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April 24, 2016

Fifth Sunday of Easter



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Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Setting 4

Easter initiates a new day. It anticipates a new heaven and a new earth. The risen Lord is making all things new. In the mystery of holy baptism God has made new people of us. Today the Lord Jesus invites us to see everyone in a new light—through the lens of love.

PRELUDE

The Strife is O'er, the Battle is Won

WILBUR HELD

GATHERING

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Please stand as you are able.

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

C Amen.

P Let us come into the light, the revealing and healing light of God.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P God of grace and glory,

C you have brought us through the night of sin into the light of Jesus' resurrection. Yet our lives are still shadowed by sin. Make us alive in Christ, O God. Make us new as you make all things new. Rescue us from evil and the gloom of sin, renew us in grace, and restore us to living in your holiness, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.

P Rejoice with all creation around God's throne! The light of the risen Christ puts to flight all evil deeds, washes away sin, restores innocence to the fallen, casts out hate, brings peace, and humbles earthly pride. Jesus Christ loves you and ☩ frees you from your sins by his blood. To him be glory and dominion forever and ever!

C Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

All Are Welcome

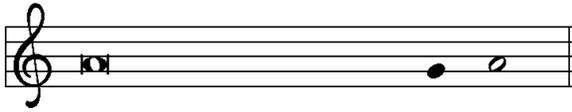
ELW HYMN 641

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 a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



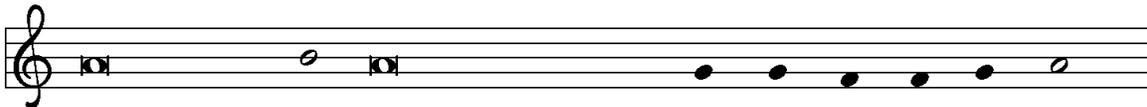
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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 wor-ship and praise,

2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the

hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and

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

Final refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

O Lord God, you teach us that without love, our actions gain nothing. Pour into our hearts your most excellent gift of love, that, made alive by your Spirit, we may know goodness and peace, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Please be seated.

WORD

FIRST READING: ACTS 11:1-18

In defense of his earlier baptism of pagan believers, Peter demonstrates to the members of the Jerusalem church that God's intention to love Gentiles as well as Jews is revealed in Jesus' own testimony. In this way the mission to the Gentiles is officially authorized.

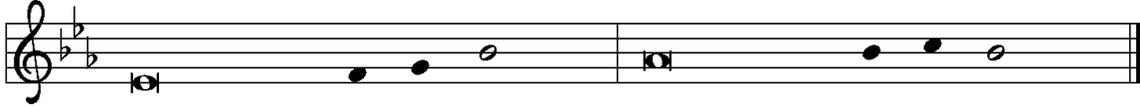
¹Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. ²So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, ³saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" ⁴Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, ⁵"I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. ⁶As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. ⁷I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' ⁸But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' ⁹But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' ¹⁰This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. ¹¹At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. ¹²The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. ¹³He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; ¹⁴he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' ¹⁵And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. ¹⁶And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' ¹⁷If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" ¹⁸When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 148

Sung responsively



¹Hallelujah! Praise the LORD | from the heavens;
praise God | in the heights.

²**Praise the LORD, | all you angels;
sing praise, all you | hosts of heaven.**

³Praise the LORD, | sun and moon;
sing praise, all you | shining stars.

⁴**Praise the LORD, heav- | en of heavens,
and you waters a- | bove the heavens.**

⁵Let them praise the name | of the LORD,
who commanded, and they | were created,

⁶**who made them stand fast forev- | er and ever,
giving them a law that shall not | pass away.**

⁷Praise the LORD | from the earth,
you sea monsters | and all deeps;

⁸**fire and hail, | snow and fog,
tempestuous wind, do- | ing God's will;**

⁹mountains | and all hills,
fruit trees | and all cedars;

¹⁰**wild beasts | and all cattle,
creeping things and | flying birds;**

¹¹sovereigns of the earth | and all peoples,
princes and all rulers | of the world;

¹²**young | men and maidens,
old and | young together.**

¹³Let them praise the name | of the LORD,
whose name only is exalted, whose splendor is over | earth and heaven.

