

Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Setting 2

Stir up your power, and come! The psalmist's plea in Psalm 80:2 has become familiar to us in the Advent prayers. Isaiah wants God to rip the heavens open. Both cry out for an apparently distant, angry God to show up, to save, to restore. When we hear Jesus describing the coming of the Son of Man with stars falling from heaven, it can sound dire and horrible, not like anything we would ever hope for. But when we really look at the suffering of people God loves, we can share the hope that God would tear open the heavens and come.

| HYMN SING ALONG | | | | |
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| ELW 265 | THE ANGEL GABRIEL FROM HEAVEN CAME | | | |
| ELW 245 | CREATOR OF THE STARS OF NIGHT | | | |
| ELW 263 | SAVIOR OF THE NATIONS, COME | | | |
| ELW 250 | BLESSED BE THE GOD OF ISRAEL | | | |
| ELW 239 | HARK, THE GLAD SOUND! | | | |
| | GATHERING | | | |

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

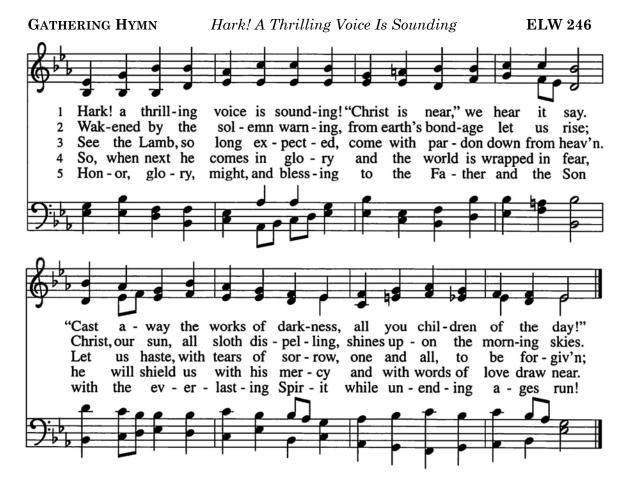
CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Please stand as you are able.

- P Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who opens the heavens and draws near to us with salvation.
- C Amen.
- P God is patient and merciful, desiring all to come to repentance. Trusting this promise of grace, let us confess our sin.
- C Amen.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

- P Everlasting God.
- C you love justice and you hate wrongdoing. We confess the fear, greed, and self-centeredness that make us reluctant to work against oppression. We are complicit in systems of exploitation. We choose comfort over courage. We are careless with creation's bounty. Look upon us with mercy. Turn our hearts again to you. Make us glad to do your will and to walk in your ways for the sake of our waiting world. Amen.
- P Hear these words of assurance: God clothes you with garments of salvation and covers you with robes of righteousness. In the tender compassion of ± Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. God's covenant is eternal, and God's blessing rests upon us all.
- C Amen.



LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

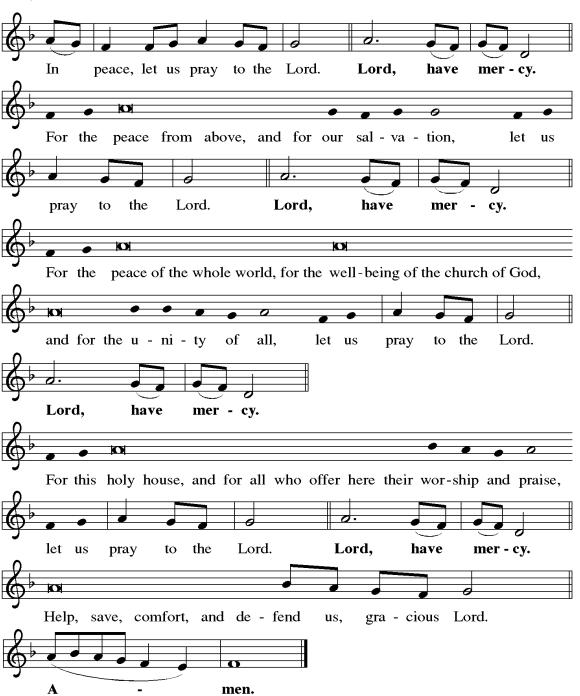
Advent One:

