

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

725 SW Buchanan Street, Topeka KS 66606

Telephone: (785) 233-0767 email: office@topekatlc.org

Website: trinitylutherantopeka.org

September 25, 2016

Nineteenth Sunday of Pentecost



Luke 16:19-31

Nineteenth Sunday of Pentecost

September 25, 2016

Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Setting 4

Consideration of and care for those in need (especially those “at our gate,” visible to us, of whom we are aware) is an essential component of good stewardship. It is in the sharing of wealth that we avoid the snare of wealth. It is the one whom death could not hold—who comes to us risen from the dead—who can free us from the death grip of greed.

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

Christ, Be Our Light

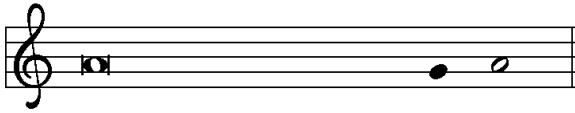
ELW HYMN 715

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.

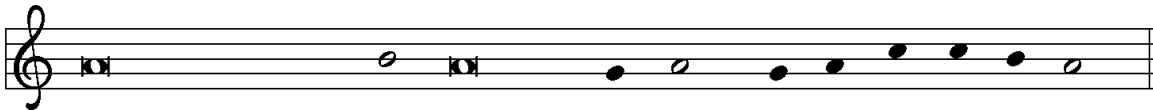
KYRIE



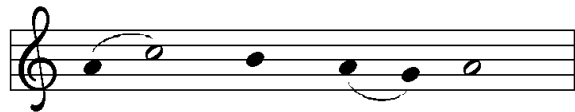
In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



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.



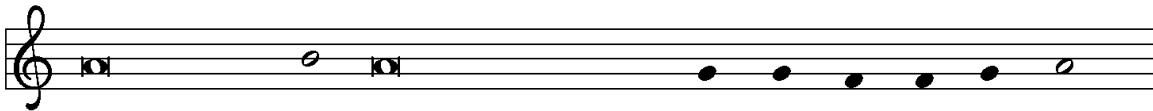
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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

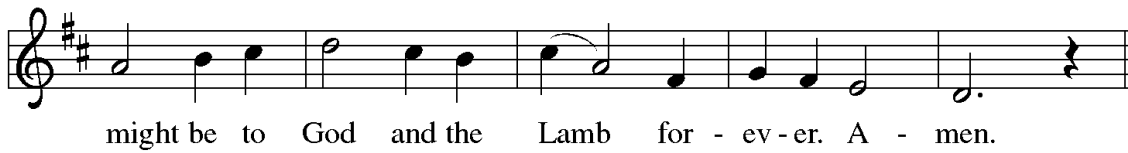
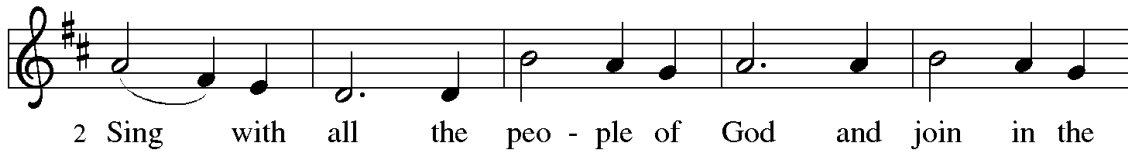
1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us

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.



PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

O God, rich in mercy, you look with compassion on this troubled world. Feed us with your grace, and grant us the treasure that comes only from you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen.**

Please be seated.

WORD

FIRST READING: AMOS 8:4-7:1A, 4-7

The prophet Amos announces that Israel's great wealth is a cause not for rejoicing but rather sorrow, because God's people have forgotten how to share their wealth with the poor. The wealthy will be the first to go into exile when judgment comes.

