



# 14<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF PENTECOST

Trinity Lutheran Church



September  
**14**  
2025

Fourteenth Sunday  
of Pentecost

Together  
in Community  
Living  
with Christ  
Caring  
for Neighbors

Rejoice with  
me, for I  
have found  
my lost  
sheep.  
Luke 15:6

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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 again today.*

**PRELUDE**

***Evangelical Lutheran Worship — Setting 2***

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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 we have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen us with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in our hearts through faith.

**C Amen.**

**GATHERING HYMN**

*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

**ELW 807**

1 Come, thou Fount of ev'ry blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.  
While the hope of endless glory fills my heart with joy and love,  
teach me ever to adore thee; may I still thy goodness prove.

- 2 Here I raise my Ebenezer: "Hither by thy help I've come";  
and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wand'ring from the fold of God;  
he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.
- 3 Oh, to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be;  
let that grace now like a fetter bind my wand'ring heart to thee.  
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love.  
Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above.

Text: Robert Robinson, 1735-1790, 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 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,

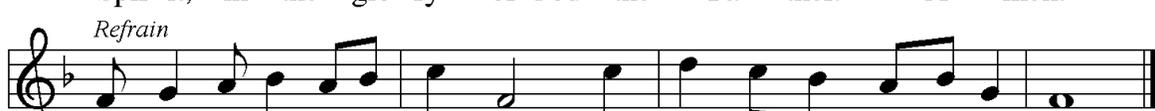


you a-lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly



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, overflowing with mercy and compassion, you lead back to yourself all those who go astray. Preserve your people in your loving care, that we may reject whatever is contrary to you and may follow all things that sustain our life in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

*Please be seated.*



<sup>8</sup> **Let me hear | joy and gladness;  
that the body you have broken | may rejoice.**

<sup>9</sup> Hide your face | from my sins,  
and blot out | all my wickedness.

<sup>10</sup> **Create in me a clean | heart, O God,  
and renew a right spir- | it within me.**

**SECOND READING: 1 TIMOTHY 1:12-17**

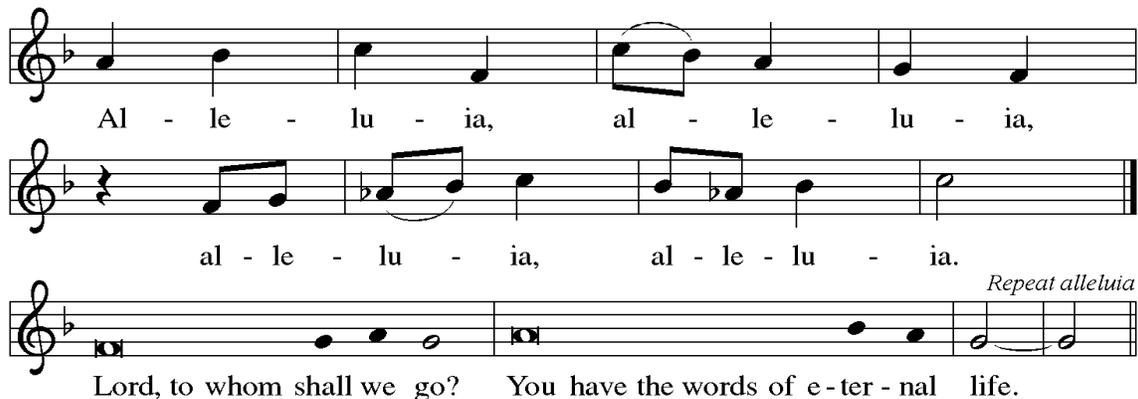
<sup>12</sup>I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he considered me faithful and appointed me to his service, <sup>13</sup>even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, <sup>14</sup>and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. <sup>15</sup>The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance: that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the foremost. <sup>16</sup>But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience as an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. <sup>17</sup>To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

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 fifteenth chapter.

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

**GOSPEL: LUKE 15:1-10**

<sup>1</sup>Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. <sup>2</sup>And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, “This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.” <sup>3</sup>So he told them this parable: <sup>4</sup>“Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in

the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? <sup>5</sup>And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. <sup>6</sup>And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my lost sheep.' <sup>7</sup>Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance. <sup>8</sup>Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? <sup>9</sup>And when she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.' <sup>10</sup>Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

L The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

SERMON

DUANE POMEROY

HYMN OF THE DAY

*Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling*

ELW 608

Please stand for the final verse of the hymn.

- 1 Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling, calling for you and for me.  
See, on the portals he's waiting and watching, watching for you and for me.

*Refrain*

"Come home, (Come home,) come home! (come home!)

You who are weary, come home."

Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling, calling, "O sinner, come home!"

- 2 Why should we tarry when Jesus is pleading, pleading for you and for me?  
Why should we linger and heed not his mercies, mercies for you and for me?

