

Third Sunday of Easter

April 14, 2024

Now the Feast and Celebration

The gospel for the third Sunday of Easter is always one in which the risen Christ shares food with the disciples, meals that are the Easter template for the meal we share each Sunday. In today's gospel, Jesus both shares the disciples' food and shows them the meaning of his suffering, death, and resurrection through the scriptures, the two main elements of our Sunday worship.

PRELUDE

GATHERING

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P If we say we have no sin we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. Let us confess our sin to God who is faithful and just and who has promised to forgive our sin and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

- P Most merciful God,
- C have mercy on us. We confess to you that 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 trusted you with our whole heart; we have not loved one another in deed and in truth. In your compassion forgive our sin and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ our light and our truth. Amen.
- P With joy, I proclaim to you that Almighty God, rich in mercy, abundant in love, forgives you all your sin and grants you newness of life in Jesus Christ.
- C Thanks be to God!

Please stand as you are able.

GATHERING HYMN

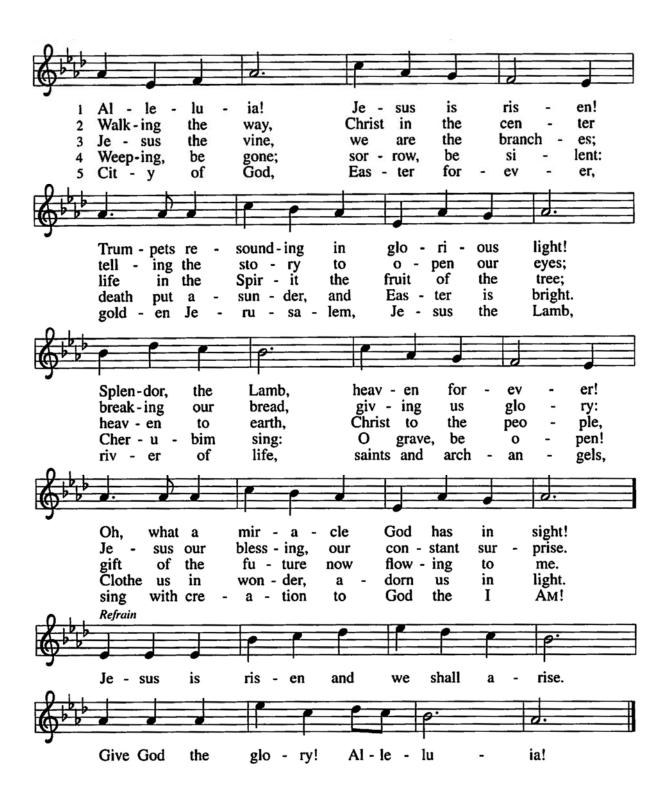
Alleluia! Jesus is Risen

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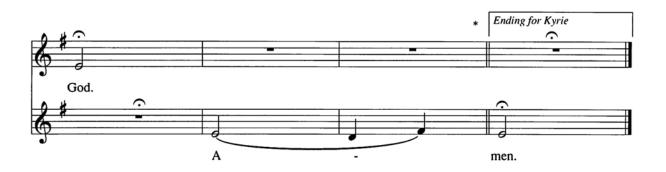
GREETING

- 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.

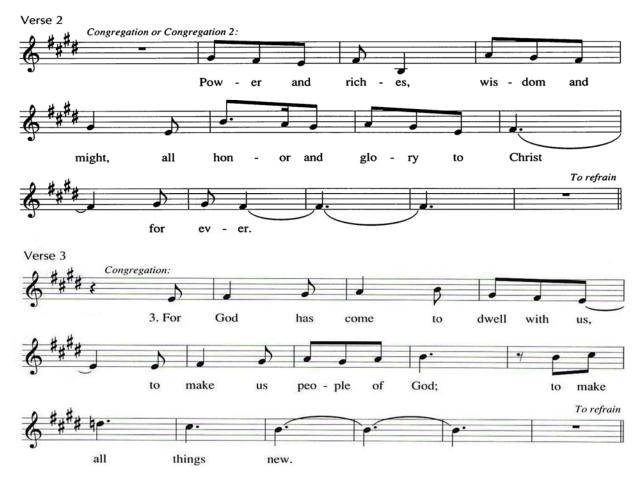


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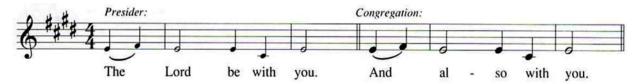








SALUTATION



PRAYER OF THE DAY

A Let us pray.

