

Theses for Today



"Out of love for the truth and the desire to bring it to light..." -Martin Luther

19th Sunday of Pentecost October 20, 2019

Pentecost 19

October 20, 2019

WOV Bread of Life, Setting 5

Pray always. Do not lose heart. This is the encouragement of the Christ of the gospel today. Persistence in our every encounter with the divine will be blessed. Wrestle with the word. Remember your baptism again and again. Come regularly to Christ's table. Persistence in our every encounter with the divine will be blessed.

PRELUDE

GATHERING

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER

Please stand as you are able.

C Eternal God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, give us your Holy Spirit who writes the Word of the Gospels into our hearts. May we receive and believe it and be cheered and comforted by it in eternity. Glorify your Word in our hearts and make it so bright and warm that we may find pleasure in it, through your Holy Spirit. May we think what is right, and by your power fulfill the Word in our lives, for the sake of Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. Amen. *Prayer of Martin Luther*

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

C Amen.

P Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Gracious God,

C have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

P There is rejoicing in heaven when sinners repent. Put your trust in these promises: God will never leave you or forsake you. You who were lost have been found. For the sake of ☩ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Rejoice with the angels at this good news.

C Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

ELW HYMN 632

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



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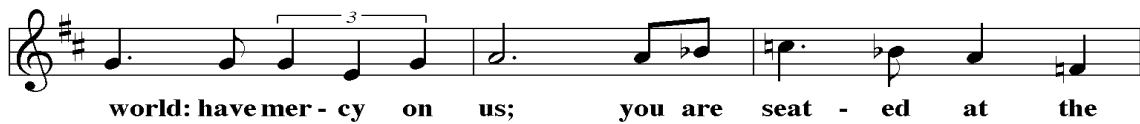


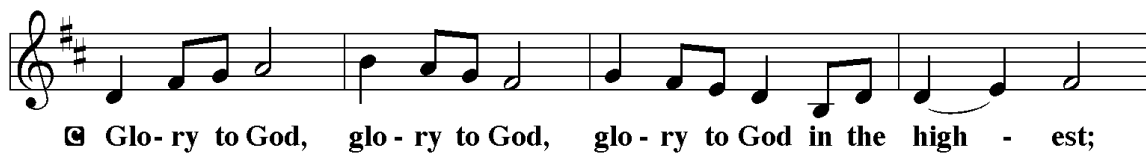
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Ⓐ Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: ☩ Lord, have mer - cy.
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HYMN OF PRAISE





PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Holy Spirit, you have promised to wipe away the tears from all faces. We ask your presence to be made known to all those living in quiet despair, those filled with fear and self-hatred, those who struggle to find their place in this world. We ask your particular guidance on all youth within our congregations and communities. May we be examples of Christ's love for them to follow in this world. In the name of Jesus Christ, the protector of us all. Amen.

C Amen.

Please be seated.

WORD

FIRST READING: GENESIS 32:22-31

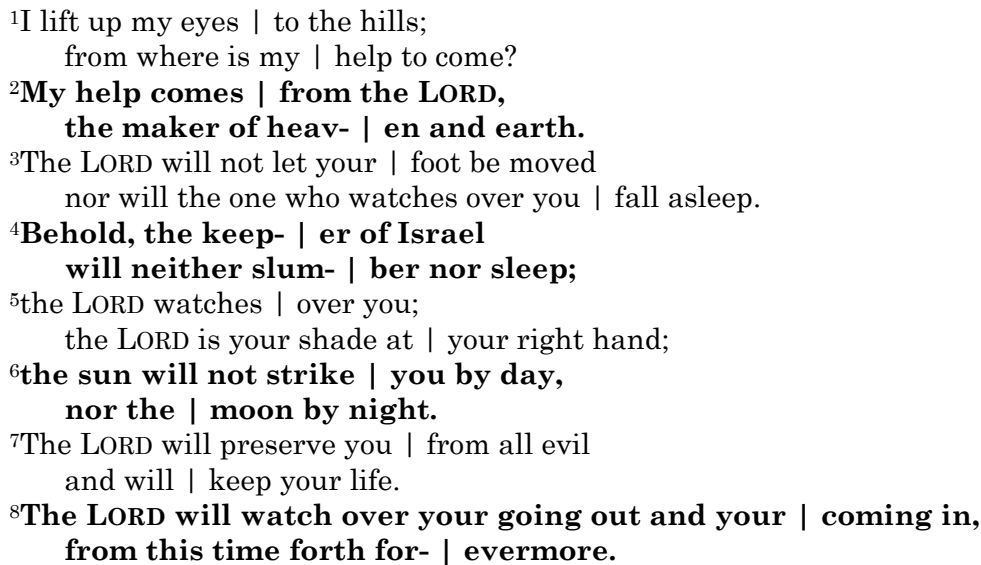
Returning to the home he had fled many years before after stealing his brother's birthright and his father's blessing, Jacob wrestles all night long with a divine adversary who ultimately blesses him and changes his name to "Israel," a name that means "he wrestles with God."

