



Trinity Lutheran Church



December  
**1**

**2024**  
First Sunday  
of Advent

Together  
in Community  
Living  
with Christ  
Caring  
for Neighbors

Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."  
Luke 21:28

[www.trinitylutherantopeka.org](http://www.trinitylutherantopeka.org)

***We are glad you are here!***

***It is always good to be together, hearing the Word proclaimed  
and sharing in the Lord's Supper.***

***Thank you for choosing to worship at Trinity Lutheran Topeka.***

*Advent is about the "coming days." God's people have always lived in great expectation, but that expectation finds specific, repeated enunciation in the texts appointed for these four weeks. The ancients anticipated a "righteous Branch to spring up for David." The Thessalonians awaited "the coming of our Lord Jesus with all the saints." Jesus' contemporaries hoped for the time "to stand before the Son of Man." With them we eagerly await the coming days: another Christmas celebration, a second coming, and the advent of Christ in word and supper.*

**HYMN SING ALONG**

***Evangelical Lutheran Worship — Setting 3***

---

**GATHERING**

---

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

*Please stand as you are able.*

P Blessed be the holy Trinity...arriving soon.

**C Amen.**

P Let us confess our sin...and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P God of mercy,

**C we confess that we have sinned. We trust earthly powers and human authority alone. We grow fearful. We cling to false comforts.**

P God of might,

**C we confess that we have sinned. We have turned away from our neighbors. We have trusted false promises.**

P God in our midst,

**C we confess that we have sinned. We plead: come to us. Bring your mercy to birth in us.**

P A righteous branch springs forth: it is Christ the Lord, our Savior, in whom we have forgiveness, life, and mercy. By the power of the Holy Spirit, receive the grace and forgiveness of God through † Christ Jesus, whose day draws near.

**C Amen.**

**GATHERING HYMN**

*The King Shall Come*

**ELW 260**

1 The King shall come when morning dawns and light triumphant breaks,  
when beauty gilds the eastern hills and life to joy awakes.

2 Not as of old a little child, to bear and fight and die,  
but crowned with glory like the sun that lights the morning sky.

- 3 Oh, brighter than the rising morn when Christ, victorious, rose  
and left the lonesome place of death, despite the rage of foes.
- 4 Oh, brighter than that glorious morn shall dawn upon our race  
the day when Christ in splendor comes, and we shall see his face.
- 5 The King shall come when morning dawns and light and beauty brings.  
Hail, Christ the Lord! Your people pray: come quickly, King of kings.

**LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE**

Advent One:

P We light this candle as a sign of the coming light of Christ. Advent stands for the coming of our Lord. We are preparing ourselves for the days when the nations shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. (Isaiah 2:4)

**GREETING**

P The grace ...be with you all.

**C And also with you.**

**KYRIE**

*In peace, let us pray to the Lord*

**ELW PAGE 138**

**HYMN OF PRAISE**

*This is the feast*

**ELW PAGE 140**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

A Let us pray. Stir up your power...now and forever.

**C Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

---

**WORD**

---

**FIRST READING: JEREMIAH 33:14-16**

L The Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 25:1-10

*Sung responsively*



- <sup>1</sup> To | you, O LORD,  
I lift | up my soul.
- <sup>2</sup> **My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be | put to shame,  
nor let my enemies triumph | over me.**
- <sup>3</sup> Let none who look to you be | put to shame;  
rather let those be put to shame | who are treacherous.
- <sup>4</sup> **Show me your | ways, O LORD,  
and teach | me your paths.**
- <sup>5</sup> Lead me in your | truth and teach me,  
for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all | the day long.
- <sup>6</sup> **Remember, O LORD, your compas- | sion and love,  
for they are from | everlasting.**
- <sup>7</sup> Remember not the sins of my youth and | my transgressions;  
remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake of your good- |  
ness, O LORD.
- <sup>8</sup> **You are gracious and up- | right, O LORD;  
therefore you teach sinners | in your way.**
- <sup>9</sup> You lead the low- | ly in justice  
and teach the low- | ly your way.
- <sup>10</sup> **All your paths, O LORD, are steadfast | love and faithfulness  
to those who keep your covenant and your | testimonies.**

**SECOND READING: 1ST THESSALONIANS 3:9-13**

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as you are able.*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** *Alleluia, Lord, to whom shall we go* **ELW PAGE 142**

P The Holy Gospel, according to Luke, the twenty-first chapter.

