

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

Combined Worship Services

9:00 AM - Virtual & 11:00 AM - In-Person

June 13, 2021

Third Sunday After Pentecost



The mustard seed becomes a great shrub that shelters the birds, recalling ancient images of the tree of life. We'd expect a cedar or a sequoia, but Jesus finds the power of God better imaged in a tiny, no-account seed. It's not the way we expect divine activity to look. Yet the tree of life is here, in the cross around which we gather, the tree into which we are grafted through baptism, the true vine that nourishes us with its fruit in the cup we share. It may not appear all that impressive, but while nobody's looking it grows with a power beyond our understanding.

Thank you for joining us online or at our in person worship in the sanctuary.

Please use only the narthex bathrooms. Thank you!

There is a changing table in the women's narthex bathroom, should it be needed. The room that the nursery is located in has not been sanitized at this point in time and no nursery attendants have been scheduled to work.

We appreciate everyone's cooperation with our important COVID-19 guidelines and restrictions. We will get through this as a church family!



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

Congregation of Trinity Lutheran, Ministers of the Word

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Carillon Call to Worship

Prelude

Announcements

Gathering

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy. **Amen.**

Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God, our provider,

help us.

It is hard to believe there is enough to share.

We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live.

We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you.

We take offense at your teachings and your ways.

Turn us again to you.

Where else can we turn?

Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world.

Amen.

Beloved people of God:

in Jesus, the manna from heaven,
you are fed and nourished.

By Jesus, the worker of miracles,
there is always more than enough.

Through Jesus, + the bread of life,
you are shown God's mercy:

you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.

Amen.

(sung at 9 a.m. online service only)



1 Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther; there is no
 2 Sum - mer and win - ter and spring - time and har - vest, sun, moon, and
 3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth, thine own dear



shad - ow of turn - ing with thee; thou chang - est not, thy com -
 stars in their cours - es a - bove join with all na - ture in
 pres - ence to cheer and to guide; strength for to - day and bright



pas - sions they fail not; as thou hast been, thou for - ev - er wilt be.
 man - i - fold wit - ness to thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.
 hope for to - mor - row, bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

Refrain

Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Morn - ing by



morn - ing new mer - cies I see; all I have need - ed thy



hand hath pro - vid - ed; great is thy faith - ful - ness, Lord, un - to 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.**

Canticle of Praise (sung at 9 a.m. service only)



1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.
2 Glo-ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
3 Ho - ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:
Son of God and gra - cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;
Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.
Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand.
For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

Prayer of the Day

O God, you are the tree of life, offering shelter to all the world. Graft us into yourself and nurture our growth, that we may bear your truth and love to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

First Reading: Ezekiel 17:22-24

Tree imagery is used in a messianic prophecy to tell how the Lord will choose someone from Judah's royal family (the cedar tree) to reign over all creation. This tree will be planted on Mount Zion, the location of the holy temple.

Thus says the Lord God:
I myself will take a sprig
from the lofty top of a cedar;

I will set it out.
I will break off a tender one
 from the topmost of its young twigs;
I myself will plant it
 on a high and lofty mountain.
On the mountain height of Israel
 I will plant it,
in order that it may produce boughs and bear fruit,
 and become a noble cedar.
Under it every kind of bird will live;
 in the shade of its branches will nest
 winged creatures of every kind.
All the trees of the field shall know
 that I am the Lord.
I bring low the high tree,
 I make high the low tree;
I dry up the green tree
 and make the dry tree flourish.
I the Lord have spoken;
 I will accomplish it.

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

Psalm: 92:1-4, 12-15 (read responsively)

It is a good thing to give thanks to the Lord,
 to sing praise to your name, O Most High;
to herald your love in the morning
 and your faithfulness at night;
on the psaltery, and on the lyre,
 and to the melody of the harp.
For you have made me glad by your acts, O Lord;
 and I shout for joy because of the works of your hands.
The righteous shall flourish like a palm tree,
 and shall spread abroad like a cedar of Lebanon.
Those who are planted in the house of the Lord
 shall flourish in the courts of our God;
they shall still bear fruit in old age;
 they shall be green and succulent;
that they may show how upright the Lord is,
 my rock, in whom there is no injustice.