¹⁴**The LORD has raised up strength for the people and praise for all | faith-
ful servants,**

the children of Israel, a people who are near the LORD. | Hallelujah!

SECOND READING: REVELATION 21:1-6

John's vision shows us that in the resurrection the new age has dawned; God dwells with us already. Yet we wait for the time when the tears that cloud our vision will be wiped away. Then we will see the new heaven, new earth, and new Jerusalem.

¹I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ²And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; ⁴he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away."

⁵And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." ⁶Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life."

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.

P The Holy Gospel, according to John, the thirteenth chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL: JOHN 13:31-35

After washing the disciples' feet, predicting his betrayal, and then revealing his betrayer, Jesus speaks of his glorification on the cross. This deep complicated love of Jesus, even to death on the cross, will be the distinctive mark of Jesus' community.

³¹When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. ³²If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. ³³Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' ³⁴I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

WHO ARE WE? WHY ARE WE HERE?

Presentation by Pr. Mamy

HYMN OF THE DAY

Alleluia! Jesus is Risen

ELW 377

Please stand for the final verse of the hymn.

P Let us confess our faith with the words of the Apostles' Creed.

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 Rooted in the abundant life and love of Christ Jesus, we pray for the life of the church, the lives of people in need, and the life of all creation.

A brief silence.

A Holy God, by your Holy Spirit reveal the saving work of Christ. Strengthen your church with the good news that leads to limitless life for all. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A Send us to places far and near, and join our voices in chorus with all creation. Use us to show others your abundant goodness in the world. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A End war and the human desire for power. Free all people to love both neighbor and enemy, and make your church an example of such love. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A Surround people who are hurting with agents of your healing and messengers of your peace. Provide safety and strength for all who are in any need. We especially pray for Oscar Albrecht, George Irwin, Don Longren, Keith Springer, Roy O'Neil, and Myra Sodergren. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A Strengthen the bonds of shared service between these congregations that we pray for today: St. Matthew Lutheran in Butler; Our Savior Lutheran in Camdenton; and Metro Lutheran Ministry in Kansas City, all in Missouri; and the Kansas congregations of Cross of Glory Lutheran in Derby; and Christ Lutheran in Eureka. Guide us in doing your work together. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A Give abundant blessings to Shawn Nowak, Kegan Longren, Kasey Hiltgen and Marsha Ridinger as they celebrate their birthdays this week; and to Marsha Chelson, Kaitlin Roesch, Lucille Brill and Trey Horton as they remember their baptisms. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A In Christ's death and resurrection you have fulfilled your work for the sake of your saints. Come swiftly to dwell among us and to make all things new. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

P We deliver all this into your care, O God, trusting in the work of your Holy Spirit to bring all things into the risen life of Christ our Lord.

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.

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

OFFERING *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!* **ERNST PEPPING**

Please stand as you are able.

OFFERTORY

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful



☞ Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bles - sing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were



sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.



