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Trinity Lutheran Church



February  
**8**  
2026

5th Sunday  
of Epiphany

Together  
in Community  
Living  
with Christ  
Caring  
for Neighbors

A city built on a hill cannot be hid.  
<sup>15</sup>People do not light a lamp and put it under the bushel basket; rather, they put it on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house.  
Matthew 5:14

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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 offer our thanks and welcome to Rev. Chad Langdon as he joins us to preach &  
preside at communion today. Rev. Langdon is the CSS Bishop's Associate.*

PRELUDE

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

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**GATHERING**

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**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**INSTALLATION OF COUNCIL MEMBERS**

*See insert.*

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

*Please stand as you are able.*

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the Creator of heaven and earth, the  
Word who spoke life into being, the Wind stirring the waters.      **C Amen.**

P Let us turn in confession to the one who knows us completely.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

P Mighty God, lover of justice,

**C you call us to life in community, but we have served our own interests  
at the expense of our neighbors. We have sown deceit where honesty  
was needed. We say the right words, but our hearts are far from you.  
Turn us to seek your face. Knit us together and give us the mind of  
Christ, that we may do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with you,  
our God. Amen.**

P The former things have passed away, and new things God now declares: Like a  
spring of water that never fails, God covers you in the righteousness of Christ,  
and forgives your sin in † Jesus' name. May the Spirit give you strength to live  
for others, and bless you with the gift of peace.      **C Amen.**

**GATHERING HYMN**

*Rise, Shine, You People!*

**ELW 665**

- 1 Rise, shine, you people! Christ the Lord has entered our human story; God in  
him is centered. He comes to us, by death and sin surrounded, with grace  
unbounded.
- 2 See how he sends the pow'rs of evil reeling; he brings us freedom, light and life  
and healing. All men and women, who by guilt are driven, now are forgiven.
- 3 Come, celebrate; your banners high unfurling, your songs and prayers against  
the darkness hurling. To all the world go out and tell the story of Jesus' glory.
- 4 Tell how the Father sent the Son to save us. Tell of the Son, who life and  
freedom gave us. Tell how the Spirit calls from ev'ry nation God's new creation.

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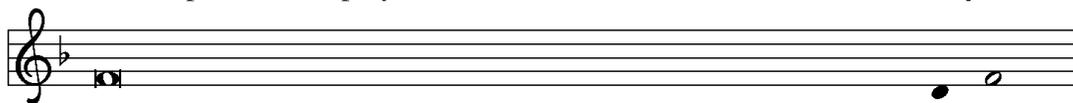
GREETING

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.**

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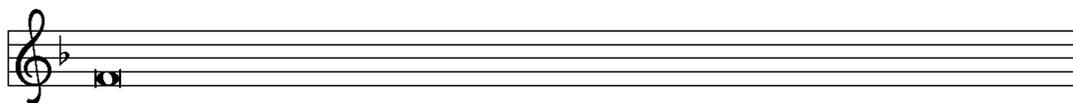
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



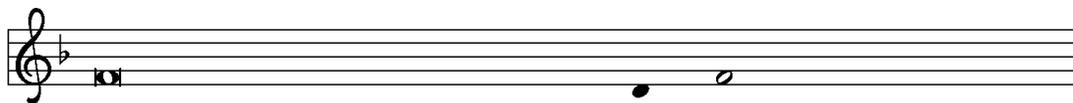
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



**Lord, have mer - cy.**



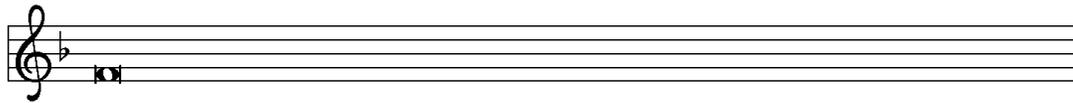
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



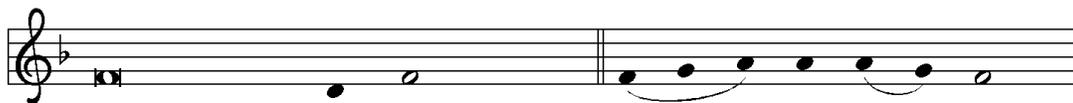
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



