STUFF JESUS SAID

When I was hungry, you gave me something to eat, and when I was thirsty, you gave me something to drink. When I was a stranger, you welcomed me, and when I was naked, you gave me clothes to wear. When I was sick, you took care of me, and when I was in jail, you visited me.

Matthew25:35-36

Christ the King Sunday

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Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Setting 3

On this final Sunday of the church year our gospel is Jesus' great story of judgment. In the end, the faithful are those who served Christ by ministering to those who are poor, hungry, naked, sick, or estranged. In the first reading God is the shepherd who seeks the lost, weak, and injured and feeds them with justice. We gather this day to celebrate the reign of Christ and his victory over death, yet we await the consummation of all things yet to come. Acknowledging Christ as our merciful ruler, we go forth that his reign may be known in our loving words and deeds.

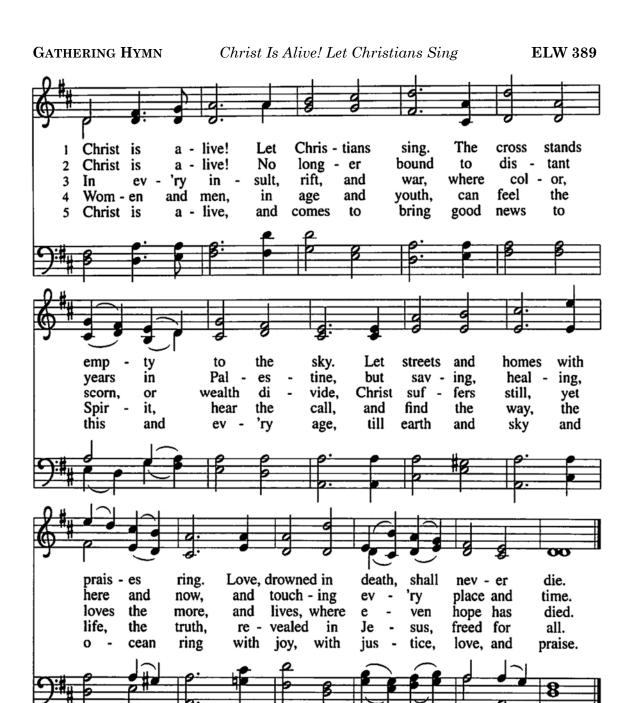
PRELUDE

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** Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. *Silence for reflection and self-examination.*
- P Gracious God,
- C have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. 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.



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



HYMN OF PRAISE





PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- P Let us pray.

O God of power and might, your Son shows us the way of service, and in him we inherit the riches of your grace. Give us the wisdom to know what is right and the strength to serve the world you have made, 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: EZEKIEL 34:11-16, 20-24

¹¹Thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. 12As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. ¹³I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. ¹⁴I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. ¹⁵I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord GOD. ¹⁶I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice. ²⁰Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. ²¹Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, ²²I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep. ²³I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. 24And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the LORD, have spoken.

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

PSALM 95:1-7A

Sung responsively



¹Come, let us sing | to the LORD;

let us shout for joy to the rock of | our salvation.

²Let us come before God's presence | with thanksgiving and raise a loud shout to the | LORD with psalms.

³For you, LORD, | are a great God,

and a great ruler a- | bove all gods.

⁴In your hand are the caverns | of the earth; the heights of the hills are | also yours.

⁵The sea is yours, | for you made it,

and your hands have molded | the dry land.

⁶Come, let us worship | and bow down,

let us kneel before the | LORD our maker.

^{7a}For the LORD is our God,

and we are the people of God's pasture and the sheep of God's hand.

