

# Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

## *Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost*

10:00 AM Worship Service • August 4, 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

*Sarabande*

Gordon Young

## 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: Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15**

*A food crisis becomes a faith crisis for the Israelites in the wilderness. The hungry people forget God's saving work in the exodus, and they wish for the food they had in Egypt. Nevertheless, God miraculously meets their needs, with manna for bread and quail for meat.*

The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger."

Then the Lord said to Moses, "I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not."

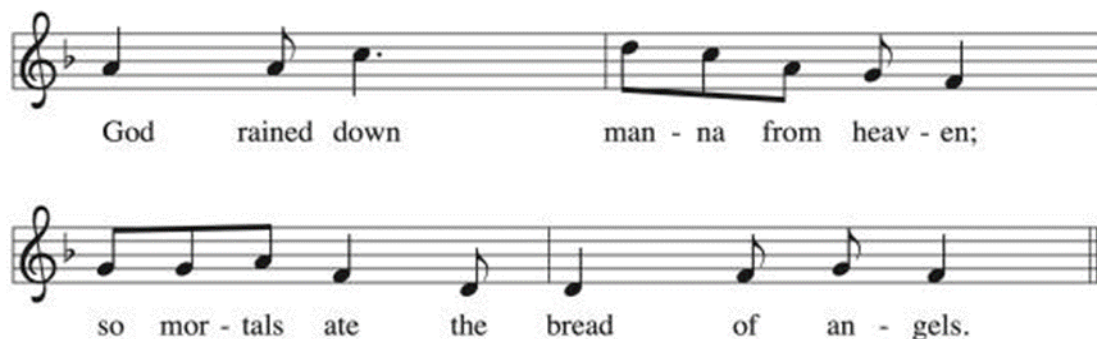
Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, 'Draw near to the Lord, for he has heard your complaining.' And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud. The Lord spoke to Moses and said, "I have

heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning, you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the Lord your God.'

In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, "It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat."

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

**PSALM 78:23-29** (*spoken responsively*)



Psalm 78:24-25

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So, God commanded the clouds above  
and opened the doors of heaven,  
**raining down manna upon them to eat  
and giving them grain from heaven. R**

So mortals ate the bread of angels;

God provided for them food enough.

**The LORD caused the east wind to blow in the heavens  
and powerfully led out the south wind,**  
raining down flesh upon them like dust  
and flying birds like the sand of the seas,  
**letting them fall in the midst of the camp  
and round about the dwellings.**

So the people ate and were well filled,

for God gave them what they craved. **R**

## **SECOND READING: Ephesians 4:1-16**

*Christians share fundamental unity and diversity. Our unity consists in the one body, one Spirit, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God. Our diversity is expressed in various forms of ministry whose goal is equipping the saints and building up Christ's one body.*

I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore it is said, "When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive; he gave gifts to his people." (When it says, "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.) The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

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

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

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## **GOSPEL: John 6:24-35**

*Many of the five thousand people Jesus fed in the wilderness continued to follow him throughout the countryside. Jesus challenges them to consider the real nature of their quest.*

When the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were [beside the sea,] they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus.

When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?" Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set the Father's seal." Then they said to him, "What must we do to perform the works of God?" Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom God has sent." So they said to him, "What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'" Then Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always."

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

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

*The assembly is seated.*

**CHILDREN'S CHAT  
SERMON**

Pastor Tina Melusky  
Pastor Tina Melusky

*The assembly stands*

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

*Bread of Life from Heaven*

ELW 474

ARGENTINE SANTO | BREAK NOW THE BREAD

**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 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

*Panis Angelicus*

César Franck

Charles Robinson, baritone

(sung in Latin)\

*Lo! Angels' Bread is made  
The Bread of man today:  
The living Bread from heaven  
With figures doth away:  
O wondrous boon indeed!  
Though poor and lowly, may  
The servant on his Master feed.*

*Thee therefore we implore,  
O Godhead, One in Three,  
So may'st thou visit us  
As now we worship thee;  
And lead us on thy way,  
That we at last may see  
The Light wherein thou dwellest aye.*



