

April 28, 2024

5th Sunday of Easter

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Now the Feast and Celebration

This Sunday's image of how the risen Christ shares his life with us is the image of the vine. Christ the vine and we the branches are alive in each other, in the mystery of mutual abiding described in the gospel and the first letter of John. Baptism makes us a part of Christ's living and life-giving self and makes us alive with Christ's life. As the vine brings food to the branches, Christ feeds us at his table. We are sent out to bear fruit for the life of the world.

PRELUDE

GATHERING

Confession and Forgiveness

Please stand as you are able.

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!

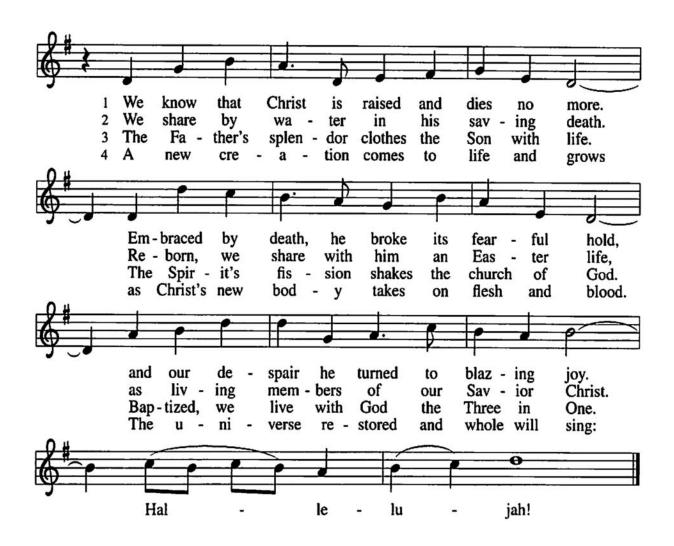
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GATHERING HYMN

We Know That Christ Is Raised

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GREETING

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- 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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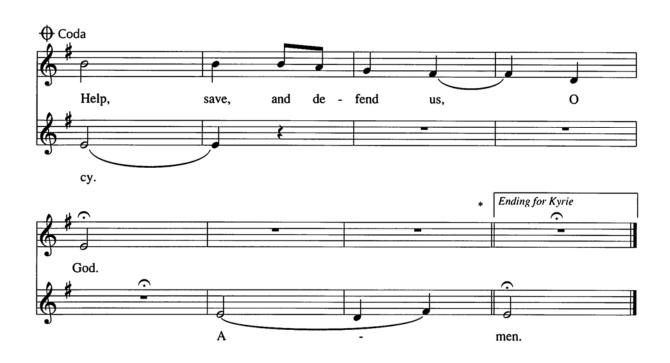
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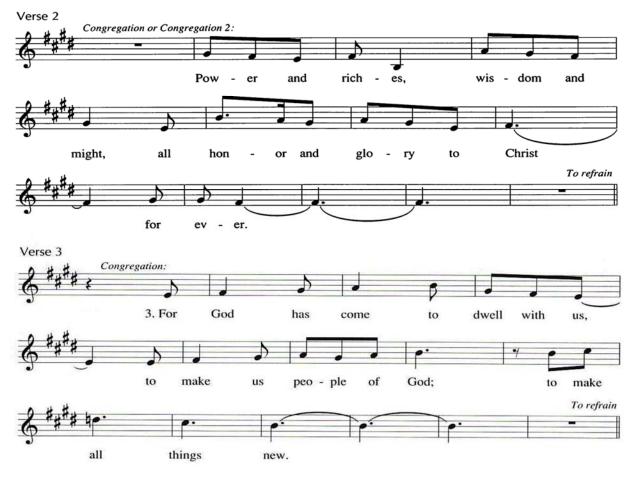
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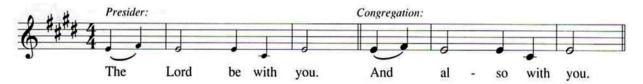
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HYMN OF PRAISE Now the Feast Refrain Congregation: Now the feast and cel bra - tion, all of tion sings for joy cre the God of life to and love and free - dom: and for praise glo ev er more! Verse 1 Congregation or Congregation 1: is of the Now the feast Lamb once slain, blood whose freed and has nit ed us to be one great To refrain God. ple of peo



SALUTATION



PRAYER OF THE DAY

A Let us pray.

