

# Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

## *Ninth Sunday After Pentecost*

10:00 AM Worship Service • August 10, 2025

*Now the Feast and Celebration*



*Jesus says, "It is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom." It is God's promise from the beginning – to Abraham, to the early church, and to the "little flock" of which we are a part in today's assembly. Faith, God's baptismal gift, trusts the promises of God. Have no fear.*

**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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## CARILLON CALL TO WORSHIP

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## PRELUDE

*Pastorale in F Major, BWV 590 Alla Siciliana* J. S. Bach

## 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**

*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 15:1-6**

*God promises childless and aging Abram that a child of his own will be his heir and that his descendants will number as many as the stars. Abram trusts God's promise, and through this faith he is considered righteous.*

After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." But Abram said, "O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." But the word of the Lord came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." The Lord brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then the Lord said to Abram, "So shall your descendants be." And Abram believed the Lord, and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.

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

## Psalm 33:12-22

Happy is the nation whose God is the Lord!

Happy the people chosen to be God's heritage!

**The Lord looks down from heaven,  
and sees all humankind.**

God sits firmly enthroned and watches  
all who dwell on the earth.

**God fashions all their hearts  
and observes all their deeds.**

A king is not saved by the size of the army,  
nor are warriors rescued by their great strength.

**The horse gives vain hope for victory;  
despite its great strength it cannot save.**

Truly, your eye is upon those who fear you, O Lord,  
upon those who wait for your steadfast love,

**to deliver their lives from death,  
and to keep them alive in time of famine.**

Our innermost being waits for you, O Lord,  
our helper and our shield.

**Surely, our heart rejoices in you,  
for in your holy name we put our trust.**

Let your lovingkindness, O Lord, be upon us,  
even as we place our hope in you.

## SECOND READING: Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

*Abraham and Sarah exemplify the vision of faith that people of God enact in every age. Their hope and trust in God's promise allowed them to face an unknown future and to receive the promise of God.*

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance, and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith, with Sarah's involvement, he received power of procreation, even

though he was too old, because he considered God faithful who had promised. Therefore, from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, “as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.”

All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better homeland, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore, God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, God has prepared a city for them.

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

*The assembly stands.*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

*Now the Feast booklet page 8*

**GOSPEL: Luke 12:32-40**

*Jesus encourages disciples to invest their hearts and live fully into God's reign. Instead of facing life with fear, those who know God's generosity are always ready to receive from God and to give to others.*

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

[Jesus said:] “Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

“Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night or near dawn and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

“But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.”

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

*Have No Fear, Little Flock*  
LITTLE FLOCK

ELW 764

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

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

*Sarabande*

Gordon Young

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

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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*

*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

*O Master, Let Me Walk with You*  
MARYTON

ELW 818

*The assembly stands.*

## SENDING

## TABLE BLESSING

## POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

*Thanks Be to You*

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## 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

*Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me*  
SO NIMM DENN MEINE HÄNDE

ELW 767

## DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

*Christ the Redeemer*

Tom Birchwood

**SERVING THE ASSEMBLY**

**CRUCIFER - Andrew Rummel**

**ACOLYTES — Luke & Samantha Harry**

**LECTOR — Lauren Hill**

**USHERS/GREETERS — David & Judy Hunt**

**CAMERA/LIVESTREAM — Doug Hill**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **CAN YOU HELP!**

We are looking for a couple of volunteers who would be willing to serve in our nursery, providing care for our tiniest members during the service. Youth are welcome, but if you are under 16 you will need an adult present with you as well. If you are interested, please contact Pastor Tina or a member of the Worship and Music committee.

### **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 bottled waters and plastic spoons/forks. 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 today, 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; Jerry Cobb Sentara Hospital: Warwick Forest: Bonnie Carlson .Virginia Hamby Harmony on the Peninsula Room 5.

**PRAYER REQUESTS** — The family and friends of *Phyllis Harrison Philpot*, requested by *Bill Solomon*; Warren, Maddie Walker's family; 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 The God of A-br'ham praise, who reigns en-throned a - bove;  
 2 The God of A-br'ham praise! At your su-preme com-mand  
 3 The God of A-br'ham praise! Your all-suf-fi-cient grace  
 4 Your prom-ise you have sworn; I on your oath de-pend.



An-cient of ev-er-last-ing days, and God of love—  
 from earth I rise and seek the joys at your right hand.  
 shall guide me all my pil-grim days in all my ways.  
 I shall, on ea-gle wings up-borne, to heav'n as-cend.



