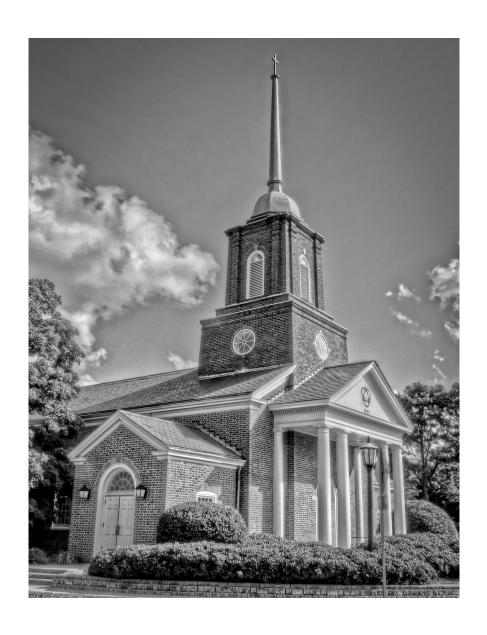
# Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

8:30 & 11:00 AM Worship Services • October 10, 2021 Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost • Setting 1



The rich man who comes to ask Jesus what he should do to inherit eternal life is a good man, sincere in his asking. Mark's gospel is alone in saying that Jesus looked on him and loved him. Out of love, not as judgment, Jesus offers him an open door to life: sell all you own and give it to the poor. Our culture bombards us with the message that we will find life by consuming. Our assemblies counter this message with the invitation to find life by divesting for the sake of the other.

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)

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Prelude on Gather Us In

Jeffrey Honoré

#### **Announcements**

Prelude

# **Gathering**

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

## **Confession and Forgiveness**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, whose teaching is life, whose presence is sure, and whose love is endless. **Amen.** 

Let us confess our sins to the one who welcomes us with an open heart.

Silence is kept for reflection.

#### God our comforter:

like lost sheep, we have gone astray.

We gaze upon abundance and see scarcity.

We turn our faces away from injustice and oppression.

We exploit the earth with our apathy and greed.

Free us from our sin, gracious God. Listen when we call out to you for help.

Lead us by your love to love our neighbors as ourselves. Amen.

All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

By the gift of grace in + Christ Jesus, God makes you righteous.

Receive with glad hearts the forgiveness of all your sins.

Amen.



- the new light is stream-ing, Here in this place
- We are the young, our lives are a mys-t'ry,
- Here we will take the wine and the wa - ter,
- 4 Not in the dark of

now is the dark - ness we are the old who here we will take the

his - t'ry,

shin - ing,

build-ings con - fin - ing, not in some heav - en,



van - ished 'a - way; yearn for your face; bread of new birth, light years a - way—

see in this space our fears and our dream-ings we have been sung through - out all of here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters, here in this place the new light is



brought here to you in the light of this day. light called be the whole hu - man race. to to call a - new be salt for the earth. us to the king - dom, and now is now is the day.



Gath-er the lost and for - sak - en, us in, rich and the haugh-ty, Gath-er the us in, Give us the wine of com-pas-sion, to drink and hold us for - ev - er, Gath-er in us

gath-er the in, gath-er the us in, the give us to eat gath-er in and



blind and the lame; proud and the strong; bread that is you; make us your own;

call to and us now, give us a heart, SO nour-ish well, and us all gath - er us in,

we shall a - wak - en, meek and so low - ly, teach us to fash - ion peo-ples to-geth-er,



give us the cour - age en - ter the to song. lives that ho - ly and hearts that are true. are fire . . of love our flesh and our bone. in

## 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 11:00 a.m. only)





# **Prayer of the Day**

Almighty and ever-living God, increase in us your gift of faith, that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to what lies ahead, we may follow the way of your commandments and receive the crown of everlasting joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.** 

### **First Reading: Amos 5:6-7, 10-15**

Amos was a herdsman by profession and a prophet by God's call. During a time of great prosperity in the northern kingdom of Israel, the prophet speaks to the wealthy upper class. He warns his listeners that fulfilling God's demand for justice brings blessing, while corruption and oppression incur God's wrath.

