

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

Fifth Sunday After Pentecost

10:00 AM Worship Service • July 13, 2025

Now the Feast and Celebration



To love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, strength, and mind is to reflect God's mercy in responding to one's neighbor. That mercy found its most profound expression in the "gospel that has come to you" – namely the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. That gospel mercy comes to us again today: at the font, at the table, and from the pulpit. It is very near to you.

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

Adoration

Florence B. Price

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

In the name of the Father,
and of the ✠ Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful God,
**you free us to love others,
but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way.
You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace,
but we turn away from the abundant life you offer.
You surround us with patience, kindness,
and generosity,
but we grow weary in doing what is right.
In your mercy, forgive us.
Do not give up on us.
Heal us, break our bonds,
and show us the path of life.**

Amen.

You belong to Christ Jesus
and you are God's children through faith.
In the cross of ✠ Christ,
and through the power of the Holy Spirit,
your sins are forgiven.
Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation.

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 Deuteronomy 30:9-14

Moses calls the people who are about to enter the promised land to renew the covenant God made with their ancestors. Through this covenant God gives life and asks for obedience. God's commandment is neither burdensome nor too far off, but dwells in the people's hearts.

The Lord your God will make you abundantly prosperous in all your undertakings, in the fruit of your body, in the fruit of your livestock, and in the fruit of your soil. For the Lord will again take delight in prospering you, just as the Lord delighted in prospering your ancestors, when you obey the Lord your God by observing the Lord's commandments and decrees that are written in this book of the law, because you turn to the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul.

Surely, this commandment that I am commanding you today is not too hard for you, nor is it too far away. It is not in heaven, that you should say, 'Who will go up to heaven for us and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?' Neither is it beyond the sea, that you should say, 'Who will cross to the other side of the sea for us and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?' No, the word is very near to you; it is in your mouth and in your heart for you to **observe**.

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

PSALM PSALM 25:1-10 (*spoken responsively*)



Psalm 25:4
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To you, O Lord,

I lift up my soul.

**My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be put to shame,
nor let my enemies triumph over me.**

Let none who look to you be put to shame;
rather let those be put to shame who are treacherous.

**Show me your ways, O Lord,
and teach me your paths. R**

Lead me in your truth and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.

**Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love,
for they are from everlasting.**

Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions;
remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.

**You are gracious and upright, O Lord;
therefore you teach sinners in your way.**

You lead the lowly in justice
and teach the lowly your way.

**All your paths, O Lord, are steadfast love and faithfulness
to those who keep your covenant and your testimonies. R**

SECOND READING COLOSSIANS 1:1-14

The letter to the Colossians was written to warn its readers of various false teachings. The first part of the letter is an expression of thanks for the faith, hope, and love that mark this community, including a prayer for strength and courage.

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother,
To the saints and faithful brothers and sisters in Christ in Colossae:
Grace to you and peace from God our Father.

In our prayers for you we always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, for we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. You have heard of this hope before in the word of the truth, the gospel that has come to you. Just as it is bearing fruit and growing in the whole world, so it has been bearing fruit among

yourselves from the day you heard it and truly comprehended the grace of God. This you learned from Epaphras, our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on our behalf, and he has made known to us your love in the Spirit.

For this reason, since the day we heard it, we have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so that you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to the Lord, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God. May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from God's glorious power, so that you may have all endurance and patience, joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. God has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of God's beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

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

The assembly stands.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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GOSPEL LUKE 10:25-37

Jesus is challenged to explain what is involved in obeying the greatest commandment. He tells a parable rich in surprises: those expected to show pity display hard hearts while the lowly give and receive unexpected and lavish mercy.

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the tenth chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

An expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" He said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" He answered,

"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind and your neighbor as yourself." And he said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live."

