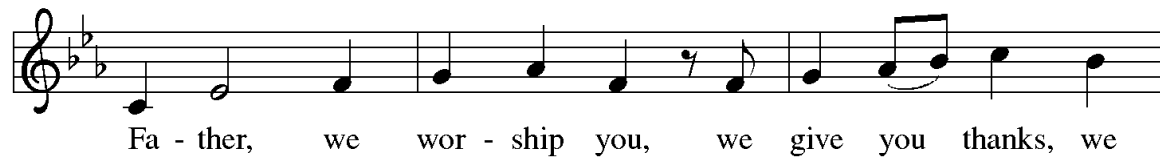
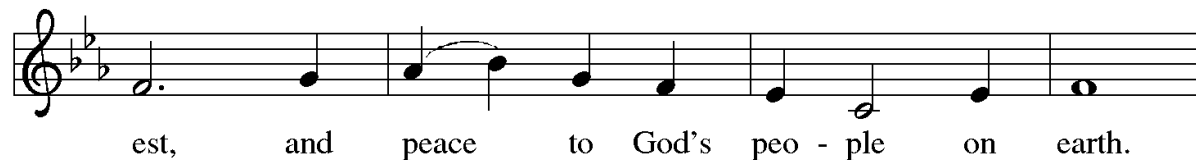
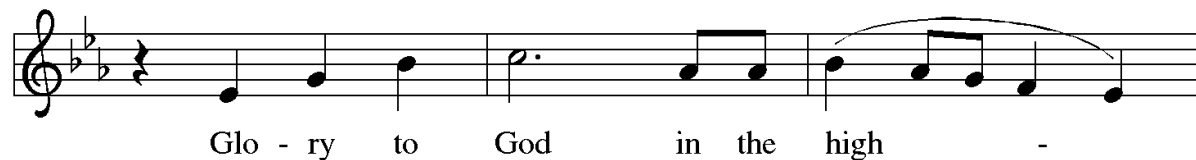


grown in you and you in me?"
 pray'r in you and you in me?"
 mean in you and you in me?"
 sound in you and you in me?"
 grow in you and you in me.

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





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

You are great, O God, and greatly to be praised. You have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you. Grant that we may believe in you, call upon you, know you, and serve you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

First Reading: Zechariah 9:9-12

The coming messianic king will inaugurate an era of disarmament and prosperity. Because of God's covenant with Israel, the people are designated as "prisoners of hope."

Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion!

Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem!

Lo, your king comes to you;

triumphant and victorious is he,

humble and riding on a donkey,

on a colt, the foal of a donkey.
He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim
and the war-horse from Jerusalem;
and the battle bow shall be cut off,
and he shall command peace to the nations;
his dominion shall be from sea to sea,
and from the river to the ends of the earth.

As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you,
I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.
Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope;
today I declare that I will restore to you double.

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

Psalm: Psalm 145:8-14 (read responsively)

The Lord is gracious and full of compassion,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

**Lord, you are good to all,
and your compassion is over all your works.**

All your works shall praise you, O Lord,
and your faithful ones shall bless you.

**They shall tell of the glory of your kingdom
and speak of your power,**

that all people may know of your power
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; your dominion endures throughout all ages.

You, Lord, are faithful in all your words, and loving in all your works.

The Lord upholds all those who fall
and lifts up those who are bowed down.

Second Reading: Romans 7:15-25a

Life captive to sin is a catch-22 existence in which we know good but do not do it and do things we know to be wrong. Through Jesus Christ, God has set us free from such a futile existence.

I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. For I know that nothing good dwells

within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me.

So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

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

Gospel: Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

Jesus chides people who find fault with both his ministry and that of John the Baptist. He thanks God that wisdom and intelligence are not needed to receive what God has to offer.

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 11th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus spoke to the crowd saying: “To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another,

‘We played the flute for you, and you did not dance;
we wailed, and you did not mourn.’

For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon’; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.”

