



**November 22, 2020**

*Thanksgiving Sunday*

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**Order of Service**

*At harvest time we join the psalmist in offering thanksgiving to God: "You crown the year with your goodness, and your paths overflow with plenty." We are grateful for the abundance of the good things of God's creation. Paul reminds us that our thanksgiving overflows into generosity. As the body of Christ in the world, we give ourselves away as bread for the hungry.*

**PRELUDE**

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**GATHERING**

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**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, in whose image we are made, who claims us and calls us beloved.

C **Amen.**

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P Holy One,

C **we confess that we are not awake for you. We are not faithful in using your gifts. We forget the least of our siblings. We do not see your beautiful image in one another. We are infected by sin that divides your beloved community. Open our hearts to your coming, open our eyes to see you in our neighbor, open our hands to serve your creation. Amen.**

P Beloved, we are God's children, and Jesus, our Beloved, opens the door to us. Through ☩ Jesus you are forgiven, by Jesus you are welcome, in Jesus you are called to rejoice! Let us live in the promises prepared for us from the foundation of the world.

C **Amen.**

**GATHERING HYMN**

*We Gather Together*

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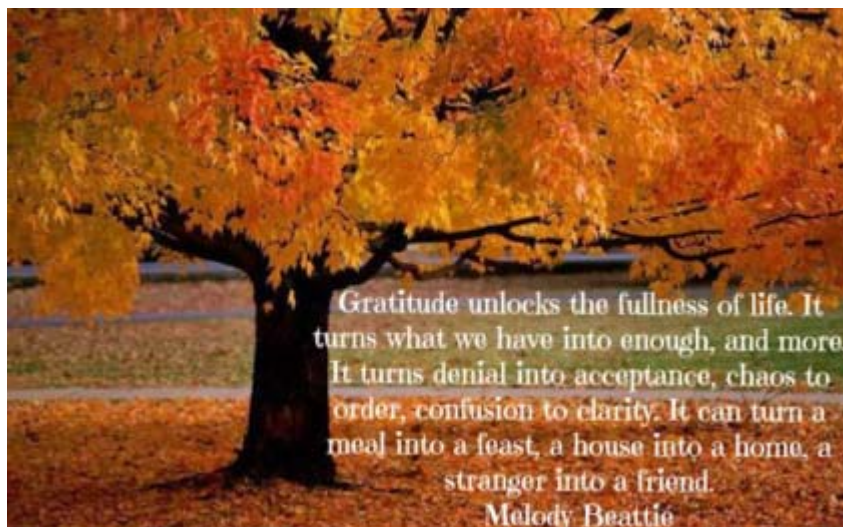
*sung to the tune of ELW 870 We Praise You, O God*

## **We Gather Together**

We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing  
He chastens and hastens his will to make known  
The wicked oppressing now cease from distressing  
Sing praises to his name, he forgets not his own

Beside us to guide us, our God with us joining  
Ordaining, maintaining his kingdom divine  
So from the beginning the fight we were winning  
Thus, Lord, were at our side, all glory be thine!

We all do extol thee, thou leader in battle  
And pray that thou still our defender will be  
Let thy congregation escape tribulation  
Thy name be ever praised! O Lord, make us free!



**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.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty God our Father, your generous goodness comes to us new every day.

By the work of your Spirit lead us to acknowledge your goodness, give thanks for your benefits, and serve you in willing obedience, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C Amen.**

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**WORD**

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**FIRST READING: DEUTERONOMY 8:7-18**

*Times of abundance tempt us to forget God and rely on our own power and resources. But God is the one who took Israel out of Egypt, led and fed them in the wilderness, brought them into the land, and gave them power to be productive.*

<sup>7</sup>For the LORD your God is bringing you into a good land, a land with flowing streams, with springs and underground waters welling up in valleys and hills, <sup>8</sup>a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey, <sup>9</sup>a land where you may eat bread without scarcity, where you will lack nothing, a land whose stones are iron and from whose hills you may mine copper. <sup>10</sup>You shall eat your fill and bless the LORD your God for the good land that he has given you.

