



Fourth Sunday after Epiphany February 2, 2025

WELCOME GUESTS!

- By simply being here, you are a valuable part of our praise, worship, and service. Thank you for blessing us with your presence! We don't pretend to be perfect, but we believe that God offers us strength, support, inspiration, and joy through one another.
- If you have questions, don't hesitate to ask anyone. There's no judgement.
- We'd love the opportunity to get to know you better. 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.

WELCOME KIDS!

We love kids just as God made them, so we don't expect them to be any different here. They are part of our worship, and we have some extra-special ways for them 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 moving 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 their gifts in the clear container at the front.

 Their gifts are used to help others in our community and the world in a way that's easy to see.
- Kids take responsibility for offering God's blessing at the end of worship. Even if they don't know the words, standing there with a smile is all they need to show God's love.
- Changing stations are available in both bathrooms on the main level.

WE VALUE NEURODIVERSITY

- God has made us each differently, so we welcome and value people as they are.

 Know that you are welcome among us, even if your brain and body operate a little differently.
- We have a quiet sensory room off the front hallway. You are welcome there if you feel overwhelmed or need a break from people. Please respect others needing the same.
- We have noise-reducing headphones, weighted pads, wobble cushions, and chair fidget bands available in the sensory room. You are welcome to use these in worship and anywhere else in the building if you'd find them helpful. Feel free to experiment.
- Learn more about neurodiversity at www.hosannatogether.org/neurodiversity.

PRAYERS

- Good and bad things happen. If you'd like us to pray for you or someone you know, add your request to the sheet on the welcome table in the front hall or call the church office.
- We care about you, but we're not always the first to hear what's happening. If there is something significant happening, good or bad, or you'd like Pastor Mike to visit with you, please let us know: 816-781-7991 or pastormike@hosannalutheranchurch.org.

WELCOME TO WORSHIP WITH HOSANNA!

PRELUDE

WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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.

Even when we go our own way, God is with us.

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



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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 and ever-living God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and love; and that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE

Glory to God

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



SCRIPTURE READING

I Corinthians 13:1-13

¹ If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. ² And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. ³ If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

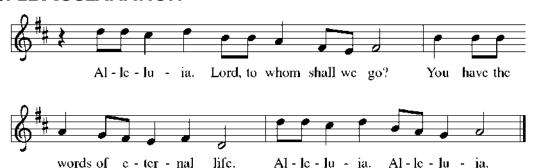
⁴Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant ⁵ or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; ⁶ it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. ⁷ It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

⁸ Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. ⁹ For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; ¹⁰ but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. ¹¹ When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. ¹² For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. ¹³ And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL READING

Luke 4:21-30

Then [Jesus] began to say to [all in the synagogue in Nazareth,] "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." ²² All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, "Is not this Joseph's son?" ²³ He said to them, "Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, 'Doctor, cure yourself!' And you will say, 'Do here also in your hometown the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum." ²⁴ And he said, "Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet's hometown. ²⁵ But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, and there was a severe famine over all the land; ²⁶ yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. ²⁷ There were also many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian." ²⁸ When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. ²⁹ They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff. ³⁰ But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.

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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY



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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 card, or debit card at 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 may place their offerings in the barn at the front of the worship space to support The Sewing Labs, a Kansas City nonprofit community teaching the legacy of sewing for enjoyment, employment, entrepreneurship, and enrichment. They offer a transformational space to learn skills, build confidence, be creative, and break cycles of generational poverty. Learn more at www.thesewinglabs.org. Kids and teens of all ages are welcome to contribute!

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

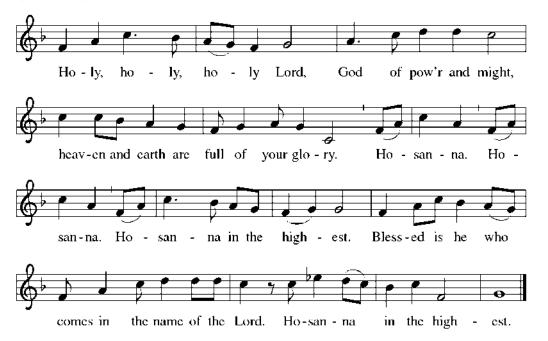
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise . . .

The thanksgiving continues . . .

