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May 1, 2016

Sixth Sunday of Easter



John 14:23-29

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Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Setting 4

Visions abound in the readings for the sixth Sunday of Easter. Paul has a vision about what to do. John has a vision of what will be. The risen Lord Jesus provides visions of peace that passes human understanding and power beyond human imagination.

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

God of Grace and God of Glory

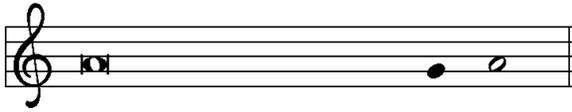
ELW HYMN 705

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.



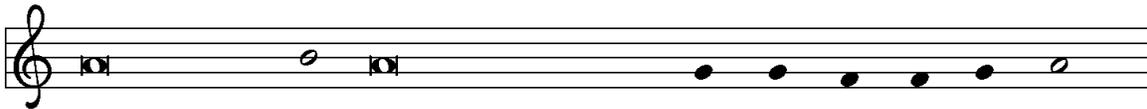
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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,



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.

Bountiful God, you gather your people into your realm, and you promise us food from your tree of life. Nourish us with your word, that empowered by your Spirit we may love one another and the world you have made, through 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 16:9-15

A vision compels Paul to move his ministry into Greece. There he meets Lydia, an important person in the business community, whose heart has been opened by God to receive the gospel. Her conversion and baptism provide the impetus for the founding of the church at Philippi.

⁹During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him, saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." ¹⁰When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them. ¹¹We set sail from Troas and took a course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, ¹²and then to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. ¹³On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. ¹⁴A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. ¹⁵When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 67

Sung responsively



¹May God be merciful to | us and bless us;
may the light of God's face | shine upon us.

²**Let your way be known | upon earth,
your saving health a- | mong all nations.**

³Let the peoples praise | you, O God;
let all the | peoples praise you.

⁴**Let the nations be glad and | sing for joy,
for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the na- | tions on
earth.**

⁵Let the peoples | praise you, O God;
let all the | peoples praise you.

⁶**The earth has brought | forth its increase;
God, our own | God, has blessed us.**

⁷May God | give us blessing,
and may all the ends of the earth | stand in awe.

SECOND READING: REVELATION 21:10, 22—22:5

John's vision of a new Jerusalem coming out of heaven provides continuity with God's past actions. Yet in this new city, God's presence replaces the temple, and the glory of God and the Lamb supplant sun and moon.

¹⁰And in the spirit [one of the angels] carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God.

²²I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. ²³And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. ²⁴The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. ²⁵Its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. ²⁶People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. ²⁷But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

^{22:1}Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb ²through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. ³Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; ⁴they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. ⁵And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

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 fourteenth chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL: JOHN 14:23-29

As Jesus talks of returning to the Father, he promises to send the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, who will teach Jesus' followers and remind them of all that Jesus taught. Even more, those in whom God makes a home will experience a peace that overcomes fear.

²³Jesus answered [Judas (not Iscariot),] "Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them.

²⁴Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me.

²⁵"I have said these things to you while I am still with you. ²⁶But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. ²⁷Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. ²⁸You heard me say to you, 'I am going away, and I am coming to you.' If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. ²⁹And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

How Great Thou Art

ELW 856

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, ruler of the nations, renew your call to all people. Raise up leaders who are eager to follow you into justice, love, and truth. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A Nourish lands through springs, rivers, lakes, pools, and irrigation systems. Produce abundant food by flowing your Spirit throughout creation. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A Help us to extend your hospitality and inspire us to share the grace of Christ in places near and far. Use even small interactions to usher in peace for all people. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A Send compassionate servants to those who live with health concerns in body, mind, or spirit. Deliver your healing and peace to all in need, especially Oscar Albrecht, George Irwin, Don Longren, Keith Springer, Roy O'Neil, and Myra Sodergren. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A Bear the burdens of people who long to work, yet remain unemployed or underemployed. Give them dignity when they seek help, and place them where their gifts may be used. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A Strengthen the bonds of shared service between these congregations that we pray for today: Trinity Lutheran in Kirkwood; Hosanna! Lutheran in Liberty; Immanuel Lutheran in Cole Camp, all in Missouri; and Messiah Lutheran in Lindsborg, Kansas. Guide us all in doing your work together. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A Give abundant blessings to Jennifer Grubb, Chance Hutchison, Ronnie Longren, and Gianni Noriega as they celebrate their birthdays this week; and to Jan Dick, Howard Kunard and Helen Laughlin as they remember their baptisms; and to Tom & Karen Arney as they celebrate their wedding anniversary. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A You have given blessed salvation to all your saints. Thank you for writing our names also in the book of life. Make us Christ's presence for others while we await his coming. 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

