

TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
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WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday, 10:30am Holy Communion
SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ADULTS
Cancelled until further notice.

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
Living with Christ
Caring for Neighbors

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SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY

<i>Every Sunday: 10:30 am Worship & Holy Communion</i>			1	2	3	4		
10:30 am Worship	5	6	9 am Quilters	7	8	9	10	11
					7pm Tocher Lecture @ Grace Cathedral			
					6:30-8 pm Historic Old Town NIA meeting			
10:30 am Worship	12	13	9 am Quilters	14	15	16	17	18
2 pm PFLAG meeting		7 pm Council						
10:30 am Worship	19	20	9 am Quilters	21	22	23	24	25
		October 2021 Trinity Tidings deadline						
		Hollis Center <i>Blessings Abound</i> Golf Benefit						
10:30 am Worship	26	27	9 am Quilters	28	29	30		
		7 pm TLHA						

Trinity Lutheran Church
Topeka, KS

Pastor's Letter

So then, with endurance, let's also run the race that is laid out in front of us, since we have such a great cloud of witnesses surrounding us. Let's throw off any extra baggage, get rid of the sin that trips us up, and fix our eyes on Jesus, faith's pioneer and perfecter. He endured the cross, ignoring the shame, for the sake of the joy that was laid out in front of him, and sat down at the right side of God's throne. Hebrews 12:1-2

Many in the congregation are still breathing and taking rest from the joyous celebration of our 151st anniversary. While it was great to see all the faces and fellowship with everyone; we also understand to make this happen it took many hands and hours to bring it together. In this summer of the Olympics, I cannot help but make the comparison to an athlete. After not having practiced for over a year, we were running a marathon all of a sudden. By the end, we might have been a little out of breath or crawling past the finish line, but we all contributed to make our 151st celebration as a congregation meaningful for all that attended.

One of the key words that Paul uses in this letter to the Hebrews is the word "endurance." While you could certainly go out

and run a 5k today, many of us would not have the endurance to make that happen. Endurance is something that has to be gained through discipline and training. One cannot simply have endurance. This was one of the early facts about being a runner that I understood. In grade school, I was a cross country runner and ran on the varsity teams in my time. If you are asking yourself, was Pastor Andrew a fast runner; you will be correct in your assessment to question that. I was not a fast runner as might be required on the track. Yet, I did have the endurance that others simply did not have. I had to practice everyday to make my stride. You had to learn your pace and when to conserve your energy for the start and ending of the races. Everyday is a struggle to find that correct pattern of running to meet your target times. Endurance also means that one keeps practicing which can be the downfall of any athlete. It also means that when you encounter new obstacles like a hill or creek, you are able to factor those challenges into the race. Any athlete also needs rest. We need rest for our muscles and our body to heal. Any race or strenuous activity on the body needs a time to restore itself

and regain energy. After this last month, I am sure that many in the congregation are at this rest stage. Yet, the fear of rest is that we rest for too long. There are many times after a hard race that I thought as a runner that I might just take some extra time to rest. Yet, there is a limit to this rest. Rest for too long and the body begins to assume that you no longer want to run. Your endurance starts to drift away. It becomes harder to get started again on the path of being an athlete. This analogy is tied as well to our functioning as a church as Paul demonstrates. We have to practice and have rest to have our endurance for our faith in this world. While our 151st might have been our first major race since COVID, it will not be the last race for us. We have many more races to be had in our faith as a community as we build up the endurance to survive and thrive as a small church. We have many more miles to run and challenges to encounter on this race that we are running. So take rest in this moment, but lets soon start anew to practice our faith for the future...

