



17TH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST

Trinity Lutheran Church



THE PARABLE OF
THE MUSTARD SEED

October
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2025

Seventeenth Sunday
of Pentecost

Together
in Community
Living
with Christ
Caring
for Neighbors

The apostles
said to the
Lord,
'Increase
our faith!'
Luke 17:5

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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.

HYMN SING ALONG

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

Gather Us In

ELW 532

1 Here in this place the new light is streaming, now is the darkness vanished away; see in this space our fears and our dreamings brought here to you in the light of this day.

Gather us in, the lost and forsaken, gather us in, the blind and the lame;
call to us now, and we shall awaken, we shall arise at the sound of our name.

2 We are the young, our lives are a myst'ry, we are the old who yearn for your face; we have been sung throughout all of hist'ry, called to be light to the whole human race.

Gather us in, the rich and the haughty, gather us in, the proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so lowly, give us the courage to enter the song.

3 Here we will take the wine and the water, here we will take the bread of new birth, here you shall call your sons and your daughters, call us anew to be salt for the earth.

Give us to drink the wine of compassion, give us to eat the bread that is you; nourish us well, and teach us to fashion lives that are holy and hearts that are true.

4 Not in the dark of buildings confining, not in some heaven, light years away— here in this place the new light is shining, now is the kingdom, and now is the day.

Gather us in and hold us forever, gather us in and make us your own; gather us in, all peoples together, fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

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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.

Benevolent, merciful God: When we are empty, fill us. When we are weak in faith, strengthen us. When we are cold in love, warm us, that with fervor we may love our neighbors and serve them for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

Please be seated.

WORD

FIRST READING: HABAKKUK 1:1-4; 2:1-4

¹The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw. ²O LORD, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not listen? Or cry to you ‘Violence!’ and you will not save? ³Why do you make me see wrongdoing and look at trouble? Destruction and violence are before me; strife and contention arise. ⁴So the law becomes slack, and justice never prevails. The wicked surround the righteous; therefore judgment comes forth perverted.

^{2:1}I will stand at my watchpost and station myself on the rampart; I will keep watch to see what he will say to me and what he will answer concerning my complaint.

²Then the LORD answered me and said: Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so that a runner may read it. ³For there is still a vision for the appointed time; it speaks of the end and does not lie. If it seems to tarry, wait for it; it will surely come; it will not delay. ⁴Look at the proud! Their spirit is not right in them, but the righteous live by their faithfulness.

The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM 37:1-9

Sung responsively



¹ Do not be provoked by | evildoers;

do not be jealous of those | who do wrong.

² **For they shall soon wither | like the grass,**

and like the green grass | fade away.

³ Put your trust in the LORD | and do good;

dwell in the land and | find safe pasture.

⁴ **Take delight | in the LORD,**

who shall give you your | heart’s desire.

⁵ Commit your way to the LORD; put your trust | in the LORD,

and see what | God will do.

⁶ **The LORD will make your vindication as clear | as the light**

and the justice of your case like the | noonday sun.

⁷ Be still before the LORD and wait | patiently.

Do not be provoked by the one who prospers, the one who succeeds in | evil schemes.

⁸ **Refrain from anger, leave | rage alone;
do not be provoked; it leads on- | ly to evil.**

⁹ For evildoers shall | be cut off,
but those who hope in the LORD shall pos- | sess the land.

SECOND READING: 2 TIMOTHY 1:1-14

¹ Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus, ²To Timothy, my beloved child: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

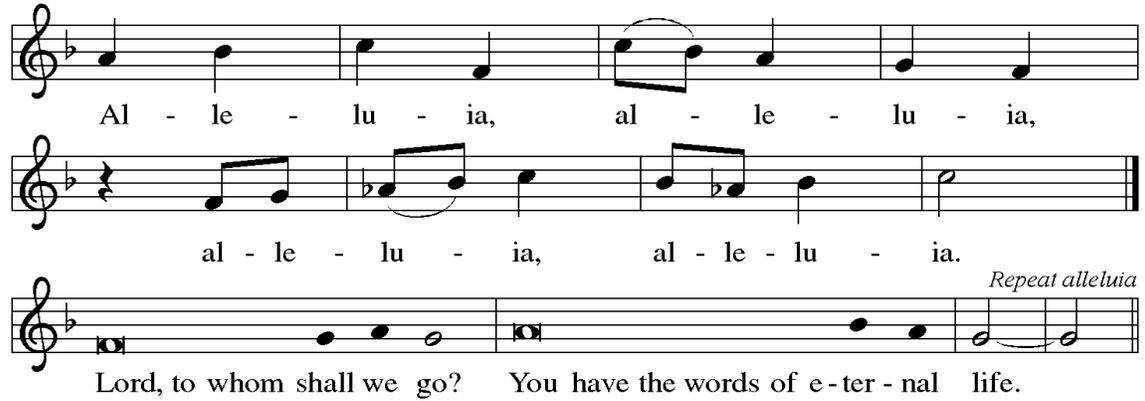
³I am grateful to God—whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did—when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. ⁴Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. ⁵I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. ⁶For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands, ⁷for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline. ⁸Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, in the power of God, ⁹who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace, and this grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, ¹⁰but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Jesus Christ, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. ¹¹For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, ¹²and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day the deposit I have entrusted to him. ¹³Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁴Guard the good deposit entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

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 seventeenth chapter.

