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Holy Communion Setting Three

Today's gospel opens with further reflection on Jesus' baptism. He is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world and the one anointed by the Spirit. In the liturgy we come and see Christ revealed among us in word and meal. We go forth to invite others to come and worship the Holy One and to receive the gifts of grace and peace made known among us.

GATHERING

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER

Please stand as you are able.

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who alone does wonders, who lifts up the lowly, who fills the hungry with good things.

C Amen.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

- P In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- P God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

- P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
- 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** In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire for-giveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

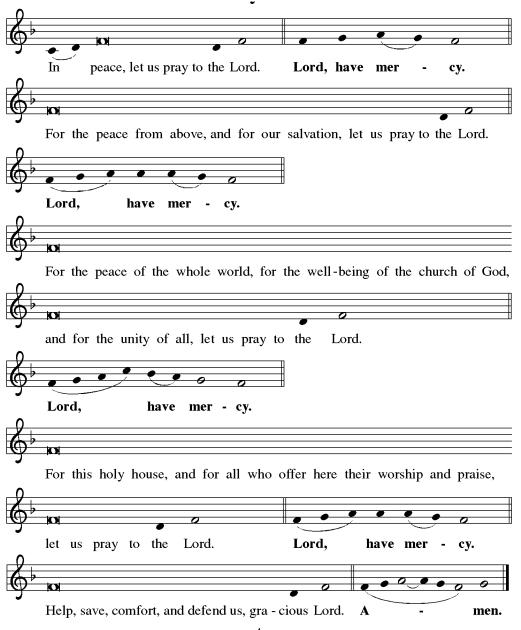
GATHERING HYMN	O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright!	ELW 308
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0 0 0 Morn - ing Star, how fair and bright! You shine with 1 light di - vine, us in love, 2 Come, pre - cious dia - mond, and deep with -3 Lord, when you 4 Al - might - y at once there look on Fa you loved us, ther, in your Son 0 truth and light, with grace and mer - cy! God's own a - glow in hearts now shine; there light flame un - dy - ing! our a of pur - est plea - sure. falls from God a - bove a ray when not yet be - gun was this old earth's foun-da - tion! line, King Of Da-vid's son, our Lord and Sav - ior, Ja - cob's bod - y let us be as liv - ing branch - es In your one Spir - it, Your word and flesh and blood re-fresh our souls with ran-somed us in love Your Son has to live in him here 0 you you on - ly! have won our hearts to serve Low - ly, of a tree, your life our lives sup-ply - ing. Now, though our dear - est trea - sure! heav'n-ly food. You are Let your Al - le a - bove: sal - va - tion. this is and your great glo - rious, ly! Great and all ho vic - to - rious, rich may dai ly. earth's deep sad - ness per - plex and us mer - cy warm and cheer us! Oh, draw near us! For lu ia! Christ the liv - ing, to us giv - ing life Ο bless - ing! Rule might o'er all pos - sess - ing! in and joy you bless dis - tress us, yet with heav'n - ly us. you teach us God's own love through you has reached us. for - ev - er, keeps us yours and fails us nev - er!

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.

Kyrie





PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- P Holy God, our strength and our redeemer, by your Spirit hold us forever, that through your grace we may worship you and faithfully serve you, follow you and joyfully find you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- C Amen.

Please be seated.

WORD

FIRST READING: ISAIAH 49:1-7

¹Listen to me, O coastlands, pay attention, you peoples from far away! The LORD called me before I was born, while I was in my mother's womb he named me. ²He made my mouth like a sharp sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow, in his quiver he hid me away. ³And he said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified." ⁴But I said, "I have labored in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my cause is with the LORD, and my reward with my God." ⁵And now the LORD says, who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him, for I am honored in the sight of the LORD, and my God has become my strength—⁶he says, "It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth." 7Thus says the LORD, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations, the slave of rulers, "Kings shall see and stand up, princes, and they shall prostrate themselves, because of the LORD, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."

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



¹I waited patiently up-[|] on the LORD,

who stooped to me and | heard my cry.

²The LORD lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the | miry clay, and set my feet upon a high cliff, making my | footing sure.

³The LORD put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise | to our God; many shall see, and stand in awe, and put their trust | in the LORD.

⁴Happy are they who trust | in the LORD!

They do not turn to enemies or to those who | follow lies.

⁵Great are the wonders you have done, O LORD my God! In your plans for us, none can be com- | pared with you!

