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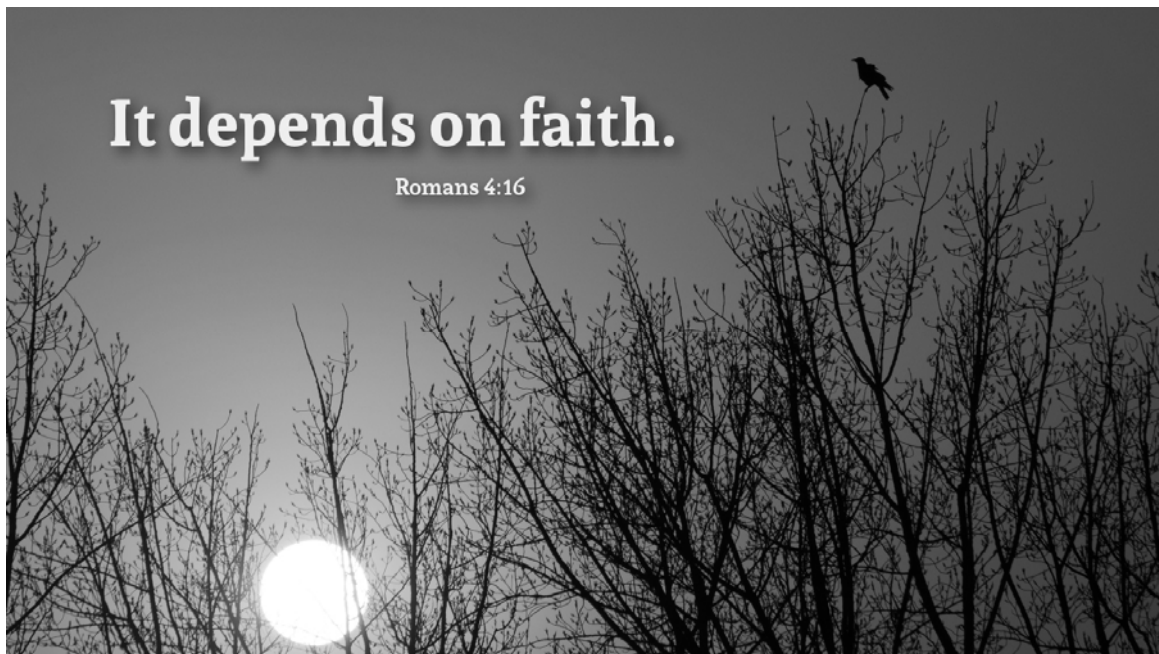
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**God of all creation who gives us this beautiful day
and life itself, who hung the stars in the sky,
and who also generously provides our daily bread,
we welcome you into our presence.
Dear Lord, what can I do for you today?**

February 25, 2018 — 2nd Sunday in Lent



Romans 4:13-25

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Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Setting 5

The second covenant in this year's Lenten readings is the one made with Abraham and Sarah: God's promise to make them the ancestors of many, with whom God will remain in everlasting covenant. Paul says this promise comes to all who share Abraham's faith in the God who brings life into being where there was no life. We receive this baptismal promise of resurrection life in faith. Sarah and Abraham receive new names as a sign of the covenant, and we too get new identities in baptism, as we put on Christ.

PRELUDE

GATHERING

PRAYER

See Bulletin Cover

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Please stand as you are able.

P In the words of a reformation hymn, let us confess our sin before God.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P Out of the depths I cry to you;

C O Lord God, hear me calling. Incline your ear to my distress in spite of my rebelling. Do not regard my sinful deeds. Send me the grace my spirit needs. Without it I am nothing. Amen.

P In God alone we hope, and not in our own merit. We hope as Israel in the Lord, who sends redemption through the ☩ Word. Praise God for grace and mercy!

C Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

In the Cross of Christ I Glory

ELW HYMN 324

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 - va - tion, 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.



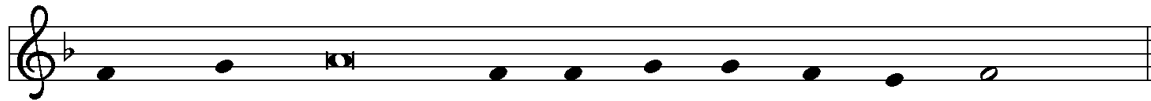
For this ho - ly house, and for all who of - fer here their wor - ship and praise,



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



1 All glo - ry be to God on high, and peace to earth be
 2 Lord Je - sus Christ, the on - ly Son of God, cre - a - tion's
 3 To you a - lone, O God, we cry, the Ho - ly One we



giv - en! Let an - gels sing, let all re - ply; good -
 au - thor, O Lamb of God, your death a - lone takes
 name you; for you a - lone are God most high, one



will breaks forth from heav - en! Lord God Al - might - y,
 sin a - way for - ev - er. Stretch out your arms to
 liv - ing God we claim you: we wor - ship you, Lord



heav - en's king, we wor - ship you, our thanks we sing, we
 ev - 'ry land, and, as you reign at God's right hand, re -
 Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it ev - er blest, in



praise you for your glo - ry.
 ceive our prayer; have mer - cy.
 God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P O God, by the passion of your blessed Son you made an instrument of shameful death to be for us the means of life. Grant us so to glory in the cross of Christ that we may gladly suffer shame and loss for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Please be seated.

