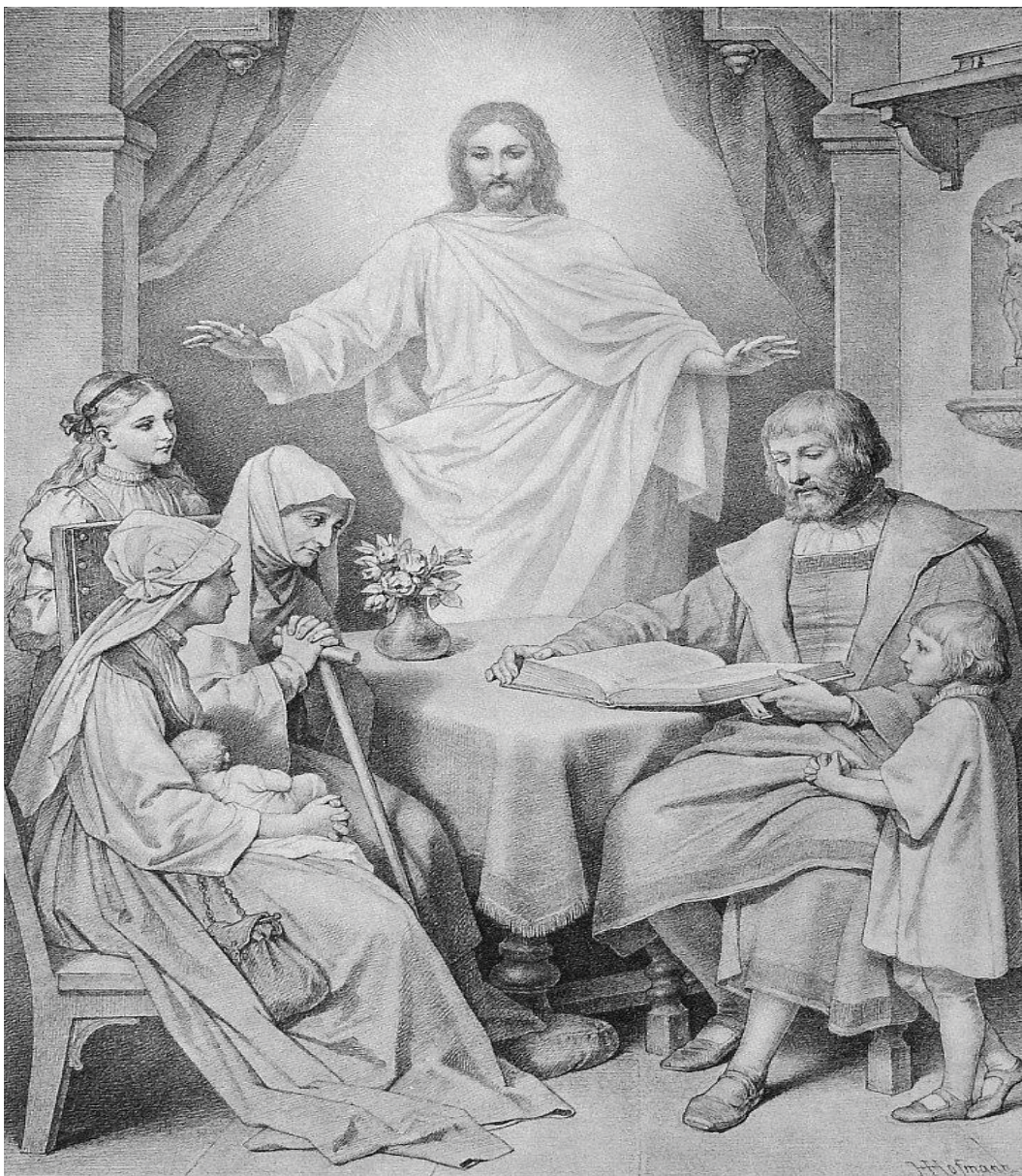




Trinity Lutheran Church



September

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2026

15th Sunday
of Pentecost

Together
in Community
Living
with Christ
Caring
for Neighbors

For where two
or three are
gathered in my
name, I am there
among them."