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

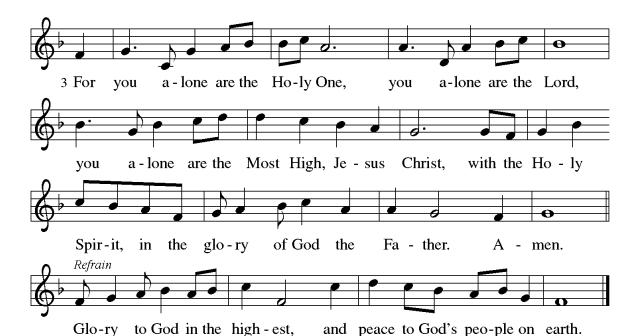
- P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C And also with you.





HYMN OF PRAISE





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 awaken us to the threatening dangers of our sins, and keep us blameless until the coming of your new day, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen. Please be seated.

WORD

FIRST READING: ISAIAH 64:1-9

¹O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence— ²as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boilto make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence! ³When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. ⁴From ages past no one has heard,

no ear has perceived.

no eye has seen any God besides you,

who works for those who wait for him.

⁵You meet those who gladly do right,

those who remember you in your ways.

But you were angry, and we sinned;

because you hid yourself we transgressed.

⁶We have all become like one who is unclean,

and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth.

We all fade like a leaf,

and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.

There is no one who calls on your name,

or attempts to take hold of you;

for you have hidden your face from us,

and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity.

⁸Yet, O LORD, you are our Father;

we are the clay, and you are our potter;

we are all the work of your hand.

⁹Do not be exceedingly angry, O LORD,

and do not remember iniquity forever.

Now consider, we are all your people.

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

PSALM 80:1-7, 17-19

Sung responsively



¹Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph | like a flock;

shine forth, you that are enthroned up- | on the cherubim.

²In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, | and Manasseh, stir up your strength and | come to help us.

³Restore | us, O God;

let your face shine upon us, and we | shall be saved.

4O LORD God of hosts,

how long will your anger fume when your | people pray?

⁵You have fed them with the | bread of tears;

you have given them bowls of | tears to drink.

⁶You have made us the derision | of our neighbors, and our enemies laugh | us to scorn.

⁷Restore us, O | God of hosts;

let your face shine upon us, and we | shall be saved.

¹⁷Let your hand be upon the one at | your right hand, the one you have made so strong | for yourself.

¹⁸And so will we never turn a- | way from you;

give us life, that we may call up- | on your name.

¹⁹Restore us, O LORD God of hosts;

let your face shine upon us, and we | shall be saved.

SECOND READING: 1ST CORINTHIANS 1:3-9

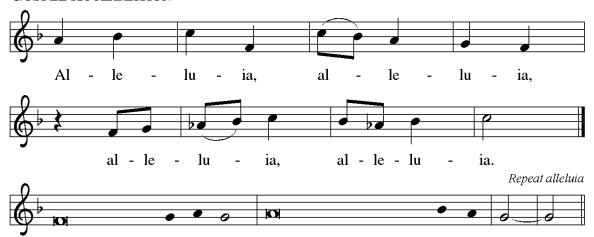
³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

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.

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



P The Holy Gospel, according to Mark, the thirteenth chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL: MARK 13:24-37

Jesus said: ²⁴"In those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, ²⁵and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

²⁶Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great power and glory. ²⁷Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

²⁸"From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. ²⁹So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. ³⁰Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. ³¹Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

³²"But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³³Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. ³⁴It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. ³⁵Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, ³⁶or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. ³⁷And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake."

