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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?

September 16, 2018 — 17th Sunday after Pentecost



Mark 8:27-38

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Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Setting 5

Three weeks ago we heard John's gospel's version of Peter's confession of faith. This week we hear Mark's version, when Peter says, "You are the Messiah." In John, the stumbling block is Jesus' invitation to eat his flesh, given for the life of the world. In Mark too the scandal has to do with Jesus' words about his own coming death, and here Peter himself stumbles over Jesus' words. But Jesus is anointed (the meaning of "messiah") in Mark only on the way to the cross (14:3); so we are anointed in baptism with the sign of the cross.

GATHERING

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER

See Bulletin Cover

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Please stand as you are able.

P Blessed be the ☩ holy Trinity, the one who fashions us, the one who heals us,
the one who reforms us again and again.

C Amen.

P Let us confess our sin, calling for God's transforming power.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P Source of all life,

C we confess that we have not allowed your grace to set us free. We fear that we are not good enough. We hear your word of love freely given to us, yet we expect others to earn it. We turn the church inward, rather than moving it outward. Forgive us. Stir us. Reform us to be a church powered by love, willing to speak for what is right, act for what is just, and seek the healing of your whole creation. Amen.

P God hears our cry and sends the Spirit to change us and to empower our lives in the world. Our sins are forgiven, ☩ God's love is unconditional, and we are raised up as God's people who will always be made new, in the name of Jesus Christ.

C Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

Built on a Rock

ELW HYMN 652

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, through suffering and rejection you bring forth our salvation, and by the glory of the cross you transform our lives. Grant that for the sake of the gospel we may turn from the lure of evil, take up our cross, and follow your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

Please be seated.

WORD

FIRST READING: ISAIAH 50:4-9A

The image of the servant of the Lord is one of the notable motifs in the book of Isaiah. Today's reading describes the mission of the servant, whom early Christians associated with Jesus. Like Jesus, the servant does not strike back at his detractors but trusts in God's steadfast love.

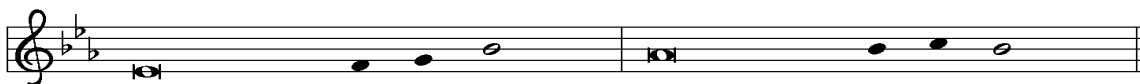
⁴The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he awakens—awakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. ⁵The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. ⁶I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. ⁷The Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; ⁸he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. ^{9a}It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM 116:1-9

Sung responsively



¹I love the LORD, who has | heard my voice,
and listened to my | supplication,

**2for the LORD has given | ear to me
whenev- | er I called.**

³The cords of death entangled me; the anguish of the grave | came upon me;
I came to | grief and sorrow.

**⁴Then I called upon the name | of the LORD:
“O LORD, I pray you, | save my life.”**

⁵Gracious is the | LORD and righteous;
our God is full | of compassion.

**⁶The LORD watches over the innocent;
I was brought low, and God saved me.**

⁷Turn again to your rest, | O my soul.
for the LORD has dealt | well with you.

**⁸For you have rescued my | life from death,
my eyes from tears, and my | feet from stumbling;**

⁹I will walk in the presence | of the LORD
in the land | of the living.

SECOND READING: JAMES 3:1-12

This text uses various images to illustrate how damaging and hurtful the way we speak to and about others can be. Not only are we to control our speech, but what we say and how we say it are to reflect our faith.

¹Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. ²For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. ³If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. ⁴Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. ⁵So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits.

How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! ⁶And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. ⁷For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, ⁸but no one can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison. ⁹With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. ¹⁰From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. ¹¹Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? ¹²Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

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 eighth chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL: MARK 8:27-38

This story provides the turning point in Mark's gospel. Peter is the first human being in the narrative to acknowledge Jesus as the Messiah, but he cannot accept that as the Messiah

Jesus will have to suffer. Moreover, Jesus issues a strong challenge to all by connecting discipleship and the cross.

