



# 8TH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST

Trinity Lutheran Church



August  
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2025

Eighth Sunday of Pentecost

Together  
in Community  
Living  
with Christ  
Caring  
for Neighbors

This very night  
your life is being  
demanded of  
you. And the  
things you have  
prepared, whose  
will they be?

Luke 12:20

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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.***  
*We offer our thanks and welcome to Deacon Dave Mareske for preaching & presiding at communion today. We pray that all are inspired by our worship.*

HYMN SING ALONG

***Evangelical Lutheran Worship — Setting 5***

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GATHERING

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WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*Please stand as you are able.*

L Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

**C Amen.**

L 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.**

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

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

L 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.**

L 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**

*A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing!*

**ELW 393**

- 1 A hymn of glory let us sing! New hymns throughout the world shall ring:  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Christ, by a road before untrod, ascends unto the throne of God.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 2 The holy apostolic band upon the Mount of Olives stand, Alleluia! Alleluia!  
and with his faithful foll'wers see their Lord ascend in majesty.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 3 To whom the shining angels cry, "Why stand and gaze upon the sky?" Alleluia!  
Alleluia!  
"This is the Savior!" thus they say, "this is his glorious triumph day!"  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 4 "You see him now, ascending high up to the portals of the sky." Alleluia! Alleluia!  
"Hereafter Jesus you shall see returning in great majesty."  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 5 O risen Christ, ascended Lord, all praise to you let earth accord: Alleluia! Alleluia!  
You are, while endless ages run, with Father and with Spirit one.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Text: Bede, 673-735; tr. *Lutheran Book of Worship*. Text © 1978 *Lutheran Book of Worship*, admin. Augsburg Fortress.

**GREETING**

L 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**



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal - va - tion, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



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



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this ho-ly house, and for all who of-fer 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



1 All glo - ry be to God on high, and peace to earth be  
2 Lord Je - sus Christ, the on - ly Son of God, cre - a - tion's  
3 To you a - lone, O God, we cry, the Ho - ly One we



giv - en! Let an - gels sing, let all re - ply; good -  
au - thor, O Lamb of God, your death a - lone takes  
name you; for you a - lone are God most high, one



will breaks forth from heav - en! Lord God Al - might - y,  
sin a - way for - ev - er. Stretch out your arms to  
liv - ing God we claim you: we wor - ship you, Lord



heav - en's king, we wor - ship you, our thanks we sing, we  
ev - 'ry land, and, as you reign at God's right hand, re -  
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it ev - er blest, in



praise you for your glo - ry.  
ceive our prayer; have mer - cy.  
God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. A - - men.

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

A Let us pray.

Benevolent God, you are the source, the guide, and the goal of our lives. Teach us to love what is worth loving, to reject what is offensive to you, and to treasure what is precious in your sight, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

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**WORD**

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**FIRST READING: ECCLESIASTES 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23**

<sup>2</sup>Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity.

<sup>12</sup>I, the Teacher, was king over Israel in Jerusalem. <sup>13</sup>I applied my mind to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven; it is an unhappy business that God has given to humans to be busy with. <sup>14</sup>I saw all the deeds that are done under the sun, and see, all is vanity and a chasing after wind.

<sup>2:18</sup>I hated all my toil in which I had toiled under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to my successor, <sup>19</sup>and who knows whether he will be wise or foolish? Yet he will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. <sup>20</sup>So I turned and gave my heart up to despair concerning all the toil of my labors under the sun, <sup>21</sup>because sometimes one who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave all to be enjoyed by another who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. <sup>22</sup>What do mortals get from all the toil and strain with which they toil under the sun? <sup>23</sup>For all their days are full of pain, and their work is a vexation; even at night their minds do not rest. This also is vanity.

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 49:1-12**

*Sung responsively*



<sup>1</sup>I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with <sup>|</sup> my whole heart;  
before the gods I will <sup>|</sup> sing your praise.

