



Trinity Lutheran Church



December
7
2025

2nd Sunday of
Advent

Together
in Community
Living
with Christ
Caring
for Neighbors

I baptize you with water for repentance, but the one who is coming after me is more powerful than I, and I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. Matthew 3:11

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We are glad you are here!
It is always good to be together, hearing the Word.
Thank you for choosing to worship at Trinity Lutheran Topeka.
Thank you, Curt Lewis, for leading worship today.

HYMN SING ALONG

Evangelical Lutheran Worship — Setting 3

GATHERING

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Please stand as you are able.

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

C Amen.

P Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Most merciful God,

C we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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 loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

P God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

C Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

ELW 254

1 Come, thou long-expected Jesus, born to set thy people free;
from our fears and sins release us; let us find our rest in thee.
Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art,
dear desire of ev'ry nation, joy of ev'ry longing heart.

2 Born thy people to deliver, born a child, and yet a king;
 born to reign in us forever, now thy gracious kingdom bring.
 By thine own eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts alone;
 by thine all-sufficient merit raise us to thy glorious throne.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Advent Two:

P We light this candle as a sign of the coming light of Christ. Advent stands for the coming of our Lord. The wolf shall dwell with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. (Isaiah 11:6)

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

In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,

and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,

let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. **A - men.**

3

HYMN OF PRAISE

Assisting minister



Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

All



Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther,



we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;



you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

A Let us pray.

Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming nurture our growth as people of repentance and peace; 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: ISAIAH 11:1-10

¹ A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. ² The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD. ³ His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD.

He shall not judge by what his eyes see or decide by what his ears hear, ⁴ but with righteousness he shall judge for the poor and decide with equity for the oppressed of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. ⁵ Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

⁶ The wolf shall live with the lamb; the leopard shall lie down with the kid; the calf and the lion will feed together, and a little child shall lead them. ⁷ The cow and the bear shall graze; their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. ⁸ The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. ⁹ They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea.

¹⁰ On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

P The Holy Gospel, according to Matthew, the third chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 3:1-12

¹In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, ²“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” ³This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, “The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord; make his paths straight.’”

⁴Now John wore clothing of camel’s hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. ⁵Then Jerusalem and all Judea and all the region around the Jordan were going out to him, ⁶and they were baptized by him in the River Jordan, confessing their sins.

⁷But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming for his baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath?”

⁸Therefore, bear fruit worthy of repentance, ⁹and do not presume to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our ancestor,’ for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. ¹⁰Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; therefore every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire.

¹¹I baptize you with water for repentance, but the one who is coming after me is more powerful than I, and I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹²His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

L The Gospel of the Lord.

Please be seated.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

CURT LEWIS

Please stand for the final verse of the hymn.

- 1 On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry announces that the Lord is nigh;
awake and hearken, for he brings glad tidings of the King of kings!
- 2 Then cleansed be ev'ry life from sin; make straight the way for God within,
and let us all our hearts prepare for Christ to come and enter there.
- 3 We hail you as our Savior, Lord, our refuge and our great reward;
without your grace we waste away like flow'rs that wither and decay.
- 4 Stretch forth your hand, our health restore, and make us rise to fall no more;
oh, let your face upon us shine and fill the world with love divine.
- 5 All praise to you, eternal Son, whose advent has our freedom won,
whom with the Father we adore, and Holy Spirit, evermore.

Text: Charles Coffin, 1676-1749; tr. composite

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 PRAYERSA In our waiting and watching, we come to you in prayer, O God, trusting your
promise to renew the church, the nations, and the whole creation.*A brief silence.*A With wisdom and understanding, inspire the faithful around the world. Unite
hearts and minds in work to address poverty, access to housing, and equity
among peoples. God of grace,**C hear our prayer.**A With counsel and might, move us to care for creation. As we dream of the day
when all creatures will flourish alongside one another, guide us in ways human-
ity and all creation will mutually thrive. God of grace,**C hear our prayer.**A With righteousness and faithfulness, encourage nations to live in harmony with
one another. We pray for our partner churches, and for the shared mission of
Lutheran World Relief and Lutheran Disaster Response. God of grace,**C hear our prayer.**

