



5TH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST

Trinity Lutheran Church



July
13

2025
Fifth Sunday
of Pentecost

Together
in Community
Living
with Christ
Caring
for Neighbors

Who is my
neighbor?
Luke 10:29

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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.
Please make Rich Akins and his wife Beth feel welcome today. And many thanks to Rich for sharing a message.

PRELUDE

Evangelical Lutheran Worship — Setting 5

GATHERING

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

God Is Here!

ELW 526

- 1 God is here! As we your people meet to offer praise and prayer,
may we find in fuller measure what it is in Christ we share.
Here, as in the world around us, all our varied skills and arts
wait the coming of the Spirit into open minds and hearts.
- 2 Here are symbols to remind us of our lifelong need of grace;
here are table, font, and pulpit; here the cross has central place.
Here in honesty of preaching, here in silence, as in speech,
here, in newness and renewal, God the Spirit comes to each.
- 3 Here our children find a welcome in the Shepherd's flock and fold;
here as bread and wine are taken, Christ sustains us as of old.
Here the servants of the Servant seek in worship to explore
what it means in daily living to believe and to adore.
- 4 Lord of all, of church and kingdom, in an age of change and doubt,
keep us faithful to the gospel; help us work your purpose out.
Here, in this day's dedication, all we have to give, receive;
we, who cannot live without you, we adore you! We believe!

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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.

O Lord God, your mercy delights us, and the world longs for your loving care. Hear the cries of everyone in need, and turn our hearts to love our neighbors with the love of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen.**

Please be seated.

WORD

FIRST READING: DEUTERONOMY 30:9-14

⁹The LORD your God will make you abundantly prosperous in all your undertakings, in the fruit of your body, in the fruit of your livestock, and in the fruit of your soil. For the LORD will again take delight in prospering you, just as he delighted in prospering your ancestors, ¹⁰when you obey the LORD your God by observing his commandments and decrees that are written in this book of the law, because you turn to the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul.

¹¹“Surely, this commandment that I am commanding you today is not too hard for you, nor is it too far away. ¹²It is not in heaven, that you should say, ‘Who will go up to heaven for us and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?’ ¹³Neither is it beyond the sea, that you should say, ‘Who will cross to the other side of the sea for us and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?’ ¹⁴No, the word is very near to you; it is in your mouth and in your heart for you to observe.

The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 25:1-10

Sung responsively



¹To | you, O LORD,

I lift | up my soul.

²**My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be | put to shame,
nor let my enemies triumph | over me.**

³Let none who look to you be | put to shame;
rather let those be put to shame | who are treacherous.

⁴**Show me your | ways, O LORD,
and teach | me your paths.**

⁵Lead me in your | truth and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all | the day long.

⁶**Remember, O LORD, your compas- | sion and love,
for they are from | everlasting.**

⁷Remember not the sins of my youth and | my transgressions;
remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake of your good- |
ness, O LORD.

⁸**You are gracious and up- | right, O LORD;
therefore you teach sinners | in your way.**

⁹You lead the low- | ly in justice
and teach the low- | ly your way.

¹⁰**All your paths, O LORD, are steadfast | love and faithfulness
to those who keep your covenant and your | testimonies.**

SECOND READING: COLOSSIANS 1:1-14

¹Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, ²To the saints and faithful brothers and sisters in Christ in Colossae: Grace to you and peace from God our Father.

³In our prayers for you we always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, ⁴for we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, ⁵because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. You have heard of this hope before in the word of the truth, the gospel ⁶that has come to you. Just as it is bearing fruit and growing in the whole world, so it has been bearing fruit among yourselves from the day you heard it and truly comprehended the grace of God. ⁷This you learned from Epaphras, our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on our behalf, ⁸and he has made known to us your love in the Spirit.

⁹For this reason, since the day we heard it, we have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, ¹⁰so that you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God. ¹¹May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, so that you may have all endurance and patience, joyfully ¹²giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. ¹³He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

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 tenth chapter.

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

GOSPEL: LUKE 10:25-37

²⁵An expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. “Teacher,” he said, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?” ²⁶He said to him, “What is written in the law? What do you read there?” ²⁷He answered, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind and your neighbor as yourself.” ²⁸And he said to him, “You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live.”

