



EASTER 2026

Trinity Lutheran Church



May
10

2026

Sixth Sunday
of Easter

Together
in Community
Living
with Christ
Caring
for Neighbors

I will not
leave you
orphaned; I
am coming
to you.

John 14:18

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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 celebrate our worship leader today, Rev. Bob Dealey and thank him for being with us.

PRELUDE

Evangelical Lutheran Worship — Setting 3

GATHERING

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

P Christ is Risen! C He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

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 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

Come, Thou Almighty King

ELW 408

- 1 Come, thou almighty King, help us thy name to sing; help us to praise; Father all-glorious, o'er all victorious, come and reign over us, Ancient of Days.
- 2 Come, thou incarnate Word, merciful, mighty Lord; our prayer attend. Come and thy people bless, and give thy word success, and let thy righteousness on us descend.

- 3 Come, holy Comforter, thy sacred witness bear in this glad hour! Thou who almighty art, rule now in ev'ry heart, never from us depart, Spirit of pow'r.
- 4 To thee, great One in Three, eternal praises be hence evermore! Thy sov'reign majesty may we in glory see, and to eternity love and adore. Text: source unknown, c. 1757, alt.

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 salvation, 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 unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.


For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,

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

Help, save, comfort, and defend 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.

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 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. 3 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.

Refrain

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

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was

slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

Final refrain

This is the feast of vic - to-ry for our God.

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

A Let us pray.

Almighty and ever-living God, you hold together all things in heaven and on earth. In your great mercy receive the prayers of all your children, and give to all the world the Spirit of your truth and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Please be seated.

WORD

FIRST READING: ACTS 17:22-31

²²Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, “Athenians, I see how extremely spiritual you are in every way. ²³For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, ‘To an unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. ²⁴The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, ²⁵nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. ²⁶From one ancestor he made all peoples to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, ²⁷so that they would search for God and perhaps fumble about for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. ²⁸For ‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said, ‘For we, too, are his offspring.’ ²⁹“Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. ³⁰While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, ³¹because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 66:8-20

Sung responsively



- ⁸ Bless our | God, you peoples;
let the sound of | praise be heard.
- ⁹ **Our God has kept us a- | mong the living
and has not allowed our | feet to slip.**
- ¹⁰ For you, O God, have | tested us;
you have tried us just as sil- | ver is tried.
- ¹¹ **You brought us in- | to the net;
you laid heavy burdens up- | on our backs.**
- ¹² You let people ride over our heads; we went through | fire and water,
but you brought us out into a place | of refreshment.
- ¹³ **I will enter your house | with burnt offerings
and will pay | you my vows—**
- ¹⁴ those that I promised | with my lips
and spoke with my mouth when I | was in trouble.

¹⁵ **I will offer you burnt offerings of fatlings with the | smoke of rams;
I will give you ox- | en and goats.**

¹⁶ Come and listen, all you | who believe,
and I will tell you what God has | done for me.

¹⁷ **I called out to God | with my mouth,
and praised the Lord | with my tongue.**

¹⁸ If I had cherished evil | in my heart,
the Lord would | not have heard me;

¹⁹ **but in truth | God has heard me
and has attended to the sound | of my prayer.**

²⁰ Blessed be God, who has not reject- | ed my prayer,
nor withheld unfailing | love from me.

SECOND READING: 1 PETER 3:13-22

¹³Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? ¹⁴But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, ¹⁵but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you, ¹⁶yet do it with gentleness and respect. Maintain a good conscience so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. ¹⁷For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. ¹⁸For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, ¹⁹in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, ²⁰who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight lives, were saved through water. ²¹And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²²who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

L The Word of the Lord.
Please stand as you are able.

C **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

P The Holy Gospel, according to John, the fourteenth chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL: JOHN 14:15-21

Jesus said to the disciples: ¹⁵“If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. ¹⁷This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him because he abides with you, and he will be in you. ¹⁸“I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. ¹⁹In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. ²⁰On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. ²¹They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me, and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

SERMON

PR. BOB DEALEY

HYMN OF THE DAY

Thine Is the Glory

ELW 376

1 Thine is the glory, risen, conqu’ring Son; endless is the vict’ry thou o’er death hast won! Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away, kept the folded grave-clothes where thy body lay.

Refrain Thine is the glory, risen, conqu’ring Son; endless is the vict’ry thou o’er death hast won!

2 Lo, Jesus meets thee, risen from the tomb! Lovingly he greets thee, scatters fear and gloom; let his church with gladness hymns of triumph sing, for the Lord now liveth; death hath lost its sting! *Refrain*

3 No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life; life is naught without thee; aid us in our strife; make us more than conqu’rors, through thy deathless love; bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above. *Refrain*

Text: Edmond Budry, 1854-1932; tr. R. Birch Hoyle, 1875-1939

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 Trusting in the power of Christ's resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation.

A brief silence.