Oh, that I could make them known and tell them! But they are more than | I can count.

⁶Sacrifice and offering you do | not desire;

you have opened my ears: burnt-offering and sin-offering you have | not required.

⁷And so I said, "Here I | am; I come.

In the scroll of the book it is writ- [|] ten of me:

⁸'I love to do your will, | O my God;

your law is | deep within me.""

⁹I proclaimed righteousness in the | great assembly;

I have not restrained my lips, O | LORD, you know.

¹⁰I have not hidden your righteousness in my heart; I have spoken of your faithfulness and | your deliverance;

I have not concealed your steadfast love and truth from the | great assembly.

¹¹You are the LORD; do not withhold your compas- | sion from me;

may your steadfast love and your truth continually | keep me safe.

SECOND READING: 1 CORINTHIANS 1:1-9

¹Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes, ²To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: ³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, ⁵for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind—⁶just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you—⁷so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁸He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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



- P The Holy Gospel, according to John, the first chapter.
- C Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL: JOHN 1:29-42

²⁹John the Baptist saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!³⁰This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.' ³¹I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel." ³²And John testified, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. ³³I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' ³⁴And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God."

³⁵The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, ³⁶and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!" ³⁷The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. ³⁸When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?" ³⁹He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. ⁴⁰One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. ⁴¹He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed). ⁴²He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter).

- P The Gospel of the Lord.
- C Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

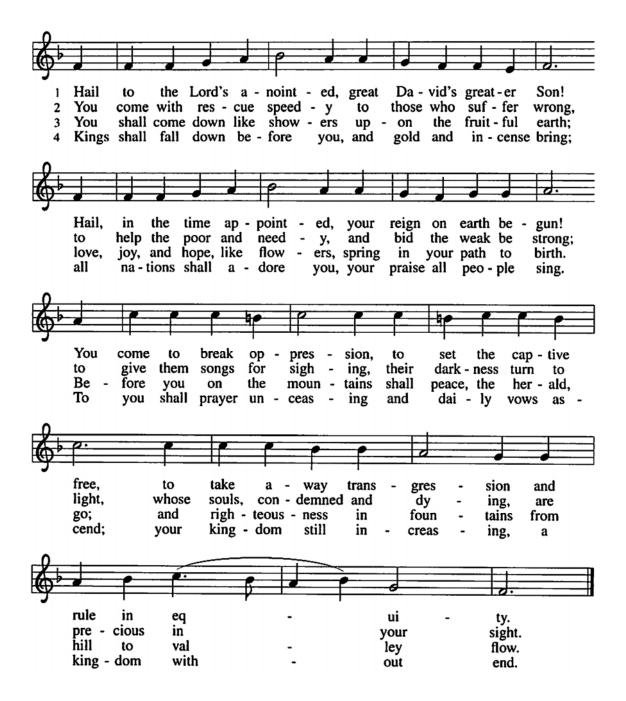
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PR. MICHAEL HAAR

HYMN OF THE DAY

Hail to the Lord's Anointed ELW 311

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 Called together to follow Jesus, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.
- A brief silence.
- A Put a new song in the mouth of your church. Inspire the baptized to tell of your faithfulness, sharing the good news of your salvation throughout the earth. Bless the witness of missionaries. In this spirit, we pray for Andover Lutheran in Windom, Kansas, the Southern Sudanese Worshiping Community in St Joseph, Missouri, and Kotte District of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Papua New Guinea. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

A The waters of baptism call us into life in the Spirit. Preserve the world's waters: protect them from pollution, support plants and animals who depend on them, and bring rain in places of drought. Guide us in protecting local waterways and in responding to devastating floods. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

A Come to the aid of 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. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

- A In Jesus you are the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Show your mercy to all nations. Direct leaders to do your will; fill governing bodies with righteousness; equip judges with discernment and compassion. Merciful God,
- C receive our prayer.

A You incline your ear to all who cry to you. Draw near to those suffering violence, injustice, illness, or poverty. Hide them in the shadow of your hand and make us signs of your faithfulness to all in need. We pray for Mike Jackson, Peggy Buchholz, Linda Longren, Don O'Brien, and Martha Nemeth. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

A You are glorified in the servants you have called. With Martin Luther King Jr., give us bold trust in you. Even when it feels like a sharp sword or polished arrow, give us courage to receive your call to repentance and racial justice. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

A Bring joy to those who celebrate this week. We pray for Ben Carlson and Longren as they celebrate their birthdays. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

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 Walt Laughlin 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 his/her life. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

P In every place and time, you have sanctified your people. We praise you for the testimony of those who have died in the faith. Strengthen us as we wait for the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

P We bring to you our needs and hopes, O God, trusting your wisdom and power revealed in Christ crucified.

