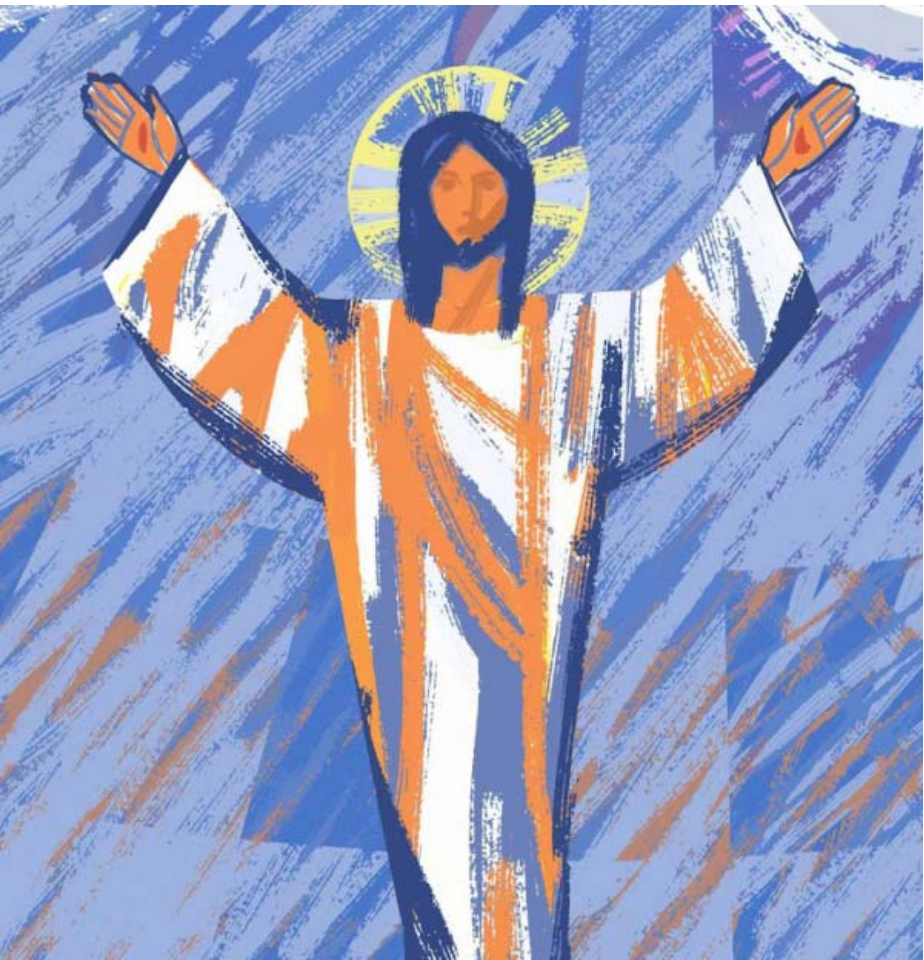




EASTER 2026

Trinity Lutheran Church



May
17

2026
7th Sunday
of Easter

Together
in Community
Living
with Christ
Caring
for Neighbors

Holy Father,
protect them
in your name
that you
have given
me, so that
they may be
one, as we
are one.
John 17:11

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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 and Ted Murphy, for leading worship today.

PRELUDE

Evangelical Lutheran Worship — Setting 3

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 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

Oh, Love, How Deep

ELW 322

- 1 Oh, love, how deep, how broad, how high, beyond all thought and fantasy, that God, the Son of God, should take our mortal form for mortals' sake!
- 2 God sent no angel to our race, of higher or of lower place, but wore the robe of human frame, in Christ our Lord to this world came.
- 3 For us baptized, for us he bore his holy fast and hungered sore; for us temptation sharp he knew; for us the tempter overthrew.
- 4 For us he prayed; for us he taught; for us his daily works he wrought, by words and signs and actions thus still seeking not himself, but us.

- 5 For us by wickedness betrayed, for us, in crown of thorns arrayed, he bore the shameful cross and death; for us he gave his dying breath.
- 6 For us he rose from death again; for us he went on high to reign; for us he sent his Spirit here to guide, to strengthen, and to cheer.
- 7 All glory to our Lord and God for love so deep, so high, so broad; the Trinity whom we adore forever and forevermore.

