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Sixteenth Sunday of Pentecost



Luke 14:25-33

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Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Setting 4

Called to contemplate the cost of discipleship today, we might be helped by translating Paul's request to Philemon into our prayer of the day: Refresh my heart in Christ. Strengthened by the company and forgiveness of the Christ in the blessed sacrament and recalling God's grace in remembrance of baptism, we can be strengthened in this hour to "choose life"—to choose life in God as our own.

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

The Church's One Foundation

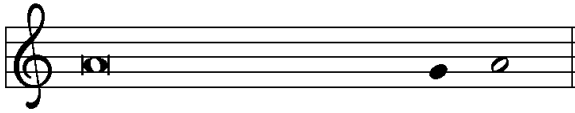
ELW HYMN 654

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



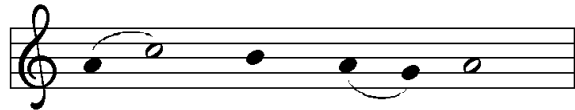
In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



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.



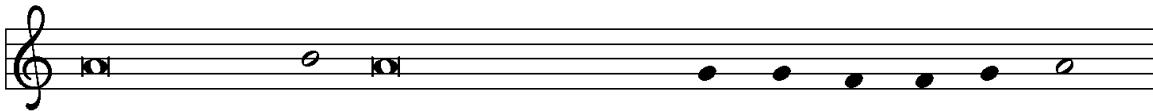
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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.

Direct us, O Lord God, in all our doings with your continual help, that in all our works, begun, continued, and ended in you, we may glorify your holy name; and finally, by your mercy, bring us to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen.**

Please be seated.

WORD

FIRST READING: DEUTERONOMY 30:15-20

Moses speaks to the Israelites, who are about to enter the land promised to their ancestors, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. In this passage, he lays out the stark choice before them: choose life by loving and obeying the Lord; or choose death by following other gods.

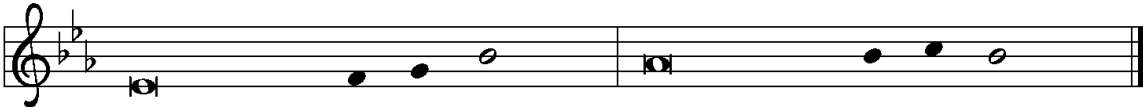
¹⁵See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. ¹⁶If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the LORD your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. ¹⁷But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, ¹⁸I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. ¹⁹I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, ²⁰loving the LORD your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the LORD swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 1

Sung responsively



¹Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel | of the wicked,
nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats | of the scornful!

²**Their delight is in the law | of the LORD,
and they meditate on God's teaching | day and night.**

³They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with
leaves that | do not wither;
everything they | do shall prosper.

⁴**It is not so | with the wicked;
they are like chaff which the wind | blows away.**

⁵Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when | judgment comes,
nor the sinner in the council | of the righteous.

⁶**For the LORD knows the way | of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked shall | be destroyed.**

SECOND READING: PHILEMON 1-21

The conclusion of the letter to the Hebrews contains suggestions for the conduct of a holy life, all of which are shaped by God's love toward us in Jesus Christ.

¹Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,

To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, ²to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow soldier, and to the church in your house:

³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God ⁵because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus. ⁶I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. ⁷I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother.

⁸For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, ⁹yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love—and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. ¹⁰I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment.

¹¹Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. ¹²I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. ¹³I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; ¹⁴but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. ¹⁵Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back forever, ¹⁶no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother—especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

¹⁷So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. ¹⁸If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account.

¹⁹I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. ²⁰Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. ²¹Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

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 fourteenth chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL: LUKE 14:25-33

Jesus speaks frankly about the fearsome costs of discipleship. Those who follow him should know from the outset that completing the course of discipleship will finally mean renouncing all other allegiances.

²⁵Now large crowds were traveling with [Jesus;] and he turned and said to them,
²⁶“Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. ²⁷Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. ²⁸For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? ²⁹Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, ³⁰saying, ‘This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.’ ³¹Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? ³²If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. ³³So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*
Please stand for the final verse of the hymn.

