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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?

December 9, 2018 — 2nd Sunday of Advent

Peace



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Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Setting 2

Forerunners and messengers advance the advent of God. While John the baptizer's voice may be the principal focus of the day, Malachi's prophecy could also herald Jesus as forerunner of the Lord of hosts. Finally all the baptized are called to share the gospel and prepare the way for the coming of the Lord and assist us all to capture a vision of the "salvation of God."

GATHERING

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER

See Bulletin Cover

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH

A Today we relight the candle of **HOPE**. Now we light the candle for the second Sunday in Advent. This is the candle of **PEACE**. As we prepare for the coming of Jesus, we remember that Jesus is our hope and our peace. From the prophet Isaiah: "For a child has been born for us, a son is given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." (Isaiah 9:6-7)

ADVENT HYMN *Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah* **ELW HYMN 240**
VERSES 1 & 2

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Please stand as you are able.

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the Lord of Israel who comes to set us free, the mighty Savior who comes to show mercy, the Dawn from on high who guides us into peace.

C Amen.

P Let us come before God in confession.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P To you, O God,

C we lift up our souls. You know us through and through; we confess our sins to you. Remember not our sins; remember us with your steadfast love. Show us your ways; teach us your paths; and lead us in justice and truth, for the sake of your goodness in Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

P Children of God, come with joy and draw water from the well of salvation. Remember the gift of baptism: your sin is washed away in the name of ☩ Jesus; you belong to Christ; you are anointed to serve. Stand up and raise your heads! The reign of God is near.

C Amen.

GATHERING HYMN *On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry* **ELW HYMN 249**

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.

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 Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming give to all the people of the world knowledge of your salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Please be seated.

WORD

FIRST READING: MALACHI 3:1-4

The Lord announces a covenant with Israel. A messenger shall prepare us for the coming of the Lord by purifying and refining God's people, as silver and gold are refined.

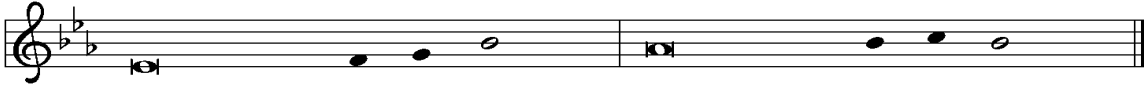
¹See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. ²But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; ³he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness. ⁴Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: LUKE 1:68-79

Sung responsively



⁶⁸Blessed are you, Lord, the | God of Israel,
you have come to your people and | set them free.
⁶⁹**You have raised up for us a | mighty Savior,**
born of the house of your | servant David.
⁷⁰Through your holy prophets, you promised of old to save us | from our enemies,
⁷¹from the hands of | all who hate us,
⁷²**to show mercy | to our forebears,**
and to remember your | holy covenant.
⁷³This was the oath you swore to our | father Abraham:
⁷⁴to set us free from the hands of our | enemies,
free to worship you | without fear,
⁷⁵**holy and righteous before you, all the days | of our life.**
⁷⁶And you, child, shall be called the prophet of | the Most High,
for you will go before the Lord to pre- | pare the way,
⁷⁷**to give God's people knowledge | of salvation**
by the forgiveness | of their sins.
⁷⁸In the tender compassion | of our God
the dawn from on high shall | break upon us,
⁷⁹**to shine on those who dwell in darkness and in the shad- | ow of death,**
and to guide our feet into the | way of peace.

SECOND READING: PHILIPPIANS 1:3-11

The apostle Paul was the pastor of many new churches. He writes in this letter about his joy to be in partnership with the Christians of Philippi. Listen to how tender-hearted Paul, sometimes a stern preacher, is with his friends as he encourages them to grow in love and knowledge.

³I thank my God every time I remember you, ⁴constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, ⁵because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. ⁶I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. ⁷It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. ⁸For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. ⁹And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight ¹⁰to help you to determine what is best, so that in

the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, ¹¹having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

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 Luke, the third chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL: LUKE 3:1-6

John the Baptist is a herald of the saving Lord, whose way is prepared by “repentance for the forgiveness of sins.” As we hear the careful record of human leaders, we sense the spectrum of political and religious authority that will be challenged by this coming Lord.

