

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

Thirteenth *Sunday After Pentecost*

10:00 AM Worship Service • August 18, 2024

Now the Feast and Celebration



Wisdom prepares a feast, sets her table, and invites all to come and eat her bread and drink her wine. The first chapter of John's gospel owes much to the biblical tradition that imagined Wisdom as existing before anything was created and having a role in the work of creation. Christ, the wisdom of God (1 Cor. 1:24), today invites us to eat his flesh and drink his blood. John's gospel includes no account of the institution of the Lord's supper, but here we can't help hearing Jesus' words as an invitation to the meal of bread and wine we share.

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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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

Prelude on Bunesan

Lynn Trapp

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

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CANTICLE OF PRAISE

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SALUTATION

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

The assembly is seated.

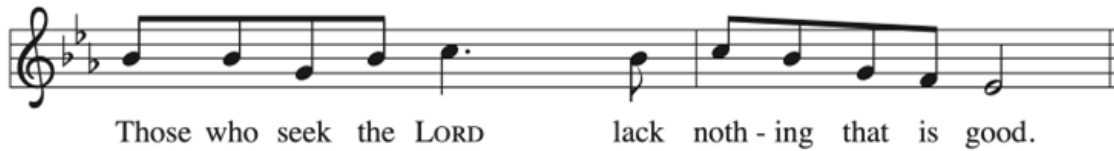
FIRST READING: Proverbs 9:1-6

Wisdom is portrayed as a woman who invites people to partake of her banquet. Just as ordinary food is necessary for physical life, Wisdom's food – insight and understanding – is necessary for fullness of life with God. Partaking of Wisdom's banquet is the way to life.

Wisdom has built her house,
 she has hewn her seven pillars.
 She has slaughtered her animals, she has mixed her wine,
 she has also set her table.
 She has sent out her servant-girls, she calls
 from the highest places in the town,
 "You that are simple, turn in here!"
 To those without sense she says,
 "Come, eat of my bread
 and drink of the wine I have mixed.
 Lay aside immaturity, and live,
 and walk in the way of insight

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

PSALM 34:9-14 (spoken responsively)



Psalm 34:10

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Fear the Lord, you saints of the Lord,
for those who fear the Lord lack nothing.

**The lions are in want and suffer hunger,
but those who seek the Lord lack nothing that is good. R**

Come, children, and listen to me;

I will teach you reverence for the Lord.

**Who among you takes pleasure in life
and desires long life to enjoy prosperity?**

Keep your tongue from evil
and your lips from lying words.

**Turn from evil and do good;
seek peace and pursue it. R**

SECOND READING: Ephesians 5:15-20

True wisdom integrates our new reality in Christ with our Christian fellowship and daily conduct. Because we are filled with the Spirit, Christians regularly rejoice together, give thanks to God for one another, and care for one another. In this way we revere our Lord Jesus Christ.

Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, making the most of the time, because the days are evil. So do not be foolish but understand what the will of the Lord is. Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, always giving thanks to God the Father and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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

GOSPEL: John 6:51-58

In John's gospel, the feeding of the five thousand leads to extended teaching in which Jesus identifies himself as the true "bread of life." Finally, in these verses, he makes a connection that would not be understood until after his death, in light of the church's celebration of holy communion.

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

[Jesus said,] "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 Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" So, Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever."

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

We Eat the Bread of Teaching

ELW 518

WISDOM'S FEAST

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

Speak, O Lord
Charles Robinson, baritone

Getty/Townend; arr. Larson

*Speak, O Lord, as we come to you
to receive the food of your Holy Word.
Take your truth, plant it deep in us;
shape and fashion us in your likeness,
that the light of Christ might be seen today
in our acts of love and our deeds of faith.*

*Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us
all your purposes for your glory.
Teach us, Lord, full obedience,
holy reverence, true humility.
Test our thoughts and our attitudes
in the radiance of your purity.
Cause our faith to rise, cause our eyes to see
your majestic love and authority.
Words of power that can never fail;
let their truth prevail over unbelief.
Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds;
help us grasp the heights of your plans for us:
truths unchanged from the dawn of time
that will echo through eternity.
And by grace we'll stand on your promises;
and by faith we'll walk as you walk with us.
Speak, O Lord, till your church is built,
and the earth is filled with your glory.*

The assembly stands.