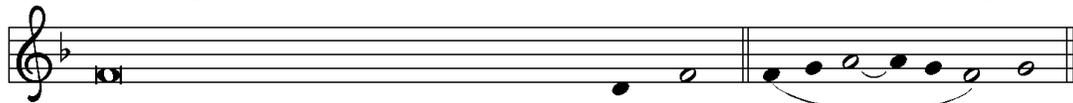
**Lord, have mer - cy.**



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



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



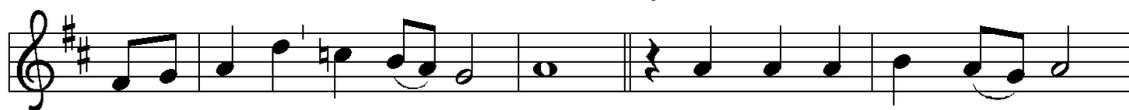
Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. **A - men.**

# HYMN OF PRAISE

*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb



who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and

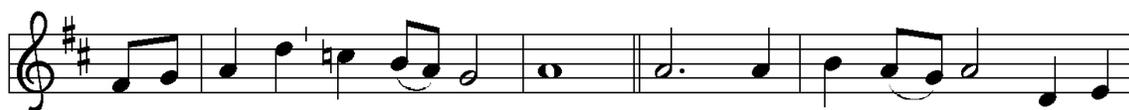


strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of



God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,

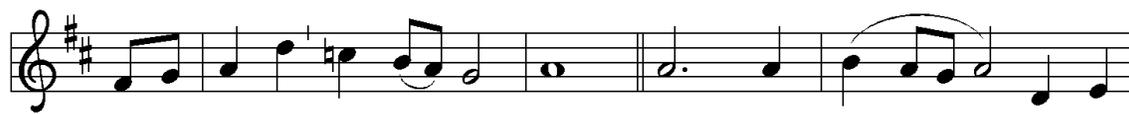


glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was



slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

*Final refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

A Let us pray.

Lord God, with endless mercy you receive the prayers of all who call upon you. By your Spirit show us the things we ought to do, and give us the grace and power to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

*Please be seated.*



<sup>4</sup>**Light shines in the darkness | for the upright;  
the righteous are merciful and full | of compassion.**

<sup>5</sup>It is good for them to be gener- | ous in lending  
and to manage their af- | fairs with justice.

<sup>6</sup>**For they will nev- | er be shaken;  
the righteous will be kept in everlast- | ing remembrance.**

<sup>7</sup>They will not be afraid of any | evil rumors;  
their heart is steadfast, trusting | in the LORD.

<sup>8</sup>**Their heart is established and | will not shrink,  
until they see their desire up- | on their enemies.**

<sup>9</sup>They have given freely to the poor, and their righteousness stands | fast forever;  
they will hold up their | head with honor.

<sup>10</sup>**The wicked will see it and be angry; they will gnash their teeth and |  
pine away;  
the desires of the wick- | ed will perish.**

**SECOND READING: 1 CORINTHIANS 2:1-16**

<sup>1</sup>When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the testimo-  
ny of God to you with superior speech or wisdom. <sup>2</sup>For I decided to know nothing  
among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. <sup>3</sup>And I came to you in weakness  
and in fear and in much trembling. <sup>4</sup>My speech and my proclamation were made  
not with persuasive words of wisdom but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of  
power, <sup>5</sup>so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of  
God. <sup>6</sup>Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this  
age or of the rulers of this age, who are being destroyed. <sup>7</sup>But we speak God’s wis-  
dom, a hidden mystery, which God decreed before the ages for our glory <sup>8</sup>and which  
none of the rulers of this age understood, for if they had, they would not have cruci-  
fied the Lord of glory. <sup>9</sup>But, as it is written, “What no eye has seen, nor ear heard,  
nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him”—  
<sup>10</sup>God has revealed to us through the Spirit, for the Spirit searches everything, even  
the depths of God. <sup>11</sup>For what human knows what is truly human except the hu-  
man spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God’s except  
the Spirit of God. <sup>12</sup>Now we have received not the spirit of the world but the Spirit  
that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God.  
<sup>13</sup>And we speak of these things in words not taught by human wisdom but taught  
by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual things to those who are spiritual. <sup>14</sup>Those who  
are unspiritual do not receive the gifts of God’s Spirit, for they are foolishness to  
them, and they are unable to understand them because they are spiritually dis-  
cerned. <sup>15</sup>Those who are spiritual discern all things, and they are themselves sub-  
ject to no one else’s scrutiny. <sup>16</sup>“For who has known the mind of the Lord so as to  
instruct him?” But we have the mind of Christ.

L The Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as you are able.

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 fifth chapter.