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

GOSPEL: LUKE 17:5-10

⁵The apostles said to the Lord, ‘Increase our faith!’ ⁶The Lord replied, ‘If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, ‘Be uprooted and planted in the sea,’ and it would obey you. ⁷‘Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, ‘Come here at once and take your place at the table?’ ⁸Would you not rather say to him, ‘Prepare supper for me; put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink?’ ⁹Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? ¹⁰So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, ‘We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!’ ‘

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Please be seated.

SERMON

DUANE POMEROY

HYMN OF THE DAY

Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service

ELW 712

Please stand for the final verse of the hymn.

- 1 Lord, whose love in humble service bore the weight of human need, who upon the cross, forsaken, worked your mercy’s perfect deed: we, your servants, bring the worship not of voice alone, but heart; consecrating to your purpose ev’ry gift which you impart.
- 2 Still your children wander homeless; still the hungry cry for bread; still the captives long for freedom; still in grief we mourn our dead. As you, Lord, in deep compassion healed the sick and freed the soul, by your Spirit send your power to our world to make it whole.

- 3 As we worship, grant us vision, till your love's revealing light in its height and depth and greatness dawns upon our quickened sight, making known the needs and burdens your compassion bids us bear, stirring us to ardent service, your abundant life to share.
- 4 Called by worship to your service, forth in your dear name we go, to the child, the youth, the aged, love in living deeds to show; hope and health, good will and comfort, counsel, aid and peace we give, that your servants, Lord, in freedom may your mercy know and live.

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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 O God of the church, you give the church a treasure in Jesus Christ. Draw us into the gift of faith passed down from generation to generation. Remind your people that faith the size of a mustard seed is enough. God of grace,

C **receive our prayer.**

A O God of creation, you nourish the earth with grace and mercy. Bring favorable weather during the harvest season and sustain all creation along with all who labor in the field. Ensure the welfare of animal companions whose presence offers comfort, safety, and joy. God of grace,

C **receive our prayer.**

A O God of nations and communities, you govern and guard the world. Give leaders and people in authority a spirit of making just and righteous laws. Bring peace to countries affected by war and violence. God of grace,

C **receive our prayer.**

A O God of those in need, you care for those who are sick, bereaved, lonely, and poor. Come to the help of all in need especially Kelly Irwin Patton, Bill Ridinger, Julie Reeves, Shelley Andrews, Martha Nemeth, and David McGinnis. Help us to trust that you will come to us at the right time. God of grace,

C receive our prayer.

A O God of this congregation, you nurture our faith. Thank you for those of all ages who teach, lead, and learn in this congregation and beyond. Give growth to the seeds of faith watered by faithful examples of baptismal living. God of grace,

C receive our prayer.

A O God of our church, you pour out blessings upon us all. We ask blessings for Loni Reece and Ella Bosch as they remember their baptisms and for Bill & Marsha Ridinger as they celebrate their wedding anniversary. God of grace,

C receive our prayer.

P O God of ages past, thank you for the witness of those who have died in faith. May the faith of those who now rest in your merciful arms, like Lois and Eunice, shape our faith in 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

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

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

To Be Your Presence

ELW 546

- 1 To be your presence is our mission here, to show compassion's face and list'ning ear, to be your heart of mercy ever near, alleluia!
- 2 To be your presence is our mission bold, to feed the poor and shelter homeless cold, to be your hands of justice, right uphold, alleluia!
- 3 To be your presence is our mission blest, to speak for all the broken and oppressed, to be your voice of hope, your love expressed, alleluia!
- 4 We are your heart, O Christ, your hands and voice, to serve your people is our call and choice, and in this mission we, the church, rejoice, alleluia!

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DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Do not lose heart.

C **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE



It will soon be time to order poinsettias for our 2025 Christmas Eve worship. Watch for the order form in the bulletin soon.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT TRINITY

Today, Oct 5 Doorstep Food Collection Day
 Hymn Sing Along 10:15 AM
 Worship 10:30 AM
 Coffee Hourafter worship

Tues., Oct. 7 Quilters 9:00 AM

Sun., Oct. 12.....Adult Sunday School..... 9:30 AM
 Worship 10:30 AM
 Coffee Hourafter worship
 PFLAG meeting..... 2:00 PM

Worship Assistants

Date	Acolyte	Ushers	Musician	Lector	Altar Guild	Assisting Minister	Worship Leader	Coffee Hosts
Oct. 5	Ella Bosch, Curt Lewis	Bob Horton, Dean McGinnis	Laurie Jackson	Loni Reece	Jane Lewis & Team 2	Marcy Carlson	Duane Pomeroy	Diane Bottorff
Oct. 12	Cindy McGinnis	Curt Lewis, Duane Pomeroy	Mitchell Bean	Diane Bottorff	Jane Lewis & Team 2	Ted Murphy	Marcy Carlson	
Oct. 19	Janeen Horton	Ted Murphy, Howard Reece	Mitchell Bean	Marcy Carlson	Jane Lewis & Team 2	Bob Horton	Bob Horton	



Bill & Marsha Ridinger offer their thanks for the many prayers and cards during Bill's recent health issue. He is at home, recuperating very well with home health services and walking up to two miles a day.

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.



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

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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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