

Fifteenth Sunday of Pentecost

September 10, 2023

Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Setting 3

Conflict is a part of relationships and life. Jesus' words in this gospel are used in situations having to do with church discipline. The prophet Ezekiel tells of warning the wicked to turn from their ways, and Paul reminds us that love is the fulfilling of the law. We gather in the name of Christ, assured that he is present among us with gifts of peace and reconciliation.

PRELUDE

GATHERING

Welcome & Announcements

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Please stand as you are able.

P In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit

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.

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. *Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

- 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 God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.
- C Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

Earth and All Stars

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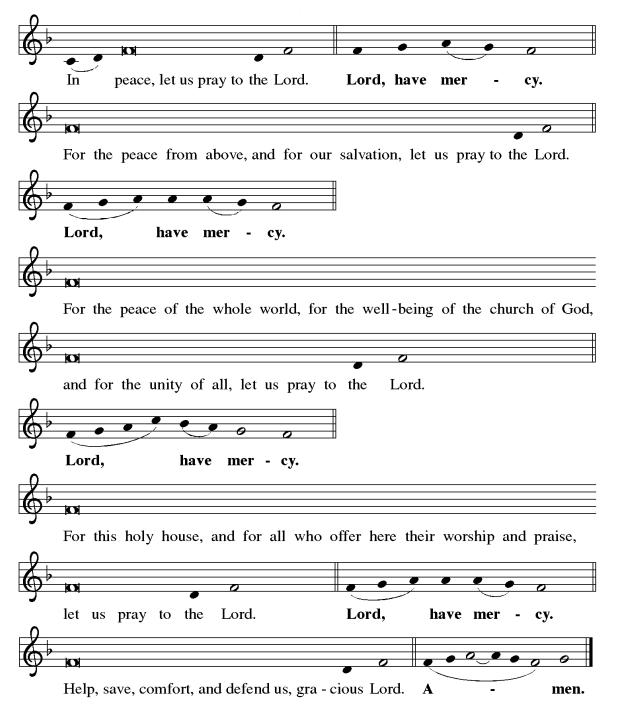
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GREETING

- 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.







HYMN OF PRAISE





PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- P Let us pray.

O Lord God, enliven and preserve your church with your perpetual mercy. Without your help, we mortals will fail; remove far from us everything that is harmful, and lead us toward all that gives life and salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen. Please be seated.

WORD

FIRST READING: EZEKIEL 33:7-11

⁷So you, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. ⁸If I say to the wicked, "O wicked ones, you shall surely die," and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. ⁹But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways, and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life. ¹⁰Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel, Thus you have said: "Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?" ¹¹Say to them, As I live, says the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways; for why will you die, O house of Israel?

- L The Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

PSALM 119:33-40

Sung responsively



³³Teach me, O LORD, the way | of your statutes, and I shall keep it | to the end.

 $^{34}\mbox{Give}$ me understanding, and I shall $^{|}$ keep your teaching; I shall keep it with $^{|}$ all my heart.

³⁵Lead me in the path of | your commandments, for that is | my desire.

³⁶Incline my heart to | your decrees and not to | unjust gain.

³⁷Turn my eyes from be- | holding falsehood; give me life | in your way.

³⁸Fulfill your promise | to your servant, which is for | those who fear you.

³⁹Turn away the reproach | that I dread, because your judg- | ments are good.

⁴⁰Behold, I long for | your commandments; by your righteousness en- | liven me.

SECOND READING: ROMANS 13:8-14

⁸Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet"; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "Love your neighbor as yourself." ¹⁰Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law. ¹¹Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; ¹²the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; ¹³let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

- L The Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



- P The Holy Gospel, according to Matthew, the eighteenth chapter.
- C Glory to you, O Lord.

