



EASTER 2025

Trinity Lutheran Church



May
11

2025
4th Sunday of
Easter

Together
in Community
Living
with Christ
Caring
for Neighbors

My sheep
hear my
voice. I
know them,
and they
follow me.

John 10:27

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We are glad you are here!

It is always good to be together, hearing the Word proclaimed.

Thank you for choosing to worship at Trinity Lutheran Topeka.

We celebrate our worship leader today, Jordan Valentine. Jordan is the executive director of Camp Tomah Shinga. We are so thankful that she is with us to share a message.

PRELUDE

Evangelical Lutheran Worship — Now the Feast

GATHERING

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

P Christ is Risen!

C He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Please stand as you are able.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P If we say we have no sin we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. Let us confess our sin to God who is faithful and just and who has promised to forgive our sin and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. *Silence is kept for reflection.*

P Most merciful God,

C have mercy on us. We confess to you that 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 trusted you with our whole heart; we have not loved one another in deed and in truth. In your compassion forgive our sin and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ our light and our truth. Amen.

P With joy, I proclaim to you that Almighty God, rich in mercy, abundant in love, forgives you all your sin and grants you newness of life in Jesus Christ.

C Thanks be to God!

GATHERING HYMN

Holy God, We Praise Your Name

ELW 414

- 1 Holy God, we praise your name; Lord of all, we bow before you.
All on earth your scepter claim, all in heav'n above adore you.
Infinite your vast domain, everlasting is your reign.
- 2 Hark! The glad celestial hymn angel choirs above are raising;
cherubim and seraphim, in unceasing chorus praising,
fill the heav'ns with sweet accord: "Holy, holy, holy Lord!"
- 3 Lo, the apostolic train join your sacred name to hallow;
prophets swell the glad refrain, and the white-robed martyrs follow;
and from morn to set of sun through the church the song goes on.
- 4 Holy Father, holy Son, Holy Spirit, three we name you,
though in essence only one; undivided God we claim you
and, adoring, bend the knee while we own the mystery.

Text: source unknown; tr. Clarence A. Walworth, 1820-1900

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

Assistant:

In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Congregation:

Lord, have mer - cy.

3rd time to Coda

Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer -

Assistant:

For the Reign of God, and for peace through - out the
For your peo - ple here, who have come to give you

cy.

world, for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the
praise, for the strength to live your Word, let us pray to the

Coda

Help, save, and de - fend us, O

cy.

Ending for Kyrie

God.

A - men.

NOW THE FEAST

Refrain

Congregation:

Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion,
all of cre - a - tion sings for joy
to the God of life and love and
free - dom: praise and glo - ry for ev -
er - more!

Verse 1

Congregation or Congregation 1:

Now is the feast of the Lamb once
slain, whose blood has freed and u -
nit - ed us to be one great
peo - ple of God. *To refrain*

Verse 2

Congregation or Congregation 2:

Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and
might, all hon - or and glo - ry to Christ
for ev - er. *To refrain*

Verse 3

Congregation:

3. For God has come to dwell with us,
to make us peo - ple of God; to make
all things new. *To refrain*

Presider: The Lord be with you. *Congregation:* And al - so with you.

A Let us pray.

O God of peace, you brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great shepherd of the sheep. By the blood of your eternal covenant, make us complete in everything good that we may do your will, and work among us all that is well-pleasing in your sight, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Please be seated.

WORD

FIRST READING: ACTS 9:36-43

³⁶Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. ³⁷At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. ³⁸Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." ³⁹So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. ⁴⁰Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. ⁴¹He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. ⁴²This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. ⁴³Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM 23

Sung responsively



¹The LORD | is my shepherd;
I shall not | be in want.

²**The LORD makes me lie down | in green pastures
and leads me be- | side still waters.**

³You restore my | soul, O LORD,
and guide me along right pathways | for your name's sake.

⁴**Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall | fear no
evil;**

for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they | comfort me.

⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence | of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is | running over.

