



12TH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST
Trinity Lutheran Church



August
31
2025

Twelfth Sunday of Pentecost

Together
in Community
Living
with Christ
Caring
for Neighbors

For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.”
Luke 14:11

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We are glad you are here!
It is always good to be together, hearing the Word.
Thank you for choosing to worship at Trinity Lutheran Topeka.
Thank you Duane Pomeroy for leading worship today.

PRELUDE

Evangelical Lutheran Worship — Setting 2

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

Gather Us In

ELW 532

1 Here in this place the new light is streaming, now is the darkness vanished away; see in this space our fears and our dreamings brought here to you in the light of this day. Gather us in, the lost and forsaken, gather us in, the blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall awaken, we shall arise at the sound of our name.

- 2 We are the young, our lives are a myst'ry, we are the old who yearn for your face; we have been sung throughout all of hist'ry, called to be light to the whole human race. Gather us in, the rich and the haughty, gather us in, the proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so lowly, give us the courage to enter the song.
- 3 Here we will take the wine and the water, here we will take the bread of new birth, here you shall call your sons and your daughters, call us anew to be salt for the earth. Give us to drink the wine of compassion, give us to eat the bread that is you; nourish us well, and teach us to fashion lives that are holy and hearts that are true.
- 4 Not in the dark of buildings confining, not in some heaven, light years away— here in this place the new light is shining, now is the kingdom, and now is the day. Gather us in and hold us forever, gather us in and make us your own; gather us in, all peoples together, fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

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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.**

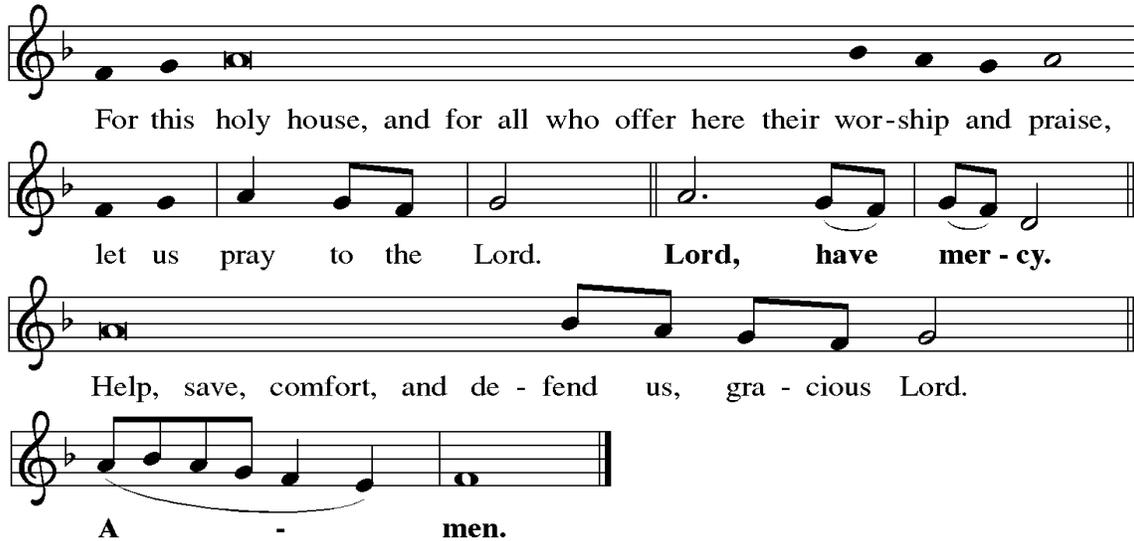
For the peace from above, and for our sal - va - tion, let us

pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**

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

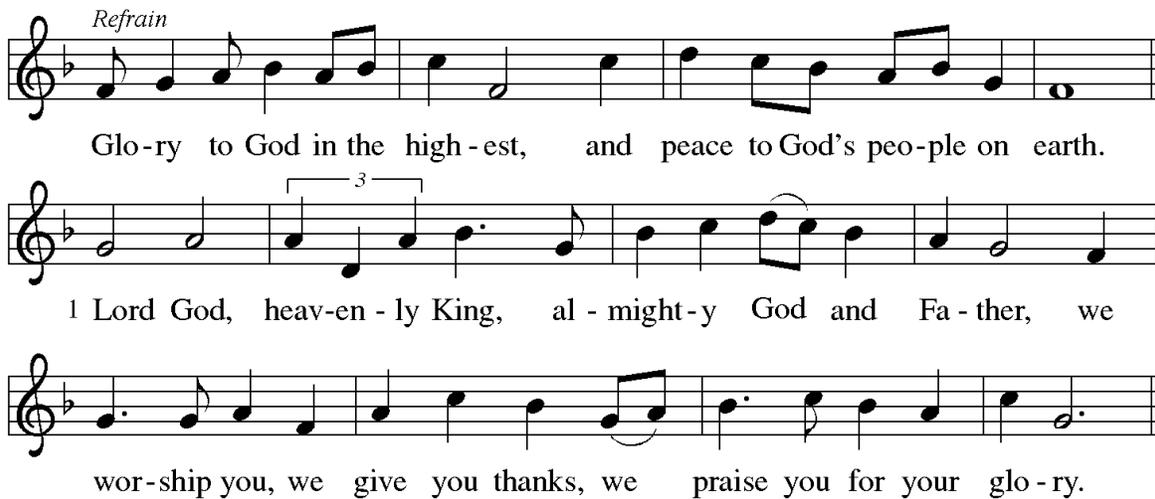
and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

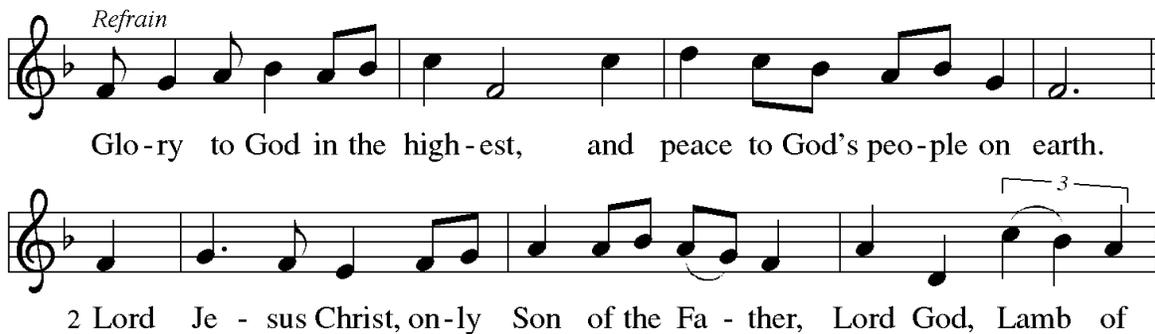


For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,
 let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.
 Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.
 A - men.

HYMN OF PRAISE



Refrain
 Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.
 1 Lord God, heav-en - ly King, al - might-y God and Fa - ther, we
 wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.



Refrain
 Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.
 2 Lord Je - sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of



God, you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us; you are



seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

Refrain



Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



3 For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,



you a-lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly



Spir-it, in the glo-ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Refrain



Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

A Let us pray.

O God, you resist those who are proud and give grace to those who are humble.
Give us the humility of your Son, that we may embody the generosity of Jesus
Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen.**

Please be seated.

WORD

FIRST READING: PROVERBS 25:6-7A

⁶ Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence
or stand in the place of the great,

^{7a} for it is better to be told, "Come up here,"
than to be put lower in the presence of a noble.

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 112

Sung responsively



¹ Hallelujah! Happy are they who | fear the LORD
and have great delight in | God's commandments!

² **Their descendants will be mighty | in the land;
the generation of the upright | will be blessed.**

³ Wealth and riches will be | in their house,
and their righteousness will | last forever.

