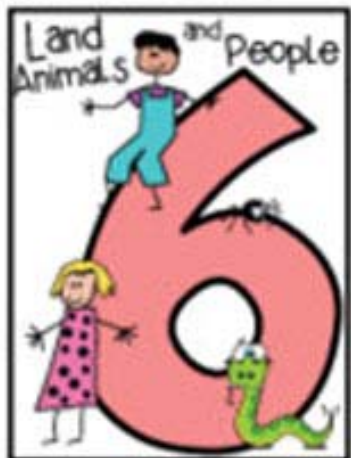


7 Days of creation



4th Sunday of Epiphany

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Holy Communion Setting Three

Who are the blessed ones of God? For Micah, they are those who do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with God. For Paul, they are the ones who find wisdom in the weakness of the cross. For Jesus, they are the poor, the meek, the merciful, the pure in heart, the peace-makers, those who mourn, and those who hunger for righteousness. In baptism we find our blessed identity and calling in this countercultural way of living and serving.

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.**

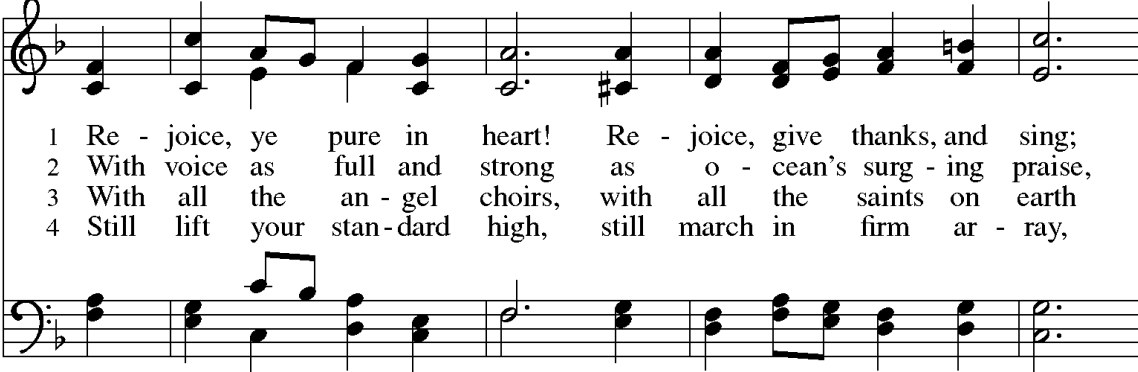
P In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!

ELW 873



1 Re - joice, ye pure in heart! Re - joice, give thanks, and sing;
 2 With voice as full and strong as o - cean's surg - ing praise,
 3 With all the an - gel choirs, with all the saints on earth
 4 Still lift your stan - dard high, still march in firm ar - ray,



your fes - tal ban - ner wave on high, the cross of Christ your king.
 send forth the stur - dy hymns of old, the psalms of an - cient days.
 pour out the strains of joy and bliss, true rap - ture, no - blest mirth.
 as pil - grims through the dark - ness wend till dawns the gol - den day.

Refrain



Re - joice! Re - joice! Re - joice, give thanks, and sing!
 Re - joice! Re - joice!

5 At last the march shall end;
 the wearied ones shall rest;
 the pilgrims find their home at last,
 Jerusalem the blest. *Refrain*

6 Praise God who reigns on high,
 the Lord whom we adore:
 the Father, Son, and Spirit blest,
 one God forevermore. *Refrain*

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

In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,

and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,

let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. A - men.

HYMN OF PRAISE

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,
 al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb
 who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,
 al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich-es, wis - dom, and
 strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,
 al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of
 God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon-or,
 glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,
 al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was
 slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

Final refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.
 Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Holy God, you confound the world's wisdom in giving your kingdom to the lowly and the pure in heart. Give us such a hunger and thirst for justice, and perseverance in striving for peace, that in our words and deeds the world may see the life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

Please be seated.

CHILDREN'S STORY TIME

THE CREATION STORY

WORD

PSALM 15

Sung responsively



¹LORD, who may dwell in your | tabernacle?

Who may abide upon your | holy hill?

²**Those who lead a blameless life and do | what is right,
who speak the truth | from their heart;**

³they do not slander with the tongue, they do no evil | to their friends;
they do not cast discredit up- | on a neighbor.

⁴**In their sight the wicked are rejected, but they honor those who | fear the
LORD.**

They have sworn upon their health and do not take | back their word.

⁵They do not give their money in hope of gain, nor do they take bribes a- | gainst
the innocent.

Those who do these things shall never be | overthrown.