Matthew 18:20

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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, Marcy Carlson, for leading worship today.

PRELUDE

Evangelical Lutheran Worship — Setting 5

+ 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 Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who pours love into our hearts and healing upon the earth.

C Amen.

P Confident that God justifies us by grace through faith, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Compassionate God,

C we confess that we struggle to embody your goodness in the world and in our own hearts. Creation groans from overuse. Jealousy and bitterness strain our relationships. Indifference keeps us from seeking justice. Divisions disrupt your call to show genuine love to others. Turn our hearts back to you. Restore our world and reconcile us to one another. Renew us to live as your holy people, following the way of Jesus Christ. Amen.

P Hear this good news: We have peace with God through + Jesus Christ, in whom there is no condemnation, but only forgiveness and the promise of eternal life. Receive freely this healing gift of grace.

C Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

Earth and All Stars!

ELW 731

1 Earth and all stars! Loud rushing planets! Sing to the Lord a new song! Hail, wind, and rain! Loud blowing snowstorm! Sing to the Lord a new song! *Refrain*
Refrain

God has done marvelous things. I too sing praises with a new song!

2 Trumpet and pipes! Loud clashing cymbals! Sing to the Lord a new song! Harp, lute, and lyre! Loud humming cellos! Sing to the Lord a new song! *Refrain*

3 Engines and steel! Loud pounding hammers! Sing to the Lord a new song! Limestone and beams! Loud building workers! Sing to the Lord a new song! *Refrain*

4 Classrooms and labs! Loud boiling test tubes! Sing to the Lord a new song! Athlete and band! Loud cheering people! Sing to the Lord a new song! *Refrain*

5 Knowledge and truth! Loud sounding wisdom! Sing to the Lord a new song!
Daughter and son! Loud praying members! Sing to the Lord a new song!

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



1 All glo - ry be to God on high, and peace to earth be
2 Lord Je - sus Christ, the on - ly Son of God, cre - a - tion's
3 To you a - lone, O God, we cry, the Ho - ly One we



giv - en! Let an - gels sing, let all re - ply; good -
au - thor, O Lamb of God, your death a - lone takes
name you; for you a - lone are God most high, one



will breaks forth from heav - en! Lord God Al - might - y,
sin a - way for - ev - er. Stretch out your arms to
liv - ing God we claim you: we wor - ship you, Lord



heav - en's king, we wor - ship you, our thanks we sing, we
ev - 'ry land, and, as you reign at God's right hand, re -
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it ev - er blest, in



praise you for your glo - ry.
ceive our prayer; have mer - cy.
God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

A Let us pray.

O Lord God, enliven and preserve your church with your perpetual mercy.

Without your help, we mortals will fail; remove far from us everything that is harmful, and lead us toward all that gives life and salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

Please be seated.

+ WORD +

FIRST READING: EZEKIEL 33:7-11

⁷ So you, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. ⁸ If I say to the wicked, “O wicked ones, you shall surely die,” and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. ⁹ But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life.

¹⁰ Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel: Thus you have said: “Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?” ¹¹ Say to them: As I live, says the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways, for why will you die, O house of Israel?

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 119:33-40

Spoken responsively

³³ Teach me, O LORD, the way of your statutes,
and I shall keep it to the end.

³⁴ **Give me understanding, and I shall keep your teaching;
I shall keep it with all my heart.**

³⁵ Lead me in the path of your commandments,
for that is my desire.

³⁶ **Incline my heart to your decrees
and not to unjust gain.**

³⁷ Turn my eyes from beholding falsehood;
give me life in your way.

³⁸ **Fulfill your promise to your servant,
which is for those who fear you.**

³⁹ Turn away the reproach that I dread,
because your judgments are good.

