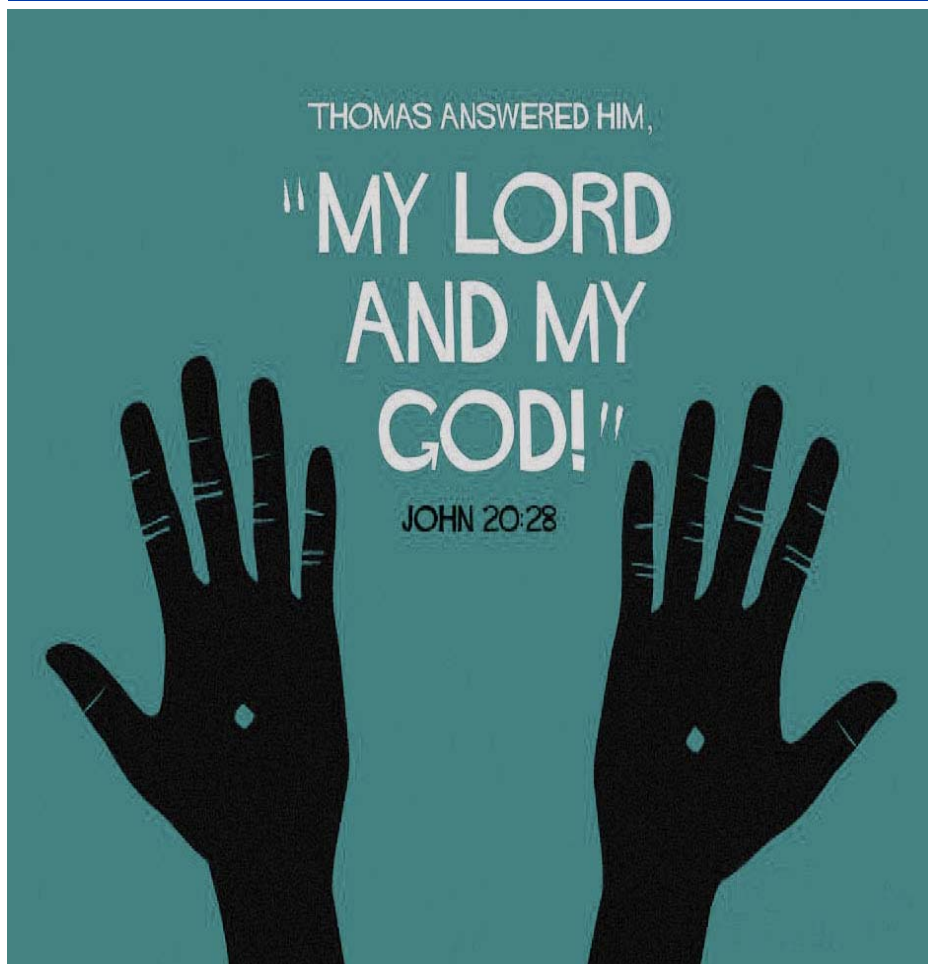




EASTER 2025

## Trinity Lutheran Church



April  
**27**

**2025**  
2nd Sunday of  
Easter

Together  
in Community  
Living  
with Christ  
Caring  
for Neighbors

Peace be with  
you.

John 20:19

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***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.***  
*We celebrate our worship leader today, Pastor Dinah Dutta, for preaching & presiding at  
 communion. We pray that all are inspired by our worship today.*

**PRELUDE**

***Evangelical Lutheran Worship — Now the Feast***

**GATHERING**

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**P** Christ is Risen!

**C** He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

*Please stand as you are able.*

**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 is kept for reflection.*

**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!

**GATHERING HYMN**

*That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright*

**ELW 354**

- 1 That Easter day with joy was bright; the sun shone out with fairer light when,  
to their longing eyes restored, th'apostles saw their risen Lord!
- 2 O Jesus, king of gentleness, with constant love our hearts possess; to you our  
lips will ever raise the tribute of our grateful praise.
- 3 O Christ, you are the Lord of all in this our Easter festival, for you will be our  
strength and shield from ev'ry weapon death can wield.
- 4 All praise, O risen Lord, we give to you, once dead, but now alive! To God the  
Father equal praise, and God the Spirit, now we raise!

