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Twenty-third Sunday of Pentecost



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Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Setting 4

Genuine repentance and pretentious piety stand in stark contrast in the gospel and all around us. All creation stands in need of God's forgiveness. Keep the faith. God's people—"all who have longed for his appearing"—shall be accounted righteous for Jesus' sake. Our God is merciful to sinners. For all this the assembly glorifies God forever.

PRELUDE

O Lord, We Praise You

HEINRICH SCHEIDEMANN

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

Praise to You, O God of Mercy

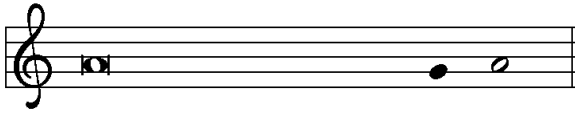
ELW HYMN 208

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



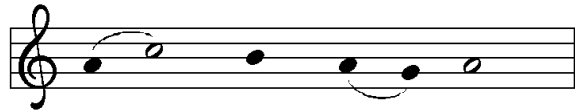
In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



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.



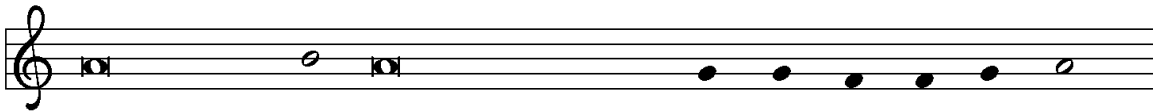
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



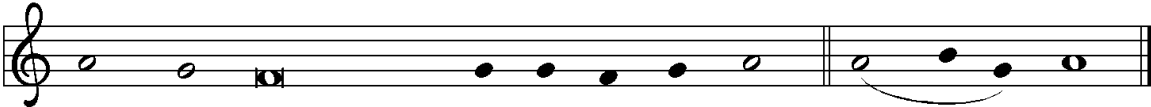
Lord, have mer - cy.



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



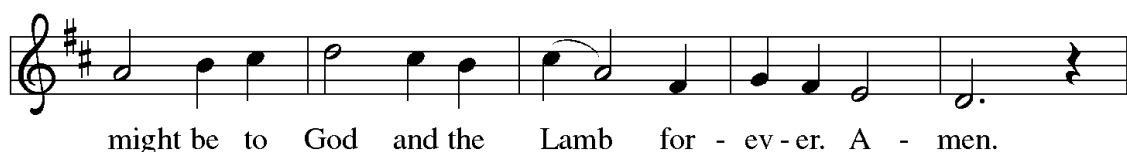
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



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.

Holy God, our righteous judge, daily your mercy surprises us with everlasting forgiveness. Strengthen our hope in you, and grant that all the peoples of the earth may find their glory in you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen.**

Please be seated.

⁴Happy are they who dwell | in your house!

They will always be | praising you.

**⁵Happy are the people whose strength | is in you,
whose hearts are set on the | pilgrims' way.**

**⁶Those who go through the balsam valley will find it a | place of springs,
for the early rains have covered it with | pools of water.**

**⁷They will climb from | height to height,
and the God of gods will be | seen in Zion.**

SECOND READING: 2 4:6-8, 16-18

The conclusion of this letter to a young minister offers a final perspective on life from one who is now facing death. Though others have let him down, Paul is sure of his faith in the Lord, who has stood by him and lent him strength.

⁶As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. ⁷I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. ⁸From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

¹⁶At my first defense no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! ¹⁷But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. ¹⁸The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

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 18:9-14

The coming reign of God will involve unexpected reversals of fortune with judgment rooted in mercy. Jesus tells a parable in which the one who humbles himself is exalted and the one who exalts his own righteousness is humbled.

⁹[Jesus] also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt:¹⁰“Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. ¹¹The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. ¹²I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.’ ¹³But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, ‘God, be merciful to me, a sinner!’ ¹⁴I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted.”

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 *Our Father, We Have Wandered*

ELW HYMN 606

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 Only you are righteous, O God. Lead your church to true repentance so that we reflect your light and truth to the world. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A Only you can bring rain, O God. Be with those who lack clean water or must walk miles to quench their thirst. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A Only you can judge the nations, O God. Raise up leaders with humble hearts so that your peace spreads across the earth. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A Only you can bring healing, O God. Be with all whose hearts ache, who crave forgiveness. Comfort the grieving and heal the sick, especially Charolette Brown, Marsha Chelson and Cathy Tunnell. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A Only you know the depths of our hearts, O God. Call this congregation to loving action in your name and open our eyes to what you are doing among us. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A Only you can provide the words we need to hear. Give them expression in the hearts and minds of our sister churches for which we pray today: Kaw Prairie Community in Lenexa and Partners Ministry in Wichita; Bethel Lutheran in St. Louis and Peace Lutheran in Sullivan, Missouri. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A Only you can give the life which we celebrate. Be with Marilyn Heckman as she celebrates her birthday this week; and with Bob Horton, Curt Lewis, and Paula Soldan as they remember their baptisms. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A Those who live in your house are happy, O God. Keep us by your grace until we join the saints around your throne. 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