Holy and righteous God, you are the author of life, and you adopt us to be your children. Fill us with your words of life, that we may live as witnesses to the resurrection of 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: ACTS 3:12-19

¹²Peter addressed the people, "You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? ¹³The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. ¹⁴But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, ¹⁵and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. ¹⁶And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

¹⁷"And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. ¹⁸In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. ¹⁹Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out."

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

PSALM 4 Spoken responsively

¹Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause;

you set me free when I was in distress; have mercy on me and hear my prayer.

²"You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory;

how long will you love illusions and seek after lies?"

³Know that the LORD does wonders for the faithful;

the LORD will hear me when I call.

⁴Tremble, then, and do not sin;

speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.

⁵Offer the appointed sacrifices,

and put your trust in the LORD.

⁶Many are saying, "Who will show us any good?"

Let the light of your face shine upon us, O LORD.

⁷You have put gladness in my heart,

more than when grain and wine abound.

⁸In peace, I will lie down and sleep;

for you alone, O LORD, make me rest secure.

SECOND READING: 1ST JOHN 3:1-7

¹See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ²Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. ³And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

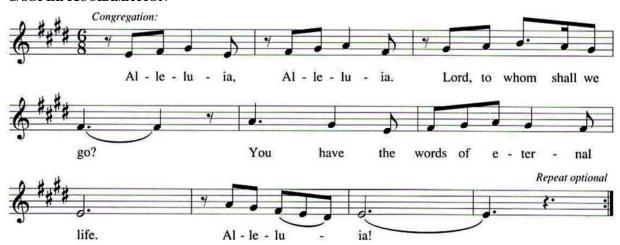
⁴Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. ⁵You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. ⁶No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. ⁷Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

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 Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL: LUKE 24:36B-48

^{36b}Jesus himself stood among the disciples and said to them, "Peace be with you." ³⁷They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. ³⁸He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? ³⁹Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." ⁴⁰And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. ⁴¹While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" ⁴²They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³and he took it and ate in their presence.

⁴⁴Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the

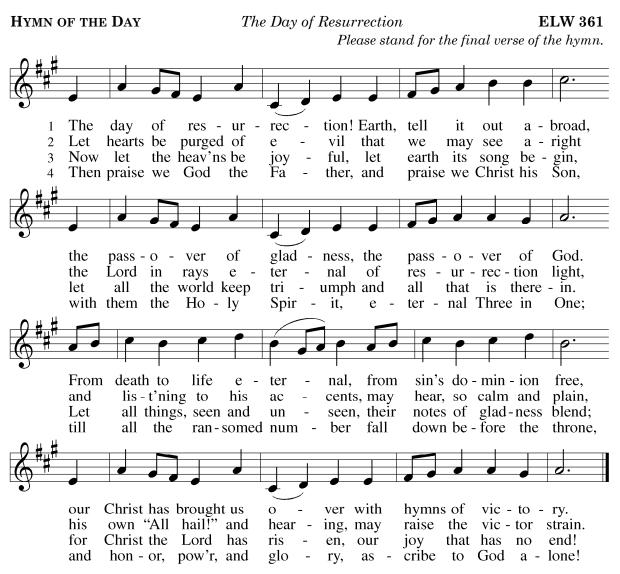
psalms must be fulfilled." ⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things."

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

Please be seated.

SERMON

PASTOR MERLE BROCKHOFF



- 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 Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news.

A brief silence.

A O God our holy one, you feed our deepest hungers. As we share the holy meal that is the body and blood of Jesus given for us, lead us to share all that we have, and find, in generosity, abundant life. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

A O God our creator, you bring forth all life on earth. Calm storms, bring water to parched places, and protect the climate and life in all its variety. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

A O God our savior, you offer wisdom and guidance beyond all human knowledge. Lead lawmakers, judges, and elected officials to make decisions grounded in your justice and care for all people. We pray 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 as they endure conflict. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

A O God our center, you bring all people together in you. Help us to remember our identity and purpose. Move us to love our neighbors as ourselves and to share in beloved community. In your name, we pray for St. John Lutheran Church in Ellis and Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Lawrence, Kansas, Trinity Lutheran Church in Kirkwood, Missouri, and for Lutherans Restoring Creation. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

