



Trinity Lutheran Church



July

5

2026

**6th Sunday
of Pentecost**

Together
in Community
Living
with Christ
Caring
for Neighbors

Come to me,
all you who are
weary and are
carrying heavy
burdens, and I will
give you rest.

Matthew 11:28

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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, for leading worship today.

HYMN SING ALONG

See pages 14 & 15

THE STAR-SPANGLED BANNER

YANKEE DOODLE

WHEN JOHNNY COMES MARCHING HOME

YOU'RE A GRAND OLD FLAG

AMERICA, THE BEAUTIFUL

Evangelical Lutheran Worship — Setting 4

GATHERING

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Please stand as you are able.

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, source of hope in every nation, rest for the weary, glory and peace to the ends of the earth.

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 bring every burden to God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P God of all mercy,

C we have sinned against you, our neighbors, and your creation. Within ourselves and our communities, our desire to do what is good is at war with the evil that dwells in us. We lament the evil that holds us captive. We repent of the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Rescue us, forgive us, and restore us for lives of compassion and courage through our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

P All-merciful, Almighty God forgives us all our sins through the grace of + Jesus Christ, and by the Spirit's power strengthens us in doing what is good.

C Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

God Bless Our Native Land

ELW 891

- 1 God bless our native land; firm may it ever stand through storm and night.
When the wild tempests rave, Ruler of wind and wave, do thou our country save by thy great might.
- 2 So shall our prayers arise to God above the skies, on whom we wait. Thou who art ever nigh, guarding with watchful eye, to thee aloud we cry: God save the state!

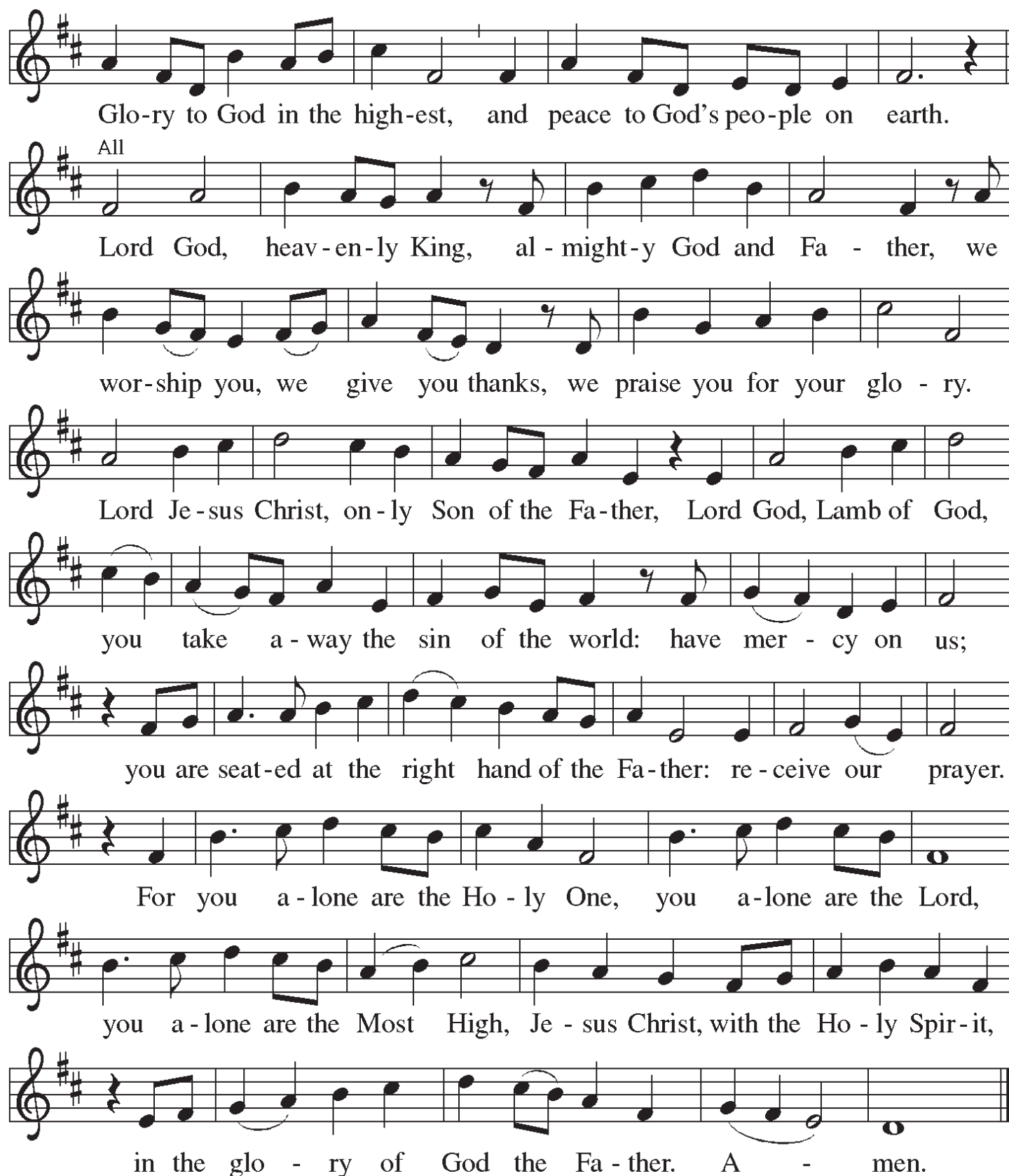
Text: Charles T. Brooks, 1812-1883; John S. Dwight, 1813-1893

