

# Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

10:00 AM Combined Worship Service • July 12, 2020

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Sixth Sunday After Pentecost



*God's word is like the rain that waters the earth and brings forth vegetation. It is also like the sower who scatters seed indiscriminately. Our lives are like seeds sown in the earth. Even from what appears to be little, dormant, or dead, God promises a harvest. At the Lord's table we are fed with the bread of life, that we may bear fruit 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)

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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,

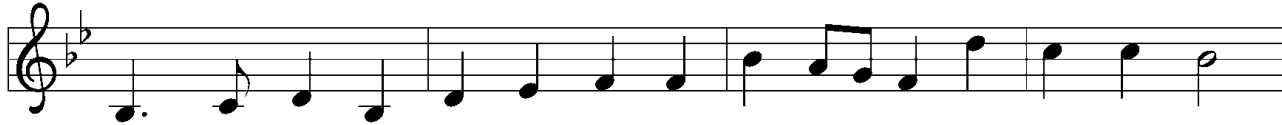
through whom we have obtained grace upon grace.

Our sins are forgiven.

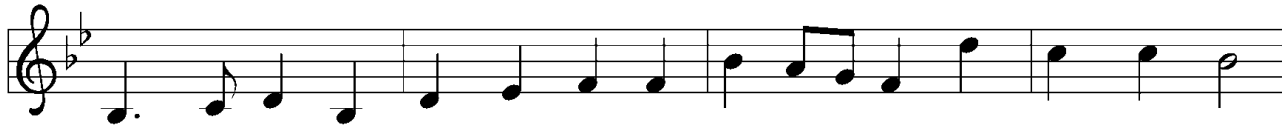
Let us live now in hope.

For hope does not disappoint,

because God's love has been poured into our hearts  
through the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**



1 O - pen now thy gates of beau - ty, Zi - on, let me en - ter there,  
 2 Gra - cious God, I come be - fore thee; come thou al - so un - to me;  
 3 Here thy praise is glad - ly chant-ed, here thy seed is du - ly sown;  
 4 Thou my faith in - crease and quick-en, let me keep thy gift di - vine;  
 5 Speak, O God, and I will hear thee, let thy will be done in - deed;



where my soul in joy - ful du - ty waits for God who an - swers prayer.  
 where we find thee and a - dore thee, there a heav'n on earth must be.  
 let my soul, where it is plant-ed, bring forth pre - cious sheaves a - lone,  
 how - so - e'er temp - ta - tions thick-en, may thy word still o'er me shine  
 may I un - dis - turbed draw near thee while thou dost thy peo - ple feed.

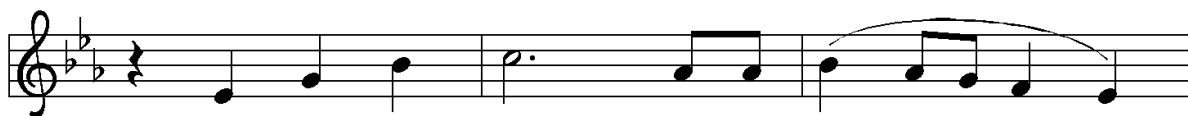


Oh, how bless-ed is this place, filled with so - lace, light, and grace!  
 To my heart, oh, en - ter thou, let it be thy tem - ple now!  
 so that all I hear may be fruit - ful un - to life in me.  
 as my guid-ing star through life, as my com-fort in all strife.  
 Here of life the foun - tain flows; here is balm for all our woes.

## 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

Almighty God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your word. By your Holy Spirit help us to receive it with joy, live according to it, and grow in faith and hope and love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

### First Reading: Isaiah 55:10-13

*God's word to Israel's exiles is as sure and effective as never-failing precipitation. Their return to the Holy Land in a new exodus is cheered on by singing mountains and by trees that clap their hands.*

For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven,  
 and do not return there until they have watered the earth,  
 making it bring forth and sprout,  
 giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,  
 so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;  
 it shall not return to me empty,  
 but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,  
 and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

For you shall go out in joy,  
 and be led back in peace;  
 the mountains and the hills before you  
 shall burst into song,  
 and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.  
 Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress;  
 instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle;

and it shall be to the Lord for a memorial,  
for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

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

**Psalm: Psalm 65:[1-8] 9-13** (read responsively)

You are to be praised, O God, in Zion;  
to you shall vows be fulfilled.

**To you, the one who answers prayer,  
to you all flesh shall come.**

Our sins are stronger than we are,  
but you blot out | our transgressions.