A O God our elder, you care for all your children. Encourage those who are in times of transition, facing the loss of old ways and routines and anticipating change. Guide those who journey in grief, hope, and uncertainty, especially Peggy Buchholz, Naomi Walker, Linda Longren, David McGinnis, Liz Utech, and Martha Nemeth. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

- A O God our father, you give us our earthly lives. We pray for your blessings for Pr. Barb Jones celebrates her birthday this week, for Loretta Hoerman, Carol Marker, and Linda Longren as they remember their baptisms, and for Duane & Debbie Pomeroy as they celebrate their wedding anniversary. God of grace,
- C hear our prayer.
- P O God our resting place, your Son Jesus promised that we are held in your love forever. We remember our beloved who have died. As we remember and share their love, comfort those who mourn. God of grace,
- C hear our prayer.
- P Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord.

Amen.

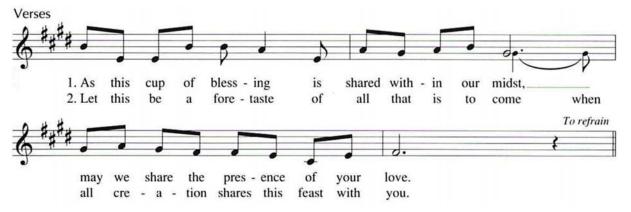
THE PEACE

- 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 Refrain Congregation: the grains of wheat hill once scat - tered on the were gath - ered in - to bread; one to be come our all from all of may your peo - ple the ends earth be gath - ered in - to in one you.



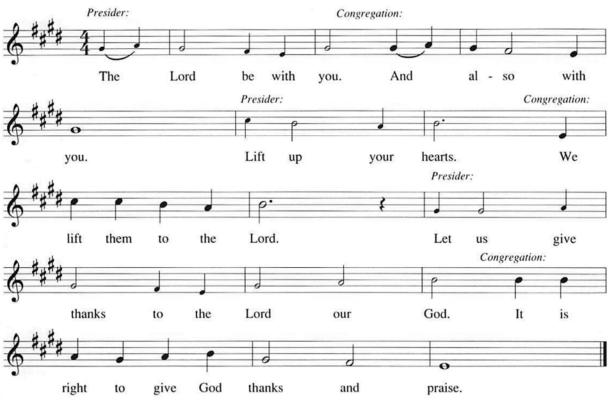
OFFERTORY PRAYER

A Let us pray.

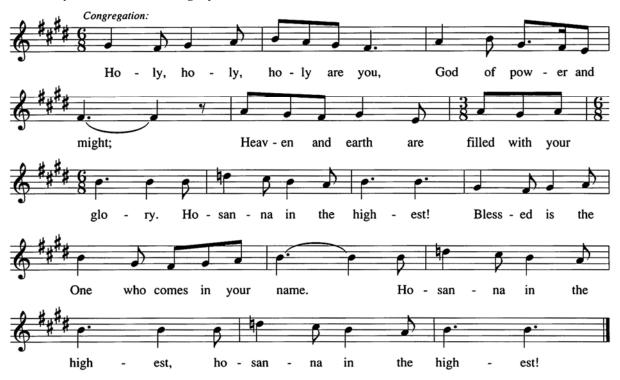
Risen One, you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine.

C Amen.

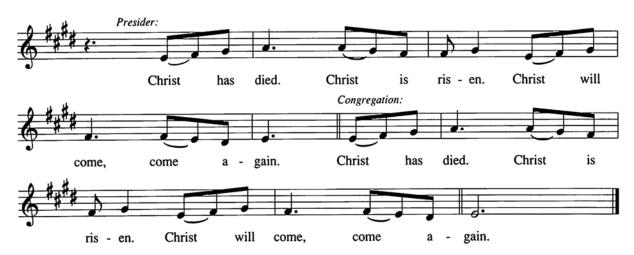
THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



P It is our duty and delight that we should everywhere and always offer thanks and praise to you, O God, through Jesus Christ, who by his death on the cross and glorious resurrection broke the bonds of sin and death and gave life to all creation and so with the church on earth, all creation and the host of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