²⁷Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that I am?” ²⁸And they answered him, “John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.” ²⁹He asked them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered him, “You are the Messiah.” ³⁰And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him. ³¹Then he 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’ TIME & SERMON

PASTOR SHAWN NORRIS

HYMN OF THE DAY

Hail to the Lord’s Anointed

ELW HYMN 311

Please stand for the final stanza 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 Freed by God in Christ to live and love and serve, we pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's beloved creation.

A brief silence.

A Gracious God, you call us to embody the love you have shown us. Raise us up each day to bear witness against sin, death, and the grave. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A Creative God, creation bears witness to your imagination. Inspire scientists, naturalists, and conservationists who work to protect natural resources. Grant us the wisdom to be good keepers of the earth. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A Sovereign God, you bless citizens with the gifts of reason and perseverance. Embolden people around the world to seek the common good, to serve their neighbors, and to delight in freedom. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A Loving God, you bless us with an abundant world. When your children wander homeless, hungry, and naked, strengthen us to be your presence as we care for all those in need. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A Welcoming God, thank you for this congregation where we have found a home, and for St. John Lutheran in Ellis, Our Redeemer Lutheran in Ness City, Bethlehem Lutheran, Emanuel Lutheran, Immanuel Lutheran, and Zion Lutheran, all of WaKeeney, Kansas. Help us seek new and creative ways to expand our loving invitation to all people who seek a community. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A Life-giving God, we pray for your blessings on Elania King, Diane Bottorff, and Roy O'Neil as they celebrate their birthdays, and for Zane Kennedy, Brian McGinnis, and Audrey Horton as they remember their baptisms, and for Charles & Adrienne Hutchison as they celebrate their wedding anniversary. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P In every time and in every place, you have raised up examples of loving service. Make us all good and loving witnesses to your extravagant compassion. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Into your wide embrace, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your boundless mercy through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer.

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 & 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 God of life, you give us these gifts of the earth, these resources of our life and our labor. Take them, offered in great thanksgiving, and use them to set a table that will heal the whole creation; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Light.

C **Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

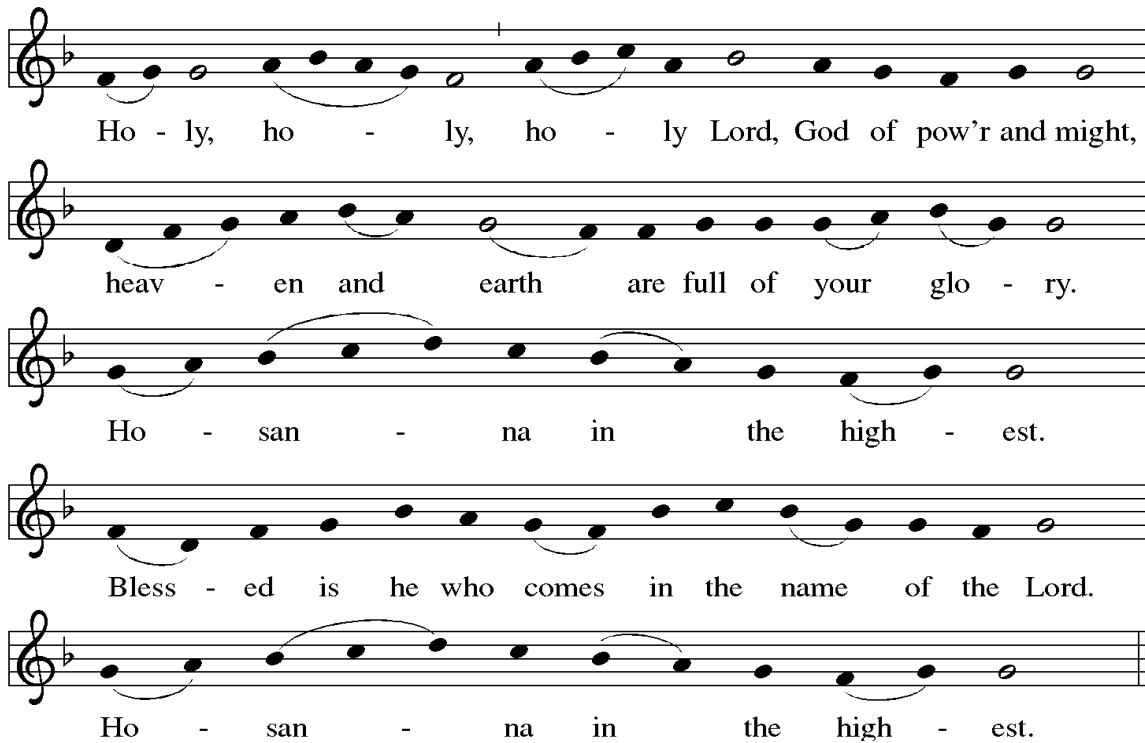
P Lift up your hearts.

