



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

Trinity Lutheran Church



September  
**28**  
2025

Sixteenth Sunday  
of Pentecost

Together  
in Community  
Living  
with Christ  
Caring  
for Neighbors

He called out,  
'Father Abraham,  
have mercy on  
me, and send  
Lazarus to dip  
the tip of his  
finger in water  
and cool my  
tongue, for I am  
in agony in these  
flames.'  
Luke 16:24

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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 Pastor Barbara Jones joining us once again to preach &  
preside at communion today. We pray that all are inspired by our worship.*

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 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**

*God of Grace and God of Glory*

**ELW 705**

1 God of grace and God of glory, on your people pour your pow'r;  
crown your ancient church's story; bring its bud to glorious flow'r.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage for the facing of this hour, for the facing of  
this hour.



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*

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le -  
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.  
 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us  
 free to be peo - ple of God. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and  
 strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

*Refrain*

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le -  
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and join in the  
 hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and  
 might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

*Final refrain*

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God,  
 for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



<sup>7</sup> who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to | those who hunger.

The LORD sets the | captive free.

<sup>8</sup> **The LORD opens the eyes of the blind; the LORD lifts up those who | are bowed down;**

**the LORD | loves the righteous.**

<sup>9</sup> The LORD cares | for the stranger;

the LORD sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way | of the wicked.

<sup>10</sup> **The LORD shall | reign forever,**

**your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. | Hallelujah!**

**SECOND READING: 1 TIMOTHY 6:6-19**

<sup>6</sup> Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment, <sup>7</sup> for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it, <sup>8</sup> but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. <sup>9</sup> But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. <sup>10</sup> For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

<sup>11</sup> But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. <sup>12</sup> Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. <sup>13</sup> In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you <sup>14</sup> to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>15</sup> which he will bring about at the right time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. <sup>16</sup> It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.

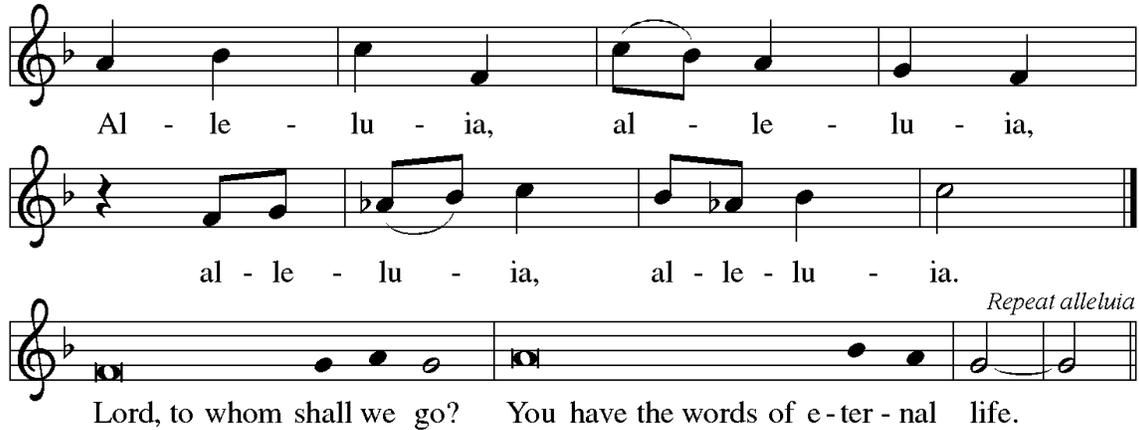
<sup>17</sup> As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches but rather on God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. <sup>18</sup> They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, <sup>19</sup> thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

L The Word of the Lord.

*Please stand as you are able.*

C **Thanks be to God.**

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 16:19-31**

Jesus said: <sup>19</sup>“There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. <sup>20</sup>And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, <sup>21</sup>who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man’s table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. <sup>22</sup>The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. <sup>23</sup>In Hades, where he was being tormented, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. <sup>24</sup>He called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in agony in these flames.’ <sup>25</sup>But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things and Lazarus in like manner evil things, but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. <sup>26</sup>Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.’ <sup>27</sup>He said, ‘Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father’s house <sup>28</sup>for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.’ <sup>29</sup>Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.’ <sup>30</sup>He said, ‘No, father Abraham, but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.’ <sup>31</sup>He said to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.’ “

L The Gospel of the Lord.

Please be seated.

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

SERMON

PASTOR BARBARA JONES

Please stand for the final verse of the hymn.

- 1 The church of Christ, in ev'ry age beset by change, but Spirit-led,  
must claim and test its heritage and keep on rising from the dead.
- 2 Across the world, across the street, the victims of injustice cry  
for shelter and for bread to eat, and never live before they die.
- 3 Then let the servant church arise, a caring church that longs to be  
a partner in Christ's sacrifice, and clothed in Christ's humanity.
- 4 For he alone, whose blood was shed, can cure the fever in our blood,  
and teach us how to share our bread and feed the starving multitude.
- 5 We have no mission but to serve in full obedience to our Lord;  
to care for all, without reserve, and spread his liberating word.

