

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

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**God of all creation who gives us this beautiful day
and life itself, who hung the stars in the sky,
and who also generously provides our daily bread,
we welcome you into our presence.
Dear Lord, what can I do for you today?**

July 8, 2018 — 7th Sunday after Pentecost



Mark 6:1-13

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Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Setting 5

Jesus does great deeds of power and gives his disciples authority over demons. Yet none of this power is unilateral; it all must be received by faith. Jesus asks his disciples to go out without money or supplies, so that they will be dependent on how others receive them. When we are sent from the assembly to witness and to heal, we are asked to be vulnerable, to be dependent on the reception of others. The Spirit always operates in the between: between Jesus and his Abba, between Jesus and us, between you and me, between us and those to whom we are sent.

GATHERING

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER

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CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Please stand as you are able.

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, full of compassion and mercy, abounding in steadfast love.

C Amen.

P Trusting God's promise of forgiveness, let us confess our sin against God and one another.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P Eternal God our creator,

C in you we live and move and have our being. Look upon us, your children, the work of your hands. Forgive us all our offenses, and cleanse us from proud thoughts and empty desires. By your grace draw us near to you, our refuge and our strength; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

P Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit given to us. In the mercy of almighty God, Christ died for us while we still were sinners; and for his sake, God ☩ forgives you all your sins.

C Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

Lord, You Give the Great Commission

ELW HYMN 579

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.

KYRIE

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal - va - tion, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well - being of the church of God,

and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

For this ho - ly house, and for all who of - fer here their wor - ship and praise,

let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.

A - men.

HYMN OF PRAISE



1 All glo - ry be to God on high, and peace to earth be
2 Lord Je - sus Christ, the on - ly Son of God, cre - a - tion's
3 To you a - lone, O God, we cry, the Ho - ly One we
giv - en! Let an - gels sing, let all re - ply; good -
au - thor, O Lamb of God, your death a - lone takes
name you; for you a - lone are God most high, one
will breaks forth from heav - en! Lord God Al - might - y,
sin a - way for - ev - er. Stretch out your arms to
liv - ing God we claim you: we wor - ship you, Lord
heav - en's king, we wor - ship you, our thanks we sing, we
ev - 'ry land, and, as you reign at God's right hand, re -
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it ev - er blest, in
praise you for your glo - ry.
ceive our prayer; have mer - cy.
God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

God of the covenant, in our baptism you call us to proclaim the coming of your kingdom. Give us the courage you gave the apostles, that we may faithfully witness to your love and peace in every circumstance of life, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

Please be seated.

WORD

FIRST READING: EZEKIEL 2:1-5

In 597 BCE, the priest Ezekiel was removed into exile in Babylon. While there, he received a vision of God appearing majestically on a chariot throne. Today's reading recounts God's commissioning of Ezekiel during this vision. The prophet is to speak God's word to a people unwilling to hear.

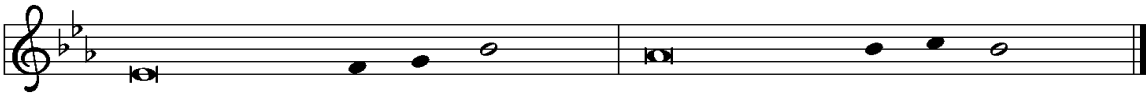
¹[A voice] said to me: O mortal, stand up on your feet, and I will speak with you.
²And when he spoke to me, a spirit entered into me and set me on my feet; and I heard him speaking to me. ³He said to me, Mortal, I am sending you to the people of Israel, to a nation of rebels who have rebelled against me; they and their ancestors have transgressed against me to this very day. ⁴The descendants are impudent and stubborn. I am sending you to them, and you shall say to them, "Thus says the Lord GOD." ⁵Whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house), they shall know that there has been a prophet among them.

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM 123

Sung responsively



¹To you I lift | up my eyes,
to you enthroned | in the heavens.
²**As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters, and the eyes of a
maid to the hand | of her mistress,**
so our eyes look to you, O LORD our God, until you show | us your mercy.
³Have mercy upon us, O | LORD, have mercy,
for we have had more than enough | of contempt,
⁴**too much of the scorn of the in- | dolent rich,**
and of the derision | of the proud.

