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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?*

March 17, 2019 2nd Sunday of Lent Luke 13:31-35



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March 17, 2019

Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Setting 2

Though we sometimes doubt and often resist God's desire to protect and save us, our God persists. In holy baptism, God's people have been called and gathered into a God-initiated relationship that will endure. Lent provides the church with a time and a tradition in which to seek the face of the Lord again. Lent provides another occasion to behold the God of our salvation in the face of the Blessed One who "comes in the name of the Lord."

GATHERING

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER

See Bulletin Cover

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Please stand as you are able.

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who gathers us in the wilderness to redeem us, anoint us, and make us new.

C Amen.

P In these forty days, let us be honest, confess our sin, and receive God's promise of mercy.

Silence for reflection.

P God at the margins,

C **We have wandered far from your home; again and again, we lose our way. We turn inward, afraid of the world around us. We forget that you have saved your people before and promise to do so again. Do not remember the deeds of our past, but turn our faces toward the future, where your forgiveness is sure, your welcome is clear, and your love overflows. Amen.**

P Like a hen who gathers her chicks, God embraces you in tender care. Like manna in the desert, God feeds you with surprising mercy. Like a loving parent, God runs to meet you again this day, forgiving your sins for the sake of ☩ Christ, leading you from death into life.

C Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

Lead On, O King Eternal

ELW HYMN 805

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



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



1 Lord God, heav-en - ly King, al - might-y God and Fa - ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.

Refrain



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



2 Lord Je - sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of



God, you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us; you are



seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

Refrain



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



3 For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,



you a-lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly



Spir-it, in the glo-ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Refrain



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P God of the covenant, in the mystery of the cross you promise everlasting life to the world. Gather all peoples into your arms, and shelter us with your mercy, that we may rejoice in the life we share in your Son, 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: GENESIS 15:1-12, 17-18

God promises a childless and doubting Abram that he will have a son, that his descendants will be as numerous as the stars, and that the land of Canaan will be their inheritance. Abram's trust in God is sealed with a covenant-making ceremony, a sign of God's promise.

¹After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." ²But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" ³And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." ⁴But the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." ⁵He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." ⁶And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness. ⁷Then he said to him, "I am the LORD who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess." ⁸But he said, "O Lord GOD, how am I to know that I shall possess it?" ⁹He said to him, "Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon." ¹⁰He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. ¹¹And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away. ¹²As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him. ¹⁷When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. ¹⁸On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, "To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates."

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM 27

Spoken responsively

¹The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear?

The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

²**When evildoers close in against me to devour my flesh,
they, my foes and my enemies, will stumble and fall.**

³Though an army encamp against me, my heart will not fear.

Though war rise up against me, my trust will not be shaken.

⁴**One thing I ask of the LORD; one thing I seek;**

**that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life; to
gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to seek God in the temple.**

⁵For in the day of trouble God will give me shelter,

hide me in the hidden places of the sanctuary, and raise me high upon a rock.

⁶**Even now my head is lifted up above my enemies who surround me.**

**Therefore I will offer sacrifice in the sanctuary, sacrifices of rejoicing;
I will sing and make music to the LORD.**

⁷Hear my voice, O LORD, when I call;

have mercy on me and answer me.

⁸**My heart speaks your message—"Seek my face."**

Your face, O LORD, I will seek.

⁹Hide not your face from me, turn not away from your servant in anger.

Cast me not away—you have been my helper; forsake me not, O God of my salvation.

¹⁰**Though my father and my mother forsake me,
the LORD will take me in.**

¹¹Teach me your way, O LORD;

lead me on a level path, because of my oppressors.

¹²**Subject me not to the will of my foes,
for they rise up against me, false witnesses breathing violence.**

¹³This I believe—that I will see the goodness of the LORD
in the land of the living!

¹⁴**Wait for the LORD and be strong.**

Take heart and wait for the LORD!

SECOND READING: PHILIPPIANS 3:17—4:1

Although Paul's devotion to Christ has caused him to be persecuted, he does not regret the course he has taken. Writing from prison, he expresses confidence in a glorious future and encourages other Christians to follow in his footsteps.