<sup>2</sup>**I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name, because of your steadfast <sup>|</sup> love and faithfulness;**

**for you have glorified your name and your word a- <sup>|</sup> bove all things.**

<sup>3</sup>When I called, you <sup>|</sup> answered me;  
you increased my <sup>|</sup> strength within me.

<sup>4</sup>**All the rulers of the earth will praise <sup>|</sup> you, O LORD,**  
**when they have heard the words <sup>|</sup> of your mouth.**

<sup>5</sup>They will sing of the ways <sup>|</sup> of the LORD,  
that great is the glory <sup>|</sup> of the LORD.

**<sup>6</sup>The LORD is high, yet cares | for the lowly,  
perceiving the haughty | from afar.**

**<sup>7</sup>Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you | keep me safe;  
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your right | hand  
shall save me.**

**<sup>8</sup>You will make good your pur- | pose for me;  
O LORD, your steadfast love endures forever; do not abandon the  
works | of your hands.**

**SECOND READING: COLOSSIANS 3:1-11**

<sup>1</sup>So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. <sup>2</sup>Set your minds on the things that are above, not on the things that are on earth, <sup>3</sup>for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. <sup>4</sup>When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

<sup>5</sup>Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). <sup>6</sup>On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. <sup>7</sup>These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. <sup>8</sup>But now you must get rid of all such things: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. <sup>9</sup>Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices <sup>10</sup>and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. <sup>11</sup>In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, enslaved and free, but Christ is all and in all!

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

*Please stand as you are able.*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

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.

L The Holy Gospel, according to Luke, the twelfth chapter.

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

**GOSPEL: LUKE 12:13-21**

<sup>13</sup>Someone in the crowd said to Jesus, “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me.” <sup>14</sup>But he said to him, “Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?” <sup>15</sup>And he said to them, “Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed, for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.” <sup>16</sup>Then he told them a parable: “The land of a rich man produced abundantly. <sup>17</sup>And he thought to himself, ‘What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?’ <sup>18</sup>Then he said, ‘I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. <sup>19</sup>And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.’ <sup>20</sup>But God said to him, ‘You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’ <sup>21</sup>So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God.”

L The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Please be seated.

**SERMON**

**DEACON DAVE MARESKE**

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

*Son of God, Eternal Savior*

**ELW 655**

Please stand for the final verse of the hymn.

- 1 Son of God, eternal Savior, source of life and truth and grace,  
Word made flesh, whose birth among us hallows all our human race,  
you our head, who, throned in glory, for your own will ever plead:  
fill us with your love and pity, heal our wrong, and help our need.
- 2 As you, Lord, have lived for others, so may we for others live.  
Freely have your gifts been granted; freely may your servants give.  
Yours the gold and yours the silver, yours the wealth of land and sea;  
we but stewards of your bounty held in solemn trust will be.
- 3 Come, O Christ, and reign among us, King of love and Prince of peace;  
hush the storm of strife and passion, bid its cruel discords cease.  
By your patient years of toiling, by your silent hours of pain,  
quench our fevered thirst of pleasure, stem our selfish greed of gain.
- 4 Son of God, eternal Savior, source of life and truth and grace,  
Word made flesh, whose birth among us hallows all our human race:  
by your praying, by your willing that your people should be one,  
grant, oh, grant our hope’s fruition: here on earth your will be done.

Text: Somerset C. Lowry, 1855-1932

## APOSTLES CREED

L 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 In solidarity with all creation, we join our voice to the voice of the whole church and pray for the needs of the world.

*A brief silence.*

A Renew in your church a perspective of life beyond worldly pursuits. Build an enthusiasm to embrace life in Christ, so that Christ, the life of the world, is revealed to everyone. God of grace,

**C hear our prayer.**

A Revitalize and protect the treasures of wild places. Teach all people to value the earth, winds, waters, trees, and animals, the gifts that make life possible on this planet. God of grace,

**C hear our prayer.**

A Speak wisdom to any in positions of power, that they cease practices of divisiveness, insult, and oppression. Clothe all people in your image, and establish equity and peace. God of grace,