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 With hope and expectation, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all who await God's day of restoration.

A brief silence.

A Call your church into holy fellowship as we await the restoration of all things. Reenergize your faithful people to live with hope and compassion, especially those who serve as missionaries near and far. Center us on your promise to come among us and make all things new. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

A All creation signals your presence, O God: the vastness of the cosmos, the turn of the seasons, and living things that both rest and flourish. Rekindle our commitment to care for the earth. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

A In the name of Jesus, we pray for safety from violence to those living in areas of war. We lift the German Evangelical Lutheran Church in the Ukraine, the Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Urals, Siberia and the Far East, and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land to you in prayer as they face these times of conflict. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

A Let the nations tremble at your holy presence, that justice and liberation prevail in all corners of the earth. Restore peace to nations in conflict, teach right-eousness to corrupt leaders and systems, and bring stability to areas facing uncertain futures. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

A Enrich the spirits of all who feel hopeless, fearful, or despairing. Stay close to those who await healing or relief, especially Peggy Buchholz, Naomi Walker, Linda Longren, David McGinnis, and Martha Nemeth. Deliver all in any need. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

A Be with those who keep awake at night: nurses working overnight shifts, caregivers of newborns and aging adults, stargazers, those who are anxious, or those who are traveling. Reveal to all that the dark can be a place of calm and comfort filled with your presence. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

A With joy, we pray for Junior Utech as he celebrates his birthday, and for Julie Reeves, Peggy Buchholz, and Junior Utech as they remember their baptisms. Merciful God.

C receive our prayer.

A Let us join in prayer with the Gathering Table in Kansas City and the Lutheran School of Theology in St. Louis, Missouri, St. John Lutheran in Bird City and Salem Lutheran in Lenexa, Kansas. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

P You have sent out your angels and gathered your faithful people from every time and place, calling them into one fellowship of saints. Bless the witness of those who dwell in your eternal presence. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

P Listen to these and all our prayers, O God of hosts, and restore us with your great and everlasting mercy.

C Amen.

THE PEACE

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C And also with you.

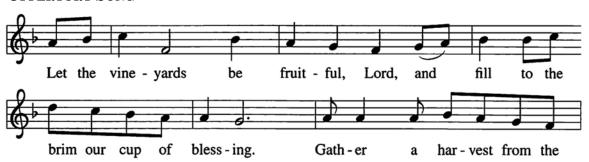
 $Let \ us \ greet \ one \ another \ with \ God's \ peace.$

Please be seated.

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

OFFERING

OFFERTORY SONG

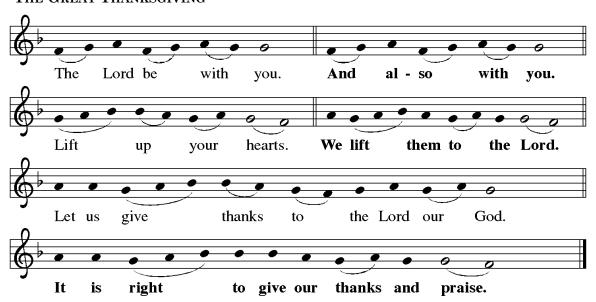




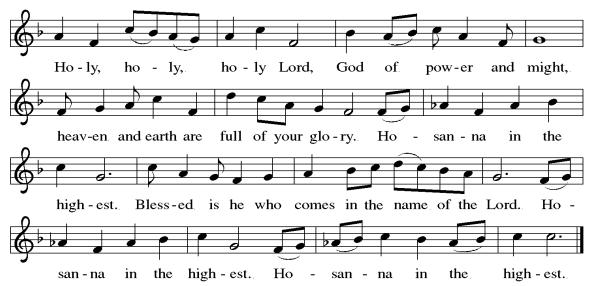
OFFERTORY PRAYER

- A God our provider, by your merciful hand abundance springs up from the earth. Receive and bless these gifts of your own bounty. Let them be a sign of your steadfast love and faithfulness for all people, through Jesus Christ our Savior.
- C Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



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.