SECOND READING: 2ND CORINTHIANS 12:2-10

Christians do not boast of their own accomplishments. Rather, Christian boasting focuses attention on how the power of Christ is present in our lives, especially in times of weakness and vulnerability. No matter what our circumstances in life, Christ's grace is sufficient for us.

²I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows. ³And I know

that such a person—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows—⁴was caught up into Paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat. ⁵On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. ⁶But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me, ⁷even considering the exceptional character of the revelations. Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. ⁸Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, ⁹but he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.” So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. ¹⁰Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as you are able.

Gospel Acclamation

Al-le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. *Repeat alleluia*

Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

P The Holy Gospel, according to Mark, the sixth chapter.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL: MARK 6:1-13

At home and abroad, Jesus and his disciples encounter resistance as they seek to proclaim God's word and relieve affliction.

¹[Jesus] came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. ²On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, “Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! ³Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?” And they took offense at him. ⁴Then Jesus said to them,

“Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house.” ⁵And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. ⁶And he was amazed at their unbelief. Then he went about among the villages teaching. ⁷He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. ⁸He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; ⁹but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. ¹⁰He said to them, “Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. ¹¹If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them.” ¹²So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. ¹³They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

CHILDREN’S TIME & SERMON

INTERIM PASTOR ALAN SAATKAMP

P Let us pray together.

C Your church is composed of people like me. I help make it what it is. It will be friendly, if I am. Its pews will be filled, if I help fill them. It will do great work, if I work. It will make generous gifts to many causes, if I am a generous giver. It will bring other people into its worship and fellowship, if I invite and bring them. It will be a church where people grow in faith and serve you, if I am open to such growth and service. Therefore, with your help Lord, we shall dedicate ourselves to the task of being all the things you want your church to be. Amen.

HYMN OF THE DAY

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

ELW HYMN 742

Please stand for the final verse of the hymn.

P Let us confess our faith with the words of the Apostles’ Creed.

**C 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 PRAYERS

A Growing in faith and discipleship, we give thanks for God's merciful compassion as we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

A Lord God, equip your faithful people for the work of mission. When we are empty-handed, give us partners in ministry, such as Lutheran Church of the Living Christ in Florissant, Missouri, Iglesia Luterana Sagrado Corazon and St. James Lutheran Church in Garden City, & Trinity Lutheran in Great Bend. Help us to speak boldly of your promises without reservation or fear. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A Lord God, you breathe life into the dust of the earth. Bless the land and all who work it. Bring relief to areas of drought and famine. Send healing rains and cooling breezes to places scorched by sun and heat. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A Lord God, when the nations are rebellious, raise up prophets and leaders to proclaim your way of justice. Provide for the needs of refugees, immigrants, asylum seekers, and exiles. Protect all who live in areas of war and conflict. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A Lord God, your grace is sufficient to bring wholeness to human weakness. Restore hope to those suffering hardships, persecutions, and calamities. Strengthen all who are fragile in body, mind, or spirit, especially Carl Quarnstrom, Rosemary O'Neil, and Evelyn Johnson. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A Lord God, renew our commitment to the work of hospitality. Help us to offer a caring welcome to visitors and to those returning to the church. Help us to be living examples of your grace and your generosity. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A Lord God, you bless us with life. We pray for Andy Winsor, Trisha Welch, and Janelle Meredith as they celebrate their birthdays, and for Tyler Tunnell and Cindy McGinnis as they remember their baptisms. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Lord God, you equip disciples throughout the ages to proclaim your kingdom. Lead us by faith until every weakness of this world has been made perfect in the power of your everlasting glory. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Gracious God, we lift to you these prayers and the prayers of our hearts, trusting in your everlasting love and mercy, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

THE PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

Let us greet one another with God's peace.

Please be seated.

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

OFFERING & OFFERTORY

Please stand as you are able.

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right

spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your

pres-ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -

store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,

and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

A Merciful God, you open wide your hand and satisfy the need of every living thing. You have set this feast before us. Open our hands to receive it. Open our hearts to embrace it. Open our lives to live it. We pray this through Christ our Lord.

C 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. Fulfilling the promise of the resurrection, you pour out the fire of your Spirit, uniting in one body people of every nation and tongue. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Ho - san - na in the high - est.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

P In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

C 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.

