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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?

March 18, 2018 — 5th Sunday in Lent



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Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Setting 5

God promises Jeremiah that a “new covenant” will be made in the future: a covenant that will allow all the people to know God by heart. The church sees this promise fulfilled in Christ, who draws all people to himself when he is lifted up on the cross. Our baptismal covenant draws us to God’s heart through Christ and draws God’s light and truth into our hearts. We see God’s heart most clearly in the way Jesus shares human suffering, in an agony both the John and Hebrews readings describe.

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 \mp Word. Praise God for grace and mercy!

C **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN

Jesus Loves Me!

ELW HYMN 595

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.**

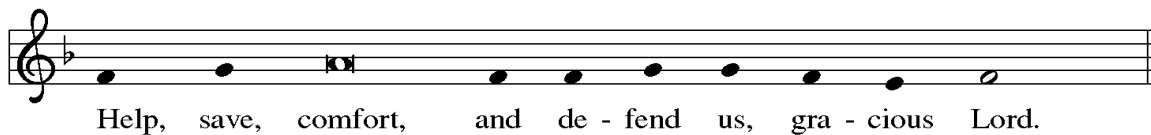
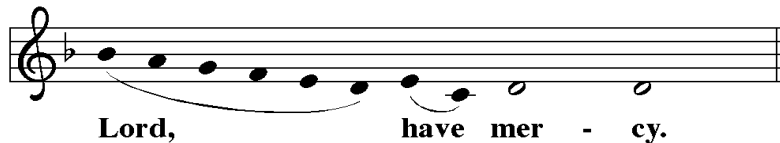
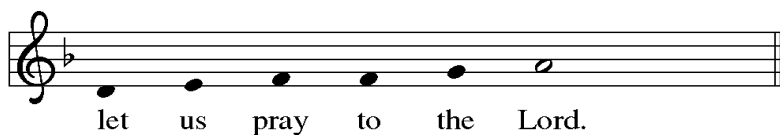
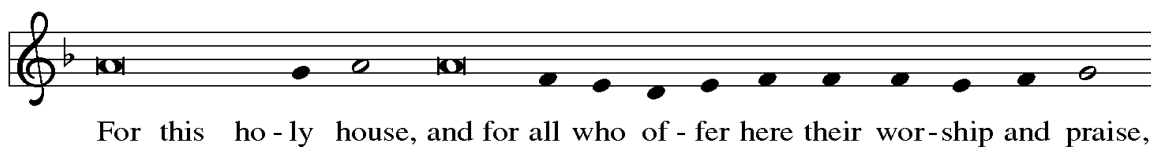
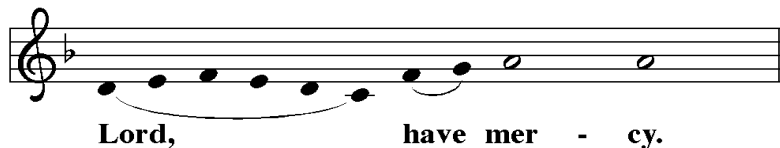
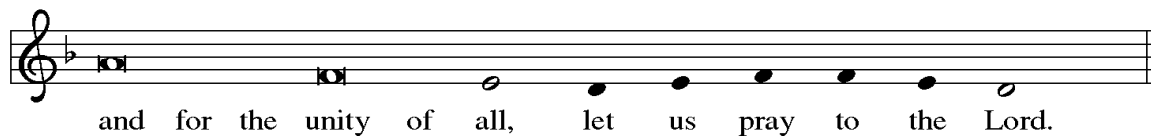
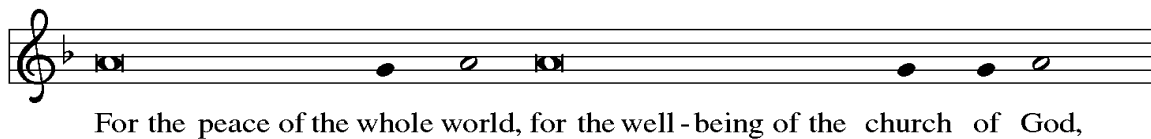
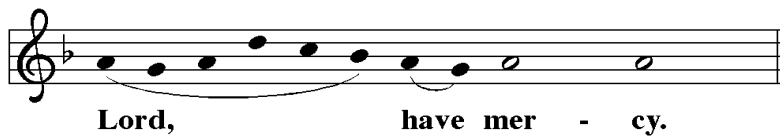
KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



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, with steadfast love you draw us to yourself, and in mercy you receive our prayers. Strengthen us to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit, that through life and death we may live in 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: JEREMIAH 31:31-34

The Judeans in Babylon blamed their exile on their ancestors, who had broken the covenant established at Sinai. Here the prophet looks to a day when God will make a new covenant with the people. There will be no need to teach the law, because God will write it on their hearts.