*Peace of Christ,
Rev. Andrew C. Patty, Pastor
Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church*

September Celebrations

Birthdays

- 3 Ellen Irwin
- 3 Davis Ralph
- 6 Bob Horton
- 7 Laurie Jackson
- 14 Janice Greenlee
- 16 Elania King
- 18 Diane Bottorff
- 27 Dorothy Strom
- 30 Dean McGinnis

Baptisms

- 1 Parker Jackson
- 3 Asher Klamm
- 4 Charlotte Blenden
- 7 Vickie Jacobs
- 7 Hudson Ralph
- 10 Ted Quast
- 15 Mary McGinnis
- 16 Jake Kennedy
- 16 Zach Kennedy
- 23 Janelle Meredith
- 28 Andy Winsor

Wedding Anniversaries

- 9 Larry & Mary McGinnis
- 17 Charles & Adrienne Hutchison
- 24 Junior & Liz Utech

September Readings

September 5 — Fifteenth Sunday of Pentecost

- Isaiah 35:4-7a
- Psalm 146
- James 2:1-17
- Mark 7:24-37

September 12 — Sixteenth Sunday of Pentecost

- Isaiah 50:4-9a
- Psalm 116:1-9
- James 3:1-12
- Mark 8:27-38

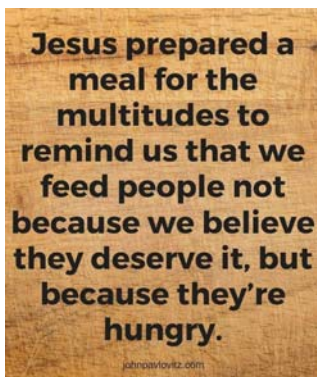
September 19 — Seventeenth Sunday of Pentecost

- Jeremiah 11:18-20
- Psalm 54
- James 3:13—4:3, 7-8a
- Mark 9:30-37

September 26 — Eighteenth Sunday of Pentecost

- Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29
- Psalm 19:7-14
- James 5:13-20
- Mark 9:38-50

Doorstep News & Needs — September 2021



We are planning our **4th Annual Neighbor Helping Neighbor Walk/5K Fun Run** set for **Sunday, October 3rd, 2pm**, at Lake Shawnee. Get your family and friends together and join us for some exercise at the lake and snacks while raising funds for Doorstep at the same time!

We have everything available online on our website under the Events Tab: www.DoorstepTopeka.org. You can download the flyer and registration form to mail in, drop off at our office, or register online. To guarantee an event t-shirt you need to register by September 14th. However, we will continue to take late and event day registrations. One child age 10 & un-

der can walk for free (t-shirt extra) with one paid adult. Registration is \$30 per person or get sponsors to cover your fee and donate to Doorstep (sponsor form is also on our website).

If the event becomes impacted by COVID-19 restrictions as it did last year, we will make the event virtual again.

We were not able to have Operation Soup Line, the Annual Banquet, our Quilt Drawing or food sales this year due to COVID. So, this Walk/5K Run is our only fundraiser in 2021! Please consider joining us for the event or sponsor someone else to help bring in the needed funding from this event!

See flyer on page 5

Prayer Chain

Attention members of Trinity who are willing to join a newly developed Prayer Chain. This is for the members of Trinity Lutheran. The committee will communicate prayer requests by phone calls, word of mouth, text, or email. Please let me know if you have any questions. If you are presently on the Trinity Prayer chain let Vickie know.

Contact Vickie Jacobs to join this group.

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Council Meeting Minutes, August 2, 2021

President Diane called the meeting to order after the group worked along with other members to set up Fellowship Hall in preparation for the 151st meal and celebration on August 8. The main item of business revolved around details/responsibilities for the celebration. Diane reported there are 100 reservations for Sunday's meal.

Reservations are closed. Thanks to Marcy Carlson, Ben Carlson and two friends of Marcy's for the set-up of tables to allow for as much social distancing as possible. Treasurer Bob Kobbeman will provide an updated report on finances to council at its next meeting.

Next meeting September 13.

Notes from Sharlene & Pr. Mamy

Dear Cindy and whoever else was responsible for sending me the 151 years anniversary booklet and order of service. I appreciate your sending me the materials. It was good to see so many familiar faces, as well as unfamiliar faces. The service was, I'm sure, joyous and the dinner delicious. I would have enjoyed being there, but that was not possible.

I see that the quilters are still going strong. I enjoyed being a part of that group. We have a group here at St. John and I now sew quilt tops, in addition to tying them when we meet at church.

I appreciate your sending me the Trinity Tidings each month.

