

TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
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WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday, 10:30am



Together in Community

Living with Christ's Love

Caring for Neighbors

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SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

EVERY SUNDAY 10:30 AM WORSHIP

PLEASE JOIN US FOR COFFEE AND
REFRESHMENTS IN FELLOWSHIP
HALL DOWNSTAIRS IMMEDIATELY
AFTER WORSHIP.

 10:15 am Hymn Sing-Along  Bring food for Doorstep 10:30 am Worship	2	3	9:30 am Quilters 4	5	6	7	8
9:30-10:15 Adult Sunday School 10:30 am Worship 2 pm PFLAG meeting	9	10	9:30 am Quilters 11	12	13	14	15
10:30 am Worship with Communion	16	17	9:30 am Quilters 18 11:00 am Widowed Women of Faith	19	20	21	22
10:30 am Worship with Communion 10:30 am Worship  Unexpected Maintenance Fund 12:00 Noon Congregational Life meeting	23	24	9:30 am Quilters 25 7 pm TLHA	26	27	28	29
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President's Update

On Sunday, July 5, we celebrated our nation's 250th birthday. Our congregation has existed well over half of those years. We began with a wonderful Hymn Sing featuring Patriotic Music. During the service, I appreciated the opportunity to wear the Colonial outfit that my mom made for my dad for the Bicentennial 50 years ago. Messages were read from our denomination leaders.

From The Rev. Yehiel Curry, Presiding Bishop, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America: "As Lutherans, we know the importance of naming realities for what they are. As citizens, we confess the ways we have not yet realized the vision of the Declaration of Independence and, more importantly, as Christians we confess the ways we have participated in or been complicit in failures to live into the vision God provides. This vision is rooted in creation and redemption. God crafts each person in God's own image and sends Jesus Christ to redeem us, setting us free to follow Christ's new commandment to love one another.

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We celebrate this occasion neither as a perfect nation nor as a perfect church, but as a people held in God's grace and called into community in service to all neighbors and for the sake of the world God so loves."

And from our Central States Synod Bishop

Donna Simon: "This anniversary of our freedom from tyranny comes at an interesting and challenging time. It is grand to have the opportunity to pause and give thanks for the values upon which our nation was founded, values which match well with the values of our faith: inclusion, love for neighbors, striving for excellence (vocation), and justice for all. I hope we will all take some time this weekend to be thankful for the freedoms we enjoy as Americans and as Lutheran Christians."

Junior Utech was a Marine Korean War veteran willing to fight for our country but always praying for peace. He believed and lived what our Bishops challenged us to do. His theological discussions and story telling (including some repeated) will be sadly missed.

August Worship Leaders

August 2	Marcy Carlson
August 9	Parker Jackson
August 16	Pr. Bob Dealey
August 23	Pr. Dinah Dutta
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August Readings

August 2 – 10th Sunday of Pentecost

Isaiah 55:1-5
Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21
Romans 9:1-5
Matthew 14:13-21

August 9 – 11th Sunday of Pentecost

1 Kings 19:9-18
Psalm 85:8-13
Romans 10:5-15
Matthew 14:22-33

August 16 – 12th Sunday of Pentecost

Isaiah 56:6-8
Psalm 67
Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

August 23 – 13th Sunday of Pentecost

Isaiah 51:1-6
Psalm 138
Romans 12:1-8
Matthew 16:13-20

August 30 – 14th Sunday of Pentecost

Jeremiah 15:15-21
Psalm 26:1-8
Romans 12:9-21
Matthew 16:21-28

August Celebrations

Birthdays

4 Janeen Horton
6 Shelley Andrews
11 Ella Bosch
15 Brian McGinnis
27 Loni Reece
29 Heather Klamm

Baptisms

3 LaVell Winsor
10 Darin Wade
13 Marilyn Heckman
26 Camdyn Ralph
26 Carsyn Ralph
29 Janeen Horton

Wedding Anniversaries

1 David & Cindy McGinnis
2 Bob & Pam Kobbeman
5 Rick & Janice Greenlee
10 Bob & Janeen Horton
17 Dave & Roxann Quarnstrom

Sunday School

Adult Sunday School will meet Sunday, August 9, at 9:30 am in Trinity Hall lounge. We will study the second lesson for that day, Romans 10:5-15. Everyone is welcome!