Seek the Lord and live, or he will break out against the house of Joseph like fire, and it will devour Bethel, with no one to quench it. Ah, you that turn justice to wormwood, and bring righteousness to the ground!

They hate the one who reproves in the gate, and they abhor the one who speaks the truth. Therefore because you trample on the poor and take from them levies of grain, you have built houses of hewn stone, but you shall not live in them; you have planted pleasant vineyards, but you shall not drink their wine.

For I know how many are your transgressions, and how great are your sins—
you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe, and push aside the needy in the gate.

Therefore the prudent will keep silent in such a time; for it is an evil time.

Seek good and not evil,
that you may live;
and so the Lord, the God of hosts, will be with you,
just as you have said.
Hate evil and love good,
and establish justice in the gate;
it may be that the Lord, the God of hosts,
will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

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

#### **Psalm: 90:12-17** (read responsively)

So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

Return, O Lord; how long will you tarry? Be gracious to your servants.

Satisfy us by your steadfast love in the morning; so shall we rejoice and be glad all our days.

Make us glad as many days as you afflicted us and as many years as we suffered adversity.

Show your servants your works, and your splendor to their children.

May the graciousness of the Lord our God be upon us; prosper the work of our hands; prosper our handiwork.

# Second Reading: Hebrews 4:12-16

We cannot hide our thoughts, desires, and actions from God, to whom we are completely accountable. Nevertheless, Jesus understands our human weakness and temptations, because he also experienced them. Therefore we can approach the throne of grace to receive divine mercy from Christ.

Indeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account.

Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

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

The assembly stands.

## **Gospel Acclamation**



**Gospel: Mark 10:17-31** 

Jesus has been teaching his disciples about what is most valued in God's eyes. Now, a conversation with a rich man brings his message home to the disciples in a way that is surprising but unforgettable.

The Hory Gospel according to St. Mark, the 10th chapter. Glory to you, O Lord.

As Jesus was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: 'You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.'" He said to him, "Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth." Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, "You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!" And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." They were greatly astounded and said to one another, "Then who can be saved?" Jesus looked at them and said, "For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible."

Peter began to say to him, "Look, we have left everything and followed you." Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first."

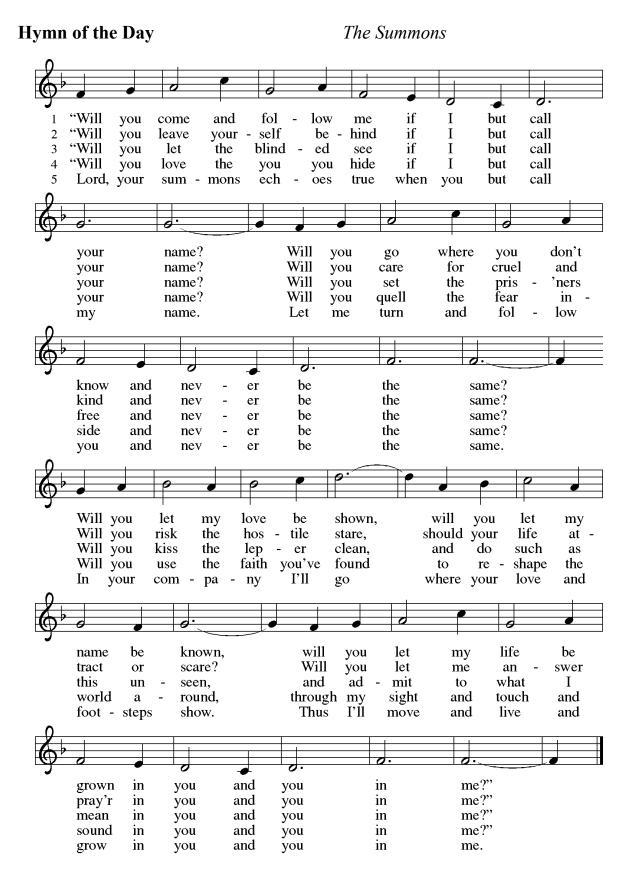
The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, O Christ.

## Sermon

Pastor Tina Melusky

**ELW 798** 

The assembly stands.



## **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 Prayer**

Jesus, Bread of life,

you cause streams to break forth in the desert and manna to rain from the heavens. Accept the gifts you have first given us. Unite them with the offering of our lives to nourish the world you love so dearly; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. 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.

