

August 18, 2024

Thirteenth Sunday of Pentecost

We are glad you are here!
***It is always good to be together, hearing the Word proclaimed
and sharing in the Lord's Supper.***
Thank you for choosing to worship at Trinity Lutheran Topeka.

Evangelical Lutheran Worship — Setting 2

Wisdom prepares a feast, sets her table, and invites all to come and eat her bread and drink her wine. The first chapter of John's gospel owes much to the biblical tradition that imagined Wisdom as existing before anything was created and having a role in the work of creation. Christ, the wisdom of God (1 Cor. 1:24), today invites us to eat his flesh and drink his blood. John's gospel includes no account of the institution of the Lord's supper, but here we can't help hearing Jesus' words as an invitation to the meal of bread and wine we share.

PRELUDE

GATHERING

Please stand as you are able.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, 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.

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Most merciful God,

C we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

P In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

1 A - round you, O Lord Je - sus, your own you gath - er still
 2 We hear your in - vi - ta - tion, and heed, O Lord, your call;
 3 We are your own for - ev - er; un - til our fi - nal breath

to share the feast you give us with grace our lives to fill.
 your word of con - so - la - tion is spo - ken here to all.
 we will be true and nev - er— in joy, in grief, in death—

You say to us so lov - ing - ly, "Take, eat! This is my
 It draws us to your lov - ing heart; it brings to us your
 de - part from you, for you are still a - mong your peo - ple

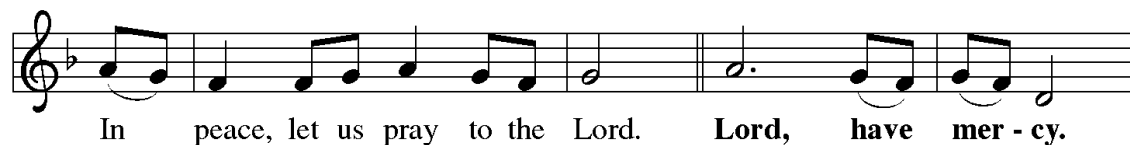
bod - y! Take, drink! This is my blood!"
 bless - ing, which nev - er will de - part.
 dwell - ing, as you have said you will.

GREETING

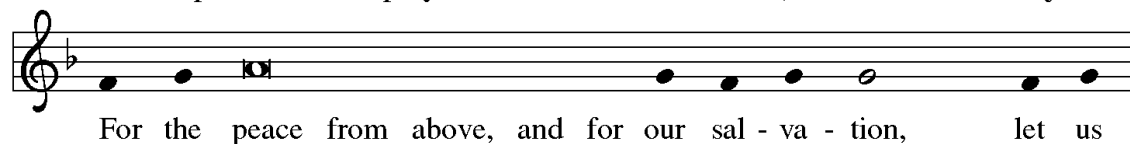
P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C And also with you.

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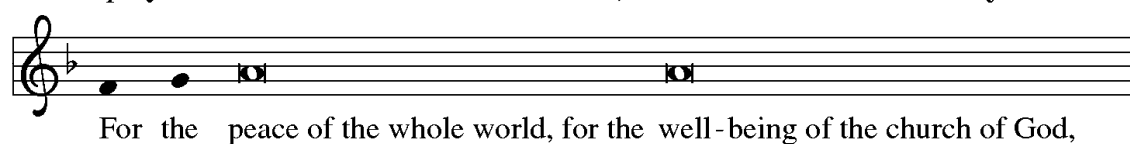
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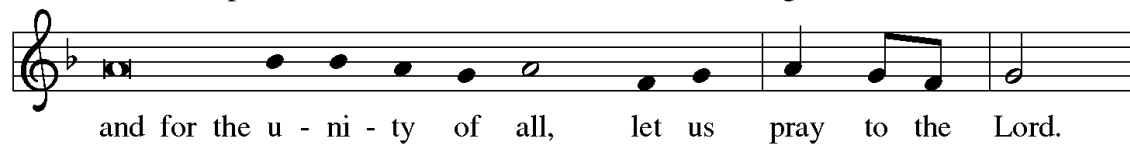
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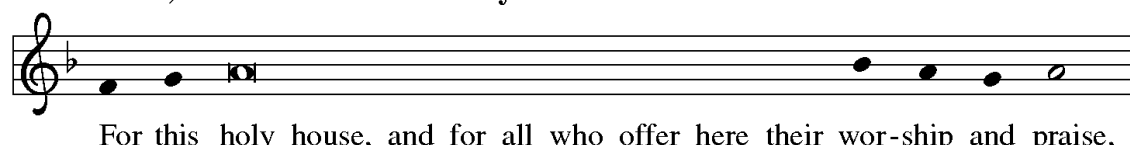
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



