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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 24, 2019

3rd Sunday of Lent



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Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Setting 2

The warnings are plentiful and blunt on the third Sunday in Lent. Lent is a season of repentance. Cut it out or get cut down! The warnings are accompanied by God's invitation to attentiveness: "Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live." The landowner's ultimatum is forestalled by the gardener's readiness to till the ground one more year. That is good news for all of us. Thanks be to God!

GATHERING

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER

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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

Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross

ELW HYMN 335

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 Eternal God, your kingdom has broken into our troubled world through the life, death, and resurrection of your Son. Help us to hear your word and obey it, and bring your saving love to fruition in our lives, 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: ISAIAH 55:1-9

To those who have experienced long years in exile, the return to their homeland is a celebration of abundant life. God calls them into an everlasting covenant of love. Those who return to the Lord will enjoy new life and forgiveness, because God's ways are not our ways.

¹Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. ²Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. ³Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. ⁴See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. ⁵See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you. ⁶Seek the LORD while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; ⁷let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the LORD, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. ⁸For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD. ⁹For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM 63:1-8

Spoken responsively

¹O God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you;

my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.

**²Therefore I have gazed upon you in your holy place,
that I might behold your power and your glory.**

³For your steadfast love is better than life itself;
my lips shall give you praise.

**⁴So will I bless you as long as I live
and lift up my hands in your name.**

⁵My spirit is content, as with the richest of foods,
and my mouth praises you with joyful lips,

**⁶when I remember you up- on my bed,
and meditate on you in the night watches.**

⁷For you have been my helper,
and under the shadow of your wings I will rejoice.

**⁸My whole being clings to you;
your right hand holds me fast.**

SECOND READING: 1ST CORINTHIANS 10:1-13

Paul uses images from Hebrew story and prophecy to speak the truth of Jesus Christ: He is our rock, our water, our food, and our drink. Christ is the living sign of God's faithfulness.

¹I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, ²and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, ³and all ate the same spiritual food, ⁴and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. ⁵Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness. ⁶Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. ⁷Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play." ⁸We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. ⁹We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. ¹⁰And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. ¹¹These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. ¹²So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. ¹³No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God

is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

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 COMMUNION

P What is Communion?

C **Holy Communion is the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ given with bread and wine, instituted by Christ himself for us to eat and drink.**

P What benefits do we receive from this sacrament?

C **The benefits of this sacrament are pointed out by the words, "given and shed for you for the remission of sins." These words assure us that in the sacrament, we receive forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation. For where there is forgiveness of sins, there is also life and salvation.**

P How can eating and drinking do all this?

C **It is not eating and drinking that does this, but the words "given and shed for you for the remission of sins." These words, along with eating and drinking, are the main thing in the sacrament. And whoever believes these words has exactly what they say, forgiveness of sins.**

P When is a person rightly prepared to receive this sacrament?

C **Fasting and other outward preparations serve a good purpose. However, that person is well prepared and worthy who believes these words, "given and shed for you for the remission of sins." But anyone who does not believe these words, or doubts them, is neither prepared or worthy, for the words "for you" require simply a believing heart.**

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 13:1-9

Asked about current tragic events, Jesus turns a lesson about whether suffering is deserved into a hard call to obedience. He then tells a parable that holds out hope that the timeline for ultimate judgment will be tempered by patience.

¹At that time some people who were present there told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with the blood of their sacrifices. ²He said to them in reply, “Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were greater sinners than all other Galileans? ³By no means! But I tell you, if you do not repent, you will all perish as they did! ⁴Or those eighteen people who were killed when the tower at Siloam fell on them—do you think they were more guilty than everyone else who lived in Jerusalem? ⁵By no means! But I tell you, if you do not repent, you will all perish as they did!” ⁶And he told them this parable: “There once was a person who had a fig tree planted in his orchard, and when he came in search of fruit on it but found none, ⁷he said to the gardener, ‘For three years now I have come in search of fruit on this fig tree but have found none. [So] cut it down. Why should it exhaust the soil?’ ⁸He said to him in reply, ‘Sir, leave it for this year also, and I shall cultivate the ground around it and fertilize it; ⁹it may bear fruit in the future. If not you can cut it down.’”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Please be seated.