<sup>11</sup>Take care that you do not forget the LORD your God, by failing to keep his commandments, his ordinances, and his statutes, which I am commanding you today.

<sup>12</sup>When you have eaten your fill and have built fine houses and live in them, <sup>13</sup>and when your herds and flocks have multiplied, and your silver and gold is multiplied, and all that you have is multiplied, <sup>14</sup>then do not exalt yourself, forgetting the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, <sup>15</sup>who led you through the great and terrible wilderness, an arid wasteland with poisonous snakes and scorpions. He made water flow for you from flint rock, <sup>16</sup>and fed you in the wilderness with manna that your ancestors did not know, to humble you and to test you, and in the end to do you good. <sup>17</sup>Do not say to yourself, "My power and the might of my own hand have gotten me this wealth." <sup>18</sup>But remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth, so that he may confirm his covenant that he swore to your ancestors, as he is doing today.

**L** The Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 65**

*Spoken responsively*

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

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

<sup>3</sup>Our sins are stronger than we are,  
but you blot out our transgressions.

<sup>4</sup>**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.**

<sup>5</sup>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.

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

<sup>7</sup>You still the roaring of the seas,  
the roaring of their waves, and the clamor of the peoples.

<sup>8</sup>**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.**

<sup>9</sup>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.

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

<sup>11</sup>You crown the year with your goodness,  
and your paths overflow with plenty.

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

<sup>13</sup>May the meadows cover themselves with flocks, and the valleys cloak themselves  
with grain;

let them shout for joy and sing.

## **SECOND READING: 2ND CORINTHIANS 9:6-15**

*Christian fellowship involves sharing with those in need. Here Paul is gathering a collection for the church in Jerusalem from all the Gentile churches he helped found. We can be extravagant in our giving because God is extravagant in providing for our lives.*

<sup>6</sup>The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. <sup>7</sup>Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. <sup>8</sup>And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. <sup>9</sup>As it is written, "He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures forever." <sup>10</sup>He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. <sup>11</sup>You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us; <sup>12</sup>for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God. <sup>13</sup>Through the testing of this ministry you glorify God by your obedience to the confession of the gospel of Christ and by the generosity of your sharing with them and with all others, <sup>14</sup>while they long for you and pray for you because of the surpassing grace of God that he has given you. <sup>15</sup>Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

**L** The Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## **GOSPEL**

**P** The Holy Gospel, according to Luke, the seventeenth chapter.

**C** Glory to you, O Lord.

## **GOSPEL: LUKE 17:11-19**

*A Samaritan leper becomes a model for thanksgiving. He does not take for granted the kindness shown to him but takes time to thank Jesus and to glorify God.*

<sup>11</sup>On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. <sup>12</sup>As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, <sup>13</sup>they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" <sup>14</sup>When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. <sup>15</sup>Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. <sup>16</sup>He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. <sup>17</sup>Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? <sup>18</sup>Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" <sup>19</sup>Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."

**P** The Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

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HYMN OF THE DAY

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre - a - tion!  
2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is won-drous-ly reign - ing  
3 Praise to the Lord, who will pros - per your work and de - fend you;  
4 Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me a - dore him!

O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and sal - va - tion!  
and, as on wings of an ea - gle, up - lift - ing, sus - tain - ing.  
sure-ly his good - ness and mer - cy shall dai - ly at - tend you.  
All that has life and breath, come now with prais - es be - fore him!

Let all who hear now to his tem - ple draw near,  
Have you not seen all that is need - ful has been  
Pon - der a - new what the Al - might - y can do  
Let the a - men sound from his peo - ple a - gain.

join - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion!  
sent by his gra - cious or - dain - ing?  
if with his love he be - friend you.  
Glad - ly for - ev - er a - dore him!

P Let us confess our faith with the words of the Apostles' Creed.

**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 Longing for Christ's reign to come among us, we pray for the outpouring of  
God's power on the church, the world, and all in need.

