

A full-page background image showing a bright sun low on the horizon, casting a warm orange and yellow glow over a vast sea of white and grey clouds. The sky transitions from a deep orange near the horizon to a lighter, hazy yellow at the top.

# Listen



Transfiguration of Our Lord  
Last Sunday after Epiphany  
February 11, 2024

## WELCOME GUESTS!

- **Thank you for joining us today!** We're not perfect, but we believe God has made us to live in community, and that God offers us strength, support, inspiration, and joy through each other.
- **By simply being here, you are a valuable part of our praise and worship.** If you have questions, don't hesitate to ask anyone.
- **We value neurodiversity.** God has made us each different, so we welcome and value people just as they are. If you struggle to fit in other places, know that you are welcome among us, even if your brain and body operate a little differently than others'. Learn more about neurodiversity and what it means to us at [www.hosannatogether.org/neurodiversity](http://www.hosannatogether.org/neurodiversity).
- **We'd love the opportunity to learn more about you and share with you what we're up to.** *Please fill out an attendance card from the rack on the chairs in front of you, then place it in the offering plates when they are passed. You may also fill out our guest register at [www.hosannatogether.org/guest](http://www.hosannatogether.org/guest).*

## WELCOME KIDS!

Kids are as much a part of worship as the grown-ups, so we have lots of special ways for kids to participate:

- **Children's bulletins** with activities related to today's lessons are located by the front doors to the building where you enter the worship space.
- **Coloring pages, art supplies, fidgets, and selected books** are also available by the front doors to help kids' keep their minds and bodies busy during worship.
- **We hope you'll help your kids join in prayers and songs**, even if it's just dancing or swaying to the music.
- **During the offering**, kids may place gifts in the clear container at the front. These offerings will help us provide fruit trees and support to a community struggling with food insecurity. Some fruit trees--such as mango, orange and guava--can thrive in the driest of conditions. These trees are an investment in a community that can span generations and provide nutritious fruit to children and adults alike.
- **Changing stations** are available in both bathrooms on the main level.

## PRAYERS

- **Good and bad things happen in our lives.** If you would like us to pray for you or someone you know, please add your request to the sheet on the welcome table in the front hall or call the church office.
- **It's important to us to support you**, but we're not always the first to hear what's happening. If there is something significant happening in your life, good or bad, or you'd like Pastor Mike to visit with you, please let us know: 816-781-7991 or [pastormike@hosannalutheranchurch.org](mailto:pastormike@hosannalutheranchurch.org).

*Video of today's service is recorded and livestreamed online at [www.hosannatogether.org](http://www.hosannatogether.org)*

# THE WORSHIP OF GOD

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

## PRELUDE

*Chorale*

*Hugh Livingston, Jr.*

*Come, Christian's, Join to Sing*

*Lani Smith*

## WELCOME

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who stretches out the heavens,  
who sends light to the nations, who gives breath to us all.

**Amen.**

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

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

Loving God,

**We confess that we have turned from your way  
to follow our own ways.**

**Forgive us for the times**

**we have spoken or acted too quickly;**

**we have not spoken or acted at all;**

**we have hurt those closest to us;**

**we have hurt those we have yet to know;**

**we have thought more about ourselves than others;**

**we have thought less of ourselves than we ought.**

**Turn us around, and give us a fresh start, to follow you again. Amen.**

Even when we have done wrong, God makes us right.

Even when we have fallen apart, God puts us together.

God's love never runs out.

Hear God's promise to you now:

Your sins are forgiven through Jesus Christ our Savior.

