



August  
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2025

Ninth Sunday of  
Pentecost

Together  
in Community  
Living  
with Christ  
Caring  
for Neighbors

Do not be  
afraid, little  
flock, for it is  
your Father's  
good pleasure  
to give you the  
kingdom.

Luke 12:32

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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.*

PRELUDE

***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**

*Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying*

**ELW 436**

- 1 Wake, awake, for night is flying, the watchmen on the heights are crying; awake, Jerusalem, at last. Midnight hears the welcome voices, and at the thrilling cry rejoices: "Come forth, you maidens! Night is past. The bridegroom comes! Awake; your lamps with gladness take!" Alleluia! Rise and prepare the feast to share; go, meet the bridegroom, who draws near.
- 2 Zion hears the watchmen singing, and all her heart with joy is springing. She wakes, she rises from her gloom. Her dear friend comes down, all glorious, the strong in grace, in truth victorious: her star is ris'n; her light is come. Now come, O Blessed One, Lord Jesus, God's own Son. Sing hosanna! Oh, hear the call! Come one, come all, and follow to the banquet hall.
- 3 Gloria! Let heav'n adore you! Let saints and angels sing before you, with harp and cymbal's clearest tone. Gates of pearl, twelve portals gleaming, lead us to bliss beyond all dreaming, with angel choirs around your throne. No eye has caught the light, no ear the thund'ring might of such glory. There we will go: what joy we'll know! There sweet delight will ever flow.

Text: Philipp Nicolai, 1556-1608; tr. Composite. Text © 1999 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.



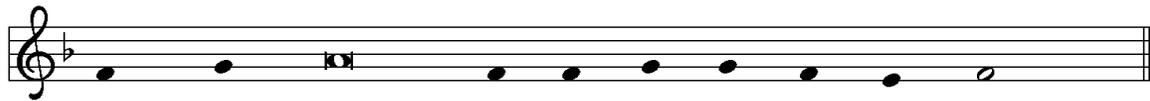
For this ho-ly house, and for all who of-fer here their wor-ship and praise,



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.



<sup>20</sup> Our innermost being waits for | you, O LORD,  
 our helper | and our shield.  
<sup>21</sup> **Surely, our heart rejoic- | es in you,  
 for in your holy name we | put our trust.**  
<sup>22</sup> Let your lovingkindness, O LORD, | be upon us,  
 even as we place our | hope in you.

**SECOND READING: HEBREWS 11:1-3, 8-16**

<sup>1</sup>Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.  
<sup>2</sup>Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. <sup>3</sup>By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.  
<sup>8</sup>By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance, and he set out, not knowing where he was going. <sup>9</sup>By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. <sup>10</sup>For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. <sup>11</sup>By faith, with Sarah’s involvement, he received power of procreation, even though he was too old, because he considered him faithful who had promised. <sup>12</sup>Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, “as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.” <sup>13</sup>All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, <sup>14</sup>for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. <sup>15</sup>If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. <sup>16</sup>But as it is, they desire a better homeland, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

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 12:32-40**

Jesus said: <sup>32</sup>Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. <sup>33</sup>Sell your possessions and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. <sup>34</sup>For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. <sup>35</sup>Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; <sup>36</sup>be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. <sup>37</sup>Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. <sup>38</sup>If he comes during the middle of the night or near dawn and finds them so, blessed are those slaves. <sup>39</sup>But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. <sup>40</sup>You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect."

L The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*Please be seated.*

**SERMON**

**DEACON DAVE MARESCHE**

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

*O Master, Let Me Walk with You*

**ELW 818**

*Please stand for the final verse of the hymn.*

- 1 O Master, let me walk with you in lowly paths of service true;  
tell me your secret; help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.
- 2 Help me the slow of heart to move by some clear, winning word of love;  
teach me the wayward feet to stay, and guide them in the homeward way.
- 3 Teach me your patience; share with me a closer, dearer company,  
in work that keeps faith sweet and strong, in trust that triumphs over wrong,
- 4 In hope that sends a shining ray far down the future's broad'ning way,  
in peace that only you can give; with you, O Master, let me live.

Text: Washington Gladden, 1836-1918, alt.

**SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM**

*See insert*

**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 Keep the heart of your church set firmly in you so that, with lamps lit and attentive to Christ's call at any time or place, your people are ready to respond with faithful action for the sake of the world. God of grace,

**C hear our prayer.**

A Worlds were prepared by your word. Speak healing and protection upon the earth, especially where life and habitats are threatened. Guide the work of astronomers and all who teach us about the stars and galaxies. God of grace,

**C hear our prayer.**

A You know the actions and deeds of the nations. Turn humanity away from instruments of war and violence. Fashion the hearts of world leaders to work for peace. God of grace,

**C hear our prayer.**

A Let your lovingkindness be on those in need especially Kelly Irwin Patton, Shelley Andrews, Julie Reeves, Martha Nemeth, and David McGinnis. Assure all who are afraid or experiencing great uncertainty that your promises are sure. God of grace,

**C hear our prayer.**

A Calm the fears of migrants and refugees who set out, not knowing where they go. Provide shelter, sustenance, protection from harm, and welcome. Bless the work of Global Refuge and other means of support and advocacy. God of grace,

**C hear our prayer.**

A Pour bounteous blessings upon Ella Bosch as she celebrates her birthday, Marilyn Heckman as she remembers her baptism, and Bob & Janeen Horton as they celebrate their wedding anniversary. God of grace,

**C hear our prayer.**

L We celebrate the ancestors in the faith who built their lives on your promises and died having seen them only from a distance. Sustain us in our hope of things not seen. 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 -  
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 six systems, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: "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 piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords that support the vocal melody.