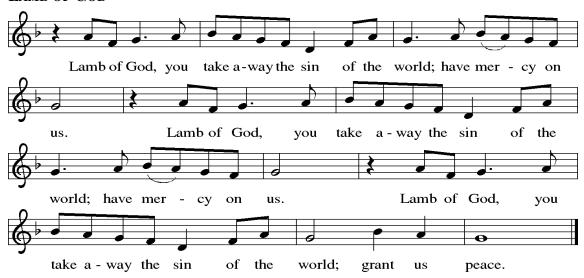
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

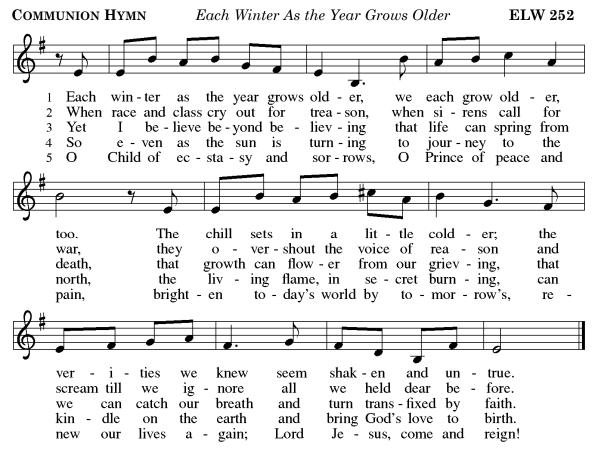
INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P In this meal, righteousness and peace meet together. Come, take your place at the table.

All are welcome to join us at the Lord's table. White grape juice is available as an alternative to wine. Everyone is invited forward to receive communion or a blessing. Hands cupped open indicate an openness to receive communion; hands closed reflect a desire to receive a blessing. We have gluten-free communion wafers available. If gluten-free is your preference, please let the pastor know when you are at the communion rail.

LAMB OF GOD

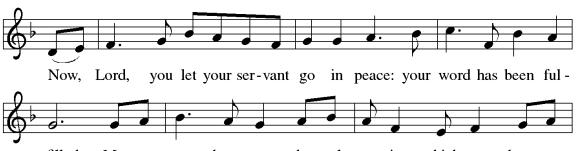




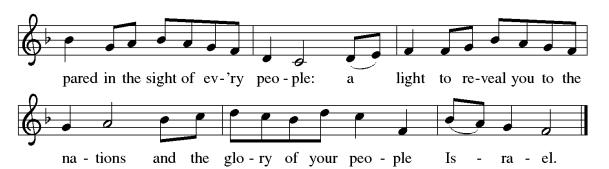
COMMUNION BLESSING

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

C Amen.



filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which you have pre -



PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

- A Generous God, in bread and cup you have revealed your glory for all people to see together. Nourished by this meal, send us out to proclaim your good news of liberation and release, brought to birth in Jesus Christ our Savior.
- C Amen.