ELW HYMN 858

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 Let us pray for all congregations gathered around the word and sacraments,
that they be strengthened in their discipleship through these means of grace.
Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A Let us pray for the creation, that it thrives and flourishes. Make us good stew-
ards of the land with all its vegetation, mammals, birds, and creatures of all
kinds. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Let us pray for all who lead and direct us: for elected officials, school boards,
pastors, bishops, trustees, councils, ministry teams, business owners, judges,
and community organizers. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A Let us pray for refugees, immigrants, prisoners, and all who seek new life. Show
life and prosperity to those who struggle with injury or illness, especially
Marsha Chelson and Cathy Tunnell. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A Let us pray for our congregation and community, that they be safe places for all,
especially the young and mature. Revive and refresh our hearts as we receive
the forgiveness of Christ. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A Bless this congregation and these we pray for today with a welcoming attitude toward all who enter our doors. We pray for the Kansas congregations of Prairie Faith Parish, including St. John Lutheran in Ellis and Our Redeemer Lutheran in Ness City; Bethlehem Lutheran, Emanuel Lutheran, Immanuel Lutheran, and Zion Lutheran, all in WaKeeney. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A We pray for those celebrating life this week. Be with Michael McGinnis, Bob Horton, Laurie Jackson and Anthony Grubb as they celebrate birthdays; and with Charlotte Blenden, Al Carpenter, Vickie Jacobs, Hudson Ralph and Ted Quast as they remember their baptisms; and with Larry & Mary McGinnis as they celebrate their wedding anniversary. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A Let us remember with thanksgiving the dearly departed who rest from their labors. Instruct us by their witness and bring us, with them, into the promised land. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P God of love, you are with us in every transition and change. We pray for Pr. Mamy and his family; please be with them. We pray for Trinity; be with us as we move forward, rejoicing with you and supporting one another. 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

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

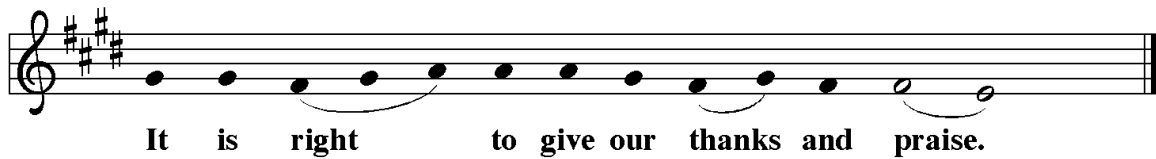
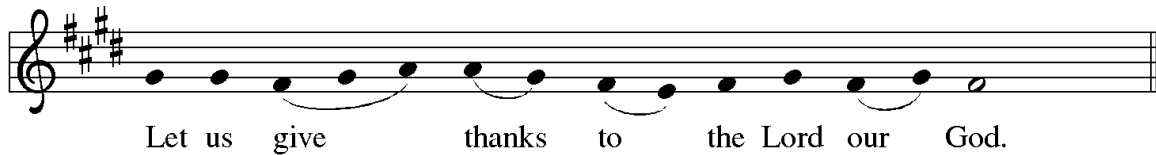
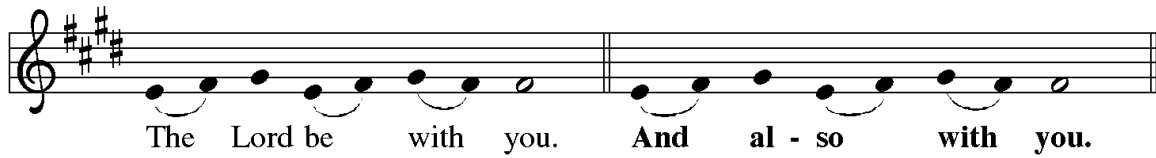
Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were
sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.
Gath - er the hopes and dreams of all; u - nite them with the prayers we
of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence,
Lord, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

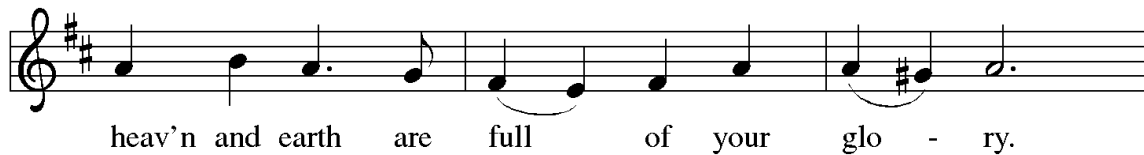
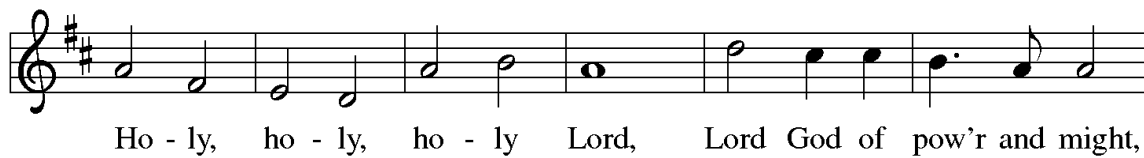
A Merciful God, as grains of wheat scattered upon the hills were gathered together to become one bread, so let your church be gathered together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, for yours is the glory through Jesus Christ, now and forever.

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

C **Amen.**

Please be seated.

LAMB OF GOD

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on
us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

We invite all the to share with us in Holy Communion. All are welcome to join us at the Lord's table. White grape juice is available as an alternative to wine. Children and/or adults who do not receive communion are invited to come forward with their families to receive a blessing. Hands cupped open indicate an openness to receive communion; hands closed reflect a desire to receive a blessing.

SENDING

BLESSING

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

C **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

Children of the Heavenly Father

ELW HYMN 781

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Remember the poor

C **Thanks be to God.**

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 worship.

