

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT
MARCH 17, 2024

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Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Setting 4

God promises Jeremiah that a “new covenant” will be made in the future: a covenant that will allow all the people to know God by heart. The church sees this promise fulfilled in Christ, who draws all people to himself when he is lifted up on the cross. Our baptismal covenant draws us to God’s heart through Christ and draws God’s love and truth into our hearts. We join together in worship, sharing in word, song, and meal, and leave strengthened to share God’s love with all the world.

PRELUDE

GATHERING

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Please stand as you are able.

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who writes the law on our hearts, who draws all people together through Jesus.

C **Amen.**

P Held in God’s mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Holy God,

C **we confess that we are caught in snares of sin and cannot break free. We hoard resources while our neighbors are hungry and cold. We speak in ways that silence others. We are silent when we should speak up. We keep score in our hearts. We let hurts grow into hatred. For all these things and for sins only you know, forgive us, Lord. Amen.**

P Here is a flood of grace: Out of love for the whole world, God draws near to us, breaks every snare of sin, washes away our wrongs, and restores the promise of life through ☩ Jesus Christ.

C **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN

My Song Is Love Unknown

ELW 343

1 My song is love un-known, my Sav-ior's love to
 2 He came from his blest throne sal-va-tion to be-
 3 Some-times we strew his way and his sweet prais-es
 4 We cry out, we will have our dear Lord made a -

me, love to the love-less shown that they might
 stow; the world that was his own would not its
 sing; re-sound-ing all the day ho-san-nas
 way, a mur-der-er to save, the prince of

love-ly be. Oh, who am I that
 Sav-ior know. But, oh, my friend, my
 to our king. Then "Cru-ci-fy!" is
 life to slay. Yet cheer-ful he to

for my sake my Lord should take frail flesh and die?
 friend in-deed, who at my need his life did spend!
 all our breath, and for his death we thirst and cry.
 suf-f'ring goes that he his foes from thence might free.

5 In life no house, no home
 my Lord on earth might have;
 in death no friendly tomb
 but what a stranger gave.
 What may I say? Heav'n was his home
 but mine the tomb wherein he lay.

6 Here might I stay and sing—
 no story so divine!
 Never was love, dear King,
 never was grief like thine.
 This is my friend, in whose sweet praise
 I all my days could gladly spend!

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

A In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

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

C Lord, have mercy.

A 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.

C Lord, have mercy.

A For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

O God, with steadfast love you draw us to yourself, and in mercy you receive our prayers. Strengthen us to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit, that through life and death we may live in your Son, 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: JEREMIAH 31:31-34

³¹The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³²It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. ³³But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the LORD,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM 51:1-12

Spoken responsively

¹Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;
in your great compassion blot out my offenses.

²**Wash me through and through from my wickedness,
and cleanse me from my sin.**

³For I know my offenses,
and my sin is ever before me.

⁴**Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight;
so you are justified when you speak and right in your judgment.**

⁵Indeed, I was born steeped in wickedness,
a sinner from my mother's womb.

⁶**Indeed, you delight in truth deep within me,
and would have me know wisdom deep within.**

⁷Remove my sins with hyssop, and I shall be clean;
wash me, and I shall be purer than snow.

⁸**Let me hear joy and gladness;
that the body you have broken may rejoice.**

⁹Hide your face from my sins,
and blot out all my wickedness.

¹⁰**Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.**

¹¹Cast me not away from your presence,
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.

¹²**Restore to me the joy of your salvation
and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.**

SECOND READING: HEBREWS 5:5-10

⁵Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him,

“You are my Son,
today I have begotten you”;

⁶as he says also in another place,

“You are a priest forever,
according to the order of Melchizedek.”

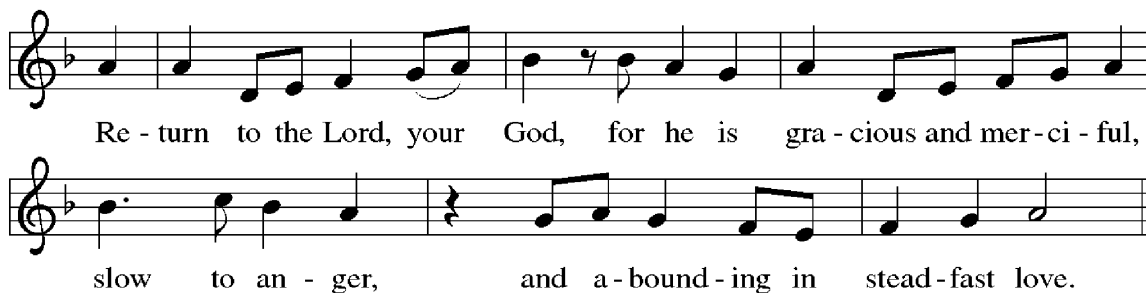
⁷In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. ⁸Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; ⁹and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, ¹⁰having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

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 John, the twelfth chapter.

