

# Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

## *Eighth Sunday After Pentecost*

10:00 AM Worship Service • July 23, 2023

*Now the Feast and Celebration*



*It is an age-old question: why is there evil in the world? In the parable of the wheat and the weeds Jesus suggests that both grow together until the harvest. With Paul, we long for the day that all creation will be set free from bondage and suffering. Having both weeds and wheat within us, we humbly place our hope in the promises of God, and from the Lord's table we go forth to bear the fruit of justice and mercy.*

**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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Monday 9am-12pm; Tuesday 9-10:30am, 11:30am-12:15pm;

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Times are flexible with monthly meetings, but feel free  
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## CARILLON CALL TO WORSHIP

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRELUDE

Prelude on *St. George's Windsor*

David Cherwien

## 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.**

## 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 booklet pages 4-5*

## SALUTATION

*Now the Feast booklet page 7*

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

*The assembly is seated.*

FIRST READING: **Isaiah 44:6-8**

*There are no other gods besides God: the word of the Lord does not fail to come to pass. We can trust in God, through whom Israel – and we – are redeemed.*

Thus says the Lord, the King of Israel,  
and his Redeemer, the Lord of hosts:

I am the first and I am the last;  
besides me there is no god.

Who is like me? Let them proclaim it,  
let them declare and set it forth before me.

Who has announced from of old the things to come?  
Let them tell us what is yet to be.

Do not fear, or be afraid;  
have I not told you from of old and declared it?  
You are my witnesses!

Is there any god besides me?  
There is no other rock; I know not one.

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

**PSALM 86:11-17** *(spoken responsively)*

Teach me your way, O Lord, and I will walk in your truth;  
give me an undivided heart to revere your name.

**I will thank you, O Lord my God, with all my heart,  
and glorify your name forevermore.**

For great is your love toward me;  
you have delivered me from the pit of death.

**The arrogant rise up against me, O God, and a band of violent people seeks my  
life;**

**they have not set you before their eyes.**

But you, O Lord, are gracious and full of compassion,  
slow to anger, and full of kindness and truth.

**Turn to me and have mercy on me;**

**give your strength to your servant, and save the child of your handmaid.**

Show me a sign of your favor, so that those who hate me may see it and be put to  
shame;

because you, Lord, have helped me and comforted me.

**SECOND READING: Romans 8:12-25**

*For Paul, true spirituality means that we experience the reality of the Spirit, which enables us to pray as God's children, keeps us in solidarity with creation, and gives us unseen hope that God will liberate us and creation from bondage to death and decay.*

So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh – for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, “Abba! Father!” it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ – if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the

glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

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

*The assembly stands.*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

*Now the Feast booklet page 8*

**GOSPEL: Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43**

*Jesus tells a parable about the coexistence of good and evil in this world. God's judgment will remove all evildoers and causes of sin, but not until the end of human history.*

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 13th chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus put before [the crowds] another parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?' He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' The slaves said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' But he replied, 'No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.' "

Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age,

and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!"

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.*

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

*Womb of Life and Source of Being*  
RAQUEL

ACS 948

**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** *One Bread, One Body* arr. Mark Hayes

**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

One Bread, One Body

ELW 496

*ONE BREAD, ONE BODY*

*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

*On What Has Now Been Sown*

ELW 550

DARWALL'S 148TH

### DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the harvest.

**Thanks be to God.**

### POSTLUDE

Postlude on *Darwall's 148th*

Brenda Portrman



## PRAYER LISTS

**ILLNESS, SURGERY, RECOVERY, SHUT-INS:** **Hospital:** Richard Anderson, (Sentara Careplex, ICU); **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 Bella and Mark Sandlass**, 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; **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.

The greenery today is presented to the Glory of God.

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## Serving the Assembly

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<b>Crucifer</b>	Keegan Wise
<b>Acolytes</b>	Andrew Rummel Carter Recuperero
<b>Lector</b>	Judy Hunt
<b>Ushers/Greeters/Presenters</b>	David Hunt Judy Hunt
<b>Camera/Livestream</b>	Cliff Obara

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Do you have a good idea for a theme for our 125th anniversary celebration? If so, please jot it down below and place it in the basket in the church library. Thank you!!