¹⁷Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. ¹⁸For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. ¹⁹Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are

set on earthly things. ²⁰But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. ²¹He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. ^{4:1}Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

LUTHER'S SMALL CATECHISM

During Lent, we are learning and studying Luther's Small Catechism as a means of Christian formation. Lent has always been a time that the church brought in new members to learn about Christ before their baptism on Easter Day. Therefore, let us all be new in faith during this season.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

P What is baptism?

C **Baptism is not simply plain water. Instead, it is water used according to God's command and connected with God's word.**

P What then is this word of God in Baptism?

C **Where our Lord Christ says in Matthew 28, "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit."**

P What gifts or benefits does baptism grant?

C **It brings about forgiveness of sins, redeems from death and the devil, and gives eternal salvation to all who believe it, as the words and promise of God declare.**

P How can water do such great things?

C **Clearly the water does not do it, but the word of God, which is with and alongside the water, and faith, which trusts this word of God in the water. For without the word of God the water is plain water and not a baptism, but with the word of God it is a baptism, that is, a grace-filled water of life.**

P What then is the significance of such a baptism with water?

C **It signifies that the old person in us with all sins and evil desires is to be drowned and die through daily sorrow for sin and through repentance, and on the other hand that daily a new person is to come forth and rise up to live before God in righteousness and purity forever.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



P The Holy Gospel, according to Luke, the thirteenth chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL: LUKE 13:31-35

Neither Herod's plotting nor Jerusalem's resistance to maternal love will deter Jesus from his sacrificial mission.

³¹At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to [Jesus,] "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." ³²He said to them, "Go and tell that fox for me, 'Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. ³³Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.' ³⁴Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! ³⁵See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.'"

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

SERMON

PASTOR ANDREW C. PATTY

HYMN OF THE DAY

God Loved the World

ELW HYMN 323

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 Seeking the grace, mercy, and love of almighty God, we offer our prayers for the church, for people in need, and for all of creation.

A brief silence.

A Compassionate God, call your people to stand firm as citizens of heaven. As we are humbled by your wondrous love, nurture such mercy in our hearts and ministries. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A Display your faithfulness to creation in the changing of the seasons. Orchestrate the great song of praise that comes from rivers, birds, mountains, livestock, and wind. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A Drown out the terror in the world with acts of lovingkindness and generosity. Release political leaders from pride and fear to act justly and to serve citizens. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A Rush to answer those who cry out to you in time of trial, especially Russell Winsor, Jane Velen, and Barbara Apps. Give shelter to your vulnerable children, and cover them in the comfort of your mothering wings. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A Grant solace to people who long to be parents, but have faced difficulty in bearing or adopting children. Build life-giving parent and child relationships for the sake of all. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A Draw the congregations of St. John Lutheran in Bendena, St. John Lutheran in Lancaster, St. Mark Lutheran in Atchison, and Zion Lutheran in Beloit ever closer to you. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A Bless Trey Horton and Carol Marker as they celebrate their birthdays and Cathy Tunnell, Jane Lewis, and Diane Bottorff as they remember their baptisms. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

P Build up your holy community of saints through the work of bishops and missionaries, like Patrick, whom we commemorate today. Spread your word through your people for the sake of the world. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

P Reveal your will as you receive our prayers, and conform our ways to your ways; through the saving work of Jesus Christ our 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 Generous God, you feed us with the harvest of the land, and you provide for our every need. Receive our gifts of money, imagination, and labor, and transform them into a feast that welcomes all, in Jesus Christ, our host and our guest.

