

# Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

## *Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost*

10:00 AM Worship Service • August 11, 2024

*Now the Feast and Celebration*



*Apparently not satisfied by Jesus' feeding of thousands, some who were there press him for a sign of his power; perhaps it is daily manna they want. As always in John's gospel when people want a sign, Jesus offers himself. He is the bread come from heaven to give life to the world. He calls us to come to him and believe in him, and through that relationship to know the one who sent him.*

**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. 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.

**The nursery is available**, however since there are no attendants at this time, feel free to use it as needed.

**TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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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

*Taste and See*

arr. Mark Hayes

## 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,  
the God of manna,  
the God of miracles,  
the God of mercy.

**Amen.**

Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance,  
let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God, our provider,

**help us.**

**It is hard to believe there is enough to share.**

**We question your ways when they differ from the ways  
of the world in which we live.**

**We turn to our own understanding  
rather than trusting in you.**

**We take offense at your teachings and your ways.**

**Turn us again to you.**

**Where else can we turn?**

**Share with us the words of eternal life  
and feed us for life in the world.**

**Amen.**

Beloved people of God:

in Jesus, the manna from heaven,  
you are fed and nourished.

By Jesus, the worker of miracles,  
there is always more than enough.

Through Jesus, † the bread of life,  
you are shown God's mercy:

you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.

**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: 1 Kings 19:4-8**

*First Kings, Chapter 18, describes the contest between Elijah and the prophets of Baal. The contest proves that the Lord is God, and afterward Elijah orders the killing of the Baal prophets. Angered by the deaths of her prophets, Queen Jezebel threatens to kill Elijah. This reading finds Elijah fleeing, fatigued, and in utter despair.*

[Elijah] went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die: "It is enough; now, O Lord, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors." Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, "Get up and eat." He looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank, and lay down again. The angel of the Lord came a second time, touched him, and said, "Get up and eat, otherwise the journey will be too much for you." He got up, and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God.

Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 34:1-8** (*spoken responsively*)



Psalm 34:8

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I will bless the Lord at all times;  
the praise of God shall ever be in my mouth.

**I will glory in the Lord;  
let the lowly hear and rejoice.**

Proclaim with me the greatness of the Lord;  
let us exalt God's name together.

**I sought the Lord, who answered me  
and delivered me from all my terrors. R**

Look upon the Lord and be radiant,  
and let not your faces be ashamed.

**I called in my affliction, and the Lord heard me  
and saved me from all my troubles.**

The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear the Lord  
and delivers them.

**Taste and see that the Lord is good;  
happy are they who take refuge in God! R**

**SECOND READING: Ephesians 4:25 – 5:2**

*Christians are called to be imitators of God. This does not mean Christians are perfect. Rather, the Spirit is at work in our lives so that our actions and attitudes genuinely reflect the love and forgiveness we have received through Christ and his death.*

So then, putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbors, for we are members of one another. Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and do not make room for the devil. Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labor and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a

seal for the day of redemption. Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Now the Feast booklet page 8*

### GOSPEL: John 6:35, 41-51

*After feeding more than five thousand people in the wilderness, Jesus teaches them regarding the true significance of this remarkable sign.*

The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 6th chapter. **Glory to you , O Lord.**

Jesus said to [the crowd,] "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven." They were saying, "Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, 'I have come down from heaven'?" Jesus answered them, "Do not complain among yourselves. No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. It is written in the prophets, 'And they shall all be taught by God.' Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

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

*The assembly is seated.*

**CHILDREN'S CHAT  
SERMON**

Rev. Leslie Weber  
Rev. Leslie Weber

*The assembly stands*

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

*O Living Bread from Heaven*  
AURELIA

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**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**

**Merciful God, receive 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 ANTHEM

*Taste and See*  
Charles Robinson, baritone

James E. Moore, Jr.

*Lyrics may be found in ELW 493.*

The congregation is invited to join in singing the refrain.