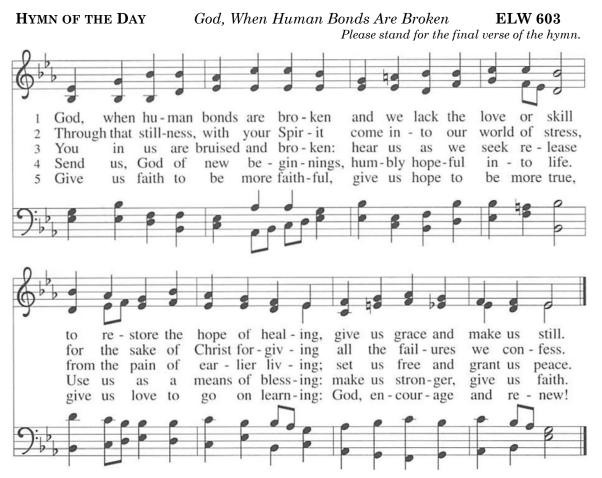
GOSPEL: MATTHEW 18:15-20

Jesus said to the disciples: ¹⁵"If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. ¹⁶But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. ¹⁷If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. ¹⁸Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. ²⁰For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

- P The Gospel of the Lord.
- C Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

SERMON



- 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 Remembering the caring and generous works of God, we pray for the church, creation, and the needs of our neighbors.

A brief silence.

A Hold us accountable, O God. Show your church, including Trinity Lutheran in Kirkwood and Hosanna! Lutheran in Liberty, Missouri, and Messiah Lutheran in Lindsborg, Kansas, where repentance is needed and lead us in paths of intentional compassion and listening. Help us extend hands of reconciliation and care, especially in relationships with other Christians and people of other faiths. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

A Reveal your miracles to us, O God. Move us to cherish you as we behold the wonders of creation. Renew the seas and soil, the forests and the creatures that live in them. Turn us to ways of living that seek Earth's thriving. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

A Give peace in areas of conflict, O God. Direct us to help and offer sustenance to vulnerable people across the world, especially those affected by the war in Ukraine. Provide safety from violence and assistance to those in need and guidance for families as they lose their homes and loved ones. We continue to lift up the German Evangelical Lutheran Church in the Ukraine and our own partner synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Urals, Siberia and the Far East to you in prayer as they face these times of conflict. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

A Inspire us to lead with honor, O God. Guide judges and legislators, police, and government officials to create and uphold just laws. Move us to treat all people with dignity and guide our conversations with one another. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

A Help us comfort those who suffer, O God. Reassure any who are harmed by the wicked acts of others. Bring peace to all who are vulnerable, frightened, despairing, or sick, especially Marilyn Heckman, Naomi Walker, Linda Longren, David McGinnis, and Martha Nemeth. Guard their waking and their sleeping. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

A Awaken us, O God. Challenge and encourage your people to value the vocation to which each is called. We pray for all discerning new possibilities or changing employment. In all our diverse callings, teach us to love our neighbor above all else. Merciful God.

C receive our prayer.

- A Let us celebrate with joy, O God. Today we lift up Janice Greenlee and Elania King as they celebrate their birthdays and Ted Quast, Mary McGinnis, Jake Kennedy, and Zane Kennedy as they remember their baptisms. Merciful God,
- C receive our prayer.
- P Be our hope, O God. We remember with thanksgiving your disciples who died in faith. May their trust in your promise be our protection and our hope. Merciful God.
- C receive our prayer.
- P Remember us according to your steadfast love as we offer these and the prayers of our heart, trusting in your compassion made known through Jesus Christ.
- 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 SONG



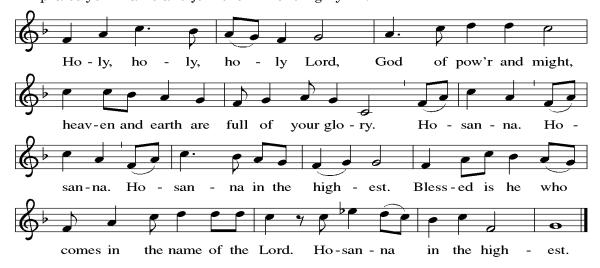
OFFERTORY PRAYER

A God of power, God of plenty, all things belong to you. We bring your gifts to the table, that all might be fed. Form us into the body of your Beloved, Jesus Christ, our Savior.

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; 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:



EUCHARISTIC 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.

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.