OFFERTORY HYMN

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

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

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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 *By Your Hand You Feed Your People*

ELW 469

CAMROSE

The assembly stands.

SENDING

TABLE BLESSING

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

Thanks Be to You

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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

Voices Raised to You
SONG OF PRAISE

ELW 845

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

Festive Postlude in D

John S. Dixon

SERVING THE ASSEMBLY

CRUCIFER — Mark Madler

ACOLYTES — Carl Carpenter and Carter Recupero

LECTOR — Bill Solomon

USHERS/GREETERS — Dave Roselius and Karoline Ardis

CAMERA/LIVESTREAM — Kelly Rummel



ANNOUNCEMENTS

SAVE THE DATE 9/22/24 Annual Church Picnic will be held at Deer Park, Newport News. More information to follow.

RED FOOD BOX Thank you so much for your continued donations to the Red Box! We are in need of water bottles if you are able to donate them.

CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL UPDATE

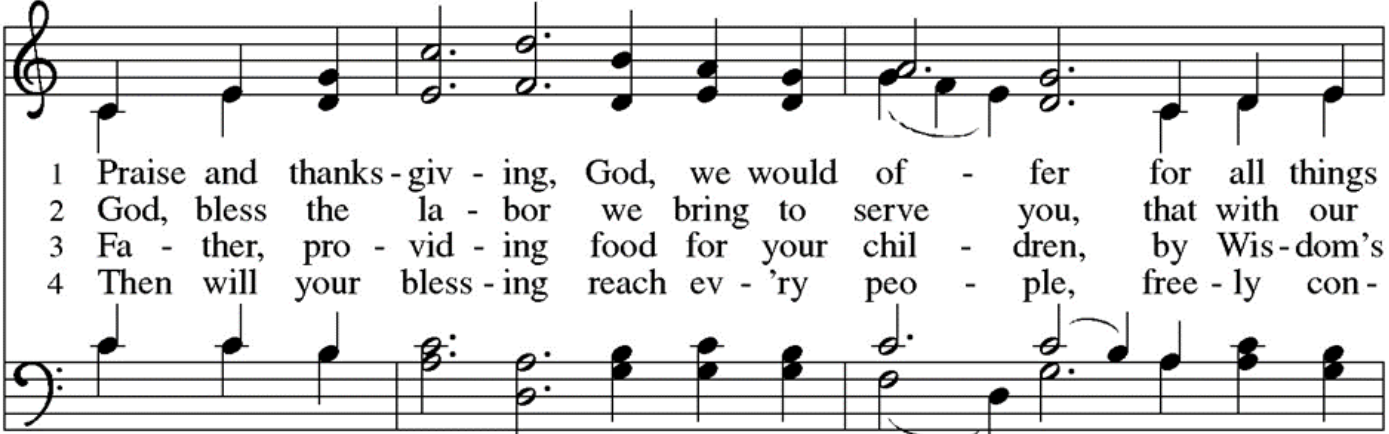
Congregational Council has proposed an update to the church constitution and by-laws for congregation comment and review. The draft and current constitution have been provided via Constant Contact. In the draft, gray highlighted text denotes changes to the constitution that align with the most recent 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; Family and Friends of **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; 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 Praise and thank - giv - ing, God, we would of - fer for all things
 2 God, bless the la - bor we bring to serve you, that with our
 3 Fa - ther, pro - vid - ing food for your chil - dren, by Wis - dom's
 4 Then will your bless - ing reach ev - 'ry peo - ple, free - ly con -



liv - ing, you have made good: har - vest of sown fields, fruits of the
 neigh - bor we may be fed. Sow - ing or till - ing, we would work
 guid - ing teach us to share one with an - oth - er, so that, re -
 fess - ing your gra - cious hand. Where you are reign - ing, no one will



or - chard, hay from the mown fields, blos - som and wood.
 with you, har - vest - ing, mill - ing for dai - ly bread.
 joic - ing with us, all oth - ers may know your care.
 hun - ger; your love sus - tain - ing show - ers the land.

