



April 7, 2024

2nd Sunday of Easter



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.

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

Leader

In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Congregation:

Lord, have mer - cy.

3rd time to Coda ⊕

Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer -

Leader

For the Reign of God, and for peace through - out the
For your peo - ple here, who have come to give you

cy.

world, for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the
praise, for the strength to live your Word, let us pray to the

⊕ Coda

Help, save, and de - fend us, O

cy.

* *Ending for Kyrie*

God.

A - - - men.

HYMN OF PRAISE

Refrain

Congregation:

Now the feast and celebra - tion,
 all of cre - a - tion sings for joy
 to the God of life and love and
 free - dom: praise and glo - ry for ev -
 er - more!

Verse 1

Congregation or Congregation 1:

Now is the feast of the Lamb once
slain, whose blood has freed and u -
nit - ed us to be one great
peo - ple of God. *To refrain*

Verse 2

Congregation or Congregation 2:

Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and
might, all hon - or and glo - ry to Christ
for ev - er. *To refrain*

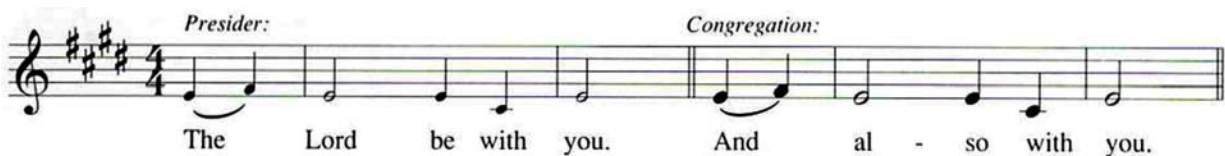
Verse 3

Congregation:

3. For God has come to dwell with us,
to make us peo - ple of God; to make
all things new. *To refrain*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

SALUTATION



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

A Let us pray.

Almighty God, with joy we celebrate the day of our Lord's resurrection. By the grace of Christ among us, enable us to show the power of the resurrection in all that we say and do, 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 4:32-35

³²Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. ³³With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. ³⁴There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. ³⁵They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 133

Spoken responsively

¹How good and how pleasant it is,
when kindred live together in unity!

²**It is like fine oil upon the head, flowing down upon the beard,
upon the beard of Aaron, flowing down upon the collar of his robe.**

³It is like the dew of Hermon flowing down upon the hills of Zion.

For there the LORD has commanded the blessing: life forevermore.

SECOND READING: 1ST JOHN 1:1—2:2

¹We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life—²this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us—³we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. ⁴We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

⁵This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. ⁶If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; ⁷but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. ⁸If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

^{2:1}My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; ²and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Congregation:

Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we
go? You have the words of e - ter - nal
life. Al - le - lu - ia!

Repeat optional

P The Holy Gospel, according to John, the twentieth chapter.

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

GOSPEL: JOHN 20:19-31

¹⁹When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

²⁴But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

²⁶A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." ²⁸Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Please be seated.

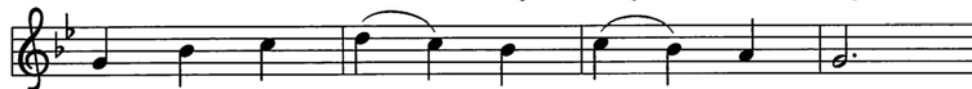
SERMON

PASTOR BARBARA JONES

Verses 1 and 5 thru 8

Please stand for the final verse of the hymn.

1 O sons and daugh - ters, let us sing
 2 That Eas - ter morn, at break of day,
 3 An an - gel clad in white they see,
 4 That night the a - pos - tles met in fear;
Insert stanzas 5-8 if desired.
 9 On this most ho - ly day of days,



with heav'n - ly hosts to Christ our king:
 the faith - ful wom - en went their way
 who sits and speaks un - to the three,
 a - mong them came their mas - ter dear,
 be laud and ju - bi - lee and praise:



to - day the grave has lost its sting! Al - le - lu - ia!
 to seek the tomb where Je - sus lay. Al - le - lu - ia!
 "Your Lord will go to Gal - i - lee." Al - le - lu - ia!
 and said, "My peace be with you here." Al - le - lu - ia!
 to God your hearts and voic - es raise. Al - le - lu - ia!

After the final stanza

Al - le - lu - ia. al - le - lu - ia. al - le - lu - ia.

5 When Thomas first the tidings heard,
 that they had seen the risen Lord,
 he doubted the disciples' word.
 Alleluia!

7 No longer Thomas then denied;
 he saw the feet, the hands, the side;
 "You are my Lord and God!" he cried.
 Alleluia!

6 "My piercèd side, O Thomas, see,
 and look upon my hands, my feet;
 not faithless, but believing be."
 Alleluia!