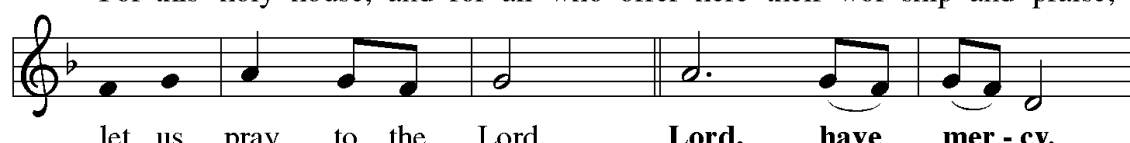
and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



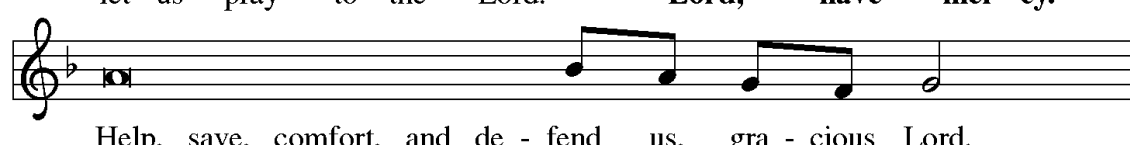
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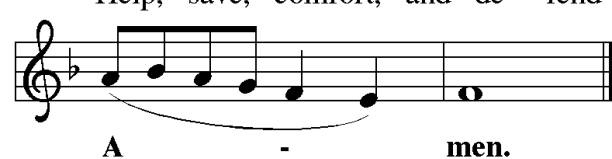
For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



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

Refrain
Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

1 Lord God, heav-en - ly King, al - might-y God and Fa - ther, we
wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.

Refrain
Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

2 Lord Je - sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of
God, you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us; you are
seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

Refrain
Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

3 For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,
you a-lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly
Spir-it, in the glo-ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Refrain
Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

A Let us pray.

Ever-loving God, your Son gives himself as living bread for the life of the world. Fill us with such a knowledge of his presence that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life to serve you continually, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

Please be seated.

WORD

FIRST READING: PROVERBS 9:1-6

- ¹Wisdom has built her house,
she has hewn her seven pillars.
²She has slaughtered her animals, she has mixed her wine,
she has also set her table.
³She has sent out her servant-girls, she calls
from the highest places in the town,
⁴“You that are simple, turn in here!”
To those without sense she says,
⁵“Come, eat of my bread
and drink of the wine I have mixed.
⁶Lay aside immaturity, and live,
and walk in the way of insight.”

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 34:9-14

Spoken responsively

- ⁹Fear the LORD, you saints of the LORD,
for those who fear the LORD lack nothing.
¹⁰**The lions are in want and suffer hunger,
but those who seek the LORD lack nothing that is good.**
¹¹Come, children, and listen to me;
I will teach you reverence for the LORD.
¹²**Who among you takes pleasure in life
and desires long life to enjoy prosperity?**
¹³Keep your tongue from evil
and your lips from lying words.
¹⁴**Turn from evil and do good;
seek peace and pursue it.**

SECOND READING: EPHESIANS 5:15-20

¹⁵Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, ¹⁶making the most of the time, because the days are evil. ¹⁷So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. ¹⁸Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, ¹⁹as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, ²⁰giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.42**

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia, 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 John, the sixth chapter.

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

GOSPEL: JOHN 6:51-58

Jesus said, ⁵¹“I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.”⁵²The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, “How can this man give us his flesh to eat?” ⁵³So Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. ⁵⁴Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; ⁵⁵for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. ⁵⁶Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. ⁵⁷Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. ⁵⁸This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Please be seated.

SERMON

PASTOR BARBARA JONES

HYMN OF THE DAY

Come, Let Us Eat

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Please stand for the final verse of the hymn.



