



Trinity Lutheran Church



June

**21**

2026

4th Sunday  
of Pentecost

Together  
in Community  
Living  
with Christ  
Caring  
for Neighbors

So do not be  
afraid; you are  
of more value  
than many  
sparrows.

Matthew 10:31

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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, Pr. Bob Dealey, for leading worship today.***

**PRELUDE**

Evangelical Lutheran Worship — Setting 4

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**GATHERING**

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**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

*Please stand as you are able.*

**P** In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen.**

**P** God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and 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**

*We Know That Christ Is Raised*

**ELW 449**

- 1 We know that Christ is raised and dies no more. Embraced by death, he broke its fearful hold, and our despair he turned to blazing joy. Hallelujah!
- 2 We share by water in his saving death. Reborn, we share with him an Easter life, as living members of our Savior Christ. Hallelujah!
- 3 The Father's splendor clothes the Son with life. The Spirit's fission shakes the church of God. Baptized, we live with God the Three in One. Hallelujah!
- 4 A new creation comes to life and grows as Christ's new body takes on flesh and blood. The universe restored and whole will sing: Hallelujah!

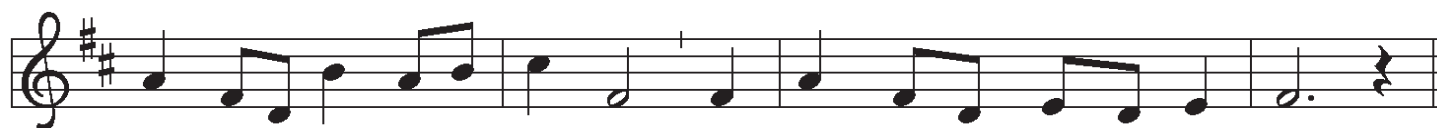
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## GREETING

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.

## HYMN OF PRAISE



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



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.

Teach us, good Lord God, to serve you as you deserve, to give and not to count the cost, to fight and not to heed the wounds, to toil and not to seek for rest, to labor and not to ask for reward, except that of knowing that we do your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

*Please be seated.*

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## WORD

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### FIRST READING: JEREMIAH 20:7-13

<sup>7</sup> O LORD, you have enticed me, and I was enticed; you have overpowered me, and you have prevailed. I have become a laughingstock all day long; everyone mocks me. <sup>8</sup> For whenever I speak, I must cry out; I must shout, "Violence and destruction!" For the word of the LORD has become for me a reproach and derision all day long. <sup>9</sup> If I say, "I will not mention him or speak any more in his name," then within me there is something like a burning fire shut up in my bones; I am weary with holding it in, and I cannot. <sup>10</sup> For I hear many whispering: "Terror is all around! Denounce him! Let us denounce him!" All my close friends are watching for me to stumble. "Perhaps he can be enticed, and we can prevail against him and take our revenge on him." <sup>11</sup> But the LORD is with me like a terrifying warrior; therefore my persecutors will stumble, and they will not prevail. They will be greatly shamed, for they will not succeed. Their eternal dishonor will never be forgotten. <sup>12</sup> O LORD of hosts, you test the righteous; you see the heart and the mind; let me see your retribution upon them, for to you I have committed my cause. <sup>13</sup> Sing to the LORD; praise the LORD! For he has delivered the life of the needy from the hands of evildoers.

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

### PSALM 69:7-18

*Spoken responsively*

<sup>7</sup> Surely, for your sake I have suffered reproach, and shame has covered my face.

**<sup>8</sup> I have become a stranger to my own kindred, an alien to my mother's children.**

<sup>9</sup> Zeal for your house has eaten me up; the scorn of those who scorn you has fallen upon me

**<sup>10</sup> I humbled myself with fasting, but that was turned to my reproach.**

<sup>11</sup> I put on sackcloth also, and became a byword among them.

**<sup>12</sup> Those who sit at the gate murmur against me, and the drunkards make songs about me.**

<sup>13</sup> But as for me, this is my prayer to you, at the time you have set, O LORD: "In your great mercy, O God, answer me with your unfailing help.

**<sup>14</sup> Save me from the mire; do not let me sink; let me be rescued from those who hate me and out of the deep waters.**

<sup>15</sup> Let not the torrent of waters wash over me, neither let the deep swallow me up; do not let the pit shut its mouth upon me.

<sup>16</sup> **Answer me, O LORD, for your love is kind; in your great compassion, turn to me.**

<sup>17</sup> Hide not your face from your servant; be swift and answer me, for I am in distress.