But wanting to vindicate himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Jesus replied,

"A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and took off, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan while traveling came upon him, and when he saw him he was moved with compassion. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, treating

them with oil and wine. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him, and when I come back I will repay you whatever more you spend.' Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

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

CHILDREN'S CHAT
SERMON

Pastor Tina Melusky
Pastor Tina Melusky

The assembly stands

HYMN OF THE DAY

Spirit, Open My Heart
WILD MOUNTAIN THYME

ACS 1043

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.**

The assembly is seated.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

God of grace, **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 ANTHEM

Show Us How to Love
Charles Robinson, baritone

Thompson/Miller

*Hearts open, minds awake, change us now for heaven's sake.
Leave us not alone in hatred's wake. Show us how to love.
Hearts open, souls awake, rules we made we now must break.
With our very own lives at stake we must learn to love.
Eyes open, shocked awake, much to learn from our mistakes.
Draw us closer in our heartache. Show us how to love.*

OFFERTORY HYMN

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

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Creator God,
**in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good
and the harvest is plentiful.
Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth
and our labor,
that we may work for the good of all;
through Jesus Christ, our Savior.
Amen.**

MEAL

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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PROPER PREFACE

It is our duty and delight...

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

SANCTUS

Holy, Holy, Holy

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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.

AGNUS DEI

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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

Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart
MORECAMBE

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The assembly stands.

SENDING

TABLE BLESSING

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

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

FAREWELL AND GODSPEED FOR ALDAY FAMILY

BLESSING

The love of God abound in you; the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts;
and the life of the Spirit ✠ bless you and give you peace.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN

The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve
CHESTERFIELD

ELW 551

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.
Thanks be to God

POSTLUDE

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

arr. Joel Raney

SERVING THE ASSEMBLY

CRUCIFER — Drew Rummel

ACOLYTE — Carl Carpenter

LECTOR — Charles Robinson

USHERS/GREETERS — John Lunsford & Dave Roselius

CAMERA/LIVESTREAM — Doug Hill

ANNOUNCEMENTS

YOUTH YARD SALE 7:30 AM– 3 PM on July 25-July 26. Work dates 7/20, 11:30-6 PM and 7/21-7/24 , 8 AM-5 PM.

SAVE THE DATE! NEW DIRECTORY!

Mark your calendars! We are going to have photographers here to build our new photo directory on Thursday, October 9 and Friday, October 10. Time slots will go live next month, but for now save the date **AND!**

We are looking for a team of 3-5 volunteers who will help us coordinate the directory and help get the project promoted and organized. If you are interested, please contact Pastor Tina.

RED FOOD BOX Thank you so much to all who are so faithfully donating items for the Red Food Box! This ministry of outreach to our siblings could not happen without your willingness and generosity. We who have so much can only imagine what these gifts mean to someone who has so little. With these warmer days we are in great need of bottled water. Thank you again!

