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May 5, 2024

6th Sunday of Easter

#### Sixth Sunday of Easter

#### Now the Feast and Celebration

This Sunday's image of the life the risen Christ shares with us is the image of friendship. We are called to serve others as Jesus came to serve; but for John's gospel, the image of servanthood is too hierarchical, too distant, to capture the essence of life with Christ. Friendship captures the love, the joy, the deep mutuality of the relationship into which Christ invites us. The Greeks believed that true friends are willing to die for each other. This is the mutual love of Christian community commanded by Christ and enabled by the Spirit.

# HYMN SING ALONG

#### 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.

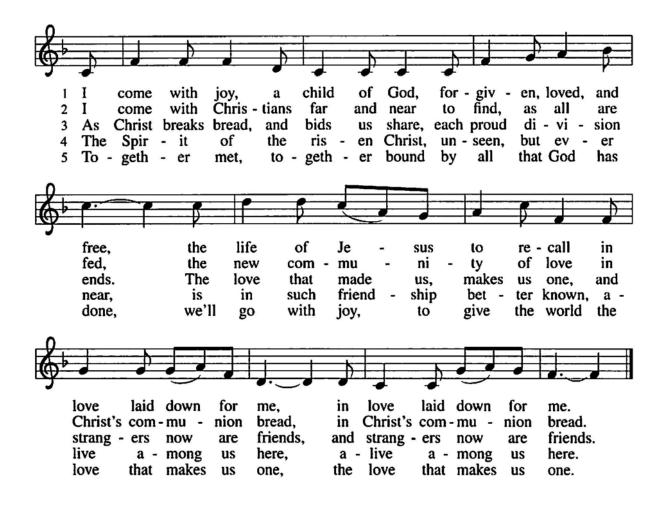
- P Most merciful God.
- C have mercy on us. We confess to you that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not trusted you with our whole heart; we have not loved one another in deed and in truth. In your compassion forgive 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!

Please be seated.

**GATHERING HYMN** 

I Come with Joy

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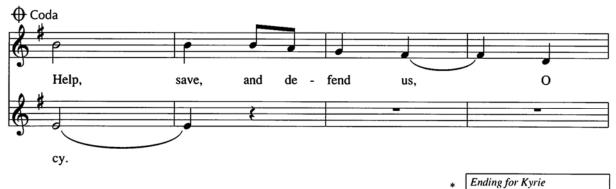
#### GREETING

- 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.

## KYRIE

Please stand as you are able.

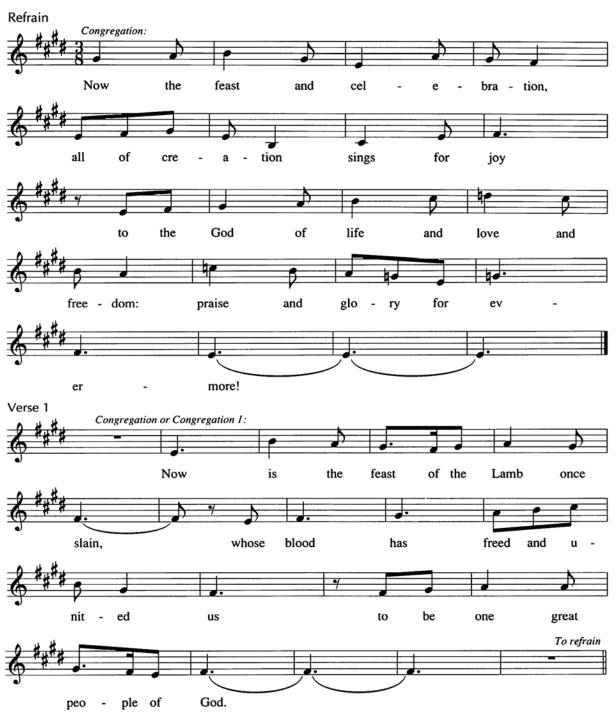






HYMN OF PRAISE

Now the Feast





# PRAYER OF THE DAY

A Let us pray.

O God, you have prepared for all who love you joys beyond understanding. Pour into our hearts such love for you that, loving you above all things, we may obtain your promises, which exceed all we can desire; through Jesus Christ, your Son and our 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 10:44-48

<sup>44</sup>While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. <sup>45</sup>The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, <sup>46</sup>for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, <sup>47</sup>"Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" <sup>48</sup>So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

L The Word of the Lord.

