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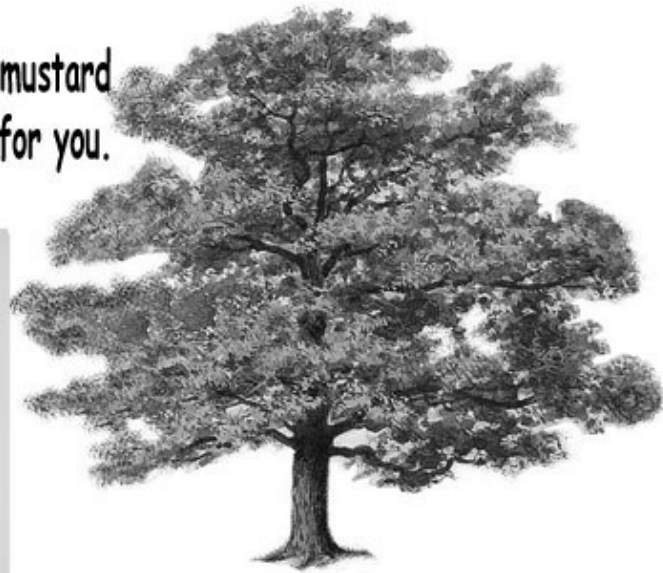
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*God of all creation who gives us this beautiful day  
and life itself, who hung the stars in the sky,  
and who also generously provides our daily bread,  
we welcome you into our presence.  
Dear Lord, what can I do for you today?*

***June 17, 2018 — 4th Sunday after Pentecost***

**If you have faith the size of a mustard  
seed, nothing will be impossible for you.**



***Mark 4:26-34***

*4th Sunday after Pentecost*

*June 17, 2018*

***Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Setting 5***

*The mustard seed becomes a great shrub that shelters the birds, recalling ancient images of the tree of life. We'd expect a cedar or a sequoia, but Jesus finds the power of God better imaged in a tiny seed. It's not the way we expect divine activity to look. Yet the tree of life is here, in the cross around which we gather, the tree into which we are grafted through baptism, the true vine that nourishes us with its fruit in the cup we share. It may not appear all that impressive, but while nobody's looking it grows with a power beyond our understanding.*

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**GATHERING**

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**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRAYER**

*See Bulletin Cover*

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

*Please stand as you are able.*

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, full of compassion and mercy, abounding in steadfast love.

**C Amen.**

P Trusting God's promise of forgiveness, let us confess our sin against God and one another.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

P Eternal God our creator,

**C in you we live and move and have our being. Look upon us, your children, the work of your hands. Forgive us all our offenses, and cleanse us from proud thoughts and empty desires. By your grace draw us near to you, our refuge and our strength; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

P Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit given to us. In the mercy of almighty God, Christ died for us while we still were sinners; and for his sake, God ☩ forgives you all your sins.

**C Amen.**

**GATHERING HYMN**      *Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!*      **ELW HYMN 413**

**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** Let us pray.

O God, you are the tree of life, offering shelter to all the world. Graft us into yourself and nurture our growth, that we may bear your truth and love to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C** Amen.

*Please be seated.*

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## WORD

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### FIRST READING: EZEKIEL 17:22-24

*Tree imagery is used in a messianic prophecy to tell how the Lord will choose someone from Judah's royal family (the cedar tree) to reign over all creation. This tree will be planted on Mount Zion, the location of the holy temple.*

<sup>22</sup>Thus says the Lord GOD:

I myself will take a sprig  
from the lofty top of a cedar;  
I will set it out.

I will break off a tender one  
from the topmost of its young twigs;

I myself will plant it  
on a high and lofty mountain.

<sup>23</sup>On the mountain height of Israel

I will plant it,  
in order that it may produce boughs and bear fruit,  
and become a noble cedar.

Under it every kind of bird will live;  
in the shade of its branches will nest  
winged creatures of every kind.

<sup>24</sup>All the trees of the field shall know  
that I am the LORD.

I bring low the high tree,  
I make high the low tree;

I dry up the green tree  
and make the dry tree flourish.

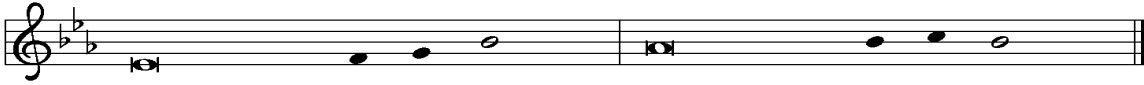
I the LORD have spoken;  
I will accomplish it.

