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***ELW Holy Communion Setting 10***

*Genuine repentance and pretentious piety stand in stark contrast in the gospel and all around us. All creation stands in need of God's forgiveness. Keep the faith. God's people shall be accounted righteous for Jesus' sake. Our God is merciful to sinners. For this we worship and glorify God forever.*

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**GATHERING**

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**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 Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C Amen.**

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 you have been saved. In the name of ☩ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

**C Amen.**

**GATHERING HYMN**

*Rise, O Sun of Righteousness*

**ELW 657**

1 Rise, O Sun of righ - teous - ness; with your  
 2 Rouse our hearts from slum - ber deep; may your  
 3 Gath - er in your scat - tered flock; give us  
 4 Burst the bars of stub - born pride; make the  
 5 Hon - or, praise, and glo - ry be to the

might cre - a - tion bless. Shine up - on your church to - day,  
 word with - in us leap. Give us voic - es to pro - claim  
 wa - ter from the rock. Bless the u - ni - ty we share  
 heav'n - ly path - way wide. Raise us up from sin and death  
 ho - ly Trin - i - ty! May your gra - cious will be done:

show - ing all your gen - tle way. Have mer - cy, Lord.  
 prais - es to your ho - ly name. Have mer - cy, Lord.  
 in our shep - herd's lov - ing care. Have mer - cy, Lord.  
 with your Spir - it's liv - ing breath. Have mer - cy, Lord.  
 make us one, as you are one. Have mer - cy, Lord.

**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 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.  
2 Glo-ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.  
3 Ho - ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:  
Son of God and gra-cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;  
Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.  
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.  
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.  
Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand.  
For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

Holy God, our righteous judge, daily your mercy surprises us with everlasting forgiveness. Strengthen our hope in you, and grant that all the peoples of the earth may find their glory in you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*



**SECOND READING: 2 TIMOTHY 4:6-8, 16-18**

<sup>6</sup>As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. <sup>7</sup>I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. <sup>8</sup>From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

<sup>16</sup>At my first defense no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! <sup>17</sup>But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. <sup>18</sup>The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

**L** The Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

*Please stand as you are able.*



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

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

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

**GOSPEL: LUKE 18:9-14**

<sup>9</sup>Jesus also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt:<sup>10</sup>Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. <sup>11</sup>The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. <sup>12</sup>I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.' <sup>13</sup>But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sin-

ner!<sup>14</sup>I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

*Please be seated.*

SERMON

DEACON DAVID MARESKE

HYMN OF THE DAY

*There's a Wideness in God's Mercy*

ELW 587

*Please stand for the final verse of the hymn.*



1 There's a wide-ness  
2 There is wel-come  
3 For the love of  
4 'Tis not all we



in God's mer - cy, like the wide - ness of the sea;  
for the sin - ner, and a prom - ised grace made good;  
God is broad - er than the mea - sures of our mind;  
owe to Je - sus; it is some - thing more than all:



there's a kind - ness in God's jus - tice which is more than  
there is mer - cy with the Sav - ior; there is heal - ing  
and the heart of the E - ter - nal is most won - der -  
great - er good be - cause of e - vil, larg - er mer - cy



lib - er - ty. There is no place where earth's sor - rows  
in his blood. There is grace e - nough for thou - sands  
ful - ly kind. But we make this love too nar - row  
through the fall. Make our love, O God, more faith - ful;



are more felt than up in heav'n. There is no place  
of new worlds as great as this; there is room for  
by false lim - its of our own; and we mag - ni -  
let us take you at your word, and our lives will



where earth's fail - ings have such kind - ly judg - ment giv'n.  
fresh cre - a - tions in that up - per home of bliss.  
fy its strict - ness with a zeal God will not own.  
be thanks - giv - ing for the good - ness of the Lord.

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 In gratitude and humility, let us join together in prayer on behalf of all of God's creation.

*A brief silence.*

A God of mercy, you are in the midst of us and we are called by your name. Inspire your church to serve and love all people with the unceasing grace you extend to us. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

A God of all creation, you formed a world where even the sparrow finds a home. Preserve the beauty and diversity of all creatures with whom we share the earth. Lead us to protect all living things. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

A God of peace, you are the refuge for vulnerable people across the world, especially those affected by the war in Ukraine. Provide safety from violence and assistance for those in need. Guide children and families as they lose their homes and loved ones. Particularly, let us pray for the German Evangelical-Lutheran Church in the Ukraine and our own partner synod of the Evangelical-Lutheran Church of the Urals, Siberia and the Far East as they face these times of conflict. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