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Refrain

We eat the bread of teach-ing, drink wine of wis-dom, are



giv-en here a taste of the king-dom. To-geth-er



joined, the great-est and the least, we all are



one at Wis-dom's ho-ly feast.



- 1 Wis-dom calls through-out the cit-y, knows our
- 2 Sim-ple ones whose hearts are yearn-ing, come and
- 3 En-ter with de-light and sing-ing, for her



hun-ger, and in pit-y gives her lov-ing in-vi-gain from Wis-dom's learn-ing; bread and wine she is pre-rich-ness now is bring-ing us this joy-ous cel-



ta-tion to the ban-quet of sal-va-tion. par-ing, know her lov-ing in the shar-ing. bra-tion; eat and drink in ju-bi-la-tion.

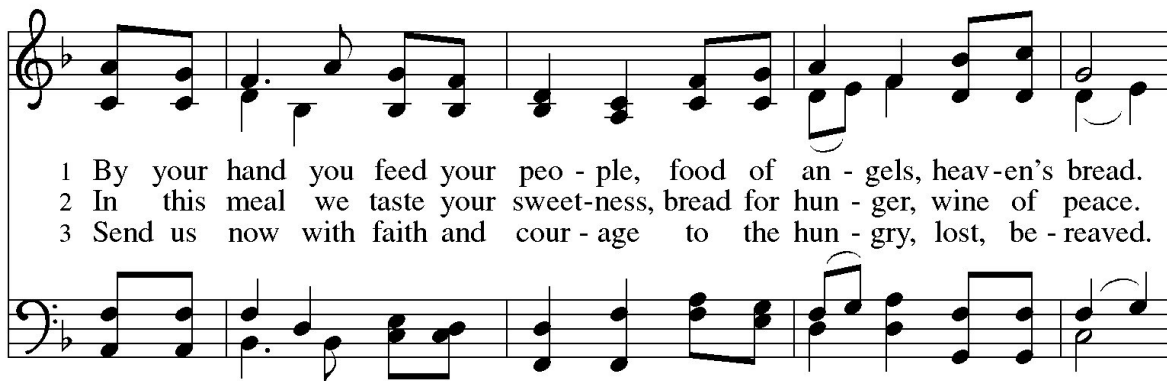
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Music: WISDOM'S FEAST, Jerry Ray Brubaker, b. 1946