1 Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread,
2 Come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured,
3 In Je - sus' pres - ence now we meet and rest,
4 Rise, then, to spread a - broad God's might - y word,



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Our Lord's bod - y let us take to - geth - er,
Je - sus' blood poured let us drink to - geth - er,
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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 Calling on the spirit of Wisdom to guide our hearts and our minds, let us pray
for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

A Wisdom has built her church to be a house of wisdom for all who enter. May we
continue to grow and stretch in ways we never thought possible. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

A Wisdom has mixed her wine. May the harvest seasons be plentiful this year. We
pray for orchards, vineyards, farms, and all of creation. Protect and conserve
the earth. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

A Wisdom has employed her laborers. Be with all who seek adequate employment.
Guide our economic and governmental leaders to support the people of our
world with fair wages and safe working conditions. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

A Wisdom has invited her guests. Make your presence known to all who feel lost,
abandoned, or hurting at this time. Direct your spirit of care to all who seek
healing and comfort, especially Donna Allen, Peggy Buchholz, Linda Longren,
David McGinnis, Dea Polzin, and Martha Nemeth. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

A Wisdom has set her table. May this congregation be a welcome table to all who
seek the refuge of God. Break down walls and barriers that prevent us from
offering a seat at this table to anyone who comes. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

P Wisdom has shown her path of insight. May we journey on her paths, looking
toward a bright future while remembering from where we have come. We give
our thanks for those who have gone before us. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

P We lift up these prayers to you, gracious God. Receive them into your holy
keeping.

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.

MEAL

OFFERING

OFFERING SONG

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 the dreams of all; u - nite them with the
prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence,
and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

A Let us pray.

Jesus, Bread of life, you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world.

C **Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

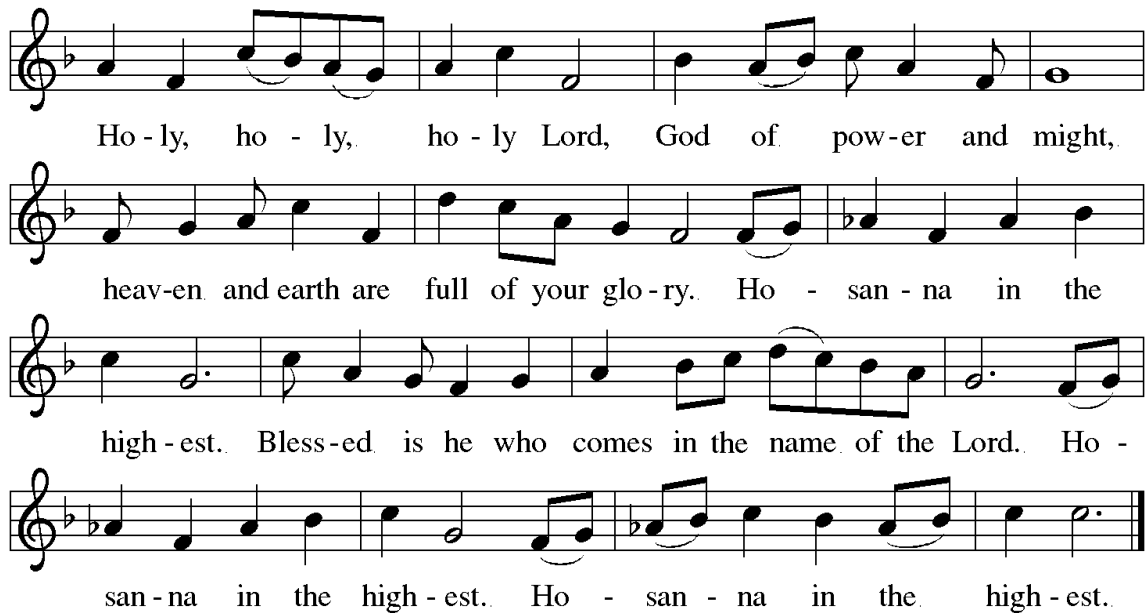
P Lift up your hearts.

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-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.

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.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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 Christ has set the table with more than enough for all. Come!

Please be seated.

