



19TH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST

Trinity Lutheran Church



October
19
2025

Nineteenth Sunday
of Pentecost

Together
in Community
Living
with Christ
Caring
for Neighbors

Always
pray and
never give
up.

Luke 18:1

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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, Bob Horton, for leading worship today.

PRELUDE

Evangelical Lutheran Worship — Setting 2

GATHERING

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

Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven

ELW 864

1 Praise, my soul, the God of heaven; joyfully your tribute bring.
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, evermore God's praises sing.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praises everlasting ring!

- 2 God be praised for grace and favor to our forebears in distress.
God be praised, the same forever, slow to chide and swift to bless.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Glorious is God's faithfulness!
- 3 Frail as summer's flow'r we flourish, blows the wind and it is gone;
but, as mortals rise and perish, God endures unchanging on.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise the great Eternal One!
- 4 Angels sing in adoration, in God's presence, face to face.
Sun and moon and all creation, all who dwell in time and space.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise with us the God of grace!

Text: Henry F. Lyte, 1793-1847, alt. Walter R. Bouman, 1927-2005

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.



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 Lord God, tireless guardian of your people, you are always ready to hear our cries. Teach us to rely day and night on your care. Inspire us to seek your enduring justice for all this suffering world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen.**

Please be seated.

WORD

FIRST READING: GENESIS 32:22-31

²²The same night Jacob got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. ²³He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. ²⁴Jacob was left alone, and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. ²⁵When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket, and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. ²⁶Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." ²⁷So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." ²⁸Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans and have prevailed." ²⁹Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. ³⁰So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, yet my life is preserved." ³¹The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip.

The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 121

Sung responsively



¹ I lift up my eyes | to the hills;
from where is my | help to come?
² **My help comes | from the LORD,
the maker of heav- | en and earth.**
³ The LORD will not let your | foot be moved
nor will the one who watches over you | fall asleep.
⁴ **Behold, the keep- | er of Israel
will neither slum- | ber nor sleep;**
⁵ the LORD watches | over you;
the LORD is your shade at | your right hand;
⁶ **the sun will not strike | you by day,
nor the | moon by night.**

⁷The LORD will preserve you | from all evil
and will | keep your life.

⁸The LORD will watch over your going out and your | coming in,
from this time forth for- | evermore.

SECOND READING: 2 TIMOTHY 3:14—4:5

¹⁴But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it ¹⁵and how from childhood you have known sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, ¹⁷so that the person of God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

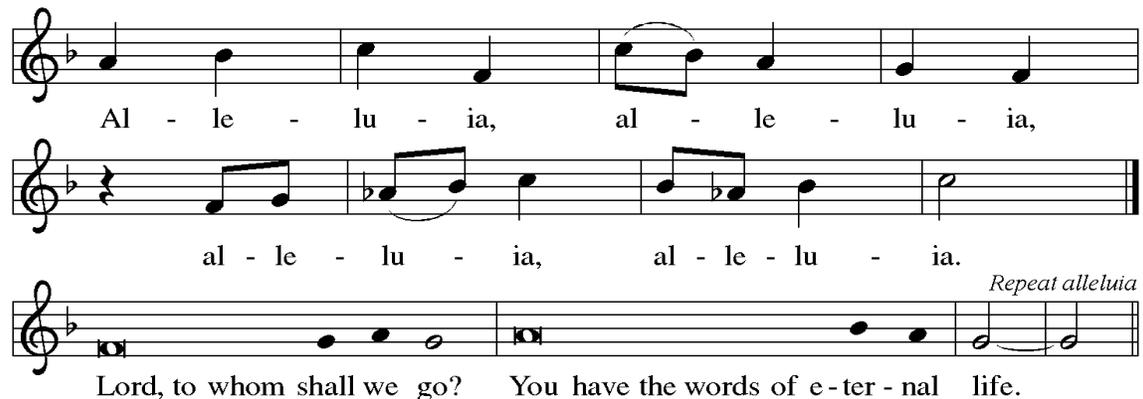
^{4:1}In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: ²proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage with the utmost patience in teaching. ³For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound teaching, but, having their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires ⁴and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. ⁵As for you, be sober in everything, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

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 eighteenth chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL: LUKE 18:1-8

¹ Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. ² He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. ³ In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my accuser.' ⁴ For a while he refused, but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, ⁵ yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.' " ⁶ And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. ⁷ And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? ⁸ I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

SERMON

BOB HORTON

HYMN OF THE DAY

Baptized and Set Free

ELW 453

Please stand for the final verse of the hymn.

