

TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost

10:00 AM Worship Service

Now the Feast and Celebration • September 11, 2022



The grumbling of the religious leaders in today's gospel is actually our holy hope: This Jesus welcomes sinners and eats with them. That our God seeks and saves the lost is not only a holy hope, it is our only hope. As the writer of 1 Timothy reminds us, "The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners."

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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CARILLON CALL TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* arr. Michael Burkhardt

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,
who is eager to forgive
and who loves us beyond our days. **Amen.**

Dear friends, together let us acknowledge
Our failure to love this world as Jesus does.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God of Mercy and Forgiveness,
we confess that sin still has a hold on us.
We have harmed your good creation.
We have failed to do justice,
love kindness,
and walk humbly with you.
Turn us in a new direction.
Show us the path that leads to life.
Be our refuge and strength on the journey,
through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend. Amen.

Beloved of God:
your sins are forgiven + and you are made whole.
God points the way to new life in Christ,
who meets us on the road.
Journey now in God's abiding love
through the power of the Holy Spirit. **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

O God, overflowing with mercy and compassion, you lead back to yourself all those who go astray. Preserve your people in your loving care, that we may reject whatever is contrary to you and may follow all things that sustain our life in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Assembly is seated.

FIRST READING: EXODUS 32:7-14

While Moses is on Mount Sinai, the people grow restless and make a golden calf to worship. Today's reading shows Moses as the mediator between an angry God and a sinful people. Moses reminds God that the Israelites are God's own people, and boldly asks for mercy for them.

The Lord said to Moses, "Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it, and said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!'" The Lord said to Moses, "I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation."

But Moses implored the Lord his God, and said, "O Lord, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? Why should the Egyptians say, 'It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth'? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, 'I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.'" And the Lord changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

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

PSALM 51:1-10 (*read responsively*)

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;
in your great compassion blot out my offenses.

**Wash me through and through from my wickedness,
and cleanse me from my sin.**

For I know my offenses,
and my sin is ever before me.

**Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight;
so you are justified when you speak and right in your judgment.**

Indeed, I was born steeped in wickedness,
a sinner from my mother's womb.

**Indeed, you delight in truth deep within me,
and would have me know wisdom deep within.**

Remove my sins with hyssop, and I shall be clean;
wash me, and I shall be purer than snow.

**Let me hear joy and gladness;
that the body you have broken may rejoice.**

Hide your face from my sins,
and blot out all my wickedness.

**Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.**

SECOND READING: 1 Timothy 1:12-17

The letters to Timothy and Titus are called the pastoral epistles because they contain advice especially intended for leaders in the church. Here the mercy shown to Paul, who once persecuted the church, is cited as evidence that even the most unworthy may become witnesses to the grace of God.

I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he judged me faithful and appointed me to his service, even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the foremost. But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience, making me an example

to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

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 15:1-10

Jesus tells two stories that suggest a curious connection between the lost being found and sinners repenting. God takes the initiative to find sinners, each of whom is so precious to God that their recovery brings joy in heaven.

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 15th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them."

So he told them this parable: "Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.' Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

"Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.' Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

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.

BRADBURY

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***That Priceless Grace*

arr. John Helgen

**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

Look Who Gathers at Christ's Table
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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

God of the abundant table, you have refreshed our hearts in this meal with bread for the journey. Give us your grace on the road that we might serve our neighbors with joy; for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

BLESSING

God, who gives life to all things and frees us from despair, bless you with truth and peace. And may the holy Trinity, † one God, guide you always in faith, hope, and love. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound
NEW BRITAIN

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DISMISSAL

Go in peace, with Christ beside you.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Toccata on *Amazing Grace*

J. Christopher Pardini



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday School Begins NEXT Sunday: Pastor Tina will be doing a brief opening for the children immediately after our worship service. The younger grades (K-5) will meet in the same classroom as last year (downstairs, farthest room on the left) and the upper grades will meet in the youth room downstairs. Our theme for the younger grades is *Building With Christ*-building community, family, connections etc.