⁶**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days | of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the | LORD forever.**

SECOND READING: REVELATION 7:9-17

⁹After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

“Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!”

¹¹And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God,

¹²singing, “Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”

¹³Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?” ¹⁴I said to him, “Sir, you are the one that knows.”

Then he said to me, “These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

¹⁵For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

¹⁶They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat;

¹⁷for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,

and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,

and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

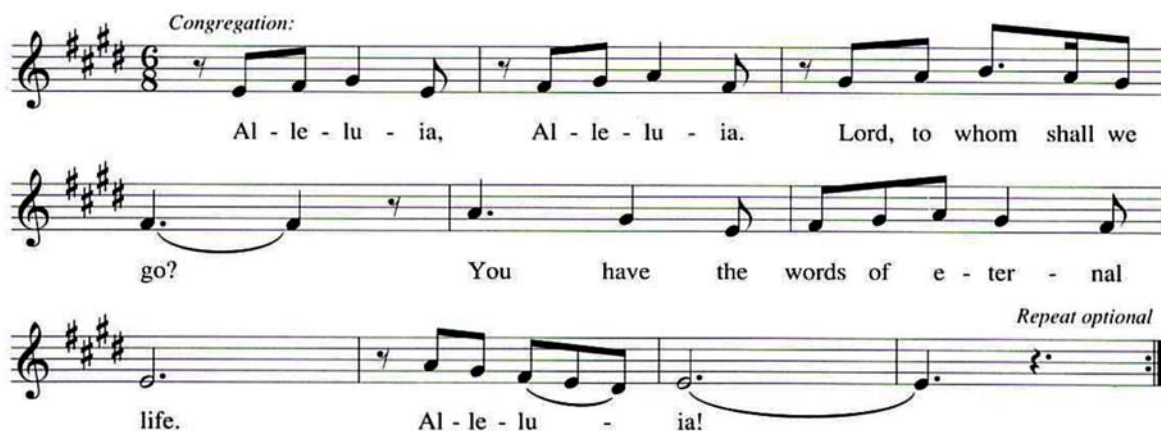
L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Congregation:



Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we
go?
You have the words of e - ter - nal
life. Al - le - lu - ia!

Repeat optional

P The Holy Gospel, according to John, the tenth chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL: JOHN 10:22-30

²²At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, ²³and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. ²⁴So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." ²⁵Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; ²⁶but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. ²⁷My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. ³⁰The Father and I are one."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

SERMON

JORDAN VALENTINE

HYMN OF THE DAY

Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness

ELW 843

Please stand for the final verse of the hymn.

- 1 Praise the One who breaks the darkness with a liberating light;
praise the One who frees the pris'ners, turning blindness into sight.
Praise the One who preached the gospel, healing ev'ry dread disease,
calming storms and feeding thousands with the very bread of peace.
- 2 Praise the One who blessed the children with a strong yet gentle word;
praise the One who drove out demons with a piercing, two-edged sword.
Praise the One who brings cool water to the desert's burning sand;
from this well comes living water quenching thirst in ev'ry land.
- 3 Praise the one true love incarnate: Christ, who suffered in our place;
Jesus died and rose for many that we may know God by grace.
Let us sing for joy and gladness, seeing what our God has done.
Praise the one redeeming glory; praise the One who makes us one.

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APOSTLES CREED

P Together with the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**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 God of resurrection and new life, we come before you in prayer for the church,
the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