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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 Gracious God, we come to you in prayer for the church, the world, and all in  
need.
- A brief silence.*
- A We pray for the church, that it would remain faithful to the gospel, always  
striving to serve the needs of those who are oppressed and rejecting the  
complacency that comes from wealth. God of grace,
- C receive our prayer.**
- A We pray for creation, that the nations work together to protect and restore the  
earth, honoring the gift of your creation. God of grace,
- C receive our prayer.**
- A We pray for those in positions of authority, that they govern with justice and  
compassion, recognizing the dignity of all people and working to promote peace  
and prosperity for all. God of grace,
- C receive our prayer.**

A We pray for people in any need especially Kelly Irwin Patton, Shelley Andrews, Julie Reeves, Bill Ridinger, Martha Nemeth, and David McGinnis. Give them your assurance and courage when the path forward is not clear. Liberate us from all that binds us, lift us up when we are bowed down, and show us your love. God of grace,

**C receive our prayer.**

A We pray for this congregation, that we would be strengthened to build a world where all can thrive. Incite us to advocate for fair wages and just policies, and guide us in building a community of mutual support. God of grace,

**C receive our prayer.**

A We pray for our church family members who reach life milestones this week. We pray for Dean McGinnis as he celebrates his birthday and for Andy Winsor and Loni Reece as they remember their baptisms. God of grace,

**C receive our prayer.**

L We remember in thanksgiving the faithful departed. Inspire us by their example to love and serve our neighbors, and bring us to eternal 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.*

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#### **MEAL**

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**OFFERING AND OFFERING SONG**

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#### **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.**

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 GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.  
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The image shows four staves of musical notation in a single system. Each staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The notes are connected by slurs, indicating a continuous melodic line. The lyrics are printed below each staff, with some words in boldface.

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 - er 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. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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### **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** Jesus welcomes sinners and eats with them. Come to this meal of mercy.

*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.

**COMMUNION HYMN***We Come to the Hungry Feast***ELW 479**

- 1 We come to the hungry feast hungry for a word of peace.  
To hungry hearts unsatisfied the love of God is not denied.  
We come, we come to the hungry feast.
- 2 We come to the hungry feast hungry for a world released  
from hungry folk of ev'ry kind, the poor in body, poor in mind.  
We come, we come to the hungry feast.
- 3 We come to the hungry feast hungry that the hunger cease,  
and knowing, though we eat our fill, the hunger will stay with us; still  
we come, we come to the hungry feast.

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**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 O God, through this meal you have strengthened us and appointed us to be your  
servants. Send us to do good and to share our possessions with all in need. We  
ask this 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***Canticle of the Turning***ELW 723**

- 1 My soul cries out with a joyful shout that the God of my heart is great,  
and my spirit sings of the wondrous things that you bring to the ones who wait.  
You fixed your sight on your servant's plight, and my weakness you did not  
spurn,  
so from east to west shall my name be blest. Could the world be about to turn?

*Refrain*

My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your justice burn.  
Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is about to turn.

- 2 Though I am small, my God, my all, you work great things in me,  
and your mercy will last from the depths of the past to the end of the age to be.  
Your very name puts the proud to shame, and to those who would for you yearn,  
you will show your might, put the strong to flight, for the world is about to turn.

*Refrain*

- 3 From the halls of pow'r to the fortress tow'r, not a stone will be left on stone.  
Let the king beware for your justice tears ev'ry tyrant from his throne.  
The hungry poor shall weep no more, for the food they can never earn;  
there are tables spread, ev'ry mouth be fed, for the world is about to turn.

*Refrain*

4 Though the nations rage from age to age, we remember who holds us fast:  
 God's mercy must deliver us from the conqueror's crushing grasp.  
 This saving word that our forebears heard is the promise which holds us bound,  
 till the spear and rod can be crushed by God, who is turning the world around.  
*Refrain*

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**DISMISSAL**

A Go in peace. Do not lose heart.

C Thanks be to God.

**POSTLUDE**

UPCOMING EVENTS AT TRINITY	
Today, 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
Tues., Sept. 30 .....	Quilters ..... 9:00 AM
Sun., Oct 5.....	Doorstep Food Collection Day .....
.....	Hymn Sing Along ..... 10:15 AM
.....	Worship ..... 10:30 AM
.....	Coffee Hour .....after worship



A note from Junior & Liz: Liz & I want to thank our Trinity family for the wonderful coffee hour last Sunday. We had such a good time; you made our 70<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary so special. You made us feel so important, I almost got the big head. Junior & Liz.

Worship Assistants								
Date	Acolyte	Ushers	Musician	Lector	Altar Guild	Assisting Minister	Worship Leader	Coffee Hosts
Sept. 28	Janeen Horton	Diane Bottorff, Dean McGinnis	Mitchell Bean	Loretta Hoerman	Carol Marker & Team 1	Bob Horton	Pr. Barb Jones	
Oct. 5	Ella Bosch, Curt Lewis	Bob Horton, Dean McGinnis		Loni Reece	Jane Lewis & Team 2	Marcy Carlson	Duane Pomeroy	



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### OFFICE HOURS

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

**Together in Community**

**Living with Christ**

**Caring for Neighbors**

### **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.

### **CONGREGATION COUNCIL**

**President** Diane Bottorff

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