C **Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

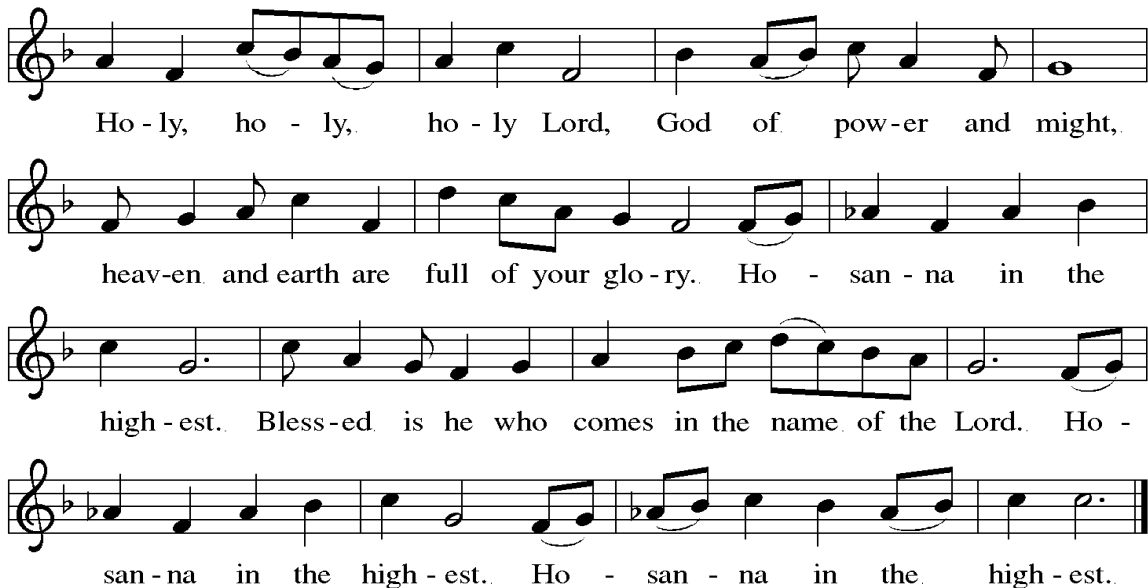
P Lift up your hearts.

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. You call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast, that, renewed in the gift of baptism, we may come to the fullness of your grace. 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.**

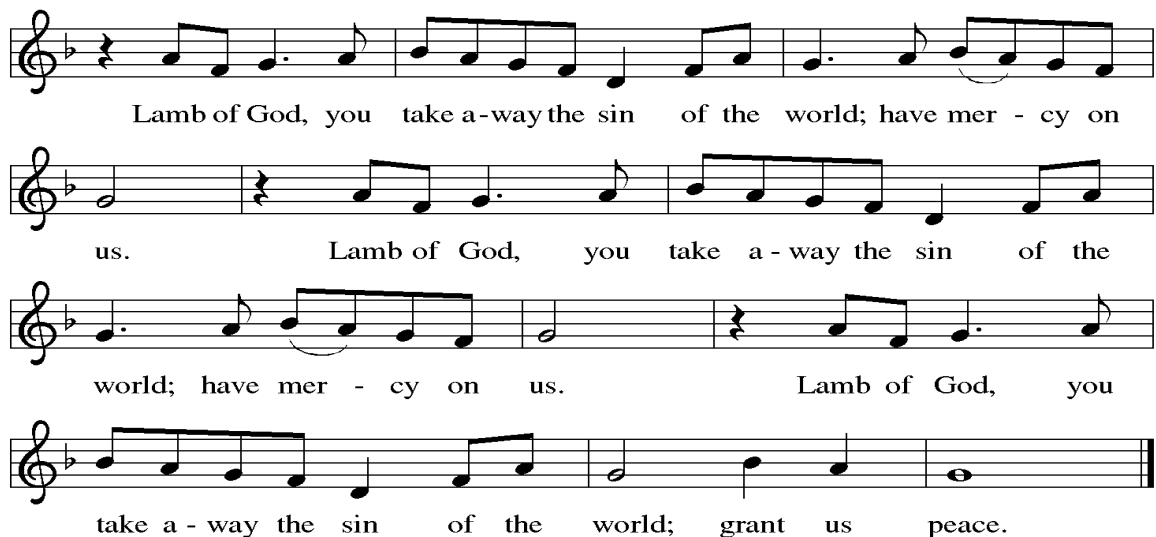
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

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

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P Christ has prepared the feast. Come to the table where all are welcomed home.
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.

