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Twenty-second Sunday of Pentecost



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Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Setting 4

Pray always. Do not lose heart. This is the encouragement of the Christ of the gospel today. Persistence in our every encounter with the divine will be blessed. Wrestle with the word. Remember your baptism again and again. Come regularly to Christ's table. Persistence in our every encounter with the divine will be blessed.

PRELUDE

GATHERING

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Please stand as you are able.

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the only Sovereign, who dwells in light;
Christ Jesus, who came to save sinners; the Holy Spirit, who lives within us.

C Amen.

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

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P God of overflowing grace,

C we come to you with repentant hearts. Forgive us for shallow thankfulness. Forgive us for passing by the ones in need. Forgive us for setting our hopes on fleeting treasures. Forgive us our neglect and thoughtlessness. Bring us home from the wilderness of sin, and strengthen us to serve you in all that we do and say; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

P There is joy in heaven over every sinner who repents. By the grace of God in † Christ Jesus, who gave himself up for us all, your sins are forgiven and you are made free. Rejoice with the angels and with one another! We are home in God's mercy, now and forever.

C Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

Lead Me, Guide Me

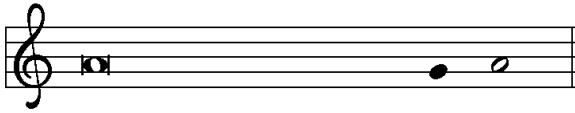
ELW HYMN 768

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.

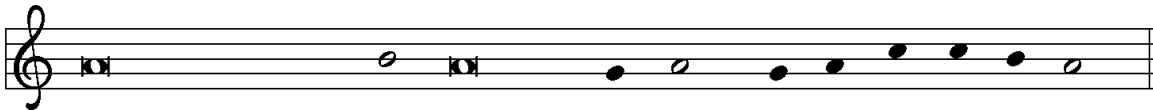
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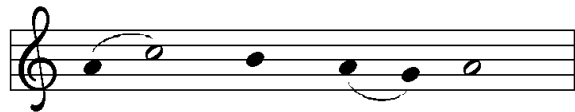
In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



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.



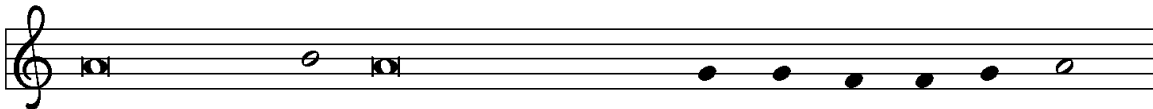
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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.

O Lord God, tireless guardian of your people, you are always ready to hear our cries. Teach us to rely day and night on your care. Inspire us to seek your enduring justice for all this suffering world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen.**

Please be seated.

WORD

FIRST READING: GENESIS 32:22-31

Returning to the home he had fled many years before after stealing his brother's birthright and his father's blessing, Jacob wrestles all night long with a divine adversary who ultimately blesses him and changes his name to "Israel," a name that means "he wrestles with God."

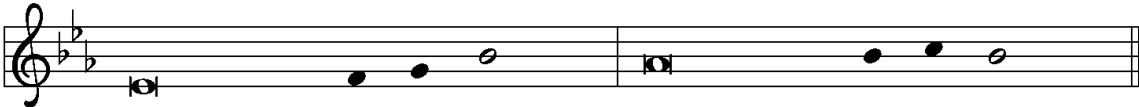
²²The same night [Jacob] got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. ²³He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. ²⁴Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. ²⁵When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. ²⁶Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." ²⁷So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." ²⁸Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed." ²⁹Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. ³⁰So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved." ³¹The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip.

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 121

Sung responsively



¹I lift up my eyes | to the hills;
from where is my | help to come?
²**My help comes | from the LORD,**
the maker of heav- | en and earth.
³The LORD will not let your | foot be moved
nor will the one who watches over you | fall asleep.
⁴**Behold, the keep- | er of Israel**
will neither slum- | ber nor sleep;
⁵the LORD watches | over you;
the LORD is your shade at | your right hand;
⁶**the sun will not strike | you by day,**
nor the | moon by night.

⁷The LORD will preserve you | from all evil
and will | keep your life.

