



Trinity Lutheran Church



August

16

2026

**12th Sunday
of Pentecost**

Together
in Community
Living
with Christ
Caring
for Neighbors

Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed from that moment.

Matthew 15:28

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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, Pr. Bob Dealey, 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

All Are Welcome

ELW 641

1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live, a place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive. Built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love of Christ shall end divisions:

Refrain

All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

2 Let us build a house where prophets speak, and words are strong and true, where all God's children dare to seek to dream God's reign anew. Here the cross shall stand as witness and as symbol of God's grace; here as one we claim the faith of Jesus: *Refrain*

- 3 Let us build a house where love is found in water, wine and wheat: a banquet hall on holy ground where peace and justice meet. Here the love of God, through Jesus, is revealed in time and space; as we share in Christ the feast that frees us: *Refrain*
- 4 Let us build a house where hands will reach beyond the wood and stone to heal and strengthen, serve and teach, and live the Word they've known. Here the outcast and the stranger bear the image of God's face; let us bring an end to fear and danger: *Refrain*
- 5 Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and visions heard and loved and treasured, taught and claimed as words within the Word. Built of tears and cries and laughter, prayers of faith and songs of grace, let this house proclaim from floor to rafter: *Refrain*

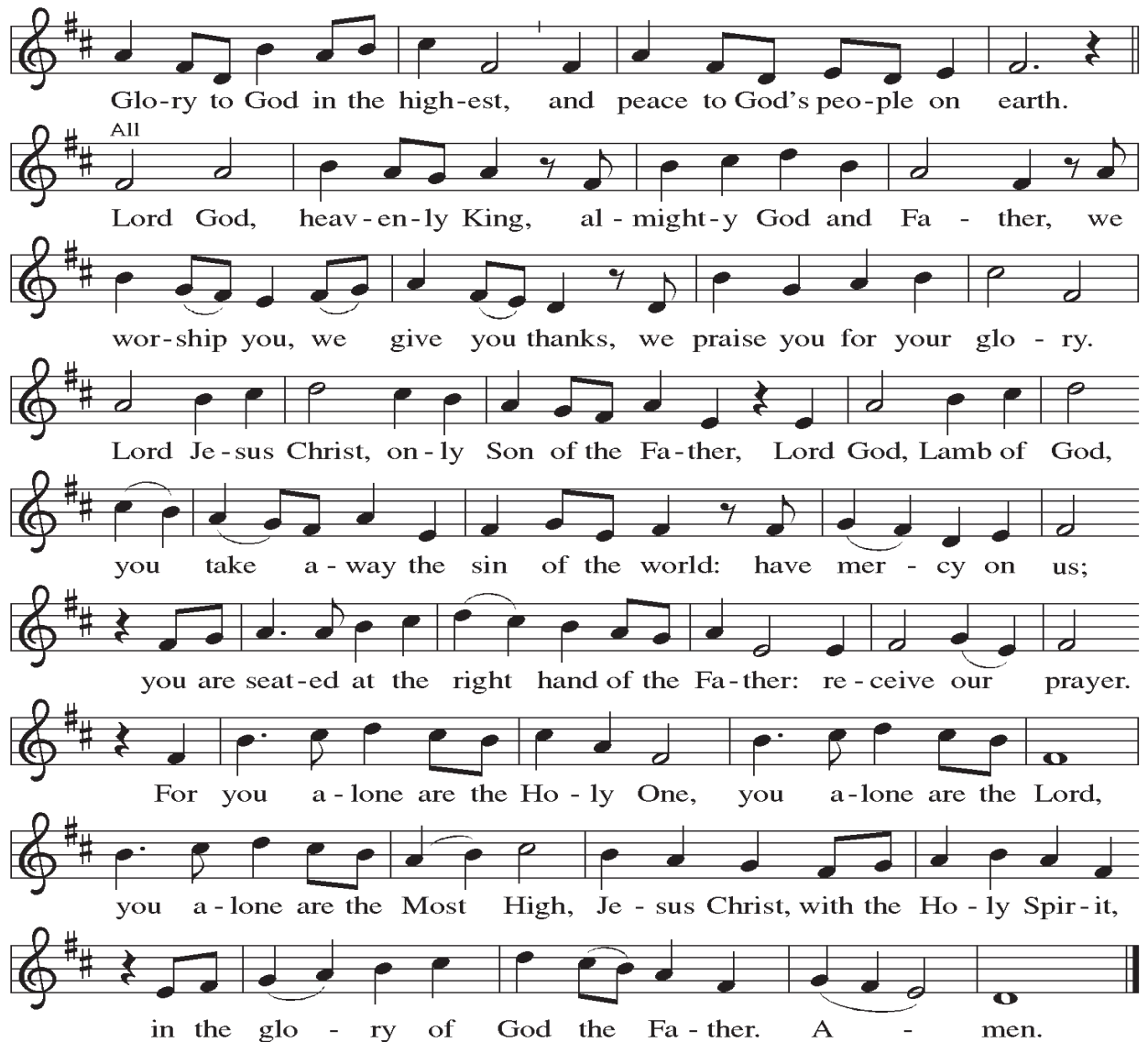
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GREETING

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.