SECOND READING: EPHESIANS 1:15-23

¹⁵I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason ¹⁶I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. ¹⁷I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, ¹⁸so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, ¹⁹and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. ²⁰God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. ²²And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, ²³which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

- 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 Matthew, the twenty-fifth chapter.
- C Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 25:31-46

Jesus said to the disciples: ³¹"When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. ³²All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, ³³and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. ³⁴Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; ³⁵for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, ³⁶I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' ³⁷Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that

we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? ³⁸And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? ³⁹And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' ⁴⁰And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family you did it to me.' ⁴¹Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; ⁴²for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, ⁴³I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' ⁴⁴Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?' ⁴⁵Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' ⁴⁶And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

SERMON PR. MICHAEL HAAR

HYMN OF THE DAY

For the Fruit of All Creation

ELW 679

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 Let us turn our hearts to God, our breath and life, as we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

A Holy God, from Christ we receive our call to feed, clothe, and welcome. Direct your church to respond to this call with faithfulness and generous love. We pray for the work of ELCA World Hunger and partnerships with global feeding ministries. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A In Christ, the rock of our salvation, we are brought into union with all of creation. With mountains, seas, dry lands, and animals of the field, we seek your guidance and protection. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A In Christ 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. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A In Christ we know merciful judgment. Guide rulers of every nation in ways of humble leadership and wise decision-making. Allow aid to come to all who are underserved and care to any who are neglected. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A In Christ we feel the depth of your love and care toward us. Nourish all who hunger, connect any who are isolated, and surround all who experience rejection or abuse. We pray for those who suffer, especially Peggy Buchholz, Naomi Walker, Linda Longren, David McGinnis, and Martha Nemeth. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A In Christ we are made the people of his pasture. Inspire the outreach and social ministries of this congregation. We pray for all people who serve and attend to the needs of others. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A In Christ we pray for Debbie Pomeroy as she celebrates her birthday. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A In Christ we join in prayer with St. James Lutheran in Kansas City, Missouri, Our Saviors Lutheran in Topeka, St. Mark Lutheran in Emporia, and First Lutheran in Manhattan, Kansas. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

P Holy God, in Christ we are welcomed home. We praise you for the faithful witness of those who have served you and extended your welcome and love to us. Unite us with them as one body of Christ. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

P We offer our spoken prayers and those held in our hearts trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

THE PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

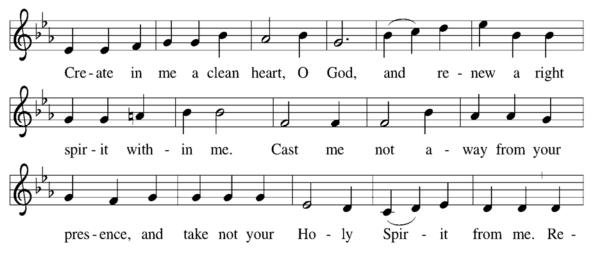
C And also with you.

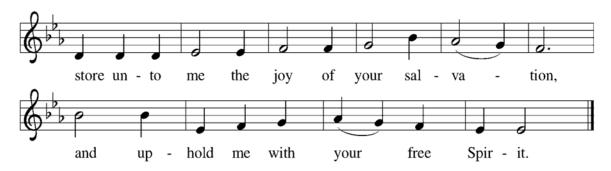
Let us greet one another with God's peace.

Please be seated.

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

OFFERING OFFERTORY SONG





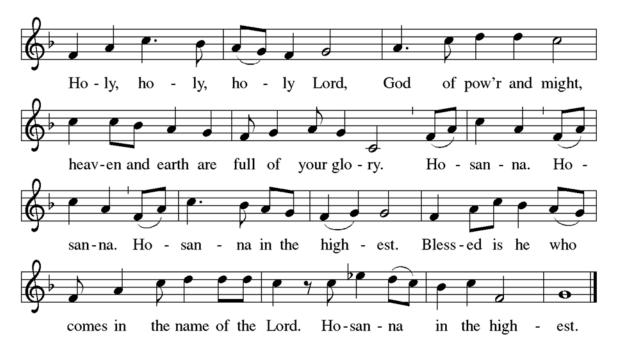
OFFERTORY PRAYER

A God of all goodness, generations have turned to you, gathered around your table, and shared your abundant blessings. Number us among them that, as we gather these gifts from your abundance, and give thanks for your rich blessings, we may feast upon your very self and care for all that you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Servant.