⁸**The LORD will watch over your going out and your | coming in,
from this time forth for- | evermore.**

SECOND READING: 2 TIMOTHY 3:14—4:5

Paul continues his instruction of Timothy, his younger colleague in ministry, by emphasizing the importance of faithful teaching despite opposition.

¹⁴But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, ¹⁵and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

¹⁶All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, ¹⁷so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

^{4:1}In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: ²proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. ³For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, ⁴and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. ⁵As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

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 eighteenth chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL: LUKE 18:1-8

Jesus tells a parable of a hateful judge who is worn down by a widow's pleas. Jesus is calling God's people to cry out for justice and deliverance. For if an unethical judge will ultimately grant the plea of a persistent widow, how much more will God respond to those who call.

¹Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. ²He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. ³In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my opponent.' ⁴For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, ⁵yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.'" ⁶And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. ⁷And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? ⁸I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON

PR. SUSAN CANDEA

HYMN OF THE DAY

Day by Day

ELW HYMN 790

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 Set free by the truth of God's gracious love, we pray for the church, the world, and all of God's good creation.

A brief silence.

A Protector of all, you guard your people from evil. Help your church to provide sanctuary for all who are in need. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A Creator of all, you made the sun, the moon, and the stars. Bless efforts to restore clean air, that your pure light may shine in the world. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A Keeper of all life, you provide justice for the nations. Call upon leaders and judges, lawyers and advocates to proclaim your justice where injustice rules. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A Nurturing healer, you reach out to those who have lost heart. Ease their suffering, relieve their pain, comfort the dying, and calm the troubled, especially Charolette Brown, Marsha Chelson and Cathy Tunnell. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A God of unfailing love, you are our first and best teacher. Guide all who teach in schools, homes, churches, seminaries, and in public life. Let your love shine forth in their teaching. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A We pray for St. John Lutheran in Wellington, Kansas and for St. Paul Lutheran in West Plains and Peace Lutheran in Washington, both in Missouri. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A We pray for those in our church family who celebrate life this week. Be with Rosemary O'Neil, Tresa Johnson and Richard Lambert as they celebrate birthdays; and with Ellen Irwin, Ethan Roesch, Bryah Wakes, Barbara Apps, Trisha Welch, Brooke Ralph and Kathryn Axelton as they remember their baptisms. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A Holy One, you bless all those who cry out to you. We give thanks for the persistent witness of your blessed saints who now rest in your just and righteous presence. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

P Into your hands, faithful God, we place ourselves and our prayers, spoken and unspoken, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

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

Create In Me A Clean Heart

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your
pres-ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -

The musical score consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are written below the vocal line. The piano accompaniment features block chords and moving bass lines.

store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,

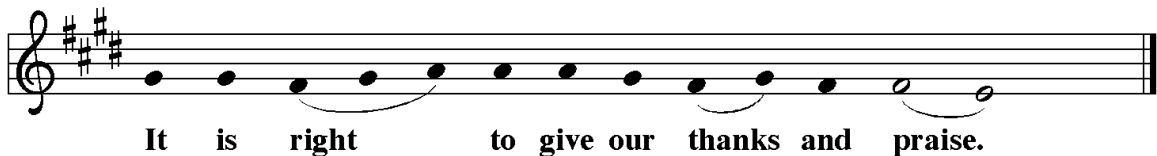
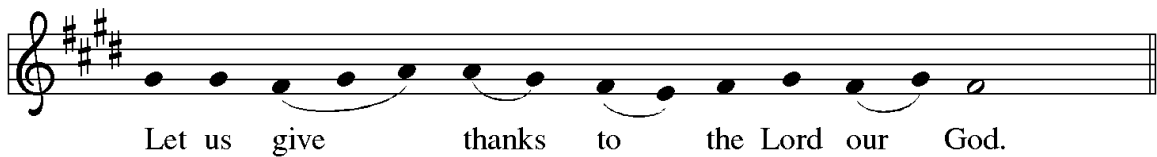
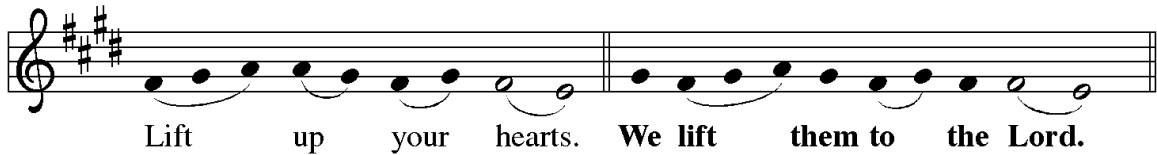
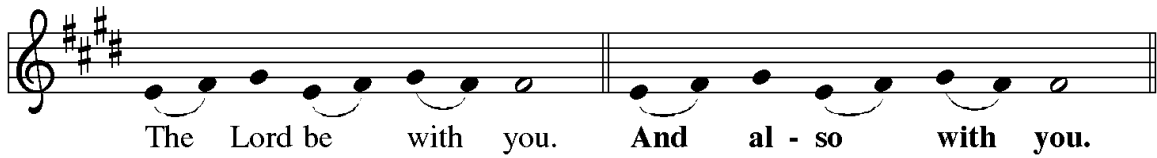
and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