SECOND READING: 1 CORINTHIANS 1:18-31

¹⁸The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart." ²⁰Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of

our proclamation, to save those who believe. ²²For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, ²³but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, ²⁴but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

²⁶Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. ²⁷But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; ²⁸God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, ²⁹so that no one might boast in the presence of God. ³⁰He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, ³¹in order that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Please stand as you are able.

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

P The Holy Gospel, according to Matthew, the fifth chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 5:1-12

¹When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. ²Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

³"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

⁵"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

⁶"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

⁷"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

⁸"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

⁹"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

¹⁰“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹“Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹²Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

SERMON

PR. ANDREW PATTY

HYMN OF THE DAY

Rise Up, O Saints of God!

ELW 669

Please stand for the final verse of the hymn.

1 Rise up, O saints of God! From vain am - bi - tions turn;
2 Speak out, O saints of God! De - spair en - gulf earth's frame;
3 Rise up, O saints of God! The king - dom's task em - brace;
4 Give heed, O saints of God! Cre - a - tion cries in pain;
5 Com - mit your hearts to seek the paths which Christ has trod;

Christ rose tri - um - phant that your hearts with no - bler zeal might burn.
as heirs of God's bap - tis - mal grace, the word of hope pro - claim.
re - dress sin's cru - el con - se - quence; give jus - tice larg - er place.
stretch forth your hand of heal - ing now, with love the weak sus - tain.
and, quick - ened by the Spir - it's pow'r, rise up, O saints of God!

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 Cultivate humility in your church. In gatherings of every size, here and at Christ Lutheran in Webster Groves and Our Savior Lutheran in Salem, Missouri, Gloria Dei Lutheran in Wichita, and Holy Cross Lutheran in Overland Park, Kansas, teach us to boast only in the cross. Shape your church to be people of kindness, generosity, and justice. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

A The foundations of the earth bear witness to your faithfulness; the mountains and hills echo with your holiness. When we mistreat your creation, show us the error of our ways. Inspire us with reverent awe to honor all you have made. 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 You make foolish the wisdom of the world. Raise up honorable leaders who seek justice, love mercy, and pursue peace. Frustrate plans that are corrupt, wicked, and self-seeking. Prosper the work of peacemakers. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

A Bless all whom the world rejects. Accompany those who are regarded as foolish, weak, low, and despised; reveal your power and presence at work where it is least expected. Give your life, strength, and wisdom to all in need, especially Mike Jackson, Curt Lewis, Peggy Buchholz, Linda Longren, Don O'Brien, and Martha Nemeth. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

A As with your people Israel, remind this congregation of your saving acts. Remind us how your faithfulness brought us through difficulties and sustained us despite our weaknesses. Establish the cross as the center of our life together. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

A Bring joy to those who celebrate this week. We pray for Collin Horton as he celebrates his birthday and for Mary Heald and Jeff Longren as they remember their baptisms. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

P Praise to you for your blessed saints in every time and place (*especially*). Trusting you accompanied them in poverty, persecution, and in every trial, we trust you abide with your people always. 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.

MEAL

OFFERING

OFFERTORY SONG

Please stand as you are able.

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your
pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -
store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,
and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

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.

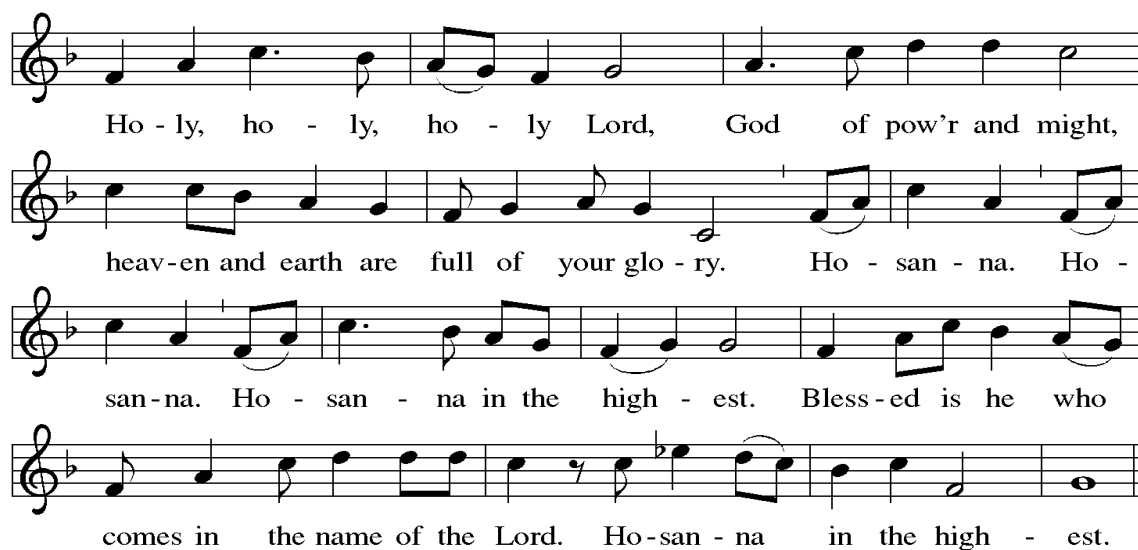
P Lift up your hearts.

