



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

Trinity Lutheran Church



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October  
**12**  
2025

Eighteenth Sunday  
of Pentecost

Together  
in Community  
Living  
with Christ  
Caring  
for Neighbors

"Get up and  
go on your  
way; your  
faith has  
made you  
well."

Luke 17:19

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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, Marcy Carlson, for leading worship 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.*

**P** Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

**C Amen.**

**P** 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.**

**P** Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

**P** 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.**

**P** 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**

*God Is Here!*

**ELW 526**

**1** God is here! As we your people meet to offer praise and prayer, may we find in fuller measure what it is in Christ we share.  
Here, as in the world around us, all our varied skills and arts wait the coming of the Spirit into open minds and hearts.

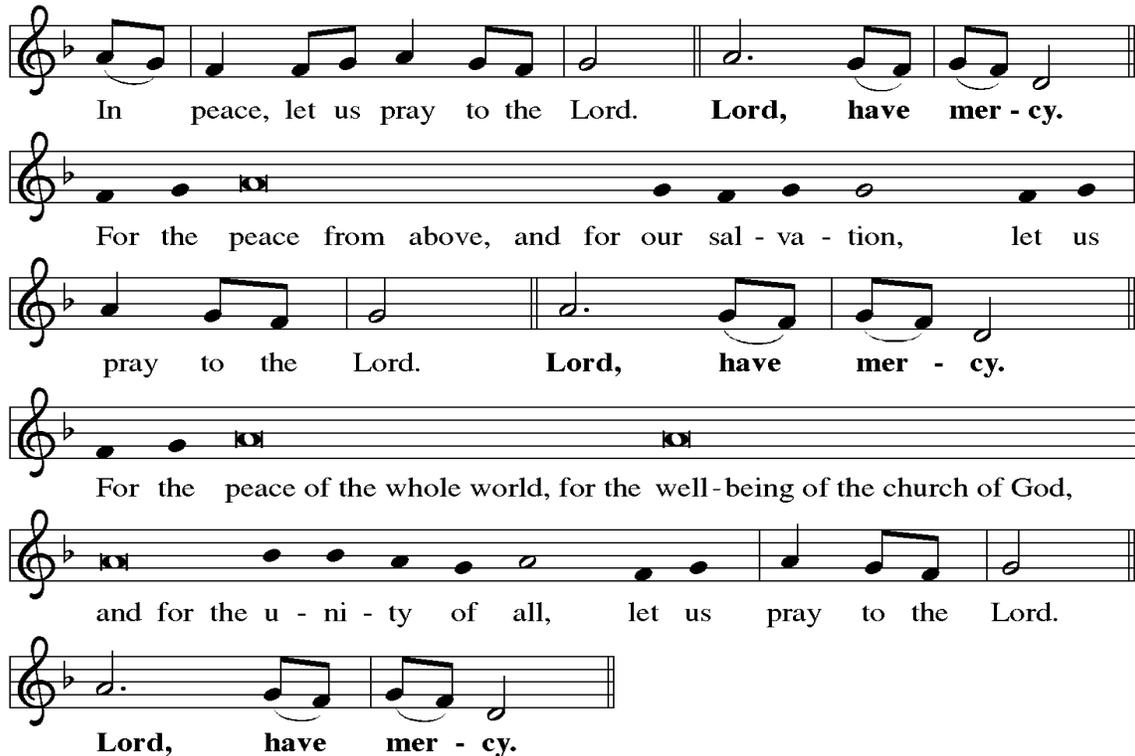
- 2 Here are symbols to remind us of our lifelong need of grace; here are table, font, and pulpit; here the cross has central place.  
Here in honesty of preaching, here in silence, as in speech, here, in newness and renewal, God the Spirit comes to each.
- 3 Here our children find a welcome in the Shepherd's flock and fold; here as bread and wine are taken, Christ sustains us as of old.  
Here the servants of the Servant seek in worship to explore what it means in daily living to believe and to adore.
- 4 Lord of all, of church and kingdom, in an age of change and doubt, keep us faithful to the gospel; help us work your purpose out.  
Here, in this day's dedication, all we have to give, receive; we, who cannot live without you, we adore you! We believe!

