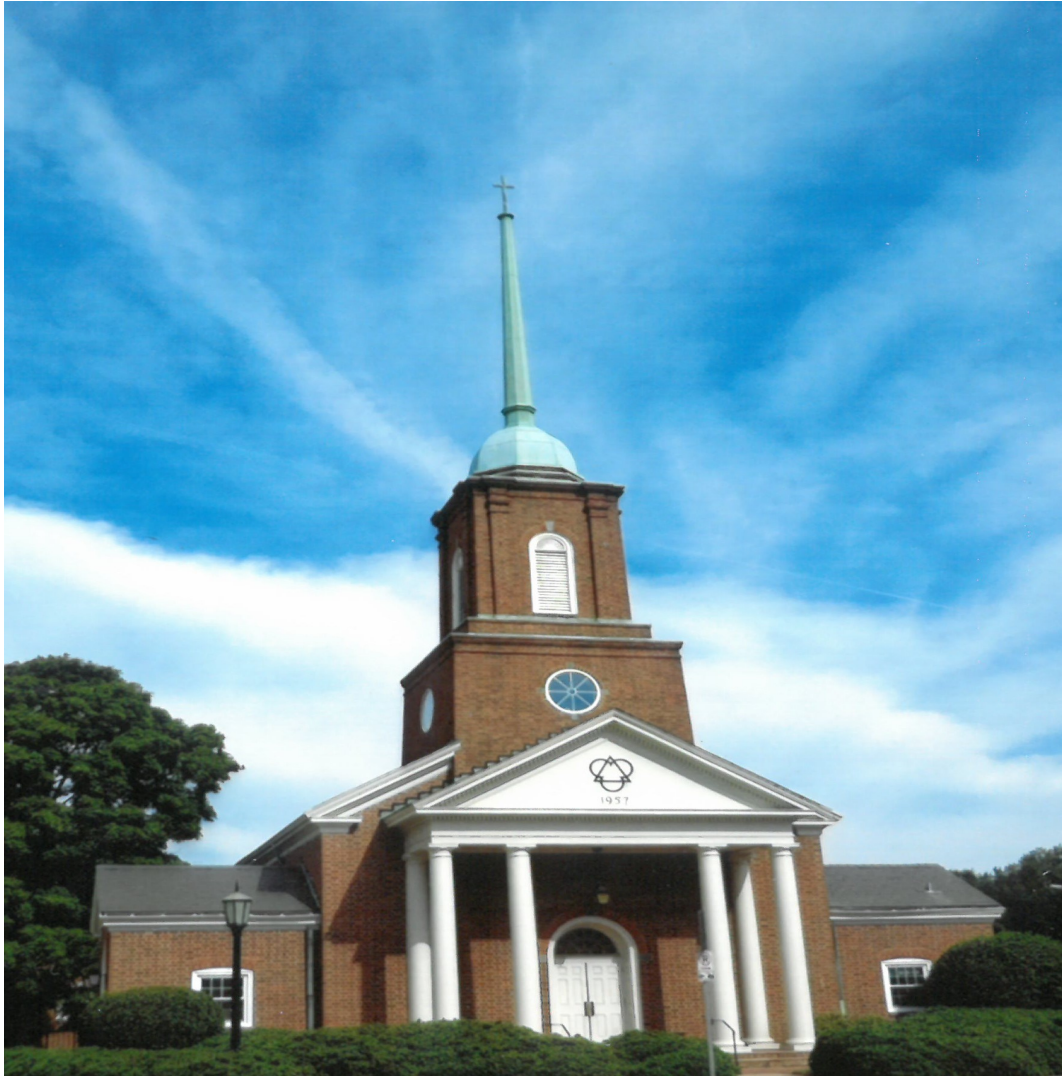


Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

Sixth Sunday After Pentecost

10:00 AM Worship Service • July 20, 2025

Now the Feast and Celebration



Perhaps the church, at its best, is “all ears.” God urges the faithful, again and again, to “listen up!” – to heed the word that gives life. So it was with Abraham and Sarah, Mary and Martha, and the early church at Colossae. So it is today as we join the assembly to hear the word of God, the word of life.

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 St. Agnes

Flor Peeters

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.