Trinity's Adult Discussion (Sunday School) group will begin our Fall 2022 meetings next **Sunday, September 18, from 8:45 to 9:30 a.m. in the parlor.** We will be discussing *Twelve Unlikely Heroes: How God Commissioned Unexpected People in the Bible and What He Wants to Do with You* by John MacArthur. All are welcome - hope to see YOU there !!!

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. Circled dates are specific dates for a definite pick up.

Glass Vases for The Simple Sunflower: Small to medium sized glass vases are needed to repurpose flowers from The Simple Sunflower. If you have any vases to donate, please place them in the labeled cardboard box at the wheelchair ramp door, near the sacristy kitchen. Thank you!

Email Changes/Corrections: Please note that Pete Mizelle's email has changed to pmizelle3@gmail.com. Also, Bob's Schappert's email was incorrectly listed in the directory and should be drbob381@gmail.com.

New Address: Nicole (May) Nelson and her husband, Phillip, have a new address. It is 4532 Ellington Avenue, Suffolk, VA 23435.

YOUTH

Pure Vida Bracelets Fundraiser for National Youth Gathering: 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: The next bible study will be held on **September 13** at 10:30 a.m. in the church parlor and online via Zoom. All are welcome!

Reformation Remix TOMORROW NIGHT! "It's that time again!" says Pastor Tina. We will "kick start" Reformation Remix Monday, **September 12, at 7:00 p.m.** Our theme for the month is "United to Christ" and we will also meet on the 19th, and 26th. All are welcome to join in.

Choir practice: Sanctuary choir rehearsals are on **Wednesday nights at 7pm**. Any youth and adult who enjoys singing are invited to join us - no musical training required, and we can work with any voice!

After the service NEXT Sunday, September 18, we will have a **handbell hands-on event**. If you have any interest in ringing bells, please feel free to stay after the service

to learn how to ring the bells and learn some common bell-ringing techniques. On **October 2**, we will officially begin **bell choir rehearsals** immediately following the Sunday worship service. Please let me know if you are interested so I know how many ringers to expect!

Rally Day – Join us for lots of fun TODAY! First, before all of the fun and immediately after worship, there will be a **short congregational meeting**. Following that, there will be an **ice cream social** while the **youth give a presentation on their trip** to New Orleans this past summer. All youth who are presenting need to wear their tie-dye T-shirts.

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

Church Picnic: On **Sunday, September 25 at 11:00 a.m.**, we will enjoy worship time outside by having our annual **church picnic at Deer Park**. Please save the date!

A Note from the Finance Committee: Just a reminder that, as Finance Chair Cliff Obara mentioned at the annual meeting, when we vote to approve a NEW budget (done in June), we are also voting to increase our regular offerings to the general fund. If you haven't done that yet, please prayerfully consider the needs of our church family and the needs of our community family, which your offerings help to fill! Thank you!

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 found on the homepage. 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, Kelly Murphy; **Lector:** Laura Davis; **Ushers:** Jerry Cobb, John Lunsford **Camera:** Ben Melusky or 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:** 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; and **Richard Anderson**.



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.



*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.



Gathering Hymn *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* ELW 807



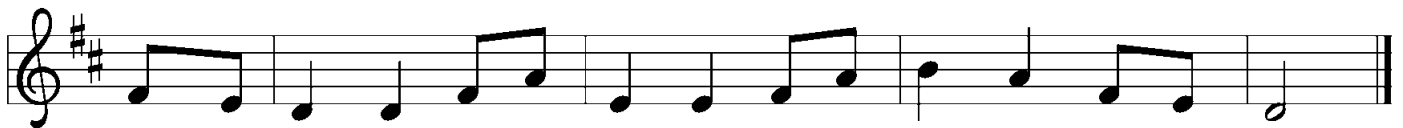
1 Come, thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless-ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
2 Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer: "Hith-er by thy help I've come";
3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con-strained to be;



streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.
and I hope, by thy good plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.
let that grace now like a fet - ter bind my wan-d'ring heart to thee.



