

## ***Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church***

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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 9, 2018 — 16th Sunday after Pentecost***



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**Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Setting 5**

*Today's gospel tells us that God shows no partiality. Everyone who brings her or his need to Jesus is received with equal honor as a child and heir.*

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**HYMN SING-A-LONG**

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BORNING CRY	ELW HYMN 732
WE ARE CALLED	ELW HYMN 720
LOVE DIVINE, ALL LOVES EXCELLING	ELW HYMN 631
ALL ARE WELCOME	ELW HYMN 641
BUILT ON A ROCK	ELW HYMN 652

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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, 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**

*Earth and All Stars*

**ELW HYMN 731**

**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.**

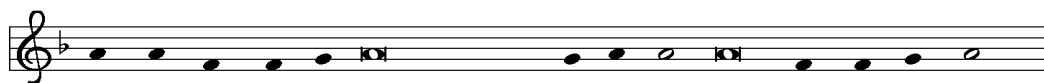
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In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



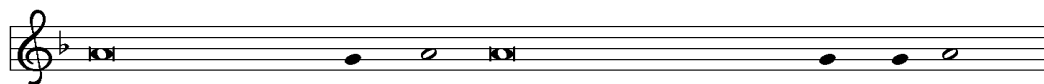
Lord, have mer - cy.



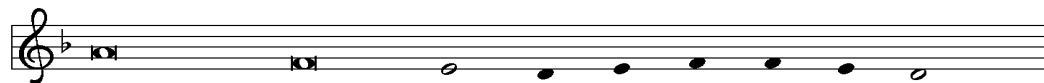
For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal - va - tion, let us pray to the Lord.



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.

Gracious God, throughout the ages you transform sickness into health and death into life. Open us to the power of your presence, and make us a people ready to proclaim your promises to the whole world, through Jesus Christ, our healer and Lord.

**C** Amen.

*Please be seated.*

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## WORD

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### FIRST READING: ISAIAH 35:4-7A

*These verses are a word of hope to the exiles in Babylon. Chapter 34 portrays God's vengeance on Edom, Israel's age-old enemy, which makes the path from Babylon to Zion safe for the exiles' return. The desert itself will flow with water to give drink to the returning exiles.*

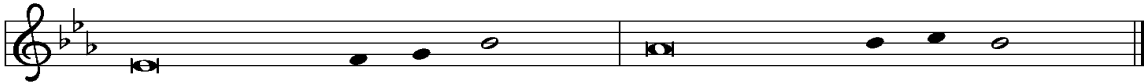
<sup>4</sup>Say to those who are of a fearful heart, "Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you." <sup>5</sup>Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; <sup>6</sup>then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; <sup>7</sup>the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water.

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

### PSALM 146

*Sung responsively*



<sup>1</sup>Hal- | lelujah!

Praise the LORD, | O my soul!

<sup>2</sup>**I will praise the LORD as long | as I live;**

**I will sing praises to my God while I | have my being.**

<sup>3</sup>Put not your | trust in rulers,

in mortals in whom there | is no help.

<sup>4</sup>**When they breathe their last, they re- | turn to earth,**  
**and in that day | their thoughts perish.**

<sup>5</sup>Happy are they who have the God of Jacob | for their help,  
whose hope is in the | LORD their God;

<sup>6</sup>**who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that | is in them;**  
**who keeps promis- | es forever;**

<sup>7</sup>who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to | those who hunger.  
The LORD sets the | captive free.

<sup>8</sup>**The LORD opens the eyes of the blind; the LORD lifts up those who | are**  
**bowed down;**  
**the LORD | loves the righteous.**

<sup>9</sup>The LORD cares | for the stranger;

the LORD sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way | of the wicked.

<sup>10</sup>**The LORD shall | reign forever,**

**your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. | Hallelujah!**

## SECOND READING: JAMES 2:1-17

*Faithful Christians do not show partiality to the rich and powerful of the world, especially at the expense of the poor and weak. Likewise, faith does not pay mere lip-service to God's will. Instead, Christian faith expresses itself in acts of compassion and mercy for those in need.*

<sup>1</sup>My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? <sup>2</sup>For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, <sup>3</sup>and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Have a seat here, please," while to the one who is poor you say, "Stand there," or, "Sit at my feet," <sup>4</sup>have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? <sup>5</sup>Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? <sup>6</sup>But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? <sup>7</sup>Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you?

<sup>8</sup>You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." <sup>9</sup>But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. <sup>10</sup>For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. [<sup>11</sup>For the one who said, "You shall not commit adultery," also said, "You shall not murder." Now if you do not commit adultery but if you murder, you have become a transgressor of the law. <sup>12</sup>So speak and so act as those who are to be judged by the law of liberty. <sup>13</sup>For judgment will be without mercy to anyone who has shown no mercy; mercy triumphs over judgment.]