**Amen.**

# GATHERING HYMN

## Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

(ELW 631)



1 Love di-vine, all loves ex-cel-ling, Joy of heav'n, to  
2 Breathe, oh, breathe thy lov-ing Spir-it in-to ev-'ry  
3 Come, Al-might-y, to de-liv-er; let us all thy  
4 Fin-ish then thy new cre-a-tion, pure and spot-less



earth come down! Fix in us thy hum-ble dwell-ing, all thy  
trou-bled breast; let us all in thee in-her-it; let us  
life re-ceive; sud-den-ly re-turn, and nev-er, nev-er-  
let us be; let us see thy great sal-va-tion per-fect-



faith-ful mer-cies crown. Je-sus, thou art all com-pas-sion,  
find thy prom-ised rest. Take a-way the love of sin-ning;  
more thy tem-ples leave. Thee we would be al-ways bless-ing,  
ly re-stored in thee! Changed from glo-ry in-to glo-ry,



pure, un-bound-ed love thou art; vis-it us with  
Al-pha and O-me-ga be; end of faith, as  
serve thee as thy hosts a-bove, pray, and praise thee  
till in heav'n we take our place, fill we cast our



thy sal-va-tion, en-ter ev-'ry trem-bling heart.  
its be-gin-ning, set our hearts at lib-er-ty.  
with-out ceas-ing, glo-ry in thy per-fect love.  
crowns be-fore thee, lost in won-der, love, and praise!

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788

Music: HYFRYDOL, Rowland H. Prichard, 1811–1887

## **GREETING**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.  
**And also with you.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**Almighty God, the resplendent light of your truth shines from the mountaintop into our hearts. Transfigure us by your beloved Son, and illumine the world with your image, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

# HYMN OF PRAISE

## Glory to God

*Leader:* Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.



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.

## SCRIPTURE READING

### 2 Corinthians 4:3-6

<sup>3</sup>And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. <sup>4</sup>In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. <sup>5</sup>For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. <sup>6</sup>For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



## GOSPEL READING

### Mark 9:2-9

<sup>2</sup>Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, <sup>3</sup>and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. <sup>4</sup>And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. <sup>5</sup>Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." <sup>6</sup>He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. <sup>7</sup>Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" <sup>8</sup>Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

<sup>9</sup>As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God**

# CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

## SERMON

### HYMN OF THE DAY

*How Good, Lord, to Be Here!*

(ELW 315)



- 1 How good, Lord, to be here! Your glo - ry fills the night;
- 2 How good, Lord, to be here, your beau - ty to be - hold
- 3 Ful - fill - er of the past and hope of things to be,
- 4 Be - fore we taste of death, we see your king - dom come;
- 5 How good, Lord, to be here! Yet we may not re - main;



your face and gar - ments, like the sun, shine with un - bor - rowed light.  
where Mo - ses and E - li - jah stand, your mes - sen - gers of old,  
we hail your bod - y glo - ri - fied and our re - demp - tion see.  
we long to hold the vi - sion bright and make this hill our home.  
but since you bid us leave the mount, come with us to the plain.

Text: Joseph A. Robinson, 1858–1933, alt.

Music: POTSDAM. W. Mercer, *The Church Psalter and Hymn Book*, 1854

## THE APOSTLES' CREED

**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**

*Each petition ends:*

Hear us, O God,

**Your mercy is great.**

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**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.**

## OFFERING

*Please fill out an attendance card* from the rack on the chairs in front of you. Place in the offering plate.

*If you give electronically*, you may place an e-giving card in the offering plate as a physical gesture of your giving.

*You may give online* using a bank account, credit or debit card at [www.hosannatogether.org/give](http://www.hosannatogether.org/give).

*You may give by sending a text* with your gift amount to 816-327-2002. Instructions will be sent in a reply.



*Cash and check gifts* may be placed in an envelope from the chairs racks and placed in the offering plates.

## CHILDREN'S OFFERING

*Children may place their offerings in the barn at the front of the worship space.*

These offerings will help us provide fruit trees and support to a community struggling with food insecurity. Some fruit trees --such as mango, orange and guava--can thrive in the driest of conditions. These trees are an investment in a community that can span generations and provide nutritious fruit to children and adults alike.