²⁹But wanting to vindicate himself, he asked Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?” ³⁰Jesus replied, “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and took off, leaving him half dead.

³¹Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. ³²So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. ³³But a Samaritan while traveling came upon him, and when he saw him he was moved with compassion. ³⁴He went to him and bandaged his wounds, treating them with oil and wine. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. ³⁵The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, “Take care of him, and when I come back I will repay you whatever more you spend.” ³⁶Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?” ³⁷He said, “The one who showed him mercy.” Jesus said to him, “Go and do likewise.”

L The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Please be seated.

SERMON

RICH AKINS

HYMN OF THE DAY

When the Poor Ones

ELW 611

Please stand for the final verse of the hymn.

- 1 When the poor ones, who have nothing, still are giving;
when the thirsty pass the cup, water to share;
| when the wounded offer others strength and healing:

Refrain

We see God, here by our side, walking our way;
we see God, here by our side, walking our way.

- 2 When compassion gives the suffering consolation;
when expecting brings to birth hope that was lost;
when we choose love, not the hatred all around us: *Refrain*
- 3 When our spirits, like a chalice, brim with gladness;
when our voices, full and clear, sing out the truth;
when our longings, free from envy, seek the humble: *Refrain*
- 4 When the goodness poured from heaven fills our dwellings;
when the nations work to change war into peace
when the stranger is accepted as our neighbor: *Refrain*

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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 Saving God, awaken your church to your truth as it follows your path of love. Encourage pastors, deacons, teachers, and seminarians, and lead them as they seek to learn your ways. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

A Prosper the harvests of fruit-bearing bushes, trees, and plants. Uphold farmers and farm workers as they labor through summer days, and bring relief to lands that are parched with heat. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

A Instill in leaders a strong love for their neighbors. Compel them to govern with equity and to give aid and comfort to the families suffering the loss of loved ones in the Texas and North Carolina floods and protection to people who are vulnerable, especially strangers, migrants, and asylum seekers. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

A Draw near to people in need of help, comfort, and healing especially Kelly Irwin Patton, Julie Reeves, Marilyn Heckman, Martha Nemeth, and David McGinnis. Provide protection and aid to children who are unsafe and undernourished while on summer break. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

A Go with all who travel, and protect them from harm. Put in their paths people who offer aid. We pray especially for the safety of first responders. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

A Share in the joy of those for whom we pray today. We pray for Janelle Meredith and Curt Lewis as they celebrate their birthdays and for Cindy McGinnis and David McGinnis as they remember their baptisms, God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

P We give you thanks for all who have gone before us and have made your love known. Help us to follow their witness as we await our share in the inheritance of the saints. 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.

THANKSGIVING

OFFERING AND OFFERING SONG

Please stand as you are able.

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 -
store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,
and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of five systems, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is B-flat major (two flats) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line. The piano accompaniment features a steady harmonic accompaniment with some melodic lines in the bass.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

A Let us pray. Creator God, in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good and the harvest is plentiful. Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth and our labor, that we may work for the good of all; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C 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

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.

C Amen.

SENDING HYMN

If You But Trust in God to Guide You

ELW 769

- 1 If you but trust in God to guide you with gentle hand through all your ways, you'll find that God is there beside you when crosses come, in trying days. Trust then in God's unchanging love; build on the rock that will not move.
- 2 What gain is there in anxious weeping, in helpless anger and distress? If you are in your Savior's keeping, in sorrow will he love you less? For Christ who took for you a cross will bring you safe through ev'ry loss.
- 3 The Lord our restless hearts is holding, in peace and quietness content. We rest in God's good will unfolding, what wisdom from on high has sent. God, who has chosen us by grace, knows very well the fears we face.
- 4 Sing, pray, and keep God's ways unswerving, offer your service faithfully. Trust heaven's word; though undeserving, you'll find this promise true to be. This is our confidence indeed: God never fails in time of need.