<sup>18</sup> **Draw near to me and redeem me; because of my enemies deliver me.**

**SECOND READING: ROMANS 6:1B-11**

<sup>1b</sup> Should we continue in sin in order that grace may increase? <sup>2</sup> By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? <sup>3</sup> Do you not know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? <sup>4</sup> Therefore we were buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we also might walk in newness of life. <sup>5</sup> For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. <sup>6</sup> We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, so we might no longer be enslaved to sin. <sup>7</sup> For whoever has died is freed from sin. <sup>8</sup> But if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. <sup>9</sup> We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. <sup>10</sup> The death he died, he died to sin once for all, but the life he lives, he lives to God. <sup>11</sup> So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

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.

P The Holy Gospel, according to Matthew, the ninth & 10th chapters.

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

**GOSPEL: MATTHEW 10:24-39**

Jesus said to the twelve: <sup>24</sup> “A disciple is not above the teacher nor a slave above the master; <sup>25</sup> it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household! <sup>26</sup> “So have no fear of them, for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered and nothing secret that will not become known. <sup>27</sup> What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light, and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. <sup>28</sup> Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather, fear the one who can destroy both soul and body in hell. <sup>29</sup> Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. <sup>30</sup> And even the hairs of your head are all counted.

<sup>31</sup> So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows. <sup>32</sup> “Everyone, therefore, who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven, <sup>33</sup> but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven. <sup>34</sup> “Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace but a sword. <sup>35</sup> For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law, <sup>36</sup> and one’s foes will be members of one’s own household. <sup>37</sup> “Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me, <sup>38</sup> and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. <sup>39</sup> Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.”

L The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*Please be seated.*

SERMON

**PR. BOB DEALEY**

**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’rign, 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 Gathered together by the Holy Spirit, let us pray for the church and the needs of the world.

*A brief silence.*

A Life-giving God, you have called your people to lose their lives for Jesus' sake. Strengthen your church to follow you in the face of difficulty. God of grace,

**C hear our prayer.**

A Creator God, you know every sparrow that falls to the ground. Protect migrating birds, endangered species, and their natural habitats. Empower us to care for your creation. God of grace,

**C hear our prayer.**

A Sovereign God, you call us to act justly and love mercy. Protect those with marginalized identities to whom we have not shown the abounding love of Jesus. Bring an end to oppression and bigotry in all forms. God of grace,

**C hear our prayer.**

A Sustaining God, you promise to provide for us. Comfort those experiencing disability or illness, especially Charlotte O'Brien, Shelley Andrews, Junior & Liz Utech, Martha Nemeth, and David McGinnis. God of grace,

**C hear our prayer.**

A Empowering God, strengthen us to live out our diverse callings. We pray especially for fathers and father figures, that they show your compassion and care. We pray for LaVell Winsor and Asher Klamm as they celebrate their birthdays, and for Howard & Loni Reece and Curt & Jane Lewis as they celebrate their wedding anniversaries. God of grace,

**C hear our prayer.**

P Faithful God, we give thanks for saints who have claimed their baptismal promises. May we follow their example of faith and service. God of grace,

**C hear our prayer.**

P Trusting you receive all our prayers, we commend our spoken and unspoken prayers to you, O God, through Jesus our 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.*

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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 Loving God, we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts. Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love, so that all creation can taste your abundance. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever.

