

TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Seventh Sunday After Pentecost

10:00 AM Worship Service

Now the Feast and Celebration • July 24, 2022



Persistence in prayer is encouraged by Jesus and wins the attention of God when Abraham intercedes for Sodom. The life of the baptized – to be rooted and built up in Christ Jesus – is to be nurtured with prayer.

God hears and answers prayer and so strengthens God's own. "When I called, you answered me; you increased my strength within me."

Welcome members and guests to our worship service today. If you are visiting, we encourage you to sign the guest register located in the narthex; or, if you are online during our worship service, drop us a line to say hello or that you and your family are attending, so that we know you have joined us for worship. For those who come in person, please include your home address, email address and phone number. In each pew, there is a card that you can fill out if you wish to meet with the pastor and/or leave us more information about you. Worship service on Sunday mornings during the summer is at 10:00 A.M. and also on livestream.

A nursery room is available during the service. The nursery is located off the hallway on the Huntington Avenue side of the church building. At this time, there are no nursery attendants. We also have activity binders available for older children to enjoy during the service. Please ask an usher about using one.



TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: Monday – Thursday 9am-3pm

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Monday 9am-12pm; Tuesday 9-10:30am, 11:30am-12:15pm;

Wednesday 9:30am-12pm; Thursday 9am-12pm

Times are flexible with monthly meetings, but feel free to call for an appointment or drop in.

Pastor's Cell: (734) 239-4013

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LINK, THRIVE, and The Simple Sunflower.

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CARILLON CALL TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Unser Herrscher, Unser König

Helmut Walcha

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 steadfast love endures forever.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful God,

**we confess that we have not followed your path
but have chosen our own way.**

**Instead of putting others before ourselves,
we long to take the best seats at the table.**

**When met by those in need,
we have too often passed by on the other side.**

Set us again on the path of life.

**Save us from ourselves
and free us to love our neighbors.**

Amen.

Hear the good news!

God does not deal with us according to our sins
but delights in granting pardon and mercy.

In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.

You are free to love as God loves.

Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty

ELW 533

UNSER HERRSCHER

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

Glory to God

Now the Feast booklet p. 5-7

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty and ever-living God, you are always more ready to hear than we are to pray, and you gladly give more than we either desire or deserve. Pour upon us your abundant mercy. Forgive us those things that weigh on our conscience, and give us those good things that come only through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

The assembly is seated.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

FIRST READING: **Genesis 18:20-32**

In today's reading, Abraham undertakes the role of a mediator between God and sinful humanity. Appealing to God's justice, Abraham boldly asks for mercy for the city of Sodom for the sake of the few righteous people there, including Abraham's nephew, Lot.

Then the Lord said, "How great is the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah and how very grave their sin! I must go down and see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me; and if not, I will know."

So the men turned from there, and went toward Sodom, while Abraham remained standing before the Lord. Then Abraham came near and said, "Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city; will you then sweep away the place and not forgive it for the fifty righteous who are in it? Far be it from you to do such a thing, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?" And the Lord said, "If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will forgive the whole place for their sake." Abraham answered, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord, I who am but dust and ashes. Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking? Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?" And he said, "I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there." Again he spoke to him, "Suppose forty are found there." He answered, "For the

sake of forty I will not do it." Then he said, "Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak. Suppose thirty are found there." He answered, "I will not do it, if I find thirty there." He said, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord. Suppose twenty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it." Then he said, "Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak just once more. Suppose ten are found there." He answered, "For the sake of ten I will not destroy it."

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

PSALM 138 *(spoken responsively)*

I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with my whole heart;
before the gods I will sing your praise.

**I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name,
because of your steadfast love and faithfulness;
for you have glorified your name and your word above all things.**

When I called, you answered me;
you increased my strength within me.

**All the rulers of the earth will praise you, O LORD,
when they have heard the words of your mouth.**

They will sing of the ways of the LORD,
that great is the glory of the LORD.