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DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

C **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

UPCOMING EVENTS AT TRINITY

Today, July 13 Adult Sunday School 9:30 AM
 Worship..... 10:30 AM
 Coffee Hour..... after worship
 PFLAG meeting 2:00 PM

Tues., July 15 Quilters 9:00 AM

Sun., July 20..... Community Relations meeting 9:30 AM
 Worship..... 10:30 AM
 Coffee Hour..... after worship

Worship Assistants

Date	Acolyte	Ushers	Musician	Lector	Altar Guild	Asst. Minister	Worship Leader	Coffee Hosts
July 13	Cindy McGinnis	Curt Lewis, Duane Pomeroy	Mitchell Bean	Diane Bottorff	Janeen Horton & Team 2	Ted Murphy	Bob Horton, Rich Akins	LaVell & Brayden Winsor
July 20	Janeen Horton	Ted Murphy, Howard Reece	Laurie Jackson	Marcy Carlson	Janeen Horton & Team 2		Rick Friedstrom	Mike & Shelley Andrews
Aug. 3		Diane Bottorff, Curt Lewis		Loretta Hoerman	Cindy McGinnis and Team 3	Ted Murphy	Deacon Dave Mareske	
Aug. 10	Ella Bosch	Marcy Carlson, Duane Pomeroy		Duane Pomeroy	Cindy McGinnis and Team 3	Bob Horton	Deacon Dave Mareske	

A note from PFLAG...

We participated in Topeka Pride with MCC at the Evergy Center. We had a booth and handed out flags, fans, brochures, and pronoun buttons. We have a new brochure for Topeka PFLAG. PFLAG National helped in the development of the brochure. Our PFLAG shirts looked great at the prom, at Pride and the Interfaith service!



Then on the next day we attended and participated in the Interfaith Service. Sonja Feist gave a short presentation on the story of her gay son.

We have now awarded three scholarships to LGBTQ graduating seniors:

- Kayla Hale will be attending Wichita State University majoring in Business Administration. She graduated from Highland Park High School
- Mary Thompson will be attending Emporia State University majoring in Math Education. She graduated from Rossville High School
- David Jimenez will be attending Wichita State University majoring in Cybersecurity. He graduated from Highland Park High School

We received a thank you from all three of the recipients!

You're Invited to First Lutheran for Christian Fine Arts Camp

This is an intergenerational event that is taking the place of the traditional Vacation Bible School. Next week, **June 23-26 from 6-8pm**, everyone, kindergarten and up, are invited for an intergenerational summer event. Each night, kids and adults alike, will get to learn about different types of art and then try it out!



Monday: Acting

Tuesday: Instruments

Wednesday: Pottery, painting

Thursday: Singing

Sign up for one day or all! Kids can be dropped off or families can participate together. There will be beginner & advanced sessions for some of the activities. Email 1stlutherantopeka@gmail.com or call the church office 785-272-5302 with questions or to sign up. **Pastor Jenny**

Current Doorstep Needs ~ July 2025

Clothing Room Needs: (Gently Used, Not New)

Men's Pajamas ~ All Sizes
Men's Underwear ~ Size XL
Men's Shorts ~ Smaller Sizes, especially 32 & 34
Men's Jeans & Casual / Dress Pants ~ Sizes 32 & 34
Men's Shoes ~ Sizes 10 and up
Men's & Women's Tennis Shoes – ALL Sizes
Women's Pajamas ~ All Sizes
Women's Sports Bras, Tank Tops & Camisoles ~ All Sizes
Women's Bras & Shorts ~ All Sizes

Boys & Girls Shoes ~ All Sizes
Boys Jeans & Shorts ~ All Sizes 4 - 18
Boys Shirts ~ Sizes 2, 6, 7, & 8
Boys Socks ~ Sizes L & XL

Girls & Teens Shorts & Swimsuits ~ All Sizes
Girls Jeans ~ Sizes 7 – 18
Young Girls ~ Tops, Leggings, Etc ~ All Sizes

Bed Sheets & Comforters ~ Twin & Queen
Diapers ~ Size 5
Backpacks ~ Gently Used (for adults)
Hand Can Openers

Donations Accepted:

**Monday – Friday
9am – 2pm**

1119 SW 10th Ave
(10th & Buchanan)
Use the South Door

Food Room Needs:

Pancake Mix & Syrup	Vegetable Soup	Oatmeal
Egg Noodles	Spaghetti Sauce	Baked Beans
Cream of Mushroom Soup	Pork N Beans	Corn
Canned Beans ~ (Pinto, Black, Chili)	Canned Fruit ~ Variety	Peas
Boxed Potatoes ~ Scalloped		



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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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