**C hear our prayer.**

A Reveal your loving presence in the lives of people suffering hunger and need, illness and grief, pain and fear, especially Kelly Irwin Patton, Shelley Andrews, Julie Reeves, Marilyn Heckman, Martha Nemeth, and David McGinnis. Give strength to those who give care, and equip them with compassion as they make your love known. God of grace,

**C hear our prayer.**

A Store up in this congregation a full measure of gratitude and generosity. Guide the work of treasurers and all who attend to financial matters. Support those whose work in our community is difficult and demanding; make us mindful of the toil that goes unnoticed. God of grace,

**C hear our prayer.**

A Pour bounteous joy on Janeen Horton and Shelley Andrews as they celebrate their birthdays, on LaVell Winsor as she remembers her baptism, and on Rick & Janice Greenlee as they celebrate their wedding anniversary. God of grace,

**C hear our prayer.**

L Receive our thanks for the lives of your saints who now rest from their labors. Give us wisdom through their witness and encourage us in love as we continue our lives in the world. God of grace,

**C hear our prayer.**

L Trusting in your lovingkindness, we place our prayer and hope in you, in the name of Jesus Christ.

**C Amen.**

### THE PEACE

L 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.*

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### MEAL

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#### OFFERING AND OFFERING SONG

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right  
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your  
pres-ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -



L 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:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r 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.

**EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER**

L 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**

L 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.**

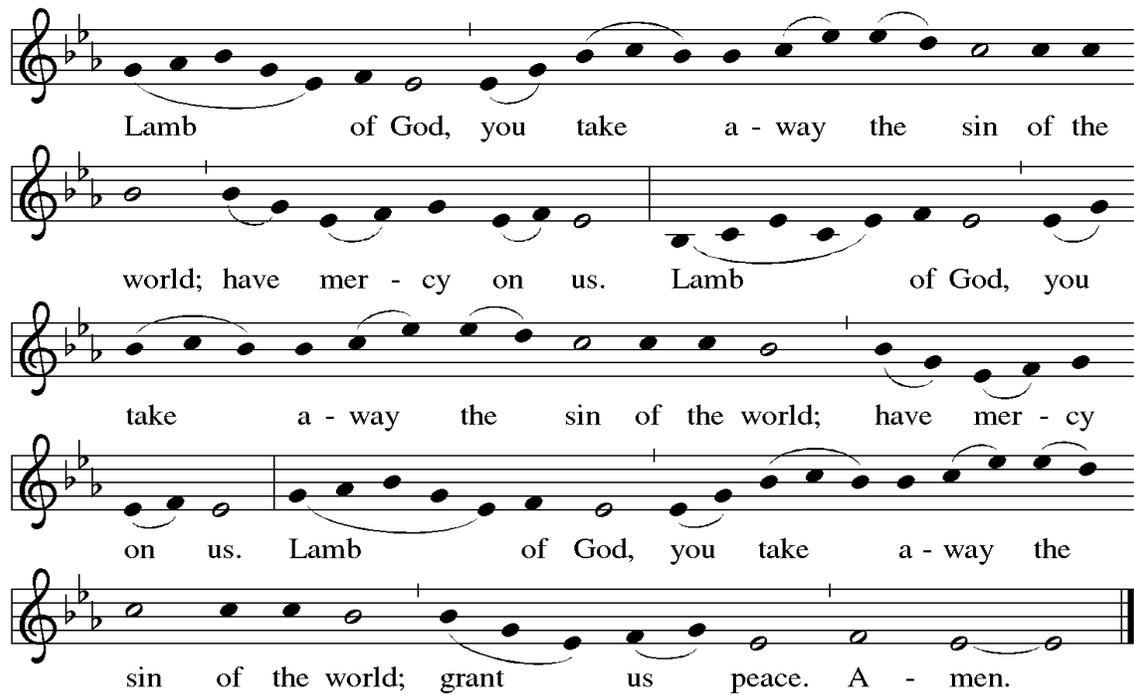
## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

L The kingdom of God is set before you. Eat and rejoice.