Text: Latin hymn, 5th cent.; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818-1866, alt.

## 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

*Assistant:*  
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 -

*Assistant:*  
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.

## NOW THE FEAST

### Refrain

*Congregation:*

Now the feast and cel - e - bra - 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*

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**A** Let us pray.

O God of life, you reach out to us amid our fears with the wounded hands of your risen Son. By your Spirit's breath revive our faith in your mercy, and strengthen us to be the body 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.



<sup>25</sup>**Hosanna! | O LORD, save us!**

**We pray to you, LORD, pros- | per our days!**

<sup>26</sup>Blessed is the one who comes in the name | of the LORD;  
we bless you from the house | of the LORD.

<sup>27</sup>**The LORD is God and has giv- | en us light.**

**Form a procession with branches up to the corners | of the altar.**

<sup>28</sup>You are my God, and | I will thank you;  
you are my God, and I | will exalt you.

<sup>29</sup>**Give thanks to the LORD, for the | LORD is good;**  
**God's mercy en- | dures forever.**

## SECOND READING: REVELATION 1:4-8

<sup>4</sup>John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, <sup>5</sup>and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, <sup>6</sup>and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

<sup>7</sup>Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen. <sup>8</sup>"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

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**

<sup>19</sup>When 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." <sup>20</sup>After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup>Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." <sup>22</sup>When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup>If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

<sup>24</sup>But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup>So 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."

<sup>26</sup>A 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." <sup>27</sup>Then 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." <sup>28</sup>Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" <sup>29</sup>Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

<sup>30</sup>Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. <sup>31</sup>But 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.

*Please be seated.*

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

**SERMON**

**PASTOR DINAH DUTTA**



## HYMN OF THE DAY

## *Signs and Wonders*

ELW 672

*Please stand for the final verse of the hymn.*

- 1 Signs and wonders lead the dancing from the heart God frees from fear: wings of angels greet the maiden, and God finds a dwelling here; boldly may we lift our hands, bow the head, and voice Amen; Thus does glory shine at midnight: open hearts invite the starlight.
- 2 Hope and freedom join the circle: Mary to the garden came, saw the radiance of the marvel, heard the Risen call her name; boldly may we heed Christ's call, step beyond the garden wall: beautiful the feet proceeding with good news of death's defeating.
- 3 Cast aside all fear and hiding; hand in hand we dance the round. God is with us, Christ, abiding, and the Spirit's gifts abound. Called by God to holiness, let us boldly serve and bless; and to hearts that sigh and hunger may our lives dance signs and wonders.

Text: Susan Palo Cherwien, b. 1953. Text © 2005 Susan Palo Cherwien, admin. Augsburg Fortress.

## APOSTLES CREED

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

**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 God of resurrection and new life, we come before you in prayer for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

*A brief silence.*

A Inspire the church with the breath of your Holy Spirit, that we sing the good news of the resurrection. Inspire deacons and pastors, lay leaders and bishops to boldly proclaim your love for all people. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

A Preserve the earth as a safe home for all creatures. Restore habitats damaged by pollution or overuse, strengthen efforts to shape sustainable communities, and make us aware of our impact on the well-being of creation. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

A Kindle in the nations a spirit of cooperation and mutual care. Raise up creative and courageous leaders committed to shaping just solutions to complex challenges in our local and global communities. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

A Embrace all who carry wounds, that they might know your compassion. Draw near to those with chronic pain or anxiety, and all for whom death is near. Comfort those suffering in any way especially Martha Nemeth and David McGinnis. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

A Transform our fear into curiosity and love, especially across differences in race, religion, sexuality, gender identity, and economic situation. Unravel stereotypes that lead to discrimination, and destroy oppressive systems that marginalize vulnerable communities. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

A Bless Marsha Ridinger and Chance Hutchison as they celebrate their birthdays and Tom & Karen Arney as they celebrate their wedding anniversary. Hear us, O God.