A You guide your people to the waters of life. Make your church a nourishing
place for all who are thirsty for hope and healing. Renew us in the waters of
baptism, and send us forth as signs of your love. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A You tend to the earth, sustaining life in all places. Revive fragile ecosystems
and restore species in danger of extinction. Teach us new ways of living in bal-
ance and harmony with our non-human neighbors. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A You lead all peoples along right pathways. Grant wisdom and compassion to
judges, lawyers, mediators, and legal advocates. Dismantle systems of mass in-
carceration, empower processes of restorative justice, and encourage all who
strive for healing in our communities. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A You wipe the tears from every eye. Tend to all who struggle with anxiety or de-
pression, loneliness, or despair. Enfold all who are in any need in your shep-
herding care especially Martha Nemeth and David McGinnis. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A This Mother's Day, bless mothers, grandmothers, and all who offer mothering
care. Come close to those whose relationships with their families are difficult,
and console all who grieve the loss of mother figures or the loss of children.
Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A You grant blessings to all. Today we pray for Donna Allen and Ted Murphy as they celebrate their birthdays and for Karen Arney, Marcy Carlson, Pam Kobbeman, Rosie Nichols, and Erin Lewis as they remember their baptisms. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting that you are always with us; in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen 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

Refrain Congregation:

As the grains of wheat once scat - tered on the hill were
gath - ered in - to one to be - come our bread;
so may all your peo - ple from all the ends of earth be
gath - ered in - to one in you.

The musical notation is for a four-part setting of the offering song. It features a treble clef, a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#), and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The refrain consists of four lines of music, each with a corresponding line of lyrics. The first line ends with a half note, the second with a half note, the third with a half note, and the fourth with a half note. The lyrics are: 'As the grains of wheat once scat - tered on the hill were', 'gath - ered in - to one to be - come our bread;', 'so may all your peo - ple from all the ends of earth be', and 'gath - ered in - to one in you.'

Verses

1. As this cup of bless - ing is shared with - in our midst,
2. Let this be a fore - taste of all that is to come when
may we share the pres - ence of your love.
all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

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OFFERTORY PRAYER

Please stand as you are able.

A Let us pray. Merciful God,

C everything in heaven and earth belongs to you. We joyfully release what you have entrusted to us. May these gifts be signs of our whole lives returned to you, dedicated to the healing and unity of all creation, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD

A O God of justice and love, we give thanks to you that you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, awaken us to the needs of others, and at the end bring all the world to your feast; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever. **C Amen.**

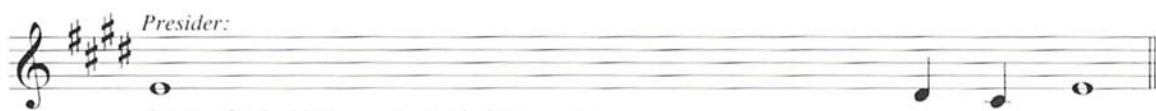
THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

SENDING


BLESSING

Presider:



May God bless us and keep us.
May God's face shine on us and be gracious to us.
May God look on us with favor and + give us peace.

Congregation:



A - men.

SENDING HYMN*For All Your Saints, O Lord***ELW 427**

- 1 For all your saints, O Lord, who strove in you to live, who followed you, obeyed, adored, our grateful hymn receive.
- 2 For all your saints, O Lord, who strove in you to die, who counted you their great reward, accept our thankful cry.
- 3 They all in life and death, with you, their Lord, in view, learned from your Holy Spirit's breath to suffer and to do.
- 4 For this, your name we bless and humbly pray anew that we like them in holiness may live and die in you.
- 5 To God, the Father, Son, and Spirit, ever blest, the One in Three, the Three in One, be endless praise addressed.

Text: Richard Mant, 1776-1848, alt.

DISMISSAL

A Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

A You are the body of Christ raised up for the world. Go in peace. Share the good news.

C We will! Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

UPCOMING EVENTS AT TRINITY

Today, May 11 Mother's Day
 Adult Sunday School 9:30 AM
 Worship with Holy Communion 10:30 AM
 Coffee Hour..... after worship

Tues., May 13Quilters..... 9:00 AM
 Church Council meeting5:30 PM

Sun., May 18..... Children's Sunday School 9:45 AM
 Worship with Holy Communion 10:30 AM
 Coffee Hour..... after worship