*We invite all who believe in Jesus Christ as their Savior to share in Holy Communion. Grape juice is available as an alternative to wine as well as gluten-free wafers. Everyone is invited to receive communion or a blessing. Hands cupped open indicate an openness to receive communion; hands closed reflect a desire to receive a blessing.*

*Everyone who goes forward for communion will be viewed on camera. Should you prefer not to have your image recorded, please stay in your seat and tell an usher you would like to have communion served to you in your pew.*

## LAMB OF GOD



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you  
take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy  
on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace. A - men.

**COMMUNION HYMN***Break Now the Bread of Life***ELW 515**

- 1 Break now the bread of life, dear Lord, to me, as once you broke the loaves  
beside the sea.  
Beyond the sacred page I seek you, Lord; my spirit waits for you, O living Word.
- 2 Bless your own word of truth, dear Lord, to me, as when you blessed the bread  
by Galilee.  
Then shall all bondage cease all fetters fall; and I shall find my peace, my All-in-  
All!
- 3 You are the bread of life, dear Lord, to me, your holy word the truth that  
rescues me.  
Give me to eat and live with you above; teach me to love your truth, for you are  
love.

Text: Mary A. Lathbury, 1841-1913, alt.

**COMMUNION BLESSING**

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

*Please stand as you are able.*

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

A Mothering God, you gathered us to your table and we drank deeply of your  
grace. Send us out by your Spirit to love our neighbors as ourselves and pro-  
claim your love in Jesus' name. **C Amen.**

**SENDING PRAYER FOR COMMUNION KITS**

L Gracious God, loving all your family with a parent's tender care: as you sent the  
angel to feed Elijah with heavenly bread, assist us in this ministry on which we  
are sent forth. In your love and care, nourish and strengthen those to whom we  
bring this sacrament, that through the body and blood of your Son we all may  
know the comfort of your abiding presence.

**C Amen.**

**BLESSING**

L The love of God abound in you; the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your  
hearts; and the life of the Spirit ✠ bless you and give you peace.

**SENDING HYMN**

*We Know That Christ Is Raised*

**ELW 449**

- 1 We know that Christ is raised and dies no more. Embraced by death, he broke its fearful hold, and our despair he turned to blazing joy. Hallelujah!
- 2 We share by water in his saving death. Reborn, we share with him an Easter life, as living members of our Savior Christ. Hallelujah!
- 3 The Father’s splendor clothes the Son with life. The Spirit’s fission shakes the church of God. Baptized, we live with God the Three in One. Hallelujah!
- 4 A new creation comes to life and grows as Christ’s new body takes on flesh and blood. The universe restored and whole will sing: Hallelujah!

Text: John B. Geyer, b. 1932. Text © John B. Geyer

Dismissal

**A** Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**POSTLUDE**

**UPCOMING EVENTS AT TRINITY**

Today, Aug. 3.....Doorstep Food Collection .....

.....Hymn Sing Along ..... 10:15 AM

.....Worship with Holy Communion ..... 10:30 AM

..... Coffee Hour ..... after worship

.....Congregational Life meeting ..... Noon

Tues., Aug. 5..... Quilters ..... 9:00 AM

Sun., Aug. 10 ..... Adult Sunday School ..... 9:30 AM

..... Worship with Holy Communion ..... 10:30 AM

..... Coffee Hour ..... after worship

..... PFLAG meeting ..... 2:00 PM

**Worship Assistants**

Date	Acolyte	Ushers	Musician	Lector	Altar Guild	Assisting Minister	Sermon	Coffee Hosts
Aug. 3	Cindy McGinnis	Diane Bottorff, Curt Lewis	Laurie Jackson	Loretta Hoerman	Cindy McGinnis and Team 3	Ted Murphy	Deacon Dave Mareske	Howard & Loni Reece
Aug. 10	Ella Bosch	Marcy Carlson, Duane Pomeroy	Mitchell Bean	Duane Pomeroy	Cindy McGinnis and Team 3	Bob Horton	Deacon Dave Mareske	



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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**

**President** Diane Bottorff

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