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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?

***November 11, 2018 — 25th Sunday after Pentecost***



***Mark 12:38-44***

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**November 11, 2018**

**Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Setting 2**

*Widows are visible everywhere in today's readings. Jesus denounces those scribes who pray impressive prayers but devour widows' houses. He commends the poor widow who in his view gave far more than the major donors. Jesus doesn't see her simply as an object of compassion or charity. She, like the widow of Zarephath who shares her last bit of food with Elijah, does something of great importance.*

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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, who calls us into an everlasting hope, who guides us to springs of the water of life, who enlightens us with the spirit of wisdom.

C **Amen.**

P One with the communion of saints in all times and places, let us confess our sin against God and one another.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

P O God, our merciful redeemer,

C **we confess the ways we live only for ourselves. We fail to see you in our neighbor's face. We turn our ears from voices that cry out. We pass by the hungry and the oppressed. In your great mercy, forgive our sin and strengthen us for service to all in need; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

P In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for ☩ his sake, God forgives you all your sin. Blessed are you! Rejoice and be glad, beloved people of God.

C **Amen.**

**GATHERING HYMN**

*For the Fruit of All Creation*

**ELW HYMN 679**

**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 above, 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 u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

For this holy house, and for all who offer 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

*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.



#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** O God, you show forth your almighty power chiefly by reaching out to us in mercy. Grant us the fullness of your grace, strengthen our trust in your promises, and bring all the world to share in the treasures that come through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C** Amen.

*Please be seated.*

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### WORD

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#### FIRST READING: 1 KINGS 17:8-16

*This chapter begins the story of Elijah. God sent a drought on Israel because of the sins of King Ahab. This passage shows God's saving acts not only on behalf of Elijah, but also on for those who are associated with the prophet, even a foreigner, the widow of Zarephath.*

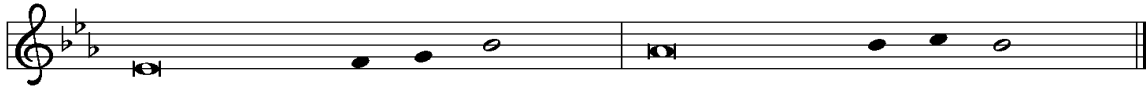
<sup>8</sup>The word of the LORD came to [Elijah,] saying, <sup>9</sup>"Go now to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and live there; for I have commanded a widow there to feed you."

<sup>10</sup>So he set out and went to Zarephath. When he came to the gate of the town, a widow was there gathering sticks; he called to her and said, "Bring me a little water in a vessel, so that I may drink." <sup>11</sup>As she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, "Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand." <sup>12</sup>But she said, "As the LORD your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of meal in a jar, and a little oil in a jug; I am now gathering a couple of sticks, so that I may go home and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it, and die." <sup>13</sup>Elijah said to her, "Do not be afraid; go and do as you have said; but first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterwards make something for yourself and your son. <sup>14</sup>For thus says the LORD the God of Israel: The jar of meal will not be emptied and the jug of oil will not fail until the day that the LORD sends rain on the earth." <sup>15</sup>She went and

<sup>16</sup>The jar of meal was not emptied, neither did the jug of oil fail, according to the word of the LORD that he spoke by Elijah.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Sung responsively*



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

<sup>24</sup>Christ did not enter a sanctuary made by human hands, a mere copy of the true one, but he entered into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. <sup>25</sup>Nor was it to offer himself again and again, as the high priest enters the

