

# Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

## *Seventh Sunday After Pentecost*

10:00 AM Worship Service • July 27, 2025

*Now the Feast and Celebration*



*Persistence in prayer is encouraged by Jesus and wins the attention of God when Abraham intercedes for Sodom. The life of the baptized – to be rooted and built up in Christ Jesus – is to be nurtured with prayer. God hears and answers prayer and so strengthens God's own. "When I called, you answered me; you increased my strength within me."*

**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.

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Monday 9am-12pm; Tuesday 9-10:30am, 11:30am-12:15pm.

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Times are flexible with monthly meetings, but feel free  
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## CARILLON CALL TO WORSHIP

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRELUDE

*Vater unser in Himmelreich, BuxWV 149*

Dietrich Buxtehude

## 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

*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 18:20-32

*In today's reading, Abraham undertakes the role of a mediator between God and sinful humanity. Appealing to God's justice, Abraham boldly asks for mercy for the city of Sodom for the sake of the few righteous people there, including Abraham's nephew, Lot.*

Then the Lord said, "How great is the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah and how very grave their sin! I must go down and see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me, and if not, I will know."

So the men turned from there and went toward Sodom, while Abraham remained standing before the Lord. Then Abraham came near and said, "Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city; will you then sweep away the place and not forgive it for the fifty righteous who are in it? Far be it from you to do such a thing, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?" And the Lord said, "If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will forgive the whole place for their sake." Abraham answered, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to my Lord, I who am but dust and ashes. Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking? Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?" And the Lord said, "I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there." Again he spoke to God,

"Suppose forty are found there." God answered, "For the sake of forty I will not do it." Then Abraham said, "Oh, do not let my Lord be angry if I speak. Suppose thirty are found there." God answered, "I will not do it, if I find thirty there." He said, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to my Lord. Suppose twenty are found there." God answered, "For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it." Then Abraham said, "Oh, do not let my Lord be angry if I speak just once more. Suppose ten are found there." And God answered, "For the sake of ten I will not destroy it."

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

**PSALM 137** *(spoken responsively)*

I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart;  
before the gods I will sing your praise.

**I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name, because of your steadfast love and faithfulness;**

**for you have glorified your name and your word above all things.**

When I called, you answered me;  
you increased my strength within me.

**All the rulers of the earth will praise you, O Lord,  
when they have heard the words of your mouth.**

They will sing of the ways of the Lord,  
that great is the glory of the Lord.

**The Lord is high, yet cares for the lowly,  
perceiving the haughty from afar.**

Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe;  
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your right hand shall save me.

**You will make good your purpose for me;**

**O Lord, your steadfast love endures forever; do not abandon the works of your hands.**

**SECOND READING: Colossians 2:6-15 [16-19]**

*The writer of this letter warns the congregation in Colossae about "the empty lure" of philosophies and traditions that compromise faith. Through the gift of faith, the church is mystically connected with Christ in his death and resurrection which is enacted in baptism.*

As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to walk in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

Watch out that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental principles of the world, and not according to Christ. For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by the removal of the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with God, when God forgave us all our trespasses, erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. God set this aside, nailing it to the cross. God disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it.

[Therefore, do not let anyone condemn you in matters of food or drink or of observing festivals, new moons, or Sabbaths. These are only a shadow of what is to come, but the body belongs to Christ. Do not let anyone disqualify you, insisting on self-abasement and worship of angels, initiatory visions, puffed up without cause by a human way of thinking, and not holding fast to the Head, from whom the whole body, nourished and held together by its ligaments and tendons, grows with a growth that is from God.]

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

*The assembly stands.*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

*Now the Feast booklet page 8*

**GOSPEL: Luke 11:1-13**

*In teaching his disciples this prayer, Jesus also reminds them to focus on God's coming reign, God's mercy, and the strengthening of the community. Jesus encourages his disciples to childlike trust and persistence in prayer.*

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

[Jesus] was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him,  
"Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." So he said to them, "When you pray, say:

Father, may your name be revered as holy.  
May your kingdom come.  
Give us each day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our sins,  
for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us.  
And do not bring us to the time of trial."