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

**GOSPEL: LUKE 21:25-36**

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*Please be seated.*

**SERMON**

**PASTOR BARBARA JONES**

*Please stand for the last verse.*

- 1 Wake, awake, for night is flying, the watchmen on the heights are crying;  
awake, Jerusalem, at last. Midnight hears the welcome voices,  
and at the thrilling cry rejoices: "Come forth, you maidens! Night is past.  
The bridegroom comes! Awake; your lamps with gladness take!" Alleluia!  
Rise and prepare the feast to share; go, meet the bridegroom, who draws near.
- 2 Zion hears the watchmen singing, and all her heart with joy is springing.  
She wakes, she rises from her gloom. Her dear friend comes down, all glorious,  
the strong in grace, in truth victorious: her star is ris'n; her light is come.  
Now come, O Blessed One, Lord Jesus, God's own Son. Sing hosanna!  
Oh, hear the call! Come one, come all, and follow to the banquet hall.
- 3 Gloria! Let heav'n adore you! Let saints and angels sing before you,  
with harp and cymbal's clearest tone. Gates of pearl, twelve portals gleaming,  
lead us to bliss beyond all dreaming, with angel choirs around your throne.  
No eye has caught the light, no ear the thund'ring might of such glory.  
There we will go: what joy we'll know! There sweet delight will ever flow.

P Together, with the whole church..., let us confess our faith.

ELW PAGE 127

**THE PRAYERS**

A As we prepare for Emmanuel, ...that long for God's presence.

*A brief silence.*

A God of righteousness,...Lord, in your mercy,

**C receive our prayer.**

P Savior of the nations,...in the name of Jesus Christ.

**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.*

---

## MEAL

---

### OFFERING AND OFFERING SONG

ELW 181

### OFFERTORY PRAYER

*Please stand as you are able.*

A Let us pray. Creator God...Jesus Christ our Lord.

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...join their unending hymn:

### HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

ELW PAGE 144

### EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

ELW PAGE 145

### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

*Please be seated.*

*Everyone who goes to the Altar for communion will be viewed on camera. Should you prefer not to have your image recorded, please stay in your seat and tell an usher you would like to have communion served to you in your pew.*

### LAMB OF GOD

ELW PAGE 146

### COMMUNION HYMN

*Come Now, O Prince of Peace*

ELW 247

- 1 Come now, O Prince of peace, make us one body. Come, O Lord Jesus, reconcile your people.
- 2 Come now, O God of love, make us one body. Come, O Lord Jesus, reconcile your people.
- 3 Come now and set us free, O God, our Savior. Come, O Lord Jesus, reconcile all nations.
- 4 4 Come, Hope of unity, make us one body. Come, O Lord Jesus, reconcile all nations.

*Please stand as you are able.*

### COMMUNION BLESSING

P The body...keep you in his grace.

C **Amen.**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

A Let us pray. Generous God,...feed the hungry in your name.

C **Amen.**

**SENDING PRAYER FOR COMMUNION KITS**

P Gracious God, ...know the comfort of your abiding presence.

C **Amen.**

---

**SENDING**

---

**BLESSING**

P God of endings and beginnings,...bless and keep you now and forever.