¹In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, ²during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. ³He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, ⁴as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, “The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. ⁵Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; ⁶and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.’”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

CHILDREN'S TIME & SERMON

PASTOR DINAH DUTTA

HYMN OF THE DAY

Comfort, Comfort Now My People

ELW HYMN 256

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 As we await the coming of Christ, we pray in hope for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

A Prepare your church to share the good news, life-giving God. Put your word within us and within those at Immanuel Lutheran in Salina and Peace Lutheran in Salisbury, Missouri and dwell among us all. Send us out to proclaim the mercy and salvation that abides in you. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

A Protect creation, life-giving God. Sustain mountains and hills. Restore rivers. Give us wisdom and compassion to care for wilderness areas and urban ecosystems. Move us to care for creation in all its forms and richness. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

A Purify the hearts of all people, life-giving God. Remove the hate that lives within us and among us. Mold us into peacemakers. Raise up leaders rooted in your love and fed by your word. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

A Comfort all who hurt, life-giving God. Wrap them in your tender care. Remember the forgotten and send us out to share your love with them. Be with the wandering, the worried, and the sick, especially Junior & Liz Utech, Walt Laughlin, Linda Longren, Russell Winsor, Susan Fitz, Jane Velen, & Debbie Pomeroy. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

A Bless this congregation, life-giving God. Give strength and joy to worship leaders, musicians, and our altar guild as they prepare the way for the celebration of the Christ child's coming among us. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A Grant blessings in our lives and celebrations. We celebrate with Brad Carpenter and Sara King as they celebrate their birthdays, and with Junior Utech, Roy O'Neil, and Jane Velen as they remember their baptisms. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

P We remember the generations who have shown us your faithfulness, life-giving God. Shine your light on those who mourn and prepare us for that day when we will see you face-to-face. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

P Confident that the Holy Spirit intercedes for us, we bring to you these prayers and those unspoken, in the name of 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 abundance, we bring before you the precious fruits of your creation, and with them our very lives. Teach us patience and hope as we care for all those in need until the coming of your Son, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

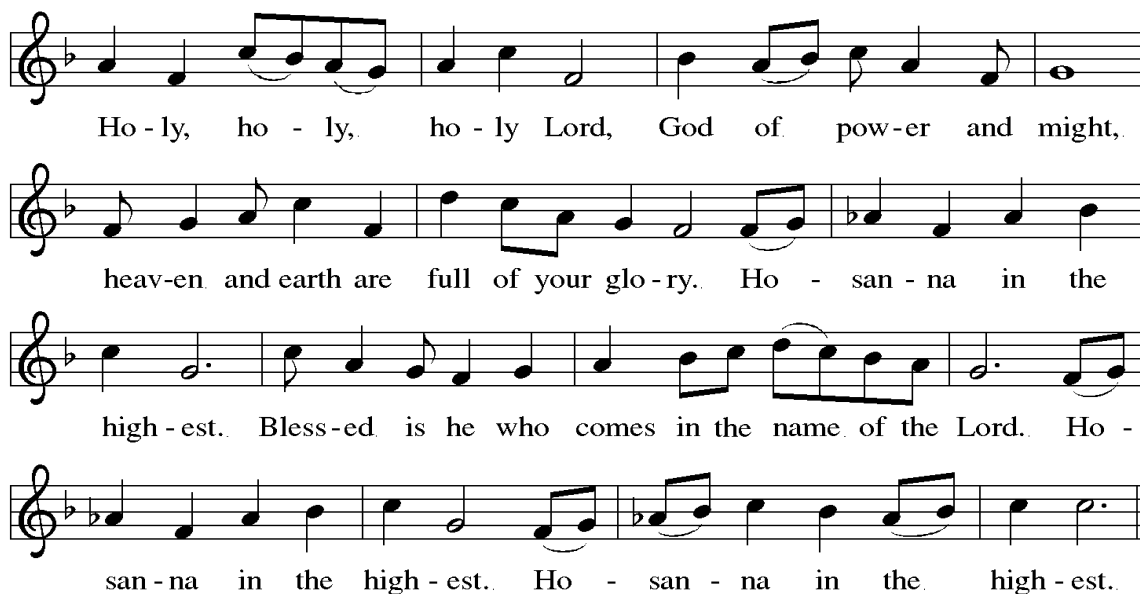
C We lift them to the Lord.