WORD

FIRST READING: GENESIS 17:1-7, 15-16

As with Noah, God makes an everlasting covenant with Abraham and Sarah. God promises this old couple that they will be the ancestors of nations, though they have no child together. God will miraculously bring forth new life from Sarah's old womb. The name changes emphasize the firmness of God's promise.

¹When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said to him, "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. ²And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous." ³Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, ⁴"As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. ⁵No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. ⁶I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. ⁷I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you." ¹⁵God said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. ¹⁶I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her."

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalms 22:23-31

Read responsively

²³You who fear the LORD, give praise! All you of Jacob's line, give glory.

Stand in awe of the LORD, all you offspring of Israel.

²⁴**For the LORD does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty; neither is the LORD's face hidden from them;
but when they cry out, the LORD hears them.**

²⁵From you comes my praise in the great assembly;
 I will perform my vows in the sight of those who fear the LORD.
²⁶**The poor shall eat and be satisfied,**
Let those who seek the LORD give praise! May your hearts live forever!
²⁷All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD;
 all the families of nations shall bow before God.
²⁸**For dominion belongs to the LORD,**
who rules over the nations.
²⁹Indeed, all who sleep in the earth shall bow down in worship;
 all who go down to the dust, though they be dead, shall kneel before the LORD.
³⁰**Their descendants shall serve the LORD,**
whom they shall proclaim to generations to come.
³¹They shall proclaim God's deliverance to a people yet unborn,
 saying to them, "The LORD has acted!"

SECOND READING: ROMANS 4:13-25

Paul presents Abraham as the example for how a person comes into a right relationship with God not through works of the law but through faith. Though Abraham and Sarah were far too old for bearing children, Abraham trusted that God would accomplish what God had promised to accomplish.

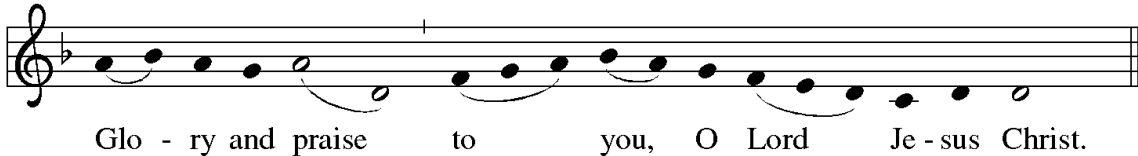
¹³The promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. ¹⁴If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. ¹⁶For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, ¹⁷as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations")—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. ¹⁸Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said, "So numerous shall your descendants be." ¹⁹He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. ²⁰No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, ²¹being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. ²²Therefore his faith "was reckoned to him as righteousness." ²³Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone, ²⁴but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, ²⁵who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



P The Holy Gospel, according to Mark, the eighth chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord

GOSPEL: MARK 8:31-38

After Peter confesses his belief that Jesus is the Messiah, Jesus tells his disciples for the first time what is to come. Peter's response indicates that he does not yet understand the way of the cross that Jesus will travel.

³¹[Jesus] began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again.³²He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." ³⁴He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. ³⁶For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? ³⁷Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? ³⁸Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

CHILDREN'S TIME & SERMON

INTERIM PASTOR ALAN SAATKAMP

HYMN OF THE DAY

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

ELW HYMN 803

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 Renewed in the promises of baptism, let us pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

A We pray for the church. Make us bold to proclaim your love. Give us courage to carry the cross that confronts us each day and follow Christ. Strengthen pastors, bishops, deacons, and all who minister in your name. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A We pray for the world. For flowing streams and still waters. For urban parks and wilderness reserves. For pastures and forests. Instill within us a reverence for the earth as your creation and our fragile home. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A We pray for the nations. Teach us to honor our common humanity within diversity. Turn enemies into friends. Lead us away from hatred, fear, and misunderstanding. Show our hearts the way to peace and fill us with compassion. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

