

TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Tenth Sunday After Pentecost

10:00 AM Worship Service

Now the Feast and Celebration • August 14, 2022



The word of God is a refining fire. Jesus is the great divide in human history. He invites our undivided attention and devotion. Today in worship we are surrounded by a great "cloud of witnesses." In the word and in holy communion we are invited yet again to look to Jesus, "the pioneer and perfecter of our faith."

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 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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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

Now the Feast booklet pages 4-5

SALUTATION

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, judge eternal, you love justice and hate oppression, and you call us to share your zeal for truth. Give us courage to take our stand with all victims of bloodshed and greed and, following your servants and prophets, to look to the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Assembly is seated.

FIRST READING: JEREMIAH 23:23-29

Because Jeremiah preaches the unpopular message of God's judgment, he suffers rejection. Today's reading distinguishes between the true prophet, like Jeremiah, who speaks God's word, and the false prophet who misleads the people through dreams. One is like wheat; the other like worthless straw.

Am I a God near by, says the Lord, and not a God far off? Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them? says the Lord. Do I not fill heaven and earth? says the Lord. I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, "I have dreamed, I have dreamed!" How long? Will the hearts of the prophets ever turn back—those who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart? They plan to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, just as their ancestors forgot my name for Baal. Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let the one who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? says the Lord. Is not my word like fire, says the Lord, and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?

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

PSALM 82 (spoken)

God stands to charge the divine council assembled,
giving judgment in the midst of the gods:

**"How long will you judge unjustly,
and show favor to the wicked?"**

Save the weak and the orphan;
defend the humble and needy;
rescue the weak and the poor;
deliver them from the power of the wicked.

They do not know, neither do they understand; they wander about in darkness;
all the foundations of the earth are shaken.

Now I say to you, 'You are gods,
and all of you children of the Most High;
nevertheless, you shall die like mortals,
and fall like any prince.' "

Arise, O God, and rule the earth,
for you shall take all nations for your own.

SECOND READING: HEBREWS 11:29 – 12:2

The author of Hebrews presents us with rich stories of faith. In a long list of biblical heroes, we find examples of trust in God that enabled them to face the trials of life faithfully. In addition to this "cloud of witnesses," we have Jesus, the perfect model of faithful endurance.

By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.

And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets – who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented – of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground.

Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what

was promised, since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect.

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of 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 12:49-56

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: "I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; they will be divided:

father against son

and son against father,

mother against daughter

and daughter against mother,

mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law

and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law."

He also said to the crowds, "When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, 'It is going to rain'; and so it happens. And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, 'There will be scorching heat'; and it happens.

You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?"

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

All My Hope on God Is Founded

ELW 757

MICHAEL

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, receive 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

The Peace May Be Exchanged

Dan Locklair

The assembly stands.

OFFERTORY HYMN

As the Grains of Wheat

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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

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SANCTUS

Holy, Holy, Holy

Now the Feast booklet pages 11-12

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

THROUGH CHRIST, WITH CHRIST, IN CHRIST

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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,

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

God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me (found on inside back cover) ACS 1084
GREEN TYLER

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.**

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Love your neighbor.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Postlude on *Lancashire*

Joshua Evanovich

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

Collection of School Supplies Continues: If you missed out on bringing school supplies for the Newsome-Bailey project, please feel free to bring in your supplies that will then go to THRIVE at the end of the month. 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.

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.

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 **NOT** be held again until **Tuesday, August 30**, in the church parlor, both virtually and in person.

Joint Worship Service at First United Methodist Church: The Hilton-area churches frequently partner together for various activities: the annual Good Friday service, collection drives for THRIVE and LINK and, in the past, VBS. From Anne Kirchmier: "Although our theologies and worship practices differ, all of us are Christians, seeking to love God and love our neighbor. In a few weeks, we will literally all be at the same table, worshipping God together." Our six churches: First United Methodist Church, Hilton Baptist, Hilton Christian, Hilton Presbyterian and Trinity Lutheran will gather for a **shared worship service on Sunday, August 28, at 10 a.m. at First UMC**, which will also be LIVESTREAMED. The **theme** will be *Mutual Love and Hospitality*. Our worship on this Sunday will include a Children's Time Message, with a special **blessing of backpacks, students and teachers**. Many of the students start school on August 29, so this will be a great way for us to collectively send our learners back to school with God's blessings ringing in their ears. Mark your calendars now and please plan to come to this special service.

Choir practice: Starting in September, choir practices will resume beginning **Wednesday, September 7 from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.** All are welcome! Also, Geoffrey plans on starting a bell choir soon. Stay tuned for more details.

Confirmation Classes: The first confirmation class for the fall season begins on **Sunday, September 18, from 6 to 8 p.m.** in the church parlor. Welcome to new "confirmand in training," Elliott Jay!

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 Ann Wessler (Jacob's grandmother)**, requested by Patricia Wessler and **the friends and family of Ray Self (Bob's brother)**, requested by Dottie Self.