### OFFERTORY HYMN

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

*The assembly stands.*

### OFFERTORY PRAYER

Jesus, Bread of life,  
**you have set this table with your very self,  
and called us to the feast of plenty.**  
Gather what has been sown among us,  
**and strengthen us in this meal.**  
Make us to be what we receive here,  
**your body for the life of the world. Amen.**

## MEAL

### GREAT THANKSGIVING

*Now the Feast booklet page 11*

### PROPER PREFACE

It is our duty and delight that we should everywhere and always offer thanks  
...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

### 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 **clear** cup with wine or a **purple** cup with grape juice from the tray. Recycling baskets for your plastic cups are located outside the doors of the sanctuary. Trinity has an open table – all are welcome to come to the feast.*

MUSIC DURING DISTRIBUTION *I Received the Living God*  
LIVING GOD

ELW 477

*The assembly stands.*

**SENDING**

TABLE BLESSING

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE *Thanks Be to You* *Now the Feast booklet page 15*

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

BLESSING

The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, † be upon you now and forever.  
**Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

*Father, We Thank You*  
RENDEZ A DIEU

ELW 478

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ. **Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

*Grand Choeur*

Théodore Salomé

## SERVING THE ASSEMBLY

CRUCIFER – Shawn Murphy

ACOLYTES – Elena Stevens and Karina Stevens

LECTOR – Laura Davis

USHERS/GREETERS – Dave and Judy Hunt

CAMERA/LIVESTREAM – Kelly Rummel



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**THANK YOU** Please give a warm Trinity welcome to Reverend Leslie Weber for her ministry with us this morning.

**RED FOOD BOX** Thank you so much for your continued donations to the Red Box! We are in need of water and food donations. A reminder that, if you donate fruit cups, please be sure they are applesauce cups only- other fruit cups attract critters! This is an important ministry for our community members, receiving a gift that reminds them that they are valued children of God!

### **CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL UPDATE**

Congregational Council has proposed an update to the church constitution and bylaws for congregation comment and review. The draft and current constitution have been provided via Constant Contact. In the draft, gray highlighted text denotes changes to the constitution that align with the most recent synod template while those highlighted in yellow are proposed Council updates. Congregational collaboration sessions will be held July 28, August 25, and September 29 in the church library after Sunday service for members to ask questions and provide inputs and changes to the current draft. The final draft will be available to the congregation no later than 27 October, before the final vote to be scheduled concurrently with the election of new Council members in November.

## PRAYER LIST

**ILLNESS, SURGERY, RECOVERY, SHUT-INS:** Nursing Homes/ Assisted Living: Jeanette Cantrell, Millie Christensen, and Barbara Olson; Shut-ins Home: Richard Anderson, Peggy Cash, and Shirley Anderson. Vivian Barnes recovering from surgery at home.

**PRAYER REQUESTS:** **Harlan Hamby**, requested by Katherine Harry; **Margaret Hudson & Peggy Frampton**, both requested by Jeannette Dail; **Jeff Belote**, by friends; **The family of Carole Knopp**, by Wendy Mynoymany; **Scully, Pastor Tina's and Ben's dog**, requested by Tricia Wessler; **Grant and Donna Owens**, requested by Anne Obara; **Janet Stephan**, requested by the Dail Family; **Amanda Griegos** and her family requested by Diane and Dave Roselius; **Karen Admano** and her husband **Matt** requested by Patricia Fielding; the **Ahlen family**, requested by Kathy Stevens; **Matt Eggars** (Sandy's nephew), requested by the Sniady family; **Beth Eisdorfer**, daughter of Terri Hoffeditz; **Cousin Florence** (Alzheimer's) and **Richard**, requested by Dottie Self; **Gary Harinksi**, requested by Pastor Tina; **Sherrie Strickland** (cousin), requested by Wendy Mynoymany; Jean Wimmer--friend of Jeannette Dail; Family and Friends of **Myra Corbin**, requested by Kelly Rummel.