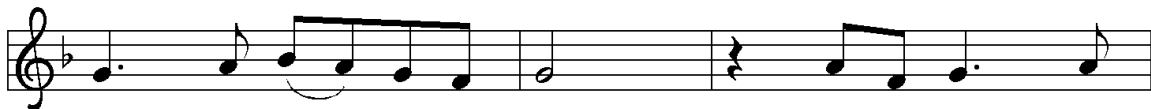
LAMB OF GOD



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



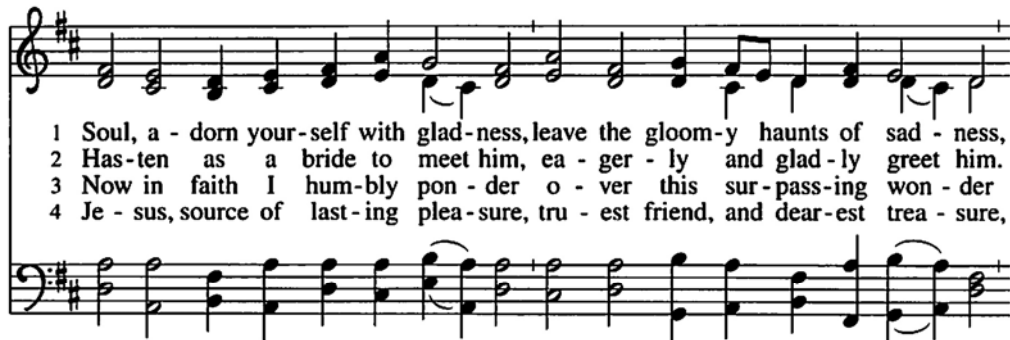
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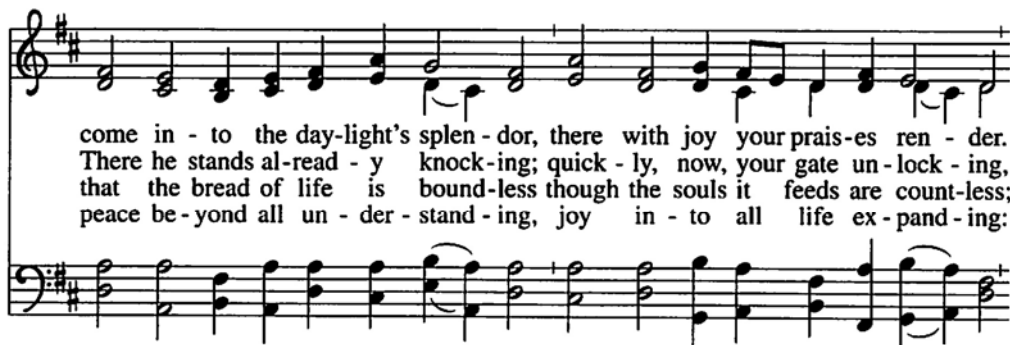
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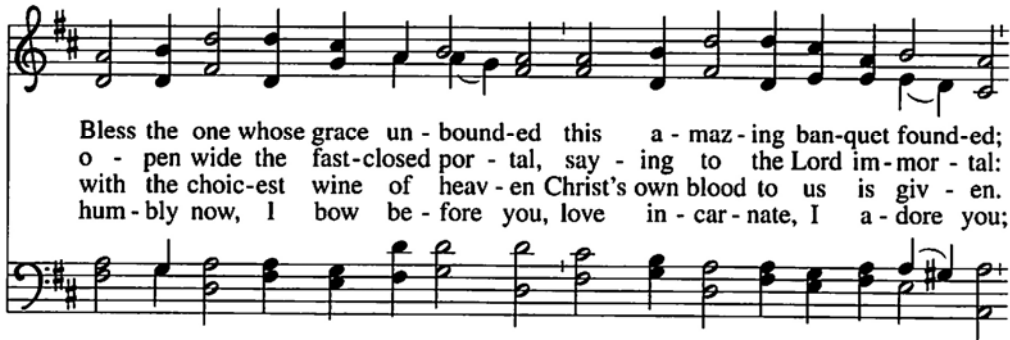
take a - way the sin of the world; grant us peace.



