

# Advent

A large, stylized number '4' in the background, decorated with red and gold dots, containing a religious illustration of a star over a landscape.

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<sup>43</sup>But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. <sup>44</sup>Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."  
Matthew 24:42-44

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***ELW Holy Communion Setting 10***

*The new church year begins with a wake-up call: Christ is coming soon! In today's readings both Paul and Jesus challenge us to wake from sleep, for we know neither the day nor hour of the Lord's coming. Isaiah proclaims the day when God will gather all people on the holy mountain and there will be no more war or suffering. Though we vigilantly watch for the promised day of salvation, we wait for what we already have: Christ comes among us this day as the word and meal that strengthens our faith in the promises of God.*

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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**

*Lost in the Night*

**ELW 243**

1 Lost in the night do the peo - ple yet lan - guish,  
 2 Must we be vain - ly a - wait - ing the mor - row?  
 3 Sor - row - ing wan - d'ers, in dark - ness yet dwell - ing,  
 4 Light o'er the land of the need - y is beam - ing;

long - ing for morn - ing the dark - ness to van - quish,  
 Shall those who have light no light let us bor - row,  
 dawned has the day of a ra - diance ex - cel - ling,  
 riv - ers of life through its des - erts are stream - ing,

plain - tive - ly sigh - ing with hearts full of an - guish.  
 giv - ing no heed to our bur - den of sor - row?  
 death's deep - est shad - ows for - ev - er dis - pel - ling.  
 bring - ing all peo - ples a Sav - ior re - deem - ing.

Will not day come soon? Will not day come soon?  
 Will you help us soon? Will you help us soon?  
 Christ is com - ing soon! Christ is com - ing soon!  
 Come and save us soon! Come and save us soon!

## LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Advent One:

P We light this candle as a sign of the coming light of Christ. Advent stands for the coming of our Lord. We are preparing ourselves for the days when the nations shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. (Isaiah 2:4)

## 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.

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection save us from the threatening dangers of our sins, and enlighten our walk in the way of your salvation, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

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**WORD**

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**FIRST READING: ISAIAH 2:1-5**

<sup>1</sup>The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

<sup>2</sup>In days to come

the mountain of the LORD's house  
shall be established as the highest of the mountains,  
and shall be raised above the hills;  
all the nations shall stream to it.

<sup>3</sup>Many peoples shall come and say,  
"Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD,  
to the house of the God of Jacob;  
that he may teach us his ways  
and that we may walk in his paths."

For out of Zion shall go forth instruction,  
and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

<sup>4</sup>He shall judge between the nations,  
and shall arbitrate for many peoples;  
they shall beat their swords into plowshares,  
and their spears into pruning hooks;  
nation shall not lift up sword against nation,  
neither shall they learn war any more.

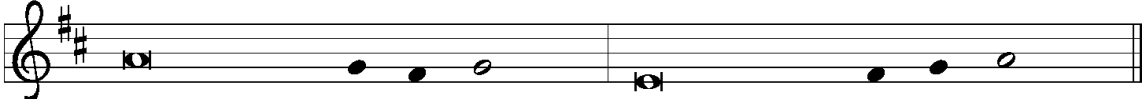
<sup>5</sup>O house of Jacob,  
come, let us walk  
in the light of the LORD!

L The Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 122

*Sung responsively*



<sup>1</sup>I was glad when they | said to me,

“Let us go to the house | of the LORD.”

<sup>2</sup>**Now our | feet are standing**

**within your gates, | O Jerusalem.**

<sup>3</sup>Jerusalem is built | as a city

that is at unity | with itself;

<sup>4</sup>**to which the tribes go up, the tribes | of the LORD,**

**the assembly of Israel, to praise the name | of the LORD.**

<sup>5</sup>For there are the | thrones of judgment,

the thrones of the | house of David.

<sup>6</sup>**Pray for the peace | of Jerusalem:**

**“May they pros- | per who love you.**

<sup>7</sup>Peace be with- | in your walls

and quietness with- | in your towers.

<sup>8</sup>**For the sake of my kindred | and companions,**

**I pray for | your prosperity.**

<sup>9</sup>Because of the house of the | LORD our God,

I will seek to | do you good.”