²²The same night [Jacob] got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. ²³He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. ²⁴Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. ²⁵When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. ²⁶Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." ²⁷So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." ²⁸Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed." ²⁹Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. ³⁰So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved." ³¹The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip.

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God

Sung responsively



Paul continues his instruction of Timothy, his younger colleague in ministry, by emphasizing the importance of faithful teaching despite opposition.

¹⁶All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, ¹⁷so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

4:1 In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: ²proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. ³For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, ⁴and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. ⁵As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

C Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

Al - le - lu - ia. You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

P The Holy Gospel, according to Luke, the eighteenth chapter.

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

GOSPEL: LUKE 18:1-8

Jesus tells a parable of a hateful judge who is worn down by a widow's pleas. Jesus is calling God's people to cry out for justice and deliverance. For if an unethical judge will ultimately grant the plea of a persistent widow, how much more will God respond to those who call.

¹Jesus told his disciples a parable about the necessity for them to pray always without becoming weary. He said, ²"There was a judge in a certain town who neither feared God nor respected any human being. ³And a widow in that town used to come to him and say, 'Render a just decision for me against my adversary.' ⁴For a long time the judge was unwilling, but eventually he thought, 'While it is true that I neither fear God nor respect any human being, ⁵because this widow keeps bothering me I shall deliver a just decision for her lest she finally come and strike me.'"

⁶The Lord said, "Pay attention to what the dishonest judge says. ⁷Will not God then secure the rights of his chosen ones who call out to him day and night? Will he be slow to answer them? ⁸I tell you, he will see to it that justice is done for them speedily. But when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please be seated.

SERMON

PASTOR ANDREW C. PATTY

HYMN OF THE DAY

How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord

ELW HYMN 580

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 Knowing the one in whom we trust, and with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

A Faithful partner, you will not leave us without a blessing. Wrestle with your church and renew it for the sake of the world. Preserve our life in you, so that we faithfully name you before the world. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A Grant us joy in these autumn days. As the daylight shortens and summer's green abundance decays, scatter the seeds that will bring forth new life in the spring. Keep watch over your whole creation. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A Mercifully extend your ancient promises to all people. Keep and defend the nations from all evil, and be their shade and protection. Held in your steadfast love, guide the human family in ways of mercy and justice. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A Our help comes from you, maker of heaven and earth. Hear the cries of those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, especially Susan Fitz and Monica Spencer and help us not to lose heart, so that your healing love prevails in our lives. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A Speak through us in our encounters with Holy Scripture. Hearten and strengthen ministers of faith formation, so that all who belong to you may be capable and equipped for good works in your name. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A Join with us and our sister congregations of St. John Lutheran in Wellington, Kansas, St. Paul Lutheran in West Plains, and Peace Lutheran in Washington, Missouri as we plead for justice for all. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A Watch over and bless Marilyn Heckman and Frank Visocsky as they celebrate their birthdays and Brooke Ralph, Kathryn Axelton, Bob Horton, and Curt Lewis as they remember their baptisms. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A We thank you for your grace made manifest in the saints who have gone before us. Living in hope, bring us all to the joyful feast that has no end. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Trusting and delighting in you, we commend all our lives into your loving hands. We offer these prayers in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