1 Soul, a - dorn your-self with glad-ness, leave the gloom-y haunts of sad - ness,
 2 Has-ten as a bride to meet him, ea - ger - ly and glad - ly greet him.
 3 Now in faith I hum-bly pon - der o - ver this sur-pass-ing won - der
 4 Je - sus, source of last-ing plea-sure, tru - est friend, and dear-est trea - sure,



come in - to the day-light's splen - dor, there with joy your prais-es ren - der.
 There he stands al-read - y knock-ing; quick - ly, now, your gate un - lock - ing,
 that the bread of life is bound-less though the souls it feeds are count-less;
 peace be - yond all un - der - stand - ing, joy in - to all life ex - pand - ing:



Bless the one whose grace un - bound-ed this a - maz - ing ban-quet found-ed;
 o - pen wide the fast-closed por - tal, say - ing to the Lord im - mor - tal:
 with the choic-est wine of heav - en Christ's own blood to us is giv - en.
 hum - bly now, I bow be - fore you, love in - car - nate, I a - dore you;



Christ, though heav'n-ly, high, and ho - ly, deigns to dwell with you most low - ly.
 "Come, and leave your loved one nev - er; dwell with-in my heart for - ev - er."
 Oh, most glo - rious con - so - la - tion, pledge and seal of my sal - va - tion.
 wor - thi - ly let me re - ceive you, and, so fa - vored, nev - er leave you.

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.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A Let us pray.

Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray.

C **Amen.**

SENDING

BLESSING

P The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, † be upon you now and forever.

C **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

O Living Bread from Heaven

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See page 15

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Please join us for coffee and refreshments downstairs in Fellowship Hall immediately after worship.

POSTLUDE

1 O liv - ing Bread from heav - en, how well you feed your guest!
 2 My Sav - ior, you have led me with - in your ho - liest place,
 3 You gave me all I want - ed; this food can death de - stroy.
 4 Oh, grant me then, well - strength - ened with heav'n - ly food, while here

The gifts that you have giv - en have filled my heart with rest.
 and here your - self have fed me with trea - sures of your grace;
 And you have free - ly grant - ed the cup of end - less joy.
 my course on earth is length - ened, to serve you, free from fear;

O won - drous food of bless - ing! O cup that heals our woes!
 for you have free - ly giv - en what earth could nev - er buy,
 My Lord, I do not mer - it the fa - vor you have shown,
 and bring me home to praise you where none can peace de - stroy,

My heart, this gift pos - sess - ing, in thank - ful song o'er - flows!
 the bread of life from heav - en, that now I shall not die.
 and all my soul and spir - it bow down be - fore your throne.
 where I will ev - er raise you glad songs in end - less joy.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT TRINITY

Today, Aug. 18.....	Community Relations meeting	9:30 AM
.....	Worship with Holy Communion.....	10:30 AM
.....	Coffee Hour.....	after worship
Mon., Aug. 19	September Trinity Tidings deadline	
.....	Stroke Support Group	6:00 PM
Tues., Aug. 20.....	Quilters	9:00 AM
Sunday, Aug. 25	Children's Sunday School.....	9:45 AM
.....	Worship with Holy Communion/Blessing of Backpacks.....	10:30 AM
.....	Coffee Hour	after worship

Council Members, there will be an extra council meeting on Tuesday, August 20, at 6:00 pm.



HOST FAMILIES NEEDED!



The A Capella choir from Concordia University of Nebraska (Seward) will visit Topeka on their fall tour. This is the first year that they are having a fall tour, and we are honored that Topeka is on their itinerary.

The concert will be Friday, September 6 at 7:00PM at Faith Lutheran Church. This concert will be free and open to everyone.

When we host musical groups from Lutheran colleges and universities, we

provide homes for the students for the night after the concert. The A Capella choir has 70 students; so far we have hosts for 26 of those students We are asking you to please consider hosting two students. Besides a place to sleep, you would also offer them breakfast in the morning, and then return them to Faith by 8:15 on September 7. This is a great opportunity to get to know some of the students who come from all parts of the country to become church workers in our Lutheran system.

The A Capella Choir, under the direction of Dr. Kurt VonKampen, is one of the oldest touring Lutheran college choirs. It has received many accolades and awards for its outstanding work. We are honored to have them in concert this September.