P We remember the faithful departed from all times and places. Confident that you are the Alpha and Omega, we pray for your wisdom and guidance until our earthly pilgrimage is complete. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

P We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting that you are always with us; in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

**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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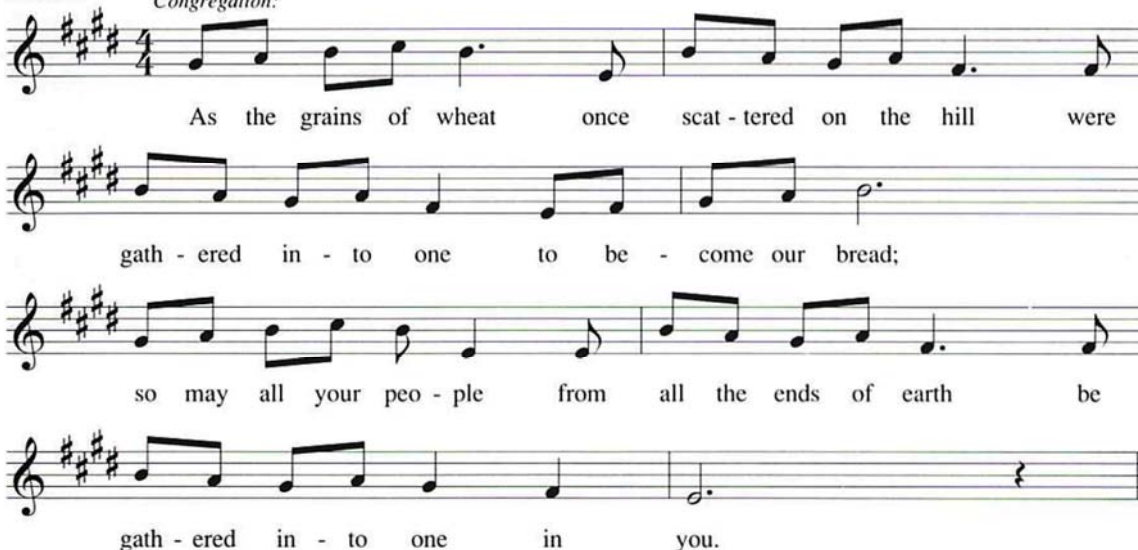
## MEAL

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### OFFERING AND OFFERING SONG

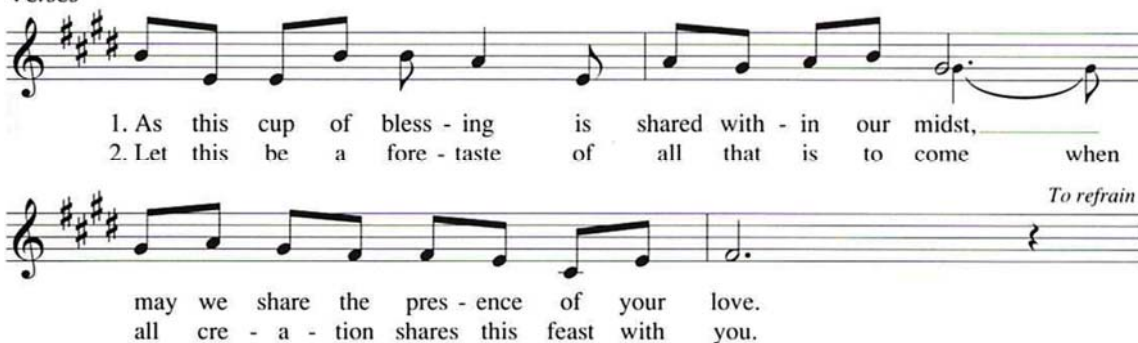
Refrain

*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,

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 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, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, 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!

## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

P In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, 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.

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

P Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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

P Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, gives everyone a place at the welcome table.

Alleluia! Come to the feast.

*We invite all who believe in Jesus Christ as their Savior to share in Holy Communion. Grape juice is available as an alternative to wine as well as gluten-free wafers. Everyone is invited to receive communion or a blessing. Hands cupped open indicate an openness to receive communion; hands closed reflect a desire to receive a blessing.*

*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

*Congregation:* Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the

*Congregation:* world: have mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us,

*Final time: Cong. or assistant:* mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you

*Congregation:* take a - way the sin of the world: grant us peace,

grant us peace, grant us peace.