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



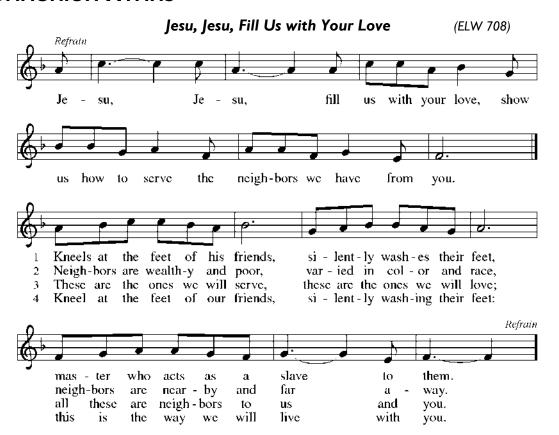
WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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



Text: Tom Colvin, 1925–2000, alt.
Music: CHEREPONI, Ghanaian folk tune, adapt. Tom Colvin
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Text: North American folk hymn, 19th cent., alt. Music: WONDROUS LOVE, W. Walker, Southern Harmony, 1835

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 kids come forward to offer God's blessing and love to all:

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



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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

PRAYER CONCERNS

BIRTHDAYS

Samantha Schoening, February 3 Robert Hall, February 5 Hunter Mason, February 6 Boyd Ahrens, February 4 Miranda McArtor, February 5 Bree Grauerholz, February 8

SYMPATHIES

Family and Friends of Dale Yazell -Connie Yazell's husband, who passed away on January 25 (Memorial service, Feb. 6, 2:00 at Charter Funerals, 77 NE 72nd St, Gladstone, MO 64118)

Family and Friends of Earl Larsen (Sarah Miller's grandpa) passed away January 14th Family and Friends of Duane Clark (Janeen Bollhoefer's brother)
Family and Friends of Phil Garot (childhood friend of Mary Kunkel)
Family and Friends of Larry Pontinen (brother-in-law of Karen Orrill)

CONCERNS

Deb Bollhoefer Russ Bollhoefer's sister) health concerns

Maya Bartlet (Janeen Bollhoefer's co-worker) health concerns

Mardell Carlson (Scott Carlson's mother) hospitalized

Charlie Weber (Pam Schmidt's uncle) health concerns

Frances Jolayemi (Jeanine Stubb's sister) mental health recovery

Julia Goldstein (friend of the Stubbs) upcoming surgery

Karen Weber - home after hospitalization and rehab

Harold Mason - home after cardiac surgery and rehab

Tim McMullen - recovering from heart surgery on January 13

Donna & Charlie Brite (close family friend of Marshall family)

Adrian Hale (Mary and Brad's grandson) health struggles

Elissa (friend of Robbie Murta) return of cancer

Steve (cousin of Robbie Murta) stroke and broken clavicle

Debra (Margaret Rockhold's neighbor) diagnosed with cancer

Roy (friend of LaReta Godsey) lots of medical problems

Dale Bridges (acquaintance of Donna Mason) prostate cancer, AFIB, and other complications.

Capt. Nathan Wilkerson (Marjorie Yates grandson) deployed to Middle East

Capt. Amanda Wilkerson (Nathan's wife) at home with baby Owen

Gary (Nancy Kunkel's brother-in-law) - health concerns after fall

Carm Bradley (friend of Bonny Grauerholz) diagnosed with a brain tumor

Barb Chapman - recovering from back surgery

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

HOSANNA! HAPPENINGS

ANNUAL MEETING RECAP

Hosanna! held its annual congregational meeting on Sunday, January 26. Here are a few highlights from the meeting:

- Heard reports from various individuals and committees, and responded to questions
 from attendees. People generally reported excitement about the work we're doing,
 optimism about our future ministry, and invitation to join the work we're doing.
- Shared our parish statistics, which indicated continued growth of our youth, steady growth to attendance and membership, as well active involvement of people who aren't necessarily members of the congregation.
- Discussed plans for pastor and the congregation for 8 weeks of sabbatical this summer.
- Passed a continuing resolution to our constitution to add up to two youth congregation council positions with a 1-year term.
- Elected Bonny Grauerholz, Karen Orrill, and Margaret Rockhold as council members; Noah Kern and Max Anderson as youth council members; Richard Moore and Joyce Uber as synod assembly voting members; Katharine Fairchild, Sarah Read, Leslie Long, Kristin Belcher, Mike Jennings, and Charlynn Carlson to the nominating committee; and Scott Schmidt to the audit committee.
- Thanked outgoing council members Beth Schoening and Chris Marple for their service.
- Passed a budget for 2025.
- Printed copies of the annual report and budget can be picked up in the fellowship hall, downloaded at www.hosannatogether.org/meeting, or requested from the church office.

STEWARDSHIP LETTER AND GIVING COMMITMENTS

Each year, we invite Hosanna! members and friends to consider their contributions for the year ahead. We sent out a letter about what we're accomplishing together, our shared resources, giving information, and pledge details. Year-end giving statements that may be used for tax preparation were enclosed for those who had contributions we could attribute to them. If you'd like to read the letter and accompanying



materials online, you may visit the link below. Please return your commitment card to the offering plate during worship, mail it to the church office, or complete it electronically at www.hosannatogether.org/pledge by Feb. 2.