*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

*What Feast of Love*  
GREENSLEEVES

ELW 487

*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

*Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer*  
CWM RHONDDA

ELW 618

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

*Postlude on Cwm Rhondda*

J. Bert Carlson

## SERVING THE ASSEMBLY

CRUCIFER – Abbi Wessler

ACOLYTES – Carter Recupero and Carl Carpenter

LECTOR – Patrick Spisack

USHERS/GREETERS – Dave Roselius and Karoline Ardis

CAMERA/LIVESTREAM – Cliff Obara



**CHRISTIAN HOPE AND SYMPATHY** are extended to the family and friends of Lucille Lebold, our Sister in Christ, upon her passing on, Wednesday July 18, 2024. Details of her memorial are still being planned. **Please keep family members and friends in your thoughts and prayers.** “Thanks be to God who gives us victory over death through Jesus Christ our Lord.”

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### THANK YOU

A special thank you to the school staff, especially Gregg and Earl, for working diligently on behalf of the church to ensure that Shawn had a safe (and cool!) bus with which to transport our youth and sponsors to and from Dulles Airport for the National Youth Gathering. The school folks spent a lot of time on the phone and outside in the heat with the buses), and we want them to know how much we appreciate them!

RED FOOD BOX Thank you so much for your continued donations to the Red Box!

## 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 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 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 Glo - rious things of you are spo - ken, Zi - on, cit - y  
 2 See, the streams of liv - ing wa - ters, spring - ing from c -  
 3 Round each hab - i - ta - tion hov - 'ring, see the cloud and  
 4 Sav - ior, since of Zi - on's cit - y I through grace a

of our God! He whose word can - not be bro - ken  
 ter - nal love, well sup - ply your sons and daugh - ters,  
 fire ap - pear for a glo - ry and a cov - 'ring,  
 mem - ber am, let the world de - ride or pit - y,

formed you for his own a - bode. On the Rock of A - ges  
 and all fear of want re - move. Who can faint, while such a  
 show - ing that the Lord is near. Thus de - riv - ing from their  
 I will glo - ry in your name. Fad - ing are the world's vain

found - ed, what can shake your sure re - pose? With sal -  
 riv - er ev - er will their thirst as - suage? Grace which,  
 ban - ner light by night and shade by day, safe they  
 plea - sures, all their boast - ed pomp and show; sol - id

va - tion's walls sur - round - ed, you may smile at all your foes.  
 like the Lord, the giv - er, nev - er fails from age to age.  
 feed up - on the man - na which God gives them on their way.  
 joys and last - ing trea - sures none but Zi - on's chil - dren know.



- 1 What feast of love is of - fered here, what ban-quet come from heav - en?
- 2 What light of truth is of - fered here, what cov - e - nant from heav - en?
- 3 What wine of love is of - fered here, what crim-son drink from heav - en?



What food of ev - er - last - ing life, what gra - cious gift is giv - en?  
 What hope of ev - er - last - ing life, what won - drous word is giv - en?  
 What stream of ev - er - last - ing life, what pre - cious blood is giv - en?



This, this is Christ the king, the bread come down from heav - en.  
 This, this is Christ the king, the sun come down from heav - en.  
 This, this is Christ the king, the sweet - est wine of heav - en.



Oh, taste and see and sing! How sweet the man - na giv - en!  
 Oh, see and hear and sing! The Word of God is giv - en!  
 Oh, taste and see and sing! The Son of God is giv - en!

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Music: GREENSLEEVES, English ballad, 16th cent.

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1 Guide me ev - er, great Re - deem - er, pil - grim through this  
 2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain where the heal - ing  
 3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious

bar - ren land. I am weak, but you are might - y; hold me  
 wa - ters flow; let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me  
 fears sub - side; death of death and hell's de - struc - tion, land me

with your pow'r - ful hand. Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en,  
 all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - 'rer, strong de - liv - 'rer,  
 safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs and prais - es, songs and prais - es

feed me now and ev - er - more, ev - er - more, feed me now and ev - er - more.  
 shield me with your might - y arm, might - y arm, shield me with your might - y arm.  
 I will raise for - ev - er - more, ev - er - more, I will raise for - ev - er - more.