

TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost

11:00 AM Worship In the Park

Now the Feast and Celebration • September 25, 2022



Consideration of and care for those in need (especially those “at our gate,” visible to us, of whom we are aware) is an essential component of good stewardship. It is in the sharing of wealth that we avoid the snare of wealth. It is the one whom death could not hold – who comes to us risen from the dead – who can free us from the death grip of greed.

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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LINK, THRIVE, and The Simple Sunflower.

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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.*

RESPONSIVE THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

We gather at this font, O God,
creator of oceans and rivers, rain and snow.

**We praise you for the waters of the James and the Chesapeake Bay,
and for the water you provide us each day.**

We praise your Spirit, hovering over this font.

**We bless you for this cleansing water of rebirth, this flood of endless mercy,
and for all the baptized around this blue planet.**

All the waters are yours, O God,
even the ferocious waves of the sea, the overflowing rivers,
the rainstorms that drown crops and herds.

**We beg you to heed the cries of everyone suffering from flood in Mexico, Pakistan, and other areas of
the Middle East. As you saved Noah and the animals from the deluge, so now save those whose lives and
livelihoods are threatened. Dry up the wild waters, that the people may live.**

All the waters are yours, O God,
even stagnant rivers, and wells nearly dry,
and lakes that are merely puddles.

**We beg you to heed the cries of everyone suffering from drought in Western Europe, Northern Africa,
and the West Coast. As you saved Hagar and Ishmael in the desert,
so now save all those creatures dying of thirst. Pour down rain and fill up the wells, that the people may
live.**

We ask you, almighty Provider,
to give us the water we need,
and we praise you for the sustenance you grant at this font.

**By the water of our baptism empower us
to pour out ourselves for others
and to safeguard the waters of your earth.**

To you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,

**Sea of holiness, Spring of salvation, Cloud of mystery,
be all praise and thanksgiving,
now and forever.**

Amen.

GATHERING HYMN *Lord, I Lift Your Name on High (sung twice)*

Lord, I lift your name on high
Lord, I love to sing your praises
I'm so glad you're in my life
I'm so glad you came to save me.

You came from Heaven to Earth to show the way
From the earth to the cross, my debt to pay,
From the cross to the grave,
From the grave to the sky,
Lord I lift your name on high.

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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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HYMN OF PRAISE

Now the Feast

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, rich in mercy, you look with compassion on this troubled world. Feed us with your grace, and grant us the treasure that comes only from you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

The assembly stands to welcome the Gospel.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

THY WORD

Chorus

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path

Verse 1

When I feel afraid, think I've lost my way,
Still, you're there right beside me
Nothing will I fear as long as you are near
Please be near me to the end. (Chorus)

I will not forget your love for me and yet
My heart forever is wandering
Jesus be my guide, hold me to your side
And I will love you to the end (Chorus)

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GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 16:19-31

Jesus tells a parable in which the poor one is “lifted up” and the rich one is “sent away empty.” Jesus makes it clear that this ethic of merciful reversal is not new but is as old as Moses and the prophets.

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 16th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus said: “There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man’s table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. He called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.’ But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.’ He said, ‘Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father’s house – for I have five brothers – that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.’ Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.’ He said, ‘No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.’ He said to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.’ ”

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

The assembly is seated.

Silence is kept for reflection after the sermon.

The assembly stands.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Shout to the Lord

My Jesus, my savior, Lord there is none like you,
All of my days, I want to praise the wonders of your mighty love.

My comfort, my shelter, tower of refuge and strength.
Let every breath, all that I am, never cease to worship you.

Shout to the Lord, all the earth let us sing
Power and majesty, praise to the King.
Mountains bow down and the seas will roar at the sound of your name.
I sing for joy at the work of your hands;
Forever I'll love you, forever I'll stand.
Nothing compares to the promise I have in you.

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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

Open the Eyes of My Heart.

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord. Open the eyes of my heart
I want to see you, I want to see you (Repeat)

To see you high and lifted up, shining in the light of your glory
Pour out your power and love as we sing holy, holy, holy.

Holy, holy, holy
Holy, holy, holy
Holy, holy, holy
I want to see you.

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The assembly stands.

OFFERTORY HYMN

As the Grains of Wheat

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OFFERTORY PRAYER

Gracious God,
in your great love you richly provide for our needs.
Make of these gifts a banquet of blessing,
and make us ready to share with all in need;
through Jesus Christ, who sets a table for all. Amen.

Meal

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Proper Preface

It is our duty and delight that we should everywhere and always offer thanks and praise to you..

...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Sanctus

Holy, holy, holy are you. God of power and might.