A God of hope, you stand with the suffering and give strength. Comfort your people filled with fear or anger, anxiety or shame. Bring healing to all who are sick in body, mind, or spirit, especially Walt Laughlin, Marilyn Hypse, Peggy Buchholz, Linda Longren, Don O'Brien, and Martha Nemeth. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

A God of restoration, you call us to trust in you and not ourselves alone. Make this congregation and that of Gloria Dei Lutheran Church in Wichita, Salem Lutheran Church in St. Francis, Resurrection Lutheran Church in Haysville, Kansas, and Lutheran Family & Children's Services in St. Louis, Missouri communities of humility and repentance, ready to encounter you in love and follow in your ways. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

A God of life, you bless us. We share those blessings this week with Marilyn Heckman and Charlotte O'Brien as they celebrate their birthdays, with Bob Horton and Curt Lewis as they remember their baptisms, and with Don & Charlotte O'Brien as they celebrate their wedding anniversary. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

P Lord God, you have surrounded us with so great a cloud of witnesses. Grant that we be encouraged by the example of your servant Dorothy Strom, that we may share in your eternal joy with all the saints in heaven. Bless and support the family and friends of this saint as they celebrate her life. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

P God of eternal life, to you be the glory forever. We give you thanks for all who have fought the good fight, finished the race, kept the faith, and now live with you. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

P With grateful hearts we commend our spoken and silent prayers to you, O God; through 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.*

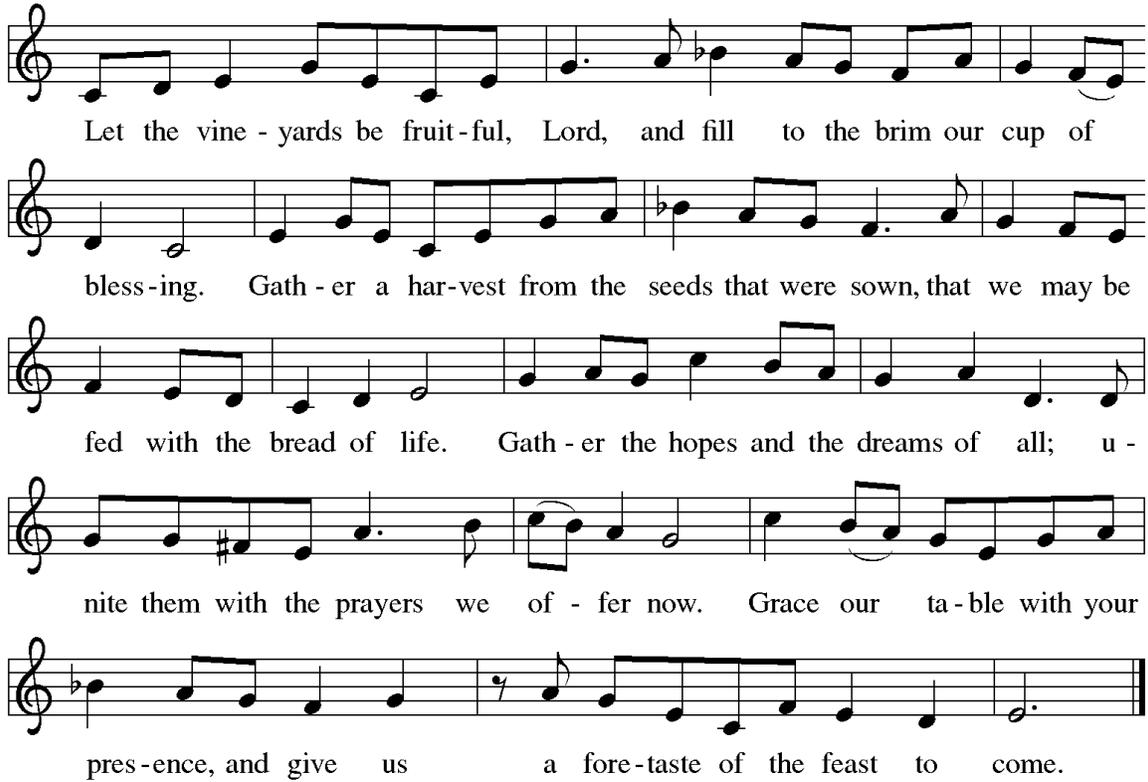
*Please be seated.*

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## MEAL

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### OFFERTORY SONG



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of  
bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be  
fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -  
nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your  
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

### OFFERTORY PRAYER

A Gracious God, in your great love you richly provide for our needs. Make of these gifts a banquet of blessing, and make us ready to share with all in need; through Jesus Christ, who sets a table for all.