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:6-10 [11-13] 14-17

Paul encourages believers to live by faith and not by sight. We do not consider Jesus from a human perspective but through the eyes of faith, believing he died for all and was raised. All who are in Christ are now in God's new creation.

So we are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord—for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. For all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil.

Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we try to persuade others; but we ourselves are well known to God, and I hope that we are also well known to your consciences. We are not commending ourselves to you again, but giving you an opportunity to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast in outward appearance and not in the heart. For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them.

From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

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

Gospel: Mark 4:26-34

Jesus frequently uses parables to teach ordinary people as they are able to hear and understand. Images of sowing and growing show the vitality of God's kingdom.

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 4th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus said, “The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come.”

He also said, “With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all

shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.”

With many such parables, he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

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

Children’s Chat

Pastor Tina

Sermon

Pastor Tina

Hymn of the Day

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come
(sung at 9 a.m. online service only)

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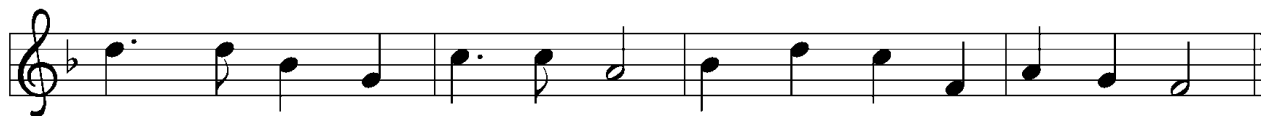
1 Come, ye thank-ful peo-ple, come; raise the song of har-vest home.
2 All the world is God’s own field, fruit un-to his praise to yield;
3 For the Lord our God shall come and shall take his har-vest home;
4 E-ven so, Lord, quick-ly come to thy fi-nal har-vest home.



All be safe-ly gath-ered in ere the win-ter storms be-gin.
wheat and tares to-geth-er sown, un-to joy or sor-row grown.
from his field shall in that day all of-fens-es purge a-way;
Gath-er then thy peo-ple in, free from sor-row, free from sin,



God, our mak-er, doth pro-vide for our wants to be sup-plied.
First the blade, and then the ear, then the full corn shall ap-pear.
give his an-gels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast,
there, for-ev-er pu-ri-fied, in thy gar-ner to a-bide.



Come to God’s own tem-ple, come, raise the song of har-vest home.
Lord of har-vest, grant that we whole-some grain and pure may be.
but the fruit-ful ears to store in his gar-ner ev-er-more.
Come, with all thine an-gels, come, raise the glo-rious har-vest home!

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

Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

Sharing of the Peace

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

Thanksgiving for the Word (read responsively at 9 a.m. online service only)

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.

Receiving of Tithes and Offerings (11:00 a.m. in-person service only)

Offertory Prayer (11:00 a.m. in-person service only)

Jesus Bread of life, you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world. **Amen.**

Meal

(11 a.m. in-person service only)

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Proper Preface

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise... ..we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Sanctus

Holy, holy, holy Lord. God of pow'r and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Thanksgiving at the Table

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,
who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,
who preached good news to the poor,
and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension,
we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord,
and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food,
the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord;
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory, now and 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.

Distribution

Post Communion Blessing

Now may the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. Amen.

Post Communion Prayer

Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray. Amen.

Blessing

The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, + be upon you now and forever. Amen.

Sending Hymn

Spread, Oh Spread Almighty Word
(sung at 9 a.m. service only)

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1 Spread, oh, spread, al - might - y Word, spread the reign of God the Lord.
2 Tell of our Re - deem - er's grace, who, to save our hu - man race
3 Tell of God the Spir - it giv'n now to guide us on to heav'n,
4 Lord of har - vest, great and kind, rouse to ac - tion heart and mind;



Send forth our Cre - a - tor's call, heav - en's gifts ex - tend to all.
and to pay re - bel - lion's price, gave him - self as sac - ri - fice.
strong and ho - ly, just and true, work - ing both to will and do.
let the gath - ring na - tions all see your light and heed your call.