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.

Lord of all the worlds, guide this nation by your Spirit to go forward in justice and freedom. Give to all living in these lands the blessings of well-being and harmony, but above all things give us faith in you, that our nation may bring glory to your name and blessings to all peoples, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

Please be seated.

WORD

FIRST READING: ZECHARIAH 9:9-12

⁹ Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion!

Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem!

See, your king comes to you;

triumphant and victorious is he,

humble and riding on a donkey,

on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

¹⁰ He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim

and the war horse from Jerusalem;

and the battle bow shall be cut off,

and he shall command peace to the nations;

his dominion shall be from sea to sea

and from the River to the ends of the earth.

¹¹ As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you,

I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.

¹² Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope;

today I declare that I will restore to you double.

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM 145:8-14

Spoken responsively

⁸ The LORD is gracious and full of compassion, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

⁹ **LORD, you are good to all, and your compassion is over all your works.**

¹⁰ All your works shall praise you, O LORD, and your faithful ones shall bless you.

¹¹ **They shall tell of the glory of your kingdom and speak of your power,**

¹² that all people may know of your power and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

¹³ **Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; your dominion endures throughout all ages. You, LORD, are faithful in all your words, and loving in all your works.**

¹⁴ The Lord upholds all those who fall and lifts up those who are bowed down.

SECOND READING: ROMANS 7:15-25A

¹⁵ I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. ¹⁶ Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. ¹⁷ But in fact it is no longer I who do it but sin that dwells within me. ¹⁸ For I know that the good does not dwell within me, that is, in my flesh. For the desire to do the good lies close at hand, but not the ability. ¹⁹ For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. ²⁰ Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it but sin that dwells within me.

²¹ So I find it to be a law that, when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. ²² For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, ²³ but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. ²⁴ Wretched person that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? ^{25a} Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

C Alleluia. Blessed are you, Lord of heav'n and earth; you have revealed these things to infants. Alleluia.

P The Holy Gospel, according to Matthew, the 11th chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 11:16-19, 25-30

Jesus spoke to the crowd saying: ¹⁶ "To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another,

¹⁷ 'We played the flute for you, and you did not dance;
we wailed, and you did not mourn.'

¹⁸ "For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon';

¹⁹ the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!' Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds."

²⁵ At that time Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; ²⁶ yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. ²⁷ All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

²⁸ "Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Please be seated.

Please stand for the final verse of the hymn.

- 1 This is my song, O God of all the nations, a song of peace for lands afar and mine. This is my home, the country where my heart is; here are my hopes, my dreams, my holy shrine; but other hearts in other lands are beating with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.
- 2 My country's skies are bluer than the ocean, and sunlight beams on cloverleaf and pine. But other lands have sunlight too, and clover, and skies are ev'rywhere as blue as mine. So hear my song, O God of all the nations, a song of peace for their land and for mine.
- 3 This is my prayer, O God of all earth's kingdoms, your kingdom come; on earth your will be done. O God, be lifted up till all shall serve you, and hearts united learn to live as one. So hear my prayer, O God of all the nations; myself I give you; let your will be done.