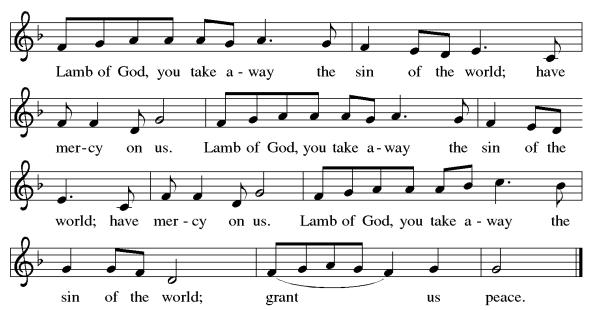
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

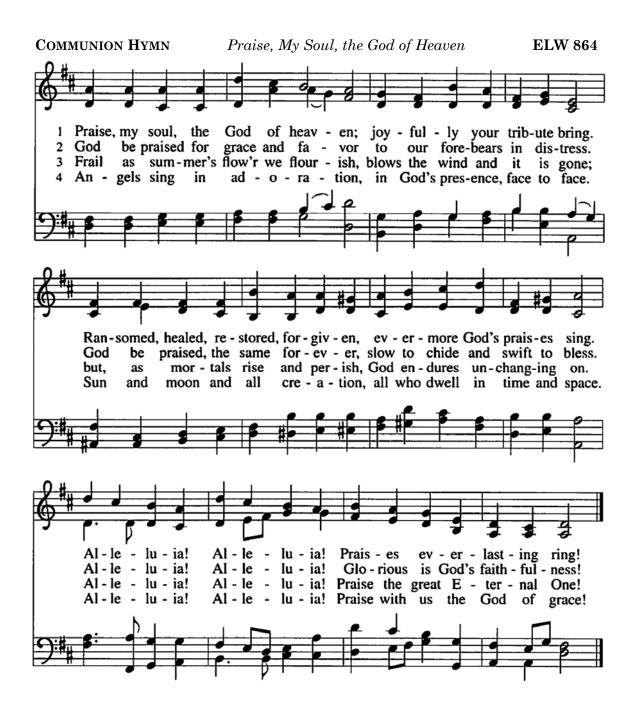
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P Jesus invites you to this table. Come, eat and live.

LAMB OF GOD





COMMUNION BLESSING

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

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

- A Blessed be your name, O God, for we have feasted on your Word, Christ Jesus, the joy and delight of our hearts. Strengthened by this food, send us to gather the world to your banquet, where none are left out and all are satisfied. In Jesus' name we pray.
- C Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

- P The God of glory, + Jesus Christ, name above all names, and the Spirit who lives in you, bless you now and forever.
- C Amen.

SENDING HYMN

Go, My Children, with My Blessing

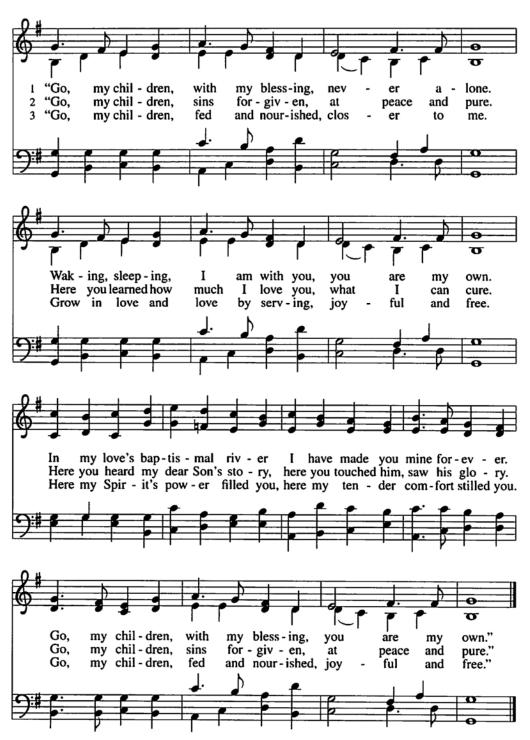
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DISMISSAL

- A Go in peace. God is at work in you
- C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE



Welcome to worship at Trinity!
Thank you for joining us for worship. We hope that you 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.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT TRINITY
Today, Sept. 109:45 AM
PFLAG meeting2:00 PM
Mon., Sept 11Church Council meeting6:00 PM
Tues., Sept. 12
Wed., Sept. 13Historic Old Town NIA meeting6:30 PM
Sat., Sept. 16
Sun., Sept. 17Community Relations committee meeting

First Lutheran Church of Topeka, 1234 SW Fairlawn Road, announces a *Growing in Prayer Workshop* that will be held September 16th at the church.

