



6TH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST

Trinity Lutheran Church



July
20

2025

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of Pentecost

Together
in Community

Living
with Christ

Caring
for Neighbors

Mary has
chosen the
better part,
which will not
be taken
away from
her.

Luke 10:42

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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 welcome Rick Friedstrom back to our worship today. Thank you, Rick, for being here.

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

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

ELW 834

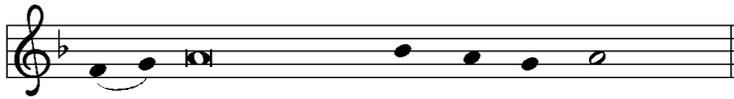
- 1 Immortal, invisible, God only wise, in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days, almighty, victorious, thy great
name we praise!
- 2 Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light, nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest
in might;
thy justice like mountains high soaring above thy clouds which are fountains of
goodness and love.
- 3 To all, life thou givest, to both great and small; in all life thou livest, the true
life of all;
we blossom and flourish like leaves on the tree, and wither and perish, but
naught changeth thee.
- 4 Thou reignest in glory; thou dwellest in light; thine angels adore thee, all
veiling their sight;
all laud we would render; oh, help us to see 'tis only the splendor of light hideth
thee!

Text: Walter Chalmers Smith, 1824-1908, alt.

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.



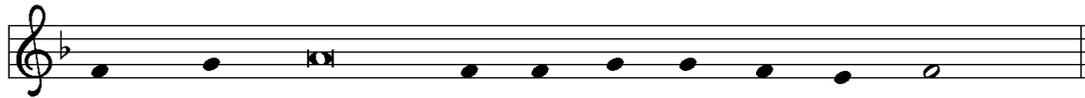
For this ho-ly house, and for all who of-fer here their wor-ship and praise,



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.

Eternal God, you draw near to us in Christ, and you make yourself our guest. Amid the cares of our lives, make us attentive to your presence, that we may treasure your word above all else, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen.**

Please be seated.

WORD

FIRST READING: AMOS 8:1-12

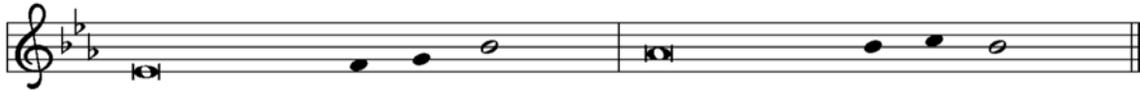
¹This is what the Lord GOD showed me: a basket of summer fruit. ²He said, "Amos, what do you see?" And I said, "A basket of summer fruit." Then the LORD said to me, "The end has come upon my people Israel; I will spare them no longer. ³The songs of the temple shall become wailings on that day," says the Lord GOD; "the dead bodies shall be many, cast out in every place. Be silent!" ⁴Hear this, you who trample on the needy, and bring to ruin the poor of the land, ⁵saying, "When will the new moon be over so that we may sell grain, and the Sabbath, so that we may offer wheat for sale? We will make the ephah smaller and the shekel heavier and practice deceit with false balances, ⁶buying the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals and selling the sweepings of the wheat." ⁷The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob: Surely I will never forget any of their deeds. ⁸Shall not the land tremble on this account, and everyone mourn who lives in it, and all of it rise like the Nile, and be tossed about and sink again, like the Nile of Egypt? ⁹On that day, says the Lord GOD, I will make the sun go down at noon and darken the earth in broad daylight. ¹⁰I will turn your feasts into mourning and all your songs into lamentation; I will bring sackcloth on all loins and baldness on every head; I will make it like the mourning for an only son and the end of it like a bitter day. ¹¹The time is surely coming, says the Lord GOD, when I will send a famine on the land, not a famine of bread or a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the LORD. ¹²They shall wander from sea to sea and from north to east; they shall run to and fro, seeking the word of the LORD, but they shall not find it.

The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 52

Sung responsively



¹You mighty, why do you | boast of wickedness
against the godly | all day long?

²**Continually | you plot ruin;
your tongue is like a sharpened razor that com- | mits deceit.**

³You love evil | more than good
and lying more than speak- | ing the truth.