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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 Gathering God, send your Spirit on the church you have called out from every nation. Knit us together into one body and heal the divisions we have caused. Overcome our timidity to witness and act in the public square when your purpose is being thwarted. Bless rosters and lay leaders with clarity and courage as they center your people in the gospel. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

A All your works praise you, O God. From the Arctic to the Caribbean, from the Atlantic to the western islands, these lands and waters have sustained its peoples over many centuries. As we take our part in creation's praise, revive our wonder at what you have fashioned, and enliven our will to ensure its health for future generations. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

A Holy Trinity, you show us the splendor of diversity and the beauty of unity in your own divine life. We come from many nations with many languages; make us a united people that delights in our many different gifts. As the United States of America marks its declaration of independence, give those whom we have entrusted with authority the spirit of wisdom, and curb every abuse of that trust, so that both here and abroad, justice, humility, and peace may flourish. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

A You are the Mother of exiles, O God. Extend your arms to all who are tired, who live with poverty, the tempest-tossed, all who yearn to breathe free. Embrace people seeking refuge; those incarcerated, detained, or disappeared; and neighbors fearing those they once trusted. Give healing and hope to people in any oppression and need, especially these we name before you now (*a brief silence*). God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

A We are blessed with your caring hand, O God. We share your blessings with Andy Winsor as he celebrates his birthday and with John Carlson as he remembers his baptism. We pray fervently for the health and wellness of our church family, especially Charlotte O'Brien, Shelley Andrews, Junior & Liz Utech, Martha Nemeth, and David McGinnis. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

P We remember before you those who have died in every generation: those who have died ensuring the freedoms of this country: people in the armed services, peace officers, advocates, and activists. Gather us, together with those who have gone before us, and with saints of every tribe and nation, into the holy city you have prepared. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

P Into your mercy, O God, we entrust our restless hearts and all our cares, through Jesus Christ, 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.

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.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

A Blessed are you, O God, for waves of grain and harvesters, fruitful vines and winepresses, for our labor and our rest, for the gifts of your hand in this land. Transform us and what we offer into the banquet of your compassion, serving your love without limits through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C Amen

THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD

A Holy God, you alone are Majesty, you alone are Excellency, you alone are Sovereign. Within the vast reaches you created, you formed our star and this planet: purple mountains, fruited plains, crystal waters, towering forests, gleaming mines. Here you fashioned human beings in our infinite variety and hue, yet each one created equal, to care for one another and our earthly home. In a time of peace enforced by the cruelty of empire, you came in Jesus to share our life. Born under the rule of a merciless king, Jesus revealed the merciful realm of God. Moving across borders to people broken and oppressed, Jesus brought healing, restoration, and freedom.

God, shed your grace on us. Shower your Holy Spirit on all gathered this day. Ignite in us the flame of freedom—freedom from prejudice, from supremacy, from fear; freedom for acceptance, for welcome, for the shalom that you have first shown to us.

Faithful, loving God: Your Majesty shines forth in weakness. Your Excellency is revealed to infants. Your Sovereignty reigns from a cross. Yours, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, is the everlasting kingdom, the peaceable power, and the humble glory, now and forever.

C Amen.

AFFIRMATION OF CHRISTIAN VOCATION IN CIVIC LIFE

P People of God, you are chosen and named as God's beloved. You have received the gift of Christian vocation, a holy calling lived out in various dimensions of your life, your relationships and communities, your work and your rest. Daily and richly we live in the promises of holy baptism, sustained by grace to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

I ask you, therefore: Will you endeavor to pattern your life on Jesus Christ, in gratitude to God and in service to others?

C I will, and I ask God to help me.

P Will you strive to pursue the common good in public life, nurturing mutual care among neighbors near and far?

C I will, and I ask God to help me.

P Will you pledge to bear witness in word and action, commend what is true and right, renounce what is unjust and harmful, and work to mend what is flawed?

C I will, and I ask God to help me.

P Sovereign God, your Son Jesus lived within the structures of society even as he spoke truth to those in power and challenged systems of oppression. Give to your servants courage, patience, and vision in their commitment to serve in Christ's name. Empower us all in our Christian vocation to be courageous disciples and responsible citizens. Grant that our life in the public realm be grounded in love for our neighbors, care for the most vulnerable, and respect for the common life we share, through Jesus Christ our Savior.

C Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

P The Author of life, the Word of salvation, the Breath of new birth, + one God,
bless us and equip us for living and serving, today and every day.

C **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory

ELW 890

1 Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord; he is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored; he has loosed the fateful lightning of his terrible swift sword: his truth is marching on.

Refrain

Glory, glory! Hallelujah!
Glory, glory! Hallelujah!
Glory, glory! Hallelujah!
His truth is marching on.

2 He has sounded forth the trumpet that shall never call retreat; he is sifting out the hearts of men before his judgment seat. Oh, be swift, my soul, to answer him; be jubilant, my feet! Our God is marching on. *Refrain*

3 In the beauty of the lilies Christ was born across the sea, with a glory in his bosom that transfigures you and me. As he died to make men holy, let us live to make men free, while God is marching on. *Refrain*

Text: Julia Ward Howe, 1819-1910

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Seek liberty and justice for all.