#### C Thanks be to God.

#### PSALM 98

<sup>1</sup>Sing a new song to the LORD, who has done marvelous things, whose right hand and holy arm have won the victory.

#### <sup>2</sup>O LORD, you have made known your victory,

#### you have revealed your righteousness in the sight of the nations.

<sup>3</sup>You remember your steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel; all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

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# <sup>4</sup>Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands;

lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.

<sup>5</sup>Sing to the LORD with the harp,

with the harp and the voice of song.

<sup>6</sup>With trumpets and the sound of the horn shout with joy before the king, the LORD.

<sup>7</sup>Let the sea roar, and all that fills it,

the world and those who dwell therein.

# <sup>8</sup>Let the rivers clap their hands,

# and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD, who comes to judge the earth.

<sup>9</sup>The LORD will judge the world with righteousness and the peoples with equity.

#### SECOND READING: 1ST JOHN 5:1-6

<sup>1</sup>Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. <sup>2</sup>By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. <sup>3</sup>For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, <sup>4</sup>for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. <sup>5</sup>Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

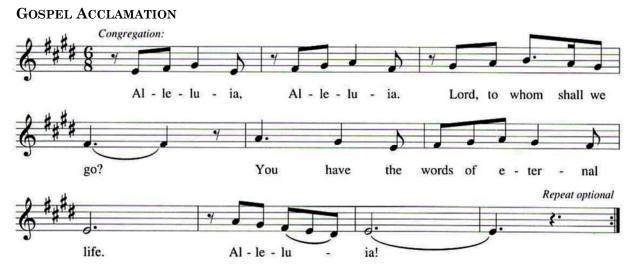
Spoken responsively

<sup>6</sup>This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

L The Word of the Lord.

# C Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.



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

# C Glory to you, O Lord.

#### GOSPEL: JOHN 15:9-17

Jesus said: <sup>9</sup>"As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. <sup>10</sup>If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. <sup>11</sup>I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

<sup>12</sup>"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. <sup>13</sup>No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. <sup>14</sup>You are my friends if you do what I command you. <sup>15</sup>I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. <sup>16</sup>You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. <sup>17</sup>I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another."

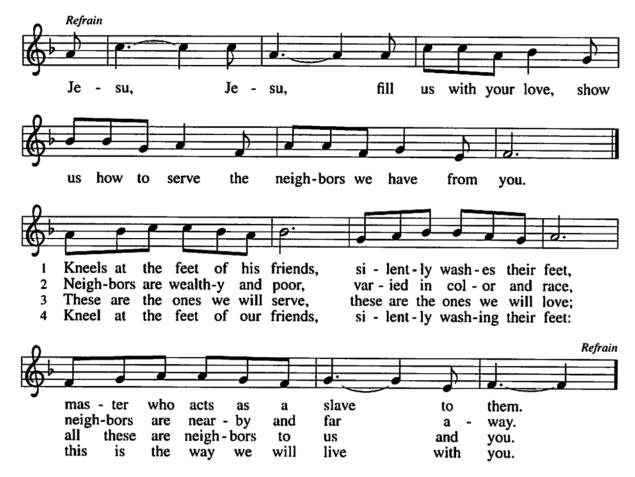
- P The Gospel of the Lord.
- C Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

**PASTOR BARBARA JONES** 

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY



- 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 Holy Spirit falls upon all who hear the word. Fill your church with the gifts of your Spirit and give understanding hearts to those who strengthen our commitments with our ecumenical and interreligious partners. God of grace,

# C hear our prayer.

A You speak and the face of the earth is renewed. Revive your creation, that habitats and every kind of living thing might flourish. Protect endangered species and help us to care for all your creatures. God of grace,

# C hear our prayer.

A Your world is divided and the nations rage. Grant wisdom and vision to world leaders, that they may seek justice and peace. 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 Your children are in need. Comfort all those who suffer, especially those afflicted by anxiety, depression, and mental illness. Help us show your love in our care for one another. We pray especially for Peggy Buchholz, Naomi Walker, Linda Longren, David McGinnis, Liz Utech, Angela Smith, and Martha Nemeth. God of grace,