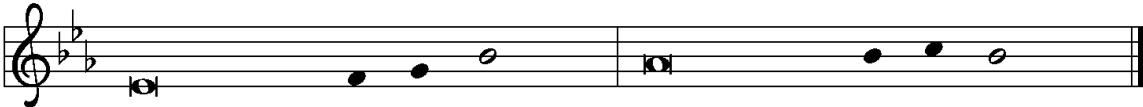
- ^{1a}Alas for those who are at ease in Zion,
and for those who feel secure on Mount Samaria,
⁴Alas for those who lie on beds of ivory,
and lounge on their couches,
and eat lambs from the flock,
and calves from the stall;
⁵who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp,
and like David improvise on instruments of music;
⁶who drink wine from bowls,
and anoint themselves with the finest oils,
but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph!
⁷Therefore they shall now be the first to go into exile,
and the revelry of the loungers shall pass away.

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 146

Sung responsively



- ¹Hal- | lelujah!
Praise the LORD, | O my soul!
²**I will praise the LORD as long | as I live;**
I will sing praises to my God while I | have my being.
³Put not your | trust in rulers,
in mortals in whom there | is no help.
⁴**When they breathe their last, they re- | turn to earth,**
and in that day | their thoughts perish.
⁵Happy are they who have the God of Jacob | for their help,
whose hope is in the | LORD their God;
⁶**who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that | is in them;**
who keeps promis- | es forever;

⁷who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to | those who hunger.

The LORD sets the | captive free.

⁸The LORD opens the eyes of the blind; the LORD lifts up those who | are bowed down;

the LORD | loves the righteous.

⁹The LORD cares | for the stranger;

the LORD sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way | of the wicked.

¹⁰The LORD shall | reign forever,

your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. | Hallelujah!

SECOND READING: 1 TIMOTHY 6:6-19

Timothy is reminded of the confession he made at his baptism and of its implications for daily life. His priorities will be different from those of people who merely want to be rich.

⁶Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; ⁷for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; ⁸but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. ⁹But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. ¹⁰For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

¹¹But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. ¹²Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. ¹³In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you ¹⁴to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁵which he will bring about at the right time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. ¹⁶It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.

¹⁷As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. ¹⁸They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, ¹⁹thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

P The Holy Gospel, according to Luke, the sixteenth chapter.

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

GOSPEL: 16:19-31

Jesus tells a parable in which the poor one is “lifted up” and the rich one is “sent away empty.” Jesus makes it clear that this ethic of merciful reversal is not new but is as old as Moses and the prophets.

[Jesus said:] ¹⁹“There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. ²⁰And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, ²¹who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man’s table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. ²²The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. ²³In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. ²⁴He called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.’ ²⁵But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. ²⁶Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.’ ²⁷He said, ‘Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father’s house—²⁸for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.’ ²⁹Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.’ ³⁰He said, ‘No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.’ ³¹He said to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.’”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Please be seated.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON

PR. MICHAEL HAAR

HYMN OF THE DAY *God of Grace and God of Glory*

ELW HYMN 705

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 Rejoicing in the Spirit's work among us, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

A brief silence.

A God, we thank you for the church, its mission, and its ministry. Help us to be examples of the faith and to pursue righteousness in all we say and do. Lord, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

A We pray for the well-being of all creation. Make us wise stewards of your rich and beautiful world. Lord, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Ruler of the nations, we pray for peace in places of conflict and war. We pray for exiles, refugees, and those far from home. Lord, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

A We pray for all those who are lonely or homebound, those who are trapped in any kind of prison of body, mind, or spirit, and for those who are sick or injured. Especially we pray for Charolette Brown, Marsha Chelson and Cathy Tunnell. Lord, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

A God who sits high but looks low, we pray for our brothers and sisters who struggle to make ends meet. Provide for all of our physical and spiritual needs. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A Creator of all that is good, we pray for Immanuel Lutheran in Wilson, Kansas; Trinity Lutheran in Chesterfield and Resurrection Lutheran in St. Louis, both in Missouri and for MOSAIC in Omaha, Nebraska. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A God of life, we pray for those celebrating life this week. Be with Dorothy Strom, Sarah Chelson, Bill Walker, Roxanne Wolf, Dean McGinnis, and Ethan Roesch as they celebrate birthdays; and with Sherryl Coufal, Jack Wyatt, and Andy Winsor as they remember their baptisms. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A We remember and give thanks for all your saints in light and for those who have recently died. Thank you for the good foundation of their lives and witness. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