**THOSE WHO SERVE, MILITARY AND CIVILIAN DUTY:** James Fielding, in Tokyo, Japan, Bryan Hunt, State Dept., Sierra Leone.; Tyler Obara, Virginia Air National guard, LAFB; Michael Titus, US Navy, Naval Shipyard, Washington, DC and wife, Elisabeth Bruce.

1 As we gath-er at your ta - ble, as we lis - ten to your word,  
 2 Turn our wor-ship in - to wit-ness in the sac - ra - ment of life;  
 3 Gra - cious Spir - it, help us sum-mon oth-er guests to share that feast

help us know, O God, your pres-ence; let our hearts and minds be stirred.  
 send us forth to love and serve you, bring-ing peace where there is strife.  
 where tri - um-phant Love will wel-come those who had been last and least.

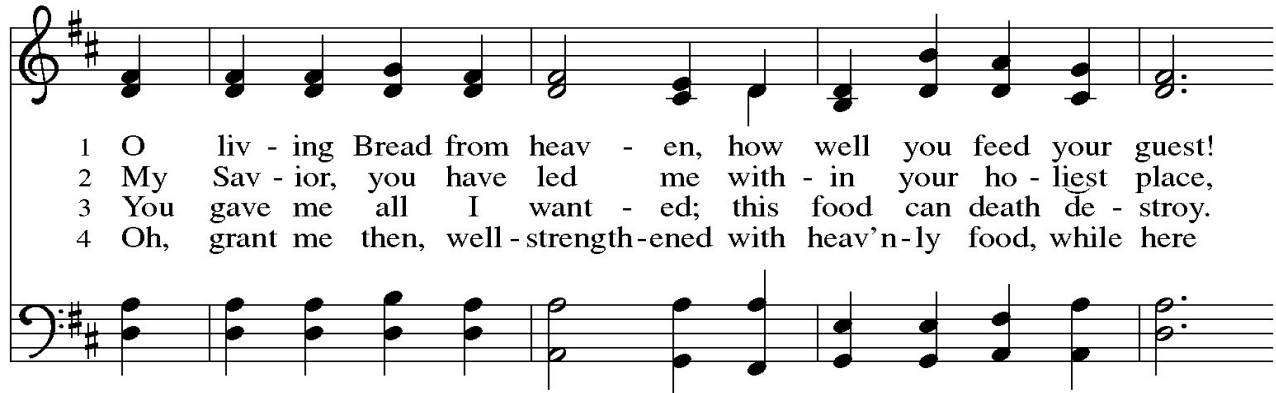
Nour-ish us with sa - cred sto - ry till we claim it as our own;  
 Give us, Christ, your great com-pas-sion to for - give as you for - gave;  
 There no more will en - vy blind us nor will pride our peace de - stroy,

teach us through this ho - ly ban-quet how to make Love's vic - t'ry known.  
 may we still be - hold your im-age in the world you died to save.  
 as we join with saints and an-gels to re - peat the sound-ing joy.

Text: Carl P. Daw Jr., b. 1944

Music: IN BABILONE, *Oude en Nieuwe Hollandse Boerenlities en Contradansen*, 1710; arr. Julius Röntgen, 1855–1932  
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1 O liv - ing Bread from heav - en, how well you feed your guest!  
 2 My Sav - ior, you have led me with - in your ho - liest place,  
 3 You gave me all I want - ed; this food can death de - stroy.  
 4 Oh, grant me then, well - strength - ened with heav'n - ly food, while here



