



Trinity Lutheran Church



July
12
2026

7th Sunday
of Pentecost

Together
in Community
Living
with Christ
Caring
for Neighbors

But as for what was
sown on good soil,
this is the one who
hears the word and
understands it, who
indeed bears fruit

Matthew 13:23

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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, Bob Horton, for leading worship today.

PRELUDE

Evangelical Lutheran Worship — Setting 4

GATHERING

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

What Is This Place

ELW 524

- 1 What is this place where we are meeting? Only a house, the earth its floor. Walls and a roof sheltering people, windows for light, an open door. Yet it becomes a body that lives when we are gathered here, and know our God is near.
- 2 Words from afar, stars that are falling, sparks that are sown in us like seed: names for our God, dreams, signs, and wonders sent from the past are all we need. We in this place remember and speak again what we have heard: God's free redeeming word.
- 3 And we accept bread at this table, broken and shared, a living sign. Here in this world, dying and living, we are each other's bread and wine. This is the place where we can receive what we need to increase: our justice and God's peace.

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.

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.

Almighty God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your word. By your Holy Spirit help us to receive it with joy, live according to it, and grow in faith and hope and love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

Please be seated.

WORD

FIRST READING: ISAIAH 55:10-13

¹⁰ For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, ¹¹ so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose and succeed in the thing for which I sent it. ¹² For you shall go out in joy and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. ¹³ Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle, and it shall be to the LORD for a memorial, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 65:1-13

Spoken responsively

¹ You are to be praised, O God, in Zion; to you shall vows be fulfilled.

² **To you, the one who answers prayer, to you all flesh shall come.**

³ Our sins are stronger than we are, but you blot out our transgressions.

⁴ **Happy are they whom you choose and draw to your courts to dwell there! They will be satisfied by the beauty of your house, by the holiness of your temple.**

⁵ Awesome things will you show us in your righteousness, O God of our salvation, O hope of all the ends of the earth and of the oceans far away.

⁶ **You make firm the mountains by your power; you are girded about with might.**

⁷ You still the roaring of the seas, the roaring of their waves, and the clamor of the peoples.

⁸ **Those who dwell at the ends of the earth will tremble at your marvelous signs; you make the dawn and the dusk to sing for joy.**

⁹ You visit the earth and water it abundantly; you make it very plenteous; the river of God is full of water. You prepare the grain, for so you provide for the earth.

¹⁰ **You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges; with heavy rain you soften the ground and bless its increase.**

¹¹ You crown the year with your goodness, and your paths overflow with plenty.

¹² **May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing, and the hills be clothed with joy.**

¹³ May the meadows cover themselves with flocks, and the valleys cloak themselves with grain; let them shout for joy and sing.

SECOND READING: ROMANS 8:1-11

¹ Therefore there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. ² For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. ³ For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴ so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. ⁵ For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. ⁶ To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷ For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed, it cannot, ⁸ and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. ⁹ But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. ¹⁰ But if Christ is in you, then the body is dead because of sin, but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. ¹¹ If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



P The Holy Gospel, according to Matthew, the 10th chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 13:1-9, 18-23

¹ That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. ² Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. ³ And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. ⁴ And as he sowed, some seeds fell on a path, and the birds came and ate them up. ⁵ Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. ⁶ But when the sun rose, they were scorched, and since they had no root, they withered away. ⁷ Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. ⁸ Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. ⁹ If you have ears, hear!"

¹⁸ "Hear, then, the parable of the sower. ¹⁹ When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what

is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. ²⁰ As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, ²¹ yet such a person has no root but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away.

²² As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of this age and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing.

²³ But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.”

L The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

SERMON

BOB HORTON

HYMN OF THE DAY

As Rain from the Clouds

ELW 508

Please stand for the final verse of the hymn.

- 1 As rain from the clouds will your word come to earth, as snow from the heavens refreshing the land. Then soften our soil that the good seed may grow and ripen rich fruit to return to your hand. We praise you, our God, for the dew of your word; we thank you, good gard'ner, for your tender toil. We bless you, best farmer, for hundredfold yield, for harvest of grace in our once-barren soil.
- 2 As grain that is scattered your word has been sown on rocks and on roadways, in good earth and sand. Make fertile our soil that the good seed may grow and ripen rich fruit to return to your hand. We praise you, our God, for the seed of your word; we thank you, good gard'ner, for your tender toil. We bless you, best farmer, for hundredfold yield, for harvest of grace in our once-barren soil.
- 3 As rays of the sun shall your word light the world, awaking and warming and healing our land. Then shine in our hearts that the good seed may grow and ripen rich fruit to return to your hand. We praise you, our God, for the light of your word; we thank you, good gard'ner, for your tender toil. We bless you, best farmer, for hundredfold yield, for harvest of grace in our once-barren soil.