³¹The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³²It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. ³³But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the LORD,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm 51:1-12

Read responsively

¹Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;
in your great compassion blot out my offenses.

²**Wash me through and through from my wickedness,
and cleanse me from my sin.**

³For I know my offenses,
and my sin is ever before me.

⁴**Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight;
so you are justified when you speak and right | in your judgment.**

⁵Indeed, I was born steeped in wickedness,
a sinner from my mother’s womb.

⁶**Indeed, you delight in truth deep within me,
and would have me know wisdom deep within.**

⁷Remove my sins with hyssop, and I shall be clean;
wash me, and I shall be purer than snow.

⁸**Let me hear joy and gladness;
that the body you have broken may rejoice.**

⁹Hide your face from my sins,
and blot out all my wickedness.

¹⁰**Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.**

¹¹Cast me not away from your presence,
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.

¹²**Restore to me the joy of your salvation
and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.**

SECOND READING: HEBREWS 5:5-10

Using priestly imagery and references to the Old Testament, the author explains how Christ lived in trusting obedience to God, and so God has made Christ the source of our eternal salvation.

⁵Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him,

“You are my Son,
today I have begotten you”;

⁶as he says also in another place,

“You are a priest forever,
according to the order of Melchizedek.”

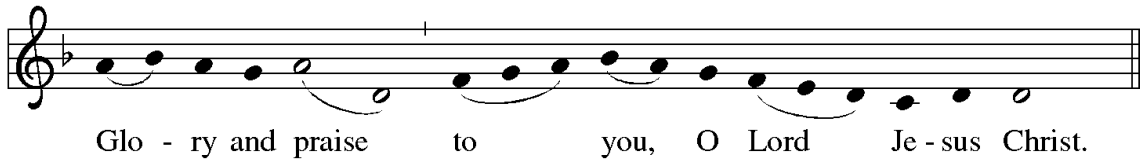
⁷In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. ⁸Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; ⁹and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, ¹⁰having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

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 John, the twelfth chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord

GOSPEL: JOHN 12:20-33

Jesus entered Jerusalem for the last time to celebrate the Passover festival. Here Jesus' words about seeds planted in the ground turn the disaster of his death into the promise of a harvest in which everyone will be gathered.

²⁰Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks.

²¹They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." ²²Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. ²³Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. ²⁵Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor. ²⁷"Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—"Father, save me from this hour"? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. ²⁸Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." ²⁹The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him." ³⁰Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. ³¹Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. ³²And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." ³³He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

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. Guide us into a deeper knowledge of your love and grace. Increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and service. We pray for evangelists, pastors, prophets, teachers, and all servants of the church. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A We pray for the world. For seeds planted in hope of an abundant harvest. For fertile soils and sufficient rains. For shepherds and ranchers, farmworkers and seafood harvesters. For flowers and berries. For orchards, vineyards, and citrus groves. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A We pray for the nations. For countries embroiled in long-term conflicts, and for communities scarred by political unrest and upheaval. Grant wisdom to the world's decision makers. Guide them to work for peace and the well-being of all people. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

C We pray for those in need. For all who suffer in any way. For those who are lonely or isolated. For those seeking employment. For those who approach the hour of their death, and all who are ill, especially Don O'Brien, Marilyn Hypse, Don Longren, Carl Quarnstrom, and Peggy Buchholz. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A We pray for this assembly and those of St. John Lutheran in Bendena, and St. John Lutheran in Lancaster, St. Mark Lutheran in Atchison, and Zion Lutheran in Beloit, Kansas. For those preparing for baptism. For visitors, newcomers,

and those who are returning after an extended absence. Deepen us in faith. Fill us with hope, and draw us all into your loving presence. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A We pray for Carol Marker as she celebrates her birthday this week and for Cathy Tunnell, Gay Marker, Jane Lewis, Diane Bottorff, and Annika Grubb as they remember their baptisms. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P With thanksgiving, we remember those who have died, especially those who have been witnesses and examples to us. Bring us with them to the promise of resurrection and life eternal 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 for the Offertory consists of two systems, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment (bass clef). The key signature is B-flat major (two flats). The first system covers the lyrics "Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right". The second system covers the lyrics "spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your". The piano part provides a harmonic foundation with chords and moving lines, while the vocal part carries the melody.