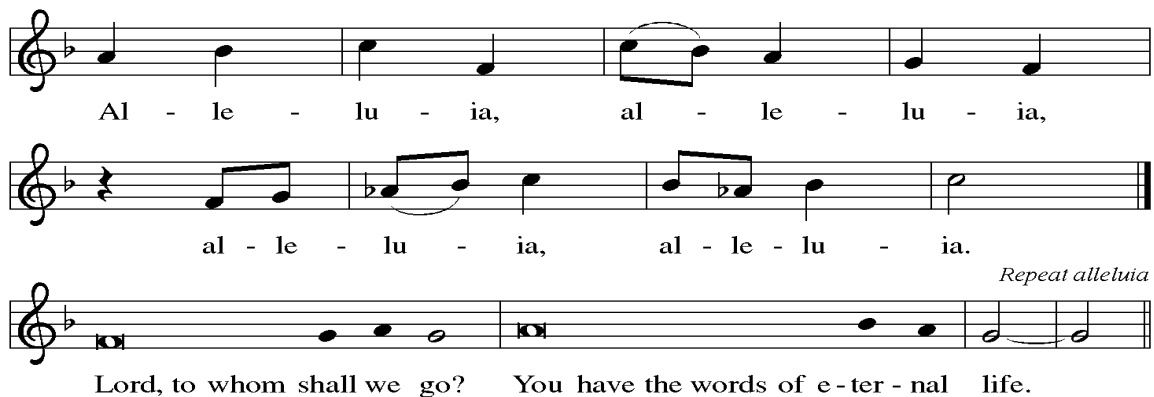
Holy Place year after year with blood that is not his own; <sup>26</sup>for then he would have had to suffer again and again since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the age to remove sin by the sacrifice of himself. <sup>27</sup>And just as it is appointed for mortals to die once, and after that the judgment, <sup>28</sup>so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin, but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

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 twelfth chapter.

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

### GOSPEL: MARK 12:38-44

*After engaging in public arguments with religious leaders in the temple, Jesus contrasts the oppressive ways of those leaders with the sacrificial humility and poverty of the widow.*

<sup>38</sup>As [Jesus] taught, he said, "Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, <sup>39</sup>and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets! <sup>40</sup>They devour widows' houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation." <sup>41</sup>He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. <sup>42</sup>A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. <sup>43</sup>Then he called his disciples and said to them, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. <sup>44</sup>For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*Please be seated.*

SERMON

PASTOR ELWYN LUBER

HYMN OF THE DAY

*This Little Light of Mine*

ELW HYMN 677

Verses 1 & 2

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

ELW PAGES 227-231

HYMN OF THE DAY

*This Little Light of Mine*

ELW HYMN 677

*Please stand for the final stanza of the hymn.*

Verse 3

### The Prayers

A With the people of God gathered here and throughout the world, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all people in need.

*A brief silence.*

A O God, preserve your church from empty piety. Stir up our will to act with mercy and compassion. Keep our bishops, pastors, teachers, and all who proclaim your good news strong in faith. Lord, in your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

A Provide all living things with sufficient food and clean water. Make us ever mindful of the farmers and laborers who supply us with food, and open our hands to share what we have received. Lord, in your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

A Awaken our nation to care for veterans and others who have experienced the stress and trauma of war or other military conflicts. Inspire us to promote the well-being of those who have put themselves in the service of others. Lord, in your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

A Bow down to meet those who are trampled. Greet them with mercy, and give new life to those who feel overwhelmed by discrimination, grief, or illness, especially Linda Longren, Russell Winsor & Debbie Pomeroy. Lord, in your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

A Bless the ministries in our community that reach out to people who are unnoticed or neglected. Give us, along with St. Paul Lutheran in Valley Falls, Good Shepherd Lutheran in Washington, St. Paul Lutheran in Wichita, Kansas, and Humanitri in St. Louis, Missouri, a common vision of justice that eliminates hunger, greed, and self-righteousness. Lord, in your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

A Bestow blessings upon our lives and celebrations. We celebrate with Andrew Carpenter, Dustin Carpenter, Betty Quarnstrom, and Liz Utech as they celebrate their birthdays, and with Marlene Hassan and Dean McGinnis as they remember their baptisms. Lord, in your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**



A Lift up the little ones into your care, as we lift up Ameerah Esquibel in baptism this day. Lord, in your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

P Bind us together with the saints of every time and place until we join them around your throne. 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.*

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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 Creator God, you made everything, and you provide for every need. The bread we break and the wine we pour come from you. As we eat and drink with thanksgiving, fill us with your love; let that love flow through us to others; and join us to the saints before us in a holy and boundless communion; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen.**

#### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

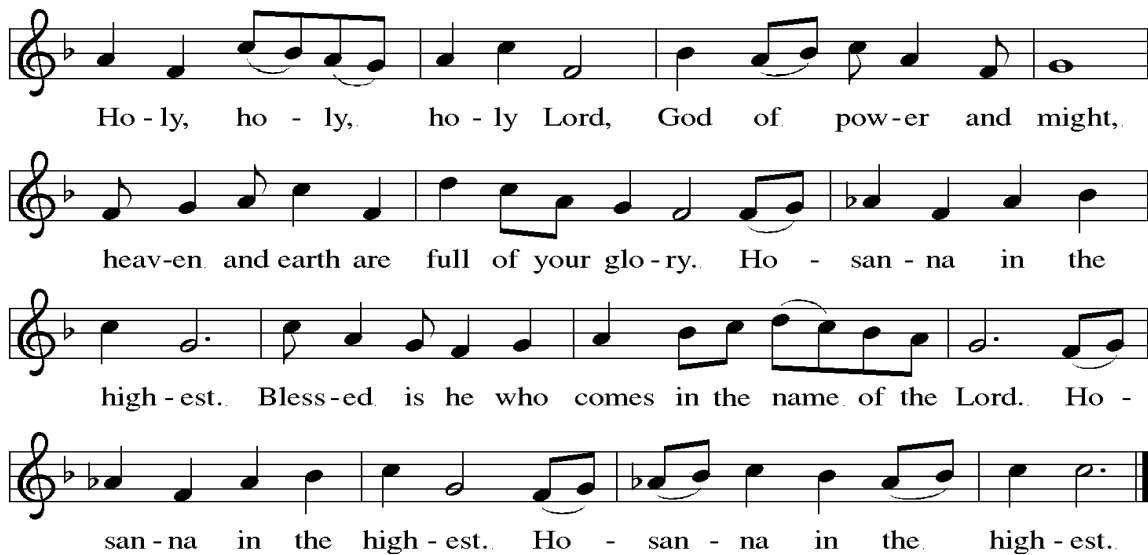
P Lift up your hearts.

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; 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:



#### **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.**

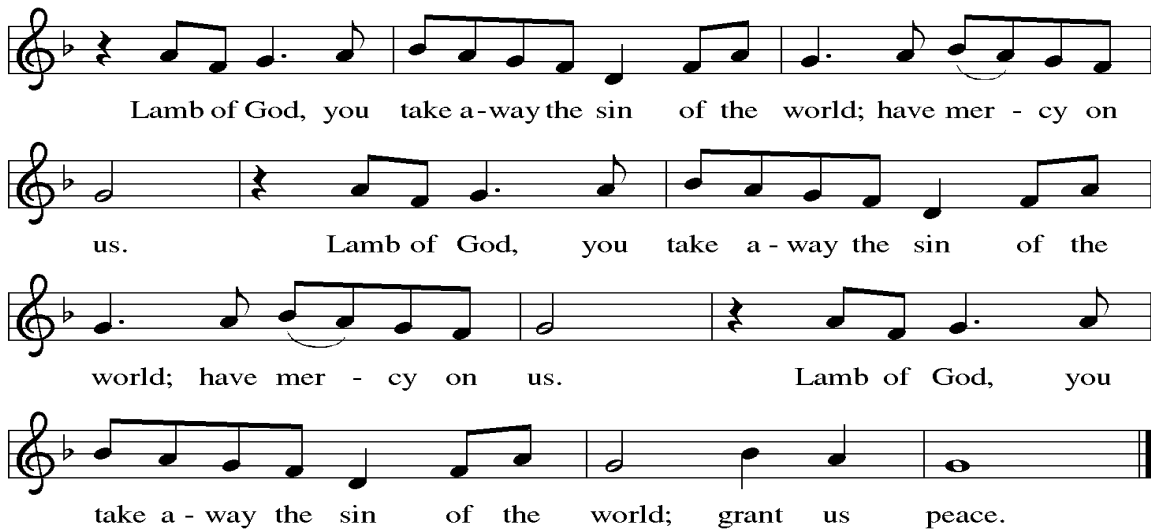
**Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

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

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P Hunger no more. Thirst no more. Come to the banquet of life.  
*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

*Day by Day  
We Are an Offering*

**ELW HYMN 790  
ELW HYMN 692**

*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 Sovereign God, in this meal you give us a foretaste of the great feast to come.  
Keep us faithful to you, that we, with all your saints, may at length celebrate  
the marriage feast of the Lamb, Jesus Christ our Lord.
- C **Amen.**

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### SENDING

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#### BLESSING

- P The love of God surround you; the grace of ☩ Christ release you; and the Holy  
Spirit be your guide and strength, now and forevermore.
- C **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

*Blessed Assurance*

ELW HYMN 638

#### DISMISSAL

- A Led on by the saints before us, go in peace to serve the Lord.
- 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*

Please be sure to complete the survey that is included in the November **Trinity Tidings**. Central States Synod is seeking input via this survey regarding needs and desires for the next bishop's term. If you prefer to complete the survey online, contact Cindy in the office or see the newsletter online. The deadline for submission of the survey is November 30, 2018.