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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 Trusting in God's steadfast love for all God has made, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

A God our gardener, you scatter grace like seed across the world. Continue to cultivate the garden of your church with your abundant Spirit. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

A God our joy, your bountiful creation reflects your commitment to life despite our actions disregarding its wonder. We look toward Isaiah's vision, when all creation rejoices, and the trees will clap for joy at your salvation. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

A God our life, you give us the same Spirit by which you raised Christ from the dead. Set our minds on that Spirit whenever fear or condemnation overwhelm throughout the world. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

A God our host and table, we pray for our neighbors who hunger and rely on others for help, for all who toil under the hot sun, for the chronically ill, especially Charlotte O'Brien, Shelley Andrews, Junior & Liz Utech, Martha Nemeth, Daniel Scott, Tim Gentry, and David McGinnis. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

A God our life, you give us the blessings of life. We pray for Janelle Meredith and Curt Lewis as they celebrate their birthdays and for Cindy McGinnis and David McGinnis as they remember their baptisms. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

A God our source, tend this assembly with your grace throughout this summer season. May those who travel for work or recreation do so safely, and may visitors find refreshment among us. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

P We give you thanks that the roots of your goodness run deep throughout history. We remember those saints who have gone before us in faith. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

P Grateful for your abundant provision and trusting in your goodness, we cast all our cares upon you, through the abundant grace of Christ Jesus.

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

The musical score is written for a two-part setting (Soprano and Bass) in a key of three flats (B-flat major or D-flat minor). The time signature is 4/4. The melody is primarily composed of half notes and whole notes, with some eighth notes in the Soprano part. The lyrics are: "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 score consists of five systems, each with a Soprano and Bass staff. The lyrics are placed below the corresponding staff. The music concludes with a double bar line.

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

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 Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, ✠ one God, bless, heal, and hold us today and always.

C Amen.

SENDING HYMN

For the Fruit of All Creation

ELW 679

- 1 For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God. For these gifts to ev'ry nation, thanks be to God. For the plowing, sowing, reaping, silent growth while we are sleeping, future needs in earth's safekeeping, thanks be to God.
- 2 In the just reward of labor, God's will is done. In the help we give our neighbor, God's will is done. In our worldwide task of caring for the hungry and despairing, in the harvests we are sharing, God's will is done.
- 3 For the harvests of the Spirit, thanks be to God. For the good we all inherit, thanks be to God. For the wonders that astound us, for the truths that still confound us, most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

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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, July 12	Adult Sunday School	9:30 AM
.....	Worship	10:30 AM
.....	PFLAG	2:00 PM
Mon, July 13.....	Church Council meeting	5:30 PM
Tues., July 14	Quilters	9:30 AM
Sun., July 19.....	Worship with Holy Communion	10:30 AM

WIDOWED WOMEN of FAITH

Join other “Widowed Women of FaiTh” on Tuesday, July 22nd 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 2026. Come join us! Questions? WidowedWomenofFaith@gmail.com or call Julie at (913)558-0191.

Worship Leaders & Assistants

Date	Acolyte	Ushers	Musician	Lector	Altar Guild	Assisting Minister	Worship Leader	Coffee Host
July 12	Brayden Winsor	Diane Bottorff, Dean McGinnis		LaVell Winsor	Cindy McGinnis & Team 3	Ted Murphy	Bob Horton	Steve Luoma
July 19	Janeen Horton			Steve Luoma	Cindy McGinnis & Team 3	Bob Horton	Pr. Bob Dealey	Mike & Shelley Andrews
July 26	Braxdon Penry	Diane Bottorff		Debbie Pomeroy	Cindy McGinnis & Team 3	Marcy Carlson	Parker Jackson	Duane & Debbie Pomeroy

Treasurer report as of 6-30-2026

Income and Expense update

Year to date giving totals \$51,968.