**SECOND READING: ROMANS 13:11-14**

Jesus said to the disciples, <sup>36</sup>“About that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. <sup>37</sup>For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. <sup>38</sup>For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, <sup>39</sup>and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. <sup>40</sup>Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. <sup>41</sup>Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. <sup>42</sup>Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. <sup>43</sup>But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. <sup>44</sup>Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

**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 Matthew, the twenty-fourth chapter.

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

**GOSPEL: MATTHEW 24:36-44**

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**P** The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*Please be seated.*

**SERMON**

**PR. ANDREW PATTY**

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

*Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying*

**ELW 436**

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

1 Wake, a - wake, for night is fly - ing, the watch-men  
 2 Zi - on hears the watch-men sing - ing, and all her  
 3 Glo - ri - a! Let heav'n a - dore you! Let saints and

on the heights are cry - ing; a - wake, Je - ru - sa - lem, at last.  
 heart with joy is spring-ing. She wakes, she ris - es from her gloom.  
 an - gels sing be-fore you, with harp and cym-bal's clear-est tone.

Mid - night hears the wel - come voic - es, and at the  
 Her dear friend comes down, all glo - rious, the strong in  
 Gates of pearl, twelve por - tals gleam - ing, lead us to

thrill-ing cry re - joic - es: "Come forth, you maid-ens! Night is past.  
 grace, in truth vic - to - rious: her star is ris'n; her light is come.  
 bliss be-yond all dream - ing, with an - gel choirs a - round your throne.



The bride - groom comes! A - wake; your lamps with glad - ness take!"  
 Now come, O Bless - ed One, Lord Je - sus, God's own Son.  
 No eye has caught the light, no ear the thun - d'ring might

Al - le - lu - ia! Rise and pre - pare the feast to share;  
 Sing ho - san - na! Oh, hear the call! Come one, come all,  
 of such glo - ry. There we will go: what joy we'll know!

go, meet the bride - groom, who draws near.  
 and fol - low to the ban - quet hall.  
 There sweet de - light will ev - er flow.

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 As we prepare for the fullness of Christ's presence, let us pray for a world that yearns for new hope.

*A brief silence.*

A God of all, your children cry out for mercy. Awaken the global church to the urgent needs of our time. Break down barriers of culture and custom and unite people of all faiths in your redemptive and healing work. God, in your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

A God of wonder, the earth's beauty and abundance is your gift. Teach us ways of sharing resources and caring for life. Guard fragile habitats, preserve the wild places, and protect endangered plants and animals. God, in your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

A God of love, we pray for vulnerable people across the world, especially those affected by the war in Ukraine. Provide safety and assistance for those in need. Guide families as they lose their homes and loved ones. Particularly, let us pray for the German Evangelical-Lutheran Church in the Ukraine and our partner synod of the Evangelical-Lutheran Church of the Urals, Siberia and the Far East as they face times of conflict. God, in your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

A God of peace, you judge the nations. Beat our weapons into tools for serving the neighbor. Strengthen the resolve of all who work for an end to war. We pray for lasting peace in the land of Jesus' birth. God, in your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

A God of lovingkindness, you desire full life for everyone. Fill those who hunger. Comfort the grieving and attend to those near death. Bring help and hope to any who are sick or needing your care, especially Walt Laughlin, Peggy Buchholz, Linda Longren, Don O'Brien, and Martha Nemeth. God, in your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

A God of community, you are present when this congregation and that of United Evangelical Lutheran Church in Cole Camp and St. Mark Evangelical Lutheran Church in Clayton, Missouri, St. Paul Lutheran Church in Tescott and Peace Lutheran Church in New Cambria, Kansas, and Seminary Students and candidates, gather in your name. Guide congregations in transition or conflict. Give wisdom to congregational councils, call committees, and ministry leaders. Keep us alert to unexpected opportunities for mission. God, in your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

A God of joy, we pray for those who celebrate this week. We share joy with Junior Utech as he celebrates his birthday. God, in your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

P God of promise, your goodness is everlasting. We give thanks for the lives of the faithful who now rest in you. We trust that you will bring us into the company of all the saints with rejoicing. God, in your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

P God of our longing, you know our deepest needs. By your Spirit, gather our prayers and join them with the prayers of all your children. In Jesus' name we pray.