*A brief silence.*

A Gracious God, you send from your abundance the people, talents, and resources  
needed for all the ministries of your church. We give thanks for the work you  
have accomplished through your people, and we pray for your continued bless-  
ings in our ministry together with First Lutheran in Shawnee Mission, Kansas,  
Messiah Lutheran in Springfield, and St. Thomas-Holy Spirit Lutheran in St.  
Louis, Missouri. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

A Bountiful God, you feed us through the richness of the land, water, sunlight,  
and ample crops. Bless all those who cultivate the land to bring forth its bounty,  
especially farmers and migrant workers. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

A Merciful God, you order our lives by your providence. We give you thanks for  
laws, infrastructure, and leadership that structure and support our human en-  
deavors. Align our purposes with your own, that all our undertakings might  
bring you glory. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

A Loving God, you open our hearts in compassion for one another. We give you  
thanks for the care and healing received through the hands and feet of your  
servants. Send our prayers those most in need of your mercy, especially Lucille  
Brill, Don Longren, and Duane Pomeroy. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**



A Hospitable God, you connect and strengthen us with family and friends. In this time of thanksgiving, steer us from passive receiving to active response, from old quarrels to reconciliation, and from overconsumption to true gratitude. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

A Life-giving God, bless Debbie Pomeroy as she celebrates her birthday this week, and Heather Klamm, Dorothy Strom, and Carl Quarnstrom as they remember their baptisms. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

P Eternal God, we give thanks for the love and care we have received from saints who have gone before us. By their example, enrich the generosity of our witness to others. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

P Receive our prayers in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior, until that day when you gather all creation around your throne where you will reign forever and ever.

**C Amen.**

#### **THE PEACE**

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C And also with you.**

#### **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

P God of all goodness, generations have turned to you, gathered around your table, and shared your abundant blessings. Number us among them that, as we gather these gifts from your abundance, and give thanks for your rich blessings, we may feast upon your very self and care for all that you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Servant.

**C Amen.**

#### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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 and good that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord; 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 the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**C Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might:**

**Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: Take, eat; this is my body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of me.

In the same way also he took the cup after supper, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying: Drink of it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

P Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

**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.**

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## SENDING

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### PRAYER

A Almighty and merciful God, let your Word abide in our hearts and minds that our faith being increased may go into the world with more knowledge and love in all that we do, strengthened by our faith in you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C Amen.**

### BLESSING

A May the God of all creation, in whose image we are made, who claims us and calls us beloved, who strengthens us for service, give you reason to rejoice and be glad! The blessing of God ☩ be with you today and always.

**C Amen.**

### DISMISSAL

A Beloved of God, go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

### POSTLUDE

### UPCOMING EVENTS AT TRINITY

Today, Nov. 22..... Thanksgiving Sunday.....  
 .....Online Worship with Holy Communion ..... 10:30 AM

Mon., Nov. 23 .Watch Facebook for posts from fellow Lutheran ministries.....

Tues., Nov. 24..... 40 Day Journey with Martin Luther on Facebook ..... 6:30 PM  
 .....Topeka Lutheran Home Assoc. Meeting on Zoom..... 7:00 PM

Wed., Nov. 25 .....Hearing the Hymns .....

Thurs., Nov. 26..... Thanksgiving Day.....  
 ..... Midweek Prayer Service on Zoom ..... 6:30 PM

Sunday, Nov. 29 ..... 1st Sunday of Advent .....

.....Online Worship with Holy Communion ..... 10:30 AM

OFFERING, ATTENDANCE, and FINANCIAL STATUS						
Date	General	Other	Total Weekly Income	Average Weekly Expense	Weekly Income Minus Average Weekly Expense	Attendance/ Communion
Oct. 25	\$1,520.00	\$0.00	\$1,520.00	-\$2,792.00	-\$1,272.00	0
Nov. 1	\$1,135.80	\$0.00	\$1,135.80	-\$2,792.00	-\$1,656.20	0
Nov. 8	\$1,600.00	\$0.00	\$1,600.00	-\$2,792.00	-\$1,192.00	0
Nov. 15	\$1,640.00	\$0.00	\$1,640.00	-\$2,792.00	-\$1,152.00	0
			Income	Expense	Behind/Ahead	
		Oct 2020	\$5,920.00	-\$11,832.60	-\$5,912.60	
		Jan. - Oct	\$96,843.80	-\$102,467.04	-\$5,623.24	

