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Twelfth Sunday of Pentecost



Luke 12:32-40

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Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Setting 4

Jesus says, "It is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom." It is God's promise from the beginning—to Abraham, to the early church, and to the "little flock" of which we are a part today in assembly. Faith, God's baptismal gift, trusts the promises of God. Have no fear.

PRELUDE

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

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

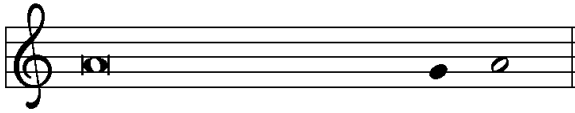
ELW HYMN 733

GREETING

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

C And also with you.

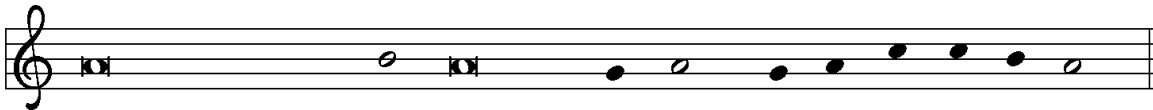
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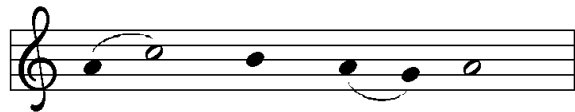
In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



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



Lord, have mer - cy.



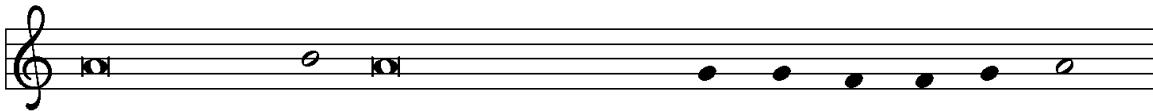
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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,

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

Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

HYMN OF PRAISE

Refrain

Assisting minister

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

All

1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us

free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and

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

Refrain

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

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.

Almighty God, you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your church.

Open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may be ready to receive you wherever you appear, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen.**

Please be seated.

²⁰Our innermost being waits for | you, O LORD,
our helper | and our shield.

²¹**Surely, our heart rejoic- | es in you,
for in your holy name we | put our trust.**

²²Let your lovingkindness, O LORD, | be upon us,
even as we place our | hope in you.

SECOND READING: HEBREWS 11:1-3, 8-16

Abraham and Sarah exemplify the vision of faith that people of God enact in every age. Their hope and trust in God's promise allowed them to face an unknown future and to receive the promise of God.

¹Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.

²Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. ³By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

⁸By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. ⁹By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. ¹¹By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised. ¹²Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, “as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.”

¹³All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, ¹⁴for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. ¹⁵If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

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 Luke, the twelfth chapter.

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

GOSPEL: LUKE 12:32-40

Jesus encourages disciples to invest their hearts and live fully into God's reign. Instead of facing life with fear, those who know God's generosity are always ready to receive from God and to give to others.

[Jesus said:] ³²“Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. ³³Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. ³⁴For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. ³⁵“Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; ³⁶be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. ³⁷Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. ³⁸If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves. ³⁹“But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁰You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Please be seated.

CHILDREN’S SERMON

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

Be Thou My Vision

ELW HYMN 793

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 Christ and rising to serve, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

A Faithful God, encourage your church in new ventures of faith: new congregations, ministries, conversations, and partnerships. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A Creating God, the abundance of your creation fills us with awe and delight. Call us daily to be vigilant and responsible stewards of all you have made. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

P Merciful God, calm the fears that produce wars, prejudice, and injustice. Equip governments, leaders, and peacemakers to be models of cooperation and reconciliation among the nations. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A Restoring God, comfort all who long for relief from circumstances of grief or sickness, especially Cathy Tunnell, Don Longren, Russell Johnson, and Marsha Chelson. Bless hospitals, mental health facilities, and all places of healing. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A Steadfast God, we pray for those in life transitions that bring anxiety. Heal those hurt by broken promises, and sustain them with your never-ending love. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A Life-giving God, we pray for those celebrating life this week. Be with Merle Adams, Pr. Mamy, Ella Bosch, and Gay Marker as they celebrate birthdays; with Marilyn Heckman as she remembers her baptism; and with Bob & Janeen Horton as they celebrate their wedding anniversary. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

P Compassionate God, be with these ministries that we pray for today: St. John Lutheran in Bird City, Kansas; Children's Memorial Lutheran in Kansas City and the Lutheran School of Theology in St. Louis, both in Missouri. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A Heavenly Father, we give you thanks for all the saints who now enjoy unfailing treasure in heaven, and we rejoice that we are united with them in your love. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

P We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting your promise to hear us; through Jesus 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

Please stand as you are able.