A With steadfastness and encouragement, strengthen those who have lost hope in the face of grief, depression, or disease especially Parker Jackson, Shelley Andrews, Junior & Liz Utech, Martha Nemeth, and David McGinnis. Renew the spirits of those recovering from surgery and medical procedures. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

A With welcome and hospitality, embolden us in our shared ministry to overcome all that divides. In acts of repentance, reconciliation, and reparation, may we serve in the way of Christ. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

A With joy, we pray for Junior Utech and Ivan Carlson as they remember their baptisms. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

P With joy and peace, we remember our ancestors in the faith. Fill us with the hope of the Holy Spirit now and into the ages of ages. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

P Draw near to us, O God, as we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy through Jesus Christ, Emmanuel.

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.

THANKSGIVING

OFFERING AND OFFERING SONG

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your
pres-ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -
store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,
and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of six systems, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line. The piano accompaniment features a steady harmonic accompaniment with some melodic movement in the bass line.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

A Lord of the harvest, we return to you a portion of what you have given to us.
Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches, but on you, who richly
provides for us. Multiply what we have gathered to bless all who are suffering
and in need, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **C Amen.**

THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD

A O God of justice and love, we give thanks to you that you illumine our way
through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, awaken us to
the needs of others, and at the end bring all the world to your feast; through
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be
honor and glory forever. **C Amen.**

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.**

SENDING

BLESSING

P May God who comes among us, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, grant us
patience in waiting, peace in the darkness, and good news to share today and
always.

SENDING 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.

Text: John Brownlie, 1859-1925

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Keep awake.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

UPCOMING EVENTS AT TRINITY

Today, Dec. 7 Doorstep Food Collection Day.....
 Hymn Sing Along..... 10:15 AM
 Worship 10:30 AM
 Town Hall Meetingduring coffee hour

Tues., Dec. 2..... Quilters 9:00 AM
 Church Council meeting 5:30 PM

Wed., Dec. 10 Soup Supper..... 5:30 PM
 Advent Midweek Worship..... 6:15 PM
 at Our Savior’s Lutheran Church.....

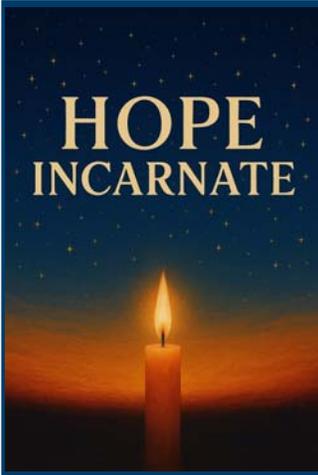
Sun., Dec. 14 Adult Sunday School..... 9:30 AM
 Worship 10:30 AM
 PFLAG meeting..... 2:00 PM

Worship Assistants

Date	Acolyte	Ushers	Musician	Lector	Altar Guild	Assisting Minister	Worship Leader	Coffee Hosts
Dec. 7	Braxdon Penry	Dean McGinnis, Ted Murphy	Mitchell Bean	Diane Bottorff	Ashley Watson & Team 1	Marcy Carlson	Curt Lewis	Diane Bottorff
Dec. 14	Ella Bosch, Curt Lewis	Marcy Carlson, Howard Reece	Laurie Jackson	Marcy Carlson	Ashley Watson & Team 1	Ted Murphy	Parker Jackson	
Dec. 21	Cindy McGinnis	Bob Horton, Curt Lewis	Mitchell Bean	LaVell Winsor	Ashley Watson & Team 1	Marcy Carlson	Duane Pomeroy	Marilyn Heckman



Diane is asking for coffee hour hosts for December 21st and December 28th. You can contact her at 785.231.0379 to volunteer.



HOPE INCARNATE

Advent midweek evening services
Wednesdays, December 10th and 17th
6:15 pm

Our Savior's Lutheran Church
2021 SW 29th St, Topeka, KS

There will be a soup supper before worship,
starting at 5:30 pm.

