

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost

10:00 AM Worship Service • August 24, 2025

Now the Feast and Celebration



Remember the sabbath day. Call the sabbath a delight. This is the Lord's day, and the Lord will do for us what the Lord does: feed us, forgive us, help and heal us. Rejoice at all the wonderful things God is doing.

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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CARILLON CALL TO WORSHIP

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Morning Has Broken

arr. Mark Hayes

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: Isaiah 58:9b-14

God promises those who have returned from exile that where justice and mercy prevail, the ruin swill be rebuilt and light will rise in the darkness. It is a day for new beginnings.

If you remove the yoke from among you,
the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil,
if you offer your food to the hungry
and satisfy the needs of the afflicted,
then your light shall rise in the darkness
and your gloom be like the noonday.
The Lord will guide you continually
and satisfy your needs in parched places
and make your bones strong,
and you shall be like a watered garden,
like a spring of water
whose waters never fail.
Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt;
you shall raise up the foundations of many generations;
you shall be called the repairer of the breach,
the restorer of streets to live in.
If you refrain from trampling the Sabbath,

from pursuing your own interests on my holy day;
if you call the Sabbath a delight
and the holy day of the Lord honorable;
if you honor it, not going your own ways,
serving your own interests or pursuing your own affairs;
then you shall take delight in the Lord,
and I will make you ride upon the heights of the earth;
I will feed you with the heritage of your ancestor Jacob,
for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.

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

PSALM: 103:1-8



Psalm 103:4
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Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and all that is within me, bless God's holy name.
Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and forget not all God's benefits —
who forgives all your sins
and heals all your diseases;
who redeems your life from the grave
and crowns you with steadfast love and mercy; R
who satisfies your desires with good things
so that your youth is renewed like an eagle's.
O Lord, you provide vindication
and justice for all who are oppressed.
You made known your ways to Moses
and your works to the children of Israel.
Lord, you are full of compassion and mercy,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. R

SECOND READING: Hebrews 12:18-29

Using images of Moses, the writer presents a striking vision of the new covenant of God made possible in Christ. There is no longer fear; only awe in the new promise in Christ into which we are invited.

You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them. (For they could not endure the order that was given, “If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death.” Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, “I tremble with fear.”) But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

See that you do not refuse the one who is speaking, for if they did not escape when they refused the one who warned them on earth, how much less will we escape if we reject the one who warns from heaven! At that time God’s voice shook the earth, but now God has promised, “Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heaven.” This phrase, “Yet once more,” indicates the removal of what is shaken – that is, created things – so that what cannot be shaken may remain. Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us show gratitude, by which we may offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe, for indeed our God is a consuming fire.

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

The assembly stands.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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GOSPEL: Luke 13:10-17

Jesus heals a woman on the sabbath, offering her a new beginning for her life. When challenged by a narrow reading of the sabbath command, Jesus responds by expanding “sabbath work” to include setting people free from bondage. –

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

Now [Jesus] was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. When Jesus saw her, he

called her over and said, "Woman, you are set free from your ailment." When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the Sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured and not on the Sabbath day." But the Lord answered him and said, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the Sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger and lead it to water? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the Sabbath day?" When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame, and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things being done by him.

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

The assembly is seated

CHILDREN'S CHAT
SERMON

Pastor Tina Melusky
Pastor Tina Melusky

The assembly stands

HYMN OF THE DAY

Let Streams of Living Justice
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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 of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

The assembly is seated.

RECEIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

Healing River

arr. Mark Hayes

Charles Robinson, baritone

*O healing river, send down your waters,
Send down your waters upon this land.
O healing river, send down your waters,
and wash the blood from off the sand.*

*This land is thirsting. This land is parching.
No seed is growing in the barren ground.
This land is thirsting. This land is parching.
O healing river, send your waters down.*

*Let the seed of freedom awake and flourish.
Let the deep roots nourish. Let the tall stalks rise.
Let the seed of freedom awake and flourish,
proud leaves uncurling against the skies.*

*O healing river, send down your waters,
Send down your waters upon this land.
O healing river, send down your waters,
and wash the blood from off the sand.*

O healing river, come heal our land.

OFFERTORY HYMN

As the Grains of Wheat

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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

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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 THE DISTRIBUTION *Ten Thousand Reasons*
TEN THOUSAND REASONS

ACS 1097

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 *Come, We That Love the Lord*
MARCHING TO ZION

ELW 625

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

Fanfare

Douglas E. Wagner

SERVING THE ASSEMBLY

Crucifer – Elliott Jay

Acolytes – Luke & Samantha Harry

Lector – Misty Prussia

Ushers/Greeters – Kathleen Pietra-Santa & Dave Roselius

Camera/Livestream – Garrett Mynoymany

The Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of John R. Wagner, R. K. Dail, Paul St. Pierre, and Jay Wagner by Kenny, Jeanette, and Katie Dail.