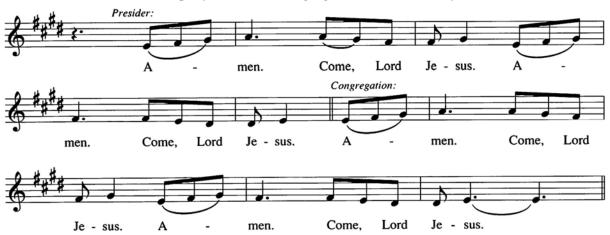
EUCHARISTIC PRAYER



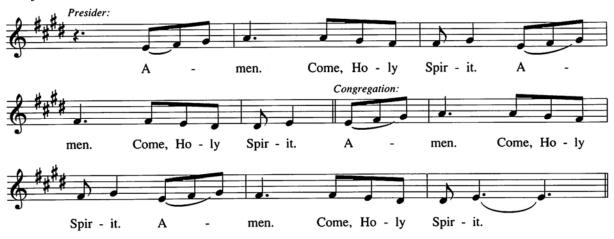
P You are indeed holy, gracious and merciful God; everything is filled with your glory. We give you thanks for your promise and presence which have sustained the faithful in this and every generation. Above all, we give you thanks for Jesus, born of Mary, who in word and deed announced your gentle rule of justice, reconciliation and peace.

On the night of his betrayal our Lord Jesus took bread and gave thanks, saying: Take and eat; this is my body given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. 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.

Remembering his command to love one another, his life and death, his resurrection and his ascension, we pray for his coming again, even as we cry:



P Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit, that all of your promises may come to us and your whole creation.



P This we pray through Jesus Christ, our Savior and our friend.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

- P Make us bold, O merciful God, to address you as our Abba as we 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.

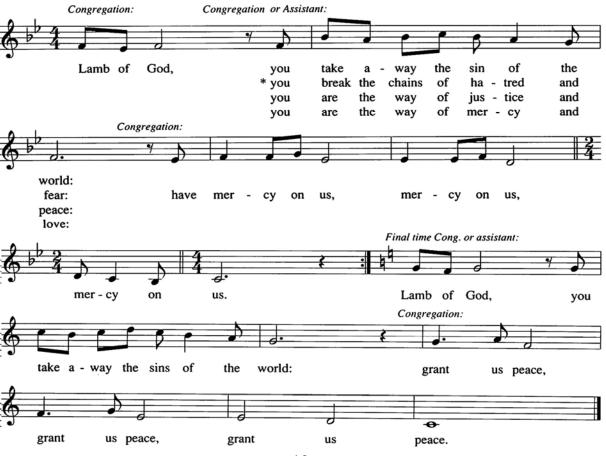
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

You may be seated.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P The risen Christ is made known to us in the breaking of the bread. Come and eat at God's table.

LAMB OF GOD





COMMUNION BLESSING

P May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the gifts of his body and blood strengthen, keep and unite us, now and forever.

C Amen.

Please stand as you are able.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A Let us pray.

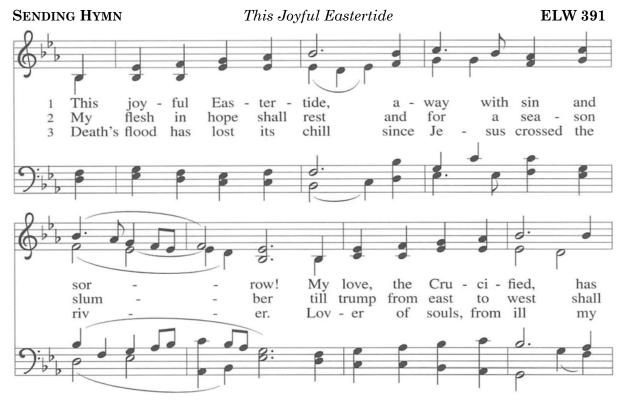
Shepherding God, you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love. Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend.

C Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

- P Alleluia! Christ is risen!
- C Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!
- P The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the Spirit of Easter hope + bless you now and always.
- C Amen.