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

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 5:13-20

Jesus said: <sup>13</sup>“You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything but is thrown out and trampled under foot. <sup>14</sup>“You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. <sup>15</sup>People do not light a lamp and put it under the bushel basket; rather, they put it on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. <sup>16</sup>In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven. <sup>17</sup>“Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. <sup>18</sup>For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. <sup>19</sup>Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. <sup>20</sup>For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.”

L The Gospel of the Lord.  
*Please be seated.*

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

SERMON

REV. CHAD LANGDON

HYMN OF THE DAY

*Christ, Be Our Light*

ELW 715

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

1 Longing for light, we wait in darkness. Longing for truth, we turn to you. Make us your own, your holy people, light for the world to see.

*Refrain*

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.  
Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.

2 Longing for peace, our world is troubled. Longing for hope, many despair. Your word alone has pow’r to save us. Make us your living voice. *Refrain*

- 3 Longing for food, many are hungry. Longing for water, many still thirst. Make us your bread, broken for others, shared until all are fed. *Refrain*
- 4 Longing for shelter, many are homeless. Longing for warmth, many are cold. Make us your building, sheltering others, walls made of living stone. *Refrain*
- 5 Many the gifts, many the people, many the hearts that yearn to belong. Let us be servants to one another, signs of your kingdom come. *Refrain*

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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.**

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

- A** As God's beloved children united in Christ, let us pray for the church, the whole human community, and the well-being of the earth, our home.
- A brief silence.*
- A** Your church does ministry in many and various ways. Keep the baptized true to the mind of Christ, that our works and witness bring hope to a troubled world.  
 Merciful God,
- C** **receive our prayer.**
- A** Your marvelous creation cries out to you. Restore polluted air, soil, and water sources to wholeness. Guard honeybees, elephants, great whales and songbirds from harm, and renew the face of the earth. Merciful God,
- C** **receive our prayer.**
- A** Your people in every nation suffer injustice, poverty, and the threat of violence. Guide those in authority to govern with compassion, and bring peace to war zones. We pray for our enemies. Merciful God,
- C** **receive our prayer.**

A Your blessings are poured out for all in need. Help and heal any who experience trauma, discrimination, disease, hunger, abuse, or persecution. Comfort those who are sick or grieving especially Charlotte O'Brien, Shelley Andrews, Junior & Liz Utech Martha Nemeth, and David McGinnis. Merciful God,

**C receive our prayer.**

A Your wisdom guides this congregation and its ministries. Sustain our ordained leaders, staff, lay leaders, and volunteers. Form us to be salt and light for the neighbors we serve, following the example of Christ. Merciful God,

**C receive our prayer.**

A Your gift of life sustains us daily. We pray for Martha Nemeth as she remembers her baptism Merciful God,

**C receive our prayer.**

P Your saints rejoice at your heavenly banquet. We give thanks for their lives of faith, trusting that we also will be embraced by your eternal love. Merciful God,

**C receive our prayer.**

P Confident that the Holy Spirit receives our prayers and answers us, we commend all for whom we pray to God's loving-kindness made known to us in Christ Jesus our 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

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.

**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

A God of majesty, no eye has seen, no ear has heard what you have prepared for those who love you, yet in this meal you reveal the wideness of your mercy. Use what we have gathered to feed us with the reign of God come near, Jesus Christ, our Savior and 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, 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, through our Savior Jesus Christ. By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations; in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son; and in the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed your glory. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
 heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -  
 san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who  
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

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.

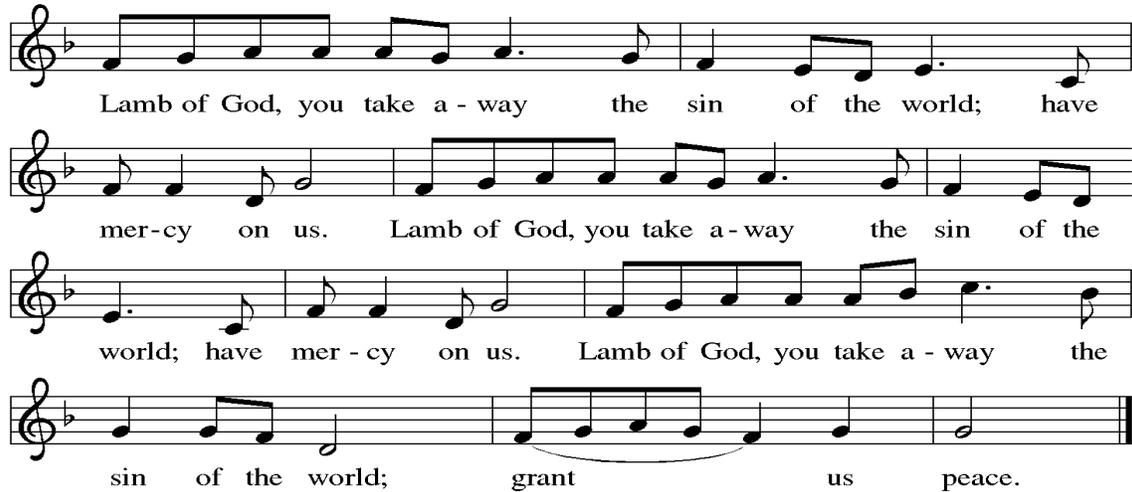
**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

