

#### 2nd Sunday of Advent

#### December 4, 2022

#### ELW Holy Communion Setting 10

At the heart of Advent preparation stands John the Baptist, who calls us to repent and make a new beginning. As the darkness increases we turn toward the approaching light of Christ. For Christians he is the root of Jesse, the righteous judge who welcomes all, especially the poor and meek of the earth. We wait with hope for the day when the wolf will dwell with the lamb, and there will be no more hurt or destruction. From the Lord's table we are sent in the spirit of John the Baptist to proclaim that in Christ the kingdom of God has come near.

#### HYMN SING

JOY TO THE WORLD	ELW 267
HARK! THE HERALD ANGELS SING	ELW 270
GO TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN	ELW 290
WHAT CHILD IS THIS	ELW 296
GOOD CHRISTIAN FRIENDS, REJOICE	

#### **GATHERING**

#### Welcome & Announcements

#### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

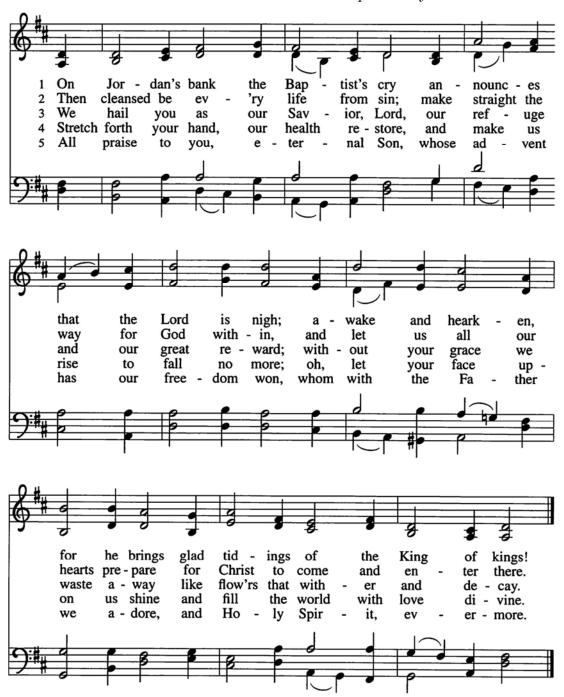
Please stand as you are able.

- P In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- P 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.



#### On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry

**ELW 249** 



#### LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

#### Advent Two:

P We light this candle as a sign of the coming light of Christ. Advent stands for the coming of our Lord. The wolf shall dwell with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. (Isaiah 11:6)

#### **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 our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming nurture our growth as people of repentance and peace; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen. Please be seated.

#### WORD

#### FIRST READING: ISAIAH 11:1-10

<sup>1</sup>A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots.

<sup>2</sup>The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.

<sup>3</sup>His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear;

<sup>4</sup>but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.

<sup>5</sup>Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

<sup>6</sup>The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them.

<sup>7</sup>The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.

<sup>8</sup>The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den.

<sup>9</sup>They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea.

<sup>10</sup>On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

- L The Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.



<sup>1</sup>Give the king your jus- | tice, O God,

and your righteousness to | the king's son;

## <sup>2</sup>that he may rule your | people righteously and the | poor with justice;

3that the mountains may bring prosperity | to the people, and the | hills, in righteousness.

# <sup>4</sup>Let him defend the needy a- | mong the people, rescue the poor, and crush | the oppressor.

<sup>5</sup>May he live as long as the sun and | moon endure, from one generation | to another.

## <sup>6</sup>Let him come down like rain upon | the mown field, like showers that wa- | ter the earth.

<sup>7</sup>In his time may the | righteous flourish;

and let there be an abundance of peace till the moon shall | be no more.

## <sup>18</sup>Blessed are you, LORD God, the God of Israel; you alone do wondrous deeds!

<sup>19</sup>And blessed be your glorious | name forever, and may all the earth be filled with your glory. A- | men. Amen.

#### SECOND READING: ROMANS 15:4-13

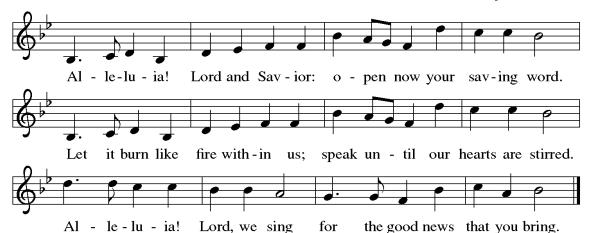
<sup>4</sup>Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. <sup>5</sup>May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup>so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>7</sup>Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. <sup>8</sup>For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, <sup>9</sup>and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, "Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles, and sing praises to your name"; <sup>10</sup>and again he says, "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people"; <sup>11</sup>and again, "Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him"; <sup>12</sup>and again Isaiah says, "The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the Gentiles; in him the Gentiles shall hope."