## OFFERING MUSIC

*When Morning Gilds the Skies*

Arr. Victor Labenske

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

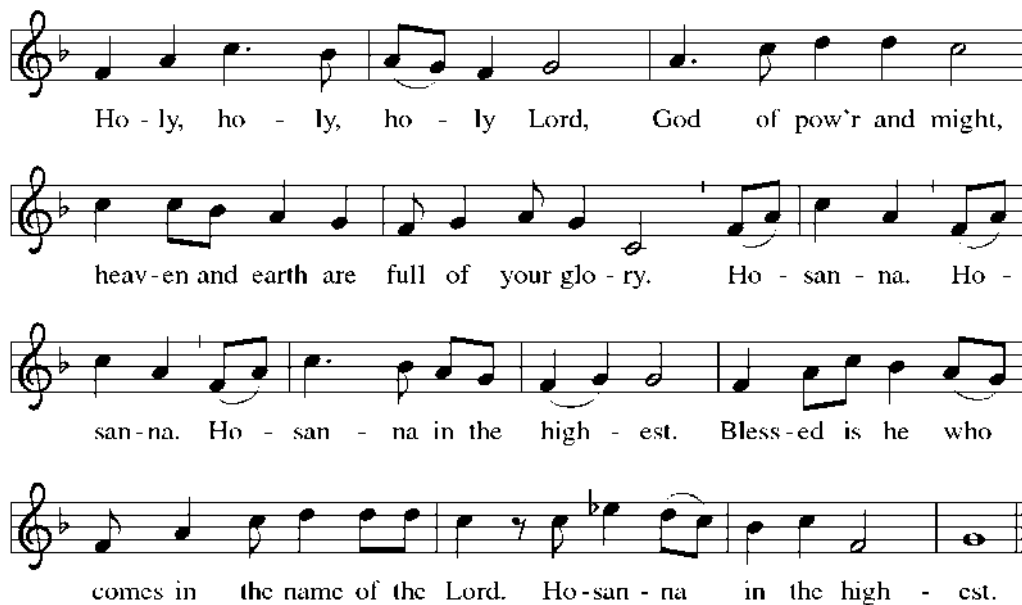
The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

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 thanksgiving continues . . .*

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



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

## COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

*All are welcome to join us at the Lord's Table, where we believe Christ is truly present.  
Gluten-free bread is available upon request. Red wine and white grape juice are available.*

*After communing, a child will offer you a blessing of God's love.  
Empty cups may be left in the container at the front of the worship space.*

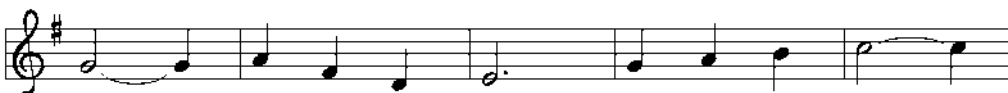
# COMMUNION HYMNS

## Christ, Be Our Light

(ELW 715)



1 Long - ing for light, we wait in dark - ness. Long - ing for  
 2 Long - ing for peace, our world is trou - bled. Long - ing for  
 3 Long - ing for food, man - y are hun - gry. Long - ing for  
 4 Long - ing for shel - ter, man - y are home - less. Long - ing for  
 5 Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple, man - y the



truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,  
 hope, man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone  
 wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread,  
 warmth, man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,  
 hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants



your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see.  
 has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.  
 bro - ken for oth - ers, shared un - til all are fed.  
 shel - ter - ing oth - ers, walls made of liv - ing stone.  
 to one an - oth - er, signs of your king - dom come.



*Refrain*  
 Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the



dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your



church gath - ered to - day.

Text: Bernadette Farrell, b. 1957

Music: CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT, Bernadette Farrell

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## Beautiful Savior

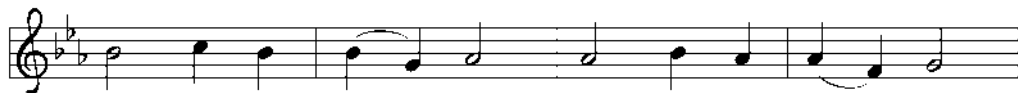
(ELW 838)



1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion,  
 2 Fair are the mead - ows, fair are the wood - lands,  
 3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair is the moon - light,  
 4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions,



Son of God and Son of Man!  
 robed in flow'rs of bloom - ing spring;  
 bright the spar - kling stars on high;  
 Son of God and Son of Man!