*Refrain*

- 3 Oh, for the wonderful love he has promised, promised for you and for me!  
Though we have sinned, he has mercy and pardon, pardon for you and for me.

*Refrain*

Text: Will L. Thompson, 1847-1909

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 Gracious God, we come to you in prayer for the church, the world, and all in need.

*A brief silence.*

A Merciful God, pour out your grace upon your church. Forgive us for the times when we have been unfaithful, and renew our commitment to your gospel of love. Empower us to live as a community of mercy. God of grace,

**C receive our prayer.**

A Merciful God, we ask forgiveness for the ways we have neglected and harmed this earth and its creatures. Confirm our commitment to care for all you have made, and grant us wisdom and strength to take action toward restoring your creation to its fullness. God of grace,

**C receive our prayer.**

A Merciful God, govern all who hold positions of power and authority. Instruct them to make just decisions that serve the common good. Make them instruments of your mercy in the world, working to heal divisions and promote peace. God of grace,

**C receive our prayer.**

A Merciful God, we lift up all who suffer. Bring healing, comfort, and peace to those who are sick, grieving, or in pain especially Kelly Irwin Patton, Bill Ridinger, Shelley Andrews, Julie Reeves, Martha Nemeth, and David McGinnis. Give us compassionate hearts to accompany those who are hurting and courage to work for justice and mercy. God of grace,

**C receive our prayer.**

A Merciful God, bind us together as a community of forgiveness and love. Supply us with humility to seek forgiveness when we have wronged one another and generosity to extend mercy when we have been wronged. God of grace,

**C receive our prayer.**

A Merciful God, richly bless our church family. We pray for Janice Greenlee and Diane Bottorff as they celebrate their birthdays, and for Mary McGinnis, Jake Kennedy, and Zane Kennedy as they remember their baptisms. God of grace,

**C receive our prayer.**

L Merciful God, we remember in love those who have departed this life. Console those who mourn, and give them the hope of resurrection. God of grace,

**C receive our prayer.**

L We entrust these prayers to you, O God, in the name of Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend.

**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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**THANKSGIVING**

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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 five systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is common time (C). The lyrics are printed below the vocal line. The piano accompaniment features a steady harmonic accompaniment with some melodic lines in the right hand.

**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

A Lord of the harvest, we return to you a portion of what you have given to us.  
Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches, but on you, who richly provides for us. Multiply what we have gathered to bless all who are suffering and in need, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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.**

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**SENDING**

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**BLESSING**

L The love of God abound in us; the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill our hearts; and the life of the Spirit ✠ bless us and give us peace.

**SENDING 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.

**DISMISSAL**

A Go in peace. Do not lose heart.

C Thanks be to God.

**POSTLUDE**

**UPCOMING EVENTS AT TRINITY**

Today, Sept. 14.....	Adult Sunday School .....	9:30 AM
.....	Worship.....	10:30 AM
.....	Coffee Hour.....	after worship
.....	<i>God's Work, Our Hands</i> workday @ Doorstep .....	1:00 PM
.....	PFLAG meeting .....	2:00 PM
Mon., Sept. 15.....	Stroke Support Group .....	6:00 PM
Tues., Sept. 16.....	Quilters.....	9:00 AM
Thurs., Sept. 18.....	October Trinity Tidings deadline .....	
Sun., Sept. 21 .....	Community Relations meeting .....	9:30 AM
.....	Worship.....	10:30 AM
.....	Coffee Hour.....	after worship
.....	Junior & Liz Utech 70th Anniversary celebration.....	



Please join us next Sunday, Sept. 21, as we wish a happy 70th anniversary to Junior & Liz Utech. This is indeed a major milestone for these two children of God!



**Food Donation for Doorstep = Food for Our Neighbors**

Bob & Janeen delivered 297 items, approximately 279.3 pounds, collected during our September 7th food collection.

Thanks to everyone who contributed.



Today we are observing God’s Work Our Hands, ELCA’s annual day of service. Our service opportunity be will at Doorstep, beginning at 1pm.

### 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 is by the east entrance. Debbie & Duane Pomeroy will deliver our donations to campus the last week of September.

Thank you for your continued support of this ministry!