**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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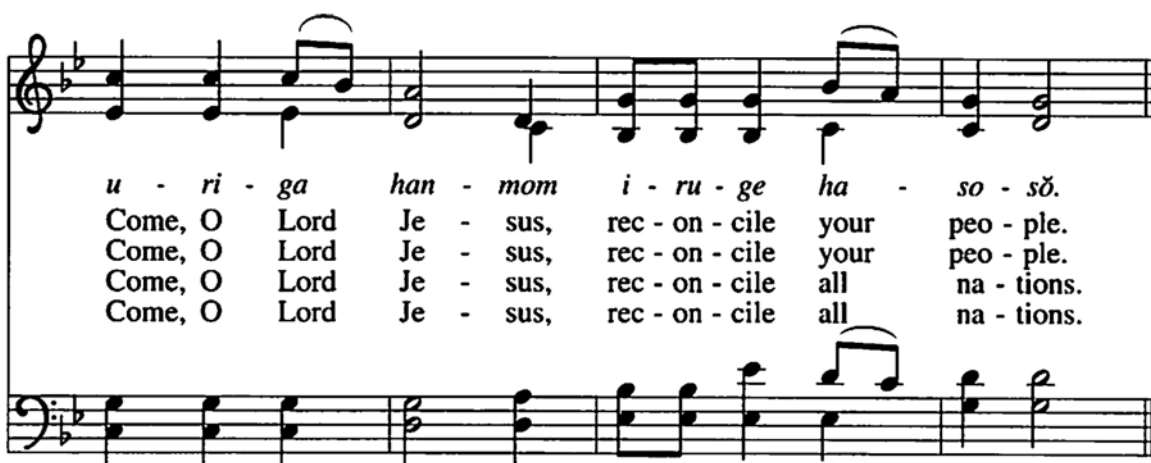
### OFFERTORY SONG

*Come Now, O Prince of Peace*

ELW 247, VERSE 1



*O - so - sŏ o - so - sŏ, pyong - hwa - ũi - im - gŭm*  
1 Come now, O Prince of peace, make us one bod - y.  
2 Come now, O God of love, make us one bod - y.  
3 Come now and set us free, O God, our Sav - ior.  
4 Come, Hope of u - ni - ty, make us one bod - y.



*u - ri - ga han - mom i - ru - ge ha - so - sŏ.*  
Come, O Lord Je - sus, rec - on - cile your peo - ple.  
Come, O Lord Je - sus, rec - on - cile your peo - ple.  
Come, O Lord Je - sus, rec - on - cile all na - tions.  
Come, O Lord Je - sus, rec - on - cile all na - tions.

### OFFERTORY PRAYER

A Blessed are you, Maker of all things. As you have entrusted us with all that you have created, now gather our gifts, nourish us with this sacrament, and send us to those who hunger and thirst, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior.

C Amen.

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you.

