



The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

July 27, 2025

Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

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HOLY TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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10:00AM

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Introduction

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."

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE PRELUDE

* THE 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.**

** Please stand as you are able*

* **THE GATHERING SONG:** #532

Gather Us In

* **THE GREETING**

P: The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

* **THE PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Almighty and ever-living God, you are always more ready to hear than we are to pray, and you gladly give more than we either desire or deserve. Pour upon us your abundant mercy. Forgive us those things that weigh on our conscience, and give us those good things that come only through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

First Reading: Genesis 18:20-32

²⁰Then the LORD said, "How great is the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah and how very grave their sin! ²¹I 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." ²²So the men turned from there and went toward Sodom, while Abraham remained standing before the LORD. ²³Then Abraham came near and said, "Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? ²⁴Suppose 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? ²⁵Far 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?" ²⁶And the LORD said, "If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will forgive the whole place for their sake." ²⁷Abraham answered, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to my lord, I who am but dust and ashes. ²⁸Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking? Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?" And he said, "I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there." ²⁹Again he spoke to him, "Suppose forty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of forty I will not do it." ³⁰Then he said, "Oh, do not let my lord be angry if I speak. Suppose thirty are found there." He answered, "I will not do it, if I find thirty

there." ³¹He said, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to my lord. Suppose twenty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it." ³²Then he said, "Oh, do not let my lord be angry if I speak just once more. Suppose ten are found there." He answered, "For the sake of ten I will not destroy it."

The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm: Psalm 138

¹ I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with my whole heart;
before the gods I will sing your praise.

² **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.**

³ When I called, you answered me;
you increased my strength within me.

⁴ **All the rulers of the earth will praise you, O LORD,
when they have heard the words of your mouth.**

⁵ They will sing of the ways of the LORD,
that great is the glory of the LORD.

⁶ **The LORD is high, yet cares for the lowly,
perceiving the haughty from afar.**

⁷ 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
hall save me.

⁸ **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 2:6-19

⁶ As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to walk in him, ⁷rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving. ⁸ 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. ⁹ For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, ¹⁰ and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. ¹¹ In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by the removal of the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; ¹² 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. ¹³ And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, ¹⁴ erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. ¹⁵ He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it. ¹⁶ Therefore, do not let anyone condemn you in matters of food or drink or of observing festivals, new moons, or Sabbaths. ¹⁷ These are only a shadow of what is to come, but the body belongs to Christ. ¹⁸ 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, ¹⁹ 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.

The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

* **THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** Sung page #151

C: Alleluia. Lord to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke the 8th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord!

Gospel: Luke 11:1-13

¹ [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." ² So he said to them, "When you pray, say: Father, may your name be revered as holy. May your kingdom come. ³ Give us each day our daily bread. ⁴ And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us. And do not bring us to the time of trial." ⁵ 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, ⁶ for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.' ⁷ And he 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.' ⁸ I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything out of friendship, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs. ⁹ "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. ¹⁰ For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. ¹¹ Is there anyone among you who, if your child asked for a fish, would give a snake instead of a fish? ¹² Or if the child asked for an egg, would give a scorpion? ¹³ 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 him!"

P: The Gospel of the Lord!

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

GOOD NEWS 101

THE SERMON

THE HYMN OF THE DAY:

#745

Lord, Teach Us How to Pray Aright

* **THE ORDER FOR BAPTISM**

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***THE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

In solidarity with all creation, we join our voice to the voice of the whole church and pray for the needs of the world.

God of Grace,
Hear our prayer

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

THANKSGIVING

**OFFERING
SPECIAL MUSIC**

* **THE OFFERTORY: Let The Vineyard's Be Fruitful**

Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing. Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gather the hopes and dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer. Grace our table with your presence, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

*** THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD:**

Holy God, our Maker, our Healer, our Teacher,
your magnificent creation springs forth from your Word.
All that has life and breath praises your name.
For your Word that sustains the earth, we thank you, O God.
We thank you, O God.

You sent us Jesus, your Word, to renew the world.
He healed the sick, fed the hungry,
preached your mercy, and called us to faith.
For your Word in our Lord Christ, we praise you, O God.
We praise you, O God.

Nourish us with the Spirit of your Word, that we may grow in
grace, bearing the fruits of redemption, and sharing your strength
and beauty with all the world. For your Word in our lives, we
entreat you, O God.
We entreat you, O God.

Accept our thanksgiving and receive our prayer,
for the sake of your living Word, Jesus our Savior.
Amen.