8 How blest are they who have not seen,
 and yet whose faith has constant been,
 for they eternal life shall win.
 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 Your church cries out, O God, and you listen. As you drew near to the disciples, draw near to us this day. Breathe on us your Holy Spirit, that our faith is renewed and we witness to your love. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

A Your creation cries out, O God, and you listen. Nurture trees, crops, wildflowers, and all growing things. Guide farmers, gardeners, arborists, and others who tend the soil and nurture plants into life. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

A Your world cries out, O God, and you listen. Guide police, firefighters, paramedics, and other first responders to work for the well-being of communities and the dignity of every person, that no one may need to live in fear. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

A Your children cry out, O God, and you listen. Hear your people crying out for justice, for an end to racism and for a world where all are fed and safe. 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 Your congregations cry out, O God, and you listen. Renew pastors, deacons, musicians, and other staff, administrators, and volunteers who facilitated Holy Week and Easter worship. We offer our prayers for St. James Lutheran Church in Kansas City, Missouri, Trinity Lutheran Church in McPherson, St. Mark Lutheran Church in Olathe, Kansas, and Kotte District of the Evangelical Lutheran in Church in Papua New Guinea. Open our hearts to discern where God calls each of us to serve. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

A Your people cry out, O God, and you listen. Grant blessings to Breanna Lewis, Emily Schwartz, and Isis Pomeroy as they celebrate their birthdays, and to Ashley Watson, Everly Lewis, and Isis Pomeroy as they remember their baptisms. Breathe new life and hope into people struggling with health issues, especially Peggy Buchholz, Naomi Walker, Linda Longren, David McGinnis, Liz Utech, and Martha Nemeth. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

P Accept our gratitude, O God, for the lives of those who now rest in you especially Dietrich Bonhoeffer and all whose lives have been given in faithfulness to the gospel. Grant us your peace amid our fears. 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:

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

Verses



1. As this cup of bless - ing is shared with - in our midst,
2. Let this be a fore - taste of all that is to come when



To refrain

may we share the pres - ence of your love.
all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

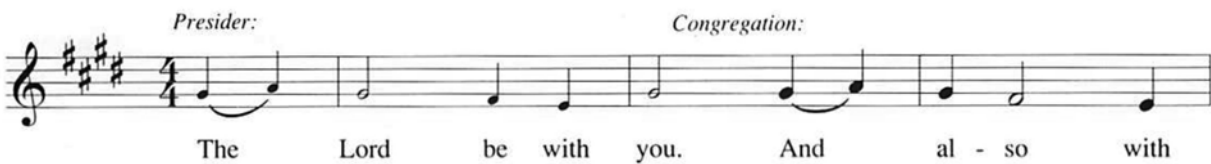
OFFERTORY PRAYER

A Let us pray.

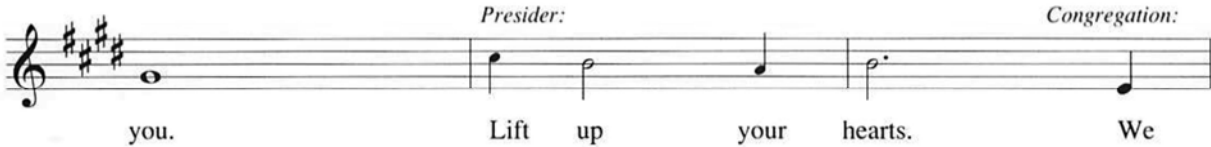
Merciful God, everything in heaven and earth belongs to you. We joyfully release what you have entrusted to us. May these gifts be signs of our whole lives returned to you, dedicated to the healing and unity of all creation, through Jesus Christ.

C Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



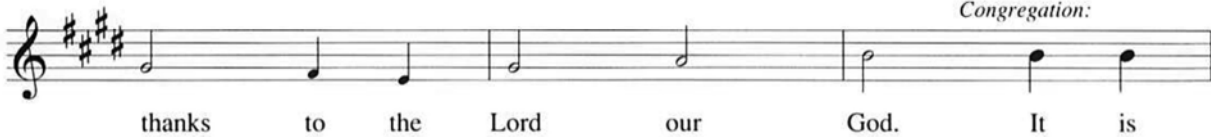
The Lord be with you. And al - so with



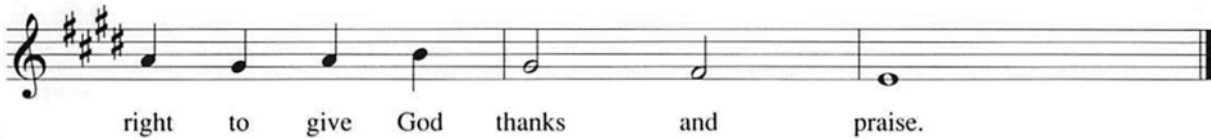
you. Lift up your hearts. We



lift them to the Lord. Let us give



thanks to the Lord our God. It is



right to give God thanks and praise.