Name (optional): \_\_\_\_\_

Theme idea for 125th anniversary:

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- 1 Come, ye thank-ful peo - ple, come; raise the song of har - vest home.
- 2 All the world is God's own field, fruit un - to his praise to yield;
- 3 For the Lord our God shall come and shall take his har - vest home;
- 4 E - ven so, Lord, quick - ly come to thy fi - nal har - vest home.



All be safe - ly gath - ered in ere the win - ter storms be - gin.  
 wheat and tares to - geth - er sown, un - to joy or sor - row grown.  
 from his field shall in that day all of - fens - es purge a - way;  
 Gath - er then thy peo - ple in, free from sor - row, free from sin,



God, our mak - er, doth pro - vide for our wants to be sup - plied.  
 First the blade, and then the ear, then the full corn shall ap - pear.  
 give his an - gels charge at last in the fire the tares to - cast,  
 there, for - ev - er pu - ri - fied, in thy gar - ner to a - bide.



Come to God's own tem - ple, come, raise the song of har - vest home.  
 Lord of har - vest, grant that we whole - some grain and pure may be.  
 but the fruit - ful ears to store in his gar - ner ev - er - more.  
 Come, with all thine an - gels, come, raise the glo - rious har - vest home!

Text: Henry Alford, 1810–1871, alt.

Music: ST. GEORGE'S, WINDSOR, George J. Elvey, 1816–1893



1 Womb of life and source of be - ing, home of ev - 'ry rest - less  
 2 Word in flesh, our broth - er Je - sus, born to bring us sec - ond  
 3 Brood - ing Spir - it, move a - mong us; be our part - ner, be our  
 4 Moth - er, Broth - er, ho - ly Part - ner; Fa - ther, Spir - it, On - ly



heart, in your arms the worlds a - wak - ened; you have  
 birth, you have come to stand be - side us, know - ing  
 friend. When our mem - 'ry fails, re - mind us whose we  
 Son: we would praise your name for - ev - er, One - in -



loved us from the start. We, your chil - dren, gath - er  
 weak - ness, know - ing earth. Priest who shares our hu - man  
 are, what we in - tend. La - bor with us; aid the  
 Three and Three - in - One. We would share your life, your



round you, at the ta - ble you pre - pare. Shar - ing  
 strug - gles, Life of life and Death of death, ris - en  
 birth - ing of the new world yet to be, free of  
 pas - sion, share your word of world made new, ev - er



sto - ries, tears, and laugh - ter, we are nur - tured by your care.  
 Christ, come stand a - mong us, send the Spir - it by your breath.  
 ser - vant, lord, and mas - ter, free for love and u - ni - ty.  
 sing - ing, ev - er prais - ing, one with all, and one with you.

Text: Ruth Duck, b. 1947

Music: RAQUEL, Skinner Chávez-Melo, 1944–1992

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# Music During Distribution

## One Bread, One Body

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*Refrain*



One bread, one bod-y, one Lord of all; one cup of



bles-ing which we bless, and we, though man-y



through-out the earth, we are one bod - y in this one Lord.



1 Gen - tile or Jew, ser - vant or free,  
2 Man - y the gifts, man - y the works,  
3 Grain for the fields, scat - tered and grown,



*Refrain*

wom - an or man, no more.  
one in the Lord of all.  
gath - ered to one for all.

Text: John Foley, SJ, b. 1939

Music: ONE BREAD, ONE BODY, John Foley, SJ

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## On What Has Now Been Sown



- 1 On what has now been sown your bless-ing Lord, be - stow; the  
 2 To you our wants are known, from you are all our pow'rs; ac -  
 3 Oh, grant that each of us, now met be - fore you here, may



pow'r is yours a - lone to make it sprout and grow. O Lord, in  
 cept what is your own and par-don what is ours. Our prais - es,  
 meet to - geth - er thus when you and yours ap - pear, and fol - low



grace the har - vest raise, and yours a - lone shall be the praise!  
 Lord, and prayers re - ceive and to your word a bless - ing give.  
 you to heav'n, our home. E'en so, A - men! Lord Je - sus, come!

Text: John Newton, 1725–1807, alt.

Music: DARWALL'S 148TH, John Darwall, 1731–1789