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.**

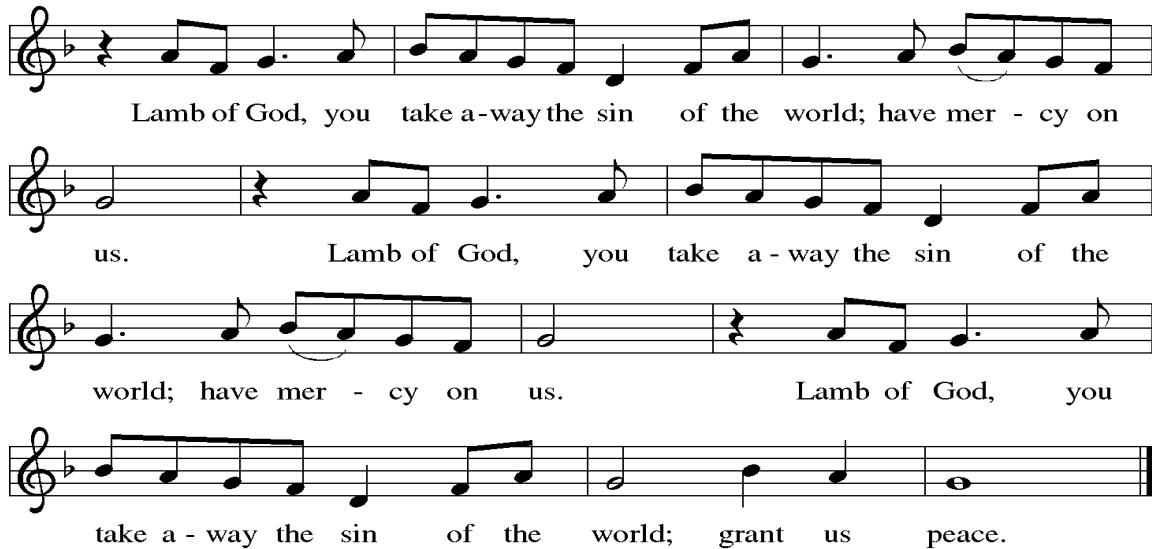
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

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

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P God fills the hungry with good things. Taste and see that the Lord is good.
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

*Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus
Blessed Be the God of Israel*

ELW HYMN 254

ELW HYMN 250

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 One, we give you thanks that in this bread and cup we have feasted again on your endless love. Let that love overflow more and more in our lives, that we may be messengers to prepare your way, harvesters of justice and righteousness, and bearers of your eternal Word, our Savior Jesus Christ.

C **Amen.**

SENDING

BLESSING

P May God direct your ways in peace, make you abound in love for one another and for all, and strengthen your hearts until the coming of our Lord Jesus. Almighty God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

Hark, the Glad Sound!

ELW HYMN 239

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Christ is with you.

C **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

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

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Worship Assistants									
Date	Greeter(s)	Usher(s)	Musicians	Lector	Acolyte	Altar Guild	Coffee Hosts	Assisting Minister	Presiding Minister
December 9, 2018	Bob & Linda Stone	Bob Horton	Mitchell Bean	Loni Reece	Cindy McGinnis	Pam Kobbeman & Team 3	Don & Charlotte O'Brien	Walt Laughlin	Pr. Dinah Dutta
December 16, 2018	Martha Nemeth	Duane Pomeroy	Laurie Jackson	Debbie Pomeroy	Rosie Nichols	Pam Kobbeman & Team 3	Frank & Glenda Visocsky & Monica Spencer	Vickie Jacobs	Pr. Dinah Dutta
December 23, 2018	Cindy McGinnis	Bob Horton	Mitchell Bean	Bob Horton	Laurie Jackson	Pam Kobbeman & Team 3	Dean McGinnis	Mary Heald	Pr. Dinah Dutta



See the insert in this bulletin for information about the liturgical study theme for midweek services.

Advent midweek services start with soup supper at 5:15 pm. Join us for food and fellowship. If you would like to bring soup on Dec. 19th, please call Loni Reece, 286-1959.

