

TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Eighth Sunday After Pentecost

10:00 AM Worship Service

Now the Feast and Celebration • July 31, 2022



Today's texts offer instruction and encouragement for all who are occasionally overwhelmed by the "unhappy business" of life. Jesus urges us to take care and be on guard against all kinds of greed. We who have died with Christ in holy baptism have also been raised with him and are encouraged to elevate our thinking, seeking the "things that are above." To that end we seek the sustenance of the Lord's supper and the encouragement of God's word.

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 have a consult 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 bags” available for older children to enjoy during the service. Please ask an usher about using one.



TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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PASTOR MELUSKY'S OFFICE HOURS

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.

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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.

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

KYRIE

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CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Now the Feast

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SALUTATION

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Benevolent God, you are the source, the guide, and the goal of our lives. Teach us to love what is worth loving, to reject what is offensive to you, and to treasure what is precious in your sight, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Assembly is seated.

FIRST READING: ECCLESIASTES 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23

The teacher of wisdom who wrote Ecclesiastes sees that working for mere accumulation of wealth turns life into an empty game, a "vanity of vanities." Nevertheless, he asserts in the next verse, it is good to find enjoyment in one's work because such enjoyment is a gift from God.

Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher,
vanity of vanities! All is vanity.

I, the Teacher, when king over Israel in Jerusalem, applied my mind to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven; it is an unhappy business that God has given to human beings to be busy with. I saw all the deeds that are done under the sun; and see, all is vanity and a chasing after wind.

I hated all my toil in which I had toiled under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to those who come after me – and who knows whether they will be wise or foolish? Yet they will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. So I turned and gave my heart up to despair concerning all the toil of my labors under the sun, because sometimes one who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave all to be enjoyed by another who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. What do mortals get from all the

toil and strain with which they toil under the sun? For all their days are full of pain, and their work is a vexation; even at night their minds do not rest. This also is vanity.

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

PSALM 49:1-2 (*spoken*)

Hear this, all you peoples;
give ear, all you who dwell in the world,
**you of high degree and low,
rich and poor together.**
My mouth shall speak of wisdom,
and my heart shall meditate on understanding.

**I will incline my ear to a proverb
and set forth my riddle upon the harp.**

Why should I be afraid in evil days,
when the wickedness of those at my heels surrounds me,
**the wickedness of those who put their trust in their own prowess,
and boast of their great riches?**

One can never redeem another,
or give to God the ransom for another's life;
**for the ransom of a life is so great
that there would never be enough to pay it,**
in order to live forever and ever
and never see the grave.

**For we see that the wise die also; like the dull and stupid they perish
and leave their wealth to those who come after them.**

Their graves shall be their homes forever, their dwelling places from generation
to generation,
though they had named lands after themselves.

**Even though honored, they cannot live forever;
they are like the beasts that perish.**

SECOND READING: COLOSSIANS 1:15-28

Life in Christ includes a radical reorientation of our values. Just as the newly baptized shed their old clothes and put on new garments, so Christians are called to let go of greed and take hold of a life shaped by God's love in Christ.

So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. But now you must get rid of all such things – anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

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 12:13-21

In God's reign, the "rich will be sent away empty." Jesus uses a parable to warn against identifying the worth of one's life with the value of one's possessions rather than one's relationship with God.

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 12th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Someone in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is

being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."

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

The assembly is seated.

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Pastor Tina Melusky

SERMON

Pastor Tina Melusky

Silence is kept for reflection after the sermon.

The assembly stands.

HYMN OF THE DAY

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

ELW 678

RUSTINGTON

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.**

**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

Lamb of God

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COMMUNION

Communion will be held around the table. The bread will be handed to you by the pastor. Please take a communion cup with wine from the outside edge of the tray or a grape juice cup from the center of the tray. Recycle baskets are located outside of the sanctuary doors for your plastic cups.

MUSIC DURING THE DISTRIBUTION

O Living Bread from Heaven

ELW 542

AURELIA

The assembly stands.

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 CANTICLE

Thanks Be to You

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POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Life-giving God, through this meal you have bandaged our wounds and fed us with your mercy. Now send us forth to live for others, both friend and stranger, that all may come to know your love. This we pray in the name of Jesus. **Amen.**

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

God of Grace and God of Glory
CWM RHONDDA

ELW 705

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Love your neighbor.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Trumpet Tune on *Cwm Rhondda*

Jacob B. Weber



ANNOUNCEMENTS

2022-2023 TELC Directory: The new directory went out electronically this past week. Please check your information to be sure everything is still the same. The deadline to submit new information is August 1. A new, revised edition (there have already been some changes) will be sent out later in the week. Printed copies will be available next Sunday.

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: Thanks to everyone who donated supplies for the Newsome-Bailey Supplies Project. We appreciate all of the support. Thanks!

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.

YOUTH

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.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR . . .

Tuesday Morning Bible Study will be held on **Tuesday, August 2**, in the church parlor, both virtually and in person.

TLS School Board meeting: For anyone who is a TLS Board member and church member also, there will be a board meeting strictly on Zoom. An invitation will be

sent out before the meeting.. The meeting begins at **6:00 p.m.**

Faith and Family Night THIS WEEK!!: Join us on **Tuesday, August 2 @ 6:35** as the Norfolk Tides take on the Nashville Sounds. We will meet at Harbor Park 30 mins. before the game begins.

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 Nygard**s, 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; **the family and friends of Jerry Harvey**, requested by Anne Harvey Obara; **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., Belleville, IL.; 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.