Worship Assistants

Date	Acolyte	Ushers	Musician	Lector	Altar Guild	Asst.	Worship	Coffee Hosts
May 11	Brayden Winsor	Marcy Carlson, Duane Pomeroy	Mitchell Bean	Duane Pomeroy	Pam Kobbeman & Team 3	Ted Murphy	Jordan Valentine	Duane & Debbie Pomeroy
May 18	Janeen Horton	Ted Murphy, Howard Reece	Laurie Jackson	Shelley Andrews	Pam Kobbeman & Team 3	Bob Horton	Pr. Mandy Todd	Steve Luoma
May 25	Cindy McGinnis	Diane Bottorff, Dean McGinnis	Mitchell Bean	Debbie Pomeroy	Pam Kobbeman & Team 3	Parker Jackson	Rick Friedstrom	Howard & Loni Reece

Join us for the 8th Annual
Neighbor Helping Neighbor



Walk/5k Fun Run

Our 60th Anniversary Kick-Off Event!

DATE

SATURDAY, JUNE 7, 2025 *

REGISTRATION

8:00AM

WALK/5K START

9:00AM *

LOCATION

LAKE SHAWNEE

SHELTER HOUSES 1 & 2

REGISTER @

nhn2025.eventbee.com

Sign up by
May 16th to
guarantee a
t-shirt!

**Celebrity
Starter:**

Chris Fisher
WIBW-TV



Scan the QR code for our online registration

- Registration is \$30 for individuals or pledges (\$30 minimum)
 - One Mile Walk or 5k Run, you choose!
- Snacks & Drinks will be provided during the event in Shelter House #1
- One registered child age 10 & under can walk for Free with a paid adult (shirt extra)
- T-shirt included with \$30 registration fee or on total pledges of \$100+
- Registrations received after May 16th will not be guaranteed a t-shirt
- Late & Event Day Registrations are accepted

Thank You to our Sponsors!



**Stormont Vail
Health**



Current Doorstep Needs ~ April 2025

Clothing Room Needs: (Gently Used, Not New)

Men's Jeans ~ Sizes 32 – 34 and 42 – 48

Men's Shoes ~ Sizes 10 and up

Women's Jeans ~ Sizes 16 & 18

Boys ~ Larger size socks

2-in-1 = Shampoo / Conditioner ~ Full Size (Dollar Tree)

Diapers ~ Sizes 4 & 5

Bed Sheets ~ Twin & Queen

Hand Can Openers & Toasters

Doorstep is a partnering agency with the **Impact Avenues** program. When their families get housing, we help provide bedding, towels, kitchen items, and other household items they might need (as we can), since many families do not have much after being homeless. There have been several families in the past month who now have homes, and we need to replenish some items.

Plastic plates and tumblers (50 cents at Target & Walmart)

Small – Medium Plastic Storage Containers

Bed Pillows (New)

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#### **Food Room Needs:**

- ☐ Spaghetti Sauce
- ☐ Pancake Mix
- ☐ Tuna
- ☐ Spaghetti (1 lb.)
- ☐ Ramen Noodles
- ☐ Baked Beans
- ☐ Vegetable Soup
- ☐ Canned Milk
- ☐ Canned Tomatoes
- ☐ Pork N Beans
- ☐ Cream of Mushroom Soup
- ☐ Canned Fruit (variety)
- ☐ Boxed Potatoes (scaloped)
- ☐ Canned Beans (Pinto, Black, Chili)

#### **Donations Accepted:**

**Monday – Friday**

**9am – 2pm**

1119 SW 10th Ave  
(10th & Buchanan)

Use the South door





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### OFFICE HOURS

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

**Together in Community**

**Living with Christ**

**Caring for Neighbors**

### **Living with Christ's Love**

As Lutherans, we believe that we are justified by faith alone through the grace of God (*Ephesians 2:1-9*). As our namesake Martin Luther made clear, we are both sinners and saints as we live our lives of faith. Together as Christians, we are called to allow God into our lives everyday and to do our best to live according to Christ's love. We do this through being a community of faithful that welcomes all people to join us in prayer, service, study, and worship as we journey together in learning how to live out the Great Commandment.

### **CONGREGATION COUNCIL**

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