C **Amen.**

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you.

**C And also with you.**

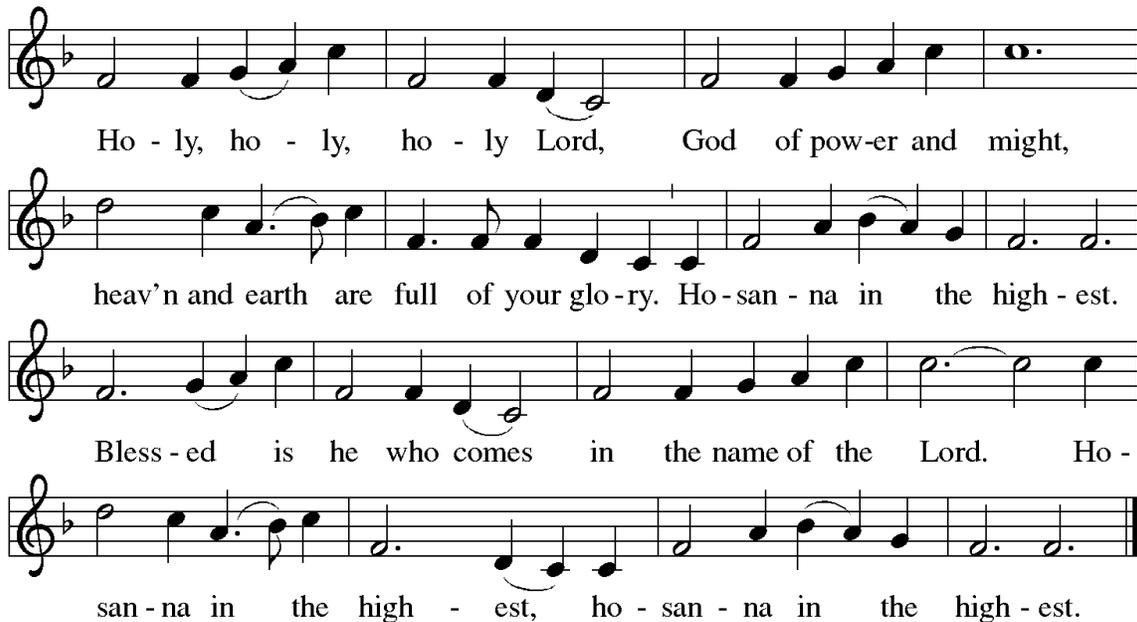
P Lift up your hearts.

**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, God of pow-er 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, 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 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.**

### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P Christ invites you to this table. Come, taste and see.

### LAMB OF GOD



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



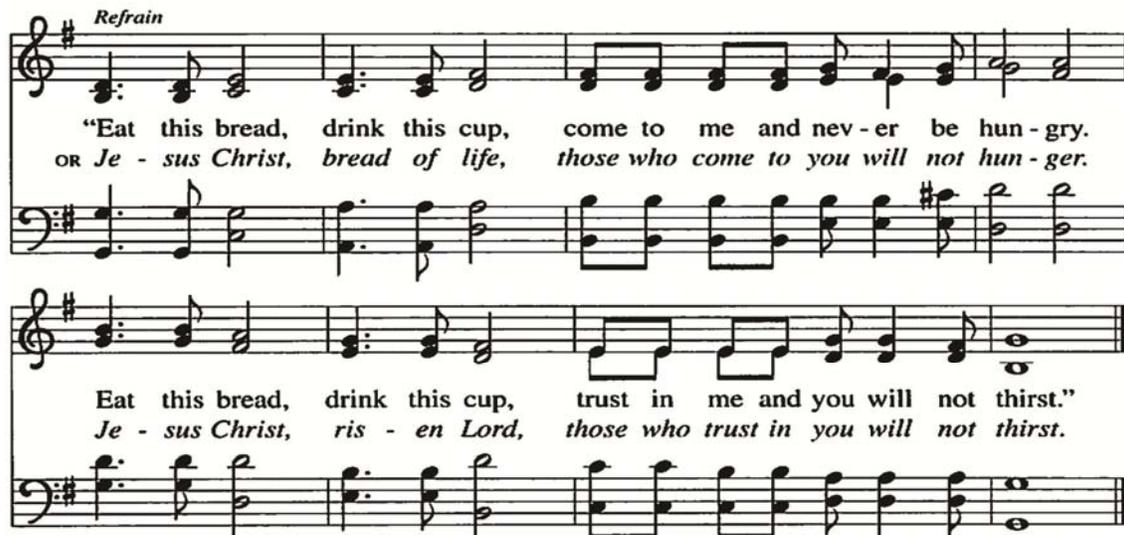
you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

### COMMUNION

COMMUNION HYMN

*Eat This Bread*

*Refrain*



“Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and nev - er be hun - gry.  
OR Je - sus Christ, bread of life, those who come to you will not hun - ger.

Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst.”  
Je - sus Christ, ris - en Lord, those who trust in you will not thirst.

COMMUNION BLESSING

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A God of the abundant table, you have refreshed our hearts in this meal with bread for the journey. Give us your grace on the road that we might serve our neighbors with joy; for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

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SENDING

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BLESSING

P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord’s face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

C Amen.

SENDING HYMN

*Praise to You, O God of Mercy*

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DISMISSAL

A Go in peace, with Christ beside you.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE



1 Praise to you, O God of mer - cy: thanks be to you for -  
 2 From of old you loved and sought us: thanks be to you for -  
 3 Praise to you, O God of mer - cy: thanks be to you for -



ev - er! Rais - ing high the weak and low - ly:  
 ev - er! Truth and jus - tice you have taught us:  
 ev - er! Rais - ing high the weak and low - ly:



thanks be to you for - ev - er!  
 thanks be to you for - ev - er!  
 thanks be to you for -



Strong is your faith - ful-ness, strong is your love, re -



mem - b'ring your cov - e - nant of life with us.



ev - er! Thanks be to you for - ev - er!

***Welcome to worship at Trinity!***

***Thank you for joining us for worship. We hope that you found the Spirit of God in our midst. If you are interested in becoming a member of Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, or have other questions, please contact the church office at 785.233.0767***

UPCOMING EVENTS AT TRINITY

Today., Oct. 23..... Worship with Holy Communion..... 10:30 AM  
..... Coffee Hour .....after worship  
Tues., Oct. 25..... Quilters ..... 9:00 AM  
..... Topeka Lutheran Home Assoc. meeting ..... 7:00 PM  
Sun., Oct. 30 ..... Reformation Sunday.....  
..... Messy Church with Holy Communion..... 10:30 AM  
..... Trunk or Treat .....after worship  
..... Coffee Hour .....after worship

Worship Assistants							
Date	Usher(s)	Musicians	Lector	Altar Guild	Assisting Minister	Presiding Minister	Coffee Hosts
Oct. 23	Duane & Debbie Pomeroy,	Laurie Jackson	Debbie Pomeroy	Donna Allen & Team 3	Bob Horton	Dave Mareske	Carol Marker
Oct. 30	Diane Bottorff, Marcy Carlson	Mitchell Bean	Marcy Carlson	Donna Allen & Team 3	Marsha Ridinger	Pr. Andrew Patty	

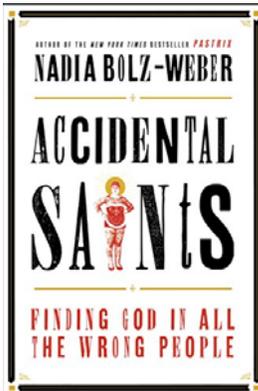
OFFERING, ATTENDANCE, and FINANCIAL STATUS						
Date	General	Other	Total Weekly Income	Average Weekly Expense	Weekly Income Minus Average Weekly Expense	Attendance/ Communion
Sept. 25	\$725.00	\$40.00	\$765.00	-\$2,761.27	-\$1,996.27	23
Oct. 2	\$2,575.00	\$0.00	\$2,575.00	-\$2,761.27	-\$186.27	19
Oct. 9	\$1,273.89	\$0.00	\$1,273.89	-\$2,761.27	-\$1,487.38	23/22
Oct. 16	\$1,315.00	\$33.00	\$1,348.00	-\$2,761.27	-\$1,413.27	25/21
			Income	Expense	Behind/Ahead	
		Sept 2022	\$7,515.00	-\$15,796.70	-\$8,281.70	
		Jan. - Sept.	\$74,143.63	-\$111,041.56	-\$36,897.93	

## Faithful and Fit

Join us on Monday, Oct. 31st at 5:00 pm for our **Faithful and Fit** gathering. During the first half hour, we will discuss the book then go for a walk. Though it may change, so far we have walked to Topeka Blvd.

and back which, in total, is about one mile. And the sidewalks are good for walking.

The book we are discussing is *Accidental Saints: Finding God in All the Wrong People* by Nadia Bolz-Weber.





