



EASTER 2026

Trinity Lutheran Church



He
is
Risen!

April
5
2026
Easter Sunday

Together
in Community
Living
with Christ
Caring
for Neighbors

Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here, for he has been raised.

Matthew 28:5-6

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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 today! He is Risen! We celebrate our worship leader today, Deacon Dave Mareske and
 thank him for preaching & presiding today.*

HYMN SING ALONG

Evangelical Lutheran Worship — Setting 3

GATHERING

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

P Christ is Risen! C He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

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 + Je-
 sus 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 *Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds* **ELW 367**

1 Now all the vault of heav'n resounds in praise of love that still abounds: "Christ
 has triumphed! He is living!" Sing, choirs of angels, loud and clear! Repeat their
 song of glory here: "Christ has triumphed! He is living!" Alleluia, alleluia,
 alleluia!

- 2 Eternal is the gift he brings, therefore our heart with rapture sings: "Christ has triumphed! He is living!" Now still he comes to give us life and by his presence stills all strife. "Christ has triumphed! He is living!" Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 3 Oh, fill us, Lord, with dauntless love; set heart and will on things above that we conquer through your triumph; grant grace sufficient for life's day that by our lives we truly say: "Christ has triumphed! He is living!" Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 4 Adoring praises now we bring and with the heav'nly blessed sing: "Christ has triumphed! Alleluia!" Be to the Father, and our Lord, to Spirit blest, most holy God, all the glory, never ending! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Text: Paul Z. Strodach, 1876-1947, alt.. Text © 1958 *Service Book and Hymnal*, admin. Augsburg Fortress.

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.

HYMN OF PRAISE

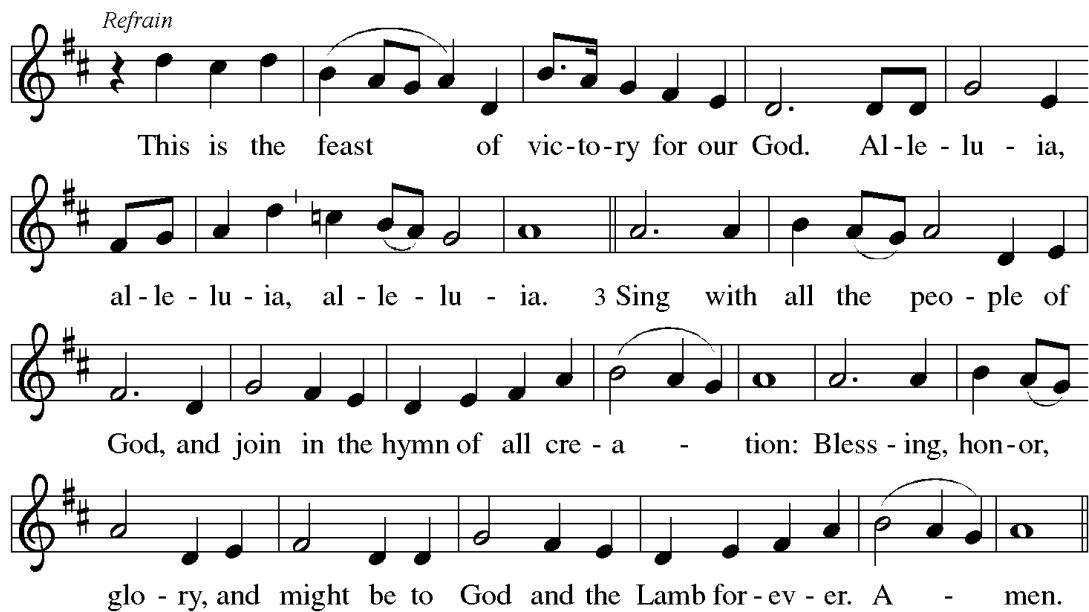
Refrain

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.

O God, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin, that we may live with him forever in the joy of the resurrection, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Please be seated.

WORD

FIRST READING: ACTS 10:34-43

³⁴Peter began to speak to the people: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴²He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 118:1-2, 14-24

Sung responsively



¹Give thanks to the LORD, for the | LORD is good;
God’s mercy en- | dures forever.

²**Let Israel | now declare,**
“God’s mercy en- | dures forever.”

¹⁴The LORD is my strength | and my song,
and has become | my salvation.

¹⁵**Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents | of the righteous:**
“The right hand of the | LORD acts valiantly!

¹⁶The right hand of the LORD | is exalted!
The right hand of the | LORD acts valiantly!”

17 I shall not | die, but live,
 and declare the works | of the LORD.

18 The LORD indeed pun- | ished me sorely,
 but did not hand me o- | ver to death.

19 Open for me the | gates of righteousness;
 I will enter them and give thanks | to the LORD.

20 "This is the gate | of the LORD;
 here the righ- | teous may enter."