⁴⁰ **Behold, I long for your commandments;
by your righteousness enliven me.**

SECOND READING: ROMANS 13:8-14

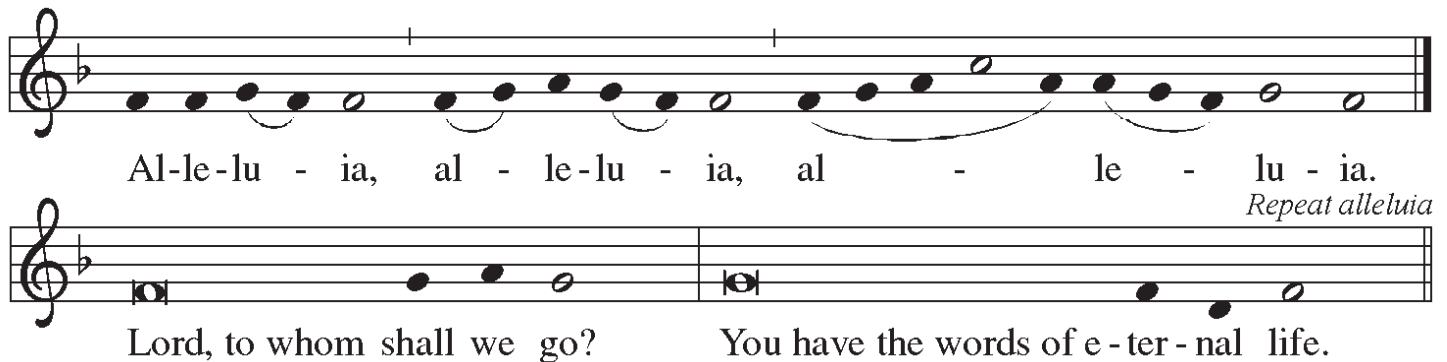
⁸ Owe no one anything, except to love one another, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹ The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery; you shall not murder; you shall not steal; you shall not covet,” and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” ¹⁰ Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

¹¹ Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is already the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; ¹² the night is far gone; the day is near. Let us then throw off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; ¹³ let us walk decently as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in illicit sex and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴ Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.
Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al-le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. *Repeat alleluia*

Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

P The Holy Gospel, according to Matthew, the 18th chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 18:15-20

Jesus said to the disciples: ¹⁵ “If your brother or sister sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If you are listened to, you have regained that one. ¹⁶ But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. ¹⁷ If that person refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church, and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a gentile and a tax collector. ¹⁸ Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹ Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. ²⁰ For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

L The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

SERMON

MARCY CARLSON

- 1 Praise, my soul, the God of heaven; joyfully your tribute bring. Ransomed healed, restored, forgiven, evermore God's praises sing. Alleluia! Alleluia! Praises everlasting ring!
- 2 God be praised for grace and favor to our forebears in distress. God be praised, the same forever, slow to chide and swift to bless. Alleluia! Alleluia! Glorious is God's faithfulness!
- 3 Frail as summer's flow'r we flourish, blows the wind and it is gone; but, as mortals rise and perish, God endures unchanging on. Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise the great Eternal One!
- 4 Angels sing in adoration, in God's presence, face to face. Sun and moon and all creation, all who dwell in time and space. Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise with us the God of grace!

Text: Henry F. Lyte, 1793-1847, alt. Walter R. Bouman, 1927-2005

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 Reminded of God's gracious and abundant love, we offer our prayers, confident that God hears us.

A brief silence.

