

# TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

## *Ninth Sunday After Pentecost*

10:00 AM Worship Service

Now the Feast and Celebration • August 7, 2022



*Jesus says, "It is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom." It is God's promise from the beginning – to Abraham, to the early church, and to the "little flock" of which we are a part in today's assembly. Faith, God's baptismal gift, trusts the promises of God. Have no fear.*



**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.

**Pastor's Cell:** (734) 239-4013

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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

*Now the Feast booklet page 3*

## CANTICLE OF PRAISE

*Now the Feast*

*Now the Feast booklet pages 4-5*

## SALUTATION

*Now the Feast booklet page 7*

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your church. Open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may be ready to receive you wherever you appear, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

*Assembly is seated.*

## FIRST READING: GENESIS 15:1-6

*God promises childless and aging Abram that a child of his own will be his heir and that his descendants will number as many as the stars. Abram trusts God's promise, and through this faith he is considered righteous.*

After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." But Abram said, "O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." But the word of the Lord came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.

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

## PSALM 33:12-22 (*spoken*)

Happy is the nation whose God is the Lord!

Happy the people chosen to be God's heritage!

**The Lord looks down from heaven,  
and sees all humankind.**

God sits firmly enthroned and watches  
all who dwell on the earth.

**God fashions all their hearts  
and observes all their deeds.**

A king is not saved by the size of the army,  
nor are warriors rescued by their great strength.

**The horse gives vain hope for victory;  
despite its great strength it cannot save.**

Truly, your eye is upon those who fear you, O Lord,  
upon those who wait for your steadfast love,

**to deliver their lives from death,  
and to keep them alive in time of famine.**

Our innermost being waits for you, O Lord,  
our helper and our shield.

**Surely, our heart rejoices in you,  
for in your holy name we put our trust.**

Let your lovingkindness, O Lord, be upon us,  
even as we place our hope in you.

#### **SECOND READING: HEBREWS 11:1-3, 8-16**

*Abraham and Sarah exemplify the vision of faith that people of God enact in every age. Their hope and trust in God's promise allowed them to face an unknown future and to receive the promise of God.*

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he

was too old – and Sarah herself was barren – because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, “as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.”

All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

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

*The assembly stands to welcome the Gospel.*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

*Now the Feast booklet page 8*

**GOSPEL LESSON: LUKE 12:32-40**

*Jesus encourages disciples to invest their hearts and live fully into God’s reign. Instead of facing life with fear, those who know God’s generosity are always ready to receive from God and to give to others.*

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

Jesus said: “Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

“Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

“But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be

ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

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**

*Have No Fear, Little Flock*

ELW 764

LITTLE FLOCK

**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**

Merciful God, **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

*Schmücke Dich, O liebe Seele*

Johannes Brahms

*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.**

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*Now the Feast* booklet page 11

### SANCTUS

*Holy, Holy, Holy*

*Now the Feast* booklet pages 11-12

## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

### THROUGH CHRIST, WITH CHRIST, IN CHRIST

*Now the Feast* page 13

### 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**

*Lamb of God*

*Now the Feast booklet page 14*

## **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**

*Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness*  
SCHMÜCKE DICH

ELW 488

*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*

*Now the Feast booklet page 15*

### **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

*Blessed Assurance*  
ASSURANCE

ELW 638

## DISMISSAL

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

## POSTLUDE

*Grand Sortie*

John S. Dixon



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**2022-2023 TELC Directory:** COPIES of the new directory are out in the narthex. Please pick up one per family. Thank you!

**Lighting in the Memorial Garden/Columbarium:** A new lighting system was recently installed in the Memorial Garden/Columbarium, replacing the original lighting which was no longer working. The area will be lit from dusk to dawn, so take a look if you are here for an evening meeting.

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

**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 . . .

**TODAY!!:** For anyone **struggling with grief**, there will be an **interactive worship experience** called **Grief and Healing** at Hilton Christian Church, **today, from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m.** The sanctuary door will be open and there will be a number of stations for you to experience. The stations are there for you to use or not. Instructions and a list of stations will be available before you enter the sanctuary. The sanctuary will be **silent** so that those who are simply sitting and meditating as well as those at stations can be surrounded by the “peace of the place.” The list of stations is as follows: +Prayer at the kneeler, + Candle lighting for loss, +Candle lighting for joy, +Water and salt representing God’s tears, +Oil of gladness for joy, + Communion, and + Anointing for healing and/or commitment.

**Tuesday Morning Bible Study** will be held on **Tuesday, August 9**, in the church parlor, both virtually and in person.

**Church Council Meeting:** This Tuesday, August 9, there will be a church council meeting held in the church library starting at 6:30 p.m. The meeting will be held both in person and virtually.

**TLC/TLS Workday:** NEXT Saturday, August 13 from 8 a.m. until noon, school alumni from TLS that are now attending Peninsula Catholic, Gregg Vicik (our IT and Property Manager) and Pastor Tina will be working on the grounds of the church, school and parsonage to do a little “sprucing up” of the spray washing of needed areas and tending to the weeds, vines, etc. We would truly love to have anyone else come to help that is willing. If you have any questions, please see Pastor Tina

**Service of Remembrance for Donald E. Golden:** On Sunday, **September 18, 2022 at 3 PM** a special service of remembrance will be held for our Organist/ Choirmaster Emeritus, Don Golden, who passed away December 2, 2021. There will be hymns, musical performances, some recordings by Don, and remembrances from those who worked with Don in the school, the church, and the community during his tenure of almost 30 years at Trinity. We encourage you to attend this service to honor our friend and brother who contributed immeasurably to Trinity and our wider community.