**COMMUNION HYMN**      *For the Bread Which You Have Broken*      **ELW 494**

- 1 For the bread which you have broken, for the wine which you have poured, for the words which you have spoken, now we give you thanks, O Lord.
- 2 By this promise that you love us, by your gift of peace restored, by your call to heav'n above us, hallow all our lives, O Lord.
- 3 With the saints who now adore you, seated at the heav'nly board, may the church still waiting for you keep love's tie unbroken, Lord.
- 4 In your service, Lord, defend us; in our hearts keep watch and ward; in the world to which you send us let your kingdom come, O Lord.

Text: Louis F. Benson, 1855-1930, alt. Text © Robert F. Jefferys Jr.

**COMMUNION BLESSING**

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **C Amen.**

*Please stand as you are able.*

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

A Let us pray. Most gracious and generous God, you open your hand and feed those who hunger. Grant us faith to trust your wise providing, courage to share our bread, and grace to pour out our lives in service to others as Christ poured out himself to us. **C Amen.**

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**SENDING**

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**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*      **ELW 376**

- 1 Thine is the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son; endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won! Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away, kept the folded grave-clothes where thy body lay.

*Refrain*

Thine is the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son; endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won!

- 2 Lo, Jesus meets thee, risen from the tomb! Lovingly he greets thee, scatters fear and gloom; let his church with gladness hymns of triumph sing, for the Lord now liveth; death hath lost its sting! *Refrain*
- 3 No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life; life is naught without thee; aid us in our strife; make us more than conqu'rors, through thy deathless love; bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above. *Refrain*

Text: Edmond Budry, 1854-1932; tr. R. Birch Hoyle, 1875-1939

**DISMISSAL**

A Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**C Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

A You are the body of Christ raised up for the world. Go in peace. Share the good news.

**C We will! Thanks be to God.**

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**POSTLUDE**


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**UPCOMING EVENTS AT TRINITY**

Today, Apr. 27 ..... Community Relations meeting ..... 9:30 AM  
 ..... Children's Sunday School ..... 9:45 AM  
 ..... Worship with Holy Communion ..... 10:30 AM  
 ..... Coffee Hour ..... after worship

Mon., Apr. 28 ..... Office closed due to vacation .....

Tues., Apr. 29 ..... Quilters ..... 9:00 AM  
 ..... Doorstep Appreciation Banquet ..... 6:30 PM

Sunday, May 4 ..... Worship with Holy Communion ..... 10:30 AM  
 ..... Coffee Hour ..... after worship

**Worship Assistants**

Date	Acolyte	Ushers	Musician	Lector	Altar Guild	Asst. Minister	Worship Leader	Coffee Hosts
April 27	Ella Bosch, Curt Lewis	Marcy Carlson, Dean McGinnis	Mitchell Bean	Loni Reece	Janice Greenlee & Team 2	Parker Jackson	Pr. Dinah Dutta	Mike/Shelley Andrews, Ted Murphy
May 4	Braxdon Penry	Diane Bottorff, Curt Lewis	Laurie Jackson	Loretta Hoerman	Pam Kobbeman & Team 3	Marcy Carlson	Pr. Bob Dealey	
May 11	Brayden Winsor	Marcy Carlson, Duane Pomeroy	Mitchell Bean	Duane Pomeroy	Pam Kobbeman & Team 3	Ted Murphy	Jordan Valentine	Duane & Debbie Pomeroy
May 18	Janeen Horton	Ted Murphy, Howard Reece	Laurie Jackson	Shelley Andrews	Pam Kobbeman & Team 3	Bob Horton	Pr. Mandy Todd	
May 25	Cindy McGinnis	Diane Bottorff, Dean McGinnis	Mitchell Bean	Debbie Pomeroy	Pam Kobbeman & Team 3	Parker Jackson	Rick Friedstrom	



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### OFFICE HOURS

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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Shelley Andrews (Administration)

Marilyn Heckman (Community Relations)

Parker Jackson (TBD)

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