**Happy are they whom you choose and draw to your courts to dwell there!**

**They will be satisfied by the beauty of your house, by the holiness of your temple.**

Awesome things will you show us in your righteousness, O God of our salvation,  
O hope of all the ends of the earth and of the oceans far away.

**You make firm the mountains by your power;  
you are girded about with might.**

You still the roaring of the seas,  
the roaring of their waves, and the clamor of the peoples.

**Those who dwell at the ends of the earth will tremble at your marvelous signs;  
you make the dawn and the dusk to sing for joy.**

You visit the earth and water it abundantly; you make it very plenteous; the river of God  
is full of water.

You prepare the grain, for so you provide for the earth.

**You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges;  
with heavy rain you soften the ground and bless its increase.**

You crown the year with your goodness,  
and your paths overflow with plenty.

**May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing,  
and the hills be clothed with joy.**

May the meadows cover themselves with flocks, and the valleys cloak themselves with grain  
let them shout for joy and sing.

**Second Reading: Romans 8:1-11**

*There is no condemnation for those who live in Christ. God sent Christ to accomplish what the law was unable to do: condemn sin and free us from its death-dealing ways. The Spirit now empowers proper actions and values in our lives and gives us the promise of resurrected life.*

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

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### **Gospel: Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23**

*In Matthew's gospel, both Jesus and his disciples "sow the seed" of God's word by proclaiming the good news that "the kingdom of heaven is near." Now, in a memorable parable, Jesus explains why this good news produces different results in those who hear.*

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 13th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!"

"Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one



who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.”

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

**Children’s Chat**

Pastor Tina

**Sermon**

Pastor Tina

**Hymn of the Day**

*As the Grains of Wheat*

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*Refrain*



As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were  
gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from  
all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you.

1 As this cup of bless-ing is shared with - in our midst,  
2 Let this be a fore - taste of all that is to come when

*Refrain*

may we share the pres - ence of your love.  
all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

**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.**

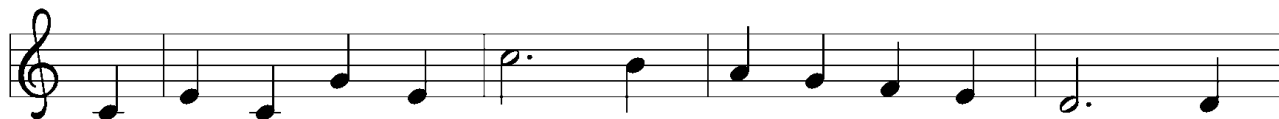
## **Lord's Prayer**

**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.

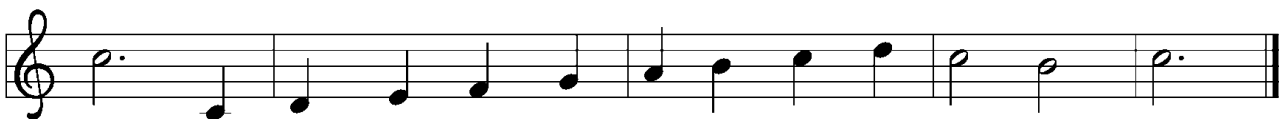
God, the creator, + Jesus, the Christ, and the Holy Spirit, the comforter, bless you and keep you in eternal love. **Amen.**



1 On what has now been sown your bless-ing Lord, be - stow; the  
 2 To you our wants are known, from you are all our pow'rs; ac -  
 3 Oh, grant that each of us, now met be - fore you here, may



pow'r is yours a - lone to make it sprout and grow. O Lord, in  
 cept what is your own and par-don what is ours. Our prais - es,



grace the har - vest raise, and yours a - lone shall be the praise!  
 Lord, and prayers re - ceive and to your word a bless - ing give.  
 you to heav'n, our home. E'en so, A - men! Lord Je - sus, come!

**Dismissal**

Go in peace. Christ is with you.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Tuesday Morning Bible Study:** Next Bible study: Tuesday, July 14 via Zoom beginning at 10:30 a.m. A Zoom invitation will be sent out the day before.

**Walking Worship Wednesdays (WWW):** Next walk: Wednesday July 15, weather permitting. Meet in the Mariner's Museum parking lot at around 5:45 to start walking at 6:00 p.m. All welcome.

**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.

## YOUTH NEWS

### **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 fund-raise 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.

## 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**

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**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; Lauri Nosil; **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; and **the friends and family of Pattie Dowd**.

**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.