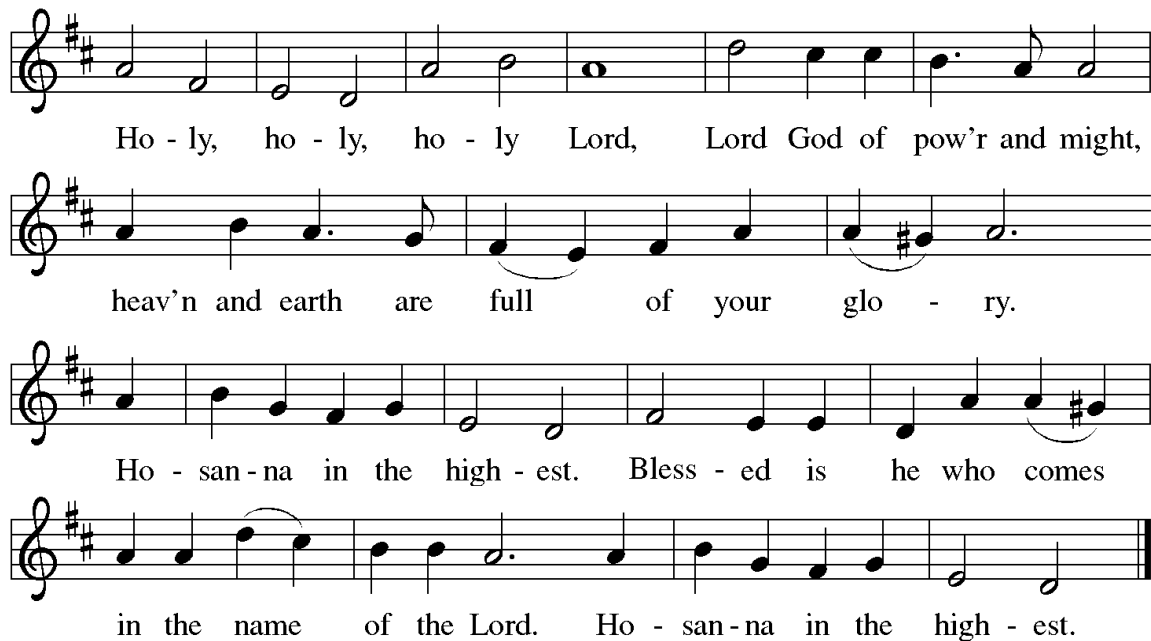
A Merciful God, as grains of wheat scattered upon the hills were gathered together to become one bread, so let your church be gathered together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, for yours is the glory through Jesus Christ, now and forever.

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 love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, self-control and justice.

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.