Worship Assistants								
Date	Acolyte	Ushers	Musician	Lector	Altar Guild	Assisting Minister	Worship Leader	Coffee Hosts
Sept. 14	Curt Lewis, Ella Bosch	Marcy Carlson, Howard Reece	Mitchell Bean	Marcy Carlson	Carol Marker & Team 1	Ted Murphy	Duane Pomeroy	Duane/Debbie Pomeroy
Sept. 21	Cindy McGinnis	Curt Lewis,	Laurie Jackson	Loni Reece	Carol Marker & Team 1	Marcy Carlson	Bob Horton	Dean McGinnis
Sept. 28	Janeen Horton	Diane Bottorff, Dean McGinnis	Mitchell Bean	Loretta Hoerman	Carol Marker & Team 1	Bob Horton	Pr. Barb Jones	

## Current Doorstep Needs ~ September 2025

### Clothing Room Needs: (Gently Used, Not New)

- Men's Underwear ~ All Sizes
- Men's Shorts ~ All Sizes
- Men's Jeans ~ Sizes 32 & 34 waist
- Men's Belts ~ All Sizes
- Men's Sweatpants ~ All Sizes (Reg & Plus)
- Men's T-Shirts & Collared Shirts ~ Sizes Small & Medium
- Men's Shoes ~ All Sizes
- Men's & Women's Tennis Shoes – ALL Sizes
- Women's Pajamas ~ All Sizes
- Women's Sweatpants ~ All Sizes (Reg & Plus)
- Women's Leggings & Jeggings ~ All Sizes
- Women's Purses
- Women's Underwear, Camisoles & Bras (Reg & Sports) ~ All Sizes
- Boys Jeans & Shorts ~ All Sizes
- Boys Shirts ~ Sizes 5 – 16
- Boys Socks ~ Sizes for Teens
- Boys & Girls Shoes ~ All Sizes / Especially for School Age
- Girls & Teens Jeans & Leggings ~ All Sizes
- Bed Sheets & Comforters ~ Twin & Queen
- Toasters & Manual Can Openers
- Blankets ~ All Sizes

### Donations Accepted:

**Monday – Friday  
9am – 2pm**

1119 SW 10<sup>th</sup> Ave  
(10<sup>th</sup> & Buchanan)  
Use the South Door

Diapers – Sizes 4, 5 & 6

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### Food Room Needs:

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| Pancake Syrup                           | Vegetable, Cream Mushroom & Tomato Soups |                  |
| Ramen Noodles                           | Canned Milk                              | Baked Beans      |
| Tuna Helper                             | Mixed Canned Vegetables                  | Corn & Peas      |
| Canned Beans ~ (Pinto, Black, Chili)    | Boxed Potatoes ~ Scalloped               | Saltine Crackers |
| Canned Fruit ~ Peaches, Cocktail, Pears |  |                  |

## Treasurer report as of 8-31-2025

### Income and Expense update

Year to date giving is averaging \$9,711.13 a month or a total of \$77,689.02 thru 8-31-25. The August income numbers include the transfer of the MIF funds of \$11,851.73 into our checking account as part of a deposit. (I need to have adjustments made to better account for this transaction with Simple solutions, our accountant.)

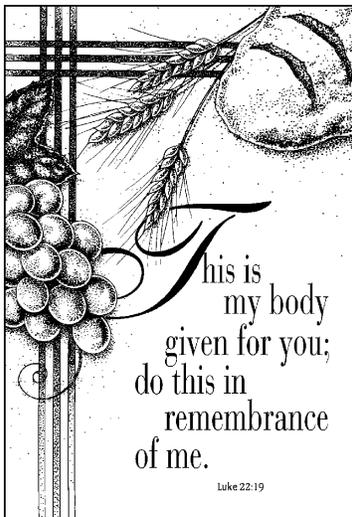
Year to date expenses are averaging \$10,074.01 a month or a total of \$80,597.10 thru 8-31-25. This results in a short fall in covering our expenses of **\$2,908.08** thru the end of August. This results in the church running about **\$363.51 in the red each month.**

Restricted giving year to date totals \$6,425.00— Elevator donations of \$2,460 and \$2853.00 for Doorstep are the majority of the restricted givings thru the end of August.

## WIDOWED WOMEN of FAITH

Join other “**Widowed Women of FaiTh**” on Tuesday, September 16th for lunch and companionship from 11am to 1pm in the back room at Perkins Restaurant, 1720 SW Wanamaker Road, Topeka. No RSVP needed, just come. Please, invite other Widowed Women of FaiTh. We meet every month on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday and will continue all through 2025. Come join us! Questions?

[WidowedWomenofFaith@gmail.com](mailto:WidowedWomenofFaith@gmail.com) or call Julie at (913)558-0191.



Beginning on the first communion Sunday in September (Sept. 28), we will change the order of serving communion. The presiding minister will serve congregation first (including those who remain seated). Once the assembly has been served, then communion assistant(s) and presider will be served. This change is based on a “Servant Leader” theology where the leader is always served last. Currently there is no ELCA/CSS recommended flow for communion.



## 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**

### **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

**President** Diane Bottorff

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

**Secretary** Dean McGinnis (Congregational Life)

Shelley Andrews (Administration)

Marilyn Heckman (Community Relations)

Parker Jackson (TBD)

Steve Luoma (Administration)

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**Treasurer** Bob Kobbeman