**The LORD is high, yet cares for the lowly,
perceiving the haughty from afar.**

Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe;
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies;
your right hand shall save me.

**You will make good your purpose for me;
O LORD, your steadfast love endures forever;
do not abandon the works of your hands.**

SECOND READING: Colossians 2:6-19

The writer of this letter warns the congregation in Colossae about "the empty lure" of philosophies and traditions that compromise faith. Through the gift of faith, the church is mystically connected with Christ in his death and resurrection which is enacted in baptism.

As you therefore have received Jesus Christ the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were

taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ. For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by putting off the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it.

Therefore do not let anyone condemn you in matters of food and drink or of observing festivals, new moons, or sabbaths. These are only a shadow of what is to come, but the substance belongs to Christ. Do not let anyone disqualify you, insisting on self-abasement and worship of angels, dwelling on visions, puffed up without cause by a human way of thinking, and not holding fast to the head, from whom the whole body, nourished and held together by its ligaments and sinews, grows with a growth that is from God.

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

The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 11:1-13

In teaching his disciples this prayer, Jesus also reminds them to focus on God's coming reign, God's mercy, and the strengthening of the community. Jesus encourages his disciples to childlike trust and persistence in prayer.

Jesus was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." He said to them, "When you pray, say:

Father, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come.

Give us each day our daily bread.

And forgive us our sins,
for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us.
And do not bring us to the time of trial.”

And he said to them, “Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, ‘Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.’ And he answers from within, ‘Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.’ I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

“So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!”

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

The assembly is seated.

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Michael Burnett

SERMON

Michael Burnett

Silence is kept for reflection after the sermon.

The assembly stands.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Seek Ye First

LAFFERTY

(see next page)

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Descant

Al - le - lu - ia,

1 Seek ye first the king - dom of God
2 Ask, and it shall be giv - en un - to you;
3 You shall not live by bread a - lone,

This system contains the first system of music. It features a vocal line with the lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia,' and three numbered verses. The accompaniment consists of a piano part with chords and a bass line with a steady eighth-note rhythm.

al - le - lu - ia,

and its righ - teous - ness,
seek, and you shall find;
but by ev - ery word

This system continues the vocal line with 'al - le - lu - ia,' and includes the lyrics 'and its righ - teous - ness, seek, and you shall find; but by ev - ery word'. The piano accompaniment continues with similar harmonic support.

al - le - lu - ia,

and all these things shall be add - ed un - to you.
knock, and the door shall be o - pened un - to you.
that pro - ceeds from the mouth of God.

This system continues the vocal line with 'al - le - lu - ia,' and includes the lyrics 'and all these things shall be add - ed un - to you. knock, and the door shall be o - pened un - to you. that pro - ceeds from the mouth of God.' The piano accompaniment continues with similar harmonic support.

al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!

This system concludes the piece with the vocal line 'al - le - lu - ia!' and the piano part ending with a final chord and a double bar line.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: The 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

God of grace, hear our prayer.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

*The peace, which enables people to live in unity and in the spirit of mutual forgiveness,
comes from Christ, whose word has been proclaimed.*

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

The assembly is seated.

RECEIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY *Vater Unser im Himmelreich, BuxWV 219* Dietrich Buxtehude

The assembly stands.

OFFERTORY HYMN *As the Grains of Wheat* *Now the Feast* booklet page 10

OFFERTORY PRAYER

God of abundance,
you have set before us a plentiful harvest.
As we feast on your goodness,
strengthen us to labor in your field,
and equip us to bear fruit for the good of all,
in the name of Jesus. Amen.

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.

THE 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.**

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

BLESSING

The God of peace, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you, comfort you, and show you the path of life this day and always. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

Our Father, God in Heaven Above
VATER UNSER

ELW 746

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Love your neighbor.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty

arr. Paul Manz



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today we welcome Michael Burnett to our pulpit as our guest pastor. Michael is the campus minister for Flourish CNU (formerly United Campus Ministries) and is a candidate for ordination in the Disciples of Christ church.