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### GREETING

P 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.**

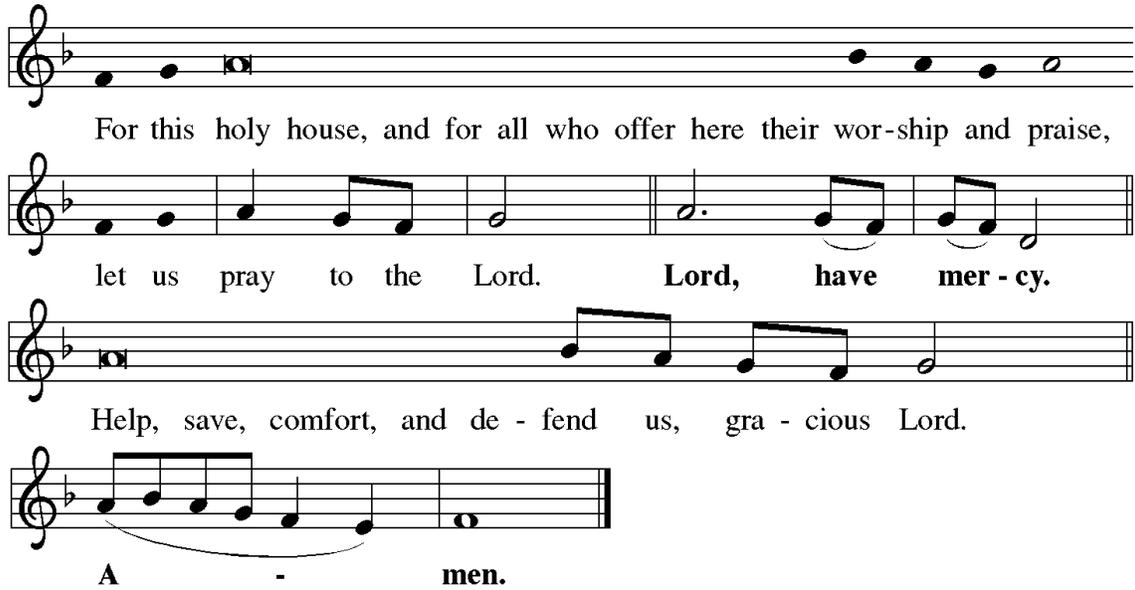
For the peace from above, and for our sal - va - tion, let us

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

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

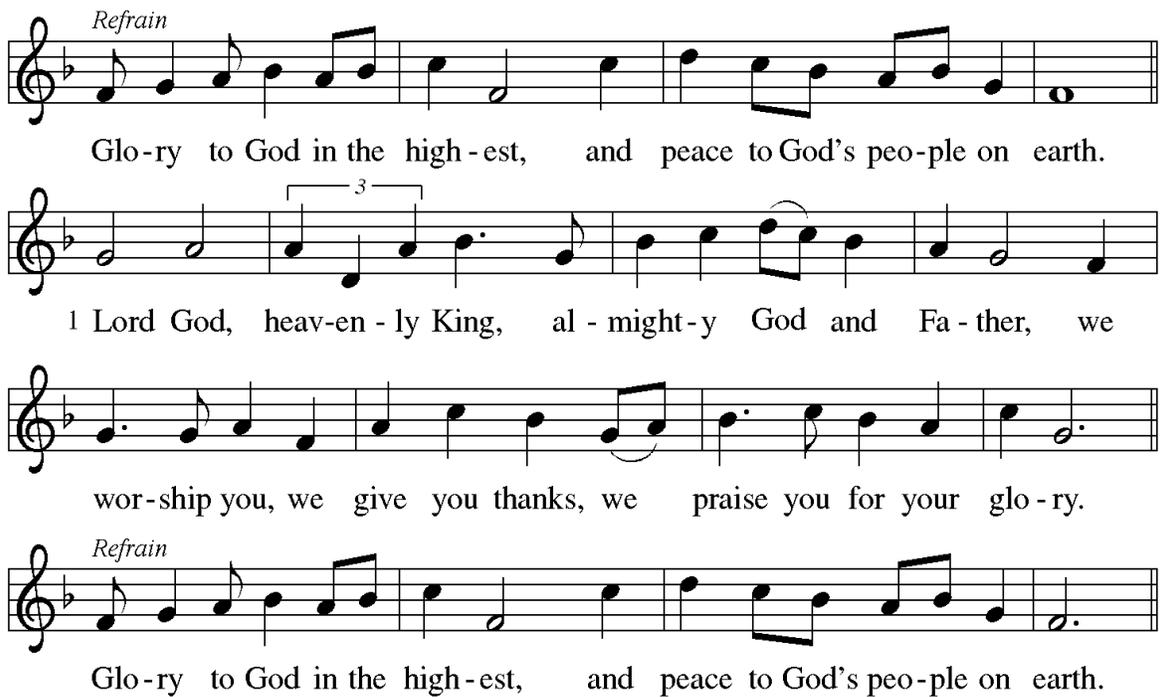
and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.

