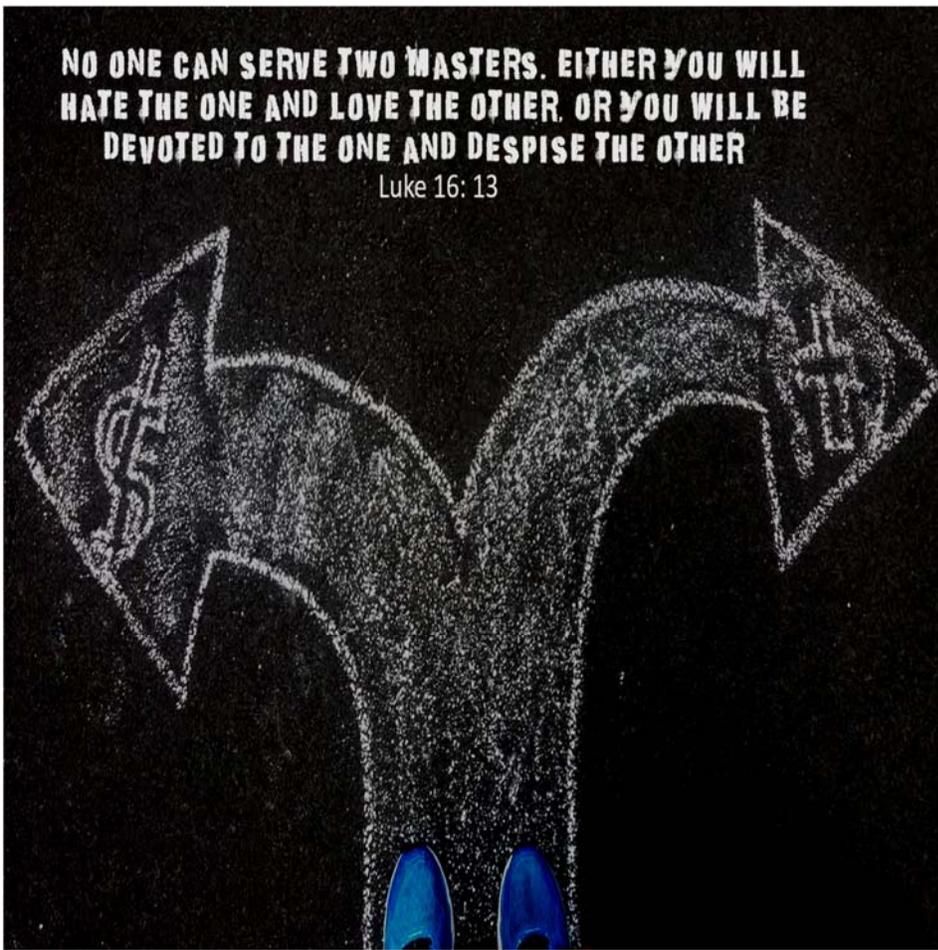




Trinity Lutheran Church



September
21
2025

Fifteenth Sunday
of Pentecost

Together
in Community
Living
with Christ
Caring
for Neighbors

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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.
Once again, we appreciate Bob Horton's willingness to lead worship.

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 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

Son of God, Eternal Savior

ELW 655

1 Son of God, eternal Savior, source of life and truth and grace,
Word made flesh, whose birth among us hallows all our human race,
you our head, who, throned in glory, for your own will ever plead:
fill us with your love and pity, heal our wrong, and help our need.

- 2 As you, Lord, have lived for others, so may we for others live.
 Freely have your gifts been granted; freely may your servants give.
 Yours the gold and yours the silver, yours the wealth of land and sea;
 we but stewards of your bounty held in solemn trust will be.
- 3 Come, O Christ, and reign among us, King of love and Prince of peace;
 hush the storm of strife and passion, bid its cruel discords cease.
 By your patient years of toiling, by your silent hours of pain,
 quench our fevered thirst of pleasure, stem our selfish greed of gain.
- 4 Son of God, eternal Savior, source of life and truth and grace,
 Word made flesh, whose birth among us hallows all our human race:
 by your praying, by your willing that your people should be one,
 grant, oh, grant our hope's fruition: here on earth your will be done.

Text: Somerset C. Lowry, 1855-1932

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.

God among us, we gather in the name of your Son to learn love for one another.
Keep our feet from evil paths. Turn our minds to your wisdom and our hearts to
the grace revealed in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen.**

Please be seated.

WORD

FIRST READING: AMOS 8:4-7

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.

