

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

10:00 AM • August 22, 2021

Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost • Setting 10



In today's gospel many people take offense at Jesus' invitation to eat his flesh and drink his blood; even many of Jesus' disciples peel off. This is the backdrop in John's gospel for Peter's confession of faith. "To whom can we go?" asks Peter, in words we sometimes sing just before the gospel is read. "You have the words of eternal life." In order to take such a stand, as Peter and Joshua did, Paul tells us to arm ourselves with the word of God. We pray in the Spirit that we might be bold ambassadors of the gospel.

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

There are no provisions for the nursery, but if you need to use it, please feel free to do so.



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

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Carillon Call to Worship

Prelude

Blessed Are They Who Live in Faith

Johannes Brahm

Announcements

Gathering

*The assembly stands. All may make the sign of the cross,
the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

Thanksgiving for Baptism

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.

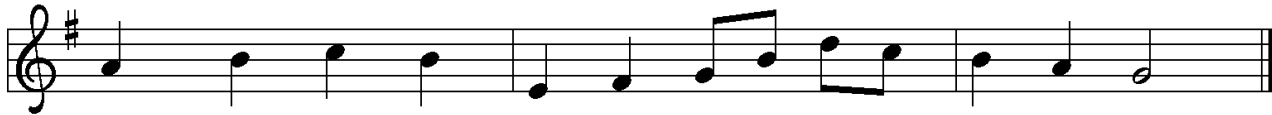
Amen.



1 A - wake, my soul, and with the sun thy
 2 All praise to thee, who safe hast kept and
 3 Lord, I my vows to thee re - new. Dis -
 4 Di - rect, con - trol, sug - gest, this day, all
 5 Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise



dai - ly stage of du - ty run; shake off dull sloth, and
 hast re - freshed me while I slept. Grant, Lord, when I from
 perse my sins as morn - ing dew; guard my first springs of
 I de - sign or do or say, that all my pow'rs, with
 God, all crea - tures here be - low; praise God a - bove, ye



joy - ful rise to pay thy morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
 death shall wake, I may of end - less light par - take.
 thought and will; and with thy - self my spir - it fill.
 all their might, in thy sole glo - ry may u - nite.

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.**

Hymn of Praise



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

Holy God, your word feeds your people with life that is eternal. Direct our choices and preserve us in your truth, that, renouncing what is false and evil, we may live in you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

The assembly is seated.

First Reading: Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18

In the Near East, covenant means "agreement" or "alliance." It describes relationships and is the primary word used to characterize the relationship between God and Israel. By delivering Israel, God has already begun the relationship. Joshua calls upon the people to respond.

Then Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before

God. And Joshua said to all the people, “Now therefore revere the Lord, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. Now if you are unwilling to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.”

Then the people answered, “Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods; for it is the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; and the Lord drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the Lord, for he is our God.”

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

Psalm: 34:15-22 (read responsively)

The eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous,
and God’s ears are open to their cry.

**The face of the Lord is against those who do evil,
to erase the remembrance of them from the earth.**

The righteous cry, and the Lord hears them
and delivers them from all their troubles.

**The Lord is near to the brokenhearted
and saves those whose spirits are crushed.**

Many are the troubles of the righteous,
but the Lord delivers them from every one.

**God will keep safe all their bones;
not one of them shall be broken.**

Evil will bring death to the wicked
and those who hate the righteous will be punished.

**O Lord, you redeem the life of your servants,
and those who put their trust in you will not be punished.**

Second Reading: Ephesians 6:10-20

Like a general giving a rousing speech to troops before battle, this letter closes by calling on Christians to be equipped for spiritual warfare against evil. The full armor of God includes truth, righteousness, peace, faith, the gift of salvation, and the word of God inspired by the Spirit.