<sup>14</sup>What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? <sup>15</sup>If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, <sup>16</sup>and one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill," and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? <sup>17</sup>So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

L The Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as you are able.*

## Gospel Acclamation

Al-le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

*Repeat alleluia*

**P** The Holy Gospel, according to Mark, the seventh chapter.

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

### GOSPEL: MARK 7:24-37

*In Mark's gospel, encounters with women usually signify turning points in Jesus' ministry. Here, a conversation with a Syrophoenician woman marks the beginning of his mission to the Gentiles.*

<sup>24</sup>[Jesus] set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice,<sup>25</sup> but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. <sup>26</sup>Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophoenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. <sup>27</sup>He said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." <sup>28</sup>But she answered him, "Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." <sup>29</sup>Then he said to her, "For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter." <sup>30</sup>So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone. <sup>31</sup>Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. <sup>32</sup>They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. <sup>33</sup>He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. <sup>34</sup>Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." <sup>35</sup>And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. <sup>36</sup>Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. <sup>37</sup>They were astounded beyond measure, saying, "He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak."

**P** The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*Please be seated.*

**SERMON**

**PASTOR ELWYN LUBER**

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

*Light Dawns on a Weary World*

**ELW HYMN 726**

*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 your church to proclaim the love of Christ to a needy world. Embolden us to be your risen body by welcoming strangers and serving our neighbors. Lord, in your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**A** Creative God, small sprouts and tall trees proclaim your majesty. Give us clear eyes to see nature's beauty and wise minds to protect our home, this earth, from misuse and harm. Lord, in your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**A** Sovereign God, you draw order from chaos. Watch over the nations of the world. Bless citizens and leaders who strive toward the beloved community for which you long. Lord, in your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**A** Loving God, you give us all that we need. When your children suffer from hunger, poverty, loneliness, persecution, injury, or illness, send generous helpers and companions. Lord, in your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**A** Welcoming God, you set a table for us. Embolden this congregation along with Christ Lutheran in Wichita, Excelsior Lutheran in Wilson, The Table in Leawood, and all participating in God's Work, Our Hands Sunday to seek new ways of inviting others to the feast of all creation. Lord, in your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**



A Life-giving God, we pray for your blessings on Eleanor Jewell and Janice Greenlee as they celebrate their birthdays, and for Ted Quast and Mary McGinnis as they remember their baptisms, and for Larry & Mary McGinnis as they celebrate their wedding anniversary. Lord, in your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

P You bless us with throngs of saints who witness to your compassion. With gratitude, we recall the lives and deeds of those who proclaim lovingkindness to a needy world. 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.*

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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 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.

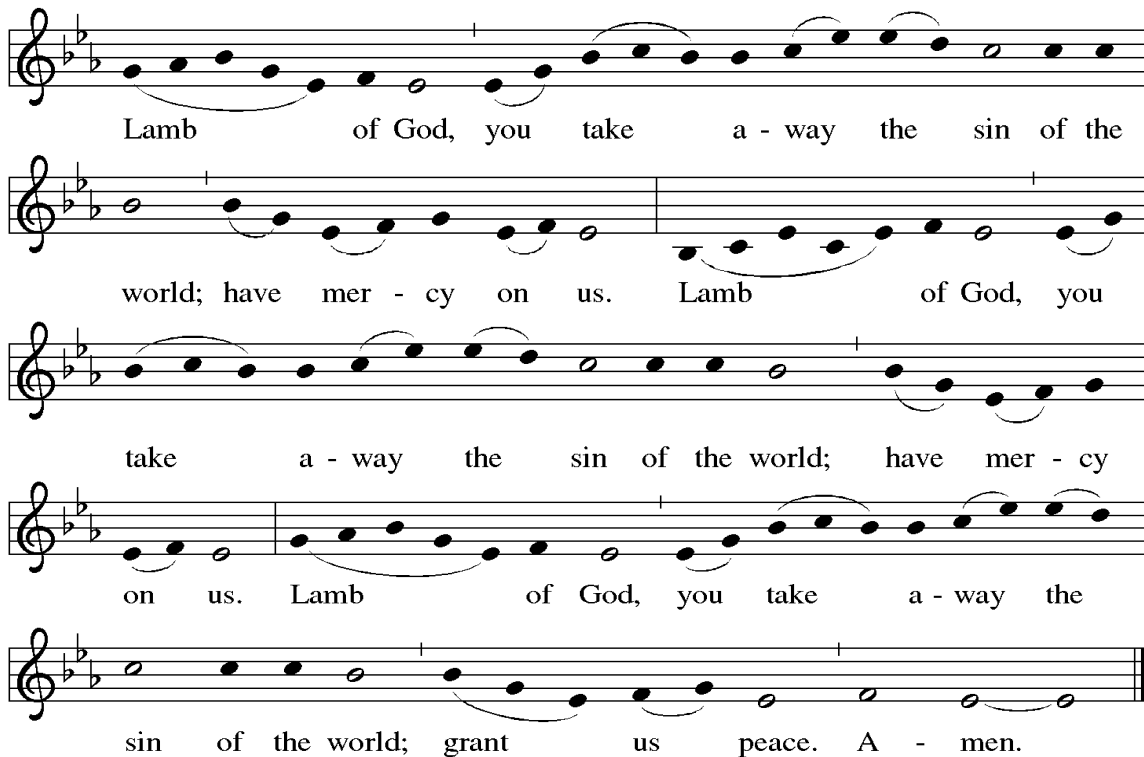
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