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

*Faith of Our Fathers
I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say*

**ELW HYMN 812
ELW HYMN 332**

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 Tender and merciful one, at your feast, you fed us who brought nothing, turning our emptiness into joy. Filled with your abundant grace, send us now to be ministers of reconciliation, mending broken hearts, working for justice, and striving for peace among all people, in the name of Jesus Christ.

C Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

P God, who fills the creation with abundance, Christ, who spreads his arms in forgiveness, Holy Spirit, who draws ever near to us, ☩ bless you and bring you to life everlasting.

C Amen.

SENDING HYMN

How Firm a Foundation

ELW HYMN 796

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Remember the poor.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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Welcome to worship at Trinity!

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

Altar flowers are provided to the glory of God by Julie Reeves in memory of Jean Brooks Reeves.

| Worship Assistants | | | | | | | | | |
|--------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|
| Date | Greeter(s) | Usher(s) | Musicians | Lector | Acolyte | Altar Guild | Coffee Hosts | Assisting Minister | Presiding Minister |
| March 17, 2019 | Chuck Sodergren | Ted Murphy | Laurie Jackson | Shelley Andrews | Cindy McGinnis | Janeen Horton & Team 2 | Don & Charlotte O'Brien | Vickie Jacobs | Pr. Andrew Patty |
| March 24, 2019 | Cindy McGinnis | David McGinnis | Mitchell Bean | Marcy Carlson | LaVell Winsor | Janeen Horton & Team 2 | Andy & LaVell Winsor | Walt Laughlin | Pr. Andrew Patty |

| OFFERING, ATTENDANCE, and FINANCIAL STATUS | | | | | | |
|---|-----------------------|-------------|---------------------|------------------------|--|----------------------|
| Date | General | Other | Total Weekly Income | Average Weekly Expense | Weekly Income Minus Average Weekly Expense | Attendance/Communion |
| Feb. 17 | \$2,451.00 | \$334.00 | \$2,785.00 | -\$2,648.00 | \$137.00 | 35/33 |
| Feb. 24 | \$2,126.00 | \$325.00 | \$2,451.00 | -\$2,648.00 | -\$197.00 | 57/54 |
| Mar. 3 | Snow Day - No Service | | | | | |
| Mar. 10 | \$5,971.00 | \$120.00 | \$6,091.00 | -\$2,648.00 | \$3,443.00 | 42/37 |
| The money shown in the "Other" column is restricted and not available for our general fund. | | | | | | |
| | | | Income | Expense | Behind/Ahead | |
| | | Feb. 2019 | \$13,165.96 | -\$10,912.91 | \$2,253.05 | |
| | | Jan. - Feb. | \$20,870.45 | -\$17,181.86 | \$3,688.59 | |

Remember our shut-ins!

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| 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

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| Today, Mar. 17..... | Adult Sunday School..... | 9:15 AM |
| | Worship with Holy Communion..... | 10:30 AM |
| | Pr. Andrew C. Patty Installation Service..... | 4:00 PM |
| | Community Meal | 5:30 PM |
| | Youth Group Meeting | 5:30 PM |
| Mon., Mar. 18 | Women's AA..... | 5:00 PM |
| Tues., Mar. 19..... | Quilters | 9:00 AM |
| Wed., Mar. 20 | Priscilla Circle Bible Study..... | 10:00 AM |
| | Evening Prayer Worship..... | 5:15 PM |
| | Luther's Small Catechism Study | 5:45 PM |
| | Women's AA..... | 5:30 PM |
| Thurs., Mar. 21 | Men's AA | 7:00 PM |
| Fri. Mar. 22..... | Evening Prayer Worship..... | 5:15 PM |
| Sunday, Mar. 24 | Adult Sunday School..... | 9:15 AM |
| | Worship with Holy Communion..... | 10:30 AM |

Pr. Andrew's Installation & Community Meal March 17, 2019



The installation service today will be at 4:00 pm. Led by Pastor Roger Lenander, it will honor St. Patrick's Day with appropriate readings, Celtic hymns. and lots of green!

The Installation service will be followed by our community meal at 5:30 pm. The meal will feature a menu of potato soup and Irish stew! All are invited.



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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