The greenery is presented today . . . to the Glory of God by Trinity Lutheran Church.



1 Let the whole cre - a - tion cry, "Glo - ry to the Lord on high!"
 2 Ser - vants striv - ing for the Lord, proph - ets burn - ing with the word,
 3 Men and wom - en, young and old, raise the an - them loud and bold,



Heav'n and earth, a - wake and sing, "Praise to our al - might - y king!"
 those to whom the arts be - long add their voic - es to the song.
 and let chil - dren's hap - py hearts in this wor - ship take their parts;



Praise God, an - gel hosts a - bove, ev - er bright and fair in love;
 Pow'rs of knowl - edge and of law, to the glo - rious cir - cle draw;
 from the north to south - ern pole let the might - y cho - rus roll:



sun and moon, lift up your voice; night and stars, in God re - jice.
 all who work and all who wait, sing, "The Lord is good and great!"
 "Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly One; glo - ry be to God a - lone!"

Hymn of the Day *God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending* ELW 678



1 God, whose giv-ing knows no end-ing, from your rich and end-less store:
2 Skills and time are ours for press-ing toward the goals of Christ, your Son:
3 Trea-sure, too, you have en-trust-ed, gain through pow'rs your grace con-ferred;



na-ture's won-der, Je-sus' wis-dom, cost-ly cross, grave's shat-tered door,
all at peace in health and free-dom, rac-es joined, the church made one.
ours to use for home and kin-dred, and to spread the gos-pel word.



gift-ed by you, we turn to you, of-f'ring up our-selves in praise;
Now di-rect our dai-ly la-bor, lest we strive for self a-lone;
O-pen wide our hands in shar-ing, as we heed Christ's age-less call,

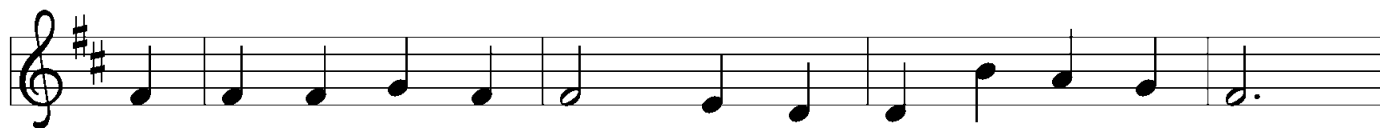


thank-ful song shall rise for-ev-er, gra-cious do-nor of our days.
born with tal-ents, make us ser-vants fit to an-swer at your throne.
heal-ing, teach-ing, and re-claim-ing, serv-ing you by lov-ing all.

Music During the Distribution

O Living Bread from Heaven

ELW 542



- 1 O liv - ing Bread from heav - en, how well you feed your guest!
- 2 My Sav - ior, you have led me with - in your ho - liest place,
- 3 You gave me all I want - ed; this food can death de - stroy.
- 4 Oh, grant me then, well-strength - ened with heav'n - ly food, while here



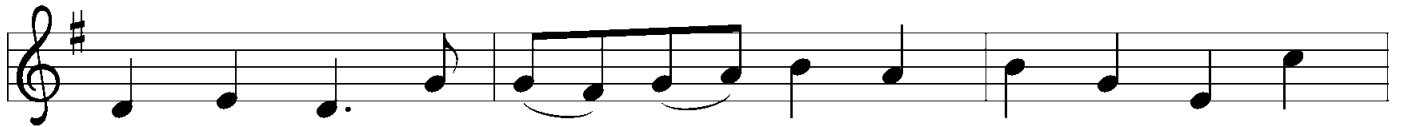
The gifts that you have giv - en have filled my heart with rest.
and here your - self have fed me with trea - sures of your grace;
And you have free - ly grant - ed the cup of end - less joy.
my course on earth is length - ened, to serve you, free from fear;



O won - drous food of bless - ing! O cup that heals our woes!
for you have free - ly giv - en what earth could nev - er buy,
My Lord, I do not mer - it the fa - vor you have shown,
and bring me home to praise you where none can peace de - stroy,



My heart, this gift pos - sess - ing, in thank - ful song o'er - flows!
the bread of life from heav - en, that now I shall not die.
and all my soul and spir - it bow down be - fore your throne.
where I will ev - er raise you glad songs in end - less joy.



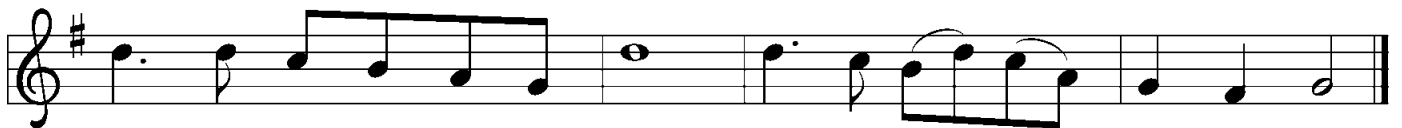
1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on your peo - ple
 2 Lo! The hosts of e - vil round us scorn the Christ, as -
 3 Cure your chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to
 4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils



pour your pow'r; crown your an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry;
 sail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us
 your con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness,
 we de - plore; let the gift of your sal - va - tion



bring its bud to glo - rious flow'r. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age
 free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age
 rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 be our glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,



for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.
 for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.
 lest we miss your king - dom's goal, lest we miss your king - dom's goal.
 serv - ing you whom we a - dore, serv - ing you whom we a - dore.