The Peace

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

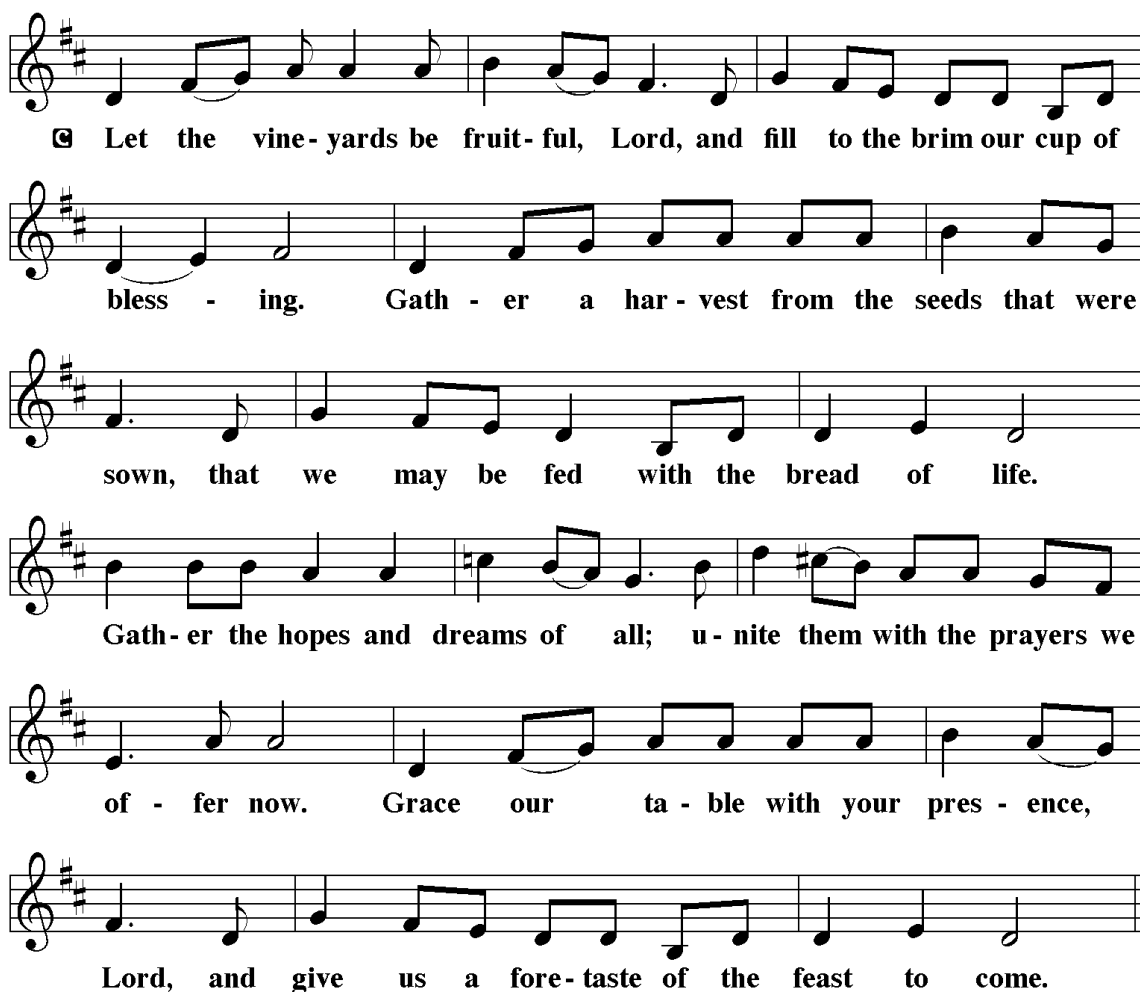
Let us greet one another with God's peace.

Please be seated.

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

OFFERING
OFFERTORY

Please stand as you are able.



Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were
sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.
Gath-er the hopes and dreams of all; u - nite them with the prayers we
of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence,
Lord, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

A God our provider, we bring nothing into this world and we can take nothing out of it. Accept the gifts you have first given us, which we bring to your table, and with them the offering of our lives. Nourish us now with the life that really is life, revealed to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and 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. 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:

The musical score is written on five staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The lyrics are: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er 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. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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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 to this table, you who have much faith and you who would like to have more. You who have been often, and you who have not been for a long time. Come. It is Christ who invites us to meet him here. These are the gifts of God for the people of God.

Please be seated.

LAMB OF GOD

The musical notation is written on four staves in a single system. The key signature has one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is common time (C). The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes. The first staff begins with a common time signature 'C'.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on

us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have

mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the

sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

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 to receive communion or a blessing. Hands cupped open indicate a desire to receive communion; hands closed reflect a desire to receive a blessing. We now 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

*There Is a Balm in Gilead
What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

ELW HYMN 614

ELW HYMN 742


Please stand as you are able.

COMMUNION BLESSING

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C Amen.

CANTICLE



☞ Thank - ful hearts and voice - es raise; tell ev - 'ry -
one what God has done. Let all who seek the
Lord re - joice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.
Send us with your prom - is - es, O God, and
lead us forth in joy with shouts of thanks -
giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A God of blessing, at this table we have seen you face to face, and in the gift of Christ's body and blood, our hearts have been refreshed. Send us now to shine with your goodness and bear witness to the one we have received: Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

P Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us. Almighty God ☩ bless you with grace, mercy, and peace, now and forever.

C Amen.

SENDING HYMN

What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine

ELW HYMN 774

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Live in love as Christ loved us.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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Welcome to worship at Trinity!

Thank you for joining us for worship. We hope that you, members and visitors, 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 the church office at 785.233.0767



Installation of
the Rev. Susan Candea
as Bishop of the Central States Synod
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Sunday October 20, 2019

Atonement Lutheran Church
9948 Metcalf Ave
Overland Park, KS 66212

3:00 p.m. Gathering reception
5:00 p.m. Installation service

Rostered Leaders are invited to vest, the color of the day is red.