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 113

Sung responsively



¹ Hallelujah! Give praise, you servants | of the LORD;
praise the name | of the LORD.
² **Let the name of the | LORD be blessed,**
from this time forth for- | evermore.
³ From the rising of the sun to its | going down
let the name of the | LORD be praised.
⁴ **The LORD is high a- | bove all nations;**
God's glory a- | bove the heavens.
⁵ Who is like the | LORD our God,
who sits en- | throned on high,
⁶ **but stoops | to behold**
the heavens | and the earth?
⁷ The LORD takes up the weak out | of the dust
and lifts up the poor | from the ashes,
⁸ **enthroning them | with the rulers,**
with the rulers | of the people.
⁹ The LORD makes the woman of a | childless house
to be a joyful mother of children. | Hallelujah!

SECOND READING: 1 TIMOTHY 2:1-7

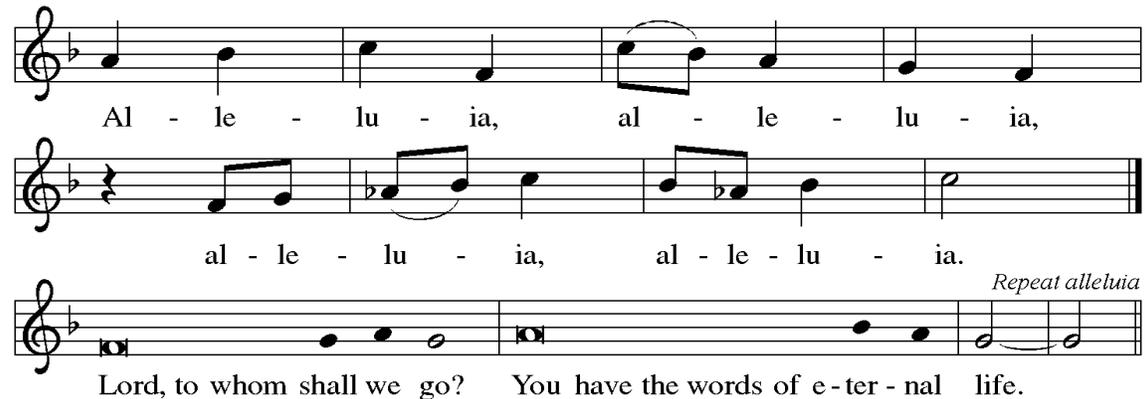
¹First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, ²for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. ³This is right and acceptable before God our Savior, ⁴who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. ⁵For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, ⁶who gave himself a ransom for all—this was attested at the right time. ⁷For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth; I am not lying), a teacher of the gentiles in faith and truth.

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 sixteenth chapter.

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

GOSPEL: LUKE 16:1-13

¹Then Jesus said to the disciples, “There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. ²So he summoned him and said to him, ‘What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management because you cannot be my manager any longer.’ ³Then the manager said to himself, ‘What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. ⁴I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.’ ⁵So, summoning his master’s debtors one by one, he asked the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’ ⁶He answered, ‘A hundred jugs of olive oil.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.’ ⁷Then he asked another, ‘And how much do you owe?’ He replied, ‘A hundred containers of wheat.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill and make it eighty.’ ⁸And his

master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly, for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. ⁹And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone they may welcome you into the eternal homes. ¹⁰“Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much, and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. ¹¹If, then, you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? ¹²And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? ¹³No slave can serve two masters, for a slave will either hate the one and love the other or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.”

L The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

SERMON

BOB HORTON

HYMN OF THE DAY

Take My Life, That I May Be

ELW 685

Please stand for the final verse of the hymn.

- 1 Take my life, that I may be consecrated, Lord, to thee;
take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise.
- 2 Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of thy love;
take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for thee.
- 3 Take my voice and let me sing always, only, for my King;
take my lips and let them be filled with messages from thee.
- 4 Take my silver and my gold, not a mite would I withhold;
take my intellect and use ev'ry pow'r as thou shall choose.
- 5 Take my will and make it thine, it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is thine own, it shall be thy royal throne.
- 6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure store;
take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for thee.

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836-1879, alt.

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

A brief silence.

A O God, teach your church to act in solidarity with the poor, frustrating the efforts of those who trample on the needy and practicing justice in our own life and community. God of grace,

C receive our prayer.

A Almighty Creator, we pray for an end to the misuse of the earth. that all people may benefit from your abundant gifts and that our stewardship of creation would be marked by justice and sustainability. God of grace,

C receive our prayer.