Heaven and earth are filled with your glory.

Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

Thanksgiving at the Table

You are indeed holy, gracious, and merciful God...

...and in whom we live, Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

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.

The assembly is seated

AGNUS DEI

Lamb of God

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COMMUNION

Communion will be celebrated with prepackaged elements today.

MUSIC DURING THE DISTRIBUTION

Sanctuary

Lord prepare me to be a sanctuary
Pure and holy, tried and true
With thanksgiving
I'll be a living sanctuary for you

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Amazing Grace (alternate)

Verse 1

Amazing grace how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me.
I once was lost but now am found;
Was blind but now I see.
Alleluia!

Verse 2

Jesus loves me, this I know,
For the Bible tells me so,
Little ones to him belong,
They are weak, but he is strong,
Alleluia!

Verse 3

A mighty fortress is our God,
A sword and shield victorious,
He breaks the cruel oppressor's rod,
And wins salvation glorious.
Alleluia!

Verse 4

O God our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast,
And our eternal home
Alleluia!

Verse 5

In Christ there is no east or west,
In him no south or north
But one great fellowship of love
Throughout the whole wide earth,
Alleluia!

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I Will Call Upon the Lord

I will call upon the Lord, who is worthy to be praised
So shall I be saved from my enemies.

The Lord liveth, and blessed be the rock
And may the God of our salvation be exalted.
The Lord liveth, and blessed be the rock
And may the God of our salvation be exalted.

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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.**

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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

BLESSED BE THE LORD

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel
From everlasting to everlasting.

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel
From everlasting to everlasting.

Let all God's people say amen (Amen!)
Let all God's people say amen (Amen!)
Let all God's people say amen and praise the Lord.

(words and music by The Rev. Dave Delaney, Director for Youth and Young Adult Ministry, Virginia Synod, ELCA)

DISMISSAL

Go in peace, with Christ beside you.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Grand Choeur

Theodore Salomé

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Trinity Discussion Group, a.k.a. Adult Sunday School Class: Has begun!! **From 8:45 until 9:30 a.m.**, in the church parlor, we will be “catching up with each other” and talking about the introduction to the book “*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 TO JOIN THIS DISCUSSION GROUP.

Inclusion means everyone has a voice!: Reconciling in Christ is a program of the ELCA that supports congregations in their desire to become a more inclusive congregation. We’ve been called by the Church Council to participate in this journey. One of the first steps is to ask congregants what your thoughts and opinions about this process are. We’ve created a survey for this purpose and it was emailed to you. We want everyone who considers Trinity their worship home to complete an individual survey. To take the survey online, go to <https://forms.gle/bA4VrCDYQ5j1bj87> Hard copies of the survey are available in the church library or you can request one be sent to you by contacting the church office. We want to hear from any interested person in order to make this the most inclusive and comprehensive journey possible. This survey should only take about 10-15min to complete. Your responses are completely anonymous. We value your privacy. Your honest responses will help us build a successful and inclusive journey. In order for us to efficiently move forward, we request your response by October 9, 2022. Thank you for your time, The RIC Committee (Tricia Wessler, Sue Moeslein, Phil Shook, Wendy Mynoymany, Kathy Stevens)

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!

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 either the narthex or church office.

Parent Meeting - TODAY, September 25: Immediately following the picnic portion of Worship in the Park, the youth group and parents will meet to welcome our new youth group members, go over the calendar for the year, fill out any necessary paperwork, and get out our first sign up sheets. Please plan on joining us if your youth will be participating in the youth group this year.

Movies, Donuts, and Discussion: Our youth group aged Sunday School class is in for a treat this year as we explore the books of the Bible through film. Join us as we watch "Thor Ragnarok," "The Lord of the Rings," "Hidden Figures," "Beauty and the Beast," and more during the Sunday School hour. We will enjoy treats and have a great discussion about these movies and Bible stories, taking a look at how they impact our everyday faith life.

Howl O Scream - October 9: The youth group will meet immediately following church on Sunday, October 9 to go to Busch Gardens for the afternoon and enjoy the haunts of Howl O Scream at night. If you are interested in attending, please sign up on the youth group bulletin board and indicate if your youth has a pass. We have several free tickets available to us if your youth would like to attend this event. Parents can pick their youth up at the Rummel household after the event.

Light the Night- October 22: The "in person" Light the Night at McArthur Center in Norfolk, VA has returned this year! Our youth group will be walking to Light the Night with hundreds of other folks in the Hampton Roads area as we raise money and awareness for the Leukemia/ Lymphoma Society. Please make sure that you sign up for this event by October 1, so I can accurately register all interested parties. We will meet on October 22 at 4:30 PM at Trinity and travel together over to McArthur Mall. We will eat dinner at the mall, enjoy the festivities outside, and then join in on the walk through downtown Norfolk.

