

***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?***

***October 7, 2018 — 20th Sunday after Pentecost***



***Mark 10:2-16***

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**Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Setting 2**

*Today's gospel combines a saying that makes many of us uncomfortable with a story we find comforting. Jesus' saying on divorce is another of his rejections of human legislation in favor of the original intent of God's law. Jesus' rebuke of the disciples who are fending off the children should challenge us as well. What does it mean to receive the kingdom of God as a child does?*

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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**

*All Creatures, Worship God Most High*

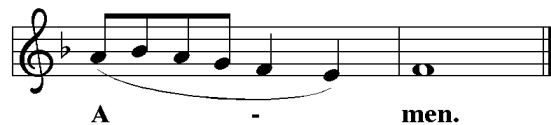
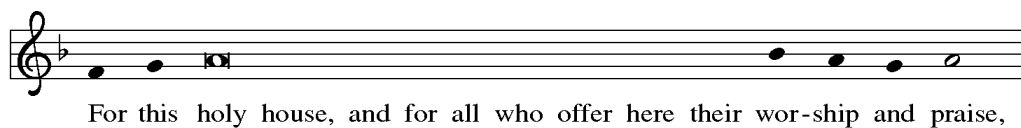
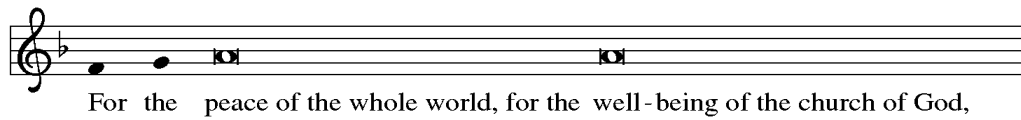
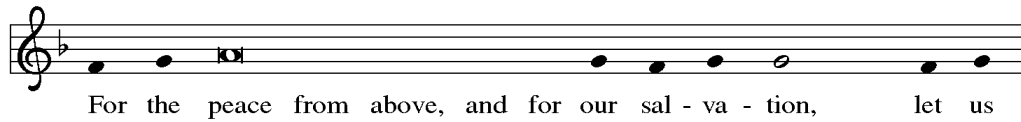
**ELW HYMN 835**

**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



## HYMN OF PRAISE

*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le -  
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us  
free to be peo - ple of God. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and  
strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le -  
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and join in the  
hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and  
might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

*Final refrain*

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God,  
for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray.

Sovereign God, you have created us to live in loving community with one another. Form us for life that is faithful and steadfast, and teach us to trust like little children, that we may reflect the image of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C** Amen.

*Please be seated.*

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### WORD

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#### FIRST READING: GENESIS 2:18-24

*Genesis 2 stresses that people are not meant to live in isolation but in relationship. Out of love for humanity, God creates them male and female, to provide companionship for each other and to become with each other “one flesh.” The Hebrew words used here are ish (man) and ishshah (woman).*

<sup>18</sup>The LORD God said, “It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner.” <sup>19</sup>So out of the ground the LORD God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. <sup>20</sup>The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner.

<sup>21</sup>So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. <sup>22</sup>And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man.

<sup>23</sup>Then the man said, “This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this

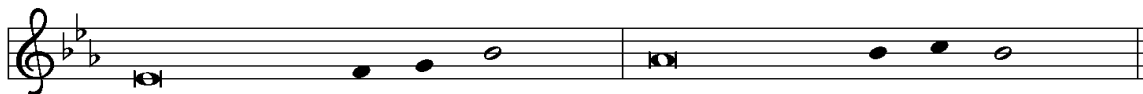
one shall be called Woman, for out of Man this one was taken.” <sup>24</sup>Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh.

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

## PSALM 8

*Sung responsively*



<sup>1</sup>O | LORD our Lord,

how majestic is your name in | all the earth!—

<sup>2</sup>**you whose glory is chanted above the heavens out of the mouths of in- |  
fants and children;**

**you have set up a fortress against your enemies, to silence the foe |  
and avenger.**

<sup>3</sup>When I consider your heavens, the work | of your fingers,

the moon and the stars you have set | in their courses,

<sup>4</sup>**what are mere mortals that you should be mind- | ful of them,  
human beings that you should | care for them?**

<sup>5</sup>Yet you have made them little less | than divine;

with glory and hon- | or you crown them.

<sup>6</sup>**You have made them rule over the works | of your hands;  
you have put all things un- | der their feet:**

<sup>7</sup>all | flocks and cattle,

even the wild beasts | of the field,

<sup>8</sup>**the birds of the air, the fish | of the sea,**

**and whatever passes along the paths | of the sea.**

<sup>9</sup>O | LORD our Lord,

how majestic is your name in | all the earth!