Today, we celebrate the **baptism of Ameerah Leigh-ann Esquibel**, child of Samantha Ginter & Davion Esquibel. Ameerah was born Oct. 1, 2018. Sponsors are Deanna Esquibel, Shantel Kingcannon, Andrea Johnson, Diante Clemento, and Rahim Esquibel.



#### **OFFERING, ATTENDANCE, and FINANCIAL STATUS**

Date	General	Other	Total Weekly Income	Average Weekly Expense	Weekly Income Minus Average Weekly Expense	Attendance/ Communion
Oct. 14	\$2,410.00	\$82.00	\$2,492.00	-\$2,643.92	-\$151.92	41/37
Oct. 21	\$5,025.50	\$20.00	\$5,045.50	-\$2,643.92	\$2,401.58	60/54
Oct. 28	\$1,375.14	\$575.00	\$1,950.14	-\$2,643.92	-\$693.78	39/34
Nov. 4	\$2,736.00	\$155.00	\$2,891.00	-\$2,643.92	\$247.08	44/
The money shown in the "Other" column is restricted and not available for our general fund.						
			Income	Expense	Behind/Ahead	
		Sept. 2018	\$9,286.59	-\$6,684.14	\$2,602.45	
		Jan. - Sept.	\$96,433.00	-\$91,630.09	\$4,802.91	

### UPCOMING EVENTS AT TRINITY

Today, Nov. 11 ..... Adult Sunday School.....9:15 AM  
 ..... Worship with Holy Communion & Baptism .....10:30 AM  
 ..... Youth Group Meeting .....5:30 PM

Mon., Nov. 12..... Women's AA.....5:00 PM

Tues., Nov. 13 ..... Quilters .....9:00 AM  
 ..... Church Council Meeting.....5:30 PM

Wed., Nov. 14..... Priscilla Circle Bible Study.....10:00 AM  
 ..... Women's AA.....5:30 PM  
 ..... Historic Old Town NIA Meeting.....6:30 PM

Thurs., Nov. 15 ..... Men's AA .....7:00 PM

Fri., Nov. 16 ..... December Trinity Tidings Deadline.....

Sunday, Nov. 18 ..... Adult Sunday School.....9:15 AM  
 ..... Worship with Holy Communion.....10:30 AM  
 ..... WELCA Thankoffering Sunday .....  
 ..... Community Meal.....5:30 PM

#### Worship Assistants

Date	Greeter(s)	Usher(s)	Musicians	Lector	Acolyte	Altar Guild	Coffee Hosts	Assisting Minister	Presiding Minister
November 11, 2018	<b>Walt &amp; Helen Laughlin</b>	<b>Howard Reece</b>	<b>Mitchell Bean</b>	<b>Ted Murphy</b>	<b>Cindy McGinnis</b>	<b>Janice Greenlee &amp; Team 2</b>	<b>Janice Greenlee</b>	<b>Vickie Jacobs</b>	<b>Pr. Elwyn Luber</b>
November 18, 2018	<b>Sam &amp; Charlotte Blenden</b>	<b>Howard Reece</b>	<b>Laurie Jackson</b>	<b>Ted Quast</b>	<b>Duane Pomeroy</b>	<b>Janice Greenlee &amp; Team 2</b>	<b>Howard &amp; Loni Reece</b>	<b>Jeff Longren</b>	<b>Pr. Bob Dealey</b>
November 25, 2018	<b>Carol Marker</b>	<b>Dean McGinnis</b>	<b>Mitchell Bean</b>	<b>Marcy Carlson</b>	<b>Ted Murphy</b>	<b>Janice Greenlee &amp; Team 2</b>	<b>Walt &amp; Helen Laughlin</b>	<b>Mary Heald</b>	<b>Pr. Michael Haar</b>

#### *Remember our shut-ins!*

Kathryn Axelton	Don Longren	Keith Springer
Lucille Brill	Shawn Nowak	Naomi Walker
Peggy Buchholz	Roy O'Neil	
Marlene Hassan	Ron Owensby	





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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