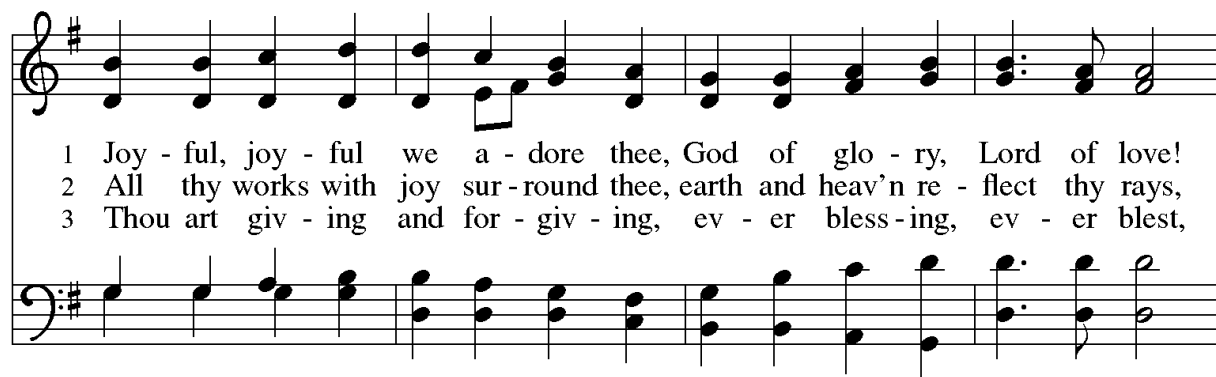
PRAYER LIST

ILLNESS, SURGERY, RECOVERY, SHUT-INS — Nursing Homes/ Assisted Living: Millie Christensen, Barbara Olson; At Home: Shirley Anderson; Williamsburg Landing Rehab: Jerry Cobb, Room 140; . Warwick Forest: Bonnie Carlson and Virginia Hamby.

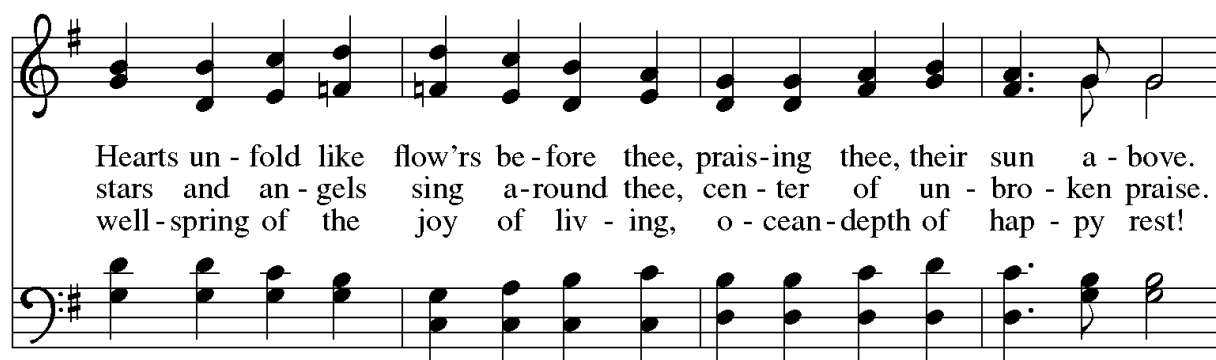
PRAYER REQUESTS— The family and friends of *Phyllis Harrison Philpot, requested by Bill Solomon; Warren, infant son of Maddie Ebel Walker, requested by Nancy Linsford; Lilly Petty, requested by Carol Bessom; Eddie Bateman & Karen Vodenichar, requested by the Sniady Family; Bonnie Carlson, requested by Pastor*

Tina; Blaine Pearsall, requested by Lina Valdez; Family and friends of Scott Campbell, requested by Todd Recupero; Don Harvey, Anne Obara's Dad, requested by Anne Obara; Stephanie Beauvais, requested by Jarvis Edwards; Larry and Linda Jones, requested by Judy Hunt; Sarah Miller, requested by John and Sandy Lunsford; Wayne Skinner and Pam Carmean, Carroll Emerson, and Judy Wagner St. Pierre, requested by the Dail family; Richard and family of Cousin Florence, requested by Dottie Self; The family of Carole Knopp, requested by Wendy Mynoymany; Scully, Pastor Tina's dog, requested by Tricia Wessler; Ahlen family, requested by Kathy Stevens.

THOSE WHO SERVE, MILITARY AND CIVILIAN DUTY—James Fielding, *Tokyo, Japan;* Bryan Hunt, *State Dept., Sierra Leone;* Tyler Obara, *Virginia Air National Guard, LAFB.*



1 Joy - ful, joy - ful we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!
2 All thy works with joy sur - round thee, earth and heav'n re - flect thy rays,
3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,



Hearts un - fold like flow'rs be - fore thee, prais - ing thee, their sun a - bove.
stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.
well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean - depth of hap - py rest!



Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, drive the gloom of doubt a - way.
Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, flow - 'ry mead - ow, flash - ing sea,
Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our broth - er, all who live in love are thine;



Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.
chant - ing bird, and flow - ing foun - tain call us to re - joice in thee.
teach us how to love each oth - er, lift us to the joy di - vine!

Refrain

Spir-it, o - pen my heart to the joy and pain of



liv-ing. As you love may I love, in re - ceiv - ing



and in giv - ing. Spir - it, o - pen my heart.



1 God, re - place my ston - y heart with a heart that's
 2 Write your love up - on my heart as my law, my
 3 May I weep with those who weep; share the joy of



kind and ten - der. All my cold - ness and
 goal, my sto - ry. In each thought, word, and
 friend and neigh - bor. As I live from day to

Refrain

fear to your grace I now sur - ren - der.
 deed, may my liv - ing bring you glo - ry.
 day, love will be my fin - est la - bor.

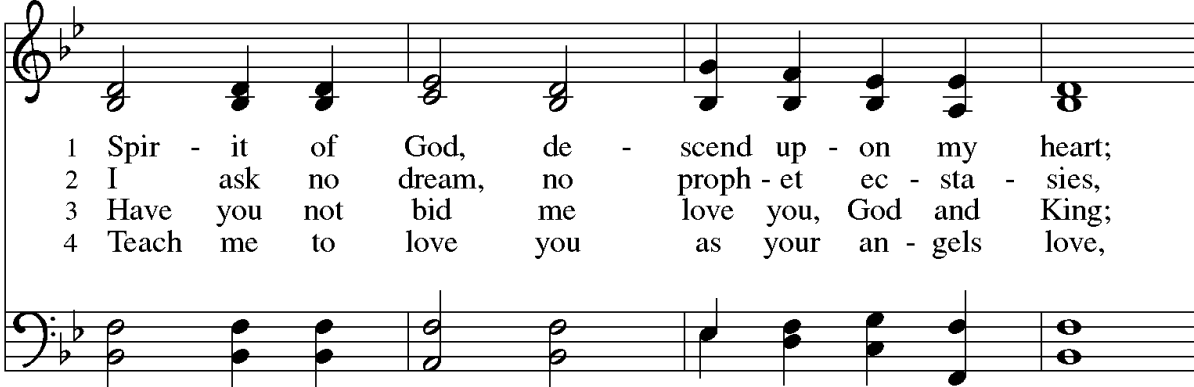
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Music: WILD MOUNTAIN THYME, Irish melody; adapt. Alfred V. Fedak, b. 1953

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1 Spir - it of God, de - scend up - on my heart;
 2 I ask no dream, no proph - et ec - sta - sies,
 3 Have you not bid me love you, God and King;
 4 Teach me to love you as your an - gels love,



wean it from earth, through all its puls - es move;
 no sud - den rend - ing of the veil of clay,
 all, all your own, soul, heart, and strength, and mind?
 one ho - ly pas - sion fill - ing all my frame:



stoop to my weak - ness, strength to me im - part,
 no an - gel vis - i - tant, no op - 'ning skies;
 I see your cross; there teach my heart to cling.
 the bap - tism of the heav'n - de - scend - ed dove,



and make me love you as I ought to love.
 but take the dim - ness of my soul a - way.
 Oh, let me seek you and, oh, let me find!
 my heart an al - tar, and your love the flame.

1 The Spir - it sends us forth to serve; we go in
 2 We go to com - fort those who mourn and set the
 3 We go to be the hands of Christ, to scat - ter
 4 Then let us go to serve in peace, the gos - pel

Je - sus' name to bring glad tid - ings
 bur - dened free; where hope is dim, to
 joy like seed and, all our days, to
 to pro - claim. God's Spir - it has em -

to the poor, God's fa - vor to pro - claim.
 share a dream and help the blind to see.
 cher - ish life, to do the lov - ing deed.
 pow - ered us; we go in Je - sus' name.

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