Lost and Found - November 18-20: All 7th and 8th graders are eligible to attend the VA Synod's Lost and Found event this year which is held at Eagle Eyrie near

Lynchburg, VA. This is a wonderful faith centered weekend with kids your age from around the Synod. You will spend your weekend in fun, fellowship, and faith from Friday evening through Sunday afternoon, and you will get to see our very own Samantha Harry serve on the planning team for the event. If you are interested in going, please go online to the VA Synod Youth Website, fill out the registration form, and make a payment before October 24. Also, please sign up on our youth group bulletin board, so we can plan transportation to and from the event. Your registration fee for the event is \$150, which includes an event t-shirt. If you need assistance with the registration fee, please let Kelly Rummel or Pastor Tina know. Remember that there is a Talent Show, so plan on bringing your talent with you if you want to share it.

NEWSOME-BAILEY PROJECT: Tina O'Tool of the Newsome-Bailey Project would like Trinity to know they will be having an in-person training session on **September 29th at 6:30 pm** at the Peninsula Community Chapel for folks interested in being a tutor. This will prepare tutors to be involved for working with kindergarteners and first graders one-on-one to improve their reading skills. Other ways Trinity could help out are with teacher support, providing lunches and special events throughout the year, but their main initiative is tutoring. She thanked us for the supplies and would be delighted for us to partner with them in whatever way we see fit.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR . . .

Tuesday Morning Bible Study: The next bible study will be held on **September 27** at **10:30 a.m.** in the church parlor and online via Zoom. All are welcome!

Reformation Remix: The next meeting for Reformation Remix will be held on **Monday, September 26, at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom.** A link will be sent out on Monday, **September 26, 2022.** Reformation Remix will continue in October.

Church Picnic: TODAY, **September 25,** we are excited to enjoy worship time outside by having our annual church picnic at Deer Park, at **11:00 a.m.** Kelly and Erik Rummel and Ashleigh Ardis will help lead us in the hymns. Hamburgers, hot dogs, side dish salads, watermelon, and dessert will be provided. You are welcome to bring family picnic foods to share within your family group.

Choir practice: Choir rehearsals are on **Wednesday nights at 7:00 p.m.** Any youth or adult who enjoys singing is invited to join us - no musical training required, and we can work with any voice!

St Mark Lutheran Church and Sine Nomine Presents. . . are delighted to present "The King of Instruments," and organ concert featuring four outstanding organists on Sunday, October 9, 2022 at 4:00 PM. St Mark Lutheran Church is located at 118 Old York-Hampton Highway, Yorktown, VA 23692. 757-898-9342

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: Keegan Wise; **Acolytes:** Andrew Rummel; **Ushers:** Dave Roselius, Karoline Ardis; **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**, 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 and Richard Anderson; **Matt Eggar**, requested by Don and Sandy Sniady.

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 TODAY are presented to the Glory of God and in memory of Donald E. Golden, organist emeritus, who served Trinity from 1966 – 1995.

Youth Schedule 2022 - 2023

September 25	Cook Out and Parent Meeting (Following Worship in the Park)
October 9	Howl O Scream Busch Gardens – Meet at Rummel house
October 22	5 Pm Festival starts, 7 PM Walk starts Light the Night – Leukemia/ Lymphoma Society – McArthur Center
November 11	Homebound Gifts/ Lock In
November 12	Roanoke College Lutheran Visit Day
November 18-20	Lost and Found (7 th and 8 th graders – Eagle Eyrie)
December 11	Decorating and Caroling
January 8	Bowling
January 27-29	Winter Celebration (9 th -12 th graders – Eagle Eyrie)
February 12	Soup-er Bowl Party (Watch the Super Bowl / Canned Food Drive)
March 4-5	Seventh Day 5 th and 6 th graders
March 17-18	Lock In
April 2	Stuff Eggs and Make Baskets for Homebound members
April 9	Easter Egg Hunt (Easter Sunday)
April 23	Ropes Course (VA Beach Aquarium)
May 7	Fundraiser for 2024 NYG – Cake Auction
June	Confirmation Sunday
June 9-11	Youth Assembly
June 25-30	Kairos (Week-long event at Roanoke College – Rising 9 th -12 th graders)
July 9-13	Launch (Graduated High School Seniors)
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July	YARD SALE for NYG 2024

Dates are subject to change based off of Advisors' schedules and weather events!