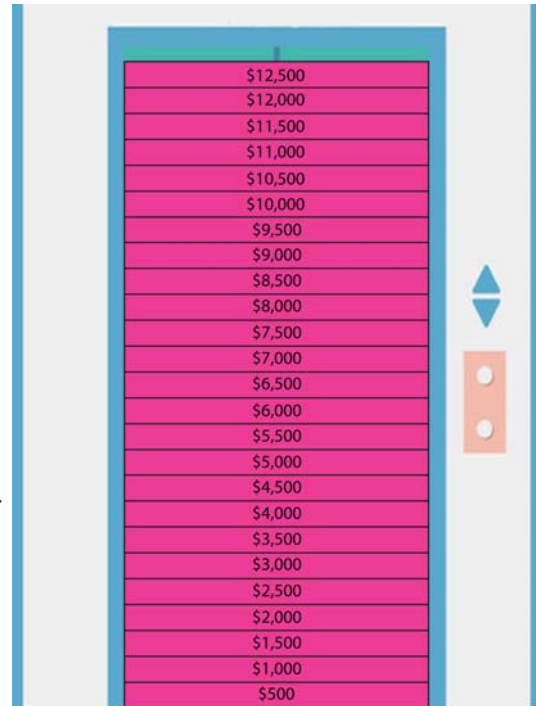
If you can host two or more students, you can register with Faith online at <https://forms.gle/uH182cNPJy6vNPca6>, or srthowe@gmail.com.

Fundraiser for Elevator Repair

We need to raise some funds to cover the cost for repairs of our elevator. Currently the elevator is not operational. MEI Total Elevator Solutions gave us a bid for the repairs needed. The cost is \$12,500, which Council has approved.

Covering this amount will put a strain on Trinity's financial resources.

We are asking you to consider making a donation to the Elevator Fund. Mark your gift "Elevator Fund" and place it in the offering or mail to the office. Watch for special envelopes in your bulletins and pews. This fundraiser will continue for the next 60 days (ends mid-October).



Blessing of the Back Packs



Join us at worship on August 25th and bring your school backpacks, work bags, computer bags, gym bags, purses, diaper bags, ANY bags! We'll offer a blessing for these essential parts of our daily lives.

Worship Assistants								
Date	Acolytes	Ushers	Musician	Lector	Altar Guild	Asst. Minister	Presiding Minister	Coffee Hosts
Aug. 18	Parker Jackson	Bob Horton, Dean McGinnis	Mitchell Bean	Duane Pomeroy	Jane Lewis & Team 2	Marcy Carlson	Pr. Barb Jones	Marilyn Heckman
Aug. 25		Diane Bottorff, Marcy Carlson	Laurie Jackson	Shelley Andrews	Jane Lewis & Team 2	Bob Horton	Pr. Barb Jones	Diane Bottorff

OFFERING, ATTENDANCE, and FINANCIAL STATUS						
Date	General	Other	Total Weekly Income	Average Weekly Expense	Weekly Income Minus Average Weekly Expense	Attendance/Communion
July 21	\$1,460.00	\$0.00	\$1,460.00	-\$2,211.54	-\$751.54	30/26
July 28	\$1,426.00	\$40.00	\$1,466.00	-\$2,211.54	-\$745.54	36/28
Aug. 4	\$3,270.95	\$110.00	\$3,380.95	-\$2,211.54	\$1,169.41	30/26
Aug. 11	\$1,126.00	\$0.00	\$1,126.00	-\$2,211.54	-\$1,085.54	33/30
		July 2024	\$6,802.00	-\$12,717.59	-\$5,915.59	
		Jan. - July	\$64,471.82	-\$75,195.98	-\$10,724.16	

Food Donation for Doorstep



Our August 4th Doorstep food collection brought in 323 items totaling 305.3 pounds!

Hudson, Carsyn, and Camdyn helped count, load, and deliver!





DOORSTEP

Neighbors Helping Neighbors

Urgent Food Needs!

We are currently out of, or low on these food items:

- Spaghetti Sauce
- Spaghetti O's
- Canned Tomatoes
- Pancake Mix
- Egg Noodles
- Tuna
- Cream of Mushroom Soup
- Saltine Crackers
- Mixed Veggies
- Mac & Cheese
- Ramen Noodles
- Hamburger/Tuna Helper
- Scalloped/Mashed Potatoes
- Baked Beans (Canned)
- Corn & Peas (Canned)
- Tomato Soup



Donations Accepted M-F 9-2 Enter Through South Door*



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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

President Diane Bottorff

Vice-President Curt Lewis (Maintenance)

Secretary Shelley Andrews (Administration)

Parker Jackson (Administration)

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