C **Amen.**

**SENDING HYMN**

*People, Look East*

**ELW 248**

- 1 People, look east. The time is near of the crowning of the year.  
Make your house fair as you are able, trim the hearth and set the table.  
People, look east, and sing today—Love, the Guest, is on the way.
- 2 Furrows, be glad. Though earth is bare, one more seed is planted there.  
Give up your strength the seed to nourish, that in course the flow'r may flourish.  
People, look east, and sing today—Love, the Rose, is on the way.
- 3 Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim, one more light the bowl shall brim,  
shining beyond the frosty weather, bright as sun and moon together.  
People, look east, and sing today—Love, the Star, is on the way.
- 4 4 Angels announce with shouts of mirth him who brings new life to earth.  
Set ev'ry peak and valley humming with the word, the Lord is coming.  
People, look east, and sing today—Love, the Lord, is on the way.

**DISMISSAL**

A Go in peace. Prepare the way for Emmanuel

C **Thanks be to God. Our worship has ended. Now our service begins.**

---

**POSTLUDE**

---

*Please join us for coffee and refreshments downstairs in Fellowship Hall immediately after worship.*

*Permissions: Liturgy, hymns, voluntaries, anthems and livestreaming reproduced under CCLI License 22277685, Augsburg Fortress Liturgies annual license #SAS028019, or OneLicense #A-742385. All other music and lyrics are in the public domain.*

## Upcoming Events

+Advent begins on today, December 1st. After worship,, we will decorate the Christmas trees. All are welcome to stay and help.



Today is the day of our monthly hymn sing along before worship and is also the designated day to bring food for Doorstep.



+We will celebrate the beginning of Advent with a midweek event on December 4th, 5pm. We will begin with the Holden Evening Prayer service in the sanctuary, followed by a potluck meal in Fellowship Hall and some other activities. If you'd like to share, you may bring a nativity scene to serve as a table centerpiece or a favorite recipe to share.



+The following Wednesdays in Advent—December 11 and December 18—will be on Facebook Live or Zoom, or both. The time is yet to be determined.



+Christmas Eve worship will be at 4pm on December 24th. There will not be a service on Christmas Day.

+Pr. Barb will be gone on December 29th so we will have a service of carols and scripture for worship that day.



Please be aware — starting December 2nd, the intersection of 8th & Buchanan will be closed to traffic from all directions.



### UPCOMING EVENTS AT TRINITY

Today, Dec. 1.....Hymn Sing Along & Food for Doorstep .....  
 ..... Worship with Holy Communion..... 10:30 AM  
 ..... Congregational Life meeting..... Noon

Tues., Dec. 3..... Quilters ..... 9:00 AM

Wed., Dec. 4 ..... Midweek Advent worship & potluck..... 5:00 PM

Sunday, Dec. 8 ..... Adult Sunday School..... 9:30 AM  
 ..... Worship with Holy Communion..... 10:30 AM  
 ..... PFLAG meeting..... 2:00 PM

### Worship Assistants

Date	Acolytes	Ushers	Musician	Lector	Altar Guild	Asst. Minister	Presiding Minister	Coffee Hosts
Dec. 1	Parker Jackson	Duane Pomeroy, Howard Reece	Laurie Jackson	Debbie Pomeroy	Janice Greenlee & Team 2	Marcy Carlson	Pr. Barb Jones	Curt & Jane Lewis
Dec. 8	Brayden Winsor	Diane Bottorff, Bob Horton	Mitchell Bean	LaVell Winsor	Janice Greenlee & Team 2	Ted Murphy	Pr. Barb Jones	Julie Reeves & Parker Jackson

### OFFERING, ATTENDANCE, and FINANCIAL STATUS

Date	General	Other	Total Weekly Income	Average Weekly Expense	Weekly Income Minus Average Weekly Expense	Attendance/Commun-
Nov. 3	\$2,618.00	\$858.00	\$3,476.00	-\$2,211.54	\$1,264.46	38/33
Nov. 10	\$1,259.00	\$79.00	\$1,338.00	-\$2,211.54	-\$873.54	26/20
Nov. 17	\$2,338.00	\$209.00	\$2,547.00	-\$2,211.54	\$335.46	39/38
Nov. 24	\$793.00	\$245.00	\$1,038.00	-\$2,211.54	-\$1,173.54	31/28
		Oct. 2024	\$9,231.39	-\$20,901.38	-\$11,669.99	
		Jan. - Oct.	\$90,547.21	-\$122,072.06	-\$31,524.85	