**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.

Almighty and most merciful God, your bountiful goodness fills all creation. Keep us safe from all that may hurt us, that, whole and well in body and spirit, we may with grateful hearts accomplish all that you would have us do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

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**WORD**

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**FIRST READING: 2 KINGS 5:1-3, 7-15C**

<sup>1</sup>Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favor with his master because by him the LORD had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from a skin disease. <sup>2</sup>Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. <sup>3</sup>She said to her mistress, "If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his skin disease."

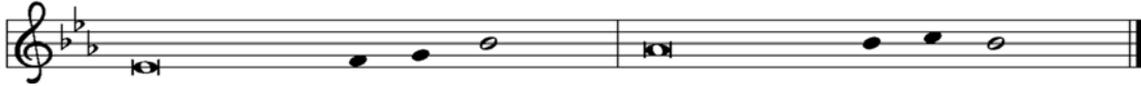
<sup>7</sup>When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, "Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his skin disease? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me." <sup>8</sup>But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, "Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel." <sup>9</sup>So Naaman came with his horses and chariots and halted at the entrance of Elisha's house. <sup>10</sup>Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored, and you shall be clean." <sup>11</sup>But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, "I thought that for me he would surely come out and stand and call on the name of the LORD his God and would wave his hand over the spot and cure the skin disease! <sup>12</sup>Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them and be clean?" He turned and went away in a rage. <sup>13</sup>But his servants approached and said to him, "Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, 'Wash, and be clean?'" <sup>14</sup>So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean. <sup>15a, b, c</sup>Then he returned to the man of God, he and all his company; he came and stood before him and said, "Now I know that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel."

The Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 111

*Sung responsively*



- <sup>1</sup> Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the LORD with | my whole heart,  
in the assembly of the upright, in the | congregation.
- <sup>2</sup> **Great are your | works, O LORD,  
pondered by all who de- | light in them.**
- <sup>3</sup> Majesty and splendor | mark your deeds,  
and your righteousness en- | dures forever.
- <sup>4</sup> **You cause your wonders to | be remembered;  
you are gracious and full | of compassion.**
- <sup>5</sup> You give food to | those who fear you,  
remembering forev- | er your covenant.
- <sup>6</sup> **You have shown your people the power | of your works  
in giving them the lands | of the nations.**
- <sup>7</sup> The works of your hands are faithful- | ness and justice;  
all of your pre- | cepts are sure.
- <sup>8</sup> **They stand fast forev- | er and ever,  
because they are done in | truth and equity.**
- <sup>9</sup> You sent redemption to your people and commanded your cove- | nant forever;  
holy and awesome | is your name.
- <sup>10</sup> **The fear of the LORD is the begin- | ning of wisdom;  
all who practice this have a good understanding. God's praise en- |  
dures forever.**

**SECOND READING: 2 TIMOTHY 2:8-15**

<sup>8</sup>Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David—that is my gospel, <sup>9</sup>for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. <sup>10</sup>Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. <sup>11</sup>The saying is sure:

If we have died with him, we will also live with him; <sup>12</sup>if we endure, we will also reign with him; if we deny him, he will also deny us;

<sup>13</sup>if we are faithless, he remains faithful—he cannot deny himself.