L The Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 92:1-4, 12-15

*Sung responsively*



<sup>1</sup>It is a good thing to give thanks | to the LORD,  
to sing praise to your name, | O Most High;  
<sup>2</sup>**to herald your love | in the morning**  
**and your faithful- | ness at night;**  
<sup>3</sup>on the psaltery, and | on the lyre,  
and to the melody | of the harp.  
<sup>4</sup>**For you have made me glad by your | acts, O LORD;**  
**and I shout for joy because of the works | of your hands.**  
<sup>12</sup>The righteous shall flourish | like a palm tree,  
and shall spread abroad like a ce- | dar of Lebanon.  
<sup>13</sup>**Those who are planted in the house | of the LORD**  
**shall flourish in the courts | of our God;**  
<sup>14</sup>they shall still bear fruit | in old age;  
they shall be | green and succulent;  
<sup>15</sup>**that they may show how up- | right the LORD is,**  
**my rock, in whom there is | no injustice.**

**SECOND READING: 2ND CORINTHIANS 5:6-17**

*Paul encourages believers to live by faith and not by sight. We do not consider Jesus from a human perspective but through the eyes of faith, believing he died for all and was raised. All who are in Christ are now in God's new creation.*

<sup>6</sup>So we are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord—<sup>7</sup>for we walk by faith, not by sight. <sup>8</sup>Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. <sup>9</sup>So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. <sup>10</sup>For all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil. <sup>11</sup>Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we try to persuade others; but we ourselves are well known to God, and I hope that we are also well known to your consciences. <sup>12</sup>We are not commending ourselves to you again, but giving you an opportunity to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast in outward appearance and not in the heart. <sup>13</sup>For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. <sup>14</sup>For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. <sup>15</sup>And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them. <sup>16</sup>From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we

know him no longer in that way. <sup>17</sup>So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as you are able.*

#### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



*Repeat alleluia*



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

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

#### GOSPEL: MARK 4:26-34

*Jesus frequently uses parables to teach ordinary people as they are able to hear and understand. Images of sowing and growing show the vitality of God's kingdom.*

<sup>26</sup>[Jesus] said, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground,<sup>27</sup>and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. <sup>28</sup>The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. <sup>29</sup>But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come."

<sup>30</sup>He also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? <sup>31</sup>It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; <sup>32</sup>yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade."

<sup>33</sup>With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; <sup>34</sup>he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*Please be seated.*

#### SERMON

PASTOR ELWYN LUBER

#### HYMN OF THE DAY

*Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

ELW 733

*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 Filled with the Holy Spirit, we join with the church in every place, praying for the world that God so loves.

*A brief silence.*

A O Most High, your divine realm is like a noble tree whose boughs and branches give shade and rest to the peoples of the earth. Make your church a nesting place for all who need your peace and strength, especially St. Mark Lutheran in Olathe, Atonement Lutheran in Overland Park, St. John Lutheran in Pittsburg, United Emmanuel Lutheran in Russell, Kansas, and the Kotte District of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Papua New Guinea. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

A O Most High, all the world is a garden for your creativity. Refresh places of drought with abundant rains. Strengthen and keep safe those who fight fires in your forests. Help us tend your mountains and plains, oceans and rivers with loving care. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

A O Most High, you speak and your word is accomplished. Speak to the leaders of the nations so they might end cycles of violence, giving people everywhere tranquility and peace. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

A O Most High, if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation. Bring the abundant healing blessings of the new creation into the lives of those who suffer illness or deprivation of any kind, especially Carl Quarnstrom, Rosemary O'Neil, and Evelyn Johnson. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

A O Most High, your steadfast love and faithfulness sustain your people. Bless fathers and all father figures with such love and faithfulness that children



flourish and grow in uprightness and joy. Bless those who long to be fathers and those for whom this day is difficult. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

**A** O Most High, you give abundant life to all. Grant blessings to Charlie Walker, Mary McGinnis, Jan Saatkamp, and Chris Arney as they celebrate their birthdays this week and to Ronnie Longren, Jim Erickson, and Bridget Hiltgen upon the remembrance of their baptisms. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

**P** O Most High, you gather your people from all times and places. Bring us along with those who have died, especially Gay Marker, into the lasting life of your kingdom. Be with Gay's family as they celebrate his life. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

**P** By the sure guidance of your Holy Spirit, O God, we lift up our prayers in trust and thanksgiving; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**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.*

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### PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

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#### OFFERING & OFFERTORY

*Please stand as you are able.*

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, you open wide your hand and satisfy the need of every living thing. You have set this feast before us. Open our hands to receive it. Open our hearts to embrace it. Open our lives to live it. We pray this 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. Fulfilling the promise of the resurrection, you pour out the fire of your Spirit, uniting in one body people of every nation and tongue. And

so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
 heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.  
 Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
 Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
 Ho - san - na in the high - est.