*** THE LORD'S PRAYER**

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**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.**

SENDING

*** 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.

*** THE SENDING SONG:**

#543

Go My Children, With My Blessing

*** THE DISMISSAL**

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

THE POSTLUDE

Serving Today: July 27, 2025

Acolyte: Scarlett Johnson

Lector: Hank Bariexca

Usher: Amber & Scarlett Johnson

Musician: Danny Allen

Sound System: Amber Johnson

Serving Next Week: August 3, 2025

Communion Assistant: Amber Johnson

Acolyte: TBD

Lector: Lynn Haab

Ushers: Bonnie Mazza & Lynn Haab

Musician: Ryan Peiffer

Sound System: Amber Johnson

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY we welcome the family of Nathaniel David Tanedo, the son of Alexis and Matthew Tanedo, who will receive the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. We welcome him as the newest Disciple at Holy Trinity.

PLEASE CALL the church office (609-387-1202) whenever a family member, neighbor, or friend who is a member of Holy Trinity is hospitalized or moves from one hospital to another. Due to stricter privacy laws, hospitals do *not* notify the church when a member is admitted to the hospital and keep us informed of hospitalizations so Pastor Haab can visit and keep people in our prayers.

VOLUNTEERS WELCOME: Have you ever thought about joining one of our worship teams. We are always looking for new people to help usher, read, help with communion or acolyte. Please see Bonnie Mazza if you are interested.

FOOD PANTRY: Our food pantry is open the third Sunday of each month. Please continue to bring in your donations to help those in need.

BIRTHDAY FELLOWSHIP and LOUD OFFERING take place on the first Sunday of each month. We recognize those who celebrate their birthday that month and also pass *Philip the Bucket* to collect spare change to help those in need.

A GREENER HOLY TRINITY KITCHEN : We are making good progress toward greening our kitchen! Thank you to all who donated coffee mugs this year. We now have a supply that will see us through any congregational gathering. Our next collection request is for cutlery, specifically **forks**. You can also make a monetary donation towards the purchase of cutlery. Please help Holy Trinity save money and help our beautiful planet by donating your extra forks to our church kitchen

IF YOU ARE TRAVELING THIS SUMMER: and looking for a place to worship , please reach out to Pastor Haab for ELCA church suggestions where you are vacationing. Please also invite family visiting with you, to join us in worship.

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP: Everyone is invited and welcome to attend our Worship at 10 AM every Sunday. Our blended worship will be returning in September on the 4th Sunday of each month with our contemporary band Voices That Reign leading us in song.

THIS WEEK AT HOLY TRINITY

Today 10:00AM Worship
Monday: 7:00-9:00PM: Burlington Entertainers
Wednesday: 5:00—7:00PM Sisters of Sobriety
Friday: 7:00—10:00PM AA
Next Sunday: 10:00AM Worship/ Holy Communion
Birthday Fellowship and Loud Offering
12Noon: Hall Rental



What to Know: 2025 ELCA Churchwide Assembly

The 2025 ELCA Churchwide Assembly will take place July 28–August 2 in Phoenix, Arizona. This triennial gathering is the ELCA’s highest legislative body, bringing together voting members from across the country to worship, reflect theologically, and make decisions about the future of our church.

Here are some key highlights for our synod to know:

◆ Leadership Transitions

This year’s assembly includes the election of a new Presiding Bishop and Secretary of the ELCA. Bishop Elizabeth Eaton and Secretary Deacon Sue Rothmeyer will retire at the end of their current terms.

◆ Faith & Civic Life

Voting members will consider a new social statement: Faith and Civic Life: Seeking the Well-being of All. This statement addresses civic engagement, the role of government, Christian nationalism, and the public responsibilities of rostered ministers.

◆ Updated Language on Human Sexuality

Editorial changes to Human Sexuality: Gift and Trust will also be considered, bringing the statement in line with current law and inclusive understandings of family.

◆ Memorials & Justice Issues

Voting members will consider memorials from synods addressing:

- Missing and murdered Indigenous women
- Indian boarding school remembrance
- Israel-Palestine and ending occupation
- Racism and church reform (CRLC)
- End-of-life decisions
- Restoration of USAID funding
- Commission for a Renewed Lutheran Church (CRLC)

A major report will be shared from the [CRLC](#), which is examining the ELCA’s identity, purpose, and structure — with a focus on dismantling racism.

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◆ Worship & Learning Opportunities

Assembly participants will engage in prayer vigils (AMMPARO) and an exhibition powwow. Pre-assembly Bible studies on climate justice, gender justice, and conflict/reconciliation are open to all online.

◆ Watch Live

Plenary sessions will be livestreamed at elca.org/CWA

Let us hold our voting members and leaders in prayer as they gather For the Life of the World.

TWISTS AND TURNS,
One day VBS Aug 16th 2025
10am-2pm
Open to all ages

Fun and games Water Fun

Bible Story New Friends Crafts

Held at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
1308 Mt Holly Rd, Burlington NJ

For more information or to sign up please contact Laura Poethke at poetfam@comcast.net or (609) 560-1153 or contact Karin Schmalz at (215) 962-7532 or Karin5680@aol.com