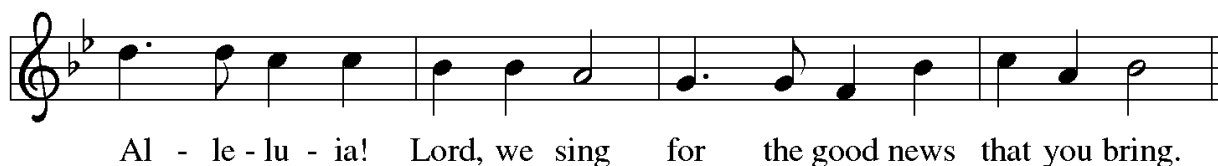
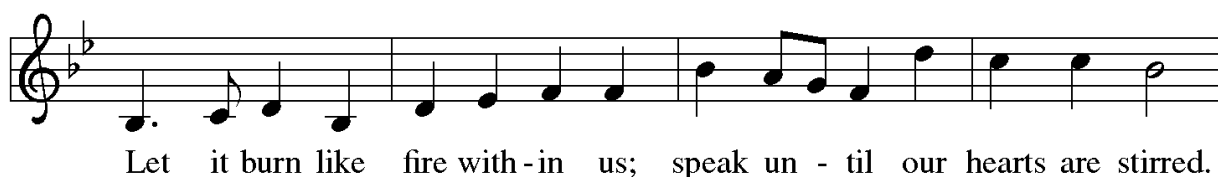
Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. Pray also for me, so that, when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

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

The assembly stands.

Gospel Acclamation



Gospel: John 6:56-69

The “hard saying” that offends Jesus’ disciples is his claim that his followers must eat his flesh and drink his blood. The followers who return to their old lives know something about how odd this sounds. Simon Peter, on the other hand, knows something about the scarcity of living, gracious words. He asks the most important question: “To whom shall we go?”

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 6th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus said, “Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever.” He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum.

When many of his disciples heard it, they said, “This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?” But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, “Does this offend you? Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. But among you there are some who do not believe.” For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. And he said, “For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father.”

Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. So Jesus asked the twelve, “Do you also wish to go away?” Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.”

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

The assembly is seated.

Children’s Chat

Pastor Tina Melusky

Sermon

Pastor Tina Melusky

The assembly stands.



- 1 Bless-ed as-sur-ance, Je-sus is mine! Oh, what a fore-taste of glo-ry di-vine!
- 2 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, per-fect de-light, vi-sions of rap-ture now burst on my sight;
- 3 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, all is at rest; I in my Sav-ior am hap-py and blest,



Heir of sal-va-tion, pur-chase of God, born of his Spir-it, washed in his blood.
 an-gels de-scend-ing bring from a-bove ech-oes of mer-cy, whis-pers of love.
 watch-ing and wait-ing, look-ing a-bove, filled with his good-ness, lost in his love.

Refrain

This is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long:



this is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long.

Apostles' 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.**

Receiving of Tithes and Offerings

The assembly is seated

Offertory Hymn

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

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Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be
fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -
nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

Offertory 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.

Meal

The assembly stands.

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



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -



san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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

Sending

Table 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.**



1 O Sav - ior, pre - cious Sav - ior, whom yet un - seen we love;
 2 O bring - er of sal - va - tion, who won - drous - ly hast wrought,
 3 In thee all full - ness dwell - eth, all grace and pow'r di - vine;
 4 Oh, grant the con - sum - ma - tion of this our song a - bove,



O name of might and fa - vor, all oth - er names a - bove:
 thy - self the rev - e - la - tion of love be - yond our thought:
 the glo - ry that ex - cel - leth, O Son of God, is thine.
 in end - less ad - o - ra - tion and ev - er - last - ing love;



we wor - ship thee; we bless thee; to thee a - lone we sing;
 we wor - ship thee; we bless thee; to thee a - lone we sing;
 We wor - ship thee; we bless thee; to thee a - lone we sing;
 then shall we praise and bless thee where per - fect prais - es ring,



we praise thee and con - fess thee, our ho - ly Lord and King.
 we praise thee and con - fess thee, our gra - cious Lord and King.
 we praise thee and con - fess thee, our glo - rious Lord and King.
 and ev - er - more con - fess thee, our Sav - ior and our King!

Dismissal

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.
Thanks be to God. Amen.

Postlude

March
From Scipio

GF Handel

Bring whatever you are able and we will set a date for assembly and pick up!

Sunday School Begins: Time to come back to Sunday School. It resumes on **Sunday, September 19**. Classes will be announced at Rally Day. More information will be out soon.

Church Picnic: Congregational Life has picked the date for our annual church picnic. It will be on Sunday, September 26 at Deer Park. Please put this event on your calendar. More information will be coming soon.

Theology on Tap!: We are getting back into the swing of things . . . So, swing on over to Tradition Brewing Company at 6:30 p.m. (we will be sitting outside) on Thursday, September 30. See you there!

Faith and Family Night: Take me out to the ballgame . . . On Wednesday, September 29 in Norfolk. The game starts at 7:00. More arrangements will be forthcoming as we near the date.