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:

EUCCHARISTIC 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,



Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

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.



Amen, amen, amen.

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

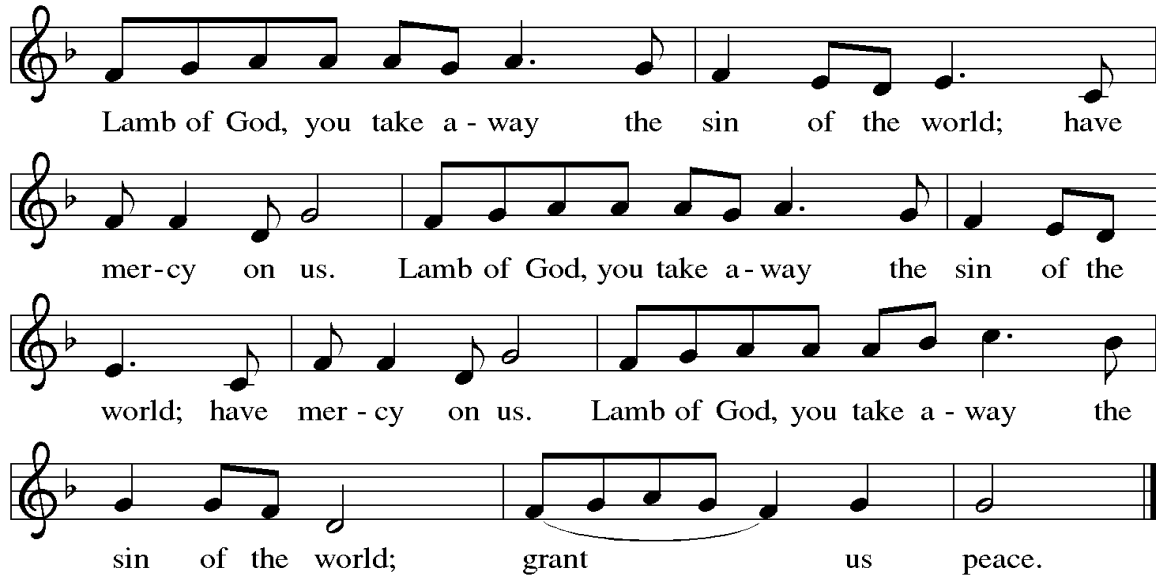
P Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

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!

Please be seated.

LAMB OF GOD

COMMUNION BLESSING

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

C **Amen.**

Please stand as you are able.

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



1 To be your pres-ence is our mis-sion here, to show com -
 2 To be your pres-ence is our mis-sion bold, to feed the
 3 To be your pres-ence is our mis-sion blest, to speak for
 4 We are your heart, O Christ, your hands and voice, to serve your

pas-sion's face and lis - t'ning ear, to be your heart of mer - cy
 poor and shel-ter home-less cold, to be your hands of jus - tice,
 all the bro-ken and op - pressed, to be your voice of hope, your
 peo - ple is our call and choice, and in this mis-sion we, the

ev - er near,
 right up - hold,
 love ex - pressed,
 church, re - joice,

al - le - lu - ia!

P The God who faithfully brings forth justice and breaks the oppressor's rod †
 bless, strengthen, and uphold you, today and always.

C Amen.

SENDING HYMN

To Be Your Presence

ELW 546

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, Jan. 29..... Children's Sunday School 9:45 AM
..... Worship with Holy Communion 10:30 AM
..... Coffee Hour..... after worship
Tues., Jan. 31 Quilters..... 9:00 AM
Sun., Feb. 5 Hymn Sing Along 10:15 AM
..... Worship with Holy Communion 10:30 AM
..... Coffee Hour..... after worship



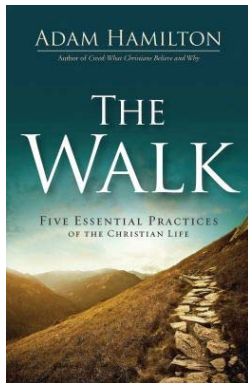
During coffee hour, please notice the directory pages displayed on some of the tables. Please take a look at your information and be sure it is complete and up to date. If there are any family members who should be added, please either contact Cindy in the office or note it on the margin of the pages. We would love to have email addresses and cell phone numbers if you use them and are willing to share.