OFFERTORY

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful



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



bless - ing. 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,



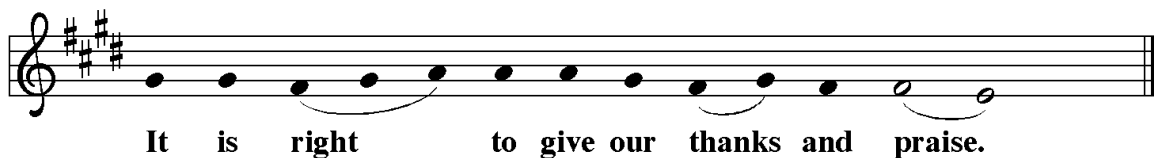
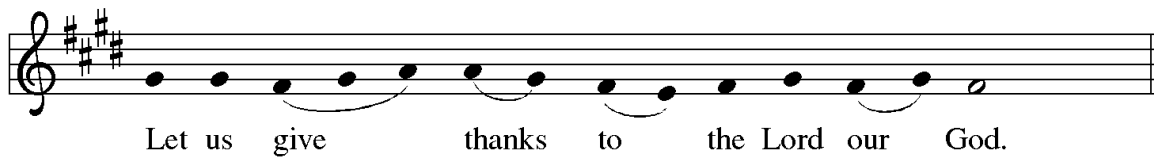
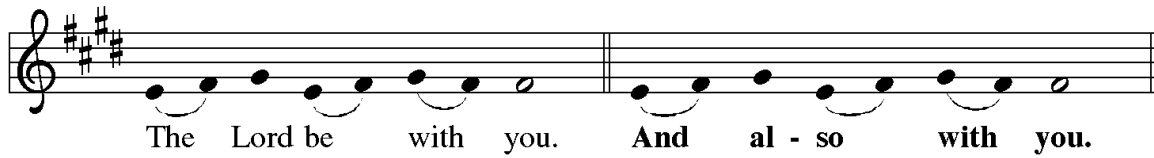
Lord, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

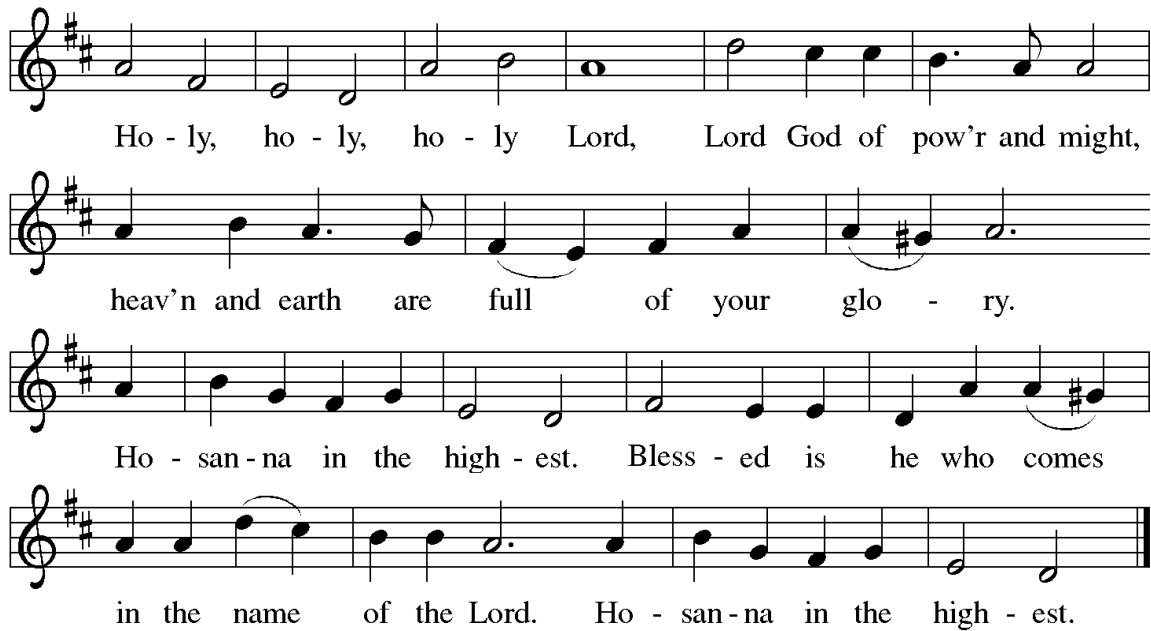
A God of mercy and grace, the eyes of all wait upon you, and you open your hand in blessing. Fill us with good things at your table, that we may come to the help of all in need, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and Lord.

C Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



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.

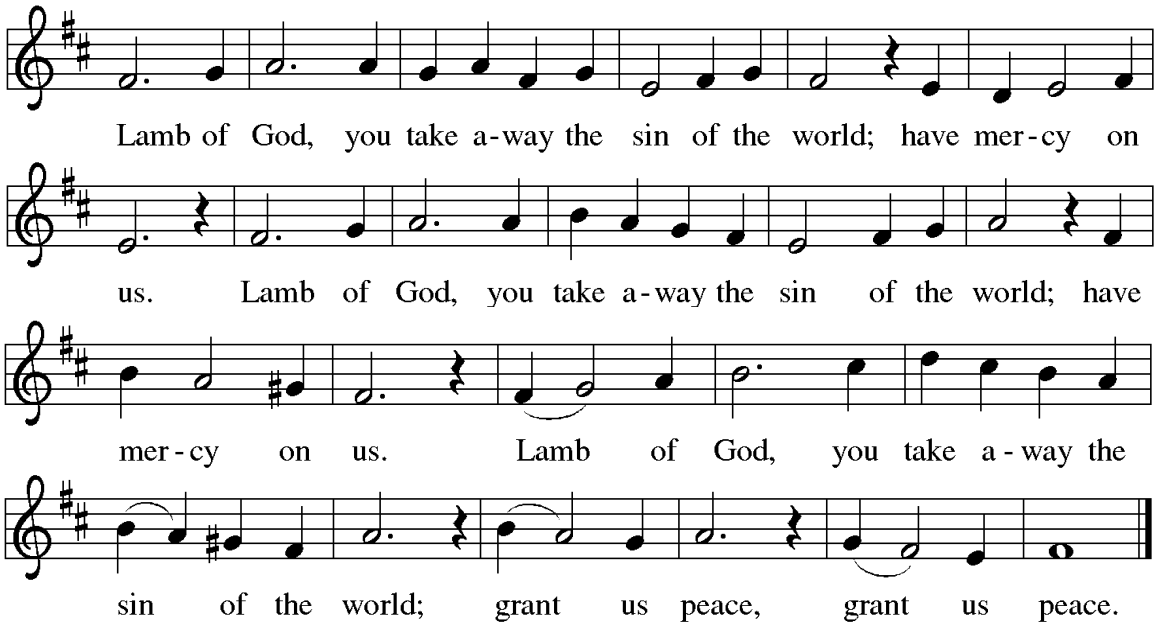
INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P Christ invites you to a place of honor at this banquet. Welcome to the feast.

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

Blessed Assurance
My Life Flows On In Endless Song

ELW HYMN 638
ELW HYMN 763

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. O God, as a mother comforts her child, so you comfort your people, carrying us in your arms and satisfying us with this food and drink, the body and blood of Christ. Send us now as your disciples, announcing peace and proclaiming that the reign of God has come near; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen.**

SENDING

BLESSING

P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine upon you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

C **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine

ELW HYMN 774

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Proclaim the good news.

C **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

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Remember our shut-ins!

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

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



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 worship.



Altar flowers are provided to the glory of God by Julie Reeves in memory of loved ones.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT TRINITY

Today, Aug. 7.....	Adult Sunday School.....	9:15 AM
.....	Worship with Holy Communion.....	10:30 AM
.....	Blood Pressure Checks after Worship.....	
.....	Youth Group Meeting.....	5:30 PM
.....	Community Garden Work Meeting.....	7:30 PM
Mon., Aug. 8.....	Women's AA.....	5:00 PM
Tues., Aug. 9.....	Quilters.....	9:00 AM
.....	Church Council Meeting.....	5:30 PM
Wed., Aug. 10.....	Women's AA.....	5:30 PM
Thurs., Aug. 11.....	Men's AA.....	6:00 PM
Sun., Aug. 14.....	Adult Sunday School.....	9:15 AM
.....	Worship with Holy Communion.....	10:30 AM
.....	Community Garden Work Meeting.....	7:30 PM

LOVE JOY PEACE PATIENCE KINDNESS GENEROSITY

PENTECOST PROJECT UPDATE

Today's Gospel lesson begins with Jesus telling his disciples NOT to be anxious - about anything. And in the Second Lesson, Paul (or whoever wrote this elegant letter to the Hebrews) reminds his readers that "faith is the assurance of things hoped for and the conviction of things not seen.