Text: Thomas á Kempis, 1380-1471; tr. Benjamin Webb, 1819-1885, 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

Assisting minister



Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

All




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.




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.



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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

A Let us pray.

O God of glory, your Son Jesus Christ suffered for us and ascended to your right hand. Unite us with Christ and each other in suffering and in joy, that all the world may be drawn into your bountiful presence, 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 1:6-14

⁶ When the apostles had come together, they asked Jesus, “Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?” ⁷ He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” ⁹ When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰ While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. ¹¹ They said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.” ¹² Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day’s journey away. ¹³ When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying: Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. ¹⁴ All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

^{5:6}Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. ⁷Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. ⁸Discipline yourselves; keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. ⁹Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. ¹⁰And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. ¹¹To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as you are able.

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 seventeenth chapter.

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

GOSPEL: JOHN 17:1-11

¹After Jesus had spoken these words to his disciples, he looked up to heaven and said, “Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, ²since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. ³And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. ⁴I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. ⁵So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

⁶“I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷Now they know that everything you have given me is from you, ⁸for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you, and they have believed that you sent me. ⁹I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. ¹⁰All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I have been glorified in them. ¹¹And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.”

L The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Please be seated.

SERMON

DUANE POMEROY

HYMN OF THE DAY

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

ELW 392

Please stand for the final verse of the hymn.

- 1 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus; his the scepter, his the throne; Alleluia! his the triumph, his the victory alone. Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion thunder like a mighty flood: "Jesus out of ev'ry nation has redeemed us by his blood."
- 2 Alleluia! Not as orphans are we left in sorrow now; Alleluia! he is near us; faith believes, nor questions how. Though the cloud from sight received him when the forty days were o'er, shall our hearts forget his promise: "I am with you evermore"?
- 3 Alleluia! Bread of heaven, here on earth our food, our stay; Alleluia! here the sinful flee to you from day to day. Intercessor, friend of sinners, earth's redeemer, hear our plea where the songs of all the sinless sweep across the crystal sea.
- 4 Alleluia! King eternal, Lord omnipotent we own; Alleluia! born of Mary, earth your footstool, heav'n your throne. As within the veil you entered, robed in flesh, our great high priest, here on earth both priest and victim in the eucharistic feast.
- 5 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus; his the scepter, his the throne; Alleluia! his the triumph, his the victory alone. Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion thunder like a mighty flood: "Jesus out of ev'ry nation has redeemed us by his blood."

Text: William C. Dix, 1837-1898, 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 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 O God, your people sing praises throughout the church. By your Holy Spirit, inspire musicians and pastors to proclaim the gospel of Jesus. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

A Your creative power fills the universe. Bring favorable, nurturing weather, and guide us to care for all you have made. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

A Your justice is exercised in society by those in authority. Instill in political leaders, business leaders, school administrators, and all who care for others a desire for peace and equity. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

C Your compassion and care come through the gifts of medicine and relationships. Soothe and protect widows and orphans, comfort those living with memory loss, and heal the sick, especially Charlotte O'Brien, Shelley Andrews, Junior & Liz Utech, Martha Nemeth, and David McGinnis. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

A Your love radiates from communities gathered in your name. Bless those experiencing significant transitions in life such as graduation, retirement, new employment and accompany us in our prayers during these times. Bless Steve Luoma and David McGinnis as they celebrate their birthdays and Tom Arney and Breanna Lewis as they remember their baptisms, Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

P O God, your promise of eternal life is certain and sure. Inspire us by the steadfast faith of those who have gone before us, so that we may be confident in the assurances you give. 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.

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.

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of six systems, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is B-flat major (two flats). The time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line. The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords that support the vocal melody. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

A 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**

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 God Almighty, who is the beginning and the end, Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead, and the Spirit, our advocate and peace, † bless you now and forever.

C Amen.

SENDING HYMN

Thine the Amen

ELW 826

- 1 Thine the amen thine the praise alleluias angels raise thine the everlasting head thine the breaking of the bread thine the glory thine the story thine the harvest then the cup thine the vineyard then the cup is lifted up lifted up.
- 2 Thine the life eternally thine the promise let there be thine the vision thine the tree all the earth on bended knee gone the nailing gone the railing gone the pleading gone the cry gone the sighing gone the dying what was loss lifted high.
- 3 Thine the truly thine the yes thine the table we the guest thine the mercy all from thee thine the glory yet to be then the ringing and the singing then the end of all the war thine the living thine the loving evermore evermore.
- 4 Thine the kingdom thine the prize thine the wonder full surprise thine the banquet then the praise then the justice of thy ways thine the glory thine the story then the welcome to the least then the wonder all increasing at thy feast at thy feast.