## SECOND READING: HEBREWS 1:1-4, 2:5-12

*Quoting from the psalms, this passage from Hebrews emphasizes that Jesus, the one through whom God created everything and who sits at God's right hand, is also the one who experienced human suffering and death in order to blaze the path of salvation for us.*

<sup>1</sup>Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets,

<sup>2</sup>but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. <sup>3</sup>He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand

of the Majesty on high, <sup>4</sup>having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

<sup>2:5</sup>Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. <sup>6</sup>But someone has testified, "What are human beings that you are mindful of them, or mortals, that you care for them?" <sup>7</sup>You have made them for a little while lower than the angels; you have crowned them with glory and honor, <sup>8</sup>subjecting all things under their feet." Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them,<sup>9</sup>but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone. <sup>10</sup>It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. <sup>11</sup>For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, <sup>12</sup>saying, "I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters, in the midst of the congregation I will praise you."

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, al - le - lu - ia.

*Repeat alleluia*

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

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

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

#### GOSPEL: MARK 10:2-16

*Jesus announced and enacted in history the new reality of God's surprising activity. These two stories demonstrate this new reality: Women and children are accepted and valued, not dismissed as inferior to adult men.*

<sup>2</sup>Some Pharisees came, and to test [Jesus] they asked, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?" <sup>3</sup>He answered them, "What did Moses command you?" <sup>4</sup>They said,

“Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her.” <sup>5</sup>But Jesus said to them, “Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. <sup>6</sup>But from the beginning of creation, ‘God made them male and female.’ <sup>7</sup>‘For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, <sup>8</sup>and the two shall become one flesh.’ So they are no longer two, but one flesh. <sup>9</sup>Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.” <sup>10</sup>Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. <sup>11</sup>He said to them, “Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; <sup>12</sup>and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery.” <sup>13</sup>People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. <sup>14</sup>But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, “Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. <sup>15</sup>Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.” <sup>16</sup>And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*Please be seated.*

#### CHILDREN’S TIME & SERMON

PR. DINAH DUTTA

#### HYMN OF THE DAY

*Blest Be the Tie That Binds*

ELW HYMN 656

*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 Longing for God’s will to be fulfilled among us, we pray persistently for the church, the world, and all people in need.

*A brief silence.*



- A Holy God, send your blessing into the world through missionaries and servants of your church. Through them spread good news to all. Lord, in your mercy,  
**C hear our prayer.**
- A We praise you for the animals of the field, the birds of the air, the fish of the sea, and all the works of your hands. Let our care for all you have made reflect your desire for the health of all creation. Lord, in your mercy,  
**C hear our prayer.**
- A Rule the nations of this world with grace you and mercy. Where there is disorder, move us toward righteousness and justice. Lord, in your mercy,  
**C hear our prayer.**
- A Deliver care to your children. Lift up people who struggle. Be with Brad Carpenter as he continues to recover from surgery. Lord, in your mercy,  
**C hear our prayer.**
- A Comfort those who mourn. Be with the family of Marie Henriksen as they celebrate her life and with the Pomeroy family as they suffer the death of a loved one. Lord, in your mercy,  
**C hear our prayer.**
- A Bring reconciliation among this community. Heal relationships that are broken. When we face division, open our eyes to signs of new life. Lord, in your mercy,  
**C hear our prayer.**
- A Bestow blessings upon Carl Quarnstrom as he celebrates his birthday, and upon Ella Bosch as she remembers her baptism, and upon Bill & Marsha Ridinger as they celebrate their wedding anniversary. Lord, in your mercy,  
**C hear our prayer.**
- A Hear the prayers of Christ Lutheran in Webster Groves, Family of Christ Lutheran in Imperial, Missouri, and Gloria Dei Lutheran in Wichita, Kansas. Lord, in your mercy,  
**C hear our prayer.**
- P Along with all the saints, form us into a holy and loving community in which people can find abundant compassion and peace. Through us bring others into your unbreakable covenant. Lord, in your mercy,  
**C hear our prayer.**
- P Enfold all things in your compassion, O God, and bring us into your life through the faithfulness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and 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.*

## 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-er 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.. 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.**