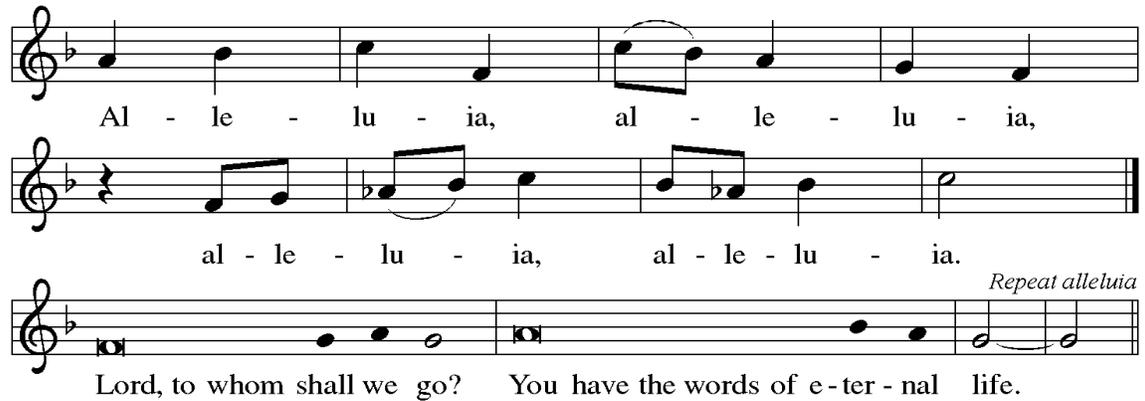
<sup>14</sup>Remind them of this, and warn them before the Lord that they are to avoid wrangling over words, which does no good but only ruins those who are listening. <sup>15</sup>Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved by him, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly explaining the word of truth.

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.

P The Holy Gospel, according to Luke, the seventeenth chapter.

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

**GOSPEL: LUKE 17:11-19**

<sup>11</sup>On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. <sup>12</sup>As he entered a village, ten men with a skin disease approached him. Keeping their distance, <sup>13</sup>they called out, saying, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!” <sup>14</sup>When he saw them, he said to them, “Go and show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went, they were made clean. <sup>15</sup>Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. <sup>16</sup>He prostrated himself at Jesus’s feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. <sup>17</sup>Then Jesus asked, “Were not ten made clean? So where are the other nine? <sup>18</sup>Did none of them return to give glory to God except this foreigner?” <sup>19</sup>Then he said to him, “Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*Please be seated.*

SERMON

MARCY CARLSON

HYMN OF THE DAY

*How Firm a Foundation*

ELW 796

*Please stand for the final verse of the hymn.*

- 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.

### APOSTLES CREED

P 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 Renewed in God’s everlasting grace, let us pray for the church, the world, and all creation.

*A brief silence.*

A Gracious God, you lead your people to faith. Remind the church that your word flows into the world. By your Spirit, teach the church to share the word of God for the sake of the world. God of grace,

**C receive our prayer.**

A Creating God, you provided healing waters for Naaman. Water the earth’s lands in parched places. Restore clean water to all communities, and guide the work of all who advocate for safe and abundant water supplies. God of grace,

**C receive our prayer.**

A Righteous One, you bring justice and wholeness throughout the world, and your righteousness endures forever. By your spirit, guide leaders of all nations and lands to right relationship with you and with one another. God of grace,

**C receive our prayer.**

A Merciful God, you know the needs of your people. Show mercy to those suffering in the world. Comfort those in need of your healing, especially Junior & Liz Utech, Shelley Andrews, Martha Nemeth, and David McGinnis. God of grace,

**C receive our prayer.**

A Life-giving God, you free us by your word. Help us, by your Spirit, to be transformed to live your word of freedom honestly and uprightly in our teaching, preaching, and serving. God of grace,

**C receive our prayer.**

A God of blessings, we ask your love for Marlene Hassan, Freddy Sierks, Rosie O'Neil, and Tresa Johnson as they celebrate their birthdays, and for Kade Welp, Ellen Irwin, and Barbara Apps as they remember their baptisms. God of grace,

**C receive our prayer.**

P Holy God, thank you for the witness of those who have died in faith. Guide us to trust in the baptismal promise of resurrection in Christ. God of grace,

**C receive our prayer.**

P We offer our prayers, O God, trusting in your everlasting grace and mercy, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C Amen.**

#### THE PEACE

P 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.