DISMISSAL

- A Go in peace. 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, members and visitors, 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, Apr. 14
Mon., Apr. 15Stroke Support Group meeting6:00 PM
Tues., Apr. 16
Thurs., Apr. 18 Trinity Tidings deadline
Sunday, Apr. 21

Transition Process

Our next session together is today, April 14. We will gather to talk about Church Programming and Theological Perspective. These two sections tend to be inter-related, and so we will do six scaled questions and the conversation surrounding them. *Please join us for this discussion during coffee hour.*

	Worship Assistants											
Date	Acolytes	Ushers	Musician	Lector	Altar Guild	Asst. Minister	Presiding Minister	Coffee Hosts				
Apr. 14	Cindy McGinnis	Curt Lewis, Ted Murphy	Mitchell Bean	Diane Bottorff	Diane Bottorff & Team 1	Bob Horton	Pr. Merle Brockhoff	Howard & Loni Reece				
Apr. 21	Curt Lewis, Ella Bosch	Dean McGinnis, Duane Pomeroy	Laurie Jackson	Marcy Carlson	Diane Bottorff & Team 1	Ted Murphy	Pr. Barb Jones	Andy & LaVell Winsor				

OFFERING, ATTENDANCE, and FINANCIAL STATUS											
Date	General	Other	Total Weekly Income	Average Weekly Expense	Weekly Income Minus Average Weekly Expense	Attendance/ Communion					
Mar. 17	\$1,784.00	\$30.00	\$1,814.00	-\$2,211.54	-\$397.54	31/24					
Mar. 24	\$3,366.69	\$500.00	\$3,866.69	-\$2,211.54	\$1,655.15	42/28					
Mar. 31	\$1,667.00	\$50.00	\$1,717.00	-\$2,211.54	-\$494.54	65/53					
Apr. 7	\$4,026.00	\$4,205.98	\$8,231.98	-\$2,211.54	\$6,020.44	30/27					
		Mar. 2024	\$11,406.69	-\$11,582.37	-\$175.68						
		Jan Mar.	\$32,833.29	-\$30,913.66	\$1,919.63						

This is a busy month for Doorstep!

April 1st – **April 15**th *Play it Again Sports* fundraiser. You can take your quality used sports gear and equipment to their location in **Fairlawn Plaza Mall**, let them know it is for Doorstep's fundraiser, and at the end of the month Doorstep will receive the proceeds. Do your spring cleaning and support Doorstep at the same time. See the flyers posted on bulletin boards and in Fellowship Hall for more information.

The **Annual Banquet and Quilt Drawing** on **Tuesday, April 23rd**, 6:30pm will be an opportunity to have dinner, honor Doorstep volunteers, and celebrate the accomplishments of 2023. Dinner will be taco bake, chips, salad & dessert. <u>RSVP to Doorstep</u> (785-357-5341) by <u>April 19th</u>. There are 13 quilts to bid on — wall hangings, baby, KU, K-State, KC Chiefs and more! Location TBD.

Friday, June 28th is the date the first Golf Tournament for Doorstep! Flyers and information are available at: www.DoorstepTopeka.org

Greetings in the name of Jesus the Christ, the Risen Lord from Camp Tomah Shinga! Thank you for all the ways you support your camp, the ministry and mission depends on God's grace through your support.



We are in need of an AED unit at camp before the camp season starts. Would you please check with your congregations and/or congregation members that would be so kind to donate a unit? The ministry is such an important one in today's world, in the lives of all who come out to camp. The Church is impacted by all who come out to camp. The Body of Christ grows through the ministry done at camp.

- Sunday April 21st Taste of Camp Retifeat Sunday, April 21, 2024, Noon-5:00pm Elementary students, this one is for you! Join us for Earth Day Celebration at Camp, and get a taste of the camp experience! Day will include Bible study, games, hikes, Earth day activities, and snacks!
- Saturday April 27th <u>Annual Auction</u> 6:00-9:00pm at The Farm & The Odd Fellows in Minneapolis KS. Join us for our Annual Auction fundraiser. This will be a semi-formal event at The Farm & The Odd Fellows, while the auction will be held online April 22nd—27th. Entertainment, appetizers and drink ticket included. Doors open at 6:00pm. \$50 per couple. \$35 for individual. \$90 for table of 4. Get your bid number and check out all the awesome items on this year's auction on our website.

Would you please support your camp and spread the news of these fun and exciting things happening, it would be appreciated! Thanks for you do and for all your support!!!

Ethan Feistner, Executive Director Camp Tomah Shinga (785)404-9303 efeistner@camptomahshinga.com



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...and much more

Your quality used sports gear can make a BIG difference for Doorstep.

From April 1st to April 15th bring in your quality used sports gear and equipment you no longer need to Play It Again Sports Topeka. Tell the team your items are for the Doorstep Gear Drive. Play It Again Sports will apply your items to the Doorstep account. Doorstep will receive funds at the end of the drive.

Thank you for making a BIG difference in our community.

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

${f T}$ ogether 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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