⁴**You love all words | that devour,
O you de- | ceitful tongue.**

⁵Oh, that God would demol- | ish you utterly,
topple you, and snatch you from your dwelling, and root you out of the land | of
the living!

⁶**The righteous shall see | and be awestruck,
and they shall laugh | at you, saying,**

⁷“This is the one who did not take God | for a refuge,
but trusted in great wealth and found strength | in destruction.”

⁸**But I am like a green olive tree in the | house of God;
I trust in the steadfast love of God forev- | er and ever.**

⁹I will thank you forever for what | you have done;
in the presence of the faithful I will long for your name, for | it is good.

SECOND READING: COLOSSIANS 1:15-28

¹⁵Christ Jesus is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation,¹⁶for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. ¹⁷He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. ¹⁹For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

²¹And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, ²²he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him, ²³provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven. I, Paul, became a minister of this gospel. ²⁴I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ’s afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church. ²⁵I became its minister according to God’s

commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known,
²⁶the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has
 now been revealed to his saints. ²⁷To them God chose to make known how great
 among the gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in
 you, the hope of glory. ²⁸It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching
 everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

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 10:38-42

³⁸Now as Jesus and his disciples went on their way, he entered a certain village
 where a woman named Martha welcomed him. ³⁹She had a sister named Mary, who
 sat at Jesus's feet and listened to what he was saying. ⁴⁰But Martha was distracted
 by her many tasks, so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my
 sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her, then, to help me." ⁴¹But the
 Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many
 things, ⁴²but few things are needed—indeed only one. Mary has chosen the better
 part, which will not be taken away from her."

L The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

SERMON

RICK FRIEDSTROM

HYMN OF THE DAY

Jesus, the Very Thought of You

ELW 754

Please stand for the final verse of the hymn.

- 1 Jesus, the very thought of you fills us with sweet delight;
 but sweeter far your face to view and rest within your light.
- 2 No voice can sing, no heart can frame, nor can the mind recall
 a sweeter sound than your blest name, O Savior of us all!

- 3 O Hope of ev'ry contrite soul, O joy of all the meek,
how kind you are to those who fall! How good to those who seek!
- 4 O Jesus, be our joy today; help us to prize your love;
grant us at last to hear you say: "Come, share my home above."

Text: attr. Bernard of Clairvaux, 1091-1153; tr. Edward Caswall, 1814-1878

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 Inspire your church, like Sarah and Mary, to listen with eager longing for your
words of life. Equip biblical interpreters and teachers with faithful discernment,
that your word may be more fully known. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

A Every creature under heaven has been promised the hope of the gospel. From
that promise, generate in humankind an eagerness to protect and care for
creation. Bring healing to the earth with your words of life. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

A Peel away the distractions, worries, and fears of all who govern the nations of
the world. May your word of love and life dispel all other voices. Provide
gracious hospitality in places where hostile forces hold sway. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

A Speak your word of comfort to any who suffer pain and illness, including Kelly
Irwin Patton, Julie Reeves, Marilyn Heckman, Martha Nemeth, and David
McGinnis. We ask for your healing for those suffering the loss of homes and
loved ones in the Texas and North Carolina floods. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

A Enliven and uphold all siblings in Christ who strive to provide hospitality and safe spaces where everyone, without exception, can receive and be transformed by your word of life. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

A Pour your blessings of grace and peace on Rhonda Webb, Barbara Apps, Ted Quast, Kade Welp, and Hudson Ralph as they celebrate their birthdays, and on David & Brooke Ralph and Andy & LaVell Winsor as they celebrate their wedding anniversaries. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

P For Abraham, Sarah, Hagar, Mary, Martha, and all the saints who attended to your word, we give thanks. Open our ears to your voice until that day when we realize the promise of the gospel with all creation. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

P 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.