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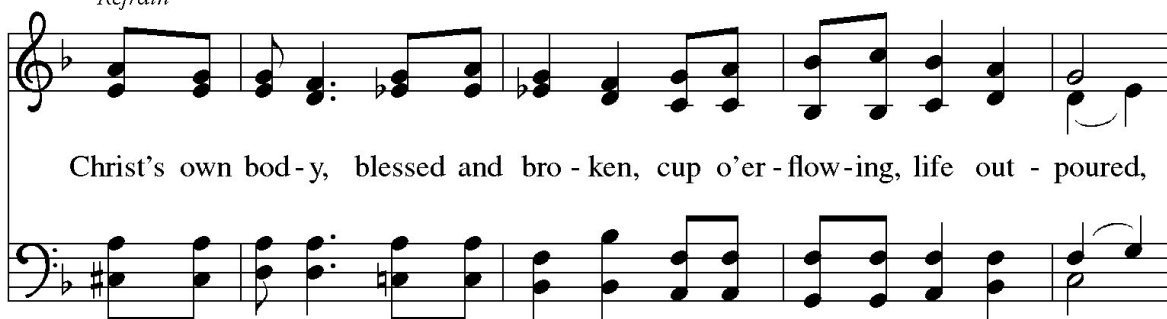
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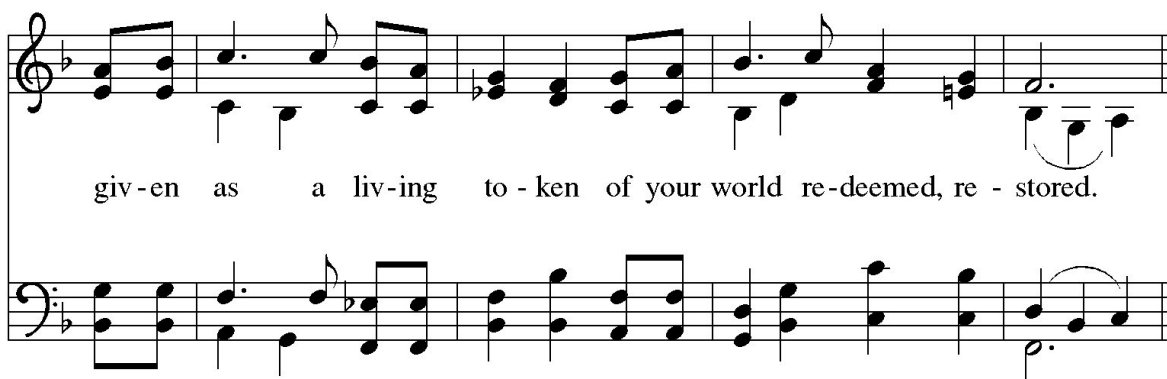
1 By your hand you feed your peo - ple, food of an - gels, heav-en's bread.
 2 In this meal we taste your sweet-ness, bread for hun - ger, wine of peace.
 3 Send us now with faith and cour - age to the hun - gry, lost, be - reaved.



For these gifts we did not la - bor, by your grace have we been fed:
 Ho - ly word and ho - ly wis - dom sat - is - fy our deep - est needs.
 In our liv - ing and our dy - ing, we be - come what we re - ceive:

Refrain


Christ's own bod - y, blessed and bro - ken, cup o'er - flow - ing, life out - poured,



giv - en as a liv - ing to - ken of your world re - deemed, re - stored.

Text: Susan R. Briehl, b. 1952

Music: CAMROSE, Marty Haugen, b. 1950

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1 Voic - es raised to you we of - fer; tune them, God, for
 2 All cre - a - tion joins to praise you; earth and sky your
 3 Christ, the song of love in - car - nate, touch - ing earth with
 4 Spir - it, flam - ing through cre - a - tion, kin - dle faith with -
 5 How can an - y praise we of - fer mea - sure all the

songs of praise. Hearts and hands we bring in trib - ute
 works dis - play. Art and mu - sic, gifts you lend us,
 heav - en's grace, for your liv - ing, suf - f'ring, dy - ing,
 in each heart. Lift our voic - es high in cho - rus;
 thanks we owe? Take our hearts and hands and voic - es—

for your gifts through all our days. Al - le - lu - ia!
 we re - turn to you to - day. Al - le - lu - ia!
 for your ris - ing, hear our praise! Al - le - lu - ia!
 through our hands your love im - part. Al - le - lu - ia!
 gifts of love we can be - stow. Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia! Tri - une God, to you we sing!
 Al - le - lu - ia! God, cre - a - tor, source of life!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Christ, re - deem - er, Lord of life!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Spir - it, help - er, breath of life!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Tri - une God, to you we sing!

Text: Herman G. Stuempfle Jr., b. 1923

Music: SONG OF PRAISE, Carolyn Jennings, b. 1936

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