"I Am the One I Am"—by earth and heav'n con-fessed;  
 I all on earth for-sake—its wis-dom, fame, and pow'r—  
 You deign to call me friend; you call your-self my God!  
 I shall be-hold your face; I shall your pow'r a-dore,



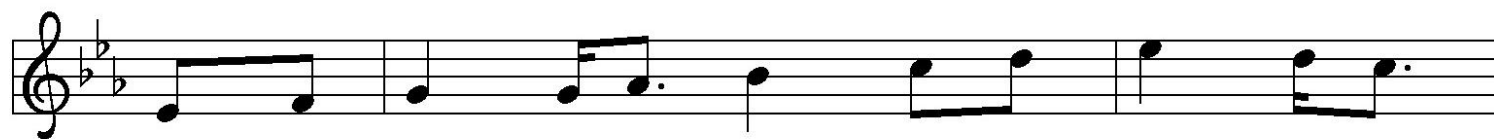
I bow and bless the sa-cred name for-ev-er blest.  
 and you my on-ly por-tion make, my shield and tow'r.  
 And you will save me to the end through Je-sus' blood.  
 and sing the won-ders of your grace for-ev-er-more.

5 Though nature's strength decay,  
 and earth and hell withstand,  
 to Canaan's bounds I urge my way  
 at your command.  
 The wat'ry deep I pass,  
 with Jesus in my view,  
 and through the howling wilderness  
 my way pursue.

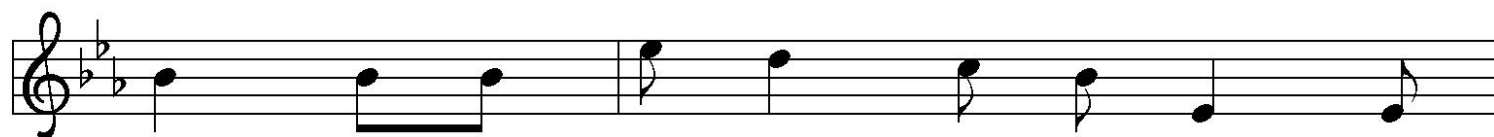
6 The goodly land I see,  
 with peace and plenty blest;  
 a land of sacred liberty,  
 and endless rest.  
 There milk and honey flow,  
 and oil and wine abound,  
 and trees of life forever grow  
 with mercy crowned.

7 Before the great Three-One  
 the saints exulting stand  
 and tell the wonders God has done  
 through all their land.  
 The list'ning spheres attend  
 and swell the growing fame  
 and sing the songs which never end,  
 the wondrous name.

8 The whole triumphant host  
 give thanks to God on high.  
 "Hail, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!"  
 they ever cry.  
 Hail, Abr'ham's God and mine!  
 I join the heav'nly lays:  
 to you be glory, might divine,  
 and endless praise!



1 Have no fear, lit - tle flock; have no fear, lit - tle  
2 Have good cheer, lit - tle flock; have good cheer, lit - tle  
3 Praise the Lord high a - bove; praise the Lord high a -  
4 Thank - ful hearts raise to God; thank - ful hearts raise to



flock, for the Fa - ther has cho - sen to  
flock, for the Fa - ther will keep you in  
bove, for he stoops down to heal you, up -  
God, for he stays close be - side you, in



give you the king - dom; have no fear, lit - tle flock!  
his love for - ev - er; have good cheer, lit - tle flock!  
lift and re - store you; praise the Lord high a - bove!  
all things works with you; thank - ful hearts raise to God!

Text: Luke 12:32, st. 1; Marjorie Jillson, b. 1931, sts. 2-4

Music: LITTLE FLOCK, Heinz Werner Zimmermann, b. 1930

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1 O Mas - ter, let me walk with you in low - ly  
2 Help me the slow of heart to move by some clear,  
3 Teach me your pa - tience; share with me a clos - er,  
4 In hope that sends a shin - ing ray far down the

paths of ser - vice true; tell me your se - cret;  
win - ning word of love; teach me the way - ward  
dear - er com - pa - ny, in work that keeps faith  
fu - ture's broad - 'ning way, in peace that on - ly

help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.  
feet to stay, and guide them in the home - ward way.  
sweet and strong, in trust that tri - umphs o - ver wrong,  
you can give; with you, O Mas - ter, let me live.

1 Lord, take my hand and lead me up - on life's way;  
2 Lord, when the tem - pest ra - ges, I need not fear;  
3 Lord, when the shad - ows length - en and night has come,

di - rect, pro - tect, and feed me from day to day.  
for you, the Rock of A - ges, are al - ways near.  
I know that you will strength - en my steps toward home,

With - out your grace and fa - vor I go a - stray;  
Close by your side a - bid - ing, I fear no foe,  
then noth - ing can im - pede me, O bless - ed Friend!

so take my hand, O Sav - ior, and lead the way.  
for when your hand is guid - ing, in peace I go.  
So, take my hand and lead me un - to the end.

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