GATHERING HYMN

Open Your Ears, O Faithful People
YISRAEL V'ORAITA

ELW 519

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: Genesis 18:1-10a

The Lord visits Abraham and Sarah to tell them that the long-awaited promise of the birth of a child will be fulfilled for them in their old age.

The Lord appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them and bowed down to the ground. He said, "My lords, if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant. Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant." So they said, "Do as you have said." And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah and said, "Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes." Abraham ran to the herd and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared and set it before them, and he stood by them under the tree while they ate. They said to him, "Where is your wife Sarah?" And he said, "There, in the tent." Then one said, "I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son."

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

PSALM 15 (*spoken responsively*)



LORD, who may a - bide up - on your ho - ly hill?

Psalm 15:1

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Lord, who may dwell in your tabernacle?

Who may abide upon your holy hill?

**Those who lead a blameless life and do what is right,
who speak the truth from their heart; R**

they do not slander with the tongue, they do no evil to their friends;
they do not cast discredit upon a neighbor.

In their sight the wicked are rejected, but they honor those who fear the Lord.

They have sworn upon their health and do not take back their word.

They do not give their money in hope of gain, nor do they take bribes against the innocent.

Those who do these things shall never be overthrown. **R**

SECOND READING: Colossians 1:15-28

This letter offers a mystical teaching, that the great mystery of God is "Christ in you." Because Christ is present in the church, Christians share in his life, suffering, and glory.

[Christ Jesus] is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation, for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to God's own self all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him, provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven. I, Paul, became a minister of this gospel.

I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church. I became its minister according to God's commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to God's saints. To them God chose to make known how great among the gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

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

The assembly stands.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Now the Feast booklet page 8

GOSPEL Luke: 10:38-42

During his visit to the home of Mary and Martha, Jesus reminds Martha that her concern for her many tasks distracts from the one thing that precedes all else: abiding in the presence of God.

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

Now as [Jesus and his disciples] went on their way, he entered a certain village where a woman named Martha welcomed him. She had a sister named Mary, who sat at Jesus' feet and listened to what he was saying. But Martha was distracted by her many tasks, so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her, then, to help me." But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things, but few things are needed – indeed only one. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."

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

Jesus, the Very Thought of You

ELW 754

ST. AGNES

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

Give Me Jesus

Spiritual arr. Tom Trenney

Taylor Simpson, tenor

In the mornin' when I rise, give me Jesus.

O when I am alone, give me Jesus.

Give me Jesus, give me Jesus.

You may have all this world, give me Jesus.

Dark midnight was my cry: Ah, Jesus!

O when I come to die...

I heard my mother say, "Give me Jesus."

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

Now the Feast booklet page 11

PROPER PREFACE

It is our duty and delight...

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

SANCTUS

Holy, Holy, Holy

Now the Feast booklet page 11-12

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

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

God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me
GREEN TYLER

ACS 1084

The assembly stands.

SENDING

TABLE BLESSING

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

Thanks Be to You

Now the Feast booklet page 15

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

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

Be Thou My Vision

ELW 793

SLANE

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

Thanks be to God

POSTLUDE

Festive Postlude in D

John S. Dixon

SERVING THE ASSEMBLY

CRUCIFER — Elliott Jay

ACOLYTES — Reid Jay & Karina Stevens

LECTOR — Kathleen Pietrasanta

USHERS/GREETERS — Anne Obara & Kathleen Pietrasanta

CAMERA/LIVESTREAM — Cliff Obara

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.

RED FOOD BOX Thank you so much to all who are so faithfully donating items for the
Red Food Box! With these warm days we are in great need of **bottled water**. Thank
you again!

CHRISTMAS IN JULY!!!

Is the heat driving you bonkers? Come and think cozy thoughts of winter and Christ-
mas with us this Thursday (July 24) at 6:30 for our Christmas in July worship service.
We will be singing carols and centering ourselves in the hope and light of the Christ-
mas story, a reminder that hope is not limited to December. Wear your favorite
Christmas shirt, bring cookies if you would like. The offering for this service will also
be the beginning of a toy drive that we will be running through the fall, so if you
would like to bring a toy to donate, that would be much appreciated.

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.