Congratulations to Stephanie and Bryan Pearson on the birth of their son, Nathan.

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

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!

INFORMATION:

SEPT 7th is our Rally Day/RIC Partnership Celebration event entitled "*God's Work, Our Hands - Celebrating Inclusion and Service.*" We will have a special worship service and then a celebration in the social hall following the service.

The Newsome-Bailey Project is a local non-profit tutoring service for students and families in need. One of our congregants, Ken Surlles-Law, is the founder and board member of this organization. As part of our celebration event on Sept 7th, we are holding a donation drive for supplies needed by the NBP.

Join us on Sept 7th for the "*God's Work, Our Hands - Celebrating Inclusion and Service*" event!

Worship @ 10am

Celebration @ 11:30am-1pm in the social hall

Bring a dish to share

Join in the fun with food, music, crafts, and activities for everyone
Bring a donation item for the Newsome-Bailey Project

Supply Donation Drive for the Newsome-Bailey Project

The Newsome-Bailey Project is a local non-profit tutoring service for students and families in need. As part of our SEPT 7th "*God's Work, Our Hands - Celebrating Inclusion and Service*" event we are asking for supply donations to support the Newsome-Bailey Project. Please bring your donations to the celebration, or you can leave them in the labeled box in the church library.

Needed items include:

Rulers	Sidewalk chalk	Elementary math flashcards
Pattern blocks	Base ten blocks	
Glass craft beads	Large erasers	

PRAYER LIST


ILLNESS, SURGERY, RECOVERY, SHUT-INS — Nursing Homes/ Assisted Living: Millie Christensen, Barbara Olson; At Home: Shirley Anderson, Jerry Cobb, and Bonnie Carlson; Virginia Hamby Harmony on Peninsula, Room 121.

PRAYER REQUESTS — Michele and Tom Leonard, requested by Dottie Self; 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 Mynoymany; Scully, Pastor Tina's dog, requested by Tricia Wessler; Ahlen family, requested by Kathy Stevens.

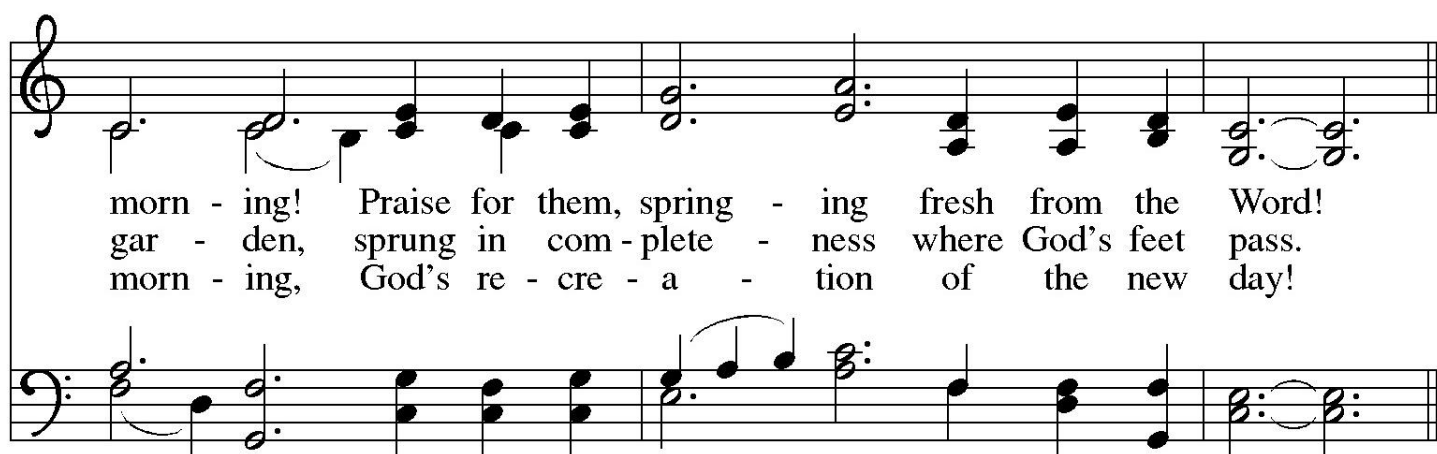
THOSE WHO SERVE, MILITARY AND CIVILIAN DUTY — James Fielding, Tokyo, Japan; Bryan Hunt, State Dept., Sierra Leone; Tyler Obara, Virginia Air National Guard, LAFB.