I hope that all are doing well. I am doing okay. Have had a good summer, with visits from family through out. The summer has been passing too quickly and soon it will be fall again. I am planning a trip to see Jennifer in Florida, friends in Texas, and Johanna in Missouri, all states where covid is rising again. My trip may have to be postponed, if the numbers don't start coming down soon. I've had the two shots for Covid, but would not want to bring anything back to the rest of the folks, who live here. Will have to wait and see. Please greet those who remember Glen and me, from our years at Trinity, and thanks again.

Sharlene

Thanks for the invitation to attend the 151st Celebration of Trinity. We are honored by your invitation. We are very sorry that since we moved to a new call in Austin, Texas in March and already booked two Sundays (8/29 and 9/5) to visit the grandkids in Rochester, MN and to bring AJ back to the

University of Wisconsin in Madison at the end of August, we have to miss this great event as I would have taken 3 Sundays in five months of service.

We will be there in spirit with you and please pass our greetings to everyone. Blessings, Mamy & Noel.



Walkers and runners are invited to participate in our 4th Annual

Neighbor Helping Neighbor Walk/5K Fun Run

A Fundraiser for Doorstep, Inc.

Location: Lake Shawnee Shelter Houses 1 & 2, West Edge Road

Date: Sunday, October 3, 2021

Check-In & Late Registration: 1:00PM to 1:45PM

Time: One Mile Walk & 5K Fun Run to begin at 2:00PM

Celebrity Starter for the Walk/Run is:

Chris Fisher ~ WIBW-TV

If the event becomes impacted by COVID-19 restrictions, we will make the event virtual.

Snacks & drinks will be provided at the finish of the Walk/5K Fun Run in the shelter house.

Enjoy ~ Cookies, granola bars, fresh fruit, juice, and water

**One Mile Walk/5K Fun Run Registration is Due by September 14, 2021
to Guarantee an event t-shirt!**

Late & Event Day Registrations Accepted. (T-shirt not guaranteed)

The registration cost is \$30 for individuals or pledges (\$30 minimum).

One registered child age 10 & under can walk for FREE with a paid adult. (T-shirt extra)

T-shirt included with \$30 registration fee or on total pledges of \$100+. Registrations received after September 14th will not be guaranteed a t-shirt.

Go to www.DoorstepTopeka.org (under the Events Tab) to register online or for registration/sponsor forms.



Thank you to our sponsors:

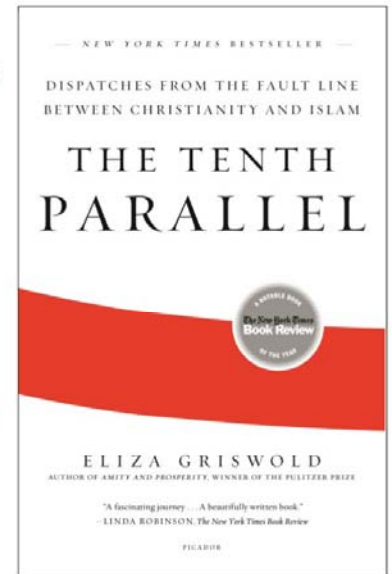


This Wednesday, September 1, 7 p.m., Tocher Lecture at Grace Cathedral

Eliza Griswold, award winning author, will address the question, "In an era that is polarized politically and religiously, how can Americans of faith re-open the conversation and find common ground and purpose?" There will also be time for Q&A and a book-signing.

Griswold writes frequently for *The New Yorker* on faith and politics (and also happens to be the daughter of former Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church, Frank Griswold). She has written multiple books including the Pulitzer Prize-winning *Amity and Prosperity* which recounts the true story of how fracking shattered one Pennsylvania town and how one resident brought it to light, and *The Tenth Parallel: Dispatches from the Fault Line Between Christianity and Islam*, which won the 2011 J. Anthony Lukas Book Prize.

All are welcome to this free, public event in the nave at Grace Cathedral. It promises to be a lively evening! (Masks required.)



Blessings Abound Golf Benefit
September 20, 2021 | Golf Club at Falcon Lakes

See you this fall.

Benefiting **HOLLIS** Sign Up Today! www.blessingsaboundgolf2021.eventbrite.com

Here is an address where you may go to find out more information about the Blessings Abound Golf Benefit and other Hollis events: <https://www.holliscenter.org/events.html>

Or sign up at www.blessingsaboundgolf2021.eventbrite.com