C Amen

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

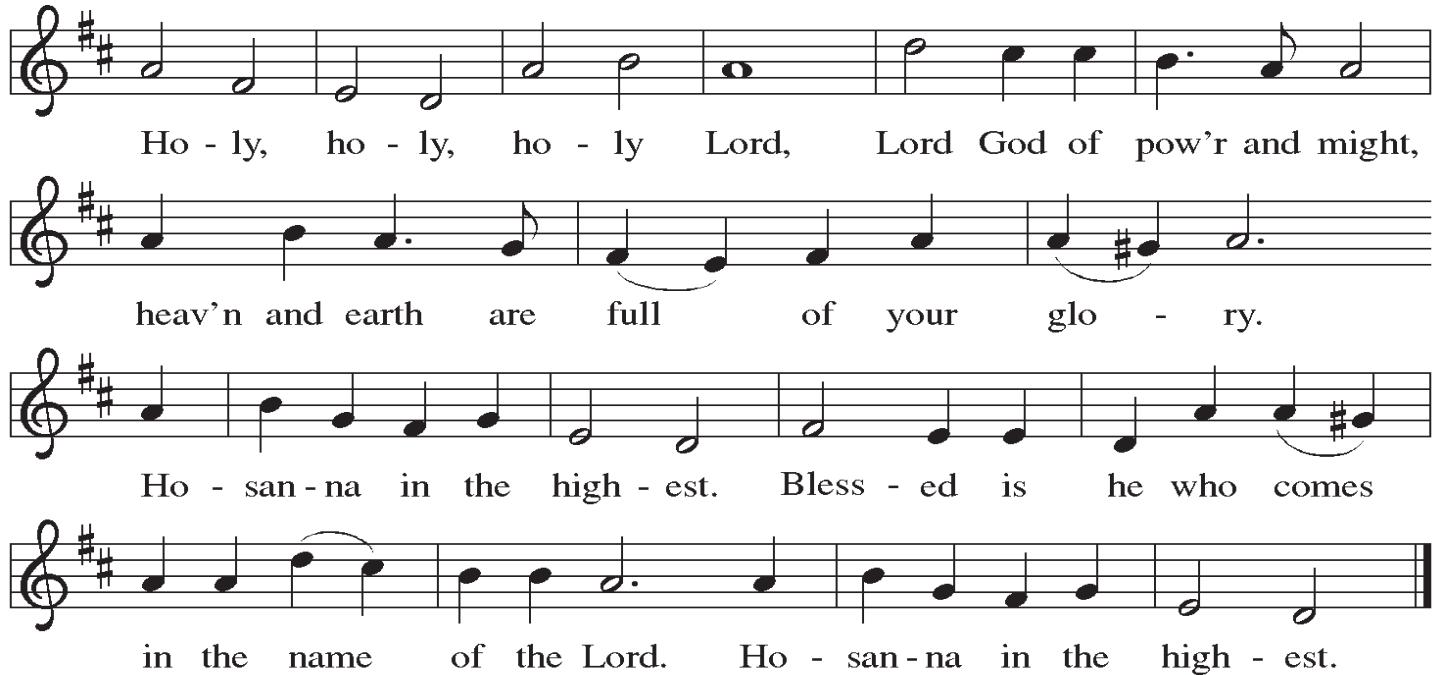
P Lift up your hearts.

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, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



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

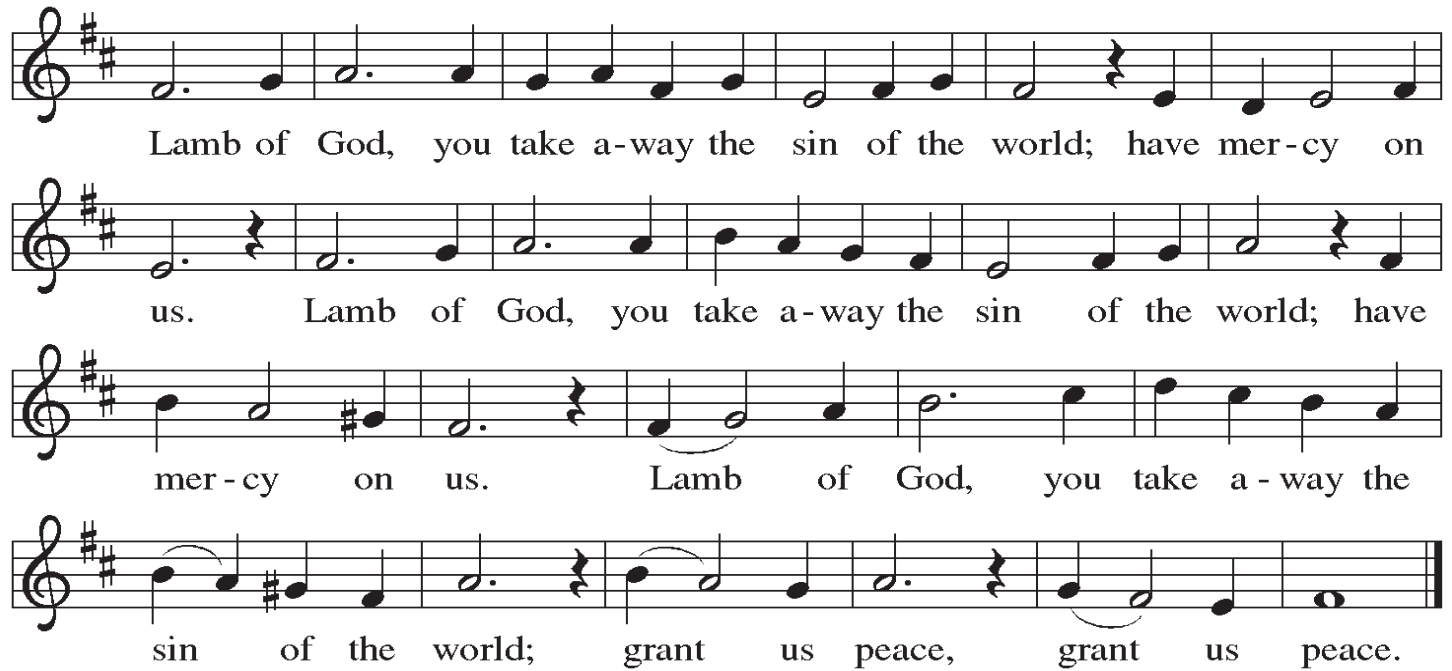
## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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, grant us peace.