5 Thine the glory in the night no more dying only light thine the river thine the tree then the Lamb eternally then the holy holy celebration jubilee thine the splendor thine the brightness only thee only thee. Text: Herbert F. Brokering, b. 1926

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia! C **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

POSTLUDE

UPCOMING EVENTS AT TRINITY	
Today, May 17	Community Relations Committee meeting..... 9:30 AM
.....	Worship..... 10:30 AM
.....	PFLAG meeting 2:00 PM
Mon., May 18	June Trinity Tidings deadline
.....	Stroke Support Group 6:00 PM
Tues., May 19.....	Quilters 9:30 AM
Sun., May 24.....	Day of Pentecost
.....	Worship..... 10:30 AM

Worship Assistants								
Date	Acolyte	Ushers	Musician	Lector	Altar Guild	Assisting Minister	Worship Leader	Coffee Hosts
May 17	Curt Lewis	Howard Reece	Laurie Jackson	Laurie Jackson	Diane Bottorff & Team 1	Ted Murphy	Duane Pomeroy	Duane/Debbie Pomeroy
May 24	Janeen Horton		Laurie Jackson	Braxdon Penry	Diane Bottorff & Team 1	Bob Horton	Bob Horton	
May 31	Braxdon Penry	Bob Horton	Mitchell Bean	Diane Bottorff	Diane Bottorff & Team 1	Marcy Carlson	Curt Lewis	Howard/Loni Reece
June 7	Janeen Horton	Curt Lewis, Ted Murphy		Curt Lewis	Jane Lewis & Team 2	Bob Horton	Marcy Carlson	



As you can see, we are in need of volunteers to serve as ushers and coffee host on May 24th.

Pentecost is next Sunday, May 24th.
Remember to **wear red** to celebrate the day.



Doorstep's June 6th NeighborFest event is fast approaching... Remember to sign up for the 9th Annual Neighbor Helping Neighbor Walk/5K Fun Run. The Walk/5K Fun Run will go through the neighborhood around Christ the King at 25th & Wanamaker.

Registration is from 8am - 8:45am for the walk/run.

***If you want an event t-shirt we need your registration by Sunday, May 17th.**

The bulletin insert has QR codes, bit.ly website links, and the registration form for the Walk/5K Fun Run.

****If you are not participating in the walk/run, but still want a t-shirt please contact Lisa at Doorstep by Sunday, May 17th.** T-shirt only price is \$20. The shirts will be tie-dye this year!

Doorstep is asking for a lot of help the day of the event! If you are participating in the walk/run, please consider staying around afterwards to help out! There will be a Sign-Up Genius link with all of the volunteer opportunities out soon.



WU CAMPUS MINISTRY

It's time to collect dental hygiene items for the Bods Feeding Bods Pantry for the summer session. Individually packaged toothbrushes, toothpaste, mouthwash, dental floss, and floss picks are most appreciated. You may drop your donations in the WU box by the east entrance May 10-31. Then the first week of June, Debbie & Duane Pomeroy will deliver our items to campus. Thank you for your continued support of this ministry!



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.





www.doorsteppeka.org

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.

 <p>Bethel Lutheran Church 7001 Forsyth Boulevard St. Louis, MO 63102</p> <p>Register</p>	 <p>Holy Cross Lutheran Church 7851 W 119th St Overland Park, KS 66213</p> <p>Register</p>	 <p>Our Savior's Lutheran Church 2021 SW 29th St. Topeka, KS 66611</p> <p>Register</p>	 <p>Redeemer Lutheran Church 743 E. Magnolia Rd. Salina, KS 67401</p> <p>Register</p>
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Everyone is invited to attend the online Synod Assembly at any of the above locations. Please register to attend so they will know how many to expect; each location has their own registration guidelines.

Our voting delegates are Diane Bottorff and Marcy Carlson.



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

Together in Community

Living with Christ

Caring for Neighbors

Together in Community

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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Vice-President Steve Luoma (Administration)
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