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

GOSPEL: JOHN 12:20-33

²⁰Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. ²¹They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." ²²Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. ²³Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. ²⁵Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor. ²⁷"Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—"Father, save me from this hour"? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. ²⁸Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." ²⁹The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him." ³⁰Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. ³¹Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. ³²And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." ³³He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Please be seated.

SERMON

PR. BARBARA JONES

HYMN OF THE DAY

Now the Green Blade Rises

ELW 379

Please stand for the final verse of the hymn.



1 Now the green blade ris - es from the bur - ied grain,
2 In the grave they laid him, love by ha - tred slain,
3 Forth he came at Eas - ter like the ris - en grain,
4 When our hearts are win - try, griev - ing, or in pain,



wheat that in dark earth man - y days has lain;
think - ing that he would nev - er wake a - gain,
he that for three days in the grave had lain;
your touch can call us back to life a - gain,



love lives a - gain, that with the dead has been;
laid in the earth like grain that sleeps un - seen;
raised from the dead, my liv - ing Lord is seen;
fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been;



love is come a - gain like wheat a - ris - ing green.

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 Trusting in God's promise to reconcile all things, let us pray for the church, the well-being of creation, and a world in need.

A brief silence.

A God of the covenant, through the church you draw us into community. We give thanks for the means of grace around which we gather. Inspire writers, musicians, and artists whose creative gifts adorn our worship. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A God of all that exists, you lavish the earth with extravagant beauty. Preserve the complex diversity of living things. Support local, national, and international efforts to protect the environment for future generations. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A God of the nations, you desire peace and plenty for all people. Defend those who challenge oppression and expose corruption. Support advocates for human rights, social justice, and the welfare of children. We pray especially for 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. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A God of every time and place, you are with us. Move us to reach out to any who are homebound, lonely, grieving, in treatment, or ill, especially Peggy Buchholz, Naomi Walker, Linda Longren, David McGinnis, Liz Utech, and Martha Nemeth. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A God of comfort, you hold us in your hands. We offer prayers of peace for the family of Joe Gonzalez, father of Sarah Gonzalez, Pr. Barb's daughter-in-law. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A God of openness, you teach us to pray together. Increase our love for you and for one another as we pray for St. Paul Lutheran Church in Galatia, Kansas, All Saints Lutheran Church in Blue Springs, and Trinity Lutheran Church in Russellville, Missouri. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A God of life, you give us joy. We pray for Carol Marker as she celebrates her birthday and for Jane Lewis and Diane Bottorff as they remember their baptisms. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

P God of promise, we give thanks for the saints whose faith inspires us. Grant us faith to trust in your everlasting love. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

P Accompany us on our journey, God of grace, and receive the prayers of our hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

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.

MEAL

OFFERING

OFFERTORY SONG

Please stand as you are able.



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the
brim our cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the
seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.
Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the
prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence,
and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

A Jesus, you are the bread of life and the host of this meal. Bless these gifts that we have gathered that all people may know your goodness. Feed us not only with this holy food but with hunger for justice and peace. We pray this in your name.

C Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

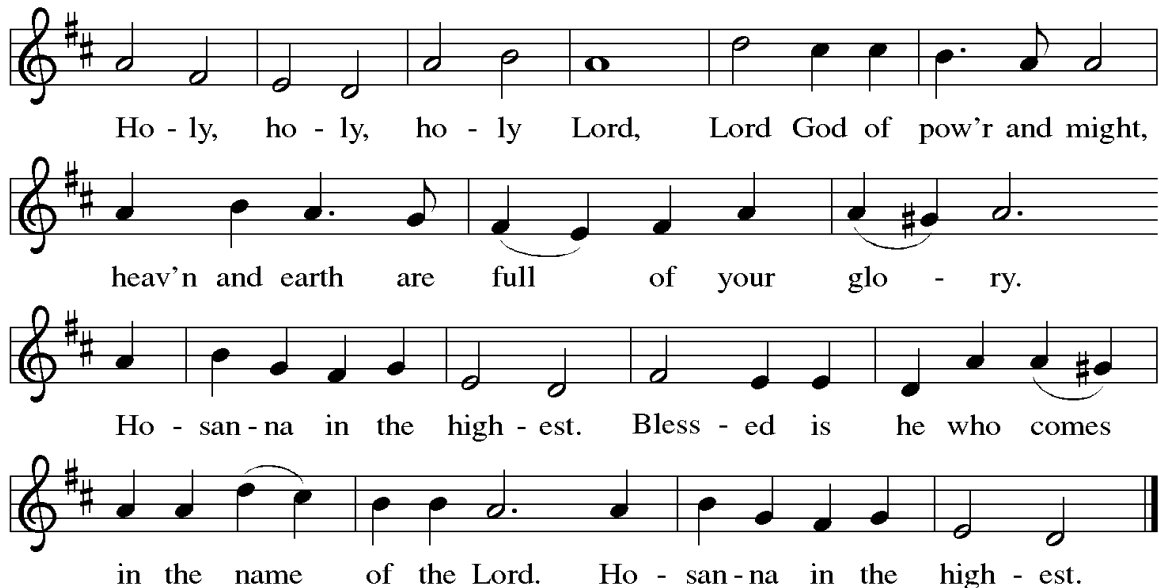
P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. You call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast, that, renewed in the gift of baptism, we may come to the fullness of your grace. 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:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

EUCCHARISTIC 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 Bread for the journey. A feast for hungry hearts. Come!

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.

Please be seated.

LAMB OF GOD

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on
us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.



1 A lamb goes un - com - plain-ing forth to save a world of sin - ners.
 2 This lamb is Christ, our great-est friend, the Lamb of God, our Sav - ior,
 3 Our Sav - ior an - swered from his heart that he would take the bur - den:
 4 Of death I am no more a - fraid; your dy - ing is my liv - ing.



He bears the bur - den all a - lone, dies shorn of all his hon - ors.
 whom God in mer - cy chose to send to win us reb - els o - ver.
 "My Fa - ther's will is my com-mand; I'll do as I am bid - den."
 You clothe me in your roy - al robes that you are al - ways giv - ing.



He goes to slaugh - ter, weak and faint, is led to die with -
 "Go down, my child," the Fa - ther said, "and free my chil - dren
 Oh, won-drous love! Oh, lov - ing might! To right what mor - tals
 Your love is dress e - nough for me to wear through all e -



out com-plaint; his spot-less life he of - fers. He bears the shame,
 from their dread of death and con-dem - na - tion. The pain - ful stripes
 can - not right the Son was sent from heav-en. What love, O Love,
 ter - ni - ty be - fore the throne of heav-en, where we shall stand



the stripes, the wrath; his an - guish, mock - er - y,
 are hard to bear, but by your death they all
 who came to save by lov - ing e - ven to
 close by your side, your church, the well - ap - point -



and death for us he glad - ly suf - fers.
 can share the joy of your sal - va - tion."
 ed grave un - til the stone was riv - en.
 bride, when all the faith - ful gath - er.

COMMUNION BLESSING*Please stand as you are able.*

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

C **Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A Generous God, at this table we have tasted your immeasurable grace. As grains of wheat are gathered into one bread, now make us one loaf to feed the world; in the name of Jesus, the Bread of life.

C **Amen.**

SENDING

BLESSING

P Beloved, we are God's own people, holy, washed, renewed. God bless you and keep you, shower you with mercy, fill you with courage, and ☩ give you peace.

C **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN*Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing***ELW 545**

The musical score is written for a two-part setting (Soprano and Bass) in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line of each system.

1 Lord, dis - miss us with your bless-ing, fill our hearts with joy and peace;
2 Thanks we give and ad - o - ra - tion for your gos - pel's joy - ful sound.
3 Sav - ior, when your love shall call us from our strug - gling pil - grim way,

let us each, your love pos - sess-ing, tri - umph in re - deem-ing grace.
May the fruits of your sal - va - tion in our hearts and lives a - bound.
let no fear of death ap - pall us, glad your sum - mons to o - bey.

Oh, re - fresh us; oh, re - fresh us, trav - 'ling through this wil - der - ness.
Ev - er faith - ful, ev - er faith - ful to your truth may we be found.
May we ev - er, may we ev - er reign with you in end - less day.