**C And also with you.**

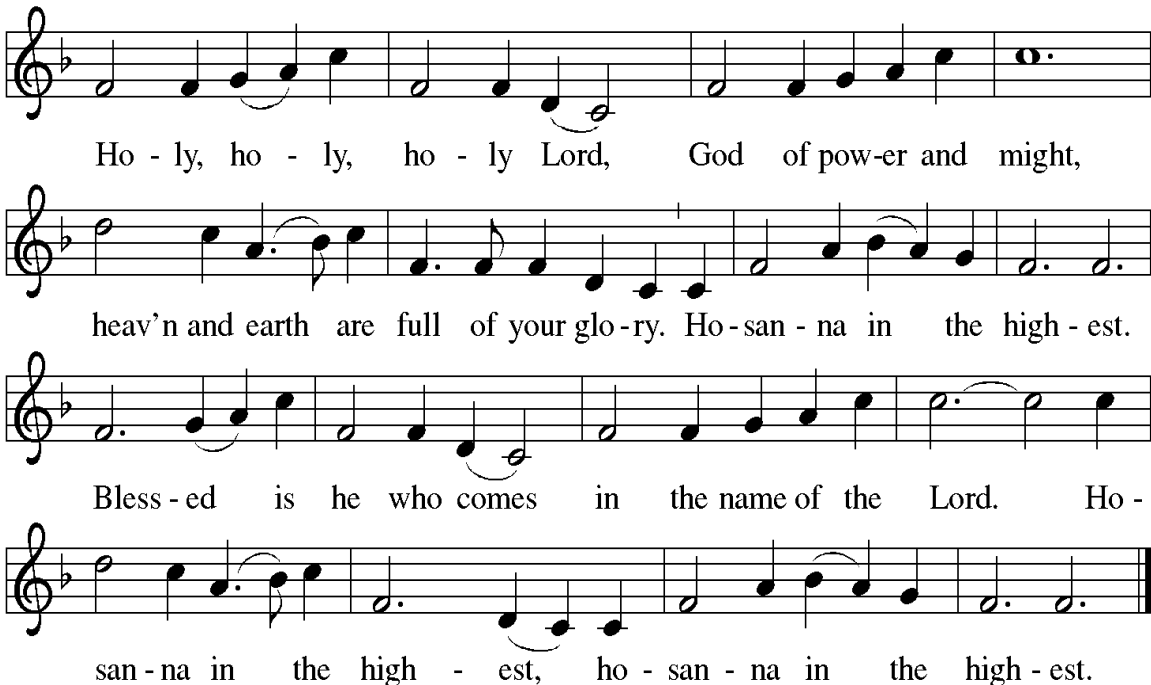
P Lift up your hearts.

**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. You comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer, through whom you will also make all things new in the day when he comes to judge the world in righteousness. 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 spreads a table before you. Gather here with all the saints.

### **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.



1 Cre - a - tor of the stars of night, your peo - ple's ev - er -  
 2 When this old world drew on toward night, you came; but not in  
 3 At your great name, O Je - sus, now all knees must bend, all  
 4 Come in your ho - ly might, we pray, re - deem us for e -  
 5 To God the Fa - ther, God the Son, and God the Spir - it,



last - ing light, O Christ, re - deem - er of us all,  
 splen - dor bright, not as a mon - arch, but the child  
 hearts must bow: all things on earth with one ac - cord,  
 ter - nal day; de - fend us while we dwell be - low  
 Three in One, praise, hon - or, might, and glo - ry be



we pray you hear us when we call.  
 of Mar - y, bless - ed moth - er mild.  
 like those in heav'n, shall call you Lord.  
 from all as - saults of our dread foe.  
 from age to age e - ter - nal - ly. A - men.

**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** Faithful God, in this meal you have remembered your mercy, bringing heaven to earth in the body and blood of Christ. As we wait for the day when all your promises will be fulfilled, sustain us and strengthen us by this holy mystery. Guide us toward your promised future, coming to birth in Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

**C** Amen.

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## SENDING

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### BLESSING

P God the eternal Word, who dwells with us in Jesus, and who holds us in the grace of the Holy Spirit, ☩ bless you now and forever.

C Amen.

### SENDING HYMN

*My Lord, What a Morning*

ELW 438

*Refrain*

My Lord, what a morn-ing; my Lord, what a morn-ing; oh,

my Lord, what a morn-ing, when the stars be-gin to fall.

1 You will hear the trum-pet sound,  
2 You will hear the sin-ner cry, to wake the na-tions un-der - ground,  
3 You will hear the Chris-tian shout,

*Refrain*

look-ing to my God's right hand, when the stars be-gin to fall.

The musical score is written for a piano and voice. It features a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a common time signature (C). The score is divided into several systems, each with a treble and bass staff. The lyrics are written below the treble staff. The first system includes a 'Refrain' label. The second system continues the lyrics. The third system includes three numbered verses. The fourth system includes another 'Refrain' label. The score ends with a double bar line.



**DISMISSAL**

A Go in peace. Christ is near.

C Thanks be to God.