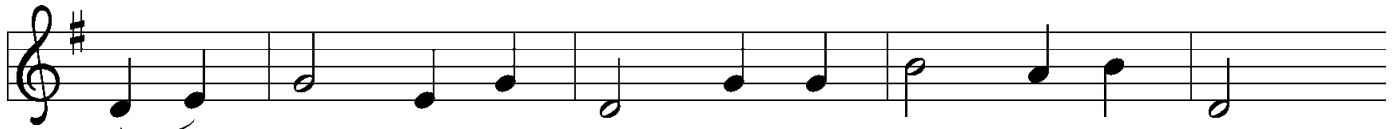
Those Who Serve, Military and Civilian Duty: James Fielding, State Dept., Myanmar; Bryan Hunt, State Dept., Belleville, IL.; Eric Lindfors, Deputy Commander US Naval Forces - Korea; Tyler Obara, Virginia Air National Guard, LAFB; Josh and Ellen (Davis) Badgley, State Department, Bangkok, Thailand; Michael Titus, US Navy, Naval Shipyard, Washington, DC and Elisabeth Bruce.

The flowers are presented today . . . to the Glory of God and in celebration of Pastor Tina's birthday, August 20, given by a congregational friend.

Gathering Hymn

How Firm a Foundation

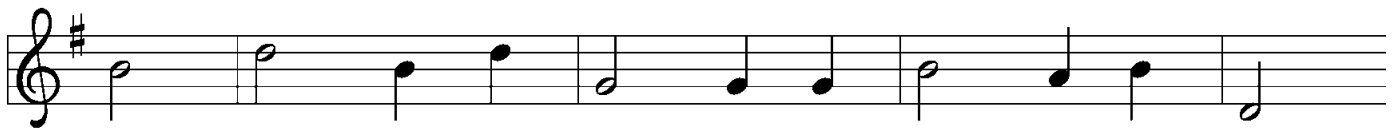
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1 How firm a foun - da - tion, O saints of the Lord,
2 "Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dis - mayed,
3 "When through fi - 'ry tri - als your path - way shall lie,
4 "Through - out all their life - time my peo - ple shall prove



is laid for your faith in Christ Je - sus, the Word!
for I am your God and will still give you aid;
my grace, all - suf - fi - cient, shall be your sup - ply.
my sov - 'reign, e - ter - nal, un - change - a - ble love;



What more can he say than to you he has said
I'll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand,
The flames shall not hurt you; I on - ly de - sign
and then, when gray hairs shall their tem - ples a - dorn,

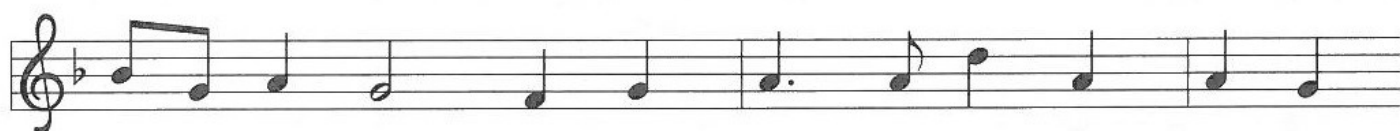


who un - to the Sav - ior for ref - uge have fled?
up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand."
your dross to con - sume and your gold to re - fine."
like lambs they shall still in my bo - som be borne."

Hymn of the Day *All My Hope on God Is Founded* ELW 757



1 All my hope on God is found - ed who will all my
 2 Mor - tal pride and earth - ly glo - ry, sword and crown be -
 3 Great thy good-ness, e'er en - dur - ing; deep thy wis - dom,
 4 Still from earth to God e - ter - nal sac - ri - fice of



trust re - new, who through change and chance will guide me,
 tray our trust; what with care and toil we fash - ion,
 pass - ing thought; splen - dor, light, and life at - tend thee,
 praise be done, high a - bove all prais - es prais - ing



on - ly good and on - ly true. God un - known, God a -
 tow'r and tem - ple, fall to dust. But thy pow'r, hour by
 beau - ty spring - ing out of naught. Ev - er - more from thy
 for the gift of God's own Son. Christ doth call one and



lone, call my heart to be thine own.
 hour, is my tem - ple and my tow'r.
 store new - born worlds rise and a - dore.
 all: ye who fol - low shall not fall.

Music During the Distribution

God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me

ACS 1084



1 God, be the love to search and keep me; God, be the prayer to
2 Bind to my-self the name of Ho-ly, great cloud of wit-ness-
3 Bright-ness of sun and glow of moon-light, flash-ing of light-ning,
4 Walk-ing be-hind to hem my jour-ney, go-ing a-head to
5 Christ in the eyes of all who see me, Christ in the ears that



move my voice; God, be the strength to now up-hold me:
es en-fold; proph-ets, a-pos-tles, an-gels wit-ness:
strength of wind, depth of the sea to soil of plan-et:
light my way, and from be-neath, a-bove, and all ways:
hear my voice, Christ in the hearts of all who know me:



O Christ, sur-round me; O Christ, sur-round me.

Sending Hymn

Lead On, O King Eternal!

ELW 805



1 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal! The day of march has come;
2 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal, till sin's fierce war shall cease,
3 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal: we fol - low, not with fears,



hence-forth in fields of con - quest your tents will be our home.
and ho - li - ness shall whis - per the sweet a - men of peace;
for glad-ness breaks like morn - ing wher - e'er your face ap - pears.



Through days of prep - a - ra - tion your grace has made us strong;
for not with swords loud clash - ing, nor roll of stir-ring drums,
Your cross is lift - ed o'er us; we jour - ney in its light;



and now, O King e - ter - nal, we lift our bat - tle song.
but deeds of love and mer - cy the heav'n - ly king - dom comes.
the crown a - waits the con - quest; lead on, O God of might!