**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.

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

<i>Presider</i>	<i>Response</i>
The Lord be with you.	And al - so with you.
Lift up your hearts.	We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.	
<b>It is right to give our thanks and praise.</b>	

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***The King of Love My Shepherd Is***ELW 502**

- 1 The King of love my shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never;  
I nothing lack if I am his and he is mine forever.
- 2 Where streams of living water flow, my ransomed soul he leadeth  
and, where the verdant pastures grow, with food celestial feedeth.
- 3 Perverse and foolish oft I strayed, but yet in love he sought me,  
and on his shoulder gently laid, and home, rejoicing, brought me.
- 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill, with thee, dear Lord, beside me,  
thy rod and staff my comfort still; thy cross before to guide me.
- 5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight; thine unction grace bestoweth;  
and, oh, what transport of delight from thy pure chalice floweth!
- 6 And so, through all the length of days, thy goodness faileth never.  
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise within thy house forever.

Text: Henry W. Baker, 1821-1877

**COMMUNION BLESSING***Please stand as you are able.*

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

**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.**

**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***O God, Our Help in Ages Past***ELW 632**

- 1 O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,  
our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home:
- 2 Under the shadow of your throne your saints have dwelt secure;  
sufficient is your arm alone, and our defense is sure.
- 3 Before the hills in order stood or earth received its frame,  
from everlasting you are God, to endless years the same.
- 4 A thousand ages in your sight are like an evening gone,  
short as the watch that ends the night before the rising sun.
- 5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream bears all our years away;  
they fly forgotten, as a dream dies at the op'ning day.
- 6 O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,  
still be our guard while troubles last and our eternal home.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748, alt.

**DISMISSAL**

A Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

C Thanks be to God.

**POSTLUDE**

**UPCOMING EVENTS AT TRINITY**

Today, Aug. 10 ..... Adult Sunday School .....9:30 AM  
 ..... Worship with Holy Communion & Baptism.....10:30 AM  
 ..... Coffee Hour ..... after worship

Tues., Aug. 12..... Quilters.....9:00 AM  
 ..... Church Council ..... 5:30 PM

Sun., Aug. 17 ..... Community Relations meeting .....9:30 AM  
 ..... Worship .....10:30 AM  
 ..... Coffee Hour ..... after worship

**Worship Assistants**

Date	Acolyte	Ushers	Musician	Lector	Altar Guild	Assisting Minister	Sermon	Coffee Hosts
Aug. 10	Ella Bosch, Janeen Horton	Debbie Pomeroy, Duane Pomeroy	Mitchell Bean	Duane Pomeroy	Cindy McGinnis and Team 3	Bob Horton	Deacon Dave Mareske	Troy Abbott & Jeffrey Schafersman
Aug. 17	Cindy McGinnis	Ted Murphy, Howard Reece	Laurie Jackson	Shelley Andrews	Cindy McGinnis & Team 3	Marcy Carlson	Duane Pomeroy	
Aug. 24		Diane Bottorff, Dean McGinnis	Mitchell Bean	Debbie Pomeroy	Cindy McGinnis & Team 3	Parker Jackson	Pr. Dinah Dutta	
Aug. 31	Brayden Winsor	Bob Horton	Laurie Jackson	LaVell Winsor	Cindy McGinnis & Team 3	Ted Murphy		



Today, we welcome Darin Wade into our church family. Darin was born and raised in Topeka.

Darin's baptismal sponsor is Parker Jackson.

Doorstep will continue to collect school supplies, backpacks, towel sets and full-size hygiene items for the families they will adopt this Christmas. Items for Christmas need to be new. They provide each school-aged child with school supplies to start the new year with and a backpack, if possible. They provide each household (260) with a health kit consisting of bath towel, hand towel, washcloth, shampoo, conditioner, bar soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, combs, and brushes. Please remember Doorstep when you find deals on these items and bring them to Doorstep, 1119 SW 10th Ave, Monday – Friday, 9am – 2pm, South door or to church on Sunday or weekdays during office hours



**DOORSTEP**  
Neighbors Helping Neighbors

First Lutheran Church, 1234 Fairlawn, announces *Growing as Disciples*, a daylong workshop on Saturday, September 13th at the church. Rev. Roy Christel, who serves Trinity Lutheran Church, Town and Country, MO as Pastor Emeritus, will lead the event. The program will run from 9:00 to 2:30 and will focus on Discipleship as Fulfillment of Jesus' Great Commission. Lunch will be served and registration is required and will begin in early July. Please save the date and plan on joining us for this important event.



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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**

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