Gath-er the hopes and dreams of all; u - nite them with the prayers we



of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence,



Lord, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

A Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

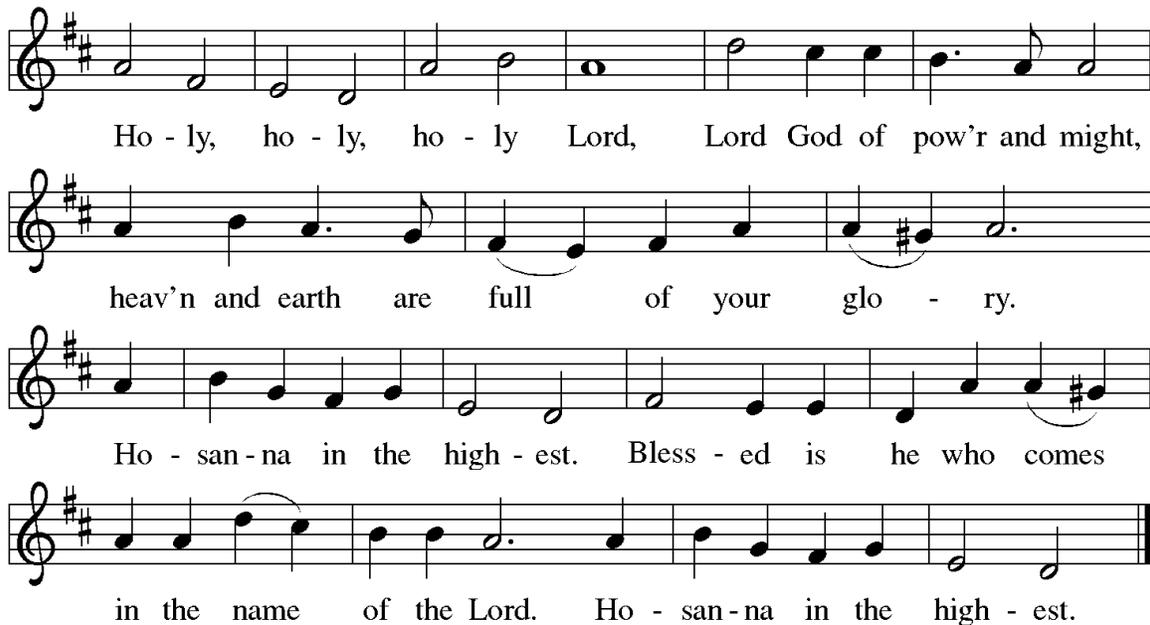
P Lift up your hearts.

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. You call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast, that, renewed in the gift of baptism, we may come to the fullness of your grace. 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, Lord God of pow'r and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
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.

With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

C Christ has died Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

P O God of resurrection and new life: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine. Bless this feast. Grace our table with your presence.

C Come, Holy Spirit.

P Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread. Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world. Breathe new life into us. Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.

C Come, Holy Spirit.

P With your holy ones of all times and places, with the earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever.

C Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

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 Jesus' table, for all is now ready.

C Amen.

Please be seated.

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, grant us peace.

We invite all the to share with us in Holy Communion. All are welcome to join us at the Lord's table. White grape juice is available as an alternative to wine. Children and/or adults who do not receive communion are invited to come forward with their families to receive a blessing. Hands cupped open indicate an openness to receive communion; hands closed reflect a desire to receive a blessing.

COMMUNION HYMNS

Amazing Grace
Blessed Assurance

ELW HYMN 779
ELW HYMN 638

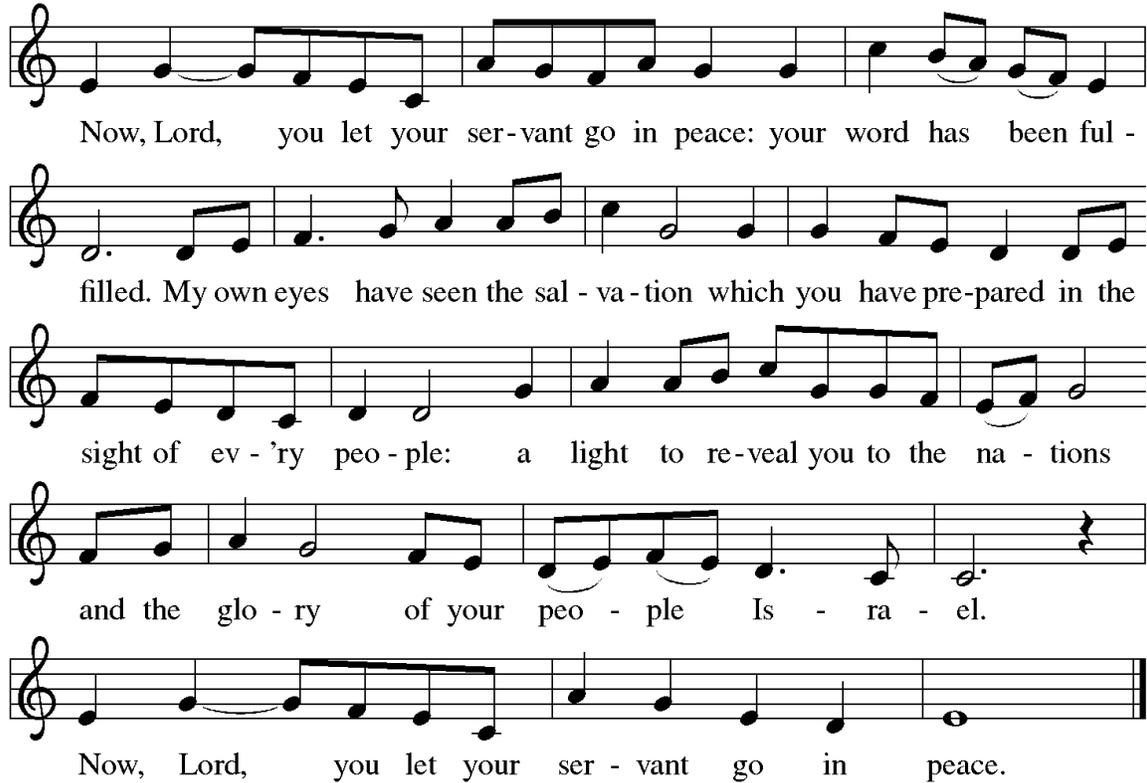
Please stand as you are able.