O God, you give us your Son as the vine apart from whom we cannot live. Nourish our life in his resurrection, that we may bear the fruit of love and know the fullness of your joy, 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: ACTS 8:26-40

²⁶An angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) ²⁷So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship ²⁸and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. ²⁹Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." ³⁰So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" ³¹He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. ³²Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

"Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter,

and like a lamb silent before its shearer,

so he does not open his mouth.

³³In his humiliation justice was denied him.

Who can describe his generation?

For his life is taken away from the earth."

³⁴The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" ³⁵Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. ³⁶As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?" ³⁸He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. ³⁹When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. ⁴⁰But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM 22:25-31 Spoken responsively

²⁵From you comes my praise in the great assembly;

I will perform my vows in the sight of those who fear the LORD.

²⁶The poor shall eat and be satisfied,

Let those who seek the LORD give praise! May your hearts live forever!

²⁷All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD;

all the families of nations shall bow before God.

²⁸For dominion belongs to the LORD,

who rules over the nations.

²⁹Indeed, all who sleep in the earth shall bow down in worship;

all who go down to the dust, though they be dead, shall kneel before the LORD.

30Their descendants shall serve the LORD,

whom they shall proclaim to generations to come.

³¹They shall proclaim God's deliverance to a people yet unborn, saying to them, "The LORD has acted!"

SECOND READING: 1ST JOHN 4:7-21

⁷Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. ⁸Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. ⁹God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. ¹⁰In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. ¹¹Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. ¹²No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

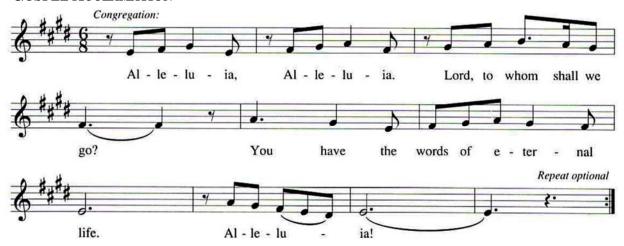
¹³By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. ¹⁴And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. ¹⁵God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. ¹⁶So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. ¹⁷Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. ¹⁸There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. ¹⁹We love because he first loved us. ²⁰Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. ²¹The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

- 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 fifteenth chapter.
- C Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL: JOHN 15:1-8

Jesus said: ¹"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. ²He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. ³You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. ⁵I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁶My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

SERMON

PASTOR BARBARA JONES

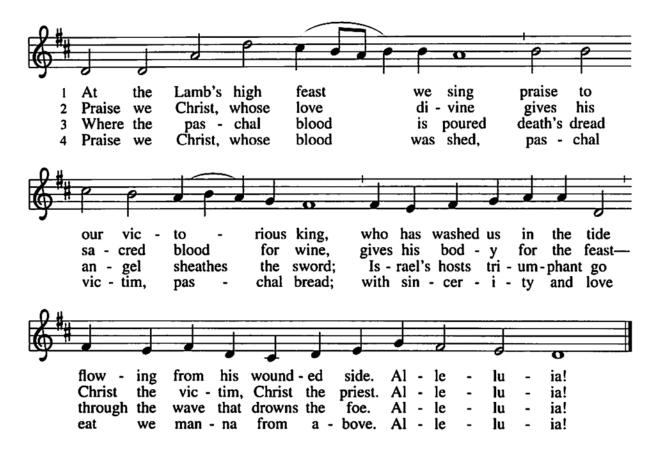
HYMN OF THE DAY

At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing

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Verses 1 & 2, 7 & 8

Please stand for the final verse of the hymn.



- Mighty victim from the sky, hell's fierce pow'rs beneath you lie; you have conquered in the fight, you have brought us life and light. Alleluia!
- 6 Now no more can death appall, now no more the grave enthrall; you have opened paradise, and your saints in you shall rise. Alleluia!
- 7 Easter triumph, Easter joy, this alone can sin destroy! From sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free, newborn souls in you to be. Alleluia!
- 8 Father, who the crown shall give, Savior, by whose death we live, Spirit, guide through all our days: Three in One, your name we praise. Alleluia!

