

Trinity Lutheran Church



May 18 2025 5th Sunday of Easter

Together
in Community
Living
with Christ
Caring
for Neighbors

Just as I
have loved
you, you
also should
love one
another

John 13:34

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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, Rev. Dr. Mandy Todd 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

I Come with Joy

ELW 482

- 1 I come with joy, a child of God, forgiven, loved, and free, the life of Jesus to recall in love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.
- 2 I come with Christians far and near to find, as all are fed, the new community of love in Christ's communion bread, in Christ's communion bread.
- 3 As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each proud division ends. The love that made us, makes us one, and strangers now are friends, and strangers now are friends.
- 4 The Spirit of the risen Christ, unseen, but ever near, is in such friendship better known, alive among us here, alive among us here.
- 5 Together met, together bound by all that God has done, we'll go with joy, to give the world the love that makes us one, the love that makes us one.

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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



NOW THE FEAST Refrain Congregation: Now the feast and cel e bra - tion, all of tion sings for cre joy the God of life and to love and free - dom: for praise and glo - ry ev er more! Verse 1 Congregation or Congregation 1: Now the feast of the Lamb is once slain, whose blood has freed and u nit ed be us to one great To refrain

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A Let us pray.

O Lord God, you teach us that without love, our actions gain nothing. Pour into our hearts your most excellent gift of love, that, made alive by your Spirit, we may know goodness and peace, through 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. <u>Please be seated.</u>

WORD

FIRST READING: ACTS 11:1-18

¹Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. 2So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, 3saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" 4Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, 5"I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. 6As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' 9But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' 10This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. ¹¹At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. ¹²The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. ¹³He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; 14he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' 15 And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. ¹⁶And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' 17If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" 18When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM 148 Sung responsively



¹ Hallelujah! Praise the LORD | from the heavens; praise God | in the heights.

² Praise the LORD, | all you angels; sing praise, all you | hosts of heaven.

³ Praise the LORD, | sun and moon; sing praise, all you | shining stars.

⁴ Praise the LORD, heav- | en of heavens, and you waters a- | bove the heavens.

⁵ Let them praise the name | of the LORD, who commanded, and they | were created,

⁶ who made them stand fast forev- | er and ever, giving them a law that shall not | pass away.

⁷ Praise the LORD | from the earth, you sea monsters | and all deeps;

8 fire and hail, | snow and fog, tempestuous wind, do- | ing God's will;

⁹ mountains | and all hills,

fruit trees | and all cedars;

10 wild beasts | and all cattle,

creeping things and | flying birds;

¹¹ sovereigns of the earth | and all peoples, princes and all rulers | of the world;

 $^{\rm 12}\,{\bf young}$ $^{\rm I}$ men and maidens,

old and | young together.

¹³Let them praise the name | of the LORD,

whose name only is exalted, whose splendor is over ${}^{\mid}$ earth and heaven.

 14 The LORD has raised up strength for the people and praise for all † faithful servants,

the children of Israel, a people who are near the LORD. | Hallelujah!

SECOND READING: REVELATION 21:1-6

¹I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ²And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

"See, the home of God is among mortals.

He will dwell with them;

they will be his peoples,

and God himself will be with them;

⁴he will wipe every tear from their eyes.

Death will be no more;

mourning and crying and pain will be no more,

for the first things have passed away."

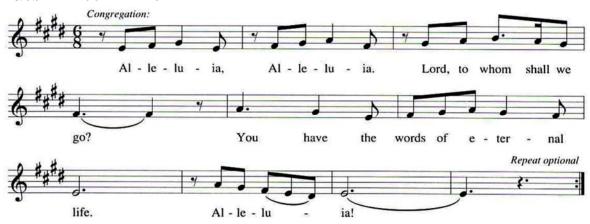
⁵And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." ⁶Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life."