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Share your bread.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Welcome to worship at Trinity!
Thank you for joining us for worship.
We hope that you found the Spirit of God in our midst. If you are interested in becoming a member of Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, or have other questions, please contact the church office at 785.233.0767.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT TRINITY

Today, Mar. 17Community Relations meeting.....9:30 AM
.....Worship with Holy Communion..... 10:30 AM
.....Coffee Hour after worship
Mon., Mar. 18April Trinity Tidings deadline
Tues., Mar. 19..... Quilters9:30 AM
Wed., Mar. 20 Lenten Worship @ Trinity Noon
..... Soup Supper @ Our Saviors 5:30 PM
..... Lenten Worship @ Our Saviors 6:15 PM
Sun., Mar. 24Palm Sunday.....
.....Children's Sunday School..... 9:45 AM
.....Worship with Holy Communion..... 10:30 AM
.....Coffee Hour after worship

Lenten Services

March 20th – “Works of Love” John 4:9-12

12:00 noon Trinity with Pr Merle

5:30 pm Our Saviors - Soup Supper 6:15 pm Our Saviors with Pr Merle



POTLUCK EASTER BREAKFAST

9 - 10 AM.

Everyone is asked to bring a favorite breakfast item to share.
Coffee and other drinks will be provided as well as table service.

Worship Assistants								
Date	Acolytes	Ushers	Musician	Lector	Altar Guild	Asst. Minister	Presiding Minister	Coffee Hosts
Mar. 17	Laurie Jackson	Dean McGinnis, Duane Pomeroy	Laurie Jackson	Debbie Pomeroy	Donna Allen & Team 3	Bob Horton	Pr. Barb Jones	Janelle Meredith & Charlotte O'Brien
Mar. 24	Curt Lewis, Ella Bosch	Ted Murphy, Bob Horton	Mitchell Bean	Loni Reece	Donna Allen & Team 3	Marcy Carlson	Pr. Barb Jones	Carol Marker

OFFERING, ATTENDANCE, and FINANCIAL STATUS						
Date	General	Other	Total Weekly Income	Average Weekly Expense	Weekly Income Minus Average Weekly Expense	Attendance/ Communion
Feb 18	\$4,162.00	\$0.00	\$4,162.00	-\$2,211.54	\$1,950.46	33/26
Feb. 25	\$2,943.00	\$75.00	\$3,018.00	-\$2,211.54	\$806.46	37/30
Mar. 3	\$2,558.00	\$158.60	\$2,716.60	-\$2,211.54	\$505.06	28/22
Mar. 10	\$2,031.00	\$0.00	\$2,031.00	-\$2,211.54	-\$180.54	31/24
				Expense		
		Feb. 2024	\$12,575.13	-\$11,032.34	\$1,542.79	
		Jan. - Feb.	\$21,426.60	-\$19,331.29	\$2,095.31	

Current Doorstep Needs ~ March 2024

Clothing Room Needs: (Gently Used, Not New)

Men's Jeans, Belts & Underwear
Men's Shoes
Boys Jeans & Slacks (All Sizes)
Boys Shirts (Sizes 4 - 10)
Girls & Teens Jeans (All Sizes)
Girls Shirts (Sizes 18 month - 10)
Diapers - Size 5
Sheet Sets: Twin, Queen & King (especially Queen)
Pots & Pans

We also need sleeping bags for homeless neighbors. They do not need to be new, but in decent condition.

Hygiene Items: (Full Size)

Shampoo
Conditioner
Bar Soap
2-n-1 Shampoo + Conditioner

Food Room Needs:

The need for food assistance remains high. Please help us stock our pantry shelves to continue to provide for our neighbors in need.

We need the following food items:

Spaghetti O's & Ravioli	Jelly (any flavor)
Tuna	Oatmeal (packets & canisters)
Powdered Milk	Canned Milk

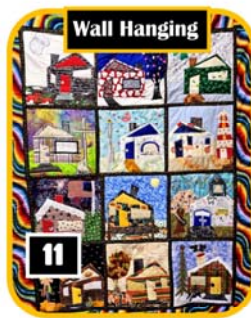


I've begun updating our church directory. If you would, please, review your information in the latest directory (updated 2023) and let me know of any changes that should be made to your info, I would appreciate your help so much.

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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*).

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