Tru - ly I'd love thee, tru - ly I'd serve thee,  
 Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is pur - er,  
 Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines pur - er,  
 Glo - ry and hon - or, praise, ad - o - ra - tion,



light of my soul, my joy, my crown.  
 he makes our sor - rowing spir - it sing.  
 than all the an - gels in the sky.  
 now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

Text: *Gesangbuch*, Münster, 1677; tr. Joseph A. Seiss, 1823–1904  
 Music: SCHÖNSTER HERR JESU, Silesian folk tune, 19th cent.

## POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**O God, we give you thanks for coming to us in this holy meal. By your Holy Spirit, enliven us to be your body in the world, praising you and serving your people--today, tomorrow, and every day--through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you, and give you grace and peace.  
**Amen.**

## SENDING SONG

### *Shine, Jesus, Shine*

(ELW 671)

*Refrain*

Shine, Je - sus, shine, fill this land with the Fa - ther's glo - ry;  
blaze, Spir - it, blaze, set our hearts on fire.  
Flow, riv - er, flow, flood the na - tions with grace and mer - cy;  
send forth your Word, Lord, and let there be light!

1 Lord, the light of your love is shin - ing, in the midst of the  
2 As we gaze on your king - ly bright-ness, so our fac - es dis -

dark - ness, shin - ing; Je - sus, light of the world, shine up - on us,  
play your like - ness, ev - er chang - ing from glo - ry to glo - ry,



set us free by the truth you now bring us.  
mir - rored here, may our lives tell your sto - ry.

Shine on me, shine on me:  
Shine on me, shine on me:

*Refrain*

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the light of Christ!  
**Thanks be to God.**

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!  
**Hosanna!**

## POSTLUDE

*Send the Light*

*Hugh Livingston, Jr.*

# PRAYER CONCERNS

## SYMPATHIES

**Family and friends of Mary Alice Worth** - friend of Mary & Brad Kunkel

## CONCERNS

**Sue Tonks** - having reverse shoulder replacement surgery on Feb 19th.

**Don Baken** - back at his new home at Our Lady of Mercy Country Home

**Tim** (friend of Nancy Kunkel) hernia surgery

**Judy** (friend of Nancy Kunkel) COVID

**Barb** (friend of Nancy Kunkel) COVID

**Michelle** (friend of Nancy Kunkel) COVID

**Angela** - stage 4 cancer

**Everett VanNorman** (friend of Nancy Kunkel) born 11 weeks early, home from NICU

**Elizabeth Oliver** (friend of Charlynn Carlson) recovering from stroke

**Justin Lewis** (friend of Ben & Sarah Oprinovich) chemotherapy treatments

**Robbin Musgrave** - knee replacement surgery January 31

**Kelli Kerr** (friend of the Stubbs') recent cancer diagnosis

**Bart Ahrens** (brother of Boyd Ahrens) - recovering from a stroke

**Barb Chapman** - recovering from hip replacement surgery January 15

**Linda** - cancer complications

**Elisa Harrison** (Robbie Murta's son-in-law's mother) diagnosed with cancer

**John Ross** (friend of the Mason's) has a diagnosis of mesothelioma

**Betty Huckle** - healing after hospitalizations and infection

**Jackie** (friend of Beth Schoening) receiving chemo and radiation for brain cancer

**Kim Bonner** (friend of Beth Schoening) undergoing chemo treatments

**John Daniel** (friend of Jeanine Stubbs) drug and alcohol rehab

**Frances Jolayemi** (sister of Jeanine Stubbs) mental health recovery

**Scott Green** (friend of the Bollhoefer's) stomach cancer that has metastasized to hip

**Terah Stoker** (friend of Ben Kunkel) continued treatment for brain cancer

**Amelia Decker** (great-niece of Jeanine Yeager) - declining health related to cancer

## ONGOING

**Sam Matula** - active military

**Christopher Jennings**

**Nathan Wilkerson** - serving in Army



# HOSANNA! HAPPENINGS

## UPCOMING FAITH FORMATION CALENDAR

### **Feb. 11 - Service Together - Valentines for Vets**

- Kids and adults of all ages gather in the fellowship hall to create valentines and package personal care items for veterans.