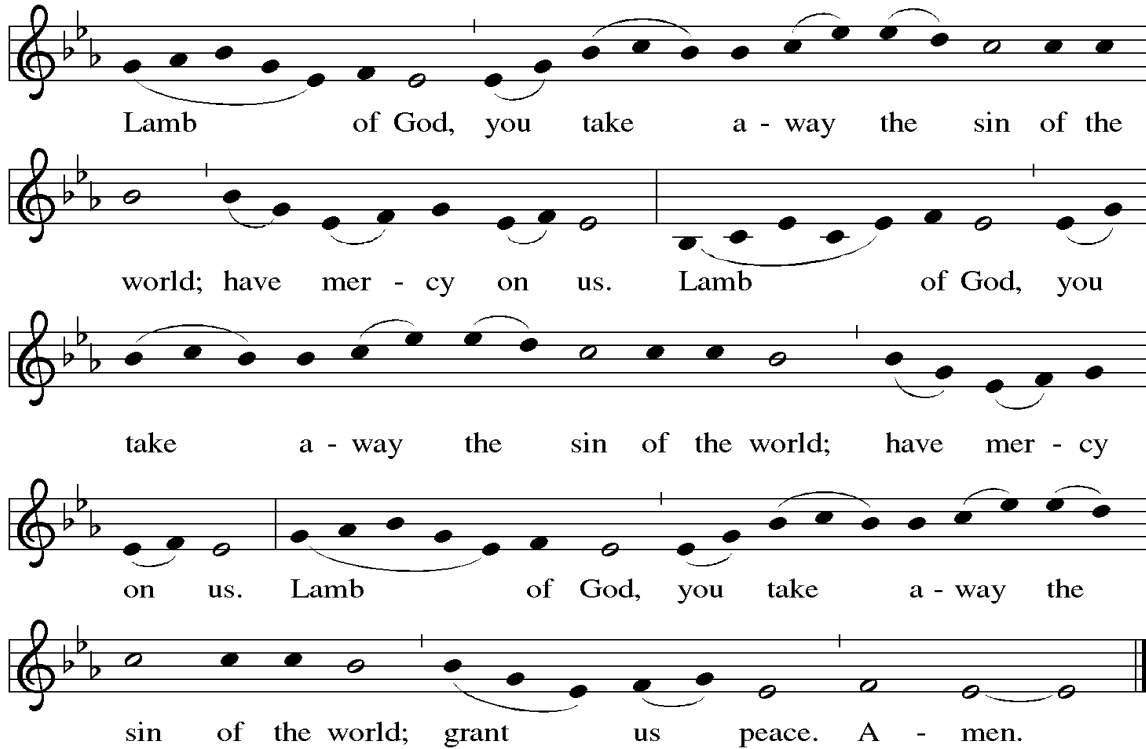
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread.

Please be seated.

LAMB OF GOD



We invite all who believe in Jesus Christ as their Savior to share with us in Holy Communion. All are welcome to join us at the Lord's table. White grape juice is available as an alternative to wine. Everyone is invited forward to receive communion or a blessing. Hands cupped open indicate an openness to receive communion; hands closed reflect a desire to receive a blessing.

Note: we have gluten-free communion wafers available. If gluten-free is your preference, please let the pastor know when you are at the communion rail.

COMMUNION HYMNS

*To Be Your Presence
Spirit of Gentleness*

ELW HYMN 546

ELW HYMN 396

Please stand as you are able.

COMMUNION BLESSING

P May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the gifts of his body and blood strengthen, keep and unite us, now and forever.

C Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A Jesus Christ, host of this meal, you have given us not only this bread and cup, but your very self, that we may feast on your great love. Filled again by these signs of your grace, may we hunger for your reign of justice, may we thirst for your way of peace, for you are Lord forevermore.

C **Amen.**

SENDING

BLESSING

P May God, whose power working in us can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine, grant you the gifts of faith and hope. Almighty God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises

ELW HYMN 535

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. The Spirit sends us forth to serve.

C **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Welcome to worship at Trinity!

Thank you for joining us for worship. We hope that you have found the Spirit of God in our midst.