**Holden Evening Prayer  
worship service**

**5:00pm**

**followed by**

**Trinity Holiday Potluck  
Wednesday, December 4**

**All table service and drinks will be provided.  
Please bring a dish or two to share.  
If you have a favorite Swedish dish,  
we'd love a taste!**

**Following the meal, there will be bus tour of  
holiday lights, including Winter Wonderland.  
More details about that will follow.**

## **Doorstep Christmas Project ~ 2024**

Doorstep is adopting 260 households with 800+ individuals from the Christmas Bureau again this year. We need your help to make Christmas bright for these families and individuals.

**We still need the following NEW items:** (Needed by 12/10/24)

### **Household Items:**

- ◆ Sauce Pans, Dutch Ovens & Griddles
- ◆ Kitchen Utensil Sets
- ◆ Kitchen Food Storage Sets
- ◆ Laundry Baskets & Cleaning Supplies (glass, all-purpose, toilet, micro-towels, dish soap)
- ◆ Queen & King Sheet Sets (darker colors)



### **Toys, Teens & Gifts:**

- ◆ Learning Toys ex: Vtech
- ◆ Basketballs & Footballs
- ◆ Teen Books ~ Fantasies
- ◆ Family Board Games
- ◆ Dominoes & Card Games
- ◆ Canvases (Value Packs)
- ◆ Paints & Brushes
- ◆ Ear Buds & Headphones

### **Women's Gifts:**

- ◆ Candles
- ◆ Nail Sets
- ◆ Body Care Sets (Body Wash, Lotion, Spray)

### **Men's Gifts:**

- ◆ Wallets
- ◆ Tool Sets
- ◆ Body Care Sets (Axe, Adidas, Old Spice)

### **Money for Gift Cards & Food**

**Visit Doorstep's Walmart Christmas Registry:**

<https://bit.ly/doorstepchristmas2024>

Purchase gifts directly from our registry!

**Visit Doorstep's Amazon Wish List:**

<https://a.co/ff4EokG>

Purchase gifts directly from our list!

### **Volunteer Opportunities:**

**Tuesday, December 17<sup>th</sup>** ~ Opportunities from 8:30am – 12:30pm and 12:30pm – 5:30pm.  
(Lunch provided)

**Wednesday, December 18<sup>th</sup>** ~ Opportunities available from: 8:30am – 1:30pm,  
1:30pm – 4:30pm and 4:30pm - 7:30pm. (Lunch & Dinner provided)

**Thursday, December 19<sup>th</sup>** ~ Opportunities available from 8:30am – 12:30pm and  
12:30pm – 5:30pm. (Lunch provided)

**Call Doorstep (785) 357-5341 to sign up & help during distribution week!**



Doorstep is located at 1119 SW 10th, 66604 (10th & Buchanan).  
Christmas Donation hours are Monday - Friday, 9am - 2pm thru Dec. 13th.

You can mail your monetary donations, or use our website:  
DoorstepTopeka.org under the Donate Tab.



## TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

725 SW Buchanan St. • Topeka, Kansas 66606  
Phone: 785-233-0767 • Email: [office@topekatlc.org](mailto:office@topekatlc.org)  
Website: [trinitylutherantopeka.org](http://trinitylutherantopeka.org)

### OFFICE HOURS

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

**Together in Community**

**Living with Christ**

**Caring for Neighbors**

### **Living with Christ's Love**

As Lutherans, we believe that we are justified by faith alone through the grace of God (*Ephesians 2:1-9*). As our namesake Martin Luther made clear, we are both sinners and saints as we live our lives of faith. Together as Christians, we are called to allow God into our lives everyday and to do our best to live according to Christ's love. We do this through being a community of faithful that welcomes all people to join us in prayer, service, study, and worship as we journey together in learning how to live out the Great Commandment.

### **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