Thanks so much for your gifts for Bishop Susan Candea's request for the International Women Leaders of the ELCA. We will taking a check for \$111.00 to the installation service. Once the check is received by the ELCA, it will be doubled through the gift of a generous donor.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT TRINITY

Today, Oct. 20	Adult Sunday School	9:15 AM
.....	Worship with Holy Communion	10:30 AM
.....	First Communion Class in sanctuary ..during coffee hour	
.....	Rev. Susan Candea Gathering Reception.....	3:00 PM
.....	Rev. Sudan Candea Installation as CSS Bishop	5:00 PM
Mon., Oct. 21	Women's AA	5:00 PM
Tues., Oct. 22	Quilters.....	9:00 AM
.....	Topeka Lutheran Home Assoc. Meeting.....	7:00 PM
Wed., Oct. 23	Women's AA	5:30 PM
Thurs., Oct. 24	Men's AA.....	7:00 PM
Sunday, Oct. 27.....	Reformation Sunday.....	
.....	Adult Sunday School	9:15 AM
.....	Worship with Holy Communion	10:30 AM
.....	with Celebration of 1st Communion	



The last class session for 1st communion for 1st thru 5th grade children will take place today after worship.

Bring your coffee hour refreshments to the sanctuary for a class time between 20-30 minutes. On Reformation Sunday (Oct. 27th) during the regular worship service, we will celebrate those children who complete the program.

Mark you calendars for 1st Lutheran's *A Taste of First Lutheran Church* on Sunday, October 27. Polka worship at 4:00 pm, followed by German dinner at 5:30.



The JuBellation Handbell Choir of St. John Lutheran Church concert, scheduled for October 26, has changed locations. Around 100 handbell ringers will be giving a concert as the culmination of the day-long workshop. This concert will also feature several selections from the Concordia University of Nebraska handbell choir, under the direction of Jessica Kite.

This concert will now be held at the St. John Memorial Hall, 206 W. 2nd, in Alma at 3:30. This concert is free and the public is invited to attend.



DOORSTEP
Neighbors Helping Neighbors

Doorstep is need of the following items during October.

Food: cereal, caned fruit, tuna, ramen noodles, peanut butter & jelly, hamburger helper, egg noodles

Clothes: men's underwear, socks, shoes, jeans through size 40, women's underwear, diapers size 5 and 6

Doorstep is starting to collect for Christmas Store to replace the items lost due to sewer backup in August. Specifically they are needing all types of new clothes, blankets, toys and back to school supplies (including backpacks)

OFFERING, ATTENDANCE, and FINANCIAL STATUS						
Date	General	Other	Total Weekly Income	Average Weekly Expense	Weekly Income Minus Average Weekly Expense	Attendance/ Communion
Sept. 22	\$2,825.00	\$16,262.00	\$19,087.00	-\$2,648.00	\$16,439.00	35/31
Sept. 29	\$983.00	\$946.00	\$1,929.00	-\$2,648.00	-\$719.00	38/35
Oct. 6	\$3,258.00	\$0.00	\$3,258.00	-\$2,648.00	\$610.00	43/43
Oct. 13	\$1,380.00	\$111.00	\$1,491.00	-\$2,648.00	-\$1,157.00	32/29
The money shown in the "Other" column is restricted and not available for our general fund.						
			Income	Expense	Behind/Ahead	
		July 2019	\$12,248.50	-\$8,788.61	\$3,459.89	
		Jan. - July	\$74,593.54	-\$74,275.72	\$317.82	

Worship Assistants									
Date	Greeter(s)	Usher(s)	Organist	Lector	Acolyte	Altar Guild	Coffee Hosts	Assisting Minister	Presiding Minister
October 20, 2019	Jerry Chelson	David McGinnis	Mitchell Bean	Ted Murphy	Parker Jackson	Pam Kobbeman & Team 3	Marcy Carlson & Janelle Meredith	Bob Horton	Pr. Andrew Patty
October 27, 2019	Marilyn Heckman	Ted Murphy	Laurie Jackson	Duane Pomeroy	Duane Pomeroy	Pam Kobbeman & Team 3	Duane & Debbie Pomeroy	Mary Heald	Pr. Andrew Patty



Trinity's garage sale is scheduled for Saturday, November 9th. We already have a couple of volunteers to help that day, but more will be needed. Donations of items to sell are also welcome.

Remember our shut-ins!

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



As a reminder...Due to HIPPA and Privacy Laws, hospitals and care facilities are not allowed to notify us when patients are admitted. Therefore, we ask that you or a friend or family member contact the church office if you will be entering a hospital or care facility, if you are unable to attend worship due to illness or mobility, or if you would like your name or that of a friend or family member included in the prayers. Call 233-0767 or email office@topekatlc.org.

To be added to the prayer chain, please contact Barbara Apps at 785-249-7244. 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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