

# Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

## *Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost*

11:00 AM Worship In the Park • September 22, 2024

*Now the Feast and Celebration*



*Today we hear James warn against selfish ambition, while the disciples quarrel over which one of them is the greatest. Jesus tells them the way to be great is to serve. Then, to make it concrete, he puts in front of them a flesh-and-blood child. We are called to welcome the children God puts in front of us, to make room for them in daily interaction, and to give them a place of honor in the assembly*

**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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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### GATHERING

*The assembly stands. All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

### RESPONSIVE THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,  
the fountain of living water,  
the rock who gave us birth,  
our light and our salvation.

**Amen.**

People of God, in the baptismal waters we travel with Christ from death to life. Our past, our sin, our failure, our doubt, and our shame are drowned and gone here.

**You, O God, wash us clean.**

Our fear, our confusion, our self-righteousness, our despair -- ALL are washed away by grace.

**You, O God, wash us clean.**

Our pride, our hypocrisy, and other people's opinions of us no longer have the power to define us.

**You, O God, give us new life.**

The Spirit lives and moves through us now, a great and joyful mystery, so we may bring love and mercy into the world as the body of Christ.

**You, O God, give us new life.**

Rejoice that God has claimed us in this baptismal grace, not by our own doing or believing but by God's mercy alone.

**You, O God, give us new life.**

And so, as we begin worship, we give thanks to God for the gracious gift of baptism that joins us together in Christ by the Spirit's power.

**Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. We praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ.**

To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**Amen.**

**GATHERING HYMN**

*Lord, I Lift Your Name on High (sung twice)*

Lord, I lift your name on high  
Lord, I love to sing your praises  
I'm so glad you're in my life  
I'm so glad you came to save me.

You came from Heaven to Earth to show the way  
From the earth to the cross, my debt to pay,  
From the cross to the grave,  
From the grave to the sky,  
Lord I lift your name on high.

**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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**HYMN OF PRAISE**

*Now the Feast Now the Feast booklet pages 4-5*

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

*Thy Word*

*Chorus*

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path

*Verse 1*

When I feel afraid, think I've lost my way,

Still, you're there right beside me

Nothing will I fear as long as you are near

Please be near me to the end. (Chorus)



I will not forget your love for me and yet  
My heart forever is wandering  
Jesus be my guide, hold me to your side  
And I will love you to the end (Chorus)

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*The assembly is seated*

### **GOSPEL LESSON: Mark 9:30-37**

*Jesus' teaching and action in this text are directed to the church whenever it is seduced by the world's definition of greatness: prestige, power, influence, and money. The antidote to such a concern for greatness is servanthood.*

The Holy gospel according to St. Mark, the 9th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus and the disciples went on] and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again." But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him. Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, "Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."

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

*The assembly is seated.*

**SERMON**

Pastor Tina Melusky

*Silence is kept for reflection after the sermon.*

*The assembly stands.*

## HYMN OF THE DAY

*Shout to the Lord*

My Jesus, my savior, Lord there is none like you,  
All of my days, I want to praise the wonders of your mighty love.

My comfort, my shelter, tower of refuge and strength.  
Let every breath, all that I am, never cease to worship you.

Shout to the Lord, all the earth let us sing  
Power and majesty, praise to the King.  
Mountains bow down and the seas will roar at the sound of your name.  
I sing for joy at the work of your hands;  
Forever I'll love you, forever I'll stand.  
Nothing compares to the promise I have in you.

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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

Hear us, O God, **Your mercy is great..**

## SHARING OF THE PEACE

*The peace, which enables people to live in unity and in the spirit of mutual forgiveness, comes from Christ, whose word has been proclaimed.*

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

*The assembly is seated.*

## RECEIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

### OFFERTORY

*Open the Eyes of My Heart*

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord. Open the eyes of my heart

I want to see you, I want to see you (Repeat)

To see you high and lifted up, shining in the light of your glory

Pour out your power and love as we sing holy, holy, holy.

Holy, holy, holy

Holy, holy, holy

Holy, holy, holy

I want to see you.

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*The assembly stands.*

### OFFERTORY HYMN

*As the Grains of Wheat*

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## OFFERTORY PRAYER

God of power, God of plenty,  
all things belong to you.

We bring your gifts to the table, that all might be fed.

Form us into the body of your Beloved, Jesus Christ, our  
Savior.

Amen.

## MEAL

### GREAT THANKSGIVING

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### PROPER PREFACE

It is our duty and delight that we should everywhere and  
always offer thanks and praise to you..

...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

### SANCTUS

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### THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

### 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.



*The assembly is seated*

**AGNUS DEI**

*Lamb of God*

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**COMMUNION**

*You are welcome to come forward and receive the bread from the pastor and then take a glass of wine or grape juice from the tray held by the communion assistant.*

**MUSIC DURING DISTRIBUTION**

*Sanctuary*

Lord prepare me to be a sanctuary  
Pure and holy, tried and true  
With thanksgiving  
I'll be a living sanctuary for you

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*Amazing Grace (alternate)*

*Verse 1*

Amazing grace how sweet the sound  
That saved a wretch like me.  
I once was lost but now am found;  
Was blind but now I see.  
Alleluia!

*Verse 2*

Jesus loves me, this I know,  
For the Bible tells me so,  
Little ones to him belong,  
They are weak, but he is strong,  
Alleluia!