**POSTLUDE**

*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, Nov. 27 ..... 1st Sunday of Advent .....  
.....Worship with Holy Communion.....10:30 AM  
..... Coffee Hour ..... after worship  
Tues., Nov. 29 ..... Quilters .....9:00 AM  
Thurs., Nov. 24 .....Thanksgiving Day .....  
Sun., Dec. 4 ..... 2nd Sunday of Advent.....  
.....Worship with Holy Communion.....10:30 AM  
..... Coffee Hour ..... after worship

Worship Assistants							
Date	Usher(s)	Musicians	Lector	Altar Guild	Assisting Minister	Presiding Minister	Coffee Hosts
Nov. 27	Curt Lewis, Dean McGinnis	Laurie Jackson	Shelley Andrews	Carol Marker & Team 1	Bob Horton	Pr. Andrew Patty	Howard & Loni Reece
Dec. 4	Diane Bottorff, Marcy Carlson	Mitchell Bean	Debbie Pomeroy	Janeen Horton & Team 2	Ted Murphy	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
Oct. 30	\$1,628.00	\$668.00	\$2,296.00	-\$2,761.27	-\$465.27	38/23
Nov. 6	\$2,773.00	\$1,500.00	\$4,273.00	-\$2,761.27	\$1,511.73	36/31
Nov. 13	\$925.96	\$236.00	\$1,161.96	-\$2,761.27	-\$1,599.31	27/22
Nov. 20	\$1,600.00	\$328.00	\$1,928.00	-\$2,761.27	-\$833.27	36/34
			Income	Expense	Behind/Ahead	
		Oct 2022	\$6,632.05	-\$10,778.92	-\$4,146.87	
		Jan. - Oct.	\$80,775.68	-\$121,820.48	-\$41,044.80	

# Laudate Ringers

Countryside United Methodist Church

Christmas Concert

Sunday, December 4, 2022 - 7:00 p.m.

3221 SW Burlingame Rd., Topeka, KS

## **Doorstep Christmas Project ~ 2022**

Doorstep is adopting 260 households with 800+ individuals from the Christmas Bureau again this year. We have been collecting items for a few months now to help spread out the requests.

**We still need the following NEW items:** **(No later than 12/6/22)**

- \*Blankets - Full/Queen & King Only (NO THROWS)
- \*Bakeware Sets      \*Pots (no more pans needed at this time)
- \*Basketballs & Footballs (regular size)

**Our biggest need is Money for the Gift Cards & Food** each household will receive.

Mail your donation or bring it to Doorstep, 1119 SW 10th Avenue,  
M-F, 8am-3pm. Please note your member congregation for credit.  
You can also give online at [www.DoorstepTopeka.org](http://www.DoorstepTopeka.org) under Donate.

**Each household we adopt will receive:**

**Blanket ~ Health Kit ~ School Supplies (if appropriate) ~ One household item ~ Christmas food order ~ gifts and toys for household members ~ clothing ~ \$20 gift cards per person in the household.**

**We have Volunteer Opportunities this year!**

**Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup>** ~ from 2:00pm – 5:00pm ~ move clothing from Doorstep to First Nazarene Church, start setting up and unboxing the items.

**Monday, December 12<sup>th</sup>** ~ from 8:30am – 2:30pm (2 shifts), finish clothing set-up, and begin selecting items for families picking up on Tuesday. (No lunch provided)

**Tuesday, December 13<sup>th</sup>** ~ opportunities from 8:30am – 12:30pm and 12:30pm – 5:30pm. (Lunch provided)

**Wednesday, December 14<sup>th</sup>** ~ opportunities available from: 8:30am – 1:30pm and 1:30pm – 7:30pm. (Lunch and dinner provided)

**Thursday, December 15<sup>th</sup>** ~ opportunities available from 8:30am – 12:30pm and 12:30pm – 5:30pm. (Lunch provided)

**Friday, December 16<sup>th</sup>** we will be cleaning up, packing clothing back up to move back to Doorstep from 8:30am – 12:30pm.

**Call Doorstep, (785) 357-5341, to sign up & help during distribution week!**

**Doorstep is located at 1119 SW 10th, 66604 (10th & Buchanan). Donation hours are Monday - Friday, 9am - 2pm. You can mail your monetary donations, or use our website: [DoorstepTopeka.org](http://DoorstepTopeka.org) under the Donate Tab.**



## TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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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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