If you are interested in becoming a member of Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, or have other questions, please contact Pastor Alan Saatkamp, 605-214-1469.

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UPCOMING EVENTS AT TRINITY

Sunday, July 8 Worship with Holy Communion 10:30 AM
Blood Pressure Checks after worship

Mon., July 9 Women's AA.....5:00 PM

Tues., July 10.....Quilters..... 9:00 AM
 Church Council Meeting5:30 PM

Wed., July 11 Women's AA.....5:30 PM
 Historic Old Town NIA Meeting6:30 PM

Thurs., July 12.....Men's AA7:00 PM

Sat., July 14Samantha Ginter Baby Shower3:00 PM

Sunday, July 15 Worship with Holy Communion 10:30 AM
Youth Group Meeting5:30 PM

Pr. Alan will be in Topeka on Tuesday, July 10th & Wednesday, July 11th.

Worship Assistants									
Date	Greeter(s)	Usher(s)	Musicians	Lector	Acolyte	Altar Guild	Coffee Hosts	Assisting Minister	Presiding Minister
July 8, 2018	Carol Marker	Dean McGinnis	Mitchell Bean	Junior Utech	LaVell Winsor	Marilyn Heckman & Team 1	Bob & Pam Kobbeman	Bob Horton	Interim Pastor Alan Saatkamp
July 15, 2018	Don & Charlotte O'Brien	Bob Horton	Laurie Jackson	Linda Longren	Loni Reece	Marilyn Heckman & Team 1	Linda Longren	Vickie Jacobs	Interim Pastor Alan Saatkamp
July 22, 2018	Bob & Linda Stone	Curt Lewis	Mitchell Bean	Ted Murphy	Laurie Jackson	Marilyn Heckman & Team 1	Janice Greenlee	Jeff Longren	Interim Pastor Alan Saatkamp
July 29, 2018	Cindy McGinnis	Dean McGinnis	Laurie Jackson	Loni Reece	Ted Murphy	Marilyn Heckman & Team 1	Junior & Liz Utech	Walt Laughlin	Interim Pastor Alan Saatkamp

Remember our shut-ins!

Kathryn Axelton	Marie Henriksen	Ron Owensby
Lucille Brill	Don Longren	Keith Springer
Peggy Buchholz	Shawn Nowak	Naomi Walker
Marlene Hassan	Roy O'Neil	Evelyn Johnson



OFFERING, ATTENDANCE, and FINANCIAL STATUS							
Date	General	Other	Flowers	Total Weekly Income	Average Weekly Expense	Weekly Income Minus Average Weekly Expense	Attendance/ Communion
June 10	\$2,043.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,043.00	-\$2,643.92	-\$600.92	51/44
June 17	\$703.00	\$291.04	\$0.00	\$994.04	-\$2,643.92	-\$1,649.88	38/32
June 24	\$1,482.00	\$75.00	\$0.00	\$1,557.00	-\$2,643.92	-\$1,086.92	36/31
July 1	\$3,359.00	\$25.00	\$0.00	\$3,384.00	-\$2,643.92	\$740.08	45/41
The money shown in the "Other" column is restricted and not available for our general fund.							
			Income	Expense	Behind/Ahead		
		May 2018	\$7,269.71	-\$14,443.50	-\$7,173.79		
		Jan. - May	\$53,299.67	-\$55,753.57	-\$2,453.90		



Please note that the elevator is currently out of service due to some maintenance/repair issues.

A safety practice suggested by the Topeka Police Department is to make the church as secure as practical during Sunday services. With that in mind, the Council has decided to have the Head Usher lock all doors to the church except the south doors on 8th Street shortly after the service has begun. The south doors are most visible from the narthex and thus easiest to monitor by the usher. We will start this practice in the next couple of weeks. Please see a Council member with any questions or concerns.

Thank you!

Please call the office, 233-0767, promptly about hospitalizations in our church family.



To share a prayer request please contact Barbara Apps at 249-7244. She will get the prayer chain started.



The mission of
**Trinity Evangelical
 Lutheran Church**
 is to

- worship God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
- serve those in need, and
- reach out to share the Good News of salvation through Jesus Christ!

Together in Community • **L**iving with Christ • **C**aring for Neighbors

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