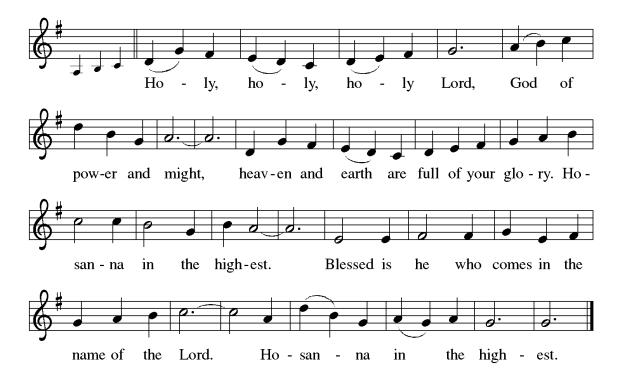
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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



# 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.

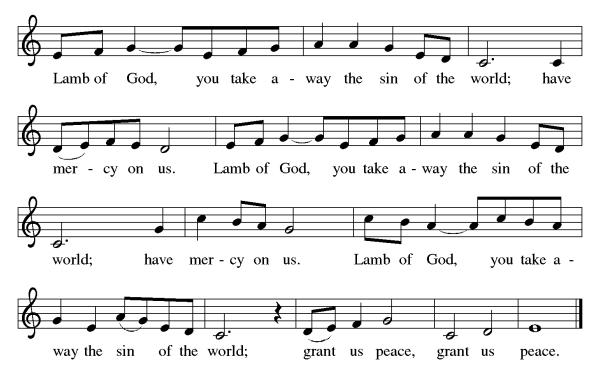
Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory.

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.

## **Agnus Dei**



#### **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**

Lord of life, in the gift of your body and blood you turn the crumbs of our faith into a feast of salvation. Send us forth into the world with shouts of joy, bearing witness to the abundance of your love in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.** 

# **Blessing**

People of God, you are Christ's body, bringing new life to a suffering world. The holy Trinity, + one God, bless you now and forever. **Amen.** 



- Take my life, that Ι may be con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee:
- Take my hands and let them move the im - pulse of love: at thy
- Take my voice and let me sing al - ways, on - ly, for my King;
- 4 Take my sil ver my a mite would I and gold, not with - hold;



take my mo-ments and my days; take my feet and let them be take my lips and let them be take my in - tel - lect, and use

them flow let in cease-less swift and beau - ti - ful for thee. filled with mes - sag - es from thee. ev - 'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.

- 5 Take my will and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine. Take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne.
- 6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure store; take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for thee.

#### Dismissal

Go in peace. The living Word dwells in you.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

Postlude

Festive Trumpet Tune

David German



#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

**Hearing Aid information:** The "T-Loop" switch has been turned back on. We hope that those who wear hearing aids should now hear better. If not, please let us know and Cliff Obara will try to work with you to see what is going on.

#### MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THESE TRINITY EVENTS...

**Children's Sunday School:** In the classrooms downstairs, Kathy Stevens will be teaching 5 year olds - 6th graders. Kelly Rummel will be working with the high schoolers in the youth room and Pastor Tina will be teaching confirmation in the Teacher's Resource Room near the church office.

**Adult Sunday School:** Our Trinity Sunday group will read and discuss Chapter 1: "It's A Mystery, Just Accept It: So What Do You Say to an Atheist" from our book QUESTIONS TO ALL YOUR ANSWERS: THE JOURNEY FROM FOLK RELIGION TO EXAMINED FAITH by Roger Olson this Sunday, October 10 at 9:45 a.m. in the church parlor.

Calling on ALL who have any Fall Gardening Experience: We need your help please! Our current gardeners do not know as much about fall gardening as spring. Can you help them? Please contact either Pastor Tina or Kelly, if you can help in any way. Thanks!