Our Father, We Have Wandered

D. BUXTEHUDE

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 -

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

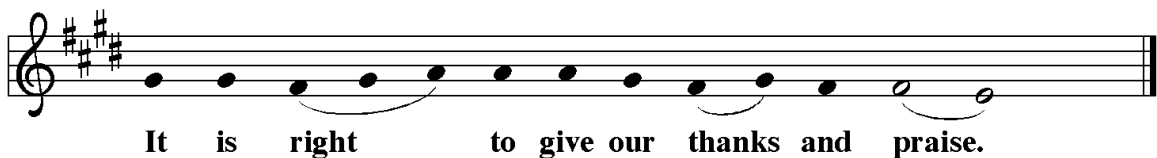
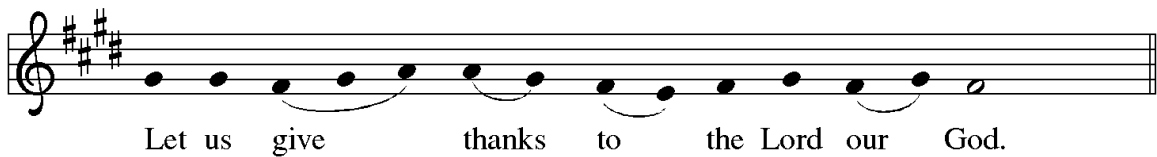
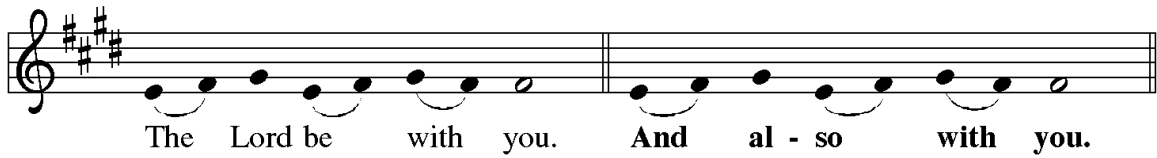
and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

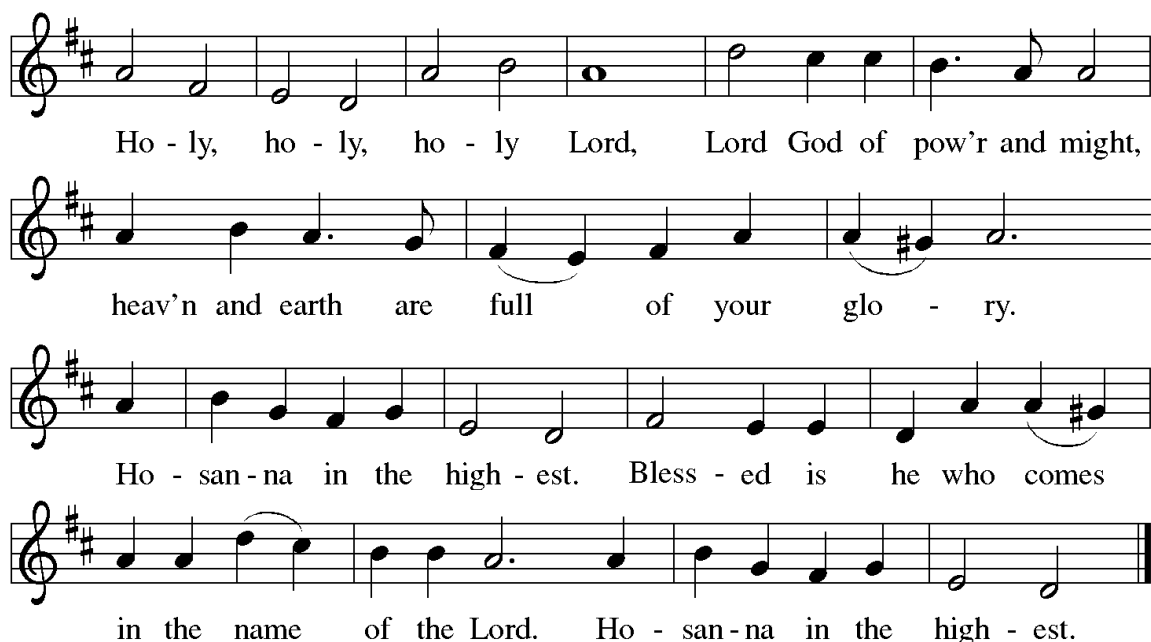
A Merciful God, as grains of wheat scattered upon the hills were gathered together to become one bread, so let your church be gathered together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, for yours is the glory through Jesus Christ, now and forever.