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 -

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

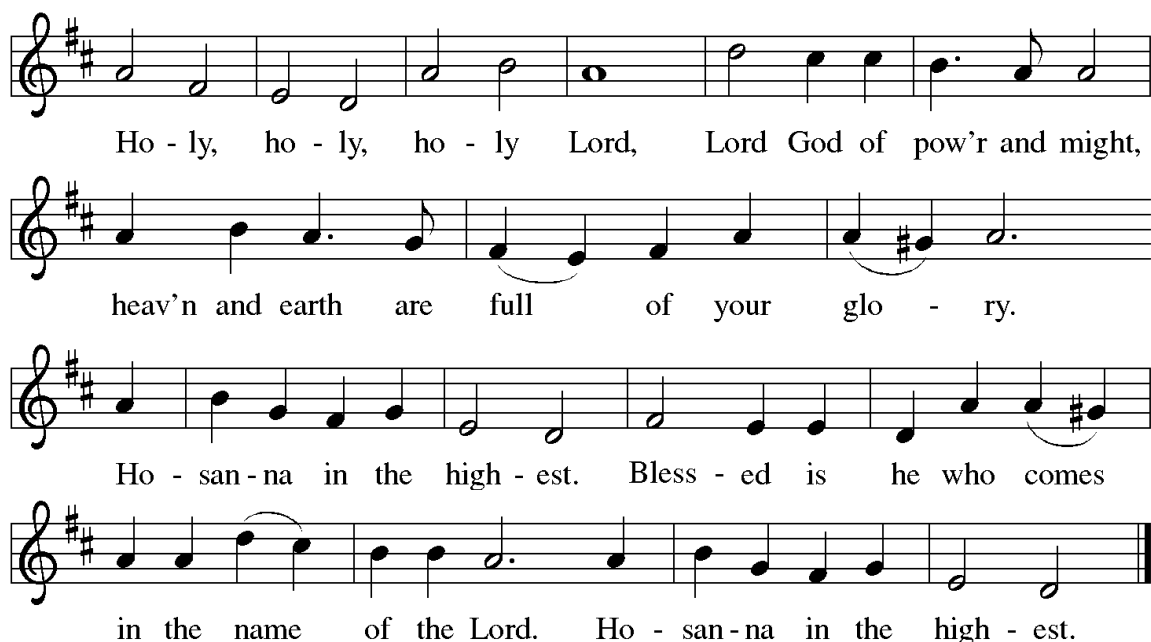
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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.

EUCHARISTIC 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 *All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly* **ELW HYMN 461**
Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service **ELW HYMN 712**

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 *Son of God, Eternal Savior* **ELW HYMN 655**

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 Michael Haar to worship today and say “thank you” for being with us. We appreciate his service and words.

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



From SundaysAndSeasons.com. Copyright 2016 Augsburg Fortress. All rights reserved.

Copyright © 2016 Augsburg Fortress. All rights reserved. Reprinted by permission under Augsburg Fortress Liturgies Annual License #48019.

New Revised Standard Version Bible, copyright © 1989, Division of Christian Education of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America. Used by permission. All rights reserved.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT TRINITY

Today, Sept. 25	Pentecost Project Workshop	9:00 AM
.....	Children's Sunday School	9:00 AM
.....	Adult Sunday School	9:15 AM
.....	Worship with Holy Communion	10:30 AM
.....	Learning Committee Meeting	after worship
.....	Community Garden Work Meeting	7:30 PM
Mon., Sept. 26	Senior Breakfast @ Cracker Barrel	9:00 AM
.....	Women's AA	5:00 PM
Tues., Sept. 27	Quilters	9:00 AM
Wed., Sept. 28	Women's AA	5:30 PM
Thurs., Sept. 29	Men's AA	6:00 PM
Sun., Oct. 2	Children's Sunday School	9:00 AM
.....	Adult Sunday School	9:15 AM
.....	Worship with Holy Communion	10:30 AM
.....	Learning Committee Meeting	after worship
.....	Blessing of the Animals	5:00 PM
.....	Community Garden Work Meeting	7:30 PM



BLESSING
OF THE
ANIMALS

Sunday October 2 at 5pm.
Luther Place II Gazebo.