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; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. 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, 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.

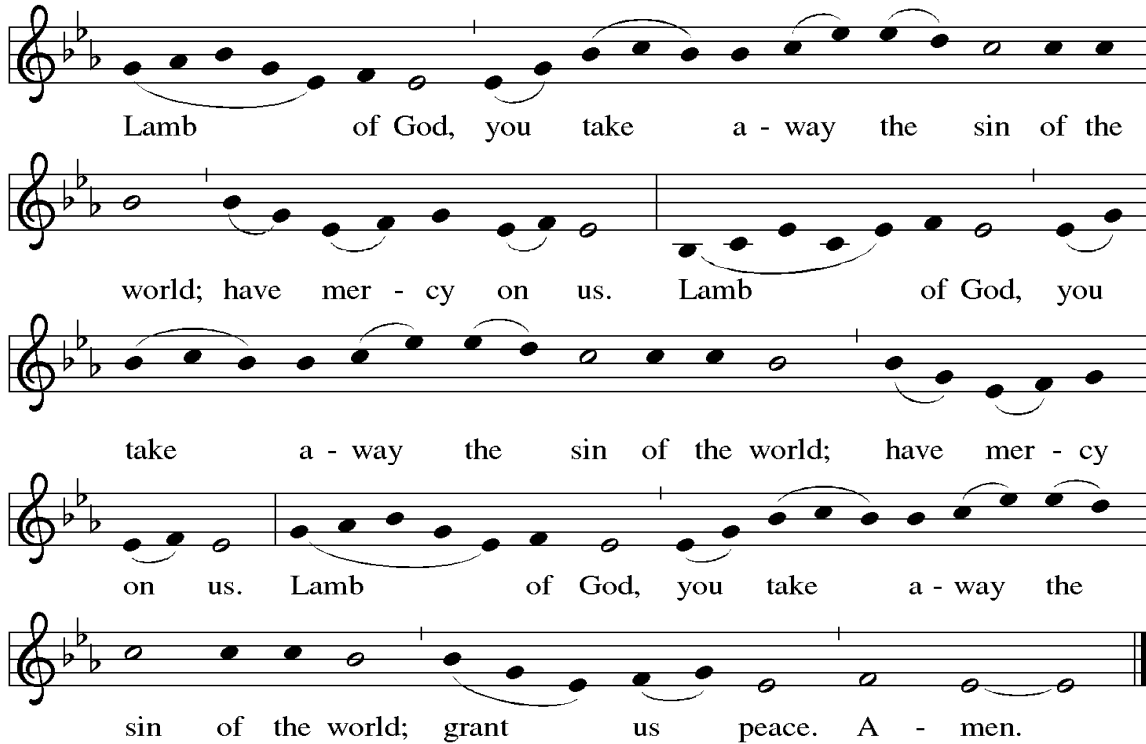
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P Speak to us, O Lord, in the breaking of the bread, and make us one with you.
Please be seated.