1 Morn - ing has bro - ken like the first morn - ing; black - bird has
 2 Sweet the rain's new fall, sun - lit from heav - en, like the first
 3 Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing, born of the



spo - ken like the first bird. Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the
 dew - fall on the first grass. Praise for the sweet - ness of the wet
 one light E - den saw play! Praise with e - la - tion, praise ev - 'ry



morn - ing! Praise for them, spring - ing fresh from the Word!
 gar - den, sprung in com - plete - ness where God's feet pass.
 morn - ing, God's re - cre - a - tion of the new day!

Text: Eleanor Farjeon, 1881–1965

Music: BUNESSAN, Gaelic tune; arr. hymnal version

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1 Let streams of liv - ing jus - tice flow down up - on the earth;
 2 For heal - ing of the na - tions, for peace that will not end,
 3 Your ci - ty's built to mu - sic; we are the stones you seek;



give free-dom's light to cap - tives, let all the poor have worth.
 for love that makes us lov - ers, God grant us grace to mend.
 your har - mo - ny is lan - guage; we are the words you speak.



The hun - gry's hands are plead - ing, the work - ers claim their rights,
 Weave our var - ied gifts to - geth - er; knit our lives as they are spun;
 Our faith we find in ser - vice, our hope in oth - ers' dreams,



the mourn-ers long for laugh - ter, the blind - ed seek for sight.
 on your loom of time en - roll us till our thread of life is run.
 our love in hand of neigh - bor; our home-land bright-ly gleams.



Make lib - er - ty a bea - con, strike down the i - ron pow'r;
 O great weav - er of our fab - ric, bind church and world in one;
 In - scribe our hearts with jus - tice; your way—the path un - tried;



a - bol - ish an-cient ven - geance: pro - claim your peo-ple's hour.
 dye our tex - ture with your ra - diance, light our col - ors with your sun.
 your truth—the heart of strang - er; your life—the Cru - ci - fied.

Text: William Whitla, b. 1934

Music: THAXTED, Gustav Holst, 1874–1934

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Refrain

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul;
 wor-ship his ho - ly name. Sing like nev - er be-fore,
 O my soul; I'll wor-ship your ho - ly name.

1 The sun comes up, it's a new day dawn-ing;
 2 You're rich in love, and you're slow to an - ger. Your
 3 And on that day when my strength is fail - ing, the

... it's time to sing your song a - gain. What - ev - er may
 name .. is ... great, and your heart is kind. For all your
 end .. draws near, and my time has come; ... still, my

pass, and what - ev - er lies be - fore me, let me be
 good-ness, I will keep .. on .. sing-ing— ten thou-sand
 soul will sing your praise un - end-ing— ten thou-sand

Refrain

sing - ing when the eve - ning comes.
 rea - sons for my heart to find.
 years and then for - ev - er - more!

Text: Matt Redman, b. 1974, and Jonas Myrin, b. 1982

Music: Matt Redman and Jonas Myrin

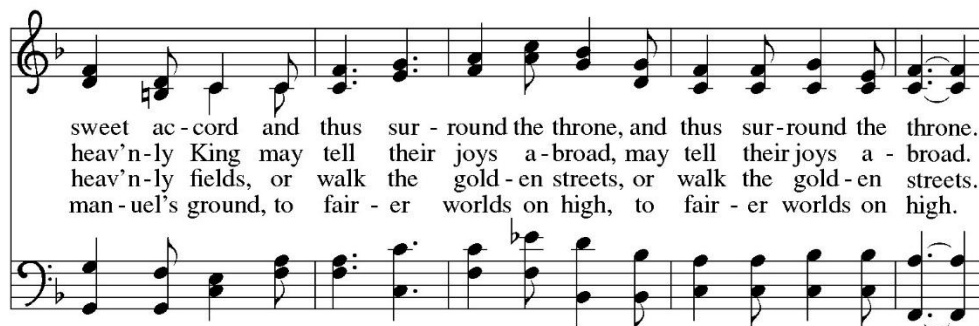
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1 Come, we that love the Lord, and let our joys be known;
 2 Let those re - fuse to sing who nev - er knew our God;
 3 The hill of Zi - on yields a thou-sand sa - cred sweets
 4 Then let our songs a - bound, and ev - 'ry tear be dry;



join in a song with sweet ac - cord, join in a song with
 but chil - dren of the heav'n - ly King, but chil - dren of the
 be - fore we reach the heav'n - ly fields, be - fore we reach the
 we're march - ing through Im - man - uel's ground, we're march - ing through Im -



sweet ac - cord and thus sur - round the throne, and thus sur-round the throne.
 heav'n-ly King may tell their joys a-broad, may tell their joys a - broad.
 heav'n-ly fields, or walk the gold - en streets, or walk the gold - en streets.
 man - uel's ground, to fair - er worlds on high, to fair - er worlds on high.

Refrain



We're march - ing to Zi - on, beau - ti - ful, beau - ti - ful Zi - on:



we're march - ing up - ward to Zi - on, the beau - ti - ful cit - y of God.