**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**

**P** 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**

**P** 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**                      *Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing*                      **ELW 545**

1 Lord, dismiss us with your blessing, fill our hearts with joy and peace;  
let us each, your love possessing, triumph in redeeming grace.  
Oh, refresh us; oh, refresh us, trav'ling through this wilderness.

2 Thanks we give and adoration for your gospel's joyful sound.  
May the fruits of your salvation in our hearts and lives abound.  
Ever faithful, ever faithful to your truth may we be found.

3 Savior, when your love shall call us from our struggling pilgrim way,  
let no fear of death appall us, glad your summons to obey.  
May we ever, may we ever reign with you in endless day.

Text: attr. John Fawcett, 1740-1817, sts. 1-2, alt.; Godfrey Thring, 1823-1903, st. 3, alt.

**DISMISSAL**

**A** Go in peace. Do not lose heart.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

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**POSTLUDE**

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### UPCOMING EVENTS AT TRINITY

Today, Oct. 12 ..... Worship ..... 10:30 AM  
 ..... Coffee Hour .....after worship  
 ..... PFLAG meeting..... 2:00 PM

Tues., Oct. 14 ..... Quilters ..... 9:00 AM  
 ..... Church Council meeting ..... 5:30 PM

Sun., Oct. 19.....Community Relations meeting..... 9:30 AM  
 ..... Worship ..... 10:30 AM  
 ..... Coffee Hour .....after worship

Please note that Adult Sunday School will meet Oct. 26th.



Coffee hosts are needed. Please let Diane know if you would like to help with a Sunday in October or November. Thanks!

Worship Assistants								
Date	Acolyte	Ushers	Musician	Lector	Altar Guild	Assisting Minister	Worship Leader	Coffee Hosts
Oct. 12	Cindy McGinnis	Curt Lewis, Duane Pomeroy	Mitchell Bean	Diane Bottorff	Jane Lewis & Team 2	Ted Murphy	Marcy Carlson	Janice Greenlee
Oct. 19	Janeen Horton	Ted Murphy, Howard Reece	Mitchell Bean	Marcy Carlson	Jane Lewis & Team 2	Bob Horton	Bob Horton	
Oct. 26	Brayden Winsor	Diane Bottorff, Dean McGinnis	Laurie Jackson	LaVell Winsor	Jane Lewis & Team 2	Marcy Carlson		Duane & Debbie Pomeroy

### WIDOWED WOMEN of FAITH

Join other **Widowed Women of FaiTh** on Tuesday, October 21st 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? Call Julie at (913)558-0191 or email [WidowedWomenofFaith@gmail.com](mailto:WidowedWomenofFaith@gmail.com).

## 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](mailto:office@topekatlc.org) to volunteer or get more information. Thanks.

P.S. No singing required.



## Poinsettias 2025

We are taking orders for poinsettias to decorate our sanctuary for our Christmas Eve worship service. To purchase a poinsettia, please put this completed form in the offering plate or mail to the church office. You may take your plants home with you after worship on Christmas Eve to enjoy during the holidays.

Your name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

The cost per plant delivered to the church will be \$9.00.

Please include payment with order if possible. **Make check payable to Trinity Lutheran Church**, with the memo line reading “poinsettias”.

***The deadline for orders is Monday, November 10th.***

**In the worship folder, I would like the gift to be noted as** (please check one and fill in the blank):

\_\_\_ **in honor of** (*event, organization or living person*):

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ **in memory of** (*someone who has died*):

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ **to the Glory of God** (*a general thanksgiving*)

\_\_\_ Please do not list me in the worship folder.

## 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:

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		



## 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**

#### **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

**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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