Dismissal

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church Office Hours: Mondays through Thursdays, 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.

For COVID reasons, we no longer have bench cushions in our pews. If you need to do so, you are welcome to bring your own, but please remember to take it back home with you.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR . . .

Tuesday Morning Bible Study: The next Bible Study will be on **Tuesday, June 15, at 10:30 a.m.** A Zoom invitation will be emailed tomorrow morning for those who wish to continue virtually. For the rest of you, the IN PERSON class will be held in Trinity's church parlor.

Walking Worship Wednesdays: WWW walks again on **Wednesday, June 16, at 6:00 p.m.** at the Noland Trail, Mariner's Museum, weather permitting. We will be walking a shorter distance this year on a much easier path. Each time we walk, we have a brief service, usually with communion. The walk typically ends around 7:30 to 8:00 p.m. All are welcome to join us. Call the office at 245-7861, if you have any questions.

Drive-by Communion: TODAY!, from 12:30 - 2:00 p.m., there will be another Drive-by communion for all area groups. Please continue to follow the COVID protocols.

THRIVE Meal Bag Assembly: Anyone who is able to stay after worship or come to the church to help assemble 54 Taco Soup Meal Bags on **Sunday, June 20 at noon**, please contact the church office. It should not take long because a number of bags have been preassembled and the rest will be sorted for easy assembly. Thank you!

VA Dept of Health (VDH) Vaccination Clinic: The VDH is holding a vaccination clinic in the Trinity parking lot on **Tuesday, June 22, from 1-5 p.m.** It is set up for first come, first served. If you plan to be at the church that day for any reason, please be advised that you need to park on the side of the church or anywhere other than the back parking lot that day, during those hours.

TRINITY HAPPENINGS . . .

Flower Chart Sign-ups Resume: A new flower chart is up for anyone who wishes to sign-up for a week or more. Flowers need to be picked up after the 11:00 a.m. service or at the latest by Tuesday morning. The cost of the flowers is **\$20 per vase**. Thank you for helping Trinity by showing physical praises to God.

Reader sign ups have been posted: Pastor Tina needs your help please! Readers are needed for the in person 11:00 a.m. service. If you need information on how to read the lessons,

please contact the church office or Patricia McClelland at 930-0358. The month of June is covered by most of the Worship and Music committee. So, we need readers starting in July. Please sign up to read for one Sunday instead of an entire month, for the time being. Thanks!

Youth Yard Sale: Due to the postponement of the National Youth Gathering until the Summer of 2022, the Trinity Youth Group will be hosting their Yard Sale again this summer. This is a bit unusual for us to have the sale three years in a row, and we want to make sure that we still have plenty of items to sell. If you are spring cleaning, keep some bags and boxes for donations to our Youth Group. If you have a friend, relative or neighbor that is spring cleaning, please encourage them to donate to the sale. All items can be dropped off in the youth group room. If you have large items to donate, please call Kelly Rummel (757 652-8097), and she will coordinate a pick up. We have a large number of youth interested in attending NYG next summer and a large number that want to attend in 2024, so we need to continue to raise funds in order to have enough money to cover expenses. Thank you in advance for thinking of our youth.

VA Synod's program "Our Journey to Emmaus": The VA Synod is offering a program in which participants will receive an email that will guide them through seven movements of the story of Luke. Recently, an email went out to the congregation that describes the program in depth and also has a link to the sign up for an email each week until June 13. This email will include scripture, reflection time and some options for engagement, i.e movement guides for walking and running, strolling and rolling, sacred and secular music, visual and poetic artistic reflections and more. If you do not get email and would still like to participate, we can help you get the information by sending it "snail mail." Please let the church office know. Also, you are invited to join the journey, share the registration link with friends, family and neighbors as well as share your experience on social media with the hashtag #vasynodtoemmaus. People of all ages are encouraged to join.