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 witness of your saints you show us the hope of our calling and strengthen us to run the race set before us, that we may delight in your mercy and rejoice with them in glory. And so, with all the saints, with the choirs of angels and all 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.

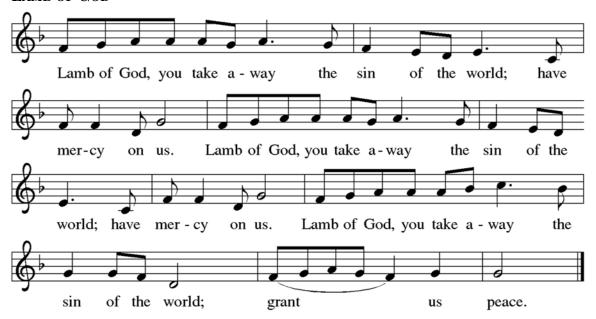
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P There is a place for you at the banquet. Come and feast at Jesus' 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





- 5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight; thine unction grace bestoweth; and, oh, what transport of delight from thy pure chalice floweth!
- 6 And so, through all the length of days, thy goodness faileth never. Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise within thy house forever.

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 Lord Jesus, in this simple meal you have set a banquet. Sustain us on the journey, strengthen us to care for the least of your beloved children, and give us glad and generous hearts as we meet you on the way.
- C Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

- P May the God of all creation, in whose image we are made, who claims us and calls us beloved, who strengthens us for service, give you reason to rejoice and be glad! The blessing of God, Sovereign, + Savior, and Spirit, be with you today and always.
- C Amen.

SENDING HYMN

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

ELW 634



- 5 Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe on this terrestrial ball to him all majesty ascribe and crown him Lord of all.
- 6 Oh, that with yonder sacred throng we at his feet may fall! We'll join the everlasting song and crown him Lord of all.

DISMISSAL

- A Beloved of God, go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
- 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.



Thank You! We offer a special thank you to Pastor Michael Haar for serving at worship today.

	UPCOMING EVENTS AT TRINITY	
Today, Nov. 26		
	Children's Sunday School	9:45 AM
	Worship with Holy Communion	10:30 AM
	Taco Bar	after worship
	Sanctuary Christmas Decorating	
Tues., Nov. 28	Quilters	9:30 AM
	TLHA meeting	7:00 PM
Sun., Dec. 3		



Be sure to join us at 10:15 on the first Sunday of each month for your chance to sing some of your favorite hymns.

The next date is December 3.



Worship Assistants									
Date	Acolytes	Ushers	Musician	Lector	Altar Guild	Asst. Minister	Presiding Minister	Coffee Hosts	
Nov. 26	Curt Lewis, Ella Bosch	Bob Horton, Dean McGinnis	Mitchell Bean	Shelley Andrews	Janice Greenlee & Team 2	Marcy Carlson	Pr. Michael Haar	Dean McGinnis	
Dec. 3	Cindy McGinnis	Curt Lewis, Ted Murphy		Diane Bottorff	Pam Kobbeman & Team 3	Bob Horton	Pr. Barbara Jones		
Dec. 10	Parker Jackson	Duane Pomeroy, Howard Reece		Marcy Carlson	Pam Kobbeman & Team 3	Ted Murphy	Pr. Barbara Jones		
Dec. 17	LaVell Winsor	Diane Bottorff, Bob		LaVell Winsor	Pam Kobbeman & Team 3	Marcy Carlson	Pr. Barbara Jones		

OFFERING, ATTENDANCE, and FINANCIAL STATUS								
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			



Next Sunday, December 3rd, please join us for the 1st Sunday of Advent and give a warm welcome to our bridge pastor, Rev.

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

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*).

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