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.**

UPCOMING EVENTS AT TRINITY

Today, July 20	Community Relations meeting	9:30 AM
.....	Worship.....	10:30 AM
.....	Coffee Hour.....	after worship
Mon., July 21	August Trinity Tidings deadline	
.....	Stroke Support Group	6:00 PM
Tues., July 22	Quilters	9:00 AM
.....	Topeka Lutheran Home Assoc. meeting	7:00 PM
Thurs., July 24	Council & Task Force meeting.....	5:30 PM
Sun., July 27.....	Children's Sunday School	9:45 AM
.....	Temple Talk	
.....	Worship with Holy Communion	10:30 AM
.....	Coffee Hour.....	after worship

Temple Talk July 27, 2025

Next week, July 27, Diane Bottorff and Bob Kobbeman will give a Temple Talk at the beginning of worship to share a congregational update.

Worship Assistants								
Date	Acolyte	Ushers	Musician	Lector	Altar Guild	Assisting Minister	Sermon	Coffee Hosts
July 20	Janeen Horton	Ted Murphy, Howard Reece	Laurie Jackson	LaVell Winsor	Janeen Horton & Team 2	Marcy Carlson	Rick Friedstrom	Mike & Shelley Andrews, Ted Murphy
July 27	Brayden Winsor	Diane Bottorff, Dean McGinnis	Mitchell Bean	LaVell Winsor	Janeen Horton and Team 2	Parker Jackson	Pr. Dinah Dutta	
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	

Treasurer report as of 6-30-2025

Income and Expense update

Year to date giving is averaging \$10,189.81 a month or a total of \$61,138.86 thru 6-30-25.

Year to date expenses are averaging \$10,483.78 a month or a total of \$62,902.66 thru 6-30-25. This results in a short fall in covering our expenses of **\$1,763.80** thru the end of June. We are running about **\$294 in the red each month.**

Restricted giving year to date totals \$6,225.00— Elevator donations of \$2,460 and \$2,753 for Doorstep are the majority of the restricted givings thru the end of June.

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

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**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           |                        |             |

## ***Doorstep's Christmas in July*** ***Donations Needed for this Christmas!***



Help us collect items for our 2025 Christmas adoption of 260 households, with 800+ individuals! Items selected based on previous requests.

### **Creativity Sets**

Canvases (3pk/6pk) + Brushes & Paints (Teens & Adults)  
Adult Coloring Books with Markers or Colored Pencils



### **Kitchen Items**

Sauce Pans ~ Bakeware Sets ~ Skillet Sets  
Dish Sets ~ Utensil Sets ~ Pots & Pans

### **Toys**

Footballs & Basketballs ~ Lego Sets ~ Pokemon ~ Hello Kitty ~ Avenger & Marvel Themed Items ~ Lilo & Stitch ~ Star Wars ~ Educational Toys (all ages) ~ Toys for Ages 5 - 12 ~ Puzzles Family Board Games ~ Teen Girls Jewelry~ Make-Up & Nail Kits



### **Men's & Women's Gifts**

Women's Bath & Lotion Sets Men's  
Body Wash Sets Men's &  
Women's Cologne Sets  
Sweatpants (All Sizes, branded a plus)  
Hoodies (All Sizes, Branded a plus)

### **Other Items**

Towel Sets - (Bath, Hand & Washcloth) ~ Blankets - Queen & King Sizes  
Hygiene Items ~ Shampoo + Conditioner ~ Bar Soap ~ Combs ~ Hair Brushes ~  
Deodorant ~ Toothpaste ~ Toothbrushes. (Full Size Items) ~ Cleaning Supplies

Bathroom Sets ~ (Rugs, Trash Can, Shower Curtain, Toothbrush & Soap Holders)



### **School Supplies**

Notebook Paper (College/Wide) ~ Spiral Notebooks (College/Wide) ~  
Folders (2 Pocket) ~ Pens ~ Pencils ~ Glue ~ Erasers ~ Backpacks ~  
Rulers ~ Markers ~ Scissors

**Bring donations to Doorstep during the month of July!**  
**Thank you for making the holiday season brighter for your neighbors in need!**  
**Doorstep, 1119 SW 10th Ave - Donation Hours: M-F, 9am-2pm, South Door**



## TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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### OFFICE HOURS

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

**Together in Community**

**Living with Christ**

**Caring for Neighbors**

### **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*).

### CONGREGATION COUNCIL

**President** Diane Bottorff

**Vice-President** Curt Lewis (Maintenance)

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