C Amen.

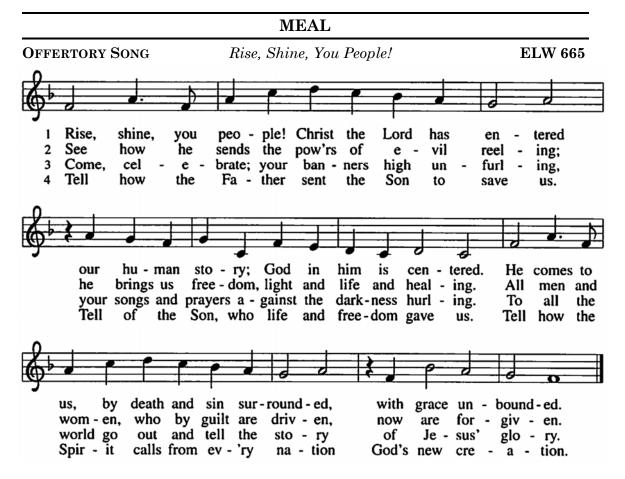
THE PEACE

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.



Please stand as you are able.

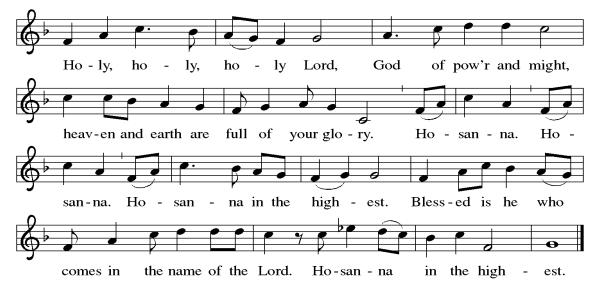
OFFERTORY PRAYER

- A Liberating God, you break the bonds of injustice and let the oppressed go free. Receive these offerings in thanksgiving for all your works of merciful power, and shape us as people of your justice and freedom. You we magnify and adore, through Jesus 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. By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations; in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son; and in the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed your glory. 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 Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life:
Blessed are you for the birth of creation.
Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light.
Blessed are you for your promise to your people.
Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams.
Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will.
Blessed are you for your Son Jesus, the Word made flesh.

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. Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:



- P With this bread and cup we remember your Word dwelling among us, full of grace and truth. We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection. We look with hope for his coming.
- C Come, Lord Jesus.
- P Holy God, we long for your Spirit. Come among us. Bless this meal. May your Word take flesh in us. Awaken your people. Fill us with your light. Bring the gift of peace on earth.
- C Come, Holy Spirit.
- P All praise and glory are yours, Holy One of Israel, Word of God incarnate, Power of the Most High, one God, now and forever.



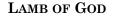
THE LORD'S PRAYER

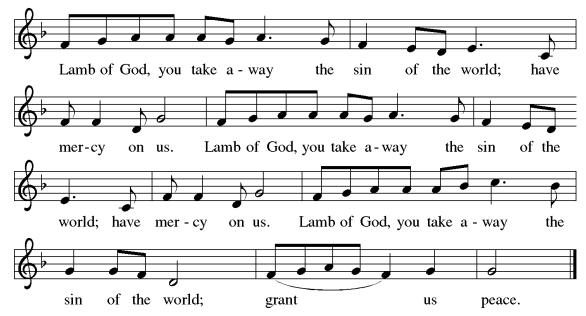
- P Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.
- C Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us 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 Came and taste the joy of God!





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

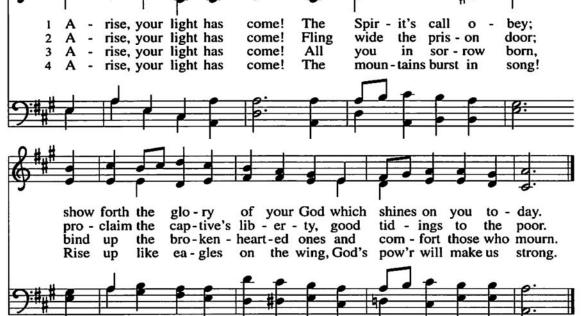
- A Holy One, we thank you for the healing that springs forth abundantly from this table. Renew our strength to do justice, love kindness, and journey humbly with you.
- C Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

- P Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.
- C Amen.