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



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 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.**

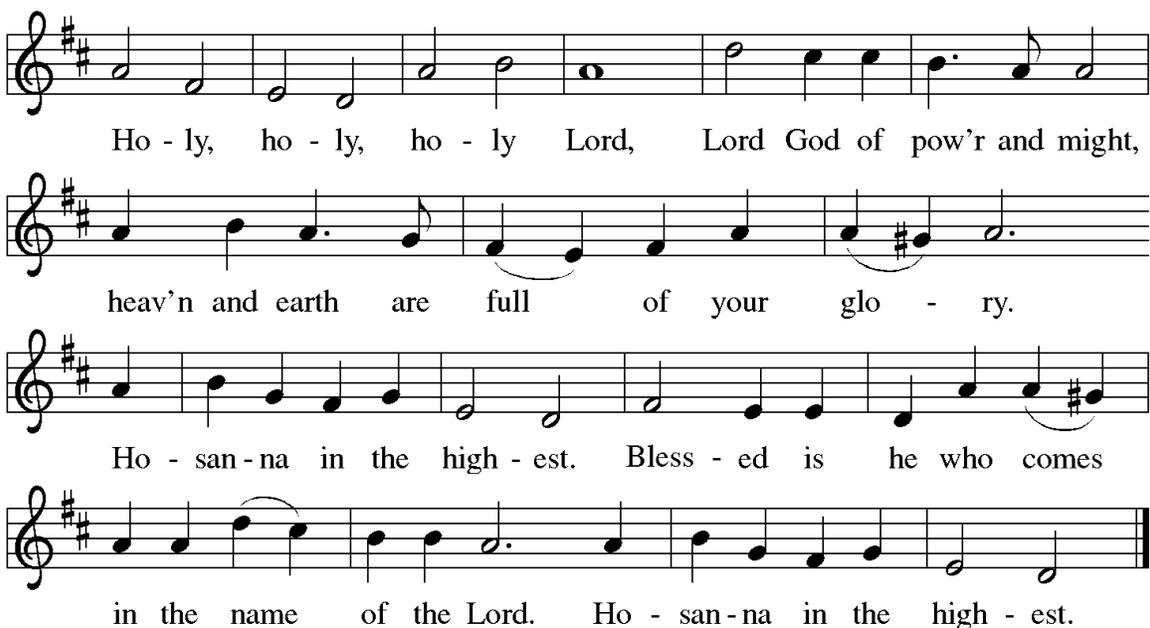
P Lift up your hearts.

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.