C We pray for those in need. For people whose struggles we fail to acknowledge. For those who leave their homes and families in search of safety or employment. For those who grieve, and for all who are ill, especially Keith Springer, Roy O'Neil, Gay Marker, Loni Reece, and Kathryn Axelton. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A We pray for this assembly here at Trinity Lutheran in Topeka, for Trinity Lutheran in Greenleaf, St. Mark Lutheran in Waterville, and the Hollis Renewal Center in Bonner Springs, Kansas. For those who prepare this space for worship. For ministries of fellowship and hospitality. For all who provide care and support to those who are homebound. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

- A We pray for Al Carpenter, Bronwyn King, Brayden Winsor as they celebrate their birthdays this week; and for Susan Fitz, Ben Carlson, Doug Quarnstrom, and Adeline Klamm as they remember their baptism. Lord, in your mercy,
C hear our prayer.
P We remember with thanksgiving those who have gone before us in the faith. Bring them to the fullness of their inheritance in Christ and into the joy of eternal life with you. Lord, in your mercy,
C hear our prayer.
P Trusting in your covenant of mercy, O God, we lift our prayers to you, through your Son, 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

The musical score is written for two systems, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature has two flats (B-flat major). The lyrics are: "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".

System 1:
Vocal: Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right
Piano: Accompaniment for the first system.

System 2:
Vocal: spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your
Piano: Accompaniment for the second system.

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, receive the sacrifice of our praise and thanksgiving and the offering of our lives, that following in the way of the cross, we may know the joy of the resurrection; through Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you

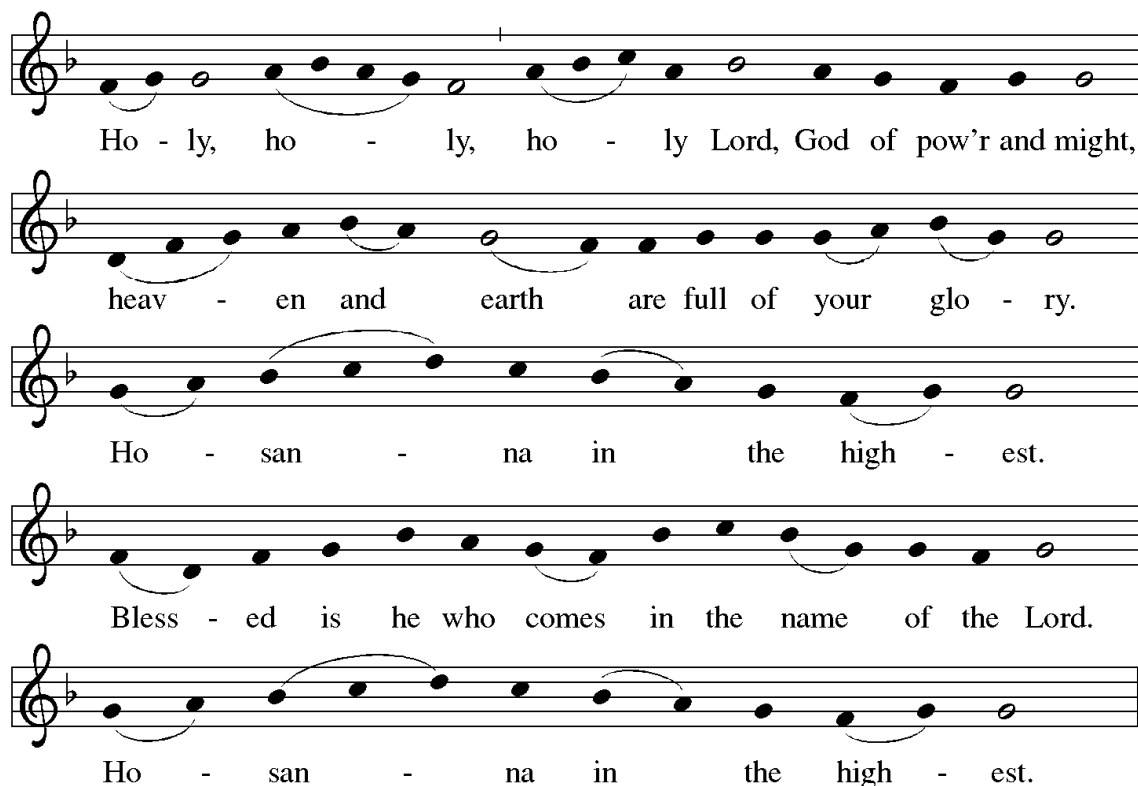
P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. You call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast, that, renewed in the gift of baptism, we may come to the fullness of your grace. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



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.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

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 Return to God with all your heart. Receive bread for the journey, drink for the desert.

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. A - men.

We invite all who believe in Jesus Christ as their Savior 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. Everyone is invited forward to receive communion or a blessing. Hands cupped open indicate an openness to receive communion; hands closed reflect a desire to receive a blessing.