Car Fit: Erik Rummel sent this flier to the church as a notification. Please see the last page of the bulletin for details. This event is FREE!

TRINITY HAPPENINGS . . .

Flower Chart Sign-ups: Please sign-up or call the church office at 245-786 for the last day of August or any Sunday in September. 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!

Reader Sign ups: We need readers for the month of September, please. Either sign up on the board in the entrance of the church or call the church office. Thank you!

STILL Seeking Garden Tenders: Can you help? We have already been gleaning a great number of cucumbers, squash and tomatoes. Please consider helping water JUST ONE DAY or picking veggies and taking them to THRIVE. Contact Pastor Tina or Anne in the church office at 245-7861, if you are interested.

Sine Nomine Presents... and St Mark Lutheran Church are delighted to partner with the Senior Center York to present Thomas Pandolfi on Thursday, September 23, 2021 at 1:30 PM. St Mark Lutheran Church is located at 118 Old York-Hampton Highway, Yorktown, VA 23692

From the Hilton Clergy: We can do it! Let's fill up St. Nicholas Chapel.

Here is a list of suggested items to donate: Canned vegetables, soups, fruits, meats, and pastas; boxes of cereal, pastas, and crackers; and jars of peanut butter and jelly are what is needed. As the donations begin to grow, we will make them available to THRIVE Peninsula and other outreach organizations that have food pantries.

Let's be shepherds of the Lord and feed the hungry!

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.

PRAYER LIST

ILLNESS, SURGERY, RECOVERY, SHUT-INS: **Recovery:** Anne Evans and Steve Quist
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, and Doris Moeser.

SPECIAL PRAYER REQUESTS: **The Ahlen Family and Alex Ommaya (cousin)**, requested by Kathy Stevens; **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; **Sandy Nelson**, requested by Pastor Tina Melusky; **Kimber Pulley Matzke**, requested by the Owens family; **Shirley Anderson**, requested by the Anderson family; **Flora May**, requested by Jon May; **Matt Adamo (Brother-in-law of Patricia) and Rachel and Matthew Bradley and their unborn twins**, requested by Patricia Fielding; **Nancy Schappert**, requested by Bob Schappert, **Pat O'Connell; Ben Nelson**, requested by Laura Davis; **Pamela Smith Jones (Patricia's sister)**, requested by Patricia McClelland and **the family and friends of Stella Flores (Mother-in-law of Teresa)**, by Teresa Flores.

Those Who Serve, Military and Civilian Duty: **NEW!** James Fielding, State Dept., Myanmar; Georgia; Bryan Hunt, State Dept., Washington, D. C.; Eric Lindfors, Deputy Commander US Naval Forces - Korea; Tyler Obara, Virginia Air National Guard, LAFB, Ashby Owens, Operation Smile and Josh and Ellen (Davis) Badgley, State Department,

Bangkok, Thailand.

Chancel Flowers: Today, the flowers are given to the Glory of God and in celebration of 39 years of marriage and 40 years of knowing we had to be together, by Rock Moeslein and to the Glory of God and in loving memory of R.K. Dail, by the Dail family.

Serving the Assembly

10:00

Candle lighting

Karoline Ardis

Lector

Mark Madler

Ushers

Dave Carlson

Dave Roselius

Astrid Quist

Camera

Ben Melusky



Helping Mature Drivers Find Their Safest Fit



CarFit Event

Wednesday, September 1
10:00 am to 1:00 pm



- *CarFit offers older adults the opportunity to have a team of trained professionals go through a 12-point safety check to include positioning of the driver's seat and mirrors to ensure they "fit" their vehicle properly for maximum comfort and safety.*
- *The check takes about 20 minutes.*

FREE

*The event will take place in the parking lot at
Brittingham Midtown Community Center located at
570 Mclawhorne Dr. in Newport News.*

*Schedule your online appointment at
www.yorkcounty.gov/parksandrec or call 890-4102 for more information.*

Seniors & Law Enforcement Together (S.A.L.T.) Organizations: AARP, James City County Police Department, Hampton Police Department, Hampton Sheriff's Department, Hampton Triad, Newport News Police Department, Newport News Parks, Recreation & Tourism, Newport News Sheriff's Office, Williamsburg James City County Sheriff's Office, Williamsburg Police Department, Virginia Peninsula Regional Jail, Virginia State Police, York County Parks & Recreation and York-Poquoson Sheriff's Office.