- 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 We pray for the church around the world, for all ministers, and for the mission of the gospel. Cleanse our hearts with your word. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

A For the well-being of the earth and of all created things: for rivers and lakes, streams and estuaries, melting glaciers and polluted waters. Renew the face of the earth and shower us with your goodness. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

A For the nations and all those in authority: for local, state, and national leaders, for elected representatives at every level, and for international organizations, that justice and peace may reign. We continue our prayers 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 For all those in need: for any experiencing homelessness or unemployment, for those fleeing from oppression or seeking asylum, and for all who are ill or suffering, especially Peggy Buchholz, Naomi Walker, Linda Longren, David McGinnis, Liz Utech, Angela Smith, and Martha Nemeth. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

A For this congregation: for the caring ministries of this faith community, for all who visit and minister to one another, for all who take communion to homes, and for all who seek to share your love with the world, especially New Hope Lutheran Church in Onaga and Ada Lutheran Church in Courtland, Kansas, Peace Lutheran Church in Joplin and the Southern Sudanese Worshiping Community in St. Joseph, Missouri. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

A For Marsha Ridinger and Chance Hutchison as they celebrate their birthdays and for Tom & Karen Arney as they celebrate their wedding anniversary. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

P With thanksgiving for the saints who rest from their labors. Help us, like them, to bear much fruit and to become your disciples, and at the last, bring us to that heavenly banquet where all will feast together at your table. 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.

C Amen.

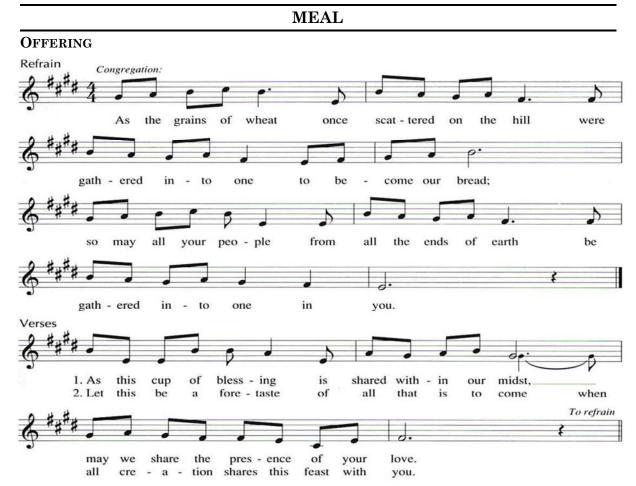
THE PEACE

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.

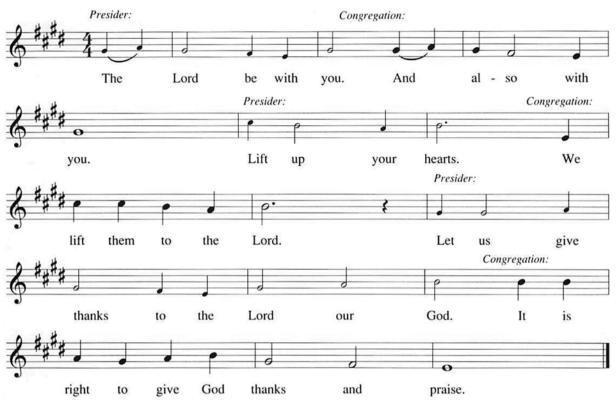


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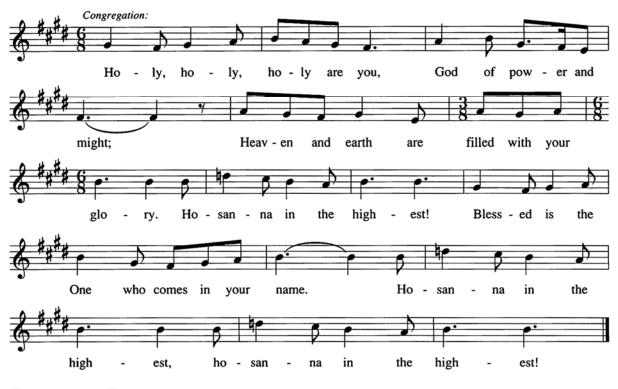
OFFERTORY PRAYER

- A Let us pray. Merciful God,
- C everything in heaven and earth belongs to you. We joyfully release what you have entrusted to us. May these gifts be signs of our whole lives returned to you, dedicated to the healing and unity of all creation through Jesus Christ. Amen.