Many thanks to Deacon Dave Mareske, director of Hollis Renewal Center, for being with today and presiding at worship. Please make him feel welcome.

Deacon Dave Mareske is a rostered minister of Word and Service in the ELCA. For the past 22 years he has served as the Executive Director of Hollis Renewal Center, a retreat center in Bonner Springs KS (just south of the Kansas Speedway).

Hollis comprises 153 acres, five miles of hiking trails, a prayer labyrinth and seven buildings that can be reserved for personal or group use. There are 13 beds total in five different cabins, two cabins with complete bathrooms and kitchens and three tiny cabins. The summer Day Camp program welcomes kids



from underserved areas in the Kansas City metropolitan area under scholarship and kids from local congregations who pay a nominal fee.

This combination of racial, religious, and economic diversity lives out the gospel and has created life-long friendships. In addition to the Day Camp, Hollis operates a year-round LEGO donation center that

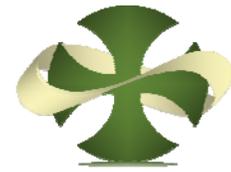
recycles LEGOs into kits for children in the CASA program of Jackson and Wyandotte counties. LEGOs are donated, sorted, washed and recombined into kits as gifts to these children at the first meeting with the CASA volunteer and on their birthdays.

Hollis' next event is the Winter Art Fair, where a variety of local artists show their creations and a portion of their sales goes to support Hollis. The event is Saturday, December 3, 10 AM to 6 PM with wine and cheese from 4-6 PM.

### Support for Hollis

About 30% of our budget comes from individuals and groups donating to use Hollis, 5% come from the synod and congregations in the area, 15% comes from grants and fundraisers and 50% comes from individuals who want to see this ministry of hospitality remain sustainable and ready to welcome the next guest.

Get your questions answered by asking Dave after the service or visit the website: [www.holliscenter.org](http://www.holliscenter.org)



# HOLLIS



It is a busy time at Doorstep and they are in need of items for the food and clothing rooms, as well as for the Christmas Store. Please see the insert for items needed. Please notice the 2022 Doorstep Christmas Wish List is specific to items needed in October; if an item is not on this list, they already have enough. The most needed items are backpacks (shop Dollar General, Menard's, Five Below), spiral notebooks, and money that will be used to buy gift cards; each person adopted by Doorstep (approx. 860) will each receive a \$20 gift card so they will need over \$17,000 to provide these cards.



In addition to the above items that will be used to fill food and hygiene packages and/or Christmas wish lists, volunteers are needed to help with the Christmas store. The store will be set up on Sunday, Dec. 11th. On Monday, Dec. 12th through Friday, Dec. 16th, volunteers will be needed to gather items to fill an adopted families' Christmas wish list. (Due to COVID, the families are not currently permitted to shop for themselves.) If you would like to volunteer, please contact Cindy in the church office or you may call Tracy, Doorstep's volunteer coordinator at 785.357.5341.

Christmas Bureau is right around the corner and volunteers are needed to help make the Holiday Season Bright for those in need this Holiday.

If you would like to help get families and individuals signed up to be adopted for Christmas, please visit the websites listed below. And please share this information with others you think might want to volunteer.

**Training is required and is scheduled for October 24<sup>th</sup> from 12-1PM virtually.**

#### **Christmas Bureau Volunteer Opportunities**

Intake Volunteer

[https://unitedwaytopeka.galaxydigital.com/need/detail/?need\\_id=739579](https://unitedwaytopeka.galaxydigital.com/need/detail/?need_id=739579)

Spanish Speaking Intake Volunteer

[https://unitedwaytopeka.galaxydigital.com/need/detail/?need\\_id=739606](https://unitedwaytopeka.galaxydigital.com/need/detail/?need_id=739606)

Intake Greeter Volunteer

[https://unitedwaytopeka.galaxydigital.com/need/detail/?need\\_id=739602](https://unitedwaytopeka.galaxydigital.com/need/detail/?need_id=739602)

Call Center Volunteer

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# Messy Church & Trunk or Treat on Reformation Sunday October 30th

For our second year, we will be celebrating a special Reformation Day with Messy Church and a Trunk or Treat after worship. Children are welcome to wear their Halloween costumes to church and there will be a fun worship service created for them.

Janice Greenlee has volunteered to be the coordinator for the Trunk or Treat and you can contact her with any questions about how you can participate in all the fun!



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### OFFICE HOURS

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

**Together in Community**

**Living with Christ's Love**

**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**

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