- 1 We are people created, chosen by God. Then we're washed, ever gently, in mercy and love.
Sin has power no more. Jesus opened the door to a fountain bringing healing, and wholeness and more.
- 2 We are fed and we're nourished, filled and refreshed. Then our hunger returns and again we are blessed.
For whatever the need, God is greater indeed: endless ocean, always deeper than all of our need.
- 3 We are nourished by water, all living things, and by life that the Spirit abundantly brings.
As we journey toward home, may your presence be known: precious river, ever-flowing, now carry us home.
- 4 Now with praise and thanksgiving, we join the song. All are welcome! We gather to sing loud and strong.
Not enslaved, but set free! From now on, all will be one in Jesus, one in water, baptized and set free!

Text: Cathy Skogen-Soldner, b. 1956. Text © 1999 Augsburg Fortress.

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 We pray for the church universal. O God, who unites the church across the globe, bring unity and peace to a world divided by hatred and opposition. Turn our hearts toward the gospel of Jesus Christ. God of grace,

C receive our prayer.

A We pray for creation. O God, who made heaven and earth, draw us to the beauty of the whole creation. Turn us toward a right relationship with the entire cosmos. God of grace,

C receive our prayer.

A We pray for all nations, states, cities, and towns. O God, you rule over all the earth. Grant our elected officials humility in their decision-making for the sake of the entire world. God of grace,

C receive our prayer.

A We pray for those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit. O God, who heals and strengthens, our help comes from you in times of need. Support, comfort, and heal those who suffer especially Brian Dumler, Junior & Liz Utech, Shelley Andrews, Martha Nemeth, and David McGinnis. God of grace,

C receive our prayer.

A We pray for Trinity Lutheran Church. O God, who guides this congregation, encourage us to share the good news of Jesus Christ. Nurture our relationships with the community that we serve and advocate for those who come to us in need. God of grace,

C receive our prayer.

A We pray for our friends and family. O God, who blesses us with life and joy, help us celebrate our church family. We pray for Marilyn Heckman as she celebrates her birthday and for Ted Murphy, Brooke Ralph, and Collin Horton as they remember their baptisms. God of grace,

C receive our prayer.

P We offer thanksgiving for the faithful departed. O God, whose promises never end, we thank you for all the saints who have shown us the way of your Son, Jesus 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.

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

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.

SENDING

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

Give to Our God Immortal Praise

ELW 848

- 1 Give to our God immortal praise! Mercy and truth are all his ways.
Wonders of grace to God belong; repeat his mercies in your song.
- 2 He sent his Son with pow'r to save from guilt and darkness and the grave.
Wonders of grace to God belong; repeat his mercies in your song.
- 3 Give to the Lord of lords renown; the King of kings with glory crown.
His mercies ever shall endure when lords and kings are known no more!

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Do not lose heart.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

UPCOMING EVENTS AT TRINITY

Today, Oct. 19	.....Community Relations meeting.....	9:30 AM
.....	.....Worship	10:30 AM
.....	.....Coffee Hour	after worship
Mon., Oct. 20	.....November <i>Trinity Tidings</i> deadline.....	
.....	.....Stroke Support Group.....	6:00 PM
Tues., Oct. 21	.....Quilters	9:00 AM
Sun., Oct. 26	.....Reformation Sunday	
.....	.....Children's Sunday School.....	9:45 AM
.....	.....Worship with Holy Communion.....	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. 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	Deacon Dave Mareske	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 3rd Tuesday and will continue all through 2025. Come join us! Questions? Call Julie at (913)558-0191 or email 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 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 ~ October 2025

Clothing Room Needs: (Gently Used, Not New)

- Men's Underwear ~ All Sizes
- Men's Jeans ~ Sizes 30, 32 & 34 waist
- Men's Belts & Shoes ~ All Sizes
- Men's & Women's Pajamas ~ All Sizes
- Boys, Girls & Teens Jeans ~ All Sizes
- Larger Boys Socks

- Bed Sheets, Blankets & Comforters ~ All Sizes
- Hairbrushes ~ Toothbrushes ~ Razors
- Diapers – Sizes 4, 5 & 6
- Rolling Luggage

Donations Accepted:
Monday – Friday
9am – 2pm

1119 SW 10th Ave
(10th & Buchanan)
Use the South Door

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**Food Room Needs:**

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



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

Bob & Janeen delivered 402 items, approximately 326.8 pounds, collected during our October 5th food collection.

We continue to be very generous to our neighbors in need.



## 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**

### **Caring for Our Neighbors**

Jesus commands us that when we care for the least of these; that we are in the presence of Christ (*Matthew 25:44-45*). As a congregation, we deeply care about serving those in need in our community. We hope to be a place of refuge and support for our neighborhood and to be a place to uplift those people that struggle around us. We also support ministries both local, national, and global as a church in the ELCA. As a congregation, we focus our efforts to partner with community organizations like Doorstep, while expanding opportunities to help our neighborhood through activities like our food ministry and community garden. We continue to be open to the ways that God calls us to be a presence in our community and to create a world where all are cared for in our society (*Philippians 2:4*).

### **CONGREGATION COUNCIL**

**President** Diane Bottorff

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Parker Jackson (TBD)

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