While the hope of end-less glo - ry fills my heart with joy and love,
Je - sus sought me when a strang - er, wan-d'ring from the fold of God;
Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love.



teach me ev - er to a - dore thee; may I still thy good-ness prove.
he, to res - cue me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.
Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.



1 Sav - ior like a shep - herd lead us; much we need your ten - der care.
 2 We are yours; in love be - friend us, be the guard - ian of our way;
 3 You have prom - ised to re - ceive us, poor and sin - ful though we be;
 4 Ear - ly let us seek your fa - vor, ear - ly let us do your will;



In your pleas - ant pas - tures feed us, for our use your fold pre - pare.
 keep your flock, from sin de - fend us, seek us when we go a - stray.
 you have mer - cy to re - lieve us, grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free.
 bless - ed Lord and on - ly Sav - ior, with your love our spir - its fill.



Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, you have bought us; we are yours.
 Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, hear us chil - dren when we pray.
 Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, ear - ly let us turn to you.
 Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, you have loved us, love us still.



Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, you have bought us; we are yours.
 Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, hear us chil - dren when we pray.
 Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, ear - ly let us turn to you.
 Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, you have loved us, love us still.

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Look Who Gathers at Christ's Table

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1 Look who gath - ers at Christ's ta - ble! Hear the sto - ries
2 Clouds of light sur - round the ta - ble; an - cient fol - low -
3 Their sad sto - ries are re - peat - ed in a thou - sand
4 Bring your joy and bring your sad - ness, and pre - pare to



that they bring. Some are weep - ing; some are laugh - ing;
ers ap - pear, saints con - fess - ing how they wres - tled
dif - f'rent ways, but they share one thing in com - mon:
be sur - prised by the host whose hands are wound - ed,



some have songs they want to sing. Oth - ers ask why they're in -
with their guilt, their doubt and fear. Pe - ter tells of his de -
they all end in thanks and praise for the host who has in -
who will o - pen wide your eyes when he bless - es bread and

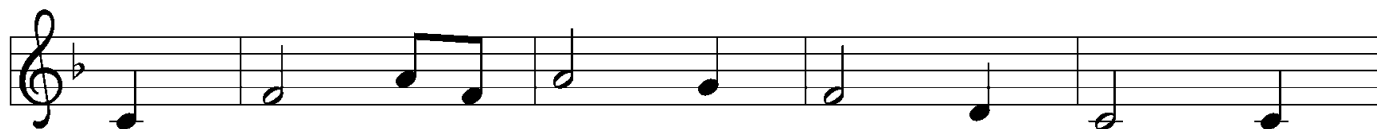


vit - ed, bur - dened by the wrong they've done. Christ in - sists they
ny - ing Christ was ev - er in his sight; Paul re - lates his
vit - ed north and south and east and west to con - verge a -
breaks it— truth and man - na from a - bove!— and then pass - es

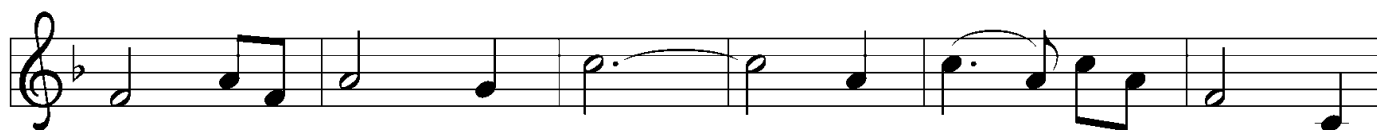


all are wel - come. There is room for ev - 'ry - one.
fruit - less ef - ferts to ob - lit - er - ate the light.
round this ta - ble, where all life is fed and blest.
wine that wa - kens in your heart the taste of love.

Sending Hymn *Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound* ELW 779



1 A - maz - ing grace!— how sweet the sound— that
2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I
4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his
5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright



saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but
grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that
have al - read - y come; 'tis grace has brought me
word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and
shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to



now am found; was blind, but now I see.
grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!
safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
por - tion be as long as life en - dures.
sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.