And he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread, for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.' And the friend answers from within, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.' I tell you, even though the friend will not get up and give you anything out of friendship, at least because of your persistence he will get up and give you whatever you need.

"So I say to you, ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Is there anyone among you who, if your child asked for a fish, would give a snake instead of a fish? Or if the child asked for an egg, would give a scorpion? If you, then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask for it!"

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**

*Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying*  
CHILDREN PRAYING, sung three times

ELW 752

**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

*Vater unser in Himmelreich*  
J. S. Bach

BWV 737

#### OFFERTORY HYMN

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



## OFFERTORY

**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.**

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 a Friend We Have in Jesus*  
CONVERSE

ELW 742

*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

*Our Father, God in Heaven Above*  
VATER UNSER

ELW 746

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

**Thanks be to God**

POSTLUDE

*Festive Praise*

Douglas E. Wagner

## SERVING THE ASSEMBLY

CRUCIFER — Drew Rummel

ACOLYTES — Reid & Elliott Jay

LECTOR — Steve LeForge

USHERS/GREETERS — Kevin Prussia and Thad Kieninger

CAMERA/LIVESTREAM — Garrett Mynoymany

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**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 need of many **bottled waters**. Thank you again!

### **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 the 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!

### **TREASURER'S NOTE!**

Dear Trinity Family,

Just a reminder that, since we just voted to approve the 2025 - 2026 budget and have just begun the new fiscal year this month, this is a great time to prayerfully consider increasing your offering, especially if you haven't done so in a few years. It's easy to forget that our church family needs not just your time and talent but your treasure, too! Thanks to all the members of our family for all you do!

## 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*; The family of Carole Knopp, requested by Wendy Mynonymany; 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 Great is thy faith-ful-ness, O God my Fa-ther; there is no  
2 Sum-mer and win-ter and spring-time and har-vest, sun, moon, and  
3 Par-don for sin and a peace that en-dur-eth, thine own dear




shad-ow of turn-ing with thee; thou chang-est not, thy com-  
stars in their cours-es a-bove join with all na-ture in  
pres-ence to cheer and to guide; strength for to-day and bright




pas-sions they fail not; as thou hast been, thou for-ev-er wilt be.  
man-i-fold wit-ness to thy great faith-ful-ness, mer-cy, and love.  
hope for to-mor-row, bless-ings all mine, with ten thou-sand be-side!

*Refrain*



Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Morn-ing by



morn-ing new mer-cies I see; all I have need-ed thy



hand hath pro-vid-ed; great is thy faith-ful-ness, Lord, un-to me.

The musical score is written for two staves, treble and bass clef, in the key of D major (two sharps). The melody is in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The music is in 4/4 time. The first system of music is followed by the lyrics: "Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, Lord, send your Spir-it in this place;". The second system of music is followed by the lyrics: "Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.".

Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, Lord, send your Spir-it in this place;