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



Altar flowers are provided to the glory of God by Dr. Ann Reyes in memory of Oscar & Olivene Albrecht's 65th wedding anniversary.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT TRINITY

Today, Sept. 4	Adult Sunday School	9:15 AM
.....	Worship with Holy Communion	10:30 AM
.....	Youth Group Meeting	5:30 PM
.....	Community Garden Work Meeting	7:30 PM
Mon., Sept. 5	Labor Day	office closed
.....	Women's AA	5:00 PM
Tues., Sept. 6	Quilters	9:00 AM
Wed., Sept. 7	Women's AA	5:30 PM
.....	Worship & Music Meeting	6:00 PM
Thurs., Sept. 8	Men's AA	6:00 PM
Sun., Sept. 11	RALLY DAY	
.....	Adult Sunday School	9:15 AM
.....	Worship with Holy Communion	10:30 AM
.....	Blood Pressure Checks	after worship
.....	Rally Day Picnic in Fellowship Hall	after worship
.....	Community Garden Work Meeting	7:30 PM

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



LOVE JOY PEACE PATIENCE KINDNESS GENEROSITY

PENTECOST PROJECT UPDATE

As you walked from your car to the church door this morning, did you glance at Trinity's signboard? Unless you parked across the street (*Thank you, Lincoln Center*) or along 8th Street, you may have missed it. And even if you walked past the sign, you may not have noticed that the bottom lines change regularly, (*thanks to Debbie Pomeroy.*) FYI, it says:

SEE HOW GOD IS WORKING IN OUR LIVES EVERY DAY & GIVE THANKS.

There's the message of Pentecost in just two lines!!

In our darkest days, we still have reason to give thanks. If you can't think of anything else to write about for YOUR Pentecost Project contribution, pick up your pen and share the Holy Spirit's gift of Thankfulness.

Need an envelope to mail it? We'll be ready as you leave church with one that's addressed to Trinity and already stamped. Time is flying!



FAITHFULNESS GENTLENESS SELF-CONTROL Galatians 5:22

ALL LADIES ARE INVITED to the Annual Meeting of the Sunflower Cluster of the Women of ELCA Saturday Sept. 24, 9:00 a.m. Tangible offering items can be brought to the Quilting Room anytime for Topeka LifeHouse Child Advocacy Center. Needed: juice boxes, bottled water, child friendly snacks like fruit roll ups, cookie packs, crackers, etc. (Refer to recent Tidings for complete list).



Rally Day is Sunday, September 11. It is the kick-off of Sunday School classes for ages 3 through grade 6. It all begins with breakfast club at 9am. Confirmation class for anyone grade 7 or above will meet at 9:15am as well as the Adult class. After worship there will be an indoor picnic in Fellowship Hall. The Learning Committee is sponsoring and will provide chicken (fried and baked), drinks, and table service. We ask that you bring a side dish or two, salad or dessert and join us for food and conversation.

OFFERING AND ATTENDANCE						
Date	General	Building Fund	Other	Flowers	Total	Attendance
Aug. 7	\$13,966.26	\$505.00	\$3,410.00	\$0.00	\$17,881.26	49
Aug. 14	\$1,206.00	\$80.00	\$925.00	\$0.00	\$2,211.00	41
Aug. 21	\$1,986.00	\$295.00	\$120.00	\$25.00	\$2,426.00	40
Aug. 28	\$2,027.00	\$20.00	\$80.00	\$25.00	\$2,152.00	51

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
Apr. 2016	\$8,435.79	\$13,235.30	-\$4,799.51	-\$12,06.87	\$13,547.18
May 2016	\$13,541.99	\$15,299.88	-\$1,757.89	-\$14,464.76	\$13,547.18
June 2016	\$11,578.83	\$13,298.78	-\$1,719.95	-\$16,189.30	\$13,547.18
July 2016	\$10,252.14	\$13,812.33	-\$3,530.19	-\$19,719.49	\$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
September 4, 2016	Susan Fitz	Dean McGinnis	Laurie Jackson	Ann Reyes	Jake Kennedy	Linda Longren	Marilyn Hypse & Team 3	Linda Longren	Vickie Jacobs	Pr. Haar
September 11, 2016	Donna Allen	Howard Reece	Laurie Jackson	Mike & Shelley Andrews	Marcy Carlson	Ted Murphy	Marilyn Hypse & Team 3	Rally Day	Marsha Ridinger	Pr. Randy Chapman
September 18, 2016	Ted Quast	Howard Reece	Mitchell Bean	Marilyn Heckman (1) Carol Marker (1)	Bronwyn King	Loni Reece	Marilyn Hypse & Team 3	Bob & Jancen Horton and Curt & Jane Lewis	Bob Horton	
September 25, 2016	Duane & Debbie Pomeroy	Howard Reece	Laurie Jackson	Dr. Ann Reyes	Zane Kennedy	Ted Quast	Marilyn Hypse & Team 3	Walt & Helen Laughlin	Vickie Jacobs	

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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