STILL Seeking Garden Tenders: Now that the garden is built and growing, we need a lot of helping hands to keep it going and growing, in the way of a Garden committee. Please consider this volunteer request. Contact Pastor Tina or Anne in the church office at 245-7861, if you are interested.

Giving to Trinity: There are a number of ways that members can give their donations to Trinity Lutheran Church during these times when we are not physically in church.

1. You may **write a check** and mail it in. It can be addressed to the attention of Carol Bessom, Trinity Lutheran Church, 6812 River Road, Newport News, VA, 23607.
2. During the church office hours, you may come in to **hand deliver your donation** to Anne, Carol or Pastor Tina.
3. Set up an **automatic withdrawal from your own bank**, which will then send it to Trinity.
4. And lastly, the newest method is the . . .

5. 4. VANCO Online giving: If you have questions about the donation site or how to make your donation, please don't hesitate to contact the church office, 245-7861.

Procedure for online giving:

Go to: <http://trinitylutheran-nn.com/>

Press the green "online giving" link.

SPECIAL NOTE; If you are making a donation to the church through an organization such as the Blackbaud Giving Fund or Panorama, please contact the church treasurer to let her know. These organizations make it very difficult to identify donors, so we cannot give you offering credit unless you let us know. Thank you for your generosity!

PRAYER LIST

ILLNESS, SURGERY, RECOVERY, SHUT-INS: Recovery from surgery: Pearl O'Connell (Northampton Convalescent Ctr—NEED VACCINE RECORD TO ENTER) and Grant Owens; **Recovery at home:** Nancy Lindfors; **Nursing Homes/Assisted Living:** Jeanette Cantrell (The Chesapeake, 955 Harpersville Road, AL302, Newport News, VA, 23601); Millie Christensen (Morningside: Rm. 131; Charles Kessler (The Chesapeake - Assisted Living, Rm.207); Lucille Lebold (Williamsburg Landing, Memory Care Unit); **Shut-in at Home:** Janet Edwards, Gerda Hudgens, Joan Johnston, Doris Moeser and Nancy Schappert.

SPECIAL PRAYER REQUESTS: The Ahlen Family and Alex Ommaya (cousin), requested by Kathy Stevens; **Carolyn Patterson, Shirley Skinner, and Oxana Sidor,** requested by Patricia Fielding, **Hannelore Voss (Karoline's mother),** requested by the Ardis family; **Jack and Sharon (Sherry) Johnston and Pam Little (Donna's sisters),** requested by Grant and Donna Owens; **Bonnie Carlson,** requested by Dave Carlson; **Michael May,** requested by Jon May; **Mary Lucia Spake (daughter),** requested by Bill Solomon; **Sandy Nelson,** requested by Pastor Tina Melusky; and **Kimber Pulley Matzke,** requested by the Owens family.

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, Virginia Air National Guard, LAFB and Ashby Owens, Operation Smile.

Chancel FLOWERS: We hope you enjoyed the flowers this Sunday. They were donated by the church since no one signed up for them. If you wish to offset this cost to the church, please see the information below regarding the price change and contact Anne Obara in the office at 245-7861 or her cell phone, 870-0793. Thank you!

NEW PRICE CHANGE FOR FLOWERS!: The cost of flowers has gone up, unfortunately. Pollard's just recently notified us. The cost of donating flowers is now \$20 per vase.

PLEASE TAKE NOTE: A Committal Service in the Columbarium is planned for Betty Hasel on Monday, June 21 at 10:00 a.m. All congregation members are invited to attend.

Serving the Assembly

11:00

Lector

Patricia McClelland

Ushers/Greeters/Presenters

Cliff Obara
Dave Carlson
David Roselius

Alternate

Anne Obara