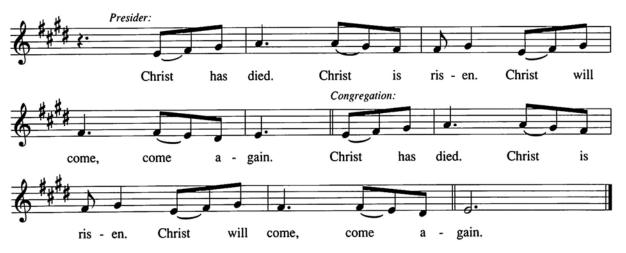
THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



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:



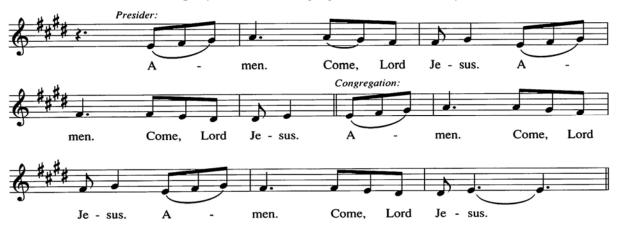
EUCHARISTIC PRAYER



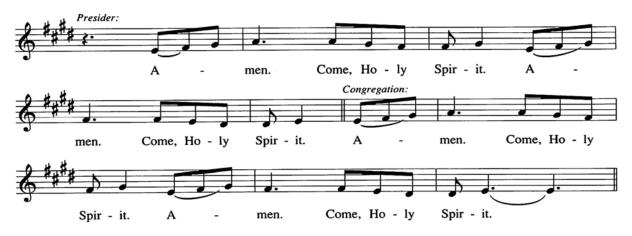
P You are indeed holy, gracious and merciful God; everything is filled with your glory. We give you thanks for your promise and presence which have sustained the faithful in this and every generation. Above all, we give you thanks for Jesus, born of Mary, who in word and deed announced your gentle rule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

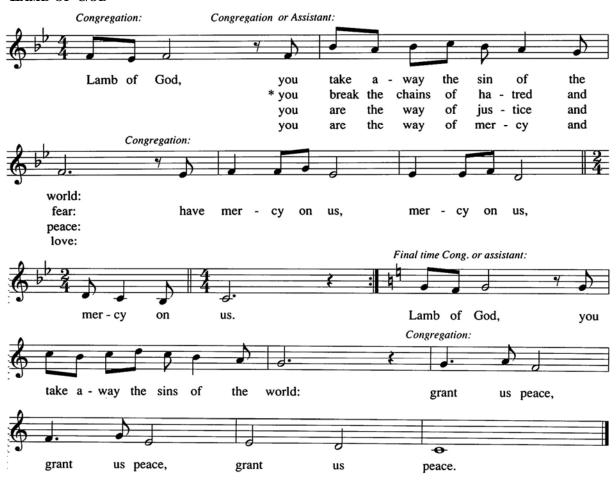
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

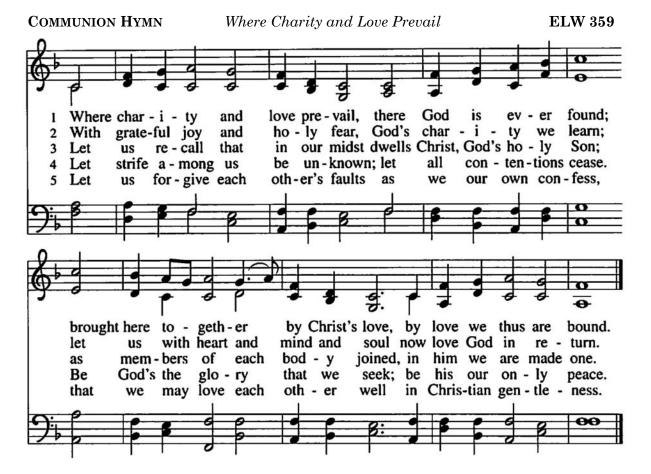
INVITATION TO COMMUNION

You may be seated.