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



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.*

<b>COMMUNION HYMNS</b>	<i>Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love</i>	<b>ELW HYMN 708</b>
	<i>Healer of Our Every Ill</i>	<b>ELW HYMN 612</b>

*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.**

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### **SENDING**

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#### **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.**

<b>SENDING HYMN</b>	<i>Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing</i>	<b>ELW HYMN 886</b>
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#### **DISMISSAL**

**A** Go in peace. Sound the good news.

**C Thanks be to God.**

#### **POSTLUDE**

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*We welcome Pastor Elwyn Luber 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*

TRINITY WOMEN! Just a reminder! Cluster Gathering reservations are due to Pat Dunavan, phone 785-246-2123 or [prairies@aol.com](mailto:prairies@aol.com). Find complete details in the September TIDINGS!

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 10<sup>th</sup> St. (10<sup>th</sup> & 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. 12	\$3,306.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$3,356.00	-\$2,643.92	\$712.08	39/40
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
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. 9 ..... Adult Sunday School.....9:15 AM  
 ..... Hymn Sing-A-Long .....10:15 AM  
 .....Worship with Holy Communion.....10:30 AM  
 .....Blood Pressure Checks ..... after worship  
 ..... Community Garden Meeting .....6:30 PM

Mon., Sept. 10 ..... Women's AA.....5:00 PM

Tues., Sept. 11 ..... Quilters .....9:00 AM  
 ..... Church Council .....5:30 PM

Wed., Sept. 12..... Priscilla Circle Bible Study.....10:00 AM  
 ..... Women's AA.....5:30 PM  
 ..... Historic Old Town NIA Meeting.....6:30 PM

Thurs., Sept. 13 ..... Men's AA ..... 7:00 PM

Sunday, Sept. 16..... Adult Sunday School.....9:00 AM  
 .....Worship with Holy Communion.....10:30 AM  
 ..... Youth Group Meeting .....5:30 PM

Worship Assistants									
Date	Greeter(s)	Usher(s)	Musicians	Lector	Acolyte	Altar Guild	Coffee Hosts	Assisting Minister	Presiding Minister
September 9, 2018	<b>Howard &amp; Loni Reece</b>	<b>Dean McGinnis</b>	<b>Laurie Jackson</b>	<b>Bob Horton</b>	<b>Cindy McGinnis</b>	<b>Donna Allen &amp; Team 3</b>	<b>Junior &amp; Liz Utech</b>	<b>Ted Murphy</b>	<b>Pr. Elwyn Luber</b>
September 16, 2018	<b>Linda Longren</b>	<b>Dean McGinnis</b>	<b>Mitchell Bean</b>	<b>LaVell Winsor</b>	<b>Loni Reece</b>	<b>Donna Allen &amp; Team 3</b>	<b>Andy &amp; LaVell Winsor</b>	<b>Marsha Ridinger</b>	<b>Pr. Shawn Norris</b>
September 23, 2018	<b>Chuck Sodergren</b>	<b>David McGinnis</b>	<b>Laurie Jackson</b>	<b>Shelley Andrews</b>	<b>Ted Murphy</b>	<b>Donna Allen &amp; Team 3</b>	<b>Duane &amp; Debbie Pomeroy</b>	<b>Bob Horton</b>	<b>Pr. Michael Haar</b>
September 30, 2018	<b>Bob &amp; Pam Kobbeman</b>	<b>Ted Murphy</b>	<b>Mitchell Bean</b>		<b>Laurie Jackson</b>	<b>Donna Allen &amp; Team 3</b>	<b>Laurie Jackson</b>	<b>Jeff Longren</b>	<b>Mary Heald</b>



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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