CHILDREN'S OFFERING HELPS DISASTER VICTIMS IN THE LONG TERM

Throughout the past few months, the kids have donated \$299.17 to support hurricane relief efforts through Lutheran Disaster Response. Although it feels like the hurricanes hit ages ago, the devastation and loss in some places was so great that they continue to impact peoples' lives. Lutheran Disaster Response met immediate needs, but it continues to help people whose losses and needs persist long after the media and national attention moves on. Learn more and contribute to LDR's work in the aftermath of the hurricanes and recent California wildfires at www.elca.org/ldr.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION: THE 10 COMMANDMENTS BEGINNING FEBRUARY 2

How did you learn about The 10 Commandments? Quite possibly, at a young age without much life experience, as a list of imperatives, "do" and "don't", from a source other than the Bible such as <u>Luther's Small Catechism</u> or the Charleston Heston movie "The Ten Commandments" and as a list to be memorized. Beginning on the first Sunday in February, during Adult Faith Formation after worship, we will begin considering pondering if you will - The 10 Commandments. We will primarily use the Bible's three accounts of the 10 Commandments (yes, three), taking into account your lifetime of experience, and as God's invitation to forgiveness and well-being. Please do join us and, to prepare, and it might be useful to practice saying, "I didn't know that."

UPCOMING FAITH FORMATION CALENDAR:

We join to grow in faith each week after worship, 10:45-11:30.

Feb. 2 - Kids Crews and Adult Study

- Preschool and elementary kids gather for singing, then divide into age groups to learn about the Parable of the Good Samaritan.
- Youth in middle school meet for confirmation.
- Adults meet in the choir room to ponder the Ten Commandments.

Feb. 9 - Valentines for Vets Service Project

 All ages work together to assemble hygiene kits and write Valentines that will be shared with Veterans who seek care at the VA clinic in Excelsior Springs.

Feb. 16 - Kids Crews and Adult Study

Feb. 23 - Connect Week

GATHERED IN WORSHIP

January 26th worship attendance: 98 (86 in person, 12 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.

UPDATE ON LAND

Although it doesn't seem like much has happened since our congregational meeting granting the council permission to sell some of our undeveloped land, we've been working non-stop to resolve discrepancies in Kansas City's land records that have held up progress. A land survey has been completed, and we anticipate applying for a replat to update KCMO's outdated record and de-annexation in the next few weeks. We expect this to be approved in the next few months, after which we can move forward with the potential buyer.

VALENTINE'S 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 and with the following items:

- Toothpaste
 Toothbrush
 Dental Floss
 Deodorant
- Bar of soapCombsValentines
- Granola/protein bars, candies, Tootsie roll pops

You are invited to donate completed kits in gallon ziplock bags or bulk quantities of these items. Liberty Dental Care in Liberty is donating 100 toothbrushes and toothpaste this year, so we only need a small amount of each to complete the kits. Either can be dropped off in the fellowship hall through February 9. After worship on February 9, 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.

LOCAL MEMORIAL BRUNCH FOR BOB JOHNSON

Many of us remember Bob and Janet Johnson, charter members of Hosanna! Bob was the bursar for the construction phase of the church during 2001-2002. Bob recently passed away on January 12 in Colorado, while Janet passed away in 2015. Laura and John Canuteson are hosting a Memorial Brunch for Bob on Saturday, March 29, at 10:30 am. All are invited to attend to celebrate Bob and Janet's lives.



SERVING IN WORSHIP THIS WEEK AND NEXT

Please consider serving. Sign up through Breeze or on the signup sheet in the Fellowship Hall

Roles	Feb 2	Feb 9
Acolyte:	Luke Cerra	Teagan Oprinovich
Altar Guild:	Pam Schmidt	Katharine Fairchild
Audio/Video:	Scott Schmidt	Alison Kern
Blessers:	Margaret Cerra	Volunteer Needed
	Nora Belcher	Volunteer Needed
Communion	Sarah Read	Joyce Uber
Assistants:	Kristin Belcher	Volunteer Needed
Counters:	Don Summers	Don Summers
	Dan Prom	Dan Prom
Crucifer:	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed
Greeters/	Volunteer Needed	Colten Marshall
Ushers:	Volunteer Needed	Charlynn Carlson
Lector:	Margaret Rockhold	Janeen Bollhoefer
Fellowship	Volunteer Needed	Sue Tonks
Host:	Volunteer Needed	Betty Dittrich



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