So, in spite of the fact that, indeed, your Pentecost Project Task Force is getting ANXIOUS about contributions NOT yet received in Trinity's church office, still, we have FAITH that those stories or meditations or devotions or pictures we'd hoped for will be forthcoming, and we have the firm CONVICTION there are many submissions we have not yet seen.

Deadline for submissions is only a little over a month away. Please email them to office@topekatlc.org or mail them to Pentecost Project, Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, 735 Buchanan, Topeka, KS 66606,

Remember, if you borrow someone else's work you must give attribution to the original creator of the work so that we know we have permission to publish it. If you're writing of the Holy Spirit's influence on you, encounter with you, inspiration or gift to you, please keep it within 250 words. Let's make our Holy Spirit's fire grow.



FAITHFULNESS GENTLENESS SELF-CONTROL Galatians 5:22

Pr. Mamy will be in New Orleans, LA, attending the ELCA Church-wide Assembly, August 7 –14. **Please welcome Mary Heald** as she presides at worship today. Michael Haar will preside on Aug. 14. Pr. Walt is on call for pastoral emergencies while Pr. Mamy is away.



BAKER
UNIVERSITY

Salads and desserts are needed for the Welcome Luncheon for Baker University School of Nursing's new students on August 18 at 11:30. We will be welcoming 46 new students, faculty and staff. Plan to join us for lunch. Let Diane Bottorff know if you can provide a salad or a dessert, 231-0379 or dbottorff3@att.net.

A BIG THANKS to the four youth, Dean and Diane who offered their sweat and muscles to mow, trim, etc. in the Community Garden last Sunday evening. You really inspired us!!

OFFERING AND ATTENDANCE						
Date	General	Building Fund	Other	Flowers	Total	Attendance
July 10	\$2,285.00	\$260.00	\$25.00	\$0.00	\$2,570.00	40
July 17	\$1,379.74	\$145.00	\$750.00	\$0.00	\$2,274.74	53
July 24	\$1,658.29	\$45.00	\$560.00	\$0.00	\$2,263.29	40
July 31	\$1,904.11	\$20.00	\$911.00	\$50.00	\$2,885.11	45

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
Mar. 2016	\$11,544.02	\$11,374.78	-\$169.24	-\$7,907.36	\$13,547.18
Apr. 2016	\$8,435.79	\$13,235.30	-\$4,799.51	-\$12,06.87	\$13,547.18
May 2016	\$13,541.99	\$15,299.88	-\$1,757.89	-\$14,464.76	\$13,547.18
June 2016	\$11,578.83	\$13,298.78	-\$1,719.95	-\$16,189.30	\$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
August 7, 2016	Vickie Jacobs	Bob Horton	Laurie Jackson	Julie Reeves (2)	Jake Kennedy	Diane Bottorff	Jane Lewis & Team 2	Dean McGinnis	Rosie Nichols	Mary Heald
August 14, 2016	Barbara Apps	Bob Horton	Mitchell Bean	Mary Heald (1) LaVell Winsor (1)	Marcy Carlson	Ted Quast	Jane Lewis & Team 2	Julie Reeves & Dorothy Strom	Walt Laughlin	Pr. Michael Haar
August 21, 2016	Howard & Loni Reece	Bob Horton	Laurie Jackson	Curt & Jane Lewis (2)	Bronwyn King	Linda Longren	Jane Lewis & Team 2	Roxanne Wolf & Marsha Chelson	Rosie Nichols	Pr. Mamy
August 28, 2016	Jerry & Marsha Chelson	Bob Horton	Mitchell Bean	Marilyn Heckman (1) LaVell Winsor (1)	Zane Kennedy	Ted Murphy	Jane Lewis & Team 2	Donna Allen, Carol Marker & Marilyn Heckman	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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