# C hear our prayer.

A Your work is done in this place with our hands. Bless the ministries of this congregation and those of Shepherd Of The Hills Lutheran Church in St. Ann, Missouri, Emmanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church in Stuttgart, St. John Lutheran Church in Hanover, and the Hollis Renewal Center in Bonner Springs, Kansas, that we may embody your love for the world. Inspire those who plan and lead worship, council members, committee members, and volunteers. God of grace,

# C hear our prayer.

A Your grace blesses and nourishes each of us in our daily lives and celebrations. This week, we pray for Donna Allen as she celebrates her birthday, and Naomi Walker, Karen Arney, and Marcy Carlson as they remember their baptisms. God of grace,

# C hear our prayer.

- P Your blessed saints rest in you. Give us thankful hearts for those who have gone before us. At the last, bring us together around your heavenly banquet 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.

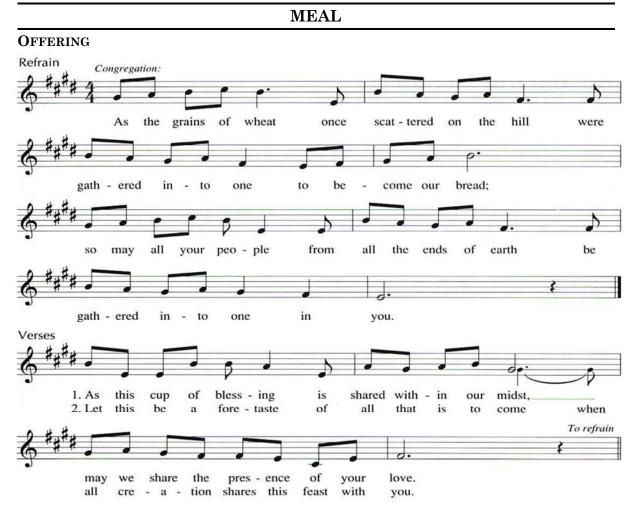
#### THE PEACE

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.

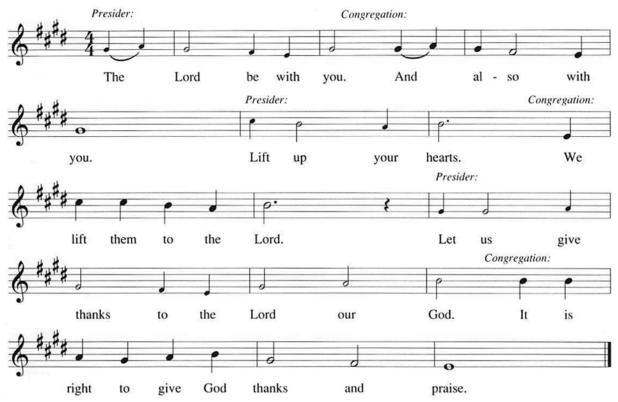


#### **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Please stand as you are able.

- 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:

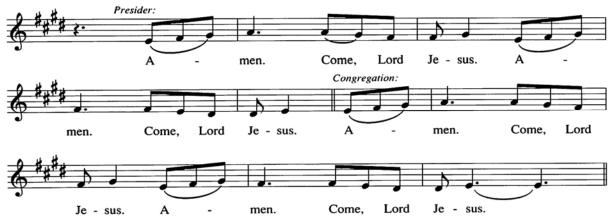


#### EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

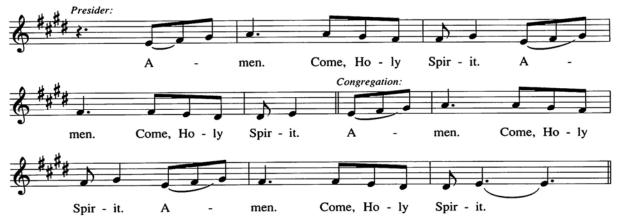
P You are indeed holy, gracious and merciful God; everything is filled with your glory. We give you thanks for your promise and presence which have sustained the faithful in this and every generation. Above all, we give you thanks for Jesus, born of Mary, who in word and deed announced your gentle rule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