### **Feb. 18 - Kids Crews and Adult Study**

- Kids gather in the choir room for singing, then divide into PreK-K, 1st-3rd and 4th-6th age groups for activities around the story of the first sin. Kids 7th-12th grade may help with the younger kids or join the adults.
- Adults gather in the fellowship hall to continue conversation around other faith traditions. We'll be discussing the Methodist tradition this week.

### **Feb. 25 - Intergenerational and Confirmation Class**

- Kids and adults of all ages are join together in the fellowship hall to talk about the impact of sin and brokenness in our lives, and to engage in activities related to this theme.
- Confirmation youth gather with Pastor Mike for class.

### **Mar. 3 - Kids Crews and Adult Study**

## VALENTINES FOR VETS

Each Valentine's Day we share the love with local veterans by assembling hygiene kits. Our hope is to assemble 100-150 kits.

We still need these items: ***toothpaste, deodorant, and granola bars.***

You are invited to donate completed kits in gallon ziplock bags or bulk quantities of these items. Either can be dropped off in the fellowship hall through February 11. After worship on February 11, kids and adults are invited to stay after worship to make valentines and assemble the kits so that they can be delivered through local veterans' organizations by Valentine's day. If you're not able to join us after worship, you can also drop off purchased (and signed) or handmade Valentine cards. In addition to gratitude for these items to help care for themselves, we've been told how very touched the veterans are to receive the words of love and appreciation.

## WOMEN OF THE ELCA - SHIRLEY CIRCLE

Shirley Circle will meet on February 12, 7pm at the home of Karen Orrill. We will have a short business meeting, Bible Study, followed by fellowship.

Our Bible Study will be from the January/February issue of the Gather Magazine, "Scriptures and Nature: Teachers of faith: Session one: Weather: Powerful force for change" Below is a link for the lesson. If you would like a printed copy, please contact Louise Ahrens at 816-405-8165.

[https://www.gathermagazine.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/12/January2024\\_Gather\\_Bible\\_Study\\_Session\\_One.pdf](https://www.gathermagazine.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/12/January2024_Gather_Bible_Study_Session_One.pdf)

We look forward to seeing you on the 12th!!

Shirley Circle is one of the 4,500 units from Lutheran churches across the United States and Caribbean that meets on a monthly basis for Bible Study, service, advocacy and fellowship. Collectively, all Lutheran women are known as the Women of the ELCA. Below is Our Purpose Statement:

*"As a community of women created in the image of God, called to discipleship in Jesus Christ, and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we commit ourselves to grow in faith, affirm our gifts, support one another in our callings, engage in ministry and action, and promote healing and wholeness in the church, the society, and the world."*

If you have any questions about Shirley Circle or Women of the ELCA, please contact Louise Ahrens, [piflouise@aol.com](mailto:piflouise@aol.com) or 816-405-8165.

## IAMM FOOD PANTRY REQUEST

The number of clients coming to the IAMM Food Pantry are increasing and the amount of food available from Harvester's is decreasing. They are asking for the following food items:

***Instant oatmeal packets, Canned chicken, Sloppy Joe, Canned pasta, Mandarin Oranges, White Sugar, Brown Sugar, Saltines, Snack crackers, Flour, Sandwich crackers, Dry northern, navy and/or red beans, Feminine products (tampons, maxi-pads).***

Items for Kids Backpack program: ***Individual fruit cups, Individual cereal cup***

Please drop off during the week or bring to church on Sundays.

## ADULT DINNER PLANNED FOR SUNDAY FEBRUARY 18<sup>TH</sup>

Our monthly fellowship events continue in February as we host an adult Lasagna dinner on Sunday, February 18th from 5:00 to 7:00 pm.

The meal will include homemade lasagna, salad, garlic bread and dessert. We will have bottled water and iced tea to drink and will make wine available (for an additional donation) for those who so desire.

Please note, we will not be able to provide childcare for this event.

If you are interested in joining us, there will be sign up sheets placed in the Sunday February 4th and February 11th bulletins. Deadline for signing up will be Sunday February 11th. Please complete your sign-up sheet and bring it to the fellowship hall following the service and place it in the designated box. We kindly ask for payment upon your registration so we can properly plan food for the event. We have a suggested donation amount of \$20 per person. The proceeds from the event will help support Hosanna! God Squad.