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:

Congregation:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and
 might; Heav - en and earth are filled with your
 glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est! Bless - ed is the
 One who comes in your name. Ho - san - na in the
 high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est!

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Presider:

Christ has died. Christ is ris - en. Christ will
Congregation:
 come, come a - gain. Christ has died. Christ is
 ris - en. Christ will come, come a - gain.

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:

Presider:

A - men. Come, Lord Je - sus. A -

Congregation:

men. Come, Lord Je - sus. A - men. Come, Lord

Je - sus. A - men. Come, Lord Je - sus.

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

Presider:

A - men. Come, Ho - ly Spir - it. A -

Congregation:

men. Come, Ho - ly Spir - it. A - men. Come, Ho - ly

Spir - it. A - men. Come, Ho - ly Spir - it.

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

Congregation:

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the
u - ni - ty of the Spir - it, all glo - ry and hon - or is
yours, O God, now and for ev - er.
A - men.

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.

Come to the ta - ble of mer - cy, pre - pared with the wine and the bread.

All who are hun - gry and thirst - y, come, and your souls will be fed.

Come at the Lord's in - vi - ta - tion; re - ceive from his nail - scarred hand.

Eat of the bread of sal - va - tion; drink of the blood of the Lamb.

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.

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 May God bless us and keep us. May God's face shine on us and be gracious to us.
May God look on us with favor and give us peace.

C **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

Thine Is the Glory

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See page 20.

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

1 Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-qu'ring Son; end - less is the
 2 Lo, Je - sus meets thee, ris - en from the tomb! Lov - ing - ly he
 3 No more we doubt thee, glo - rious Prince of life; life is naught with-

vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won! An - gels in bright rai - ment
 greets thee, scat - ters fear and gloom; let his church with glad - ness
 out thee; aid us in our strife; make us more than con - qu'rors,

rolled the stone a - way, kept the fold - ed grave - clothes
 hymns of tri - umph sing, for the Lord now liv - eth;
 through thy death - less love; bring us safe through Jor - dan

Refrain

where thy bod - y lay.
 death hath lost its sting! Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-qu'ring
 to thy home a - bove.

Son; end - less is the vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won!

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. 7.....	Food for Doorstep Day	
.....	Hymn Sing Along	10:15 AM
.....	Worship with Holy Communion	10:30 AM
.....	Coffee Hour	after worship
.....	Congregational Life meeting	Noon
Tues., Apr. 9.....	Quilters	9:00 AM
.....	Church Council meeting	5:30 PM
Wed., Apr. 10.....	Historic Old Town NIA meeting	6:30 PM
Sunday, Apr. 14	Adult Sunday School	9:30 AM
.....	Worship with Holy Communion	10:30 AM
.....	Congregational Meeting with Pr. Merle	during coffee hour
.....	PFLAG meeting	2:00 PM

Transition Process

Our next session together will be on April 14, when 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. The questionnaires are included in this bulletin for your review prior to the meeting next Sunday. ***Please join us for this discussion during coffee hour on April 14th.***

Worship Assistants								
Date	Acolytes	Ushers	Musician	Lector	Altar Guild	Asst. Minister	Presiding Minister	Coffee Hosts
Apr. 7	Parker Jackson	Dean McGinnis, Howard	Laurie Jackson	Shelley Andrews	Diane Bottorff & Team 1	Marcy Carlson	Pr. Barb Jones	Janice Greenlee
Apr. 14	Cindy McGinnis	Curt Lewis, Ted Murphy	Mitchell Bean	Diane Bottorff	Diane Bottorff & Team 1	Bob Horton	Pr. Merle Brockhoff	Howard & Loni Reece

OFFERING, ATTENDANCE, and FINANCIAL STATUS						
Date	General	Other	Total Weekly Income	Average Weekly Expense	Weekly Income Minus Average Weekly Expense	Attendance/ Communion
Mar. 10	\$2,031.00	\$0.00	\$2,031.00	-\$2,211.54	-\$180.54	31/24
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
		Feb. 2024	\$12,575.13	-\$11,032.34	\$1,542.79	
		Jan. - Feb.	\$21,426.60	-\$19,331.29	\$2,095.31	

This is a busy month for Doorstep!

April 1st – April 15th *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. RSVP to Doorstep (785-357-5341) by April 19th. 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

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



Along with our Hymn Sing Along, the first Sunday of each month is also a day to bring food to church, which will then be taken to Doorstep to help keep their shelves stocked with food for our neighbors.

You can also bring food to the office during office hours; Bob & Janeen will take it to Doorstep at a later time.



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 RETREAT 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 Annual Auction 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!!!

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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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