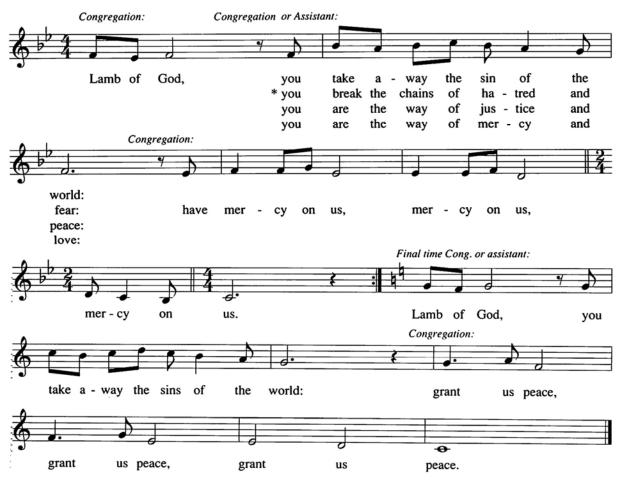
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

**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 PRAYER FOR COMMUNION KITS

P Gracious God, loving all your family with a parent's tender care: As you sent the angel to feed Elijah with heavenly bread, assist us in this ministry on which we are sent forth. In your love and care, nourish and strengthen those to whom we bring this sacrament, that through the body and blood of your Son we all may know the comfort of your abiding presence.

#### 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.

SENDING HYMN

#### O God Beyond All Praising

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#### 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

	Hymn Sing Along Worship with Holy Communion Coffee hour	10:30 AM
	Congregational Life meeting	Noon
Tues., May 7	Quilters	9:00 AM
	Historic Old Town NIA meeting	
	Adult Sunday School Worship with Holy Communion Coffee hour	10:30 AM after worship

				Worship Ass	sistants			
Date	Acolytes	Ushers	Musician	Lector	Altar Guild	Asst. Minister	Presiding Minister	Coffee Hosts
May 5	Brayden Winsor	Duane Pomeroy, Dean McGinnis	Laurie Jackson	LaVell Winsor	Janeen Horton & Team 2	Bob Horton	Pr. Barb Jones	Duane/ Debbie Pomeroy
May 12	Cindy McGinnis	Howard Reece,	Mitchell Bean	Loni Reece	Janeen Horton & Team 2	Ted Murphy	Pr. Barb Jones	Mike/Shelley Andrews
May 19	Parker Jackson	Dean McGinnis	Laurie Jackson	Duane Pomeroy	Janeen Horton & Team 2	Marcy Carlson	Pr. Barb Jones	

# 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.



Thanks to all who responded with a donation to the fund for the team traveling to Papua New Guinea in August. We collected \$220 for this purpose and the money has been forwarded to the synod office.

OFFERING, ATTENDANCE, and FINANCIAL STATUS						
Date	General	Other	Total Weekly Income	Average Weekly Expense	Weekly Income Minus Average Weekly Expense	Attendance/ Communion
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
Apr. 28	\$956.00	\$0.00	\$956.00	-\$2,211.54	-\$1,255.54	24/23
		Mar. 2024	\$11,406.69	-\$11,582.37	-\$175.68	
		Jan Mar.	\$32,833.29	-\$30,913.66	\$1,919.63	

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



We thank you for your Doorstep donation today! Will we top last month's donation amount (207 items equaling 192.1 pounds)??



# 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)

#### **Donations Accepted**:

Monday – Friday 9am – 2pm

1119 SW 10<sup>th</sup> Ave (10<sup>th</sup> & Buchanan) Use the South Door

<u>Hygiene Items:</u> (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	

# PUTT OUT HUNGER **Golf Fundraiser and Food Drive**

DOORSTEP

Neighbors Helping Neighbors

Western Hills Golf Club Friday, June 28th Shotgun Start @ 10 AM \$320/Team Sponsorhip Packages Available

Teams that donate the most food get a prize!



DONATION GOAL: **500 LBS** 

**4-Man Scramble** Lunch at the Turn **Raffle Prizes** 

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> **DON'T WAIT!** SCAN THE CODE TO SIGN **UP TODAY!**

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REGISTRATION DEADLINE 6/17/2024



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# 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*).

# **CONGREGATION COUNCIL**

President Diane Bottorff Vice-President Curt Lewis (Maintenance) Secretary Shelley Andrews (Administration) Parker Jackson (Administration) Steve Luoma (Community Relations) Carol Marker (Spiritual Care) Dean McGinnis (Congregational Life) Janelle Meredith (Community Relations) Duane Pomeroy (Spiritual Care) Treasurer Bob Kobbeman