21 I give thanks to you, for you have | answered me
 and you have become | my salvation.

22 The stone that the build- | ers rejected
 has become the chief | cornerstone.

23 By the LORD has | this been done;
 it is marvelous | in our eyes.

24 This is the day that the | LORD has made;
 let us rejoice and be | glad in it.

SECOND READING: COLOSSIANS 3:1-4

¹If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ²Set your minds on the things that are above, not on the things that are on earth, ³for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

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 twenty-eighth chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 28:1-10

¹After the Sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. ²And suddenly there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. ³His appearance was like lightning and his clothing white as snow. ⁴For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. ⁵But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. ⁶He is not here, for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. ⁷Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you." ⁸So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. ¹⁰Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers and sisters to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

P The Gospel of the Lord.
Please be seated.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

DEACON DAVE MARESKE

HYMN OF THE DAY

I Know That My Redeemer Lives!

ELW 619

Please stand for the final verse of the hymn.

- 1 I know that my Redeemer lives! What comfort this sweet sentence gives! He lives, he lives, who once was dead; he lives, my ever-living head!
- 2 He lives triumphant from the grave; he lives eternally to save; he lives exalted, throned above; he lives to rule his church in love.
- 3 He lives to grant me rich supply; he lives to guide me with his eye; he lives to comfort me when faint; he lives to hear my soul's complaint.
- 4 He lives to silence all my fears; he lives to wipe away my tears; he lives to calm my troubled heart; he lives all blessings to impart. Text: Samuel Medley, 1738-1799, alt.

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 Trusting in the power of Christ's resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation.

A brief silence.

A Risen Savior, you have conquered death and opened the gates of everlasting life. Dispel our doubts and fears and renew our faith and hope in you. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

A Life-giving God, the created world rejoices in Christ's victory over death. May all the earth be renewed by the light of Jesus' resurrection, and may we be faithful stewards of all you have made. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

A Sovereign God, let the nations acknowledge your reign of justice and truth. Where violence, oppression, and corruption hold sway, pour out your holy and life-giving Spirit to transform and redeem. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

A Gentle Shepherd, like the women at the empty tomb, many grieve or feel lost and afraid. Draw near to those who are ill or in pain especially Charlotte O'Brien, Shelley Andrews, Junior & Liz Utech, Martha Nemeth, and David McGinnis. Reveal yourself to them as the Risen One. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

A Faithful God, we thank you for the living hope you give us through Christ's resurrection. Bless this community, that we may boldly proclaim Christ's victory over death in word and deed. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

A Loving God, bless this community as we offer prayers for our church family and friends. We pray for Mike Andrews, Breanna Lewis, Emily Schwartz, and Isis Pomeroy as they celebrate their birthdays, and for Howard Reece, Rhonda Webb, Ashley Watson, Roxann Quarnstrom, and Everly Bosch as they remember their baptisms. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

P Eternal One, we give thanks for all who have died and now share in the joy of your resurrection. Bring us, with them, to the unending feast of your victory. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

P God of resurrection power, use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of new life to all the world, through 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.

MEAL

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 Let us pray. Merciful God, accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory. You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day when we will hunger and thirst no more. Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus, that goodness and mercy may follow us and bless the world you love. In the name of Jesus,

C **Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The musical notation consists of four staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. Each staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are written below the notes, with some words in bold. The first staff has two measures, the second and third have two measures each, and the fourth has one measure.

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:

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.

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

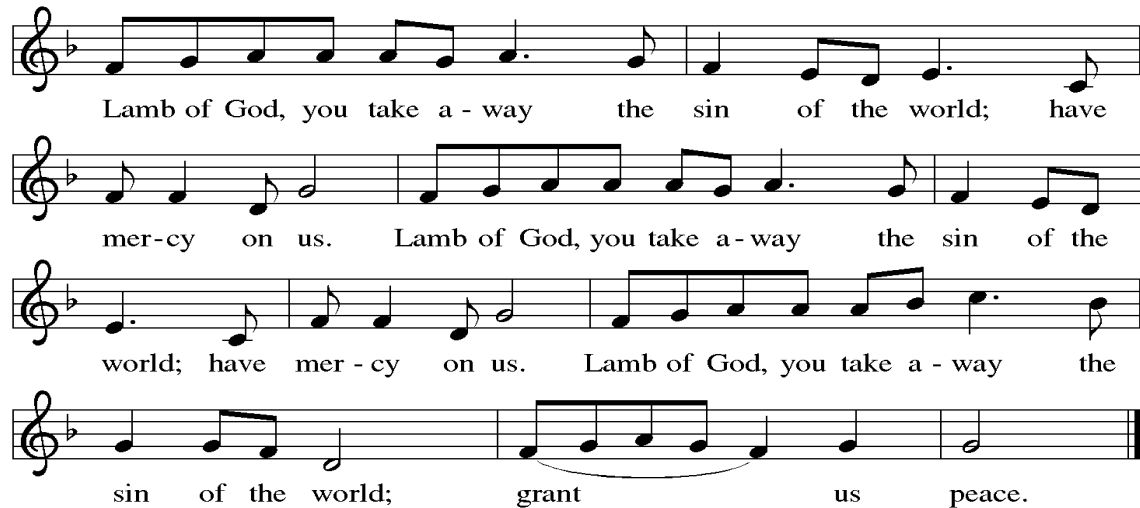
P Come to the table of new life. Receive the risen Lord.