LAMB OF GOD



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

*O Jesus, I Have Promised
Praise and Thanks and Adoration*

ELW HYMN 810

ELW HYMN 783

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 Holy and compassionate God, in bread and wine you give us gifts that form us to be humble and courageous. May your words come to life in our serving and in our witness, that we might speak a living voice of healing and justice to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our rock and our redeemer.

C **Amen.**

SENDING

BLESSING

P God, creator of all things, speaking reformation into being; Jesus Christ, savior of the world, raising the dead; Holy Spirit, living voice, calling and enlightening the church: Almighty God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing

ELW HYMN 389

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Sound the good news.

C **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

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We welcome Pastor Shawn Norris as he leads us in worship today.

Thank you for joining us for worship. We hope that you, members and visitors, 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 at 785.233.0767

Doorstep is low on some items for hygiene kits. If you can help out by providing some of the items listed below, it would be appreciated.

Shampoo + Conditioner in 1

Deodorant

Shaving Cream & Razors

You can bring donations to Doorstep at 1119 SW 10th St. (10th & Buchanan), Monday – Friday from 8am – 3pm.

OFFERING, ATTENDANCE, and FINANCIAL STATUS							
Date	General	Other	Flowers	Total Weekly Income	Average Weekly Expense	Weekly Income Minus Average Weekly Expense	Attendance/ Communion
Aug. 19	\$1,674.52	\$80.00	\$0.00	\$1,754.52	-\$2,643.92	-\$889.40	43/39
Aug. 26	\$1,366.00	\$40.00	\$0.00	\$1,406.00	-\$2,643.92	-\$1,237.92	63/45
Sept. 2	\$3,125.50	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,125.50	-\$2,643.92	\$481.58	35/33
Sept. 9	\$2,183.79	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,183.79	-\$2,643.92	-\$460.13	45/43
The money shown in the "Other" column is restricted and not available for our general fund.							
			Income	Expense	Behind/Ahead		
		Aug. 2018	\$10,468.07	-\$11,229.86	-\$761.79		
		Jan. - Aug.	\$87,146.41	-\$89,914.27	-\$2,767.86		

UPCOMING EVENTS AT TRINITY

Today, Sept. 16	Adult Sunday School.....	9:00 AM
.....	Worship with Holy Communion.....	10:30 AM
.....	Youth Group Meeting	5:30 PM
Mon., Sept. 17	October <i>Trinity Tidings</i> Deadline	
.....	Women's AA.....	5:00 PM
Tues., Sept. 18	Quilters	9:00 AM
Wed., Sept. 19.....	Women's AA.....	5:30 PM
Thurs., Sept. 20	Men's AA	7:00 PM
Sat., Sept. 22.....	WELCA Sunflower Cluster Meeting	9:00 AM
Sunday, Sept. 23.....	Adult Sunday School.....	9:00 AM
.....	Worship with Holy Communion.....	10:30 AM

Worship Assistants									
Date	Greeter(s)	Usher(s)	Musicians	Lector	Acolyte	Altar Guild	Coffee Hosts	Assisting Minister	Presiding Minister
September 16, 2018	Linda Longren	Dean McGinnis	Mitchell Bean	LaVell Winsor	Rosie Nichols	Donna Allen & Team 3	Andy & LaVell Winsor	Marsha Ridinger	Pr. Shawn Norris
September 23, 2018	Chuck Sodergren	David McGinnis	Laurie Jackson	Shelley Andrews	Ted Murphy	Donna Allen & Team 3	Duane & Debbie Pomeroy	Bob Horton	Pr. Michael Haar
September 30, 2018	Bob & Pam Kobbeman	Ted Murphy	Mitchell Bean	Loni Reece	Laurie Jackson	Donna Allen & Team 3	Laurie Jackson	Jeff Longren	Mary Heald



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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