All types of critters are welcome,
from cats and dogs to lizards
and horses!

Parking is limited so you are
invited to park in the Martin
Creek lot or at First Lutheran.

LOVE JOY PEACE PATIENCE KINDNESS GENEROSITY

PENTECOST PROJECT UPDATE

This is the last day for submissions to the Pentecost Project and we thank you for each an every contribution you have brought to this endeavor. But this is not the END. It's really the BEGINNING of "what happens next." It's time for your Pentecost Project Task Force to get to work on all the details required for publishing this book.

Does each submission include a bible verse or a one-sentence prayer? Does this individual wish to remain anonymous or have his or her name included? Is there a need for copyright clearance? What size is this book going to be? What kind of paper will we choose to use. (You'd be amazed at how many paper choices there are!) What kind of cover? What's the title? And many more decisions.

And like the generous teacher who accepts the overdue homework assignment because "the dog ate it," or "it went through the wash in the pocket of my jeans," or "it got accidentally thrown out with the trash," we'll accept your late submission with just about any excuse you want to dream up. After all, if the Holy Spirit's gift of GENEROSITY isn't working in us, why are we doing this?



FAITHFULNESS GENTLENESS SELF-CONTROL Galatians 5:22

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	Cold Cereal
Tuna	Egg Noodles
Spaghetti	Cream of Mushroom Soup
Ramen Noodles	Vegetable Soup

OFFERING AND ATTENDANCE						
Date	General	Building Fund	Other	Flowers	Total	Attendance
Aug. 28	\$2,027.00	\$20.00	\$80.00	\$25.00	\$2,152.00	51
Sept. 4	\$3,078.00	\$70.00	\$105.00	\$50.00	\$3,303.00	56
Sept. 11	\$2,594.32	\$305.00	\$55.00	\$25.00	\$2,979.32	59
Sept. 18	\$1,290.20	\$70.00	\$0.00	\$25.00	\$1,385.20	41
The moneys 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
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
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

Worship Assistants									
Date	Greeter(s)	Usher(s)	Organist; Choir Director; Keyboard	Flowers	Acolyte	Lector	Altar Guild	Coffee Host(s)	Assisting Minister
September 25, 2016	Duane & Debbie Pomeroy	Howard Reece	Laurie Jackson		Zane Kennedy	Ted Quast	Marilyn Hypse & Team 3	Walt & Helen Laughlin	Walt Laughlin
October 2, 2016		Dean McGinnis & Team	Laurie Jackson	Peggy Buchholz (1)	Jake Kennedy	Marsha Chelson	Diane Bottorff & Team 1	Junior & Liz Utech	Ted Murphy
October 9, 2016	Junior & Liz Utech	Dean McGinnis & Team	Mitchell Bean	Dean McGinnis (2)	Marcy Carlson	Marcy Carlson	Diane Bottorff & Team 1		Bob Horton
October 16, 2016	Andy & LaVell Winsor	Dean McGinnis & Team	Laurie Jackson	Barbara Apps (2)	Bronwyn King	Diane Bottorff	Diane Bottorff & Team 1		Walt Laughlin

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.



**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

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
725 SW Buchanan St. • Topeka, Kansas 66606
Phone: 785-233-0767 • Email: office@topekatlc.org

Congregation Council

CONGREGATION COUNCIL

President Curt Lewis _____ 286-2728
Vice President Bob Horton _____ 640-5344
Secretary Carol Marker _____ 862-1588
Treasurer Janice Greenlee _____ 231-3085
Co-Treasurer Cindy McGinnis _____ 233-0767

Members

Diane Bottorff _____ 271-7131
 Bob Horton _____ 640-5344
 Bob Kobbeman _____ 379-9480
 Linda Longren _____ 233-9473
 Dean McGinnis _____ 272-0255
 Emily McGinnis _____ 230-4529
 Ted Murphy _____ 357-4031
 Ted Quast _____ 301-514-0307
 Howard Reece _____ 286-1959
 Junior Utech _____ 272-0664