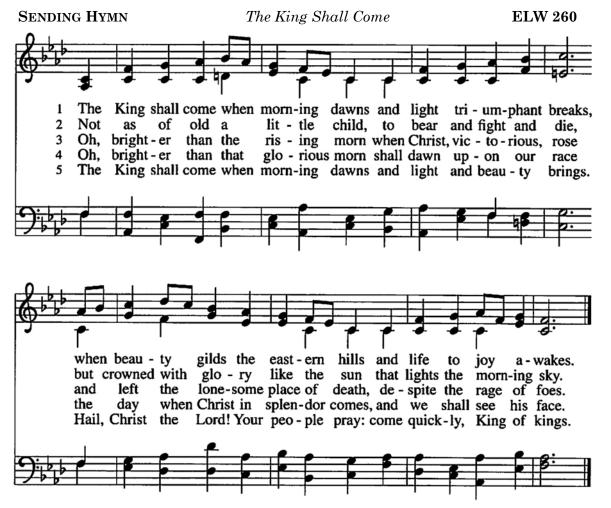
SENDING PRAYER FOR COMMUNION KITS

- P Gracious God, loving all your family with a parent's tender care: As you sent the angel to feed Elijah with heavenly bread, assist us in this ministry on which we are sent forth. In your love and care, nourish and strengthen those to whom we bring this sacrament, that through the body and blood of your Son we all may know the comfort of your abiding presence.
- C Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

- P The God of peace bless you, the love of Christ sustain you in hope, and the anointing of the Spirit + remain upon you now and forever.
- C Amen.



DISMISSAL

- A Go in peace. Keep awake.
- 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.



We offer a special thank you to Pastor Jennifer
Thomas for serving at worship today. She is serving in place of Pr. Barb who is with an ill family member today.

| UPCOMING EVENTS AT TRINITY |
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| Today, Dec. 31st Sunday of Advent |
| Hymn Sing Along |
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| Coffee Hourafter worship |
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| Sun., Dec. 10 |
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| Coffee Hour after worship |
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The quilting group will resume meeting shortly after the first of the year. Please be sure to read the Doorstep newsletter that I shared via email, there is a nice thankyou to our quilt group for the 25 quilts they donated to Doorstep to include in gifts for the families they adopt for Christmas.

| Worship Assistants | | | | | | | | |
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| Date | Acolytes | Ushers | Musician | Lector | Altar Guild | Asst. Minister | Presiding Minister | Coffee Hosts |
| Dec. 3 | Cindy McGinnis | Curt Lewis, Ted Murphy | Mitchell Bean | Diane Bottorff | Pam Kobbeman & Team 3 | Bob Horton | Pr. Jennifer Thomas | Diane Bottorff |
| Dec. 10 | Parker Jackson | Duane Pomeroy, Howard Reece | Laurie Jackson | Marcy Carlson | Pam Kobbeman & Team 3 | Ted Murphy | Pr. Barbara Jones | |
| Dec. 17 | Brayden Winsor | Diane Bottorff, Bob Horton | | LaVell Winsor | Pam Kobbeman & Team 3 | Marcy Carlson | Pr. Barbara Jones | Marilyn Heckman |
| Dec. 24 | Ted Murphy | Marcy Carlson, | | Debbie Pomeroy | Pam Kobbeman & Team 3 | Bob Horton | Pr. Barbara Jones | |
| Dec. 31 | Laurie Jackson | Dean McGinnis, Duane Pomeroy | | Loni Reece | Pam Kobbeman & Team 3 | Ted Mur- phy | Dave Mareske | |

| OFFERING, ATTENDANCE, and FINANCIAL STATUS | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Date | General | Other | Total Weekly Income | Average Weekly | Weekly Income Minus Average | Attendance/ Communion | | | | |
| Oct. 29 | \$745.00 | \$289.00 | \$1,034.00 | -\$1,653.85 | -\$619.85 | 37/32 | | | | |
| Nov. 5 | \$2,657.99 | \$0.00 | \$2,657.99 | -\$1,653.85 | \$1,004.14 | 36/34 | | | | |
| Nov. 12 | \$1,279.00 | \$279.00 | \$1,558.00 | -\$1,653.85 | -\$95.85 | 26/25 | | | | |
| Nov. 19 | \$2,820.00 | \$473.00 | \$3,293.00 | -\$1,653.85 | \$1,639.15 | 34/30 | | | | |
| | | | | Expense | | | | | | |
| | | Oct. 2023 | \$9,827.00 | -\$12,261.28 | -\$2,434.28 | | | | | |
| | | Jan Oct. | \$133,780.52 | -\$128,555.76 | \$5,224.76 | | | | | |



Be sure to join us at 10:15 today for your chance to sing some of your favorite hymns.