FFF

The next Faith Friends and Fellowship discussion group will meet on Aug 10th after service. We will share in fellowship and enjoy snacks and beverages while continuing with Part 2 of our 3 part series on exploring bias.

If you want to explore some of the references we are discussing in this series, you can:

-Listen to the [June 5th radio episode of Another View](#)

-Take one or a few of the [Implicit Association Tests](#) as part of Harvard University's Project Implicit.

We hope to see you at the next FFF group!

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 Lindfors; 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 O - pen your ears, O faith-ful peo - ple, o - pen your ears and hear God's word.
 2 They who have ears to hear the mes - sage, they who have ears, now let them hear;



O - pen your hearts, O roy - al priest-hood, God has come to you.
 they who would learn the way of wis - dom, let them hear God's word.



Refrain
 To - rah o - ra, To - rah o - ra, hal - le - lu - jah!
 God has spo - ken to the peo - ple, hal - le - lu - jah!



To - rah o - ra, To - rah o - ra, hal - le - lu - jah!
 God has spo - ken words of wis - dom, hal - le - lu - jah!



To - rah o - ra, To - rah o - ra, hal - le - lu - jah!
 God has spo - ken to the peo - ple, hal - le - lu - jah!



To - rah o - ra, To - rah o - ra, hal - le - lu - jah!
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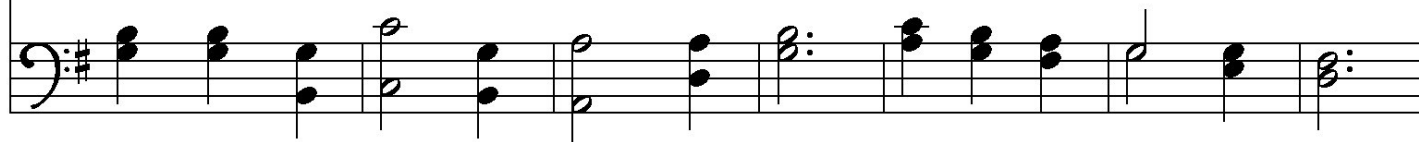
Music: YISRAEL V'ORAITA, Hasidic tune

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1 Je - sus, the ver - y thought of you fills us with sweet de - light;
2 No voice can sing, no heart can frame, nor can the mind re - call
3 O Hope of ev - 'ry con - trite soul, O Joy of all the meek,
4 O Je - sus, be our joy to - day; help us to prize your love;



but sweet-er far your face to view and rest with - in your light.
a sweet-er sound than your blest name, O Sav - ior of us all!
how kind you are to those who fall! How good to those who seek!
grant us at last to hear you say: "Come, share my home a - bove."



Text: attr. Bernard of Clairvaux, 1091–1153; tr. Edward Caswall, 1814–1878
Music: ST. AGNES, John B. Dykes, 1823–1876



1 God, be the love to search and keep me; God, be the prayer to
2 Bind to my-self the name of Ho - ly, great cloud of wit - ness -
3 Bright-ness of sun and glow of moon-light, flash - ing of light - ning,
4 Walk - ing be-hind to hem my jour - ney, go - ing a - head to
5 Christ in the eyes of all who see me, Christ in the ears that



move my voice; God, be the strength to now up - hold me:
es en - fold; proph - ets, a - pos - tles, an - gels wit - ness:
strength of wind, depth of the sea to soil of plan - et:
light my way, and from be - neath, a - bove, and all ways:
hear my voice, Christ in the hearts of all who know me:



O Christ, sur - round me; O Christ, sur - round me.

Text: Richard Bruxvoort Colligan, b. 1967

Music: GREEN TYLER, Richard Bruxvoort Colligan

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1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
 2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;
 3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise,
 4 Light of my soul, af - ter vic - to - ry won,



naught be all else to me, save that thou art:
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord.
 thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:
 may I reach heav - en's joys, O heav - en's Sun!



thou my best thought both by day and by night,
 Thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tow'r,
 thou and thou on - ly, the first in my heart,
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
 raise thou me heav'n - ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.
 great God of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
 still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

Text: Irish, 8th cent.; vers. Eleanor H. Hull, 1860–1935, alt.; tr. Mary E. Byrne, 1880–1931
 Music: SLANE, Irish traditional