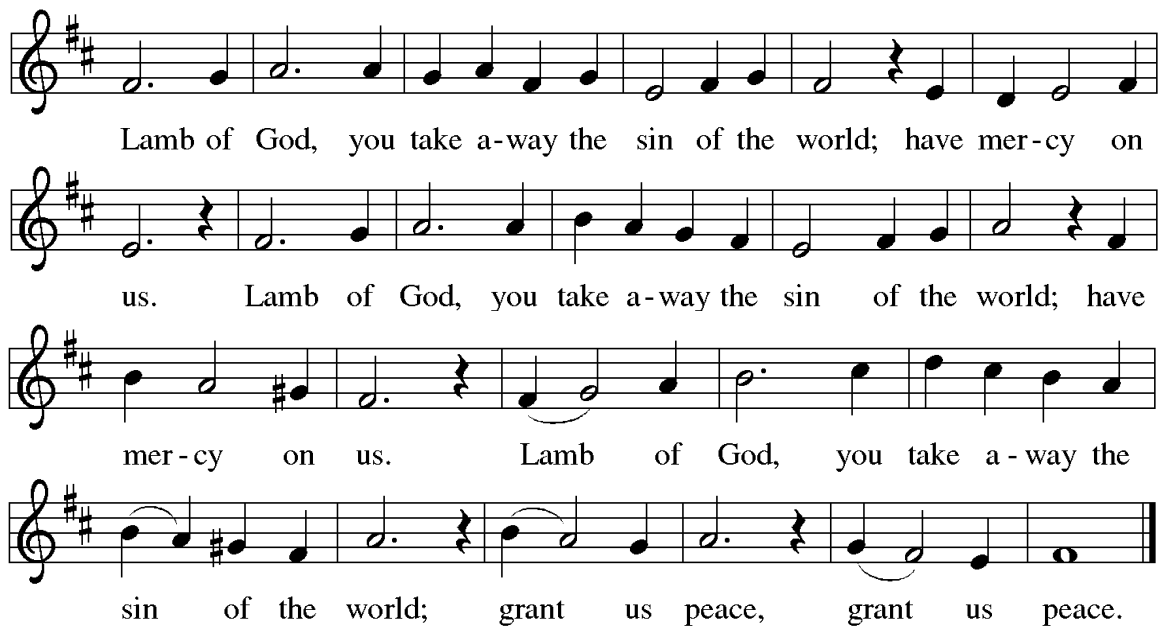
INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P Take hold of the life that really is life. Come, take your place at the table.

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 *If You But Trust in God to Guide You* **ELW HYMN 769**
Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me **ELW HYMN 767**

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.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A We come again to you, O God, giving you thanks that in this feast of mercy you have embraced us and healed us, making us one in the body of Christ. Go with us on our way. Equip us for every good work, that we may continue to give you thanks by embracing others with mercy and healing; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

P God Almighty send you light and truth to keep you all the days of your life. The hand of God protect you; the holy angels accompany you; and the blessing of almighty God, the Father, the ☩ Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with you now and forever.

C Amen.

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

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Remember the poor

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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 contact the church office, 233-0767.

Please join us downstairs in Fellowship Hall for refreshments after worship.

We welcome Pastor Susan Candea to worship today and say “thank you” for being with us. We appreciate her service and words.



Altar flowers are provided to the glory of God by Barbara Apps in memory of Robert Apps.

Baker University School of Nursing is celebrating its 25th Anniversary. A drop in reception is being held on Friday, October 28, 5:30-8pm in the Centennial Rooms at the Pozez Education Center at Stormont Vail. You are invited to stop by and visit with alumni, faculty, former faculty.



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UPCOMING EVENTS AT TRINITY

Today, Oct. 16.....	Children's Sunday School	9:00 AM
.....	Adult Sunday School & Confirmation Class	9:15 AM
.....	Worship with Holy Communion	10:30 AM
.....	Youth Group Meeting	5:30 PM
.....	Community Garden Work Meeting	6:30 PM
Mon., Oct. 17.....	November Trinity Tidings Deadline	
.....	Women's AA.....	5:00 PM
Tues., Oct. 18.....	Quilters	9:00 AM
Wed., Oct. 19.....	Priscilla Circle Bible Study.....	1:30 PM
.....	Women's AA.....	5:30 PM
Thurs., Oct. 20.....	Men's AA	6:00 PM
Sun., Oct. 23	Children's Sunday School	9:00 AM
.....	Adult Sunday School & Confirmation Class	9:15 AM
.....	Worship with Holy Communion	10:30 AM
.....	Community Garden Work Meeting	6:30 PM

Come by the Westwood House of Lutheran Campus Ministries at KU after the Homecoming game on Saturday, October 22nd, for food, fun, and fellowship. Celebrate the LCM expansion, connect with alumni, and enjoy a BBQ meal. Free for all. Donations will go toward completion of the Westwood House basement. For more information, and for information about the game time and the after-the-game event, go to: kulcm2016@gmail.com.

Remember our shut-ins!