<sup>13</sup>May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

- L The Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

#### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Please stand as you are able.



The Holy Gospel, according to Matthew, the third chapter.

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

#### GOSPEL: MATTHEW 3:1-12

<sup>1</sup>In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, <sup>2</sup>"Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." <sup>3</sup>This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.'"

<sup>4</sup>Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. <sup>5</sup>Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, <sup>6</sup>and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. <sup>7</sup>But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? <sup>8</sup>Bear fruit worthy of repentance. <sup>9</sup>Do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. <sup>10</sup>Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

<sup>11</sup>"I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. <sup>12</sup>His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Please be seated.

#### HYMN OF THE DAY

#### Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers

**ELW 244** 

Please stand for the final verse of the hymn.



- 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, you renew the church in every age. We give thanks for hymn writers and theologians. Inspire teachers, writers, and musicians to delight and instruct your people. God, in your mercy,

#### C hear our prayer.

A You give us a vision of creation in harmony, when hurting and destruction will be no more. Teach us to be stewards of the earth and companions to its creatures. Restore to balance and wholeness what human greed has harmed. God, in your mercy,

#### C hear our prayer.

A 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 You defend the cause of all who are poor and oppressed. Raise up leaders who will govern with equity and serve the common good. Guide judges, lawmakers, and public officials to protect the rights of those who cannot advocate for themselves. God, in your mercy,

#### C hear our prayer.

A You deliver those in need from suffering and fear. Come to the aid of any who are exploited or abused, especially children, elders, and victims of human trafficking. Provide safety and help to our neighbors without shelter, refugees, and those fleeing violence. God, in your mercy,

#### C hear our prayer.

A You urge your people to welcome one another as you have welcomed us. Nurture ministries of hospitality and care in this and every congregation, including Christ Lutheran Church in Eureka, Iglesia Luterana Sagrado Corazon de Jesus in Garden City, Trinity Lutheran Church in Otis, and St. Paul Lutheran Church in Valley Falls, Kansas. God, in your mercy,

#### C hear our prayer.

A We pray for people who are homebound, hospitalized, or separated from loved ones, especially Walt Laughlin, Peggy Buchholz, Linda Longren, Don O'Brien, and Martha Nemeth. God, in your mercy,

#### C hear our prayer.

A We pray for those who celebrate this week. We share joy with Julie Reeves, Peggy Buchholz, Walt Laughlin, and Junior Utech as they remember their baptisms. God, in your mercy,

#### C hear our prayer.

P You embrace all who have died trusting in your promises, and we give thanks for their faithful witness. Sustain us in hope until we are united with them in the joy of your eternal presence. 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.

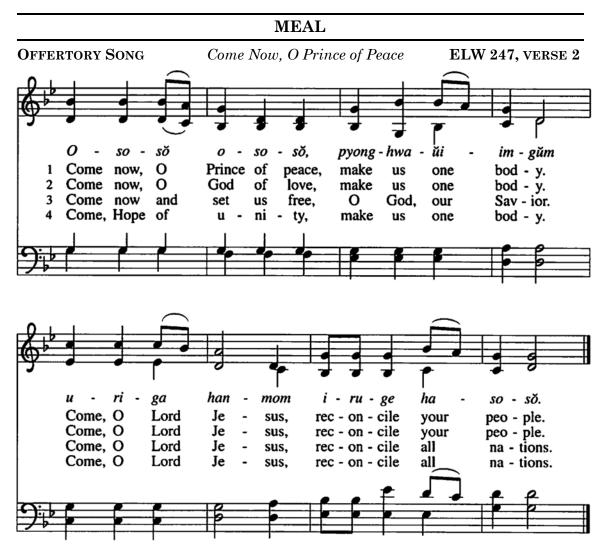
#### THE PEACE

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.