C **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

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The 2026 semiquincentennial of the signing of the Declaration of Independence arrives at a fraught time in the nation's history. While Sundays and Seasons and other ELCA worship resources in general refrain from commemorating Independence Day as a liturgical occasion outside of intercessory prayer, this milestone anniversary and its broader national context present a unique situation. In witness to the church's ardent stand against Christian nationalism in its various and insidious forms, and in response to implementing resolution CA25.05.25 of the 2025 ELCA Churchwide Assembly, the Worship Resource Development Working Group of the ELCA Churchwide Organization and Augsburg Fortress has developed resources for this specific occasion that both celebrate and lament our nation's history, affirm the reality of the current moment, and seek to unite the diverse body of Christ for the life of the world.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT TRINITY

Today, July 5 Doorstep Food Collection.....
 Hymn Sing Along..... 10:15 AM
 Worship 10:30 AM
 Tues., July 7 Quilters 9:30 AM
 Sun., July 12..... Adult Sunday School..... 9:30 AM
 Worship 10:30 AM
 PFLAG 2:00 PM

Worship Leaders & Assistants

Date	Acolyte	Ushers	Musician	Lector	Altar Guild	Assisting Minister	Worship Leader	Coffee Host
July 5	Curt Lewis	Howard Reece, Jeffrey Schafersman	Mitchell Bean	Laurie Jackson	Cindy McGinnis & Team 3	Marcy Carlson	Duane Pomeroy	Diane Bottorff
July 12	Brayden Winsor	Diane Bottorff, Dean McGinnis		LaVell Winsor	Cindy McGinnis & Team 3	Ted Murphy	Bob Horton	Steve Luoma
July 19	Janeen Horton	Debbie Pomeroy, Duane Pomeroy		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

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 ~ June 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) |                        |

**The Star-Spangled Banner (Poem by Francis Scott Key [Defense of Fort McHenry] Tune by John Stafford Smith [The Anacreontic Song])**

Oh, say, can you see, by the dawn's early light,  
What so proudly we hail'd at the twilight's last gleaming?  
Whose broad stripes and bright stars, thro' the perilous fight,  
O'er the ramparts we watch'd, were so gallantly streaming?  
And the rockets' red glare, the bombs bursting in air,  
Gave proof thro' the night that our flag was still there.  
O say, does that star-spangled banner yet wave  
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?

**Yankee Doodle**

Yankee Doodle went to town a-riding on a pony,  
Stuck a feather in his cap and called it macaroni.

*Chorus:*

Yankee Doodle keep it up, Yankee Doodle dandy,  
Mind the music and the step, and with the girls be handy.

(Sing twice)

**When Johnny Comes Marching Home (Traditional)**

When Johnny comes marching home again, Hurrah! Hurrah!  
We'll give him a hearty welcome then, Hurrah! Hurrah!  
The men will cheer and the boys will shout  
The ladies they will all turn out  
And we'll all feel gay when Johnny comes marching home.

The old church bell will peal with joy, Hurrah! Hurrah!  
To welcome home our darling boy, Hurrah! Hurrah!  
The village lads and lassies say  
With roses they will strew the way,  
And we'll all feel gay when Johnny comes marching home.

Let love and friendship on that day, Hurrah, hurrah!  
Their choicest pleasures then display, Hurrah, hurrah!  
And let each one perform some part,  
To fill with joy the warrior's heart,  
And we'll all feel gay when Johnny comes marching home

### **You're a Grand Old Flag (George M. Cohan)**

You're a grand old flag, you're a high flying flag  
And forever in peace may you wave.  
You're the emblem of the land I love.  
The home of the free and the brave.  
Ev'ry heart beats true 'neath the Red, White and Blue,  
Where there's never a boast or brag.  
Should auld acquaintance be forgot, keep your eye on the grand old flag.

(Sing twice)

### **America the Beautiful (Words by Katharine Lee Bates with melody by Samuel Ward)**

O beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain,  
For purple mountain majesties above the fruited plain!  
America! America! God shed His grace on thee  
And crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea!

O beautiful for pilgrim feet, whose stern, impassioned stress  
A thoroughfare for freedom beat across the wilderness!  
America! America! God mend thine every flaw,  
Confirm thy soul in self-control, thy liberty in law!

O beautiful for heroes proved in liberating strife,  
Who more than self their country loved and mercy more than life!  
America! America! May God thy gold refine,  
Till all success be nobleness, and every gain divine!

O beautiful for patriot dream that sees beyond the years  
Thine alabaster cities gleam undimmed by human tears!  
America! America! God shed His grace on thee  
And crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea!



## 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**

### **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**

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)  
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