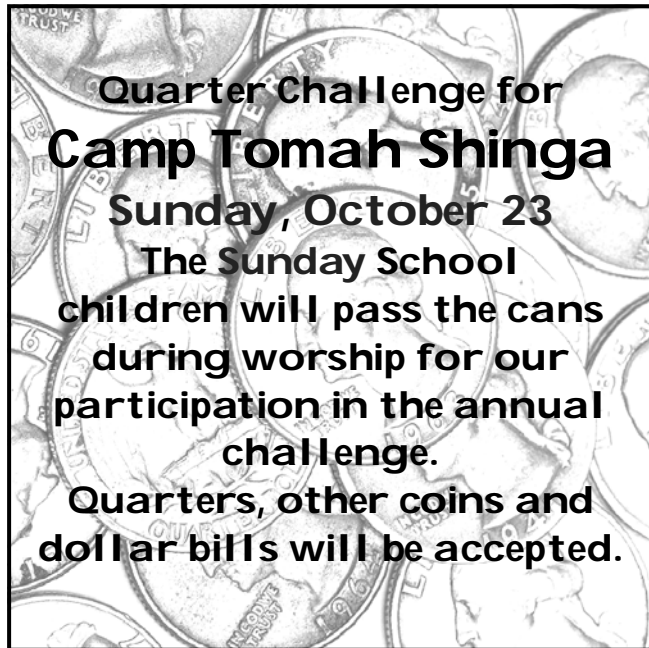
Kathryn Axelton
 Lucille Brill
 Peggy Buchholz
 Marlene Hassan
 Marie Henriksen
 Howard Kunard
 Don Longren

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





Baker School of Nursing Treat Day is on Monday, October 24. Please remember to bring three dozen of the treats of your choice to church on Sunday, October 23rd. You may leave them in the kitchen and be sure they are marked for Baker.



Lisa Cain, Doorstep Executive Director, has provided this list of needed food items. They are very low or out of these items and would appreciate help with restocking their food pantry. You can drop the items off at Doorstep or bring them to church and we will get them to Doorstep.

Canned Tomatoes
Tuna
Spaghetti
Ramen Noodles

Cold Cereal
Egg Noodles
Cream of Mushroom Soup
Vegetable Soup

Please call the office, 233-0767. promptly about hospitalizations in our church family.

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

OFFERING AND ATTENDANCE						
Date	General	Building Fund	Other	Flowers	Total	Attendance
Sept. 18	\$1,290.20	\$70.00	\$0.00	\$25.00	\$1,385.20	41
Sept. 25	\$1,065.60	\$20.00	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$1,235.60	40
Oct. 2	\$2,049.38	\$205.00	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$2,304.38	41
Oct. 9	\$3,945.75	\$270.00	\$390.00	\$50.00	\$4,655.75	36
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
June 2016	\$11,578.83	\$13,298.78	-\$1,719.95	-\$16,189.30	\$13,547.18
July 2016	\$10,252.14	\$13,812.33	-\$3,530.19	-\$19,719.49	\$13,547.18
August 2016	\$19,135.26	\$14,810.01	\$4,231.62	-\$15,674.16	\$13,547.18
Sept 2016	\$8,564.12	\$10,343.28	-\$1,779.16	-\$17,553.32	\$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
October 16, 2016	Andy & LaVell Winsor	Dean McGinnis & Team	Laurie Jackson	Barbara Apps (2)	Bronwyn King	Diane Bottorff	Diane Bottorff & Team 1	Duane & Debbie Pomeroy	Walt Laughlin	Pr. Susan Candea
October 23, 2016	Ted Quast	Dean McGinnis & Team	Mitchell Bean	Dr. Ann Reyes	Zane Kennedy	Ted Quast	Diane Bottorff & Team 1	Donna Allen, Gay & Carol Marker, Marilyn Heckman	Rosie Nichols	Pr. Susan Candea
October 30, 2016	Martha Nemeth	Dean McGinnis & Team	Laurie Jackson		Jake Kennedy	Diane Bottorff	Diane Bottorff & Team 1	Howard & Loni Reece	Marsha Ridinger	Pr. Shawn Norris
November 6, 2016						Betty Quarnstrom	Janice Greenlee & Team 2		Ted Murphy	Pr. Shawn Norris



**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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