COMMUNION BLESSING

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

C **Amen.**

CANTICLE AFTER COMMUNION



Now, Lord, you let your ser-vant go in peace: your word has been ful -
filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which you have pre-pared in the
sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: a light to re-veal you to the na - tions
and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.
Now, Lord, you let your ser - vant go in peace.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that you make your home with us, bringing heaven to earth in this holy meal. Fill us with your Spirit as we go from here, that we may wipe away tears, tend to those in mourning and pain, seek the healing of the nations, and bring to earth the presence of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

P The blessing of the Lord God Almighty, the blessing of † Christ, the Lamb who was slain, and the blessing of the Holy Spirit of truth be among you and remain with you always.

C **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN *What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine* ELW HYMN 774

DISMISSAL

A Alleluia. Go in peace. Share the good news.

C **Thanks be to God. Alleluia.**

POSTLUDE *Salvation Belongs To Our God and To Christ*
CANTICLE FROM THE BREAD OF LIFE LITURGY

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Welcome to worship at Trinity!

Thank you for joining us for worship. We hope that you have found the Spirit of God in our midst. If you are interested in becoming a member of Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, or have other questions, please feel free to contact Pr. Mamy at 785-207-6489.

Please join us downstairs in Fellowship Hall for refreshments after the service.



Altar flowers are provided to the glory of God by Carl & Betty Quarnstrom in memory of Margaret Hughes-Towle who, in playing organ and flute, aided in the ministry of music at Trinity.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT TRINITY

Sun., April 24.....	Sunday School	9:00 AM
.....	Adult Sunday School & Confirmation	9:15 AM
.....	Worship with Holy Communion	10:30 AM
.....	Community Garden Work Meeting.....	3:00 PM
Mon., April 25	Senior Breakfast @ Cracker Barrel.....	9:00 AM
.....	Women's AA.....	5:00 PM
Tues., April 26	Quilters.....	9:00 AM
Sun., May 1	Sunday School	9:00 AM
.....	Adult Sunday School & Confirmation	9:15 AM
.....	Worship with Holy Communion	10:30 AM
.....	Community Garden Work Meeting.....	3:00 PM

Remember our shut-ins!

Oscar Albrecht
 Kathryn Axelton
 Lucille Brill
 Peggy Buchholz
 Marlene Hassan
 Marie Henriksen
 Howard Kunard
 Don Longren

Shawn Nowak
 Roy O'Neil
 Ron Owensby
 Keith Springer
 Joan Vogue
 Naomi Walker
 Evelyn Johnson



Vacation Bible School. will take place June 27 through July 1 at First Lutheran Church. VBS for preschoolers will be 9:00 am to 11:30 am; first through sixth graders will enjoy activities until 3:00 pm. Please contact the church office, 233-0767, if you would like to help with Bible School.