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.

Please pick up a bell once you have received communion and take it to your pew for the Ringing of the Alleluias.

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 *I Know That My Redeemer Lives!* ELW 619

- 5 He lives to bless me with his love; he lives to plead for me above; he lives my hungry soul to feed; he lives to help in time of need.
- 6 He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend; he lives and loves me to the end; he lives, and while he lives, I'll sing; he lives, my prophet, priest, and king!
- 7 He lives and grants me daily breath; he lives, and I shall conquer death; he lives my mansion to prepare; he lives to bring me safely there.
- 8 He lives, all glory to his name! He lives, my Savior, still the same; what joy this blest assurance gives: I know that my Redeemer lives!

COMMUNION HYMN *Now the Green Blade Rises* ELW 379

- 1 Now the green blade rises from the buried grain, wheat that in dark earth many days has lain; love lives again, that with the dead has been; love is come again like wheat arising green.
- 2 In the grave they laid him, love by hatred slain, thinking that he would never wake again; laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen; love is come again like wheat arising green.
- 3 Forth he came at Easter, like the risen grain, he that for three days in the grave had lain; raised from the dead, my living Lord is seen; love is come again like wheat arising green.
- 4 When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain, your touch can call us back to life again, fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been; love is come again like wheat arising green.

Text: John MacLeod Campbell Crum, 1872-1958. Text from *Oxford Book of Carols* © Oxford University Press 1928. All rights reserved

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 Holy One, through this meal you have made your home among us and are making all things new. Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts, to love our enemies, and to bring your healing to the nations. In the name of Jesus,

C Amen.

SENDING PRAYER FOR COMMUNION KITS

P Gracious God, as you sent the angel to feed Elijah with heavenly bread, assist us in this ministry on which we are sent forth. In your love and care, nourish and strengthen those to whom we bring this sacrament, that through the body and blood of your Son we all may know the comfort of your abiding presence.

C Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

P God Almighty, who is the beginning and the end, Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead, and the Spirit, our advocate and peace, † bless you now and forever.

C Amen.

Please ring your bells on the Alleluias!

SENDING HYMN

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

ELW 365

- 1 Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Alleluia! our triumphant holy day, Alleluia! who did once upon the cross, Alleluia! suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!
- 2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia! unto Christ, our heav'nly king, Alleluia! who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia! sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!
- 3 But the pains which he endured, Alleluia! our salvation have procured; Alleluia! now above the sky he's king, Alleluia! where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!
- 4 Sing we to our God above, Alleluia! praise eternal as his love; Alleluia! praise him, all you heav'nly host, Alleluia! Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

Text: Latin carol, 14th cent., sts. 1-3; tr. J. Walsh, *Lyra Davidica*, 1708, alt.; Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, st. 4

DISMISSAL

A Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

UPCOMING EVENTS AT TRINITY

Today, Apr. 5	Easter Day
	Doorstep Food Collection Day
	Easter Brunch Coffee Hour 9:30 AM
	Hymn Sing Along 10:15 AM
	Worship w/Holy Communion..... 10:30 AM
Tues., Apr. 7	Quilters 9:00 AM
Sun., Apr. 12.....	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
Apr. 5	Braxdon Penry	Marcy Carlson, Curt Lewis	Laurie Jackson, Loretta Hoerman, Parker Jackson	Diane Bottorff	Donna Allen & Team 3	Ted Murphy	Deacon Dave Mareske	Congregational Life
Apr. 12	Brayden Winsor	Dean McGinnis, Diane Bottorff	Mitchell Bean	Curt Lewis	Donna Allen & Team 3	Marcy Carlson	Duane Pomeroy	Duane/Debbie Pomeroy
Apr. 19	Janeen Horton	Jeffrey Schafersman, Howard Reece	Laurie Jackson	Steve Luoma	Donna Allen & Team 3	Bob Horton	Pr. Bob Dealey	
Apr. 26	Curt Lewis	Duane & Debbie Pomeroy	Mitchell Bean	Debbie Pomeroy	Donna Allen & Team 3	Parker Jackson	Pr. Dinah Dutta	



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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

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