## COMMUNION HYMN

*Borning Cry*

ELW 732

- 1 “I was there to hear your borning cry, I’ll be there when you are old. I rejoiced the day you were baptized to see your life unfold. I was there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well; in a blaze of light you wandered off to find where demons dwell.”
- 2 “When you heard the wonder of the Word I was there to cheer you on; you were raised to praise the living Lord, to whom you now belong. If you find someone to share your time and you join your hearts as one, I’ll be there to make your verses rhyme from dusk till rising sun.”
- 3 “In the middle ages of your life, not too old, no longer young, I’ll be there to guide you through the night, complete what I’ve begun. When the evening gently closes in and you shut your weary eyes, I’ll be there as I have always been, with just one more surprise.”
- 4 “I was there to hear your borning cry, I’ll be there when you are old. I rejoiced the day you were baptized to see your life unfold.”

Text: John C. Ylvisaker, b. 1937. Text © 1985 John C. Ylvisaker

## COMMUNION BLESSING

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**C Amen.**

*Please stand as you are able.*

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A Compassionate God, through the gifts of bread and wine our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love. Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal, may share your love freely, as you have shared with us. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever.

**C Amen.**

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## SENDING

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### BLESSING

P Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, † one God, bless, heal, and hold you today and always.

**C Amen.**

### SENDING HYMN

*If You But Trust in God to Guide You*

**ELW 769**

- 1 If you but trust in God to guide you with gentle hand through all your ways, you'll find that God is there beside you when crosses come, in trying days. Trust then in God's unchanging love; build on the rock that will not move.
- 2 What gain is there in anxious weeping, in helpless anger and distress? If you are in your Savior's keeping, in sorrow will he love you less? For Christ who took for you a cross will bring you safe through ev'ry loss.
- 3 The Lord our restless hearts is holding, in peace and quietness content. We rest in God's good will unfolding, what wisdom from on high has sent. God, who has chosen us by grace, knows very well the fears we face.
- 4 Sing, pray, and keep God's ways unswerving, offer your service faithfully. Trust heaven's word; though undeserving, you'll find this promise true to be. This is our confidence indeed: God never fails in time of need.

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### DISMISSAL

A Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!

**C Thanks be to God.**

### POSTLUDE

## UPCOMING EVENTS AT TRINITY

Today, June 21 ..... Worship with Holy Communion..... 10:30 AM  
 Tues., June 16 ..... Quilters ..... 9:30 AM  
 ..... TLHA meeting..... 7:00 PM  
 Sun., June 28..... Worship ..... 10:30 AM  
 ..... Congregational Life meeting ..... Noon



Interfaith Pride Service will be Thursday, June 25 at 6:30pm. It will be held at Southern Hills Mennonite Church, 511 SE 37th St. in Topeka.

### Worship Leaders & Assistants

Date	Acolyte(s)	Ushers	Musician	Lector	Altar Guild	Assisting Minister	Worship Leader	Coffee Host
June 21	Brayden Winsor	Duane Pomeroy, Jeffrey Schafersman	Laurie Jackson	Marcy Carlson	Jane Lewis & Team 2	Marcy Carlson	Pr. Bob Dealey	Liz & Junior Utech, Steve Luoma
June 28	Braxdon Penry	Bob Horton, Dean McGinnis	Mitchell Bean	Braxdon Penry	Jane Lewis & Team 2	Ted Murphy		Troy Abbott/ Jeffrey Schafersman



### Looking ahead

Celebrate Independence Day at Grace Cathedral. For several years Grace Cathedral has been host to a Christian service on July 4 at 10 am, and we are invited to attend. See the info on pages 16 & 17.

And on July 5th, our worship liturgy will honor the United States 250th anniversary. Please join us.