Note: we now have gluten-free communion wafers available. If gluten-free is your preference, please let the pastor know when you are at the communion rail.

COMMUNION HYMNS	<i>Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus</i>	ELW HYMN 802
	<i>If You But Trust in God to Guide You</i>	ELW HYMN 769

Please stand as you are able.

COMMUNION BLESSING

P May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the gifts of his body and blood strengthen, keep and unite us, now and forever.

C Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A Compassionate God, you have fed us with the bread of heaven. Sustain us in our Lenten pilgrimage: may our fasting be hunger for justice, our alms, a making of peace, and our prayer, the song of grateful hearts; through Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

P May God who has called us forth from the dust of the earth, and claimed us as children of the light, strengthen you on your journey into life renewed. 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	<i>Bless Now, O God, the Journey</i>	ELW HYMN 326
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DISMISSAL

A Marked with the cross of Christ, go forth to love and serve the Lord.

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 Pastor Alan Saatkamp, 605-214-1469.

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

Worship Assistants									
Date	Greeter(s)	Usher(s)	Musicians	Lector	Acolyte	Altar Guild	Coffee Hosts	Assisting Minister	Presiding Minister
Feb. 25, 2018	Chuck Sodergren	Dean McGinnis	Mitchell Bean	Betty Quarnstrom	Curt Lewis	Cindy McGinnis & Team One	Donna Allen, Marilyn Heckman & Carol Marker	Bob Horton	Pr. Alan Saatkamp
March 4, 2018	Marilyn Hypse	Curt Lewis	Laurie Jackson	Duane Pomeroy	LaVell Winsor	Pam Kobbeman & Team Three	Curt & Jane Lewis	Walt Laughlin	Pr. Alan Saatkamp
March 11, 2018	Curt & Jane Lewis	Curt Lewis	Laurie Jackson	LaVell Winsor	Ted Murphy	Pam Kobbeman & Team Three	Janice Greenlee	Mary Heald	Pr. Alan Saatkamp
March 18, 2018	David & Cindy McGinnis	David McGinnis	Mitchell Bean	Linda Longren	Cindy McGinnis	Pam Kobbeman & Team Three	Linda Longren	Ted Murphy	Pr. Alan Saatkamp

Remember our shut-ins!

Kathryn Axelton	Marie Henriksen	Ron Owensby
Lucille Brill	Don Longren	Keith Springer
Peggy Buchholz	Shawn Nowak	Naomi Walker
Marlene Hassan	Roy O'Neil	Evelyn Johnson



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

To share a prayer request please contact Barbara Apps at 249-7244 She will get the prayer chain started.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT TRINITY

Today, Feb. 25..... Worship with Holy Communion 10:30 AM
 Children's Sunday School 9:00 AM
 Adult Sunday School 9:15 AM
 Confirmation Class 9:15 AM

Mon., Feb. 26 Women's AA 5:00 PM

Tues., Feb. 27.....Quilters..... 9:00 AM

Wed., Feb. 28 Women's AA 5:30 PM
 Priscilla Circle Bible Study (rescheduled) 10:00 AM
 Soup Supper 5:30 PM
 Lent Midweek Bible Study 6:15 PM

Thurs., Mar. 1Men's AA 7:00 PM

Sunday, Mar. 4 Worship with Holy Communion 10:30 AM
 Children's Sunday School 9:00 AM
 Adult Sunday School 9:15 AM
 Confirmation Class 9:15 AM
 Youth Group Meeting 5:30 PM

Pr. Alan will be in Topeka on Monday, February 26 and Wednesday, February 28.

Please Notice This



Members & visitors, please notice the pew record books in your pew. Please fill out the information for yourself and pass it along to the other people in your pew. This will help us keep up with prayer needs among family and friends and maintain our records of membership and attendance. Thanks!

OFFERING, ATTENDANCE, and FINANCIAL STATUS								
Date	General	Building Fund	Other	Flowers	Total Weekly Income	Average Weekly Expense	Weekly Income Minus Average Weekly Expense	Attendance/ Communion
Jan. 28	\$2,613.00	\$175.00	\$270.00	\$0.00	\$3,058.00	-\$2,643.92	\$414.08	58/53
Feb. 4	\$3,516.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$3,616.00	-\$2,643.92	\$972.08	43/44
Feb. 11	\$4,928.30	\$10.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,938.30	-\$2,643.92	\$2,294.38	35/32
Feb. 18	\$1,213.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,213.00	-\$2,643.92	-\$1,430.92	50/43
The money shown in the "Other" column is restricted and not available for our general fund.								
			Income	Expense	Behind/Ahead			
		Jan. 2018	\$10,749.65	-\$10,470.96	\$278.69			
		Jan. thru Jan.	\$10,749.65	-\$10,470.96	\$278.69			



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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