Year to date expenses totaled \$51,606.

The giving year to date is \$51,968 which annualizes to a giving amount of \$103,936, this is below budget estimates of \$119,000. We are averaging \$8,661 a month and budgeted for \$9,918 a month (short fall of \$1,257 a month on average).

Our giving YTD provides enough cash flow to cover operating expenses by \$362. Although we are covering our expenses we continue to fall behind in monthly giving.

Our restricted giving for the month totaled \$150, with \$50 going to doorstep and \$100 for the 5th Sunday giving.

Our financial performance to date is allowing us to cover our expenses, but giving needs to increase to help cover future expenses not yet recognized, primarily our property insurance that is payable each quarter and our utilities look like they may run higher than our budgeted amounts.

**You should really come
to one of these!**

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

Cost is free! Breakfast & lunch provided.

Hotel included (if needed).

For questions, contact Rev. Chad Langdon

636-699-8747 or clangdon@css-elca.org

Register at www.css-elca.org/discernment

Deadline to register is Sunday before event.



Doorstep's Christmas in July

Donations Needed for this Christmas!



**Help us collect items for our 2026 Christmas adoption
of 285 households, with nearly 900 individuals!**

Toys

Footballs & Basketballs ~ Pokemon
Hello Kitty ~ Toys for Ages 5 - 12
Educational Toys (all ages)
Spiderman ~ K-Pop ~ Lelo & Stitch
Sonic Hedge Hog ~ Jewelry
Make-Up & Nail Kits



Men's & Women's Gifts

Tool Sets ~ Flashlights
Fishing Items (Poles/Tacklebox/Etc)
Car Cleaning Items ~ Boots & Sneakers
Men & Women's Cologne Sets
Sweats (All Sizes, All Ages)
Pajamas ~ Teen/Men/Women(All Sizes)



Toys

Roblox Gift Cards (\$10-\$20)
Paw Patrol ~ Bluey ~
Minecraft ~ Puzzles ~ Legos
Sensory / Fidget ~
Board & Brain Teaser Games ~
Color Books for All Ages
Teen Board Games



Kitchen Items

Silverware ~ Glasses ~ Crockpots
Dish Sets ~ Pots & Pans ~ Air Fryers

Other Items

Towel Sets - (Bath, Hand & Washcloth)
Blankets - Queen & King Sizes
Full Size Hygiene Items: Deodorant
Shampoo + Conditioner ~ Bar Soap
Combs ~ Brushes ~ Toothpaste ~
Toothbrushes ~ **Cleaning Supplies**



School Supplies

Notebook Paper (College/Wide)
Spiral Notebooks (College/Wide)
Pens ~ Pencils ~ Glue ~ Erasers
Folders (2 Pocket) ~ Backpacks
Rulers ~ Markers ~ Scissors

Bring donations to your Faith Community during the month of July!
Thank you for making the holiday season brighter for your neighbors!
Doorstep, 1119 SW 10th Ave - Donation Hours: M-F, 9am-2pm, South Door

Current Doorstep Needs ~ July 2026

Clothing Room Needs: (Gently Used, Not New)

Men's Underwear ~ Size Large
Men's Jeans ~ Esp. Sizes waist 30 - 36, 46 & 48
Men's Belts ~ All Sizes
Men's Shoes ~ All Sizes
Men's Shorts ~ All Sizes
Men's Shirts ~ Small & Medium

Boys & Girls: Shorts & Jeans ~ All Sizes

Household & Linen:

Sheets ~ All sizes	Bath Towels (Full Size)
Comforters ~ Full & Queen	Pots & Pans
Toasters	Hand Can openers
Coffee Makers	

Simple cleaning products: Dish soap, Comet, Fabuloso, etc.

2-in-1 Shampoo & Conditioner

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### Food Room Needs:

|                |                                      |                        |
|----------------|--------------------------------------|------------------------|
| Vegetable Soup | Tomato Soup                          | Canned Fruit ~ Variety |
| Egg Noodles    | Soup – Progresso/Chunky style        |                        |
| Peas           | Canned Beans ~ (Pinto, Black, Chili) |                        |



## 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)  
Troy Abbott (Administration)  
Marilyn Heckman (Community Relations)  
Parker Jackson (Congregational Life)  
Curt Lewis (Maintenance)      Howard Reece (Maintenance)