**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:** Shawn Murphy; **Acolytes:** Carl Carpenter, Lois Jean Carpenter; **Lector:** Laura Davis; **Ushers:** Cliff Obara, Jerry Cobb; **Camera:** Ben Melusky

### **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:** **Peggy Cash**, 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; **Ben Nelson**, requested by Laura Davis; **Donald Hall (son)**, requested by Susan Hall; 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 Ray Self (Bob's brother)**, requested by Dottie Self.

**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.

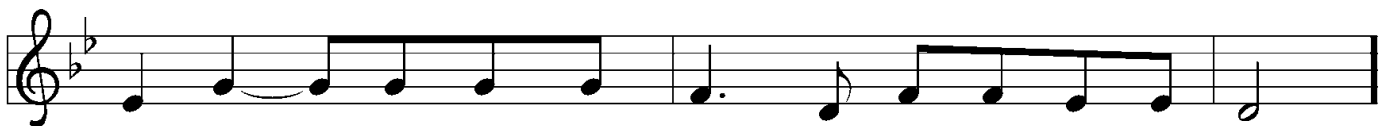
**The greenery is presented today . . . to the Glory of God by Trinity Lutheran Church.**



1 O Lord my God, when I in awe - some won - der con - sid - er  
 2 When through the woods and for - est glades I wan - der, I hear the  
 3 But when I think that God, his Son not spar - ing, sent him to  
 4 When Christ shall come, with shout of ac - cla - ma - tion, and take me



all the works thy hand hath made, I see the stars, I hear the might - y  
 birds sing sweet - ly in the trees; when I look down from loft - y moun - tain  
 die, I scarce can take it in, that on the cross my bur - den glad - ly  
 home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in hum - ble ad - o -



thun - der, thy pow'r through - out the u - ni - verse dis - played;  
 gran - deur and hear the brook and feel the gen - tle breeze;  
 bear - ing he bled and died to take a - way my sin;  
 ra - tion and there pro - claim, "My God, how great thou art!"

*Refrain*

Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to thee, how great thou



art! How great thou art! Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to



thee, how great thou art! How great thou art!

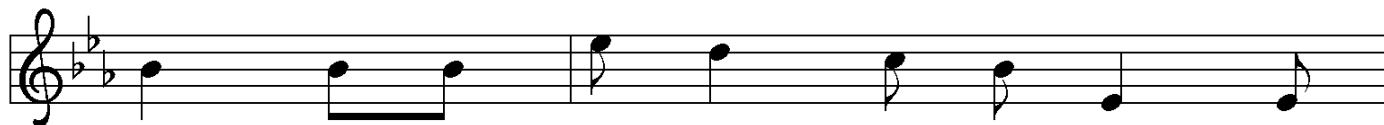
# Hymn of the Day

## *Have No Fear, Little Flock*

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1 Have no fear, lit - tle flock; have no fear, lit - tle  
2 Have good cheer, lit - tle flock; have good cheer, lit - tle  
3 Praise the Lord high a - bove; praise the Lord high a -  
4 Thank - ful hearts raise to God; thank - ful hearts raise to



flock, for the Fa - ther has cho - sen to  
flock, for the Fa - ther will keep you in  
bove, for he stoops down to heal you, up -  
God, for he stays close be - side you, in



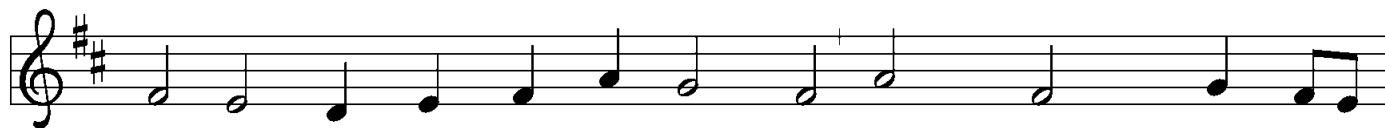
give you the king - dom; have no fear, lit - tle flock!  
his love for - ev - er; have good cheer, lit - tle flock!  
lift and re - store you; praise the Lord high a - bove!  
all things works with you; thank - ful hearts raise to God!



# Music During the Distribution

*Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness*

ELW 488



1 Soul, a - dorn your - self with glad - ness, leave the gloom - y  
2 Has - ten as a bride to meet him, ea - ger - ly and  
3 Now in faith I hum - bly pon - der o - ver this sur -  
4 Je - sus, source of last - ing plea - sure, tru - est friend, and



haunts of sad - ness, come in - to the day - light's splen - dor,  
glad - ly greet him. There he stands al - read - y knock - ing;  
pass - ing won - der that the bread of life is bound - less  
dear - est trea - sure, peace be - yond all un - der - stand - ing,



there with joy your prais - es ren - der. Bless the one whose grace un -  
quick - ly, now, your gate un - lock - ing, o - pen wide the fast - closed  
though the souls it feeds are count - less; with the choic - est wine of  
joy in - to all life ex - pand - ing: hum - bly now, I bow be -



bound - ed this a - maz - ing ban - quet found - ed; Christ, though heav' n - ly,  
por - tal, say - ing to the Lord im - mor - tal: "Come, and leave your  
heav - en Christ's own blood to us is giv - en. Oh, most glo - rious  
fore you, love in - car - nate, I a - dore you; wor - thi - ly let



high, and ho - ly, deigns to dwell with you most low - ly.  
loved one nev - er; dwell with - in my heart for - ev - er."  
con - so - la - tion, pledge and seal of my sal - va - tion.  
me re - ceive you, and, so fa - vored, nev - er leave you.

# Sending Hymn

## Blessed Assurance

ELW 638



- 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:



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