A Holy One, embolden elected leaders to pursue policies of economic justice for the benefit of all, especially those who are most vulnerable and marginalized. Persuade them by your example of generosity and compassion. God of grace,

C receive our prayer.

A Compassionate God, we pray for all facing illness, especially Kelly Irwin Patton, Bill Ridinger, Shelley Andrews, Julie Reeves, Martha Nemeth, and David McGinnis, those near death, or those grieving the loss of loved ones. May they find comfort and strength in your love. Prepare us to surround them with your healing care. God of grace,

C receive our prayer.

A God of love, motivate our congregation to enact economic justice through tangible action, prioritizing the needs of our community and sharing resources generously through our outreach and justice ministries. God of grace,

C receive our prayer.

A God of life, we ask your blessings for Janelle Meredith as she remembers her baptism and for Junior & Liz Utech as they celebrate their 70th wedding anniversary. God of grace,

C receive our prayer.

L Gracious God, we give thanks for the saints who now join the heavenly chorus in praising your name. Lift us up from the dust of grief and remind us of your promise of new life. 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.

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.

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.**

SENDING

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

Rise Up, O Saints of God!

ELW 669

- 1 Rise up, O saints of God! From vain ambitions turn;
Christ rose triumphant that your hearts with nobler zeal might burn.
- 2 Speak out, O saints of God! Despair engulfs earth's frame;
as heirs of God's baptismal grace, the word of hope proclaim.
- 3 Rise up, O saints of God! The kingdom's task embrace;
redress sin's cruel consequence; give justice larger place.
- 4 Give heed, O saints of God! Creation cries in pain;
stretch forth your hand of healing now, with love the weak sustain.
- 5 Commit your hearts to seek the paths which Christ has trod;
and, quickened by the Spirit's pow'r, rise up, O saints of God!

Text: Norman O. Forness, b. 1936. Text © Norman O. Forness, admin. Augsburg Fortress.

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Do not lose heart.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

UPCOMING EVENTS AT TRINITY

Today, Sept. 21	Community Relations meeting	9:30 AM
.....	Worship	10:30 AM
.....	Coffee Hour	after worship
.....	Junior & Liz Utech 70th Anniversary celebration	
Tues., Sept. 23	Quilters	9:00 AM
.....	TLHA meeting	7:00 PM
Sun., Sept. 28.....	Children's Sunday School.....	9:45 AM
.....	Worship with Holy Communion.....	10:30 AM
.....	Coffee Hour	after worship
.....	Bishop Donna Simon Installation	5:00 PM

Today we celebrate!

Please join us at coffee hour as we wish two very special people, Junior & Liz Utech, best wishes as they reach the marriage milestone of 70 years on Sept. 24. We are so blessed to have them in our church family!



70th
Anniversary

Junior & Liz

Worship Assistants								
Date	Acolyte	Ushers	Musician	Lector	Altar Guild	Assisting	Worship	Coffee Hosts
Sept. 21	Cindy McGinnis	Curt Lewis,	Laurie Jackson	Loni Reece	Carol Marker & Team 1	Marcy Carlson	Bob Horton	LaVell Winsor
Sept. 28	Janeen Horton	Diane Bottorff, Dean	Mitchell Bean	Loretta Hoerman	Carol Marker & Team 1	Bob Horton	Pr. Barb Jones	

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.

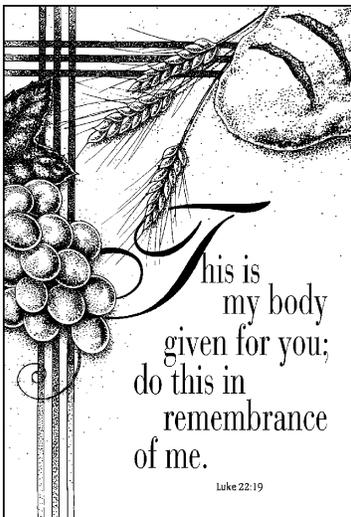
Thank you for your continued support of this ministry!



Worship Leaders Needed!

We are very fortunate to have willing leaders in our midst— Marcy, Duane, Bob — but we need more. Please give prayerful consideration to serving at worship in this manner, then call the church office, 785.233.0767, or email office@topekatlc.org to volunteer or get more information. Thanks.

P.S. No singing required.



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.

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 10th Ave
(10th & Buchanan)
Use the South Door

Diapers – Sizes 4, 5 & 6

Food Room Needs:

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		



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OFFICE HOURS

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

Together in Community

Living with Christ

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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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