*Verse 3*

A mighty fortress is our God,  
A sword and shield victorious,

He breaks the cruel oppressor's rod,  
And wins salvation glorious.  
Alleluia!

*Verse 4*

O God our help in ages past,  
Our hope for years to come,  
Our shelter from the stormy blast,  
And our eternal home  
Alleluia!

*Verse 5*

In Christ there is no east or west,  
In him no south or north  
But one great fellowship of love  
Throughout the whole wide earth,  
Alleluia!

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*I Will Call Upon the Lord*

I will call upon the Lord, who is worthy to be praised  
So shall I be saved from my enemies.

The Lord liveth, and blessed be the rock  
And may the God of our salvation be exalted.  
The Lord liveth, and blessed be the rock  
And may the God of our salvation be exalted.

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*The assembly stands.*

**SENDING**

**TABLE BLESSING**

**POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE**

*Thanks Be to You*

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## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

### BLESSING

Maybe in this there is a glimpse of the kingdom, a foretaste, a hint, a promise.

Let it hold you and let it send you so you will never be at peace  
until all are fed, until all know home  
until all are free, until justice is done  
until peace is the way, until grace is the law  
until love is the rule,  
until God's realm comes  
until God's realm comes  
until God's realm comes....

### SENDING HYMN *Blessed be the Lord*

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel  
From everlasting to everlasting.

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel  
From everlasting to everlasting.

Let all God's people say amen (Amen!)  
Let all God's people say amen (Amen!)  
Let all God's people say amen and praise the Lord.

(words and music by The Rev. Dave Delaney, Director for Youth and Young Adult  
Ministry, Virginia Synod, ELCA)

### DISMISSAL

Go in peace, with Christ beside you.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## SERVING THE ASSEMBLY

Erik and Kelly Rummel  
Ashleigh Ardis



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**WORSHIP IN THE PARK** Worship in the Park (Pavilion 1) and the church picnic will be on **Sunday, September 22** at **11:00 AM** at Deer Park. We will gather for worship with the picnic immediately following. Bring a chair, a blanket, games, and a dish to share and join us for an afternoon of joy. (Please note there will be no Sunday School that morning)

**PLEASE NOTE DATE CHANGE TO 9/26**

**EVERYTHING I LEARNED IN CONFIRMATION...I ALREADY FORGOT...**

Have you ever asked, "Why do we do that?" while sitting in church? Have you ever wondered how we got to where we are? Has the Bible ever confused you? Join the club! This fall we are going to tackle all the things we probably learned in Confirmation and then promptly forgot! Starting on **Thursday, September 26**, Adult Confirmation, will begin and gather every other Thursday throughout the fall. We will gather from 6:30-8 for discussion and to dive into the ins and outs of faith. There is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board, please sign up and indicate if you would like an in-person or a Zoom model so we can plan appropriately!

**THE TEAM FOUNDATION** The Team Foundation Ministries Fund enables Trinity Lutheran Church to do the work of the gospel by supporting local and global outreach ministries. If you know of an organization that would benefit from this financial support, you or a representative of the organization may apply using the online form via this link: <https://forms.gle/cGKdirK1TeShTZFb7>

Request Guidelines:

1. Monies can only be dispersed to *organizations*. *They cannot be used for individuals.*
2. *One form should be submitted for each request.*
3. Information and/or justification for giving to this organization must be included.

Forms must be submitted by **November 17, 2024**

*\*\*If you prefer to use a printed version of the form, you may print the attached PDF, obtain one from the table in the TLC Narthex, or obtain one from the TLC administrative assistant in the church office.*

**WOOD REFINISHER**

Does anyone like to stain furniture? In the narthex, the stand on which our guest book rests really needs to be stained to darken it and make it match the other furnishings in our narthex. If you'd like to take on this project, please contact Connie Hoover, Judy Hunt, Sandy Lunsford or Anne Obara, who are working hard to clean and update our church. Thank you.

## CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL UPDATE

Congregational Council continues its work to update to the church constitution and by-laws. The most recent draft after the August collaboration session has 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 and underlined are proposed Council updates. The last congregational collaboration session will be held October 6th in the church library after Sunday service for members to ask questions and provide inputs and changes. The final draft will be available to the congregation no later than October 27, before the final vote to be scheduled concurrently with the election of new Council members in December.

### 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.

**PRAYER REQUESTS:** **Mary Best**, a friend of Connie Hoover, requested by Connie Hoover; **Sheree Morgan**, friend of Anne Obara, requested by Anne Obara; **Charlie Edmonson**, friend of Sandy and Jerry Cobb, requested by Sandy Cobb; **Nancy Allerdig**, who works with the Costa Rica mission trip, requested by Tricia Wessler; **Dr. Bill Whitehurst**, friend of Dottie Self, requested by Dottie Self; **Sherry Johnston**, former member and sister of Donna Owens, requested by Judy Hunt; **Harlan Hamby**, requested by Katherine Harry; **Jeff Belote**, by friends; **The family of Carole Knopp**, by Wendy Mynoymany; **Scully, Pastor Tina and Ben's dog**, requested by Tricia Wessler; **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; **Beth Eisdorfer**, daughter of Terri Hoffeditz; **Cousin Florence** (Alzheimer's) and **Richard**, requested by Dottie Self; Jean Wimmer—friend of Jeannette Dail;

**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.