



Emmanuel Trinity Lutheran Church

July 12, 2026 10:00 a.m.
Seventh Sunday after Pentecost
Worship Service

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

*For those joining worship via Zoom, we are celebrating Holy Communion today. If you wish to participate, please get something to represent the wine and the bread. We invite you to participate in worship by sharing your prayers in the **Chat box**. Write your prayers there and press "enter." You will be muted during the service so that you don't hear reverberations, but please speak and sing as you desire. You can unmute yourself if you wish to speak at the end of the service.*

PRELUDE

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, whose compassion endures forever.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin to God. *Silence is kept for reflection.*

Compassionate God,

C: we confess to you all our sins. Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves. In your mercy, call us back to you. Your yoke is easy and your burden is light. Restore us to dwell in your peace. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.

P: Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest." In the name of God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Rest in God's love.

C: Amen.

HYMN: Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty ELW533

Open now thy gates of beauty, Zion let me enter there,
where my soul in joyful duty, waits for God who answers prayer.
Oh, how blessed is this place, filled with solace, light, and grace!

Gracious God, I come before thee; come thou also unto me;
Where we find Thee and adore Thee, there a heav'n on earth must be.
To my heart, oh, enter thou, let it be thy temple now!

Here thy praise is gladly chanted, here thy seed is duly sown;
let my soul, where it is planted, bring forth precious sheaves alone,
so that all I hear may be, fruitful unto life in me.

Thou my faith increase and quicken, let me keep thy gift divine;
howsoe'er temptations thicken, may thy word still o'er me shine

as my guiding star through life, as my comfort in all strife.

Speak, O God, and I will hear Thee, let thy will be done indeed;
may I undisturbed draw near thee, while thou dost Thy people feed.
Here of life the fountain flows; here is balm for all our woes.

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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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Almighty God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your word.

C: By your Holy Spirit help us to receive it with joy, live according to it, and grow in faith and hope and love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 55: 10-13

¹⁰ For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, ¹¹ so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose and succeed in the thing for which I sent it. ¹² For you shall go out in joy and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. ¹³ Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle, and it shall be to the LORD for a memorial, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

PSALM: Psalm 65: 1-13

A: You are to be praised, O God, in Zion; to you shall vows be fulfilled.

C: To you, the one who answers prayer, to you all flesh shall come.

A: Our sins are stronger than we are, but you blot out our transgressions.

C: Happy are they whom you choose and draw to your courts to dwell there! They will be satisfied by the beauty of your house, by the holiness of your temple.

A: Awesome things will you show us in your righteousness, O God of our salvation, O hope of all the ends of the earth and of the oceans far away.

C: You make firm the mountains by your power; you are girded about with might.

A: You still the roaring of the seas, the roaring of their waves, and the clamor of the peoples.

C: Those who dwell at the ends of the earth will tremble at your marvelous signs; you make the dawn and the dusk to sing for joy.

A: You visit the earth and water it abundantly; you make it very plenteous; the river of God is full of water. You prepare the grain, for so you provide for the earth.

C: You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges; with heavy rain you soften the ground and bless its increase.

A: You crown the year with your goodness, and your paths overflow with plenty.

C: May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing, and the hills be clothed with joy.

A: May the meadows cover themselves with flocks, and the valleys cloak themselves with grain; let them shout for joy and sing.

SECOND READING: Romans 8: 1-11

¹ Therefore there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. ² For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. ³ For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴ so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

⁵ For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. ⁶ To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷ For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed, it cannot, ⁸ and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

⁹ But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. ¹⁰ But if Christ is in you, then the body is dead because of sin, but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. ¹¹ If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

GOSPEL READING

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew 13: 1-9,18-23

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. ² Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. ³ And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. ⁴ And as he sowed, some seeds fell on a path, and the birds came and ate them up. ⁵ Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. ⁶ But when the sun rose, they were scorched, and since they had no root, they withered away. ⁷ Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. ⁸ Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. ⁹ If you have ears, hear!"

¹⁸ "Hear, then, the parable of the sower. ¹⁹ When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. ²⁰ As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, ²¹ yet such a person has no root but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. ²² As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of this age and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing.

²³ But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

P: The Gospel of the Lord

C: Praise to you O Christ.

THE MESSAGE

Pastor Kim Hintzman

HYMN: We Plow the Fields and Scatter ELW681

We plow the fields and scatter, the good seed on the land,
but it is fed and watered, by God's almighty hand,
who sends the snow in winter, the warmth to swell the grain,
the breezes and the sunshine, and soft refreshing rain.

All good gifts around us, are sent from heav'n above.
We thank you, Lord, we thank you, Lord, for all your love.

You only are the maker, of all things near and far.
You paint the wayside flower, you light the evening star.
The winds and waves obey you, by you the birds are fed;
much more to us, your children, you give our daily bread.

All good gifts around us, are sent from heav'n above.
We thank you, Lord, we thank you, Lord, for all your love.

We thank you, our creator, for all things bright and good,
the seedtime and the harvest, our life, our health, our food.
No gifts have we to offer, for all your love imparts,
but what you most would treasure—our humble, thankful hearts.
All good gifts around us, are sent from heav'n above.
We thank you, Lord, we thank you, Lord, for all your love.

Text: Matthias Claudius, 1740-1815; tr. Jane M. Campbell, 1817-1878, alt.