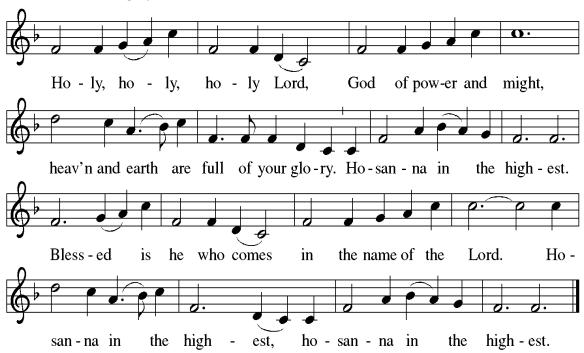


#### **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

- A Eternal God, you make the desert bloom and send springs of water to thirsty ground. Receive these simple gifts of bread, wine, and money, and make us messengers of your mercy and love for all in need of your healing and justice. We ask this through 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:



#### **EUCHARISTIC 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**

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peace with

P Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God, who has come to save you.

#### LAMB OF GOD



God you made: give us your peace, we pray.



#### 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.

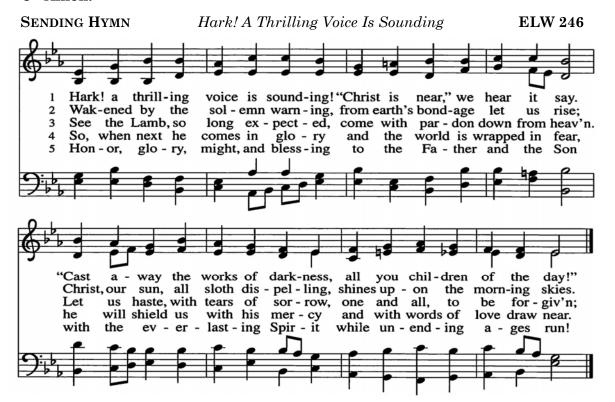
#### C Amen.

#### **SENDING**

#### 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.



#### 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, Dec. 4	2nd Sunday of Advent	
	Hymn Sing	10:15 AM
		10:30 AM
II .	Coffee Hour	
Tues., Dec. 6	Quilters	9:00 AM
Sun., Dec. 11	3rd Sunday of Advent	
		10:30 AM
	Coffee Hour	after worship
	PFLAG meeting	_

Worship Assistants						
Date	Usher(s)	Musicians	Lector	Altar Guild	Assisting Minister	Presiding Minister
Dec. 4	Diane Bottorff, Marcy Carlson	Mitchell Bean	Debbie Pomeroy	Janeen Horton & Team 2	Ted Murphy	Pr. Andrew Patty
Dec. 11	Curt Lewis, Dean McGinnis	Laurie Jackson	Diane Bottorff	Janeen Horton & Team 2	Bob Horton	Pr. Andrew Patty

OFFERING, ATTENDANCE, and FINANCIAL STATUS						
					Weekly Income	
				Average	Minus Average	
			Total Weekly	Weekly	Weekly	Attendance/
Date	General	Other	Income	Expense	Expense	Communion
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
Nov. 27	\$2,055.00	\$1,377.00	\$3,432.00	-\$2,761.27	\$670.73	22/25
			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	



Countryside United Methodist Church

**Christmas Concert** 

Sunday, December 4, 2022 - 7:00 p.m. 3221 SW Burlingame Rd., Topeka, KS

# St. Lucia Service December 16, 2022, 6:00 pm,

Please mark your calendars for our St. Lucia dinner Friday, December 16th at 6:00 pm. The potluck dinner will be followed by worship in the sanctuary. Please use the postcards you received to invite friends and family to this event. This is a potluck dinner so be sure to bring food to share and your table service.

For the worship service, we would like to have children participate as St. Lucia and Star Boys. Please contact Pr. Andrew if your children would like to be included.



Christmas Eve Worship



Our Christmas Eve worship service will be at noon on Saturday, December 24.

Please invite friends and family to join us for a candlelight service as we share the Christmas story and song.

## **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 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!

<u>Sunday</u>, <u>December 11<sup>th</sup></u> ~ 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)

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

<u>Friday, December 16<sup>th</sup></u> 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 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

#### **Together in Community**

We are a faith community brought together to worship God and to be of service to the needs of the world as the Great Commandment is our guide in our lives (*Matthew 22:36-39, Mark 12:29-31, and Luke 10:26-27*). We are a congregation that seeks to reach all those in our county with members spread throughout Topeka area, while being rooted in Historic Old Town. In our faith, we hope to be a symbol of Christ's love in the world (*John 15:12*), to be a community of support and care (*Galatians 6:2*), and to proclaim the good news that Jesus Christ came to be a Savior for all people (*Colossians 1:13-14*).

### **Congregation Council**

President Duane Pomeroy (Spiritual Care)
Vice-President Howard Reece (Maintenance)
Secretary Diane Bottorff (Congregational Life)

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