SENDING HYMN Arise, Your Light Has Come! ELW 314 DISMISSAL



A Go in peace. Follow the way of Jesus.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

•	Worship with Holy Communion 	
Tues., Jan 17	Quilters	
Thurs., Jan. 19	February Trinity Tidings deadline	
	Worship with Holy Communion	
	Annual Meeting	after worship



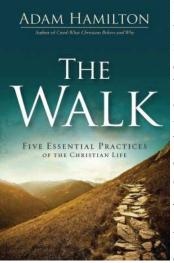
Once again, we thank Pr. Michael Haar for presiding at worship today. He is with us today while Pr. Andrew is attending a Youth Gathering meeting in New Orleans.

The Trinity Lutheran Church Annual Meeting will take place next Sunday, January 22, 2023. Please plan to be there. We need you.

Worship Assistants							
Date	Ushers	Musi- cian	Lector	Altar Guild	Asst. Minister	Presiding Minister	Coffee Hosts
Jan. 15	Marcy Carlson, Dean McGinnis	Mitchell Bean	Loni Reece	Cindy McGinnis & Team 1	Ted Murphy	Pr. Michael Haar	Dean McGinnis
Jan. 22	Duane Pomeroy, How- ard Reece	Laurie Jackson	Shelley Andrews	Cindy McGinnis & Team 1	Bob Horton	Pr. Andrew Patty	Annual Meeting

Sunday School for the New Year

Our adult Sunday school class began last week. We are reading and discussing **"The Walk: Five Essential Practices of the Christian Life" by Adam Hamilton.** The next class will be February 12. Please read Chapter 2—Study.



If you would like to join us for the next class, you can order the book on Amazon or borrow from the public library (physical copy and ebook), or contact Pastor Andrew if you are having trouble getting a copy. For Children's Sunday School, we will meet January 29th at 9:45 am in the new Youth Room in Trinity Hall. We will do a lesson plan from Messy Church that is fun and interactive for the children. Parents are welcome to not only attend but to join in the fun! We will also have a children's sermon that Sunday during the regular worship service.



OFFERING, ATTENDANCE, and FINANCIAL STATUS							
Date	General	Other	Total Week-	Average	Weekly In-	Attendance/	
Dec. 11	\$2,715.00	\$110.00	\$2,825.00	-\$2,761.27	\$63.73	27/21	
Dec. 18	\$1,565.10	\$18.00	\$1,583.10	-\$2,761.27	-\$1,178.17	28/27	
Dec. 24	\$703.00	\$0.00	\$703.00	-\$2,761.27	-\$2,058.27	59/40	
Jan. 1	\$3,238.00	\$10.00	\$3,248.00	-\$2,761.27	\$486.73	16/16	
Jan. 8	\$1,130.00	\$5.00	\$1,135.00	-\$2,761.27	-\$1,626.27	27/24	
			Income	Expense	Behind/Ahead		
		Nov. 2022	\$9,182.57	-\$15,599.53	-\$6,416.96		
		Jan Nov.	\$89,958.25	-\$137,420.01	-\$47,461.76		



TIME TO REGISTER!

The countdown to summer camp has begun, and so has our Early Bird registration! Luckily you don't have to wait until summer to join in on Tomah Shinga activities, so check out our calendar on the website for events coming up in the spring.

Invite a friend and join Camp Tomah Shinga for a fun-filled, Spirit-led camping experience!

Camperships are available, please contact <u>jvalentine@camptomahshinga.com</u> to inquire.

We are excited to welcome back campers for a full summer to Explore Creation, Build Community, and Grow in Faith.

Want to be part of the legacy of Camp Tomah Shinga? Here are a few options for you!

Amazon Wish list - We have started an Amazon Wish list to help us be better prepared for our campers! Sports equipment, co-op items, kitchen gear, and so forth are included and will be added to throughout the month of May.

Rooted Monthly Giving Club - We are always looking to grow our Monthly Rooted Giving Club and without it, we wouldn't be able to do all that we have accomplished. As little as \$10 a month or as much as \$150, it will be pulled automatically from your account each month.

Make a Gift - Of course, we welcome one-time donations as well! This can look like a monetary donation, a needed-item donation or if you are a Thrivent member, using your Thrivent Action Grant to apply for a CTS need and further the ministry out at camp. Contact Jordan at

jvalentine@camptomahshinga.com.



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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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