THE APOSTLES' 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

A: Trusting in God's steadfast love for all God has made, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of creation. (*A brief silence*)

A: God our gardener, you scatter grace like seed across the world. Continue to cultivate the garden of your church with your abundant Spirit. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: God our joy, your bountiful creation reflects your commitment to life despite our actions disregarding its wonder. We look toward Isaiah's vision, when all creation rejoices, and the trees will clap for joy at your salvation. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: God our life, you give us the same Spirit by which you raised Christ from the dead. Set our minds on that Spirit whenever fear or condemnation overwhelm throughout the world. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: God our host and table, we pray for children who hunger and rely on school meals, for all who toil under the hot sun without refreshment, for the chronically ill who have exhausted their resources, and for local concerns. Today, we pray especially for God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: God our source, tend this assembly with your grace throughout this summer season. May those who travel for work or recreation do so safely, and may visitors find refreshment among us. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: We give you thanks that the roots of your goodness run deep throughout history. We remember those saints who have gone before us in faith. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Grateful for your abundant provision and trusting in your goodness, we cast all our cares upon you, through the abundant grace of Christ Jesus.

C: Amen.

OFFERING PRAYER

P: Loving God, we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts.

C: Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love, so that all creation can taste your abundance. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

C: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

P: Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory. Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever.

C: Amen.

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.

RECEIVING THE BREAD AND WINE

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION Beautiful Savior ELW838

Beautiful Savior, King of creation, Son of God and Son of Man!
truly I'd love thee, truly I'd serve thee, light of my soul, my joy, my crown.

Fair are the meadows, fair are the woodlands, robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer, he makes our sorrowing spirit sing.

Fair is the sunshine, fair is the moonlight, bright the sparkling stars on high;
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer, than all the angels in the sky.

Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations, Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, praise, adoration, now and forevermore be thine!

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BLESSING

P: May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you
and keep you in God's grace.

C: Amen

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

P: Compassionate God, through the gifts of bread and wine our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love.

C: Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal, may share your love freely, as you have shared with us. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever. Amen.

SENDING HYMN: Sent Forth by God's Blessing ELW547

Sent forth by God's blessing, our true faith confessing,
the people of God from this dwelling take leave.
The supper is ended. Oh, now be extended
the fruits of this service in all who believe.

The seed of Christ's teaching, receptive souls reaching,
shall blossom in action for God and for all.
Your grace shall incite us, your love shall unite us
to work for your kingdom and answer your call.

With praise and thanksgiving, to God ever-living,
the tasks of our ev'ryday life we will face—
our faith ever sharing, in love ever caring,
embracing God's children, the whole human race.

With your feast you feed us, with your light now lead us;
unite us as one in this life that we share.
Then may all the living, with praise and thanksgiving
give honor to Christ and his name that we bear.

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BLESSING

P: Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, ☩ one God, bless, heal, and hold you today and always.

C: Amen.

DISMISSAL

P: Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!

C: Thanks be to God.

Thank you for your offerings and continued support of Emmanuel Trinity Lutheran Church. We are providing three ways to give:

- 1. Give online through the church website www.emmanueltrinity.org under the "Give" button. You are able to designate your giving online.***
- 2. Drop your offering in the black drop box at the church office (4006 Ballenger Creek Pike)***
- 3. Mail your offering to the church office: Emmanuel Trinity Lutheran Church, 4004 Ballenger Creek Pike, Frederick, MD 21703.***
Pastor Kim's phone number is 240-394-9492 and email is pastor@emmanueltrinity.org. The Office Administrator is Susan Campbell and her email is office@emmanueltrinity.org

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Birthdays: July 14 – Janet McConnell; July 15 – Judy Jones; July 18 – Pastor Kim;
July 21 – Matthew Folliot; July 23 – Dottie Stewart; July 28 – Edgar Hawker

This week at ETLC:

July 12 – Sunday Worship Service, 10:00 a.m.
July 15 – Encountering the Word, 7:00 p.m.
July 16 – Council Meeting, 5:00 p.m.

Upcoming Meetings:

July 19 – Sunday Worship Service, 10:00 a.m.
July 19 – Birthday Celebration & Fellowship, 11:00 a.m.
July 22 – Encountering the Word, 7:00 p.m.
July 25 – Food Bank open, 9:00-11:00 a.m.

The altar flowers are given by Dottie Stewart in honor of America's 250th birthday and all those celebrating birthdays in July.

Food Bank On the first Sunday of each month, we invite you to bring in food donations. The food bank is currently in need of the following items: mayo, butter, salad dressings, evaporated milk, cake mix, coffee, tea, ravioli, and grape jelly. Thank you!

Summer Food: The next summer food box will be in August. The preparation will be on August 2; delivery will be on August 4. We welcome donations of money (please mark "Summer Food") or food (pick up the list in the narthex). Have questions? Ask Lisa Carr.

2026 Community Table Dates: Mark your calendar. ETLC will be serving dinner at the community table on the following dates: August 16 and November 22.

Got Questions? Join Pastor Kim in the gathering space or on zoom (using the worship link) at 9 am on Sundays. Got Questions is taking the month of July off, but will return the first Sunday in August! Bring your questions or come to hear other people's questions. All are welcome!

Have an event or other announcement for the weekly email? Please send a writeup to Susan at Office@emmanueltrinity.org. Announcements that are received by noon on Tuesday will be included in the following Sunday's announcements.

Prayer List Need a name placed on the prayer list? If there is someone who you want us to include just on the current Sunday, you may write it on the prayer book on the podium currently in the front of the church near the gathering space door. If you have any questions about the prayer list and how it is determined or maintained, feel free to ask Pastor Kim.

2026 Church Council Members: The Executive Committee members of the church council are: Ruth Cramer, President; Angelee Mullins, Vice-President; Emily O'Hara, Secretary; MaryAnne Golling, Treasurer, and Lasse Syversen, Mission & Outreach Chairman. If you have questions or concerns, feel free to contact any one of the Council members.