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 thirteenth chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL: JOHN 13:31-35

³¹ When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. ³² If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. ³³ Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' ³⁴ I give you a new commandment, that you

love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵ By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

SERMON REV. DR. MANDY TODD

HYMN OF THE DAY

Where Charity and Love Prevail

ELW 359

Please stand for the final verse of the hymn.

- Where charity and love prevail, there God is ever found; brought here together by Christ's love, by love we thus are bound.
- 2 With grateful joy and holy fear, God's charity we learn; let us with heart and mind and soul now love God in return.
- 3 Let us recall that in our midst dwells Christ, God's holy Son; as members of each body joined, in him we are made one.
- 4 Let strife among us be unknown; let all contentions cease. Be God's the glory that we seek; be his our only peace.
- 5 Let us forgive each other's faults as we our own confess, that we may love each other well in Christian gentleness.

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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 Fill the church with the spirit of your redeeming love. Make us steadfast in our proclamation of your grace for all people without exceptions, especially those often overlooked in our communities. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A Awaken joy in the beauty and abundance of your creation. Show us the wonder of your presence from the smallest flower to the tallest tree. Recommit us to preservation of wild places. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A Instruct all world leaders to protect the most vulnerable among us. Guide those in power toward equitable and just economic policies, so that all might have sufficient resources to live safely and with dignity. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A Pour out your love on all in need of care: those mourning losses, enduring trauma, experiencing broken relationships, or facing illness, especially Martha Nemeth and David McGinnis. Wipe away every tear. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A Abide with all who are victims of racism, especially people who are doubly marginalized because of gender, sexuality, or ability. Destroy all forms of systemic oppression, and renew our commitment to healing the wounds of our collective body in this community and beyond. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A Grant blessings to Steve Luoma and David McGinnis as they celebrate their birthdays and to Tom Arney and Breanna Lewis as they remember their baptisms. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

P We give thanks for all the saints whose lives bear witness to your redeeming love. Guide us by their example, until we join them in your eternal home. 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.

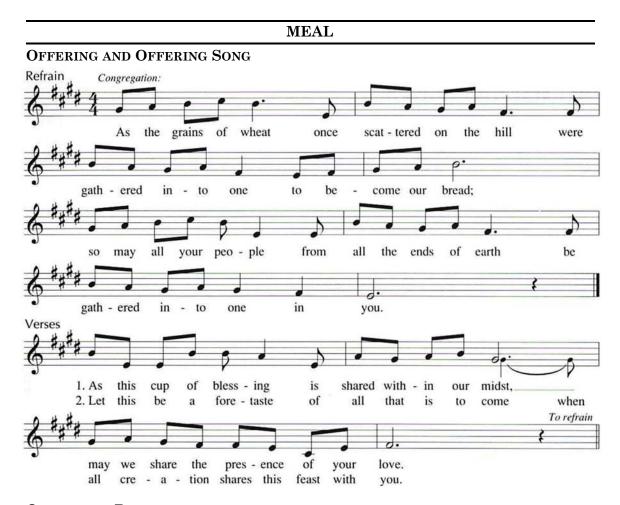
THE PEACE

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.



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 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:



EUCHARISTIC 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.

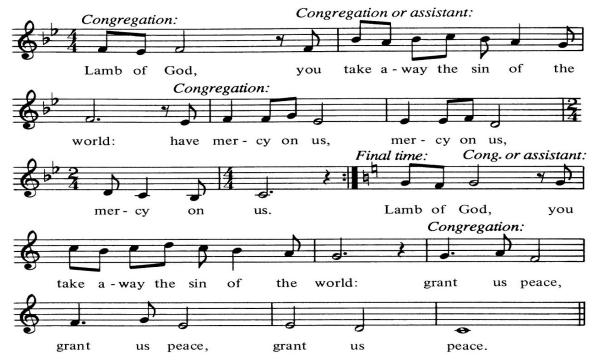
INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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