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.

God of all peoples, your arms reach out to embrace all those who call upon you. Teach us as disciples of your Son to love the world with compassion and constancy, that your name may be known throughout the earth, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

Please be seated.

WORD

FIRST READING: ISAIAH 569:1, 6-8

¹Thus says the LORD: Maintain justice, and do what is right, for soon my salvation will come and my deliverance be revealed.

⁶And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD, to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD, and to be his servants, all who keep the Sabbath and do not profane it and hold fast my covenant—⁷these I will bring to my holy mountain and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar, for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples. ⁸Thus says the Lord God, who gathers the outcasts of Israel: I will gather others to them besides those already gathered.

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM 67

Spoken responsively

¹May God be merciful to us and bless us; may the light of God's face shine upon us.

²**Let your way be known upon earth, your saving health among all nations.**

³Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

⁴**Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations on earth.**

⁵Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

⁶**The earth has brought forth its increase; God, our own God, has blessed us.**

⁷May God give us blessing, and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe.

SECOND READING: ROMANS 11:1-2A, 29-32

Paul writes: ¹I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. ^{2a}God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew.

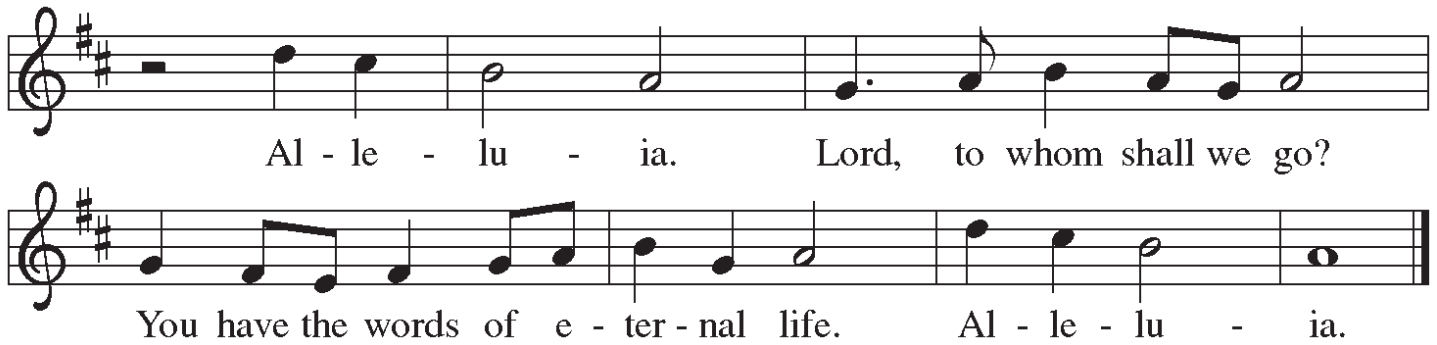
²⁹For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. ³⁰Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, ³¹so also they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they also may now receive mercy. ³²For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

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 15th chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 15:10-28

¹⁰ Jesus called the crowd to him and said to them, “Listen and understand:¹¹ it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles.” ¹² Then the disciples approached and said to him, “Do you know that the Pharisees took offense when they heard what you said?” ¹³ He answered, “Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. ¹⁴ Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit.” ¹⁵ But Peter said to him, “Explain this parable to us.” ¹⁶ Then he said, “Are you also still without understanding? ¹⁷ Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach and goes out into the sewer? ¹⁸ But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. ¹⁹ For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false witness, slander. ²⁰ These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile.”

²¹ Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. ²² Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, “Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.” ²³ But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, “Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.” ²⁴ He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” ²⁵ But she came and knelt before him, saying, “Lord, help me.” ²⁶ He answered, “It is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.” ²⁷ She said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.” ²⁸ Then Jesus answered her, “Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.” And her daughter was healed from that moment.

L The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

SERMON

PR. BOB DEALEY

Please stand for the final verse of the hymn.

1 In the singing, in the silence, in the hands expectant, open, in the blessing, in the breaking, in your presence at this table,

Refrain

Jesus Christ, Jesus Christ, be the wine of grace; Jesus, Christ, Jesus Christ, be the bread of peace.

2 In the question, in the answer, in the moment of acceptance, in the heart's cry, in the healing, in the circle of your people, *Refrain*

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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 With bold trust in God's unfailing provision, we pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

A brief silence.