Central States Synod Assembly delegates are Diane Bottorff and Ted Quast. Thank you to both of them for volunteering to be our representatives.

Summer camping opportunities are just around the corner at Tomah Shinga. There are opportunities for first graders through high school students as well as a week-end family camp. Each camper is asked to pay a \$25, deposit; if there will be more than two campers from the same family the maximum fee is \$50, with the remainder of the camp fee covered by the Reeves Foundation. Camp brochures are available from the church office or from Diane Bottorff. Registration is completed online. Call the office, 233-0767, if you need help with registration.



A Little Change Makes a Big Change! Our “little change” collected during Lent will make a BIG change for approximately 63 children in a third world country. We sent \$635.23 to ELCA Good Gifts. This is enough to purchase school supplies for an entire classroom plus 23 individual children. Thank you!

FIRST FRIDAY ART WALK, featuring area Lutheran artists on May 6th from 5:30-8:00 p.m. at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 37th and Wanamaker Rd. Sponsored by Lutheran Fine Arts Council of Topeka.

OFFERING AND ATTENDANCE						
Date	General	Building Fund	Other	Flowers	Total	Attendance
Mar. 27	\$2,275.82	\$180.00	\$726.00	\$50.00	\$3,231.82	116
Apr. 3	\$2,891.41	\$420.00	\$740.00	\$100.00	\$4,151.41	41
Apr. 10	\$2,085.45	\$30.00	\$365.00	\$0.00	\$2,480.45	47
Apr. 17	\$1,526.40	\$45.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$1,621.40	62

The money shown in the "Other" column above is restricted and not available for our general fund.

Month/Year	Actual Income	Actual Expenses	Net Income	Year to Date	Budgeted Income
Jan. 2016	\$9,368.54	\$12,613.83	-\$3,245.29	-\$3,245.29	\$13,547.18
Feb. 2016	\$9,418.12	\$13,907.95	-\$4,489.83	-\$7,735.12	\$13,547.18
Mar. 2016	\$11,544.02	\$11,374.78	-\$169.24	-\$7,907.36	\$13,547.18

Worship Assistants										
Date	Greeter(s)	Usher(s)	Organist; Choir Director; Keyboard	Flowers	Acolyte	Lector	Altar Guild	Coffee Host(s)	Assisting Minister	Presiding Minister
April 24, 2016	Donna Allen	Curt Lewis	Mitchell Bean	Carl & Betty Quarnstrom (2)	Bronwyn King	Ted Murphy	Cindy McGinnis & Team 1	Marilyn Hypse & Pam Kobbeman	Bob Horton	Pr. Mamy
May 1, 2016	Ted Quast	Ted Murphy	Laurie Jackson	Linda Longren (1)	Zane Kennedy	Ted Murphy	Janeen Horton & Team 2	Marsha Chelson & Roxanne Wolf	Walt Laughlin	Pr. Mamy
May 8, 2016	Linda Longren	Ted Murphy	Mitchell Bean	Donna Allen (1) Marilyn Heckman (1)	Joe Ranaivoson	Linda Longren	Janeen Horton & Team 2	Eleanor Jewell & Roxanne Wolf	Marsha Chelson	Pr. Mamy
May 15, 2016	Curt & Jane Lewis	Ted Murphy	Laurie Jackson	Julie Reeves (2)	Jake Kennedy	Loni Reece	Janeen Horton & Team 2	Allen; Heckman; Marker	Bob Horton	Pr. Mamy

Please call Pr. Mamy promptly about hospitalizations in our church family. His office number is 785-233-0767, or he can be reached on his cell at 785-207-6489.

To share a prayer request please contact Barbara Apps at 234-5130. She will contact Pr. Mamy and get the prayer chain started.



The mission of
**Trinity Evangelical
 Lutheran Church**
 is to

- worship God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
- serve those in need, and
- reach out to share the Good News of salvation through Jesus Christ!

Together in Community • **L**iving with Christ • **C**aring for Neighbors

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