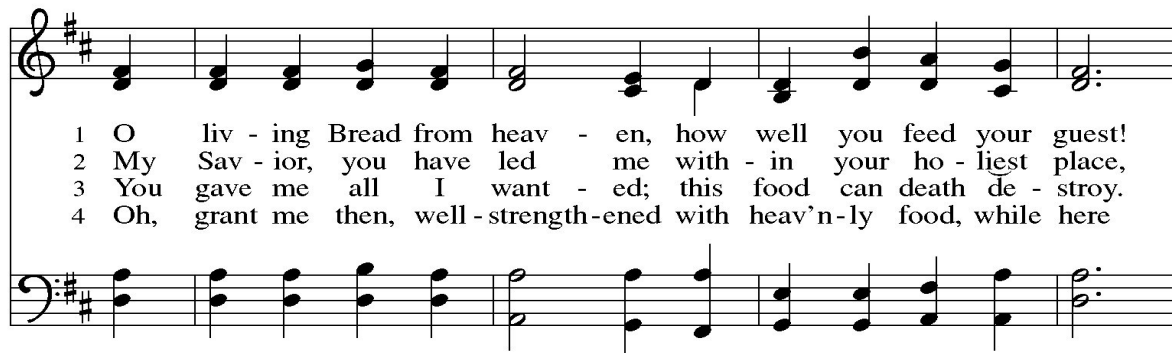
The gifts that you have giv - en have filled my heart with rest.  
 and here your - self have fed me with trea - sures of your grace;  
 And you have free - ly grant - ed the cup of end - less joy.  
 my course on earth is length - ened, to serve you, free from fear;



O won - drous food of bless - ing! O cup that heals our woes!  
 for you have free - ly giv - en what earth could nev - er buy,  
 My Lord, I do not mer - it the fa - vor you have shown,  
 and bring me home to praise you where none can peace de - stroy,



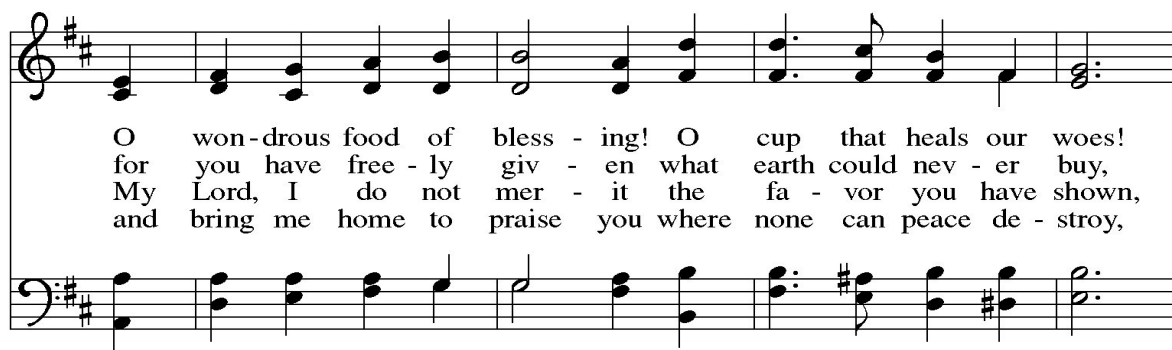
My heart, this gift pos - sess - ing, in thank - ful song o'er - flows!  
 the bread of life from heav - en, that now I shall not die.  
 and all my soul and spir - it bow down be - fore your throne.  
 where I will ev - er raise you glad songs in end - less joy.



1 O liv - ing Bread from heav - en, how well you feed your guest!  
 2 My Sav - ior, you have led me with - in your ho - liest place,  
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1 Fa - ther, we thank you that you plant - ed your ho - ly name with -  
 2 Watch o'er your church, O Lord, in mer - cy, save it from e - vil,



in our hearts. Knowl - edge and faith and life im - mor - tal Je - sus your  
 guard it still; per - fect it in your love, u - nite it, cleansed and con -



Son to us im - parts. Lord, you have made all for your plea - sure,  
 formed un - to your will. As grain, once scat - tered on the hill - sides,



and giv'n us food for all our days, giv - ing in Christ the  
 was in this bro - ken bread made one, so from all lands your



bread e - ter - nal; yours is the pow'r, yours be the praise.  
 church be gath - ered in - to your king - dom by your Son.

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