#### YOUTH NEWS!

**Light the Night:** The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society's Light the Night walk funds treatments that are saving the lives of patients today. This organization is making cures happen by providing patient support services, advocating for lifesaving treatments and pioneering the most promising cancer research anywhere. This year, the Trinity Lutheran Church Youth Group will be participating in that walk on October 23. Youth Group members and families will meet at **5 PM at Trinity** to carpool over to McArthur Mall. Please bring money for a quick bite in the mall food court or eat before you arrive. If you want to meet us at the mall instead, please let Kelly know. We will participate in the opening ceremonies at 7 PM, and then we will walk through downtown Norfolk with our lanterns. Our Trinity family can donate to this cause by sending checks into the church. Please email or Facebook message Kelly to let her know you plan to attend. Families welcome! Kelly needs a **final head count** by **October 10, 2021**. Remember your masks!

**Finance Committee meeting:** Tomorrow night, Monday, **October 11**, there will be a **6:30 p.m.** meeting via Zoom.

Tuesday Morning Bible Study: The next bible study will be on Tuesday, October 12, at 10:30 a.m., ONLY VIRTUALLY until further notice!!

**Church Council Meeting:** On Tuesday, **October 12** at 6:30 p.m. there will be a church council meeting held via Zoom.

Walking Worship Wednesdays: The next WWW is this Wednesday evening, October 13, weather permitting, at 5:45 p.m. at the Noland Trail, Mariner's Museum. Hope to see you there!

Church Council Meeting: On Tuesday, October 12 at 6:30 p.m. there will be a church council meeting held via Zoom.

Manna Bags UPDATE!: The first batch of Manna Bags are complete. We are still collecting items and we still need items to complete quite a few more bags. You can now pick up some Manna bags to hand out to those in need, if you so choose. They are located at the wheelchair ramp door as you exit on Sunday morning. If you are not wanting to attend service, but do wish to participate in this project, please let the church office know and we will make necessary arrangements. Here are the items we're still collecting:

Mini Water Bottles Applesauce Granola Bars
Individual Boxes of Raisins Mini hand sanitizers Gallon Sized Ziploc
Bags

#### **COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS...**

Virginia Housing and Community Development Corporation: VHCDC seeks Volunteers to help replace exterior sheathing and install vinyl siding, insulation, flooring, HVAC, electrical, plumbing, wall-board, and cabinets at a 2-story duplex located at 31 E Howard St in

**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.

6. If you attend in person, an offering plate is located in the narthex. You may place your offering there as you enter.

### **PRAYER LIST**

ILLNESS, SURGERY, RECOVERY, SHUT-INS: Nursing Homes/Assisted Living: Jeanette Cantrell (The Chesapeake, 955 Harpersville Road, AL302, Newport News, VA, 23601); Millie Christensen (Morningside: Rm. 131; 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; Shirley Anderson, requested by the Anderson family; Matt Adamo (Brother-in-law of Patricia) and Rachel and Matthew Bradley and their unborn twins, requested by Patricia Fielding; Bob and Nancy Schappert; Pat O'Connell; Ben Nelson, requested by Laura Davis; Pamela Smith Jones (Patricia's sister), requested by Patricia McClelland; Pamela Bosserman (NEW ADDRESS—4521 Thorncroft Drive, Glen Allen, VA, 23060), requested by Bill Solomon; Larry Navatka, requested by Dottie Lombardo Self; Eric Curtin, requested by Jennifer Curtin Caylor; Siobhan Leonard (daughter—in-law), requested by Susan Piland; Donald Hall (son), requested by Susan Hall; Mary Lucia Spake, requested by Bill Solomon; the family and friends of Linda Sidebottom, requested by Gerda Hudgens (mother) and Liz Hudgens (niece) and the family and friends of Charles Kessler.

**Those Who Serve, Military and Civilian Duty: NEW!** James Fielding, State Dept., Myanmar; 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.

Correction to last week's Chancel Flowers: Last week's chancel flowers were given to the Glory of God and in honor of Jim McGee, by Suzanne and Hank Beckstoffer.

Chancel Flowers: Today, the chancel flowers are given to the Glory of God by Laura Davis.

# **Serving the Assembly**

	<u>8:30</u>	<u>11:00</u>
Crucifer	Nathan Rummel	
Acolyte	Andrew Rummel	
Lector	Kelly Rummel	Mark Madler
Ushers	Carol Bessom	Cliff Obara
		Anne Obara
Alternate		Karoline Ardis
Camera		Ben Melusky