Volunteers are needed to provide soup
and for speaking parts during worship.



Please plan to attend our town hall meeting today during coffee hour. The meeting will take place downstairs in Fellowship Hall.

We will be asking for congregational input regarding sharing our space with other entities..

We need your voice!



**Christmas Eve
Candlelight
Worship
December 24, 2025,
4:00 pm**



ANNUAL MEETING

Our annual meeting is scheduled for January 18, 2026 immediately after worship.

If you are involved with any committees, please begin preparing your report to be included in the annual report.

Thank you!

2025 Doorstep Christmas Family Adoptions

This year, through the United Way Christmas Bureau, Doorstep is adopting over 260 Shawnee County households, and we can't hold this event without your support!

☞ Two ways to help:

- **Shop & Drop:** Purchase new items from the list below and bring them to Doorstep or your faith community coordinator.
- **Give & Impact:** Use the form on the right to make a tax-deductible donation so we can buy the needed gifts.

✦ **We're Tax Exempt!** This means 100% of your financial gift goes directly to the gifts we purchase for families.



Please have your gifts to Doorstep by 12/9/2025

Toys & Gifts For All Ages

- Adult Coloring Books
- Learning Toys
- Books / Book Sets
- Sports Balls
- Lego Sets
- Pokemon Toys
- Hello Kitty & Paw Patrol
- Avengers / Marvel Toys
- Star Wars
- Puzzles / Board Games
- Make-Up / Finger Nail Kits
- Art Canvases
- Paints & Brushes
- Markers / Colored Pencils



Men's & Women's Gifts

- Women Bath & Body Sets
- Men's Gift Sets (Axe / Old Spice)
- Wallets or Finger Nail Sets
- Hoodies (All Sizes)

Household Items

- Blankets - King/Queen
- Sauce Pans
- Bake-ware Sets
- Dish Sets
- Utensil Sets
- Pots & Pans
- Cleaning Supplies
- Tool Kits



If you would like to donate your time to volunteer for this event, we have many jobs during our distribution days of December 16-18.

Both physical and non-physical jobs are available.

Please reach out to Lisa Cain at 785-357-5341 to sign up.

Our Need	Household and Individual Gifts	Suggested Gift to Doorstep	Quantity	Total
Christmas for Entire Households (Food, Gifts, & Gift Cards)				
5	Household of 8	\$650.00		
6	Household of 7	\$585.00		
6	Household of 6	\$535.00		
10	Household of 5	\$475.00		
70	Household of 4	\$360.00		
65	Household of 3	\$275.00		
80	Household of 2	\$210.00		
18	Household of 1	\$140.00		
Food Orders for a Household (HH)				
27	Large Food Order (HH Size 5-8)	\$110.00		
135	Medium Food Order (HH Size 3-4)	\$70.00		
98	Small Food Order (HH Size 1-2)	\$45.00		
Individual & Household Gifts				
100	Pot / Pan Set	\$50.00		
100	Dish Set / Crock Pot	\$40.00		
470	Adult Gift	\$30.00		
260	Hygiene Kit	\$25.00-\$45.00		
350	Child or Teen Gift	\$25.00		
280	Towel Set	\$20.00		
200	Board Game / Puzzle	\$15.00		
Individual Gift Cards				
821	\$20 Gift Card	\$20.00		

Each Individual in a Household gets a \$20 gift card along with other gifts and food



General Cash Donation	
General Cash Donation	



Total Gift Enclosed →

Name: _____ **Congregation:** _____

Address: _____

Fill out this form and return it with your tax deductible donation to:
Doorstep 1119 SW 10th Ave, Topeka, KS 66604

Please note, due to the size and nature of this event, we are unable to provide specifics of how your donation was used. However, you can rest assured that any and all donations we receive will be used to directly benefit the families we adopt.



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OFFICE HOURS

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

Together in Community

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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 Dean McGinnis (Congregational Life)

Shelley Andrews (Administration)

Marilyn Heckman (Community Relations)

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