A For believers around the world who stream to your holy mountain, that all be united in faith and harmony in the body of Christ. Let your church on earth be a witness to the beloved community of your heavenly kingdom. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

A For your wondrous creation, that it thrives and flourishes as you intend. Raise up wise stewards to defend the natural world against carelessness and destruction. Safeguard endangered species and their habitats. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

A For the nations of the world and all in authority, that they heed the cry of the outcast and ensure care for the vulnerable. Give wisdom to leaders of countries, congregations, and communities, that they lead and serve justly. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

A For all who are lonely, grieving, or struggling with chronic pain, that they find comfort, community, and hope. Send relief to all who struggle with illness of any kind, especially Charlotte O'Brien, Shelley Andrews, Liz Utech, Martha Nemeth, and David McGinnis. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

A For this congregation, for visitors and those new to this faith community, that all may recognize the presence of Christ. We pray for Dave & Roxann Quarnstrom as they celebrate their wedding anniversary. Draw this community together in love and strengthen it in unwavering faith. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

P For the saints before us whose work is done, that their faithful example continues to direct your church. May their witness remind us that your gifts and calling are irrevocable, whether in life or death. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

P Receive our prayers and answer, O God, as you have promised. All this we ask in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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 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.

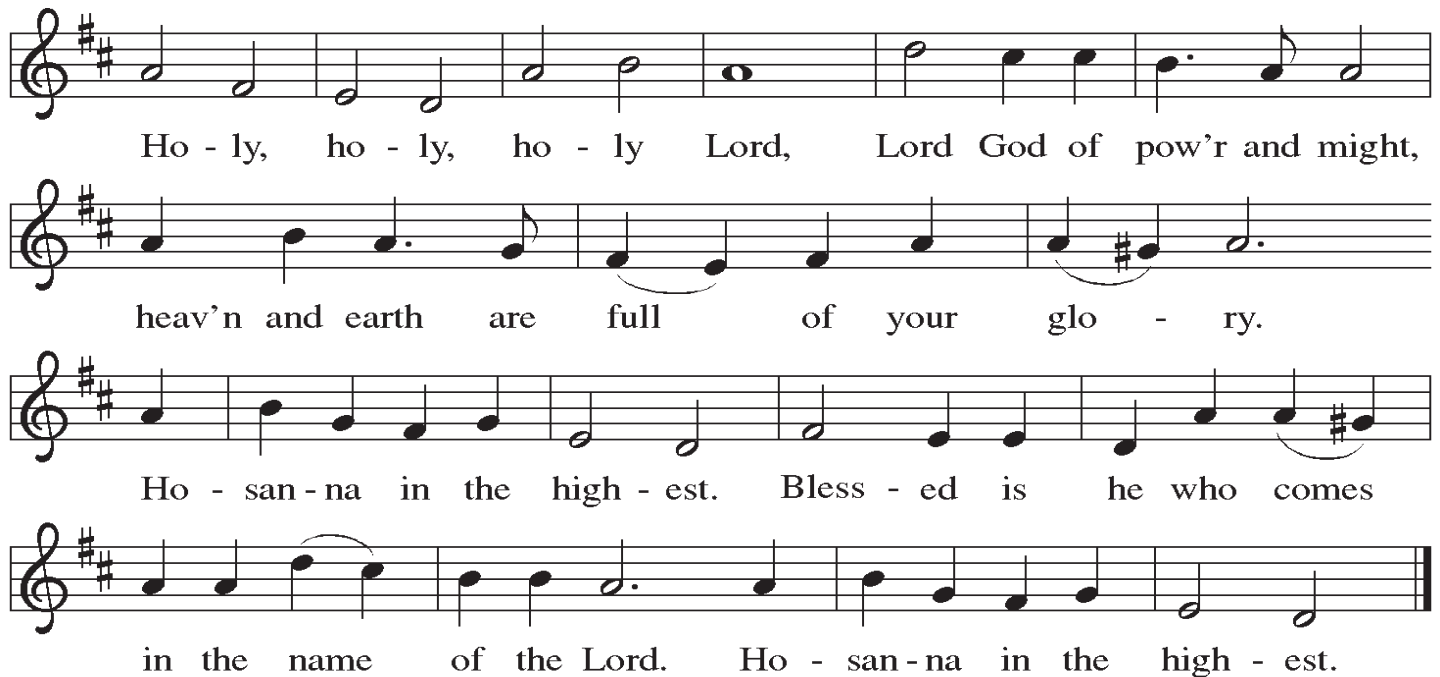
P Lift up your hearts.

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 Heaven has come near. Come, share in the feast!

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.