We would like to have acolytes return to serving at worship, starting in February. Is there anyone who would like to serve, young or old? Kids from 10 to 100 would be welcome! We'll provide training!



Worship Assistants							
Date	Ushers	Musician	Lector	Altar Guild	Asst. Minister	Presiding Minister	Coffee Hosts
Jan. 29	Diane Bottorff, Marcy Carlson	Laurie Jackson	Marcy Carlson	Cindy McGinnis & Team 1	Ted Murphy	Pr Andrew Patty	Mike & Shelley Andrews
Feb. 5	Dean McGinnis, Ted Murphy		Bob Horton	Jane Lewis & Team 2	Bob Horton	Pr. Andrew Patty	
Feb 12	Duane Pomeroy, Howard Reece		Janelle Meredith	Jane Lewis & Team 2	Ted Murphy	Pr. Andrew Patty	
Feb. 19	Diane Bottorff, Marcy Carlson		LaVell Winsor	Jane Lewis & Team 2	Bob Horton	Pr. Andrew Patty	
Feb. 22 Ash Wed.	Curt Lewis, Dean McGinnis		Shelley Andrews	Jane Lewis & Team 2	Ted Murphy	Pr. Andrew Patty	
Feb. 26	Diane Bottorff, Marcy Carlson		Debbie Pomeroy	Jane Lewis & Team 2	Ted Murphy	Pr. Andrew Patty	

Children's Sunday School met this morning in the new Youth Room in Trinity Hall with a lesson plan from Messy Church that was fun and interactive for the kids. 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.



Our next adult Sunday school class will be February 12. We are reading and discussing **“The Walk: Five Essential Practices of the Christian Life”** by Adam Hamilton. 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.

OFFERING, ATTENDANCE, and FINANCIAL STATUS						
Date	General	Other	Total Weekly	Average Weekly	Weekly In-	Attendance/ Communion
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
Jan. 15	\$3,775.00	\$175.00	\$3,950.00	-\$2,761.27	\$1,188.73	30/25
Jan. 22	\$3,692.75	\$980.00	\$4,672.75	-\$2,761.27	\$1,911.48	33/31
			Income	Expense	Behind/	
		Nov. 2022	\$9,182.57	-\$15,599.53	-\$6,416.96	
		Jan. - Nov.	\$89,958.25	-\$137,420.01	-\$47,461.76	

As a cost-saving measure, it has been decided to end the offering envelope mailing program. Some of you receive these envelopes in the mail once a month. The mailings are scheduled one or two months in advance, so even though the program is now cancelled, you may still receive the green-bordered envelopes for February and possibly March. Go ahead and use them if you wish. Beyond that, feel free to use an envelope of your own or use one from the pew. Thanks.

Current Doorstep Needs ~ January 2023

Clothing Room Needs: (Gently Used, Not New)

- Clean Bed Pillows
- Small Appliances (toasters, coffee pots, hand mixers, etc.)
- Hand Can Openers
- Pots & Skillets
- King & Queen Size Sheets
- King, Queen, Full, & Twin Comforters & Blankets
- Size 5 & 6 Diapers
- Men's Jeans (Especially Sizes 30-38)
- Men's Gloves
- Men's Sweatpants (All Sizes)
- Men's Shirts / T-shirts (Need Sizes 3x – 6x Only)
- Women's Sweatpants (All Sizes)
- Boys Jeans (All Sizes)
- Boys Infant Pajamas (Sizes Newborn – 18mo)
- Girls Jeans (All Sizes)
- Girls Tops (Size 6)

Food Room Needs:

Dry Beans	Hamburger Helper	Peanut Butter
Canned Milk	Powdered Milk	Jelly
Oatmeal	Cold Cereal	Egg Noodles
Rice	Peas	Boxed Pastas
Spaghetti O's	Ravioli	Canned Beans
Macaroni & Cheese		

Special Items / Special Project:

We try to give new move-in kits for the Impact Avenue Homeless Families once they receive housing. We assist with bedding, towels, appliances, dishes, utensils, pillows, etc. once they are placed into housing. Items we like to include in the kits are listed below, and many can be found at Dollar Tree.

- Measuring Cups & Spoons
- Hand Can Openers
- Shower Curtain Liners & Rings
- Multi-use Cleaning Products (ex: Comet, all purpose cleaners)
- Frying Pan type Spatula
- Pizza or Cookie Sheets
- Dish Soap



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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*).

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