Rev. Ernie Hinojosa, pastor of Rejoice Lutheran Church in Coppell, Texas and Rev. Louise Johnson, Executive Director for Administration ELCA will lead the event.

This will be a daylong experiential event focusing on prayer. Registration starts at 8:30 with the first session beginning at 9:00. Lunch will be 12:00 to 1:00, and the after-

noon session will be 1:00 to 3:00. We would like to invite members of your church to join us for this exciting event.

A freewill offering will be divided between Doorstep and Lutheran World Relief.

Please use this link to register. https://forms.gle/fbLksZNCnkEF5YCy8.

If you have any questions, please contact Joyce Koenig (501-781-5692) at koenig 1942@hotmail.com



Walkers and runners are invited to participate in our 6th Annual

Neighbor Helping Neighbor Walk/5K Run

A Fundraiser for Doorstep, Inc.

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

Road

Date: Sunday, October 1, 2023

Check-in & Late Registration: 1:00pm - 1:45pm
Time: One Mile Walk & 5K Fun Run to begin at 2:00pm

Forms Available or Register Online at: DoorstepTopeka.org

Celebrity Starter for the Walk/Run is

Chris Fisher ~ WIBW-TV

Snacks & drinks will be provided at the finish of the Walk/5K Run in Shelter House #1

Enjoy cookies, granola bars, fresh fruit, juice, and water

Register by September 13th to guarantee an event t-shirt.

Pay \$30 Entry Fee or get sponsors to donate to Doorstep as your entry fee! One child 10 & under can walk for FREE with one paid adult. (shirt extra)

Worship Assistants												
Date	Acolytes	Ushers	Musician	Lector	Altar Guild	Asst. Minister	Presiding Minister	Coffee Hosts				
Sept. 10	Curt Lewis	Bob Horton, Dean McGinnis	Mitchell Bean	Bob Horton	Cindy McGinnis & Team 3	Marsha Ridinger	Pr. Andrew Patty	Bob/Janeen Horton				
Sept. 17	Parker Jackson	Howard Reece, Curt Lewis	Laurie Jackson	Debbie Pomeroy	Cindy McGinnis & Team 3	Marcy Carlson	Pr. Andrew Patty	Duane/ Debbie Pomeroy				
Sept. 24		Marcy Carlson, Bob Horton	Mitchell Bean	Duane Pomeroy	Cindy McGinnis & Team 3	Ted Murphy	Pr. Andrew Patty	Diane Bot- torff& Car- ol Marker				

OFFERING, ATTENDANCE, and FINANCIAL STATUS											
Date	General	Other	Total Weekly Income	Average Weekly Expense	Weekly Income Minus Average Weekly Expense	Attendance/ Communion					
Aug. 13	\$11,471.0	\$0.00	\$11,471.00	-\$1,653.85	\$9,817.15	24/24					
Aug. 20	\$1,552.00	\$0.00	\$1,552.00	-\$1,653.85	-\$101.85	24/22					
Aug. 27	\$2,191.00	\$0.00	\$2,191.00	-\$1,653.85	\$537.15	38/27					
Sept. 3	\$3,503.00	\$0.00	\$3,503.00	-\$1,653.85	\$1,849.15	29/25					
			\$0.00	Expense							
		July 2023	\$10,011.00	-\$9,769.92	\$241.08						
		Jan July	\$99,220.41	-\$87,275.09	\$11,945.32						



TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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OFFICE HOURS

10:00AM-3:30PM, Monday through Thursday

Together in Community

Living with Christ

Caring for Neighbors

Together in Community

We are a faith community brought together to worship God and to be of service to the needs of the world as the Great Commandment is our guide in our lives (Matthew 22:36-39, Mark 12:29-31, and Luke 10:26-27). We are a congregation that seeks to reach all those in our county with members spread throughout Topeka area, while being rooted in Historic Old Town. In our faith, we hope to be a symbol of Christ's love in the world (John 15:12), to be a community of support and care (Galatians 6:2), and to proclaim the good news that Jesus Christ came to be a Savior for all people (Colossians 1:13-14).

CONGREGATION COUNCIL

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Secretary Diane Bottorff (Community Relations)

Shelley Andrews (Administration)

Carol Marker (Spiritual Care)

Pam Kobbeman (Administration)

Dean McGinnis (Congregational Life)

Treasurer Bob Kobbeman