Refrain

One bread, one body, one Lord of all; one cup of blessing which we bless,
and we, though many throughout the earth, we are one body in this one Lord.

1 Gentile or Jew, servant or free, woman or man, no more. *Refrain*

2 Many the gifts, many the works, one in the Lord of all. *Refrain*

3 Grain for the fields, scattered and grown, gathered to one for all. *Refrain*

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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.**

SENDING PRAYER FOR COMMUNION KITS

P Gracious God, as you sent the angel to feed Elijah with heavenly bread, assist us in this ministry on which we are sent forth. In your love and care, nourish and strengthen those to whom we bring this sacrament, that through the body and blood of your Son we all may know the comfort of your abiding presence.

C Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

P Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, ☩ one God, bless, heal, and hold you today and always. **C Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

Jesus Shall Reign

ELW 434

1 Jesus shall reign where'er the sun does its successive journeys run; his kingdom stretch from shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.

2 To him shall endless prayer be made, and praises throng to crown his head; his name like sweet perfume shall rise with ev'ry morning sacrifice.

3 People and realms of ev'ry tongue dwell on his love with sweetest song; and infant voices shall proclaim their early blessings on his name.

4 Blessings abound where'er he reigns: the pris'ners leap to lose their chains, the weary find eternal rest, and all who suffer want are blest.

5 Let ev'ry creature rise and bring peculiar honors to our king; angels descend with songs again, and earth repeat the loud amen.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748, alt.

DISMISSAL

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

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

UPCOMING EVENTS AT TRINITY

Today, Aug. 16..... Community Relations meeting..... 9:30 AM
Worship with Communion 10:30 AM
 Mon., Aug. 17 September Trinity Tidings deadline.....
 Stroke Support Group..... 6:00 PM
 Tues., Aug. 18..... Quilters 9:30 AM
 Widowed Women of Faith 11:00 AM
 Sun., Aug.. 23 Worship with Communion 10:30 AM

Worship Leaders & Assistants

Date	Acolyte	Ushers	Musician	Lector	Altar Guild	Assisting Minister	Worship Leader	Coffee Host
Aug. 16	Brayden Winsor	Duane & Debbie Pomeroy	Laurie Jackson	LaVell Winsor	Marilyn Heckman & Team 1	Parker Jackson	Pr. Bob Dealey	Howard & Loni Reece
Aug. 23		Diane Bottorff, Howard Reece	Mitchell Bean	Braxdon Penry	Marilyn Heckman & Team 1	Marcy Carlson	Pr. Dinah Dutta	Jeffrey Schafersman/Troy Abbott
Aug. 30		Duane Pomeroy, Jeffrey Schafersman	Laurie Jackson	Marcy Carlson	Marilyn Heckman & Team 1	Ted Murphy		

We LOVE volunteers!



Please take note that we are asking for volunteers to serve as acolyte on Aug. 23 and Aug. 30, and worship leader on Aug. 30.

If you would like to serve as coffee host on Aug. 30, please let Diane Bottorff know.



WU CAMPUS MINISTRY

The Bods Feeding Bods pantry will be excited to receive donations from Trinity for their fall semester. Oral hygiene items just fly off the shelves! So please consider donating toothpaste, mouthwash, dental floss, floss picks, and/or individual toothbrushes. The WU box will be by the east entrance through August 30. Then Duane & Debbie will deliver to WU. Thank you for your thoughtfulness!

During the months of August and September, the Community Relations committee, together with Congregational Life, is asking for new or gently used book bags, backpacks, small suitcases and duffel bags (preferably on wheels) be brought to church for blessing on September 13th. These items will be donated to KVC for use by foster children in their care.



We all need connection

kansas.kvc.org

KVC Kansas represents one of the broadest child welfare and behavioral healthcare continuums of care in the nation. We help over 12,000 Kansas children and their families each year through prevention services (family preservation), foster care case management, family reunification services, adoption, outpatient behavioral health and more. KVC is driven by the best interests of each child and family, and has helped Kansas achieve national leadership in child welfare standards set by the federal Child and Family Services Review.



DOORSTEP
Neighbors Helping Neighbors

Doorstep is continuing Christmas in July into August. Please see the information about **Christmas in July** on the next page.

⁴⁰ *"The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'"*

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



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OFFICE HOURS

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

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Living with Christ's Love

As Lutherans, we believe that we are justified by faith alone through the grace of God (Ephesians 2:1-9). As our namesake Martin Luther made clear, we are both sinners and saints as we live our lives of faith. Together as Christians, we are called to allow God into our lives everyday and to do our best to live according to Christ's love. We do this through being a community of faithful that welcomes all people to join us in prayer, service, study, and worship as we journey together in learning how to live out the Great Commandment.

Congregation Council

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