If you are unable to attend church during the sign-up period but would like to attend, please contact Jeanine Stubbs at 816.309.2322 or via email at [jeaninestubbs@yahoo.com](mailto:jeaninestubbs@yahoo.com)

If you cannot spend the evening with us but would like to order a meal “to go”, let us know so we can accommodate your needs.

## FEBRUARY LUNCH BUNCH

Join us for our monthly lunch gathering! On February 20th, we will be eating at **Hunan Garden** in Liberty (located at 1170 W Kansas ST #D).

Each month on the third Tuesday at 11:30 we gather together at a local restaurant for a time of fun, fellowship and good food. Everyone is welcome to join us!

Reservations are not needed but it's always helpful to have a head count so if you think you might come, just let us know. Hope to see you there!

## A TIME FOR RENEWAL - MAKING OUR HEART SING

As we prepare our application for the Lilly Endowment Clergy Renewal Program we are asking for input from the congregation. Please think about taking time to provide your thoughts and input on the questions inserted into today's bulletin.

Feel free to provide input by writing your response on the form in the bulletin or by going online and submitting your response using this link:

<https://forms.gle/TQmAbaxlf9sqxfen8>.

You are NOT limited to one response, please provide all that comes to your mind over the next few weeks.

# LENT WITH HOSANNA!

## WHAT IS LENT?

Noah spent 40 days in the rain relying on God alone, the Israelites spent 40 years in the desert relearning how to live together, and Jesus spent 40 days in the desert preparing to deliver God's grace. We spend 40 days every year to reconnect with God.

Lent involves the practices of prayer, study, generosity, and community. We spend time this season literally practicing the things that connect us with God. This discipline strengthens our faith and ingrains these practices more fully into our lives.

## ASH WEDNESDAY

- We begin Lent with worship, acknowledging our mortality, and remembering that we need God. We place ashen crosses on our foreheads, remembering that though there are times we feel (and act) like dirt, we belong to God, and God can do amazing things with dirt.
- Join us in person for worship on Feb. 14 at 7:00pm or online at [www.hosannatogether.org/ash](http://www.hosannatogether.org/ash).
- You may also come for drive-up ashes 4:30-5:30. Pull your car into a front parking spot, and Pastor Mike will join you with ashes and prayer.

## DEVOTIONAL

Lent is a great time to grow closer to God. Spend 5-10 minutes each day connecting to God by reading scripture, reflecting, and praying using a devotional booklet. Members throughout the Central States Synod Border Conference (including several from Hosanna!) have put together their experiences with God so that you might see God more clearly in your own life.



Printed copies are available in the fellowship hall or by calling the church office. If you'd like to read on your phone, tablet, or e-reader, you can read online, download it, or sign up for daily reminders at [www.hosannatogether.org/devotion](http://www.hosannatogether.org/devotion).

## WEDNESDAYS

Each Wednesday Feb. 21 to March 20, we have several opportunities to spend time on your relationship with God, one another, and yourself. Come for any or all parts of the evening...

- **At 5:45 we gather for a simple meal of soup**, focusing on the people who gather with us. We'll begin serving at 5:45, but you are welcome to join any time after that if you can't make it from work that early. A sign up for bringing soup will be posted in the fellowship hall.
- **At 6:05 we begin our study: 24 Hours that Changed the World.** We will learn about the final 24 hours of Jesus' life and discuss the significance for our own daily lives. Each session will begin with a short video, which will be followed with reading scripture and discussion.
- **At 7:00 we join in evening prayer.** We calm our hearts and settle our minds using Holden Evening Prayer, a beautifully simple and musical service that lasts less than 30 minutes. It's a great opportunity to reset and renew in the middle of a busy week. We won't livestream this service, but you are welcome to join a past recording each week at [www.hosannatogether.org/evening-prayer](http://www.hosannatogether.org/evening-prayer).

## GIVING SOMETHING UP

Fasting is the age-old practice of giving up for a time the excesses we enjoy. Rather than proving our faithfulness to God, the intent is to simplify our lives, let go of things that are life-taking, and grow closer again to God. If you are considering "giving up" something this lent, take time to think about what is draining you and getting in the way of your relationship with God and others. Pray about it. Then choose what God is leading you to let go.