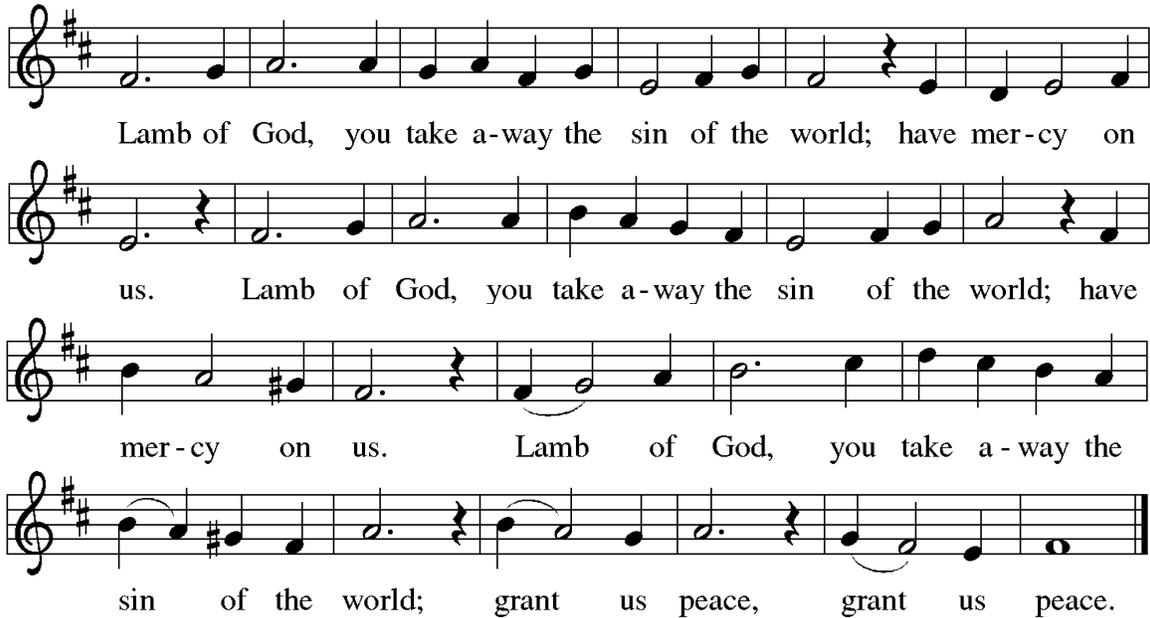
INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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 *The King of Love My Shepherd Is* ELW HYMN 502
Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters ELW HYMN 445

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

Go, My Children, With My Blessing

ELW HYMN 543

DISMISSAL

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

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

POSTLUDE

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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 Don & Linda Longren in honor of Ronnie Longren's birthday and by Laurie Jackson in memory of Margaret Hughes-Towle: teacher, friend and inspiration

UPCOMING EVENTS AT TRINITY

Sun., May 1.....	Sunday School.....	9:00 AM
.....	Adult Sunday School & Confirmation.....	9:15 AM
.....	Worship with Holy Communion.....	10:30 AM
.....	Blood Pressure Checks after Worship.....	
.....	Community Garden Work Meeting.....	3:00 PM
.....	Youth Group Meeting.....	6:00 PM
Mon., May 2.....	Women's AA.....	5:00 PM
Tues., May 3.....	Quilters.....	9:00 AM
Wed., May 4.....	Women's AA.....	5:30 PM
.....	Worship & Music Committee Meeting.....	6:00 PM
Thurs., May 5.....	National Day of Prayer.....	
.....	Men's AA.....	6:00 PM
Sun., May 8.....	Mother's Day.....	
.....	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. Registration forms are available outside the church office.

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 outside 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-May 6th. Talented Lutheran Topeka area artists will be part of Topeka’s First Friday Art Walk at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 37th and Wanamaker Rd. from 5:30-8:00 p.m. Sponsored by the Lutheran Fine Arts Council of Topeka.

OFFERING AND ATTENDANCE						
Date	General	Building Fund	Other	Flowers	Total	Attendance
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
Apr. 24	\$1,196.53	\$85.00	\$235.00	\$50.00	\$1,566.53	55

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
Apr. 2016		April figures are not yet complete.			

Worship Assistants										
Date	Greeter(s)	Usher(s)	Organist; Choir Director; Keyboard	Flowers	Acolyte	Lector	Altar Guild	Coffee Host(s)	Assisting Minister	Presiding Minister
May 1, 2016	Ted Quast	Ted Murphy	Laurie Jackson	Linda Longren (1) Laurie Jackson (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
May 22, 2016	Susan Fitz	Ted Murphy	Mitchell Bean		Marcy Carlson	Ted Quast	Janeen Horton & Team 2	Liz Utech	Vickie Jacobs	Pr. Elwyn Luber

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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