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**

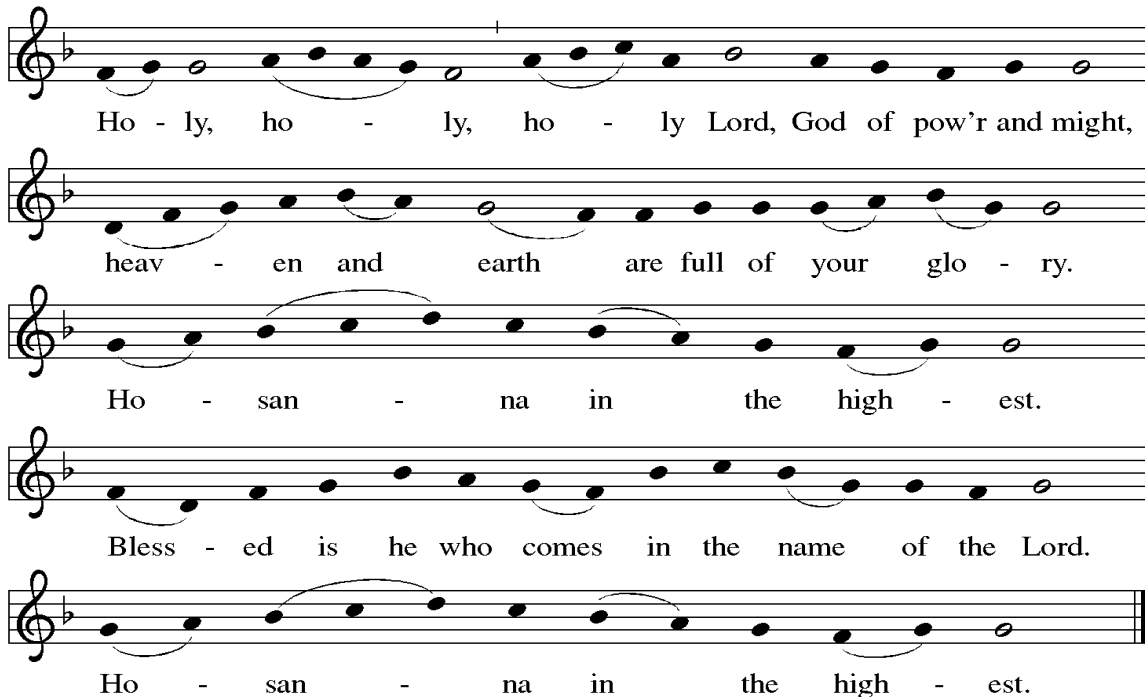
P Lift up your hearts.

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>Will You Let Me Be Your Servant</i>	ELW HYMN 659
	<i>Now We Remain</i>	ELW HYMN 500

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>Christ, the Live of All the Living</i>	ELW HYMN 339
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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
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
March 25, 2018 Palm Sunday	Howard & Loni Reece	Howard Reece	Mitchell Bean	Ted Murphy	Erin Lewis	Pam Kobbeman & Team Three	Walt & Helen Laughlin	Bob Horton	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



Don Longren is now living at 1035 Taylor St., 66612. Carl Quarnstrom is at Brewster Place Rehab, Rm. 303, phone 785-274-5042. Marilyn Hypse is at Brewster Place Rehab Room 313.

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!



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, Mar. 18..... Worship with Holy Communion 10:30 AM
 Children's Sunday School 9:00 AM
 Adult Sunday School/Confirmation Class 9:15 AM
 Youth Group Meeting 5:30 PM

Mon., Mar. 19..... **April Trinity Tidings Deadline**
 Women's AA 5:00 PM

Tues., Mar. 20..... Quilters..... 9:00 AM

Wed., Mar. 21..... Priscilla Circle Bible Study 10:00 AM
 Women's AA 5:30 PM
 Soup Supper 5:30 PM
 Lent Midweek Bible Study 6:15 PM

Thurs., Mar. 22..... Men's AA 7:00 PM

Sunday, Mar. 25 **Palm Sunday**
 Worship with Holy Communion 10:30 AM
 Children's Sunday School 9:00 AM
 Adult Sunday School—Winsor Holy Land Presentation 9:15 AM
 Confirmation Class 9:15 AM

Pr. Alan will be in Topeka on Wednesday, March 21.

Walt Laughlin needs people to sign up with him to be coffee hosts, greeters, and head ushers for April 2018. See him this morning or call, 266-9357. Thank you!

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
Feb. 18	\$1,213.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,213.00	-\$2,643.92	-\$1,430.92	50/43
Feb. 25	\$1,526.00	\$100.00	\$61.00	\$0.00	\$1,687.00	-\$2,643.92	-\$956.92	35/43
Mar. 4	\$4,431.00	\$135.00	\$120.00	\$0.00	\$4,686.00	-\$2,643.92	\$2,042.08	45/42
Mar. 11	\$1,307.00	\$10.00	\$95.00	\$0.00	\$1,412.00	-\$2,643.92	-\$1,231.92	
The money shown in the "Other" column is restricted and not available for our general fund.								
			Income	Expense	Behind/Ahead			
		Feb. 2018	\$10,160.86	-\$13,948.00	-\$3,787.14			
		Jan. thru Feb.	\$20,862.16	-\$24,852.29	-\$3,990.13			



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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