Please like and follow Trinity at <https://www.facebook.com/topekatic>. Click on like and leave a comment, even if you just say hi.

Our services are on Facebook live every Sunday and can be watched 24/7 on our page anytime. When you like and follow our page, it helps our placement when people search Facebook for a church. Please share this information with your contacts.



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Council Highlights

CONGREGATION COUNCIL

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- The Zeffy online payment app was voted down.
- The 2025 audit report was reviewed. It was noted that the current procedure directs that the audit report be presented at the annual meeting. However, materials needed for the audit are not available for the committee to meet prior to the January meeting. Policy/procedure needs to be updated. The audit report was accepted.
- Congregational Life & Community Relations committees will collaborate to sponsor collection of duffel bags to donate to foster care organization.
- The AC unit is hallway between church & Trinity Hall is not working. PCI will be asked to look at it.
The overgrown community garden will be cleaned in the fall.
- Spiritual Care reported that two persons visited a member shortly before he died.
- A new visitor information process was adopted: a) usher hands information card to the visitor, visitor fills out the info & hands it back to usher. b) usher gives the card to Carol Marker who sends a welcome note to visitor. c) Carol gives the card to Cindy McGinnis for filing.
- The August 5th Sunday Special collection will be designated for an Unexpected Maintenance Fund.

A full copy of the Council minutes is available in the church office and if desired, you may request a copy be mailed or emailed to you.



Food Donation to Doorstep = Food for Our Neighbors



Bob & Janeen delivered 200 food items (236.5 lbs) and two dog food items (57 lbs.) collected during our July food collection to Doorstep.

We continue to be very generous! Our next collection date is August 2nd.

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“Growing as Disciples Through Worship” Frequently Asked Questions

What is “Growing as Disciples Through Worship”?

“Growing as Disciples Through Worship” is a two-part event which will be held at First Lutheran Church, 1234 SW Fairlawn, Topeka, KS 66604 on Saturday, September 19, 2026.

- Part I is a presentation and discussion led by organist and composer David Cherwien about the place and role of music in worship from Lutheran and broader perspectives. The presentation will begin at 1:00 p.m. and run until 2:15 p.m.
- Part II will feature David Cherwien as the organist for a Hymn Fest which will begin at 3:30 p.m. in the church sanctuary. The festival will be a hymn and readings journey through the Church year. There will be refreshments between the two parts of the program.

Please use the following link to register for the event: <https://forms.gle/pCQbjuBfncf3qSSz5>

Who is David Cherwien?

David Cherwien served as Cantor at Mount Olive Lutheran Church, Minneapolis from 2001 to 2024, continuing the tradition of creative hymn singing begun and sustained by his predecessors Paul Manz and Mark Sedio. From 2001 until 2022, he also served as Artistic Director of the National Lutheran Choir. Prior to those he served church music positions in Minneapolis, Chicago, Seattle, and Berlin, Germany. He is a nationally known conductor, composer and organist.

He has composed and published a considerable amount of music for the church with several publishers. During his time with the National Lutheran Choir, he served as editor of the National Lutheran Choir Series of choral music published by Morningstar Music Publishers and produced many recordings including the “Hymns We Love to Sing” series. He is a founding member of the Association of Lutheran Church Musicians and has served in its leadership in a variety of capacities, including National President from 1993 to 1997.

For More Information:

You may contact First Lutheran Church, 1234 SW Fairlawn, Topeka, KS 66604 by mail; by email at 1stlutherantopeka@gmail.com; or by telephone at (785) 272-5302.



Health and Wellness Initiative Meeting

The Health and Wellness Initiative will meet on Wednesday, August 12, at 6:00 PM at Our Savior’s Lutheran Church. Everyone interested is welcome. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Deb at pastordeb@oslctopeka.org or call her cell phone.