



10TH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST

Trinity Lutheran Church



August
17

2025

Tenth Sunday
of Pentecost

Together
in Community
Living
with Christ
Caring
for Neighbors

I have come to cast fire upon the earth, and how I wish it were already ablaze! ⁵⁰I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what constraint I am under until it is completed!

Luke 12:49-50

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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.
Thank you to Duane Pomeroy for leading worship today.

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

How Firm a Foundation

ELW 796

- 1 How firm a foundation, O saints of the Lord, is laid for your faith in Christ Jesus, the Word! What more can he say than to you he has said who unto the Savior for refuge have fled?
- 2 “Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dismayed, for I am your God and will still give you aid; I’ll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand, upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.”
- 3 “When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie, my grace, all-sufficient, shall be your supply. The flames shall not hurt you; I only design your dross to consume and your gold to refine.”
- 4 “Throughout all their lifetime my people shall prove my sov’ reign, eternal, unchangeable love; and then, when gray hairs shall their temples adorn, like lambs they shall still in my bosom be borne.”

Text: J. Rippon, *A Selection of Hymns*, 1787, 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.

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 God, judge eternal, you love justice and hate oppression, and you call us to share your zeal for truth. Give us courage to take our stand with all victims of bloodshed and greed, and, following your servants and prophets, to look to the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen.**

Please be seated.

WORD

FIRST READING: JEREMIAH 23:23-29

²³Am I a God near by, says the LORD, and not a God far off? ²⁴Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them? says the LORD. Do I not fill heaven and earth? says the LORD. ²⁵I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, "I have dreamed! I have dreamed!" ²⁶How long? Will the hearts of the prophets ever turn back—those who prophesy lies and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart? ²⁷They plan to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, just as their ancestors forgot my name for Baal. ²⁸Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let the one who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? says the LORD. ²⁹Is not my word like fire, says the LORD, and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?

The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 82

Sung responsively



¹ God stands to charge the divine coun- | cil assembled,
giving judgment in the midst | of the gods:

² **“How long will you | judge unjustly,
and show favor | to the wicked?”**

³ Save the weak | and the orphan;
defend the hum- | ble and needy;

⁴ **rescue the weak | and the poor;
deliver them from the power | of the wicked.**

⁵ They do not know, neither do they understand; they wander a- | bout in darkness;
all the foundations of the | earth are shaken.

⁶ **Now I say to you, | ‘You are gods,
and all of you children of | the Most High;**

⁷ nevertheless, you shall | die like mortals,
and fall like | any prince.’”

⁸ **Arise, O God, and | rule the earth,
for you shall take all nations | for your own.**

SECOND READING: HEBREWS 11:29—12:2

²⁹By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. ³⁰By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. ³¹By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace. ³²And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets, ³³who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, ³⁴quenched the power of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, were made strong out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. ³⁵Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. ³⁶Others suffered mocking and flogging and even chains and imprisonment. ³⁷They were stoned to death; they were sawn in two; they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented ³⁸of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains and in caves and holes in the ground. ³⁹Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, ⁴⁰since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect.

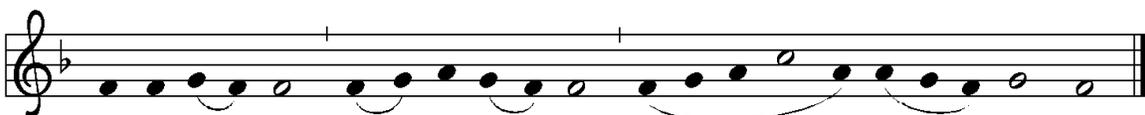
^{12:1}Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, ²looking to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

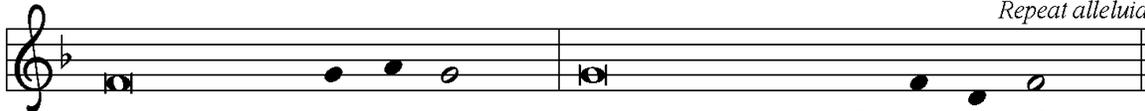
Please stand as you are able.

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 12:49-56

Jesus said:⁴⁹“I have come to cast fire upon the earth, and how I wish it were already ablaze! ⁵⁰I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what constraint I am under until it is completed! ⁵¹Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! ⁵²From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; ⁵³they will be divided:

father against son and son against father, mother against daughter
and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law
and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.”

⁵⁴He also said to the crowds, “When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, ‘It is going to rain,’ and so it happens. ⁵⁵And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, ‘There will be scorching heat,’ and it happens. ⁵⁶You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?”

L The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

SERMON

DUANE POMEROY

HYMN OF THE DAY

By Gracious Powers

ELW 626

Please stand for the final verse of the hymn.

- 1 By gracious pow’rs so wonderfully sheltered, and confidently waiting come what may, we know that God is with us night and morning, and never fails to greet us each new day.
- 2 Yet is this heart by its old foe tormented, still evil days bring burdens hard to bear; oh, give our frightened souls the sure salvation, for which, O Lord, you taught us to prepare.
- 3 And when this cup you give is filled to brimming with bitter suffering, hard to understand, we take it thankfully and without trembling out of so good and so beloved a hand.
- 4 Yet when again in this same world you give us the joy we had, the brightness of your sun, we shall remember all the days we lived through and our whole life shall then be yours alone.
- 5 By gracious pow’rs so faithfully protected, so quietly, so wonderfully near, we live each day in hope, with you beside us, and go with you through ev’ry coming year.