### *Remember our shut-ins!*

Lucille Brill	Marlene Hassan	Keith Springer
Peggy Buchholz	Roy O'Neil	Naomi Walker
Don Longren	Ron Owensby	



We cannot meet for worship and gathering with our families to celebrate is discouraged this year, but we can still do something good for Thanksgiving.

While we might not be able to physically help Doorstep, we can still make an impact as a church during this holiday season. Pastor Andrew has suggested and



**Council has approved that November 22nd offerings be designated for the Doorstep food pantry.**

Nov. 22nd is the day we will celebrate Thanksgiving during our worship. (And the next Sunday, Nov. 29, is the first Sunday of Advent!)

Please, as you send in your offering for that day, be sure it is clearly marked for Nov. 22nd, so that our offering counters know that it should be counted for that day and forwarded to Doorstep.

Spread the love this season with beautiful poinsettias. Order two poinsettias for \$20 and we'll put one in the sanctuary for you to enjoy when you join online worship. The second poinsettia will be delivered to a shut-in and we'll include some other holiday goodies as well. Poinsettias used to decorate the sanctuary will still be available for you to take home after Christmas. Call the church office at 233-0767 or email [office@topekatlc.org](mailto:office@topekatlc.org) by November 30 to place your order. Deliveries will be made the first week of December.



After many years of dutifully serving as the Prayer Chain Coordinator, Barbara Apps stepped down from that role earlier this year. LaVell Winsor will be serving as the coordinator for the Prayer Chain going forward. If you are not currently part of the prayer chain and would like to be on it, please let the office or LaVell know. You can be notified either by email or phone chain. See the December issue of Trinity Tidings for more information.



## **2020 Doorstep Christmas** **Adoption Wish List**



As with everything else in this year of COVID, Doorstep's Christmas adoption will not be a "Store" this year.

We are still adopting 260 Households from the Christmas Bureau which includes 800+ individuals for Christmas, and **we greatly need your help with a few select donations!**

This year we are all trying to work together as a community and provide for Christmas. The Christmas Bureau and adopting agencies have agreed to provide each household at least a food order and \$15 Visa gift card (no activation fee) for each household member.



**This year each household will receive from Doorstep:**

- ♦ Christmas Food Order
- ♦ \$15 Visa gift card for each household member listed on their intake
- ♦ Blanket
- ♦ Health Kit



We will not have the volunteer opportunities we have had in the past. In an effort to be safe, we are keeping our circle of volunteers small, and using our regular volunteers to help with Christmas Adoption this year.

### **How You Can Help...**

This year we only need a few things, but we need larger numbers of each.

#### **Money - Our Biggest Need -**

To purchase the food, gift cards for 800+ people, and other items we don't receive in donations.

**Blankets** - Twin (40), Full/Queen & King sized (165)

**Towel Sets** - Bath & Hand (130 each)

#### **Health Kit Items - Full Size**

Shampoo & Conditioner (200 each),  
Toothpaste (75), Deodorant (250)  
& Combs (200)

**Please Bring Donations to Doorstep at 10th & Buchanan,  
Mon - Fri from 9am - 2pm (South Door) By Monday, Dec 7th.**

Send your monetary donation to Doorstep, 1119 SW 10th Avenue,  
Topeka, Ks 66604 or visit [www.DoorstepTopeka.org](http://www.DoorstepTopeka.org) - Donate.





The mission of  
**Trinity Evangelical  
 Lutheran Church**  
 is to

- worship God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
- serve those in need, and
- reach out to share the Good News of salvation through Jesus Christ!

**T**ogether in Community • **L**iving with Christ • **C**aring for Neighbors

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