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; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. 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 *O Lord, We Praise You* **ELW HYMN 499**
Oh, That I Had a Thousand Voices **ELW HYMN 833**

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 *Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer* **ELW HYMN 618**

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Remember the poor

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE *Oh, That I Had A Thousand Voices* **CHARLES ORR**

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 Dr. Ann Reyes in memory of Oscar Albrecht’s October 20th birthday.

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. 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
Mon., Oct. 24.....	Baker Treat Day	
.....	Women's AA.....	5:00 PM
Tues., Oct. 25	Quilters	9:00 AM
Wed., Oct. 26.....	Women's AA.....	5:30 PM
Thurs., Oct. 27	Men's AA	6:00 PM
Sun., Oct. 30	REFORMATION DAY.....	
.....	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

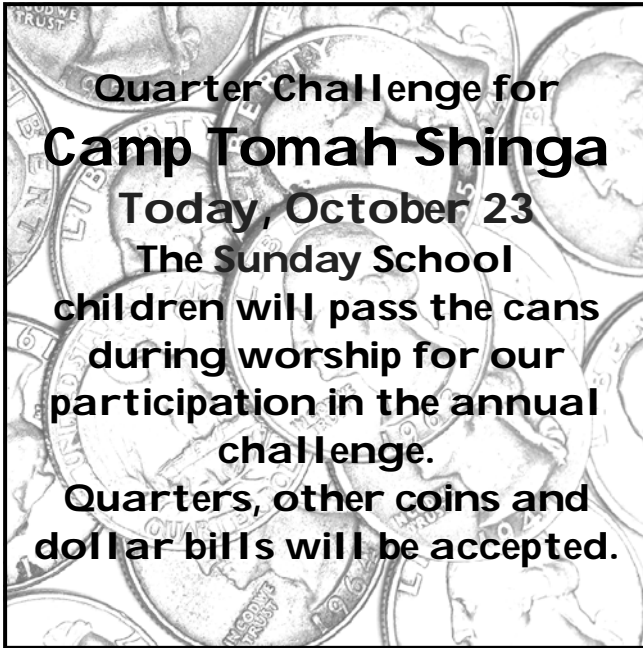
THE JUBILEE SINGERS, under the direction of renowned conductor and composer, Dr. John Leavitt, will be in concert at First Lutheran Church, 1234 SW Fairlawn on Sunday, November 6 at 3 p.m. The groups home base is Atonement Lutheran Church, Overland Park. Free will offering. Reception to follow concert. Sponsored by The Lutheran Fine Arts Council of Topeka.

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





Freed & RENEWED
in Christ 500
YEARS OF GOD'S GRACE IN ACTION

October 30 5th Sunday Special will be for the benefit of Reformation 500. Watch for envelopes in your bulletin and more information next week.

“As Christians we live in Christ through faith and in the neighbor through love.”

— Martin Luther (The Freedom of a Christian)

Doorstep is still in need of food items and also some personal care items. They are very low or out of these items. You can drop the items off at Doorstep or bring them to church and we will get them to Doorstep.

Food Items:		Hygiene Items:
Canned Milk	Cold Cereal	Deodorant
Tuna	Hamburger Helper	Combs
Canned Tomatoes	Mixed Vegetables	Hair Conditioner
Pork and Beans		

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. 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
Oct. 16	\$2,108.44	\$155.00	\$250.00	\$25.00	\$2,538.44	40
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 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	Bob & Linda Stone	Dean McGinnis & Team	Laurie Jackson		Jake Kennedy	Diane Bottorff	Diane Bottorff & Team 1	Howard & Loni Reece	Marsha Ridinger	Pr. Shawn Norris
November 6, 2016	Walt & Helen Laughlin	David McGinnis & Larry McGinnis	Mitchell Bean		Marcy Carlson	Betty Quarnstrom	Janice Greenlee & Team 2	Susan Fitz & Dorothy Strom	Ted Murphy	Pr. Shawn Norris
November 13, 2016	Dorothy Strom	David McGinnis & Larry McGinnis	Laurie Jackson	Marilyn Hypse (2)	Bronwyn King	Linda Longren	Janice Greenlee & Team 2	Linda Longren	Rosie Nichols	Pr. Elwyn Luber



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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