A Proclaiming God, empower your church throughout the world to announce the words you give us. Open us to receive your word in unexpected ways. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A Forming God, renew the cycles of your creation that provide for the needs of all. Protect grasslands, marshes, swamps, and all places of transition. Heal communities crying out after disaster. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A Governing God, turn all who create, enforce, or interpret legislation away from selfish gain and toward your promise of good for all, especially the good of all who labor. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A Attending God, wake us up to any around us who are in need. Restore broken relationships, failing health, frayed emotions, and the hurts we carry with us. We pray especially for Charlotte O'Brien, Shelley Andrews, Liz Utech, Martha Nemeth, Linda Longren, and David McGinnis. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A Gathering God, resolve conflicts in this community through your righteousness and grace. Reconcile us to each other, making your good news known even through our imperfections. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A Life-giving God, let our lives reflect the joy of your love. Be with Bob Horton and Laurie Jackson as they celebrate their birthdays, with Hudson Ralph and Ted Quast as they remember their baptisms, and with Larry & Mary McGinnis as they celebrate their wedding anniversary. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

P Loving God, all who die in faith have life with you. We give you thanks for the nearness of your salvation for all who have gone before us. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

P Grant the prayers we have offered, what we have forgotten to ask, and whatever else you see that we need. We ask this in Jesus' name.

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 God of creation, you send rain and the earth springs forth abundantly. All blessings are from you; make us generous with what we have. Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts in service to you and in love to our neighbors, today and always.

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

Go, My Children, with My Blessing

ELW 543

- 1 "Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone. Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own. In my love's baptismal river I have made you mine forever. Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own."
- 2 "Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure. Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure. Here you heard my dear Son's story, here you touched him, saw his glory. Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure."
- 3 "Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me. Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free. Here my Spirit's power filled you, here my tender comfort stilled you. Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free."

Text: Jaroslav J. Vajda, b. 1919, alt.. Text © 1983 Concordia Publishing House

DISMISSAL

A Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

UPCOMING EVENTS AT TRINITY

Today, Sept. 6.....	Doorstep Food Collection Day.....	
.....	Hymn Sing Along.....	10:15 AM
.....	Worship	10:30 AM
Tues., Sept. 8.....	Quilters	9:30 AM
Sun., Sept. 13	Adult Sunday School.....	9:30 AM
.....	Worship with Communion	10:30 AM
.....	PFLAG meeting.....	2:00 PM

Worship Leaders & Assistants

Date	Acolyte	Ushers	Musician	Lector	Altar Guild	Assisting Minister	Worship Leader	Coffee Host
Sept. 6	Janeen Horton	Ted Murphy,	Mitchell Bean	Laurie Jackson	Janice Greenlee & Team 2	Bob Horton	Marcy Carlson	Steve Luoma
Sept. 13	Curt Lewis	Bob Horton, Dean McGinnis	Laurie Jackson	Diane Bottorff	Janice Greenlee & Team 2	Ted Murphy	Pr. Bob Dealey	Janice Greenlee
Sept. 20	Brayden Winsor	Howard Reece, Jeffrey Schafersman	Mitchell Bean	LaVell Winsor	Janice Greenlee & Team 2	Parker Jackson	Duane Pomeroy	Bob/Pam Kobbeman



60 FOR 60 COMMUNITY CHALLENGE

Trinity Lutheran will be contributing to Doorstep's 60 for 60 Community Challenge.

We have a goal of collecting 60 cases of non-perishable food items by September 27th ---and we are over half way there with 38 cases donated already!

Please remember to bring new or gently used book bags, backpacks, small suitcases and duffel bags (preferably on wheels) to church next week for blessing on September 13th. These items will be donated to KVC for use by foster children in their care.



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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.

Treasurer report as of 7-31-2026

Income and Expense update

Year to date giving totals \$56,869 with July's giving totaling \$4,900. The giving year to date annualizes to \$97,488 which is below budget estimates of \$119,000. We are averaging \$8,125 a month and budgeted for \$9,918 a month.

Year to date expenses totaled \$60,626 which results in a short fall of cash flow to cover our operating expenses of \$3,757 YTD. This cash flow short fall requires us to dip into our general funds account.

Our restricted giving for the month totaled \$430 in memorial donations.

Our giving and fund raising to date IS NOT covering our expenses YTD.



Thank you to everyone who donated money to our 5th Sunday Special collection for unexpected maintenance expenses. The total received last Sunday is \$750.



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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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