At that time Jesus said, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

“Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

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

Children’s Chat

Pastor Tina

Sermon

Pastor Tina



1 How clear is our vo - ca - tion, Lord, when once we heed your call
 2 But if, for - get - ful, we should find your yoke is hard to bear;
 3 We mar - vel how your saints be - come in hin - dranc - es more sure;
 4 In what you give us, Lord, to do, to - geth - er or a - lone,



to live ac - cord - ing to your word and dai - ly learn, re - freshed, re - stored,
 if world - ly pres - sures fray the mind and love it - self can - not un - wind
 whose joy - ful vir - tues put to shame the ca - sual way we wear your name,
 in old rou - tines or ven - tures new, may we not cease to look to you,



that you are Lord of all and will not let us fall.
 its tan - gled skein of care: our in - ward life re - pair.
 and by our faults ob - scure your pow'r to cleanse and cure.
 the cross you hung up - on, all you en - deav - ored done.

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.

Sending Hymn

Let the Whole Creation Cry

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1 Let the whole cre - a - tion cry, "Glo - ry to the Lord on high!"
 2 Ser - vants striv - ing for the Lord, proph - ets burn - ing with the word,
 3 Men and wom - en, young and old, raise the an - them loud and bold,



Heav'n and earth, a - wake and sing, "Praise to our al - might - y king!"
 those to whom the arts be - long add their voic - es to the song.
 and let chil - dren's hap - py hearts in this wor - ship take their parts;



Praise God, an - gel hosts a - bove, ev - er bright and fair in love;
 Pow'rs of knowl - edge and of law, to the glo - rious cir - cle draw;
 from the north to south - ern pole let the might - y cho - rus roll:



sun and moon, lift up your voice; night and stars, in God re - joice.
 all who work and all who wait, sing, "The Lord is good and great!"
 "Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly One; glo - ry be to God a - lone!"

Dismissal

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

Thanks be to God.

YOUTH NEWS

Kairos:

Changes, changes, changes... **Kairos** will be **virtual** this year! All rising 9th -12th graders are invited to participate **July 19 -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!

Do You Wanna Get Flocked?

Be on the lookout!! Flamingos may just be coming to YOUR front yard, courtesy of the youth group.

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Cont. . . .The youth group has an entire flock of yard flamingos that will be making their way around the congregation over the remainder of the summer as part of their fundraising efforts for National Youth Gathering. So how does this work? One of our youth will pick the first house to get "flocked" and in the middle of the night that particular yard will be decorated. The deal is you HAVE to leave it up for at least 24 hours!! Then YOU get to pick whose house gets decorated next, and pay a fee for flamingo removal (it is a fundraiser after all!). If you are flocked, instructions will be provided for how to get your flamingos removed. The flock will travel around the congregation for a however many weeks it moves in an effort to help send our kids to Minneapolis next summer.

Now, you may be wondering, what if I don't want my yard flocked? We have an answer for that!! INSURANCE!! Between now and July 10th, you can purchase insurance and put yourself on the "do not flock" list. That way if someone chooses you, we can just say, nope can't do it.

Insurance (due to the church office by July 10th, put "Flock Insurance" in the memo line of your check): \$60

Flocking Removal Fee: \$30

Tuesday Morning Bible Study: Next Bible study: Tuesday, July 14 via Zoom beginning at 10:30 a.m.

Walking Worship Wednesdays (WWW): Next walk: Wednesday July 8, meet in the Mariner's Museum parking lot at around 5:45 to start walking at 6:00 p.m. All welcome.

Annual Congregation Reports:

There are still a couple of reports that I need to get from committee chairs. If you are one of them, please send yours in asap. Thank you!

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 Zumba classes on Tuesday evenings from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. held in the TLS gymnasium. She accepts donations for each class. All are welcome.

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), Jeanette Cantrell (The Chesapeake, 955 Harpersville Road, AL302, Newport News, VA, 23601, jcantrell116@gmail.com); 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:** Janet Edwards, Gerda Hudgens, Joan Johnston and Doris and Ernie Moeser.

SPECIAL PRAYER REQUESTS: **The Ahlen Family, Paige Ahlen, and Maria Goldsby** 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; **Paul St. Amand (former co-worker) and Autumn (granddaughter of former co-worker)**, requested by Dee Klapperich; **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; Sheree Morgan (friend with COVID19)**, requested by Anne Obara.

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Those Who Serve, Military and Civilian Duty: 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.