⁴ **Light shines in the darkness | for the upright;
the righteous are merciful and full | of compassion.**

⁵ It is good for them to be gener- | ous in lending
and to manage their af- | fairs with justice.

⁶ **For they will nev- | er be shaken;
the righteous will be kept in everlast- | ing remembrance.**

⁷ They will not be afraid of any | evil rumors;
their heart is steadfast, trusting | in the LORD.

⁸ **Their heart is established and | will not shrink,
until they see their desire up- | on their enemies.**

⁹ They have given freely to the poor, and their righteousness stands | fast forever;
they will hold up their | head with honor.

¹⁰ **The wicked will see it and be angry; they will gnash their teeth and |
pine away;
the desires of the wick- | ed will perish.**

SECOND READING: HEBREWS 13:1-8, 15-16

¹ Let mutual affection continue. ² Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. ³ Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them, those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. ⁴ Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterers. ⁵ Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have, for he himself has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." ⁶ So we can say with confidence,

"The Lord is my helper;

I will not be afraid.

What can anyone do to me?"

⁷ Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. ⁸ Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. ¹⁵ Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. ¹⁶ Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

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, 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 fourteenth chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL: LUKE 14:1, 7-14

¹On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the Sabbath, they were watching him closely.

⁷When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable.

⁸“When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host, ⁹and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, ‘Give this person your place,’ and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. ¹⁰But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, ‘Friend, move up higher’; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. ¹¹For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.”

¹²He said also to the one who had invited him, “When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers and sisters or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid.

¹³But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. ¹⁴And you will be blessed because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.”

L The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

SERMON

DUANE POMEROY

HYMN OF THE DAY

O Christ the Same

WOV 778

Please stand for the final verse of the hymn.



1 O Christ the same, through all our sto - ry's pag - es—
2 O Christ the same, the friend of sin - ners, shar - ing
3 O Christ the same, se - cure with - in whose keep - ing



our loves and hopes, our fail - ures and our fears;
our in - most thoughts, the se - crets none can hide;
our lives and loves, our days and years re - main;

e - ter - nal Lord, the king of all the a - ges,
 still as of old up - on your bod - y bear - ing
 our work and rest, our wak - ing and our sleep - ing,
 un - chang - ing still a - mid the pass - ing years:
 the marks of love in tri - umph glo - ri - fied:
 our calm and storm, our plea - sure and our pain:
 O liv - ing Word, the source of all cre - a - tion,
 O Son of Man, who stooped for us from heav - en—
 O Lord of love, for all our joys and sor - rows,
 who spread the skies and set the stars a - blaze;
 O Prince of life, in all your sav - ing power;
 for all our hopes when earth shall fade and flee;
 O Christ the same, who wrought our whole sal - va - tion,
 O Christ the same, to whom our hearts are giv - en:
 O Christ the same, be - yond our brief to - mor - rows,
 we bring our thanks for all our yes - ter - days.
 we bring our thanks for this the pres - ent hour.
 we bring our thanks for all that is to be.

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 Let us pray for the church, creation, and all people of God, for God is near.

A brief silence.

A For the leaders of the church, we pray. Inspire deacons, pastors, and Sunday school teachers with a passion for speaking the word of God. Equip all the baptized to share your word of grace. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A For the well-being of creation, we pray. Sustain farm workers and all who labor in fields and vineyards to grow the food we eat. Revive plains and pastures, and provide for the cattle and creatures who rely on the land for their sustenance. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A For the leaders of towns, cities, provinces, states, and nations, we pray. Guide them to enact equitable laws and policies for all. On this Labor Day weekend, make us mindful of workers whose labor often goes unnoticed. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A For the lowly and those who are ignored, we pray. Provide for the needs of those who are unemployed, burdened by debt, or struggle to make ends meet. Accompany all who need reassurance of your loving presence especially Kelly Irwin Patton, Shelley Andrews, Pam Kobbeman, Julie Reeves, Martha Nemeth, and David McGinnis. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A For the hospitality ministries of this congregation, we pray. Give ushers and greeters a spirit of welcome for visitors, and bless the work of those who feed and nourish us. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A For our church family members who reach a milestone this week, we pray. Pour joyful blessings upon Ellen Irwin, David Ralph, and Bob Horton as they celebrate their birthday and upon Parker Jackson, Asher Klamm, and Charlotte Blenden as they remember their baptisms. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

L For all the saints who from their labors rest, we give thanks. With them, we offer our sacrifice of praise to you, O God, the same yesterday and today and forever. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

L Confident in God's presence and promise, we entrust our prayers to the one who always receives them; through Jesus Christ, our wisdom and companion.