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

A brief silence.

A Raise up faithful leaders for your church around the world. Inspire global missionaries with a spirit of accompaniment, as they walk alongside our partners in the gospel in solidarity, interdependence, and mutuality. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A Safeguard rivers and lakes from pollution. Sustain the work of conservationists, policy makers, and advocacy groups seeking to protect fresh water sources. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A Bridge divisions across partisan lines. Strengthen cooperative efforts among lawmakers who enact policies that protect our neighbors who are most vulnerable. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A Embrace all who suffer in isolation: for those who are incarcerated or detained, those who are fleeing from unsafe environments, and those who are sick or homebound especially Kelly Irwin Patton, Shelley Andrews, Julie Reeves, Martha Nemeth, and David McGinnis. Reassure them of your care in all times and places. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A Guide the leaders of this congregation. In these late summer weeks, inspire their planning for a new program year ahead. Kindle in us a spirit of collaboration and support for their work. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A Grant blessings upon Dave & Roxann Quarnstrom as they celebrate their wedding anniversary. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

L With thanksgiving, we remember the cloud of witnesses who surround us. By the example of their faith, enable us to run with perseverance the race set before us, until that day when we join their unending praise. 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

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.

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

We've Come This Far by Faith

ELW 633

Refrain - All

We've come this far by faith, leaning on the Lord; trusting in his holy word,
he's never failed us yet. Oh, can't turn around, we've come this far by faith.
We've come this far by faith.

- 1 Just remember the good things God has done, things that seemed impossible;
oh, praise him for the vict'ries he has won. Oh! *Refrain*
- 2 Don't be discouraged with trouble in your life; he'll bear your burdens,
and move all the discord and strife. Oh! *Refrain*

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DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

UPCOMING EVENTS AT TRINITY

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

Mon., Aug. 18September Trinity Tidings deadline.....
 Stroke Support Group6:00 PM

Tues., Aug. 19.....Quilters..... 9:00 AM

Sun., Aug. 24 Children’s Sunday School 9:45 AM
 Worship with Holy Communion 10:30 AM
 Coffee Hour..... after worship

Worship Assistants

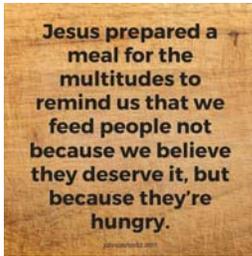
Date	Acolyte	Ushers	Musician	Lector	Altar Guild	Assisting Minister	Sermon	Coffee Hosts
Aug. 17	Cindy McGinnis	Ted Murphy, Howard Reece	Laurie Jackson	Shelley Andrews	Cindy McGinnis & Team 3	Marcy Carlson	Duane Pomeroy	
Aug. 24		Diane Bottorff, Dean McGinnis	Mitchell Bean	Debbie Pomeroy	Cindy McGinnis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



DOORSTEP

Neighbors Helping Neighbors

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



Our August food collection for Doorstep was 290.3 lbs—312 items!

Plus close to 100 items for Christmas in July!

Thanks to everyone who donated!

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.

A link for registration was in an email sent to the congregation on Tuesday, August 12. If you have any questions or issues with the registration link, please contact Joyce Koenig at koenig1942@hotmail.com or 501-781-5692.

Current Doorstep Needs ~ August 2025

Clothing Room Needs: (Gently Used, Not New)

Men's Pajamas ~ All Sizes
Men's Underwear ~ All Sizes
Men's Shorts ~ All Sizes
Men's Jeans & Casual / Dress Pants ~ Sizes 32 & 34
Men's Shoes ~ All Sizes / Especially 10 ½ and up

Men's & Women's Tennis Shoes – ALL Sizes

Women's Pajamas ~ All Sizes
Women's Shorts, Sweatpants, Etc. ~ All Sizes
Women's Shoes ~ All Sizes / Especially sizes 9 and up

Boys Jeans & Shorts ~ All Sizes 4 - 18
Boys Shirts ~ Sizes 2 - 10
Boys Socks ~ Sizes L & XL

Boys & Girls Shoes ~ All Sizes / Especially for School Age

Girls & Teens Jeans, Shorts & Leggings ~ Sizes 5 - 14

Bed Sheets & Comforters ~ Twin & Queen
Toasters, Blenders & Coffee Makers
Feminine Hygiene products – Pads & Tampons
Diapers ~ Sizes 5 & 6
Hand Can Openers

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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 |                        |

**Donations Accepted:**

**Monday – Friday  
9am – 2pm**

1119 SW 10<sup>th</sup> Ave  
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### OFFICE HOURS

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

**Together in Community**

**Living with Christ**

**Caring for Neighbors**

### **Together in Community**

We are a faith community brought together to worship God and to be of service to the needs of the world as the Great Commandment is our guide in our lives (*Matthew 22:36-39, Mark 12:29-31, and Luke 10:26-27*). We are a congregation that seeks to reach all those in our county with members spread throughout Topeka area, while being rooted in Historic Old Town. In our faith, we hope to be a symbol of Christ's love in the world (*John 15:12*), to be a community of support and care (*Galatians 6:2*), and to proclaim the good news that Jesus Christ came to be a Savior for all people (*Colossians 1:13-14*).

### CONGREGATION COUNCIL

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