#### **EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER**

P In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

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 Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread.

*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 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**

*Borning Cry  
Abide with Me*

**ELW HYMN 732**

**ELW HYMN 629**

*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** Jesus Christ, host of this meal, you have given us not only this bread and cup, but your very self, that we may feast on your great love. Filled again by these signs of your grace, may we hunger for your reign of justice, may we thirst for your way of peace, for you are Lord forevermore.

**C Amen.**

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**SENDING**

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**BLESSING**

**P** May God, whose power working in us can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine, grant you the gifts of faith and hope. Almighty God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

**C Amen.**

**SENDING HYMN**

*Faith of Our Fathers*

**ELW HYMN 812**

**DISMISSAL**

**A** Go in peace. The Spirit sends us forth to serve.

**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 contact Pastor Alan Saatkamp, 605-214-1469.***

OFFERING, ATTENDANCE, and FINANCIAL STATUS							
Date	General	Other	Flowers	Total Weekly Income	Average Weekly Expense	Weekly Income Minus Average Weekly Expense	Attendance/ Communion
May 20	\$1,675.00	\$48.00	\$0.00	\$1,723.00	-\$2,643.92	-\$920.92	40/39
May 27	\$1,096.00	\$2.00	\$0.00	\$1,098.00	-\$2,643.92	-\$1,545.92	36/30
June 3	\$5,209.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$5,309.00	-\$2,643.92	\$2,665.08	43/40
June 10	\$2,043.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,043.00	-\$2,643.92	-\$600.92	51/44
The money shown in the "Other" column is restricted and not available for our general fund.							
			Income	Expense	Behind/Ahead		
		May 2018	\$7,269.71	-\$14,443.50	-\$7,173.79		
		Jan. - May	\$53,299.67	-\$55,753.57	-\$2,453.90		

***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



### UPCOMING EVENTS AT TRINITY

Sunday, June 17 ..... Father's Day .....  
 ..... Worship with Holy Communion, Pr. Luber presiding.....10:30 AM

Mon., June 18 ..... July Trinity Tidings deadline.....  
 ..... Women's AA.....5:00 PM

Tues., June 19..... Quilters .....9:00 AM  
 ..... TLHA Meeting.....7:00 PM

Wed., June 20 ..... Priscilla Circle Bible Study.....10:00 AM  
 ..... Women's AA.....5:30 PM

Thurs., June 21.....Men's AA .....7:00 PM

Sunday, June 24 .....Worship with Holy Communion.....10:30 AM  
 .....Travelers leave for Gathering in Houston ..... after worship

Pr. Alan will be on vacation June 11th through June 19th. He will be in Topeka on June 20th. Pr. Walt, 266-9357 will be available for pastoral emergencies.

Be with us next week as we will offer prayers for safe travel and a rewarding experience at the ELCA Youth Gathering in Houston, TX. Parker Jackson, Zane Kennedy, Jake Kennedy, Diane Bottorff, and Dean McGinnis will be representing Trinity at the event.

Worship Assistants									
Date	Greeter(s)	Usher(s)	Musicians	Lector	Acolyte	Altar Guild	Coffee Hosts	Assisting Minister	Presiding Minister
June 17, 2018	<b>Duane &amp; Debbie Pomeroy</b>	<b>David McGinnis</b>	<b>Mitchell Bean</b>	<b>Walt Laughlin</b>	<b>Laurie Jackson</b>	<b>Charlotte Blenden &amp; Team 3</b>	<b>Mike &amp; Laurie Jackson</b>	<b>Ted Murphy</b>	<b>Pr. Elwyn Luber</b>
June 24, 2018	<b>Howard &amp; Loni Reece</b>	<b>Ted Murphy</b>	<b>Laurie Jackson</b>	<b>Jeff Longren</b>	<b>Parker Jackson</b>	<b>Charlotte Blenden &amp; Team 3</b>	<b>Bob &amp; Pam Kobbeman</b>	<b>Mary Heald</b>	<b>Pr. Alan Saatkamp</b>

**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.



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!

**T**ogether in Community • **L**iving with Christ • **C**aring for Neighbors

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