

# Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

## *Sixth Sunday After Pentecost*

10:00 AM Worship Service • July 9, 2023

*Now the Feast and Celebration*



*The mystery of God's ways is sometimes hidden from the wise and intelligent. Jesus associates with those often excluded from the religious community. Like Paul, we struggle with our own selfish desires and seek God's mercy and forgiveness. We gather to be refreshed by Christ's invitation: "Come to me, all you that are weary." Gathered around word, water, and meal, we find rest for our souls.*

**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. Sunday School begins at 8:45 followed by a worship service at 10:00 AM on Sunday mornings. **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.

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### 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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## PRELUDE

“A Refuge, Peace” from *Sanctuary*

Gwyneth Walker

## 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 greets us in this and every season,  
whose word never fails,  
whose promise is sure.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God  
and of our neighbors.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Merciful God,

**we confess that we have sinned.**

**We have hurt our community.**

**We have squandered your blessings.**

**We have hoarded your bounty.**

**In the name of Jesus,**

**forgive us and grant us your mercy.**

God is a cup of cold water when we thirst.

God offers boundless grace when we fail.

Claim the gift of God’s mercy:

you are freed and forgiven

in the name of † Jesus Christ.

**Amen.**

## KINGSFOLD

## 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 booklet pages 4-5*

## SALUTATION

*Now the Feast booklet page 7*

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

*The assembly is seated.*

**FIRST READING: Zechariah 9:9-12**

*The coming messianic king will inaugurate an era of disarmament and prosperity. Because of God's covenant with Israel, the people are designated as "prisoners of hope."*

Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion!

Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem!

Lo, your king comes to you;

triumphant and victorious is he,

humble and riding on a donkey,

on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim

and the war-horse from Jerusalem;

and the battle bow shall be cut off,

and he shall command peace to the nations;

his dominion shall be from sea to sea,

and from the River to the ends of the earth.

As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you,

I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.

Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope;

today I declare that I will restore to you double.

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

**PSALM 145:8-14** (*spoken responsively*)

The Lord is gracious and full of compassion,  
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

**Lord, you are good to all,**

**and your compassion is over all your works.**

All your works shall praise you, O Lord,  
and your faithful ones shall bless you.

**They shall tell of the glory of your kingdom  
and speak of your power,**

that all people may know of your power  
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

**Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; your dominion endures throughout all  
ages.**

**You, Lord, are faithful in all your words, and loving in all your works.**

The Lord upholds all those who fall  
and lifts up those who are bowed down.

**SECOND READING: Romans 7:15-25a**

*Life captive to sin is a catch-22 existence in which we know good but do not do it and do things we know to be wrong. Through Jesus Christ, God has set us free from such a futile existence.*

I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me.

So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

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

*The assembly stands.*

**GOSPEL: Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30**

*Jesus chides people who find fault with both his ministry and that of John the Baptist. He thanks God that wisdom and intelligence are not needed to receive what God has to offer.*

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 11th chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus spoke to the crowd saying:] “To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another,

‘We played the flute for you, and you did not dance;  
we wailed, and you did not mourn.’

For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon’; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.”

At that time Jesus said, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

“Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

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

*The assembly is seated.*

**CHILDREN’S CHAT**

Pastor Tina Melusky

**SERMON**

Pastor Tina Melusky

*The assembly stands.*

APOSTLE'S 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 in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

*The assembly is seated.*

RECEIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

*I Will Arise and Go to Jesus*

arr. Heather Sorenson

**OFFERTORY HYMN**

*As the Grains of Wheat*    *Now the Feast* booklet page 10

*The assembly stands.*

**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

God of field and forest, sea and sky,  
you are the giver of all good things.  
Sustain us with these gifts of your creation,  
and multiply your graciousness in us,  
that the world may be fed with your love,  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
Amen.

**MEAL**

**GREAT THANKSGIVING**

*Now the Feast* booklet page 11

**SANCTUS**

*Now the Feast* booklet pages 11-12

**EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER**

**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 is 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 DISTRIBUTION**

*Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling*  
THOMPSON

*The assembly stands.*

**SENDING**

**TABLE BLESSING**

**POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE**

*Thanks Be to You*

*Now the Feast booklet page 15*

**POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

**SENDING**

**BLESSING**

The God who calls across the cosmos and speaks in the smallest seed † bless, keep, and sustain you now and to the end of the age. **Amen.**

**SENDING HYMN**

*Just a Closer Walk with Thee*

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**CLOSER WALK**

**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Serve the harvest.

**Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE:**

*Fanfare*

Douglas E. Wagner

## PRAYER LISTS

**ILLNESS, SURGERY, RECOVERY, SHUT-INS: Nursing Homes/Assisted Living:** Jeanette Cantrell, Millie Christensen, Lucille Lebold ; **Shut-in at Home:** Peggy Cash, Janet Edwards, J.R. Griffin, Gerda Hudgens, Doris Moeser, and Dick Sallade; **Recovery At Home:** Bonnie Carlson, and Butch Klapperich.

**PRAYER REQUESTS:** **The Ahlen Family and the Wheeler Family**, requested by Kathy Stevens; **Hannelore Voss (Karoline's mother)**, requested by the Ardis family; **Matt Adamo (Brother-in-law of Patricia)** requested by Patricia Fielding; **Matt Eggar**, requested by Sandy Sniady; **Matt Eggar, Mary Lou Hubble (Jacob's aunt)**, requested by the Wessler family; **Jessica Savage**, requested by the Dail Family; **Jonathan Blank (Pastor Tina's Brother-in-law)** requested by Pastor Tina; **Susan Koehlinger (Laura's mother)**, requested by Laura Jay; **the family and friends of Hazel Woodard**, requested by Patricia Fielding; and **Jackie Judd (former teacher and friend)**, requested by Louise Mozingo.

**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 wife, **Elisabeth Bruce**.

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## Serving the Assembly

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**Crucifer**

Nathan Rummel

**Acolytes**

Andrew Rummel

Karina Stevens

**Lector**

Michelle and Zachary Stoffa

**Ushers/Greeters/Presenters**

Dave Roselius

Cliff Obara

**Camera/Livestream**

Kelly Rummel

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