COMMUNION HYMN

Baptized and Set Free

ELW 453

- 1 We are people created, chosen by God. Then we're washed, ever gently, in mercy and love.
 - Sin has power no more. Jesus opened the door to a fountain bringing healing, and wholeness and more.
- 2 We are fed and we're nourished, filled and refreshed. Then our hunger returns and again we are blessed.
 - For whatever the need, God is greater indeed: endless ocean, always deeper than all of our need.
- 3 We are nourished by water, all living things, and by life that the Spirit abundantly brings.
 - As we journey toward home, may your presence be known: precious river, ever-flowing, now carry us home.
- 4 Now with praise and thanksgiving, we join the song. All are welcome! We gather to sing loud and strong.
 - Not enslaved, but set free! From now on, all will be one in Jesus, one in water, baptized and set free!

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COMMUNION BLESSING

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

C Amen.

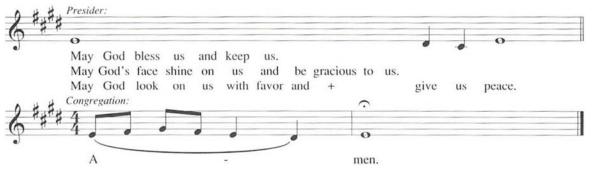
Please stand as you are able.

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.

BLESSING



SENDING HYMN

Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones

ELW 424

- Ye watchers and ye holy ones, bright seraphs, cherubim, and thrones, raise the glad strain: "Alleluia!" Cry out, dominions, princedoms, pow'rs, archangels, virtues, angel choirs: "Alleluia! Alleluia!" Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 2 O higher than the cherubim, more glorious than the seraphim, lead their praises: "Alleluia!" Thou bearer of the eternal Word, most gracious, magnify the Lord: "Alleluia! Alleluia!" Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 3 Respond, ye souls in endless rest, ye patriarchs and prophets blest: "Alleluia! Alleluia!" Ye holy twelve, ye martyrs strong, all saints triumphant, raise the song: "Alleluia! Alleluia!" Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- O friends, in gladness let us sing, supernal anthems echoing: "Alleluia! Alleluia!" To God the Father, God the Son, and God the Spirit, Three in One: "Alleluia! Alleluia!" Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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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.

POSTLUDE

| UPCOMING EVENTS AT TRINITY | | | | | | | | |
|----------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| Today, May 18 | Community Relations meeting | 9:30 AM | | | | | | |
| | Worship with Holy Communion | | | | | | | |
| | Coffee Hour | after worship | | | | | | |
| Tues., May 20 | Quilters | 9:00 AM | | | | | | |
| Sun., May 25 | Children's Sunday School | 9:45 AM | | | | | | |
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| | | after worship | | | | | | |

| Worship Assistants | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Date | Acolyte | Ushers | Musician | Lector | Altar Guild | Asst. Minister | Worship Leader | Coffee Hosts | | |
| May 18 | Janeen Horton | Ted Murphy, Curt Lewis | 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 | Duane Pomeroy | | | |

WIDOWED WOMEN of FAITH

Join other "Widowed Women of FaiTh" on Tuesday, May 20th for lunch and companionship from 11am to 1pm in the back room at Perkins Restaurant, 1720 SW Wanamaker Road, Topeka. No RSVP needed, just come. Please, invite other Widowed Women of FaiTh. We meet every month on the 3rd Tuesday and will continue all through 2025. Come join us! Questions?

WidowedWomenofFaith@gmail.com or call Julie at (913)558-0191.

Treasurer report as of 4-30-2025

Income and Expense update

Year to date giving is averaging \$10,845.50 a month or a total of \$43,382.00 thru 4-30-25.

Year to date expenses are averaging \$10,618.50 a month or a total of \$42,473.49 thru 4-30-25.

This results in a \$908.51 positive coverage of our expenses thru the end of April.