You might also consider giving *up* something that enables you to give *away* something. For example:

- Give up buying a coffee or donut each morning, then donate the money saved to a charity you love.
- Wake up 5 minutes earlier and use that time to snuggle or read with your child.
- Spend 5 minutes less on social media or playing a game, then use those 5 minutes to call someone or write an encouraging note.
- Spend less time in the shower or working on your appearance, and use the time to pray for people you know who are sick, hurting, or celebrating.
- Take your meal to work, then use money saved to buy a small gift or treat for someone every day.

## ATTENTION WOMEN OF THE ELCA!

Mark your calendars for April 27th! The Women of the ELCA will be holding a regional event at St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Atchison, KS. The event will start at 9am. The program will be Just Love - Springtime Hope and Renewal! Please watch the Happenings for more details!

## CONGREGATIONAL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Thank you to everyone who attended our annual congregational meeting this past Sunday, January 28. Print copies of the annual report are available in the fellowship hall and online at [www.hosannatogether.org/meeting](http://www.hosannatogether.org/meeting). Video of the meeting is also available at that link. Highlights of the meeting included:

- Heard reports from the various ministries and staff of the congregation.
- Examined the congregation's financial picture for the past and upcoming years. Approved the budget as printed in the annual report.
- Elected Justin Noel as Congregational President, Alissa Willett as Vice President, and Tony Belcher as Treasurer. Joyce Uber continues servicing as Secretary.
- Elected Mike Jennings and Charlynn Marshall-Carlson as council members. Margaret Rockhold, Chris Marple, and Beth Schoening continue in this role.
- Elected Alissa and Ryan Willett as Synod Assembly Voting Members; Richard Moore to the Audit Committee; and John Kreidler, Sue Tonks, Scott Schmidt, Ryan Willett, Margaret Rockhold, and Beth Schoening to the Nominating Committee.

## BUILDING BREAK-IN

Two aisle windows in the sanctuary were broken early in the morning of January 28 by a member of the community who was having a mental health crisis. They were seeking help and pulled the fire alarm. The police responded and transported the individual to the hospital for injuries related to broken glass. Nothing has been found to be missing.

The impacted windows have been covered and secured. God takes broken things and makes them whole and beautiful, so our kids joined God in this work by creating artwork to cover the plywood. Details have been sent to the window manufacturers, and we are awaiting our options for replacement.

## GATHERED IN WORSHIP

**February 4<sup>th</sup> worship attendance: 84 (75 in person, 9 online)**

Please take a moment to fill out an attendance card from the rack on the chairs in front of you, then place it in the offering plates when they are passed.

## WORSHIP ASSISTANTS THIS MORNING

*Please consider signing up to serve. Your participation enriches the worship experience for everyone. See the sheet in the Fellowship Hall to sign up.*

<b>Roles</b>	<b><i>Feb 11</i></b>	<b><i>Feb 18</i></b>
<b><i>Acolyte</i></b>	Nona Oprinovich	Aiden Noel
<b><i>Altar Guild</i></b>	Katharine Fairchild	Pam Schmidt
<b><i>Audio/Video</i></b>	Alison Kern	Chris Marple
<b><i>Blessers</i></b>	Teagan Oprinovich	Olivia Noel
	Paul Oprinovich	Easton Noel
<b><i>Communion Assistants</i></b>	Sarah Oprinovich	Catherine Noel
	Joyce Uber	<i>Volunteer Needed</i>
<b><i>Counters</i></b>	Dan Prom	Dan Prom
	Don Summers	Don Summers
<b><i>Crucifer</i></b>	Aiden Noel	Eva Bledsoe
<b><i>Fellowship Host</i></b>	Scott Carlson	<i>Volunteer Needed</i>
	Charlynn Marshall-Carlson	<i>Volunteer Needed</i>
<b><i>Greeters/Ushers</i></b>	Scott Schmidt	Charlynn Marshall-Carlson
	Don Summers	Justin Noel
<b><i>Lector</i></b>	Margaret Rockhold	E.J. Marple

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