The next date is January 7th.





WELCOME

Next Sunday, December 10th, please join us for the 2nd Sunday of Advent and give a warm welcome to our bridge pastor, Pastor Barbara Jones

Pastor Barb Jones

A cradle-Lutheran, Rev. Barbara Jones began her work in the church at First Lutheran in Maquoketa, IA as a teen-aged organist. Earning a BA in Christian Education from Wartburg College, she then taught at St. Paul's Lutheran Day School in Michigan City, IN. Twenty-nine years she was in Pella, IA, raising her three daughters, teaching kindergarten/first grade and being a church musician at Peace Lutheran. Barb finally heeded the life-long call to ordained ministry by earning an MDiv from Wartburg Theological Seminary. Currently on-leave from call, Barb is working part-time at the Central States Synod office and is doing occasional pulpit supply. She loves being Nana to her five grandchildren, all in the KC Metro.

Doorstep Christmas Project ~ 2023

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 12/8/23)

Blankets - Queen & King Only (NO THROWS) 🛮 📤 Tools Sets

King Size Sheet Sets

Cologne/Perfume Sets

Silverware Sets ~ Dish Sets ~ Kitchen Utensil Sets

▶ Nerf Guns ~ Lego Sets ~ Learning Toys like Vtech

Family Board Games & Puzzles

A Men's Body Care Sets (Axe)

Any type of KC Chiefs décor, hoodies, etc. Sauce Pans & Skillets

Hoodies - Sizes Med-4X (Men/Wmn/Teen) A variety of colors, designs, plain

Money for Gift Cards & Food



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 ~ \$20 gift cards per person in the household.

Volunteer Opportunities:

Tuesday, December 12th ~ Opportunities from 8:30am – 12:30pm and 12:30pm – 5:30pm. (Lunch provided)

Wednesday, December 13th ~ Opportunities available from: 8:30am - 1:30pm, 1:30pm - 4:30pm and 4:30pm - 7:30pm. (Lunch & Dinner provided)

Thursday, December 14th ~ Opportunities available from 8:30am - 12:30pm and 12:30pm - 5:30pm. (Lunch provided)

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.

Clothing Room Needs

(Gently Used, Not New)

Clothing

- Men's jeans (all sizes)
- Kid's winter clothing (all sizes)
- Winter coats, hats & gloves (all sizes for men, women, & children)

Bedding

- Blankets & Comforters (All Sizes)
- Sheet Sets (Twin, Queen, & King)
- Clean Bed Pillows

Hygiene Items (Full-Size):

- Shampoo & Conditioner
- Bar Soap
- Razors
- Toothbrushes & Toothpaste
- Body Wash
- Deodorant
- Brushes & Combs

Food Room Needs

The need for food for our neighbors has increased dramatically. This year, we have spent \$38,000 on food to keep our shelves stocked (we projected only \$8,000 being needed), and may very well spend \$50,000 or more by year end. We have already exceeded the total number of households assisted with food in 2022 by 448 households, 1,135 individuals and 13,770 pounds, and we have another 3 months until year-end! Currently, we are in need of the following items:

- Beans, Canned & Dried
- Peanut Butter
- Egg Noodles
- Milk, Canned & Powdered
- Oatmeal
- Soups, Chicken Noodle, Vegetable, Cream of Mushroom
- Tuna
- Boxed Potatoes

- Peas
- Pasta, Boxed Pasta, Spaghetti, Spaghetti O's, Macaroni & Cheese, Ravioli
- Canned Beans
- Pork & Beans
- Canned Fruit
- Hand Can Openers
- Pancake Mix

Donations Accepted Monday - Friday, 9am - 2pm

Use the South Door

Please Do Not Leave donations outside our building when we are closed. It becomes a parking lot mess.



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OFFICE HOURS

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

Together in Community

Living with Christ

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

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