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

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 has two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line. The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords that support the vocal melody. The score ends with a double bar line.

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

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.

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.

SENDING HYMN

O God beyond All Praising

ELW 880

- 1 O God beyond all praising, we worship you today and sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay; for we can only wonder at ev'ry gift you send, at blessings without number and mercies without end: we lift our hearts before you and wait upon your word, we honor and adore you, our great and mighty Lord.
- 2 The flow'r of earthly splendor in time must surely die, its fragile bloom surrender to you, the Lord most high; but hidden from all nature the eternal seed is sown—though small in mortal stature, to heaven's garden grown: for Christ, your gift from heaven, from death has set us free, and we through him are given the final victory.
- 3 Then hear, O gracious Savior, accept the love we bring, that we who know your favor may serve you as our King; and whether our tomorrows be filled with good or ill, we'll triumph through our sorrows and rise to bless you still: to marvel at your beauty and glory in your ways, and make a joyful duty our sacrifice of praise.

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

UPCOMING EVENTS AT TRINITY	
Today, Aug. 31.....	Worship..... 10:30 AM
.....	5th Sunday Special for Hollis Renewal Center.....
.....	Coffee Hour..... after worship
Tues., Sept. 2	Quilters..... 9:00 AM
Sun., Sept. 7.....	Doorstep Food Collection Day
.....	Hymn Sing Along..... 10:15 AM
.....	Worship..... 10:30 AM
.....	Coffee Hour..... after worship

Worship Assistants								
Date	Acolyte	Ushers	Musician	Lector	Altar Guild	Assisting Minister	Worship Leader	Coffee Hosts
Aug. 31	Brayden Winsor	Bob Horton	Laurie Jackson	LaVell Winsor	Cindy McGinnis & Team 3	Ted Murphy	Duane Pomeroy	Steve Luoma
Sept. 7	Braxdon Penry	Ted Murphy, Dean McGinnis		Diane Bottorff	Carol Marker & Team 1	Marcy Carlson	Bob Horton	Marilyn Heckman
Sept. 14	Curt Lewis, Ella Bosch	Marcy Carlson, Howard Reece		Marcy Carlson	Carol Marker & Team 1	Ted Murphy	Duane Pomeroy	
Sept. 21	Cindy McGinnis	Curt Lewis,		Loni Reece	Carol Marker & Team 1	Marcy Carlson	Bob Horton	
Sept. 28	Janeen Horton	Diane Bottorff, Dean McGinnis		Loretta Hoerman	Carol Marker & Team 1	Bob Horton	Pr. Barb Jones	



Our 5th Sunday Special collection today will be forwarded to the Hollis Renewal Center in Bonner Springs, KS. Deacon Dave Mareske is the executive director of Hollis and we are so grateful for his past and future willingness to serve as our worship leader and preside at communion.



HOLLIS

Look for the special envelope in your bulletin today.

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.

WU CAMPUS MINISTRY

Fall brings students to the Washburn University campus. So the time has come for Trinity to collect dental hygiene items for the Bods Feeding Bods pantry. Be on the lookout for good buys and sales of toothbrushes, toothpaste, mouthwash, dental floss and floss picks. Individual items are best as individual students shop at the pantry. The Ichabod box will be by the east entrance beginning August 24. Debbie & Duane Pomeroy will deliver our donations to campus the last week of September. Thank you for your continued support of this ministry!





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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.

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