Restricted giving of \$5,804 YTD (April 30th) — Elevator donations of \$2,460 and \$2,753 for Doorstep are the majority of the restricted giving thru the end of April.



WU CAMPUS MINISTRY

The Bods Feeding Bods pantry is excited to receive donations from Trinity for their summer session. Oral hygiene items just fly off the shelves! So please consider donating toothbrushes, toothpaste, mouthwash, dental floss. The WU box will be by the east entrance through June 8. Then we'll deliver to WU. Thank you for your generosity!

The outdoor rocking chairs at our Tiny Cabins and The Hideaway have served us well—but after years of sunshine, storms, and good conversations, they're starting to show their age. We'd love your help refreshing these special spaces! We've added new rocking chairs to our Amazon Wishlist—just right for relaxing on the porch, listening to the birds, and soaking in the peace of Hollis.



If you'd like to support Hollis in a simple, tangible way, consider gifting a chair. Your generosity helps us continue offering a place of rest, reflection, and renewal. Here's the link to our Amazon wish list:

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/28KQ5I9UULRIT?ref =wl fv le

Thank you for helping us keep these spaces cozy and inviting—we'll see you outside!

Join us for the 8th Annual

Neighbor Helping Neighbor



Walk/5k Fun Run

Our 60th Anniversary Kick-Off Event!

DATE

SATURDAY, JUNE 7, 2025



REGISTRATION 8:00AM

WALK/5K START

9:00AM



Celebrity Starter:

Chris Fisher WIBW-TV

LOCATION

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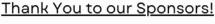
t-shirt!



Scan the QR code for our online registration

- Registration is \$30 for individuals or pledges (\$30 minimum)
 - One Mile Walk or 5k Run, you choose!
- Snacks & Drinks will be provided during the event in Shelter House #1
- One registered child age 10 & under can walk for Free with a paid adult (shirt extra)
- T-shirt included with \$30 registration fee or on total pledges of \$100+
- Registrations received after May 16th will not be guaranteed a t-shirt
- · Late & Event Day Registrations are accepted

















Mark your calendars! Dump Your Junk: The Dumpster Event

The NIA is providing dumpsters for disposal of large items such as dressers, chairs, bookcases, construction waste and the like. The dumpsters will be on our vacant lot May 24, 25, & 26.

Marcy has volunteered to pick items from your home if needed.

WE WILL HAVE A TIRE PILE!! Place them by our dumpsters and we'll take care of the rest!

***PROHIBITED ITEMS: -Hazardous waste -Sharps

Current Doorstep Needs ~ May 2025

Clothing Room Needs: (Gently Used, Not New)

Men's Jeans \sim Sizes 32-34 and 42-48Donations AcceptedMen's Shoes \sim Sizes 10 and upMonday – FridayWomen's Jeans \sim Sizes 16 & 189am – 2pmBoys \sim Larger size socks1119 SW 10th Ave

2-in-1 = Shampoo / Conditioner ~ Full Size (Dollar (10th & Buchanan)

Tree)
Use the South Door

Diapers ~ Sizes 4 & 5 Bed Sheets ~ Twin & Queen Hand Can Openers & Toasters

Doorstep is a partnering agency with the **Impact Avenues** program. When their families get housing, we help provide bedding, towels, kitchen items, and other household items they might need (as we can), since many families do not have much after being homeless. There have been several families in the past month who now have homes, and we need to replenish some items.

Plastic plates and tumblers (50 cents at Target & Walmart) Small – Medium Plastic Storage Containers Bed Pillows (New)

Food Room Needs:

Spaghetti Sauce Pancake Mix Tuna Spaghetti (1 lb.)
Ramen Noodles Baked Beans Vegetable Soup Canned Milk
Canned Tomatoes Pork N Beans
Canned Fruit (variety) Boxed Potatoes (scalloped)
Canned Beans (Pinto, Black, Chili)

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OFFICE HOURS

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

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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).

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