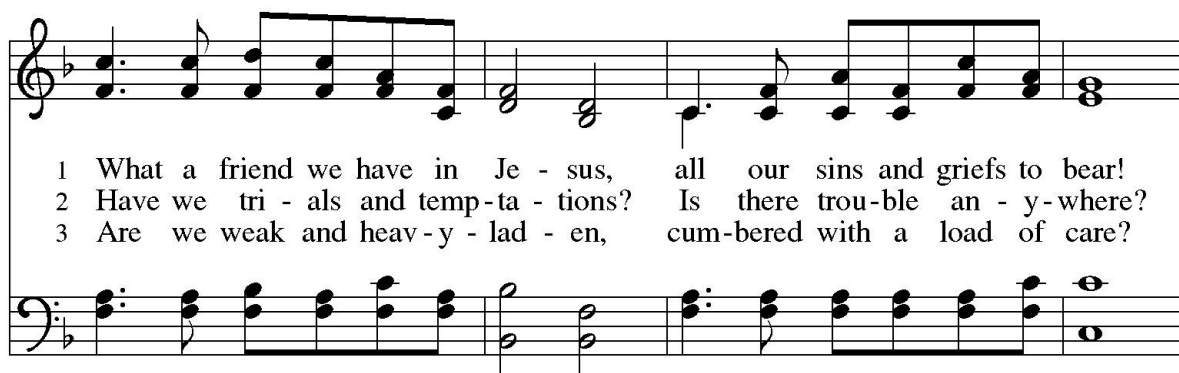
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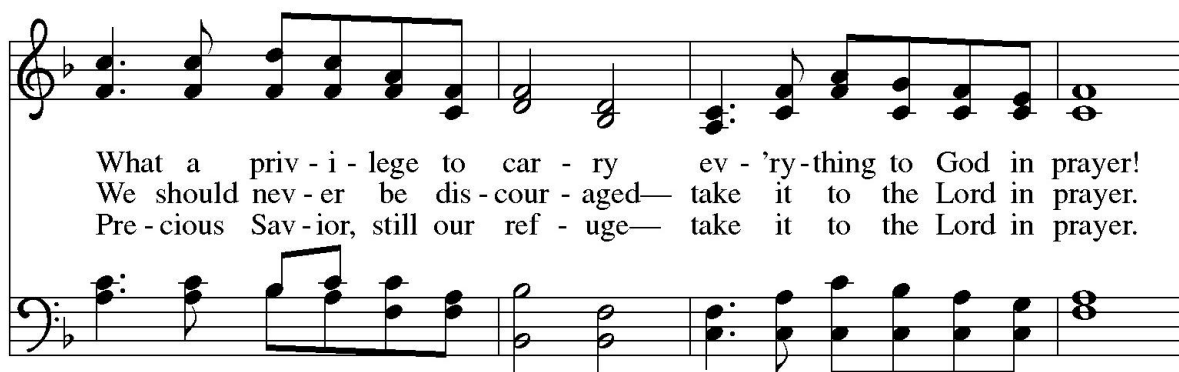
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1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, all our sins and griefs to bear!  
2 Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there trou - ble an - y - where?  
3 Are we weak and heav - y - lad - en, cum - bered with a load of care?



What a priv - i - lege to car - ry ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!  
We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged— take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge— take it to the Lord in prayer.



Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit; oh, what need - less pain we bear—  
Can we find a friend so faith - ful who will all our sor - rows share?  
Do your friends de - spise, for - sake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer.



all be - cause we do not car - ry ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!  
Je - sus knows our ev - 'ry weak - ness— take it to the Lord in prayer.  
In his arms he'll take and shield you; you will find a so - lace there.

1 Our Fa - ther, God in heav'n a - bove, we pray, u - nit - ed  
 2 Give us to - day our dai - ly bread; let ev - 'ry - one be  
 3 In time of tri - al, res - cue us. Let your word give suc -  
 4 A - men. Yes, yes, it shall be so! Build up our faith and

in your love: Your name be hal - lowed. Help us, Lord,  
 clothed and fed. For - give our sins, as we for - give  
 cess to us when, on our left and on our right,  
 make it grow; be - set by doubt, help us be - lieve

in faith - ful - ness to keep your word. Your king - dom come; your  
 when oth - ers hurt us as we live. Help us to dwell in  
 temp - ta - tions chal - lenge us to fight. De - liv - er us from  
 what here we ask we shall re - ceive. So, by your prom - ise,

will be done on earth as there be - fore your throne.  
 har - mo - ny and serve each oth - er will - ing - ly.  
 e - vil's pow'r and com - fort us in life's last hour.  
 in your name, with loud A - men your Yes we claim!

Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546, abridged; tr. hymnal version  
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