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

Please stand as you are able.

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.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, for the blessings of this table. May our lives be made new by these gifts of grace and may your love be made known through us.

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 \pm bless you now and always.

C Amen.



DISMISSAL

- A Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.
- C Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

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							
	Children's Sunday School						
	Piano Recital						
Tues., Apr. 30	Quilters	9:00 AM					
Sunday, May 5	Hymn Sing Along	10:15 AM					
	Worship with Holy Communion	10:30 AM					
	Coffee hour	after worship					
	Congregational Life meeting						

Worship Assistants									
Date	Acolytes	Ushers	Musician	Lector	Altar Guild	Asst. Minister	Presiding Minister	Coffee Hosts	
Apr. 28	Cindy McGinnis	Ben Carlson, Howard Reece	Mitchell Bean	Marcy Carlson	Diane Bottorff & Team 1	Marcy Carlson	Pr. Barb Jones	Steve Luoma	
May 5	Brayden Winsor	Marcy Carlson, Dean McGinnis		LaVell Winsor	Janeen Horton & Team 2	Bob Horton	Pr. Barb Jones		

Hymn Sing Along = Food for Our Soul Food Donation for Doorstep = Food for Our Neighbors



Please keep Doorstep in mind as you do your grocery shopping and pick up a few items for the next collection on May 5th.



Have you moved? Added or dropped a phone line?

Changed or no longer use an email address?

We are in the process of updating our membership directory. If you have any changes to your contact information, please make a note of it



on the directory pages on the table by the ramp entrance. You may also call 785.233.0767 or email the church office at office@topekatlc.org.

OFFERIN	OFFERING, ATTENDANCE, and FINANCIAL STATUS								
Date	General	Other	Total Weekly Income	Average Weekly Expense	Weekly Income Minus Average Weekly Expense	Attendance/ Communion			
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			
Apr. 14	\$808.00	\$0.00	\$808.00	-\$2,211.54	-\$1,403.54	30/28			
Apr. 21	\$3,967.00	\$0.00	\$3,967.00	-\$2,211.54	\$1,755.46	40/38			
		Mar. 2024	\$11,406.69	-\$11,582.37	-\$175.68				
		Jan Mar.	\$32,833.29	-\$30,913.66	\$1,919.63				

Current Doorstep Needs ~ May 2024

<u>Clothing Room Needs</u>: (Gently Used, Not New)

Men's Jeans, Slacks & Underwear

Men's Shoes (All Sizes)

Boys Jeans & Pants (All Sizes)

Boys Shorts & Shirts (All Sizes)

Girls & Teens Jeans (All Sizes)

Girls & Teens Clothing (Sizes 18-mo. - 12)

Teen Girls Tops - (All Sizes)

Sheet Sets - Twin, Queen & King

Comforters – All Sizes

Small Appliances – Toasters, Coffee Pots & Blenders

Tampons & Maxi Pads (Greatly Needed)

Hygiene Items: (Full Size)

Bar Soap, Combs & Toothbrushes

Food Room Needs:

The need for food assistance remains high. Doorstep provided 704 food orders in the first quarter of 2024, giving out 38,800 pounds of food. 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

Cream of Mushroom Soup Vegetable Soup Rice Boxed Potatoes Pancake Mix & Syrup Peas

Spaghetti Sauce Baked Beans

Donations Accepted:

Monday – Friday 9am – 2pm

1119 SW 10th Ave (10th & Buchanan) Use the South Door



PUTT OUT HUNGER

Golf Fundraiser and Food Drive



Western Hills Golf Club

\$320/Team

Sponsorhip Packages Available

4-Man Scramble

Friday, June 28th Shotgun Start @ 10 AM

Lunch at the Turn

Raffle Prizes

Teams that donate the most food get a prize!



DONATION GOAL: 500 LBS SPONSORSHIP DEADLINE 4/30/24

REGISTRATION DEADLINE 6/17/2024 DON'T WAIT!
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CODE TO SIGN
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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*).

CONGREGATION COUNCIL

President Diane Bottorff
Vice-President Curt Lewis (Maintenance)
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Carol Marker (Spiritual Care)

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