Lutheran World Relief Personal Care Kits: THANK YOU to all those who have already donated full sized bath towels for this project. The Youth Group just sent off their first 37 personal care kits to Lutheran World Relief thanks to your help! We will continue to collect full size bath towels throughout the summer to create these kits which help dairy farmers improve their standard of living in the Peruvian Andes. The kits also help dairy farmers practice proper hygiene and in turn improve their dairy products through sanitary milking practices. We have all the other items donated for the kits, but we are **still in need of NEW full size light weight bath towels**. Please leave all donated towels in the bin marked for this project in the narthex or give them to one of our faithful youth advisors.

Newsome-Bailey Supplies Project: Trinity has been asked to support the Newsome-Bailey Supply Drive. School supplies that will be collected will be donated to the SE Community Coalition. During the pandemic, several churches and non-profit organizations, the NNPD and NNPS came together and created a partnership that hosts monthly community SAFE SPACE events for students and families in the East End. Instead of conducting separate supply drives, the aim is to combine all supplies to promote the BACK TO SCHOOL event being held on July 30 at Achievable Dream. Our collection started on the first Sunday of July which is July 3 and the **final collection of supplies is TODAY, July 24!** Let's show our support and TRINITY LOVE for those who need this help. The list of items can be found as an insert in this bulletin. **There is a labeled box in the narthex to place all of the supplies.**

Help for Eastern Europe: The ELCA is requesting funds to help the Eastern European Crisis to include **not only Ukraine**, but also neighboring countries, such as Hungary, Poland and Slovakia, who have been providing help to the Ukrainian people. Here is the link, if you wish to help fund this response: <https://www.elca.org/Our-Work/Relief-and-Development/Lutheran-Disaster-Response/Our-Impact/Eastern-Europe-Crisis-Response>.

Pedestal Flowers for Sunday Morning: The Simple Sunflower group is willing to coordinate taking all floral donations to Riverside Hospital to "re group" any leftover fresh flowers from an arrangement into a fresh new arrangement to give to people (in the hospital) who may need a bit of cheer in their life. **If you wish to donate flowers in memory or honor of someone, you may make a note of this on the flower chart.** If you do not wish to take your flowers home, you may check the box **AT LEAST TWO to FOUR WEEKS IN ADVANCE** to have them donated to The Simple Sunflower organization at **no charge to you.**

We Need Your Help! Nursery Volunteers: As we are getting fully back into the swing of worship services and schedule, we are looking for a new team of folks who would be willing to rotate serving in the nursery. For the Sunday that you are scheduled, you attend both worship services and if there are children who require nursery care, you spend time with them, playing and generally looking out for them, so that their parents can attend worship. If you would be interested and willing to serve, please reach out to Pastor Tina.

Pure Vida Bracelets Fundraiser for National Youth Gathering: Our order finally came in. Yay! So . . . the youth are still selling Pure Vida bracelets to help raise money for the ELCA National Youth Gathering in 2024. The **bracelets are \$5** each and make great gifts. Call the church office if you need an order form or grab one from the narthex.

Tuesday Morning Bible Study will not be held this week due to Pastor Tina being out of town. The next one will be held on August 2 at 10:30am in the parlor.

Faith and Family Night Returns!!: Join us on **Tuesday, August 2 @ 6:35** as the Norfolk Tides take on the Nashville Sounds. We have a block of 20 tickets reserved. Tickets are \$10 each. Sign up in the Narthex or email Pastor Tina!

VANCO Online giving: The procedure to use the online offering system, VANCO, is very user-friendly. Just go to Trinity's website, <http://www.trinitylutheran-nn.com> and click on the green "online giving" link on the homepage. More instructions to follow.

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**.