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 Come to the table. Bring your wrestlings, your doubts, your fears. There is a place for you, and all of us, here.  
*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 forward 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



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace.

## COMMUNION HYMN *Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service* ELW 712

- 1 Lord, whose love in humble service bore the weight of human need, who upon the cross, forsaken, worked your mercy's perfect deed: we, your servants, bring the worship not of voice alone, but heart; consecrating to your purpose ev'ry gift which you impart.
- 2 Still your children wander homeless; still the hungry cry for bread; still the captives long for freedom; still in grief we mourn our dead. As you, Lord, in deep compassion healed the sick and freed the soul, by your Spirit send your power to our world to make it whole.
- 3 As we worship, grant us vision, till your love's revealing light in its height and depth and greatness dawns upon our quickened sight, making known the needs and burdens your compassion bids us bear, stirring us to ardent service, your abundant life to share.
- 4 Called by worship to your service, forth in your dear name we go, to the child, the youth, the aged, love in living deeds to show; hope and health, good will and comfort, counsel, aid and peace we give, that your servants, Lord, in freedom may your mercy know and live.

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## COMMUNION BLESSING

*Please stand as you are able.*

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

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

A God, by the bread of heaven and the cup of life, you make us one body. Bind us together by your spirit that we might live into your hopes for us, a community centered in Christ and rich in compassion, commitment, courage, and care. May it be so. **C Amen.**

**BLESSING**

P The love of God abound in you; the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts; and the life of the Spirit † bless you and give you peace.

**SENDING HYMN**

*This Little Light of Mine*

**ELW 677**

- 1 This little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine;  
this little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine;  
this little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine,  
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
- 2 Ev'rywhere I go, I'm goin'-a let it shine;  
ev'rywhere I go, I'm goin'-a let it shine;  
ev'rywhere I go, I'm goin'-a let it shine,  
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
- 3 Jesus gave it to me, I'm goin'-a let it shine;  
Jesus gave it to me, I'm goin'-a let it shine;  
Jesus gave it to me, I'm goin'-a let it shine,  
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Text: African American spiritual

**DISMISSAL**

A Go in peace.

**C Thanks be to God.**

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**POSTLUDE**

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The Law can direct you.  
The Prophets can warn you.  
Neither can deliver you.

### UPCOMING EVENTS AT TRINITY

Today, Feb. 8 .....	Adult Sunday School .....	9:30 AM
.....	Worship & Holy Communion.....	10:30 AM
.....	PFLAG meeting .....	2:00 PM
Tues., Feb. 10.....	Quilters.....	9:00 AM
Sun., Feb. 15.....	Community Relations meeting .....	9:30 AM
.....	Worship & Holy Communion.....	10:30 AM

### ASH WEDNESDAY

Ash Wednesday is February 18th. We will be worshipping with Our Saviors that day. Please mark your calendars.



Worship Assistants								
Date	Acolyte	Ushers	Musician	Lector	Altar Guild	Assisting Minister	Worship Leader	Coffee Hosts
Feb. 8		Marcy Carlson, Dean McGinnis	Laurie Jackson	Diane Bottorff	Pam Kobbeman & Team 3	Parker Jackson	Rev. Chad Langdon	Troy Abbott & Jeffrey Schafersman
Feb. 15	Curt Lewis	Diane Bottorff, Duane Pomeroy	Mitchell Bean	Loni Reece	Pam Kobbeman & Team 3	Marcy Carlson	Rev. Bob Dealey	Dean McGinnis
Feb. 22	Brayden Winsor	Jeffrey Schafersman, Curt Lewis	Laurie Jackson	Bob Horton	Pam Kobbeman & Team 3	Ted Murphy	Parker Jackson	Carol Marker



Our Christmas poinsettias were especially beautiful this year. If you purchased one, please feel free to take it home or give to someone.



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**OFFICE HOURS**

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

**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**

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