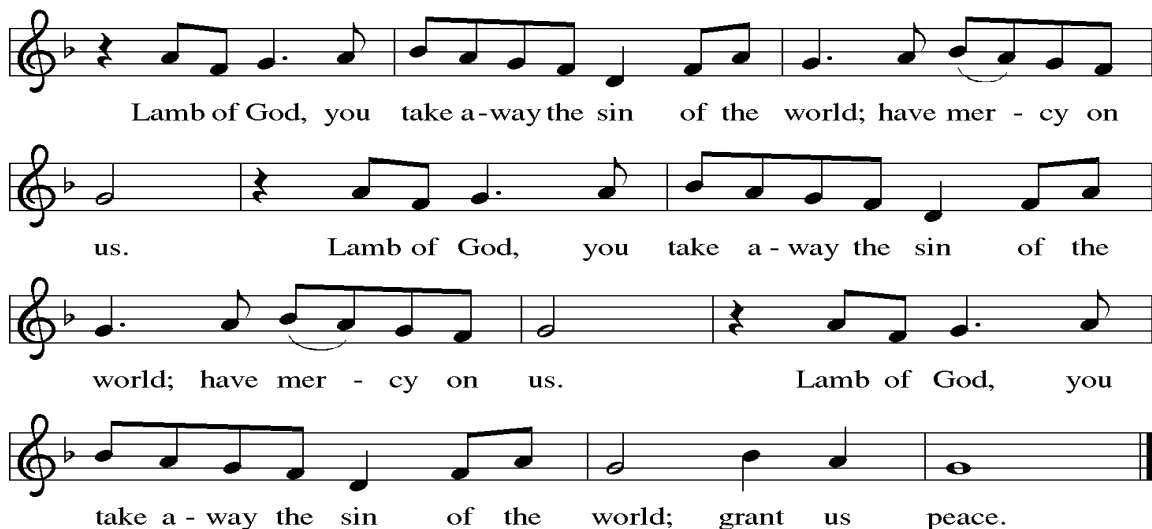
**Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

**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.

*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**

*All Are Welcome  
Now We Join in Celebration*

**ELW HYMN 641  
ELW HYMN 462**

*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.**

**SENDING HYMN**

*Now Thank We All Our God*

**ELW HYMN 840**

**DISMISSAL**

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

**C Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

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***We welcome Pastor Dinah Dutta as she 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***



*You're invited!*

A neighborhood picnic, sponsored by the HOT Community Garden, will be held next **Sunday, October 14**, beginning at 5 pm.

If weather is good it will be in the Trinity Hall parking lot. Otherwise it will be inside Trinity Hall.

Bring a main dish and a side dish to share.

Drinks, plates and eating utensils will be provided.

Questions? Call Walt Laughlin, 266-9357.

OFFERING, ATTENDANCE, and FINANCIAL STATUS						
Date	General	Other	Total Weekly Income	Average Weekly Expense	Weekly Income Minus Average Weekly Expense	Attendance/ Communion
Sept. 9	\$2,183.79	\$0.00	\$2,183.79	-\$2,643.92	-\$460.13	45/43
Sept. 16	\$2,582.46	\$260.00	\$2,842.46	-\$2,643.92	\$198.54	43/39
Sept. 23	\$1,394.84	\$0.00	\$1,394.84	-\$2,643.92	-\$1,249.08	44/40
Sept. 30	\$1,868.87	\$95.00	\$1,963.87	-\$2,643.92	-\$680.05	33/30
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	

**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, Oct. 7.....	Adult Sunday School.....	9:00 AM
.....	Worship with Holy Communion.....	10:30 AM
.....	Blood Pressure Checks .....	after worship
Mon., Oct. 8.....	Women's AA.....	5:00 PM
Tues., Oct. 9 .....	Quilters .....	9:00 AM
.....	Church Council Meeting.....	5:30 PM
Wed., Oct. 10.....	Women's AA.....	5:30 PM
.....	Historic Old Town NIA Meeting.....	6:30 PM
Thurs., Oct. 11 .....	Men's AA .....	7:00 PM
Sunday, Oct. 14 .....	Adult Sunday School.....	9:00 AM
.....	Worship with Holy Communion.....	10:30 AM
.....	150th Anniversary Planning Meeting .....	after worship
.....	Community Garden Picnic .....	5:00 PM
.....	Youth Group Meeting .....	5:30 PM

**All are invited to attend the 150th Anniversary Planning Meeting next Sunday** after worship. We ask that you **bring photographs** that might be of interest for display during the celebration in 2020. Please be sure they are labelled so they can be returned to you.

Worship Assistants									
Date	Greeter(s)	Usher(s)	Musicians	Lector	Acolyte	Altar Guild	Coffee Hosts	Assisting Minister	Presiding Minister
October 7, 2018	<b>Don &amp; Charlotte O'Brien</b>	<b>Curt Lewis</b>	<b>Laurie Jackson</b>	<b>Walt Laughlin</b>	<b>LaVell Winsor</b>	<b>Carol Marker &amp; Team 1</b>	<b>Bill &amp; Marsha Ridinger</b>	<b>Mary Heald</b>	<b>Pr. Dinah Dutta</b>
October 14, 2018	<b>Glenda Visocsky &amp; Monica Spencer</b>	<b>Duane Pomeroy</b>	<b>Mitchell Bean</b>	<b>Jeff Longren</b>	<b>Parker Jackson</b>	<b>Carol Marker &amp; Team 1</b>	<b>Bob &amp; Pam Kobbeman</b>	<b>Walt Laughlin</b>	<b>Pr. Shawn Norris</b>

#### *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	





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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