A God of new life, you call us through the waters of baptism to be in relationship with you and one another. Guide the church and its leaders to proclaim Christ's righteousness throughout the world. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

A You create the world and all that is in it. Shelter budding plants and young animals, provide unpolluted habitats and clean water, and raise up stewards for the environment. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

A You set civil servants in the places where we live. Instill truth and equity among judges and lawyers, gentleness and courage among first responders, and peace among leaders of towns and nations. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

A You provide comfort in times of trouble. Heal those who are sick, shelter the unhoused, feed those undernourished, and accompany and console all who are lonely, bereaved, anxious, or ill, especially Charlotte O'Brien, Shelley Andrews, Junior & Liz Utech, Martha Nemeth, and David McGinnis. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

A You are love and you desire that we love one another. As a mother hen cares for her chicks, bless all who provide motherly care in our lives, and inspire us to care for one another. In our caring, we offer our prayers for Donna Allen and Ted Murphy as they celebrate their birthdays and for Karen Arney, Marcy Carlson, Pam Kobbeman, Rosie Nichols, and Erin Lewis as they remember their baptisms, Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

P God of new life, your steadfast love endures forever. Inspire us by the example of the faithful departed, who clung to your promises of life, forgiveness of sins, and salvation. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

P God of resurrection power, use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of new life to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

C Amen.

THE PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Let us greet one another with God's peace.

C And also with you.

Please be seated.

MEAL

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 Let us pray. Merciful God, accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory. You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day when we will hunger and thirst no more. Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus, that goodness and mercy may follow us and bless the world you love. In the name of Jesus,

C **Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P 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, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
san-na. 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.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

P 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

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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P Come to the table of new life. Receive the risen Lord.

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.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT TRINITY

Today, May 10 Worship with Holy Communion 10:30 AM
 Mon., May 11 Church Council meeting..... 5:30 PM
 Tues., May 12..... Quilters 9:30 AM
 Sun., May 17..... Community Relations Committee meeting..... 9:30 AM
 Worship 10:30 AM
 PFLAG meeting 2:00 PM

Worship Assistants


Date	Acolyte	Ushers	Musician	Lector	Altar Guild	Assisting Minister	Worship Leader	Coffee Hosts
May 10	Janeen Horton	Dean McGinnis, Ted Murphy	Mitchell Bean	Loni Reece	Diane Bottorff & Team 1	Bob Horton	Pr. Bob Dealey	Steve Luoma
May 17	Curt Lewis	Howard Reece, Jeffrey Schafersman	Laurie Jackson	Laurie Jackson	Diane Bottorff & Team 1	Ted Murphy	Duane Pomeroy	
May 24	Janeen Horton		Laurie Jackson	Braxdon Penry	Diane Bottorff & Team 1	Bob Horton	Bob Horton	

LIFE TOGETHER: IN-PERSON




The 2026 Synod Assembly will be online. This is a great opportunity to save time, travel, and money. But we know that meeting through a computer screen isn't everyone's favorite way to be together. That is why we are pleased that these congregations are opening their doors and giving us a place to gather in community for assembly. If you would like to fellowship with other voting members and lighten the burden of technology, consider spending June 6 with them.

Plans vary by location and will require registration in addition to your assembly registration. Click on the links below for more information, or reach out directly to learn more about their plans for June 6.




Bethel Lutheran Church
7001 Forsyth Boulevard
St. Louis, MO 63102

Register




Holy Cross Lutheran Church
7851 W 119th St
Overland Park, KS 66213

Register



Our Savior's Lutheran Church
2021 SW 29th St.
Topeka, KS 66611

Register



Redeemer Lutheran Church
743 E. Magnolia Rd.
Salina, KS 67401

Register



June is Doorstep Month at Trinity Lutheran

How you can help your Neighbors:

Volunteer in the Clothing Room on any Friday during the month of June. You will sort, organize and help clients with clothing needs. Shifts are 8:45am - 1:45pm

Help us stay organized! Volunteer in the Clothing Room on Monday June 22nd. Shifts are 8:45am - 1:45pm

Donate food items for the pantry! Our Faith Community is one of six Mission Members responsible for stocking the food pantry during the month of June.

Mac & Cheese	Pinto Beans	Powdered Milk
Spaghetti Sauce	Canned Fruit - Variety	Evaporated Milk
Oatmeal/ Dry Cereal	Peanut Butter/ Jelly	Tuna
Egg Noodles	Canned Soups	Pancake Mix/Syrup

Our Doorstep Contacts are:

Coordinator: Janeen Horton 785-640-5344
Board Member: Bob Horton 785-640-5345

Doorstep's NeighborFest

The time has finally arrived! This month marks the 60th anniversary of Doorstep helping their neighbors after the 1966 tornado! On **Saturday, June 6th** we will celebrate our **60 years of Neighbor Helping Neighbor!**

Join the celebration at **Christ the King Catholic Church located at 5973 SW 25th St** by signing up for the 9th Annual Walk/5K Fun Run, enter your classic car, truck or motorcycle in our car show!

There will be a Free Family Fun Zone with face painting, 4 inflatables and a balloon artist; Food trucks, a DJ and a special announcement about Doorstep's future. The Walk/Run starts at 9am with the other festivities from 10am-2pm. Visit our website for more information.

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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 Duane Pomeroy (Spiritual Care)

Vice-President Steve Luoma (Administration)

Secretary Diane Bottorff (Congregational Life)

Treasurer Bob Kobbeman (Administration)

Troy Abbott (Administration) Marilyn Heckman (Community Relations)

Parker Jackson (Congregational Life)

Curt Lewis (Maintenance) Howard Reece (Maintenance)