SERVING THE ASSEMBLY TODAY

Crucifer: Mark Madler; **Acolytes:** Karina Stevens; **Lector:** Kathy Stevens;
Ushers: Jerry Cobb, John Lunsford; **Camera:** Cliff Obara

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); **Joan Johnston** (The Newport – Rm 33); **Shut-in at Home:** Janet Edwards, Gerda Hudgens, Doris Moeser, and Dick Sallade.

SPECIAL PRAYER REQUESTS: **The Ahlen Family and Brittany Hock**, 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; **Matt Adamo (Brother-in-law of Patricia)**, requested by Patricia Fielding; **Bob and Nancy Schappert; Ben Nelson**, requested by Laura Davis; **Donald Hall (son)**, requested by Susan Hall; **Peggy Cash**, requested by

Dottie Self; **Gisela Nygards**, requested by daughter, Yvonne Christian; for the **mental health of all those who are first responders**, requested by Dinah Balthis; **David Harvey (uncle)** requested by Anne Obara; **Oneita Jamerson Ericson**, requested by Bill Solomon; **the family and friends of Ann Wessler (Jacob's grandmother)**, requested by Patricia Wessler and **the friends and family of Larry Shoberg**.

Those Who Serve, Military and Civilian Duty: 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; Josh and Ellen (Davis) Badgley, State Department, Bangkok, Thailand; Michael Titus, US Navy, Naval Shipyard, Washington, DC and Elisabeth Bruce (Titus's daughter-in-law).

Chancel greenery today is presented to the glory of God.



High School Supply List 2021-2022*

- Binders
- Loose Leaf Paper
- Dividers or Tabs
- 2-3 spiral notebooks
- Pens
- Pencils
- Highlighters
- Headphones/earphones for Chromebook
- Graphing or scientific calculator
(Check with your child's teacher before purchase)
- Hand sanitizer
- Face masks

*Individual teachers may require additional items that are specific to their courses.



Newport News Public Schools
Elementary School Supply List 2021-2022
(en español)

- 1 Backpack
 - 2 Packs of crayons or color pencils, or markers
 - 2 Packs of Pencils
 - 1 Pack of Dry Erase Markers
 - 4 Large Glue sticks
 - 2 Composition notebooks or spiral notebooks
 - 1 Pencil pouch, pencil box, or pencil holder
 - 2 Packs of Wide Ruled Filler paper (3-5)
 - 1 Personal set of earbuds
 - Face masks worn daily
 - Change of Clothes (Pre-K and Kindergarten only)
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MENCHVILLE HOUSE ANNUAL DINNER

**MENCHVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH
284 MENCHVILLE ROAD (ENTRANCE C)
NEWPORT NEWS, VA 23602**

JULY 26

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OUTBACK RESTAURANT

SILENT AUCTION 5:30 P.M.

DINNER 6 P.M.

**Program includes testimonies of Menchville House
Residents**

**Reservations must be made by July 15, by calling
757-833 5980**

Or go to website, Menchvillehouse.com



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.

1 Our Fa - ther, God in heav'n a - bove, we pray, u - nit - ed
 2 Give us to - day our dai - ly bread; let ev - 'ry - one be
 3 In time of tri - al, res - cue us. Let your word give suc -
 4 A - men. Yes, yes, it shall be so! Build up our faith and

in your love: Your name be hal - lowed. Help us, Lord,
 clothed and fed. For - give our sins, as we for - give
 cess to us when, on our left and on our right,
 make it grow; be - set by doubt, help us be - lieve

in faith - ful - ness to keep your word. Your king - dom come; your
 when oth - ers hurt us as we live. Help us to dwell in
 temp - ta - tions chal - lenge us to fight. De - liv - er us from
 what here we ask we shall re - ceive. So, by your prom - ise,

will be done on earth as there be - fore your throne.
 har - mo - ny and serve each oth - er will - ing - ly.
 e - vil's pow'r and com - fort us in life's last hour.
 in your name, with loud A - men your Yes we claim!