



Trinity Lutheran Church



September
29
2024

The Nineteenth Sunday
of Pentecost

Together
in Community
Living
with Christ
Caring
for Neighbors

Whoever is
not against
us is for us.

Mark 9:40

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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.

Someone who isn't part of Jesus' own circle is casting out demons in Jesus' name, and the disciples want him stopped. They appeal to Jesus, as Joshua did to Moses about the elders who prophesied without official authorization. Like Moses, Jesus refuses to see this as a threat. Jesus welcomes good being done in his name, even when it is not under his control. The circle we form around Jesus' word must be able to value good being done in ways we wouldn't do it, by people we can't keep tabs on.

PRELUDE

Pastorale

Cesar Franck

Evangelical Lutheran Worship — Setting 2

GATHERING

Please stand as you are able.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity...forever.

C Amen.

P Almighty God,...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,...and of the + Son, and of the **Holy Spirit.**

C Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

Gather Us In

ELW 532

¹Here in this place the new light is streaming, now is the darkness vanished
away;
see in this space our fears and our dreamings brought here to you in the light
of this day.
Gather us in, the lost and forsaken, gather us in, the blind and the lame; call to
us now, and we shall awaken, we shall arise at the sound of our name.
²We are the young, our lives are a myst'ry, we are the old who yearn for your
face;
we have been sung throughout all of hist'ry, called to be light to the whole
race.
Gather us in, the rich and the haughty, gather us in, the proud and the strong;
give us a heart, so meek and so lowly, give us the courage to enter the
song.
³Here we will take the wine and the water, here we will take the bread of new
birth,
here you shall call your sons and your daughters, call us anew to be salt for the
earth.
Give us to drink the wine of compassion, give us to eat the bread that is you;
nourish us well, and teach us to fashion lives that are holy and hearts
that are true.
⁴Not in the dark of buildings confining, not in some heaven, light years away—
here in this place the new light is shining, now is the kingdom, and now is
the day.
Gather us in and hold us forever, gather us in and make us your own;
gather us in, all peoples together, fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

GREETING

P The grace ...be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

KYRIE

In Peace, Let us pray to the Lord

ELW PAGE 120

HYMN OF PRAISE

Glory To God

ELW PAGE 121

PRAYER OF THE DAY

A Let us pray. Generous God...Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen.**

Please be seated.

WORD

FIRST READING: NUMBERS 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 19:7-14

Spoken responsively

⁷The teaching of the LORD is perfect and revives the soul; the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom to the simple.

⁸**The statutes of the LORD are just and rejoice the heart; the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light to the eyes.**

⁹The fear of the LORD is clean and endures forever; the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.

¹⁰**More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.**

¹¹By them also is your servant enlightened, and in keeping them there is great reward.

¹²**Who can detect one's own offenses? Cleanse me from my secret faults.**

¹³Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over me; then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.

¹⁴**Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.**

SECOND READING: JAMES 5:13-20

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia

ELW PAGE 124

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

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

GOSPEL: MARK 9:38-50

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Please be seated.

SERMON

PASTOR BARBARA JONES

Please stand for the last verse.

- ¹Where cross the crowded ways of life, where sound the cries of race and clan,
Above the noise of selfish strife, we hear your voice, O Son of Man.
- ²In haunts of wretchedness and need, on shadowed thresholds dark with fears,
from paths where hide the lures of greed, we catch the vision of your
tears.
- ³From tender childhood's helplessness, from human grief and burdened toil,
from famished souls, from sorrow's stress, your heart has never known
recoil
- ⁴The cup of water giv'n for you still holds the freshness of your grace;
yet long these multitudes to view the strong compassion in your face.
- ⁵O Master, from the mountainside make haste to heal these hearts of pain;
among these restless throngs abide; oh, tread the city's streets again;
- ⁶Till all the world shall learn your love, and follow where your feet have trod;
till glorious from your heav'n above shall come the city of our God.

P Let us confess our faith with the words of the Apostles' Creed. ELW PAGE 127

THE PRAYERS

A Drawn together in the power of the Holy Spirit,...and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

A Loving God...Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

P We entrust these...Jesus Christ, our Savior.

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 AND OFFERING SONG

ELW PAGE 181

Please stand as you are able.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

A Let us pray. Blessed are you...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...join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

ELW PAGE 130

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

ELW PAGE 134

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Please be seated.

LAMB OF GOD

ELW PAGE 135

COMMUNION HYMN

There Is a Balm in Gilead

ELW 614

Refrain

There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole;

there is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul.

¹Sometimes I feel discouraged and think my work's in vain,
but then the Holy Spirit revives my soul again. *Refrain*

²If you cannot preach like Peter, if you cannot pray like Paul,
you can tell the love of Jesus and say, "He died for all." *Refrain*

³Don't ever be discouraged, for Jesus is your friend;
and if you lack for knowledge he'll ne'er refuse to lend. *Refrain*

Please stand as you are able.

COMMUNION BLESSING

P The body...keep you in his grace.

C Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A Let us pray. Holy God...through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

SENDING PRAYER FOR COMMUNION KITS

P Gracious God...your abiding presence.

C Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

P God all mighty, God most merciful † bless you, keep you, and give you peace.

C Amen.

SENDING HYMN *All Creatures, Worship God Most High!* ELW 835

¹All creatures, worship God most high! Sound ev'ry voice in earth and sky:
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Sing, brother sun, in splendor bright; sing, sister moon and stars of night:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

²Sing, brother wind; with clouds and rain you grow the gifts of fruit and grain:
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Dear sister water, useful, clear, make music for your Lord to hear:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

³Sing, brother fire, so mirthful, strong, drive far the shadows, join the throng:
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Dear mother earth, so rich in care, praise God in colors bright and rare:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

⁴All who for love of God forgive, all who in pain and sorrow grieve:
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Christ bears your burdens and your fears; still make your song amid the tears:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

⁵And you, most gentle sister death, waiting to hush our final breath:
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Since Christ our light has pierced your gloom, fair is the night that leads us
home.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

⁶O sisters, brothers, take your part, and worship God with humble heart:
Alleluia! Alleluia!

All creatures, bless the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Three in One:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Follow Jesus.

C **Thanks be to God. Our worship has ended. Now our service begins.**

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

POSTLUDE



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OFFICE HOURS

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

Together in Community

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Caring for Our Neighbors

Jesus commands us that when we care for the least of these; that we are in the presence of Christ (*Matthew 25:44-45*). As a congregation, we deeply care about serving those in need in our community. We hope to be a place of refuge and support for our neighborhood and to be a place to uplift those people that struggle around us. We also support ministries both local, national, and global as a church in the ELCA. As a congregation, we focus our efforts to partner with community organizations like Doorstep, while expanding opportunities to help our neighborhood through activities like our food ministry and community garden. We continue to be open to the ways that God calls us to be a presence in our community and to create a world where all are cared for in our society (*Philippians 2:4*).

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