# 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.

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|---------------------|------------------------|-------------------|
| 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

[www.doorsteppeka.org](http://www.doorsteppeka.org)

# FOOD DONATIONS NEEDED!



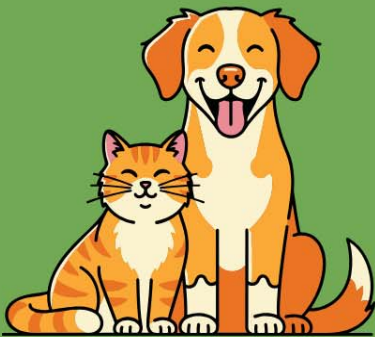
## Items Needed:

Egg Noodles  
Tomato Soup  
Canned Fruit  
Pears, Peaches  
Saltine Crackers  
Tuna & Tuna Helper

It is no secret that the need for food assistance in our community remains high again this year.

While we just received an order from Harvesters, we still need a few key items to make the food orders provided to our neighbors complete until our next order arrives.

Please donate today and help us continue feeding your neighbors!



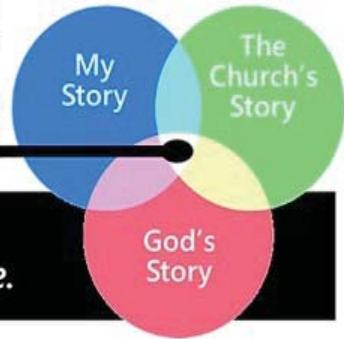
## Pet Food Needed!

We have treats to give our pet parents, but NO food...

We need Dog & Cat food.  
We can break down big bags of dry food to feed as many as we can!



*You* are invited to attend a  
**Discernment Event**



*Take some time to explore how God may be calling you to serve.*

This weekend is designed for anyone who may be feeling a gentle nudge from the Holy Spirit to explore ministry in any capacity (lay, ordained or somewhere in between). There will be a chance to learn about lots of different options, ask questions, and spend time in prayer thinking about God's call on your own life.

Pick one:

- June 12-13 St. Louis, MO
- June 19-20 Camdenton, MO
- June 26-27 Hays, KS
- July 17-18 Salina, KS
- July 24-25 Kansas City

Friday 7pm—Saturday 4pm

Breakfast & lunch provided.  
 Hotel included (if needed).  
 No cost to you!

For questions, contact:  
 Rev. Chad Langdon  
 636-699-8747  
 clangdon@css-elca.org

Deadline to register is Sunday before event.

## SUMMER CAMP OPPORTUNITIES

### Mid-Missouri Bible Camp



### Hollis Crossings

EXTENDING CHRISTIAN HOSPITALITY TO ALL SINCE 1988

# HOLLIS

## HOLY CROSS KIDS

This summer, Hollis Crossings Camp is teaming up with Holy Cross Kids Summer Camp to create an even bigger and better church camp experience—while keeping all the things your kids already love about camp.

Your child can look forward to a week full of:

- Games
- Bible stories
- Arts & crafts
- Nature hikes
- New friendships

### Camp Tomah Shinga

MAY 31-JUNE 5 \$475	PATHFINDERS
JUNE 7-12 \$475	CONFIRMATION/TRAILBLAZERS/ PIONEERS
JUNE 14-16 \$310/\$475	EXPLORERS/FAMILY CAMP
JUNE 21-26 \$475/\$500	PATHFINDERS/FISHING
JUNE 28-30 \$310/\$475	EXPLORERS/FAMILY CAMP
JULY 12-17 \$475	PATHFINDERS/ADVENTURE
JULY 19-24 \$475	CONFIRMATION/TRAILBLAZERS/ PIONEERS

See the Central States Synod newsletter forwarded to you June 4th for more information about these opportunities and more.



*Celebrate*  
**INDEPENDENCE DAY**



*at Grace Cathedral*

**Saturday, July 4 at 10 am**

701 SW 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Topeka, KS 66603





TO SING IN JULY 4 CHOIR

Grace Cathedral is excited to continue its annual Independence Day Celebration on Saturday, July 4 at 10 a.m. We are looking for singers to come and participate in the choir for this event. This is an exciting way to come together in community to enjoy singing and celebrating our national Independence Day.

Rehearsal are Thursdays at 7:00 pm  
at Grace Cathedral, June 18 and 25,  
with a dress rehearsal on July 2.

Call time on July 4 is 9:15 with service at 10.

If you are interested, you can sign up for the  
choir using the QR code here:  
or by writing to  
[dlivingston@gracecathedraltopeka.org](mailto:dlivingston@gracecathedraltopeka.org)



HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!



## 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 Duane Pomeroy (Spiritual Care)

Vice-President Steve Luoma (Administration)

Secretary Diane Bottorff (Congregational Life)

Treasurer Bob Kobbeman (Administration)

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Marilyn Heckman (Community Relations)

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