Doorstep needs volunteers to help with the Christmas Store December 9th through December 13th. If you have a donation for the Christmas Store, you may put it in the big red tub in the narthex.

OFFERING, ATTENDANCE, and FINANCIAL STATUS						
Date	General	Other	Total Weekly Income	Average Weekly Expense	Weekly Income Minus Average Weekly Expense	Attendance/ Communion
Nov. 11	\$2,007.00	\$52.00	\$2,059.00	-\$2,643.92	-\$584.92	52/41
Nov. 18	\$861.00	\$153.00	\$1,014.00	-\$2,643.92	-\$1,629.92	43/40
Nov. 25	snow day					
Dec. 2	\$4,641.00	\$33.00	\$4,674.00	-\$2,643.92	\$2,030.08	
The money shown in the "Other" column is restricted and not available for our general fund.						
			Income	Expense	Behind/Ahead	
		Nov. 2018	\$5,652.34	-\$6,096.12	-\$443.78	
		Jan. - Nov.	\$116,067.31	-\$104,396.42	\$11,670.89	

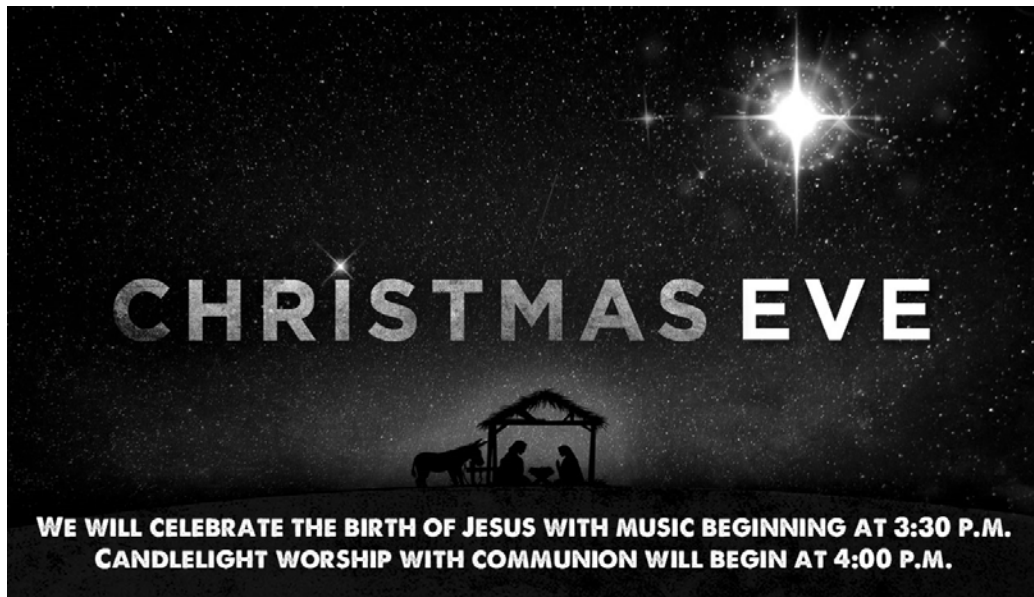
Remember our shut-ins!

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



UPCOMING EVENTS AT TRINITY

Today, Dec. 9	Adult Sunday School.....	9:15 AM
	.....Worship with Holy Communion.....	10:30 AM
	.....Youth Group Meeting	5:30 PM
Mon., Dec. 10	Treat Day @ BUSN	
	..... Women's AA.....	5:00 PM
Tues., Dec. 11.....	Quilters	9:00 AM
	.....Church Council Meeting.....	5:30 PM
Wed., Dec. 12	Priscilla Circle Bible Study.....	10:00 AM
	..... Women's AA.....	5:30 PM
	..... Historic Old Town NIA Meeting.....	6:30 PM
Thurs., Dec. 13.....	January 2019 <i>Trinity Tidings</i> deadline	
	.....Men's AA	7:00 PM
Sunday, Dec. 16.....	Adult Sunday School.....	9:15 AM
	.....Worship with Holy Communion.....	10:30 AM
	.....Community Meal & Smorgasbord	5:30 PM





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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