SERMON

PASTOR ANDREW C. PATTY

HYMN OF THE DAY *Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound* **ELW HYMN 779**

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 Holy God, build up the body of Christ and cause the gifts of your Spirit to grow among us. Lead us to recognize your saving work through the spiritual practices you encourage. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A Water the earth with gentle rains and melting snow. Provide clean water for drinking, washing, and nourishing plants that will bear fruit for your creatures. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A Uphold people who speak your righteousness in the face of religious or political persecution. Receive martyrs into your everlasting peace. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A Provide relief for those suffering and in pain, especially Russell Winsor, Jane Velen, and Barbara Apps. Grant wisdom to health care workers who seek to diagnose ailments, and bring healing to patients. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A Promote unity within your church and among the nations. Uncover the common threads in our shared humanity, and keep us from making hasty judgments about others. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A Draw the congregations of Concordia Lutheran in Concordia, Falun Lutheran in Falun, Salemsborg Lutheran in Smolan, and Peace Lutheran in New Cambria, Kansas in to your care. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A Bless Pam Kobbeman and Helen Laughlin as they celebrate their birthdays and Chance Hutchison and Ed Emmons as they remember their baptisms. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

P Knit together the communion of saints, and bind us to Christ, our head. Through the diversity of gifts present in our communities, help us to overcome our limitations and increase our understanding of ourselves and others. 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.

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in a key of B-flat major (two flats) and 4/4 time. It consists of six systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line. The score ends with a double bar line.

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.**

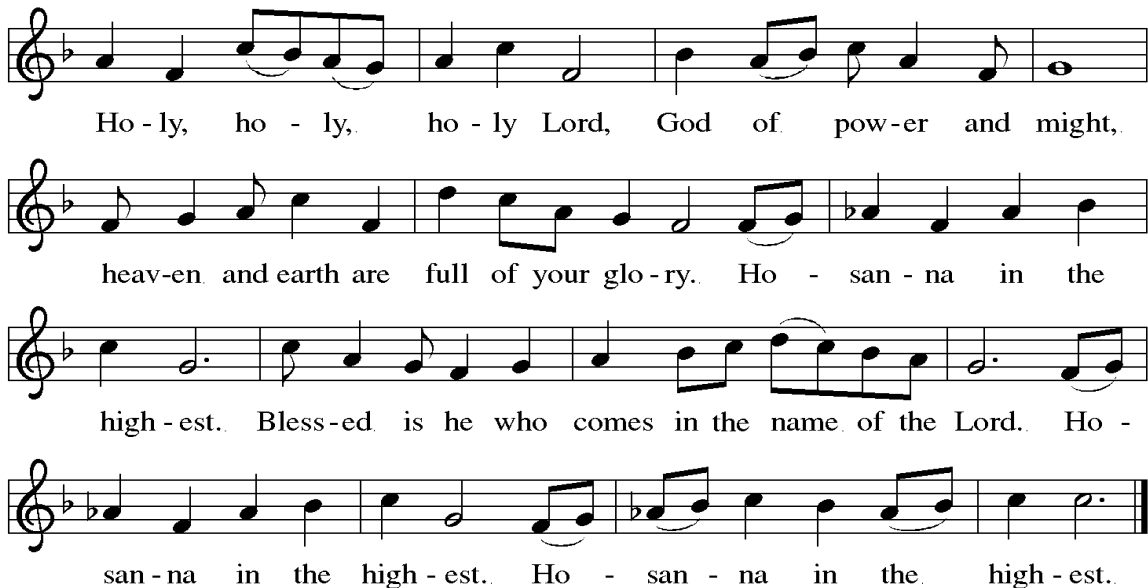
P Lift up your hearts.

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.**

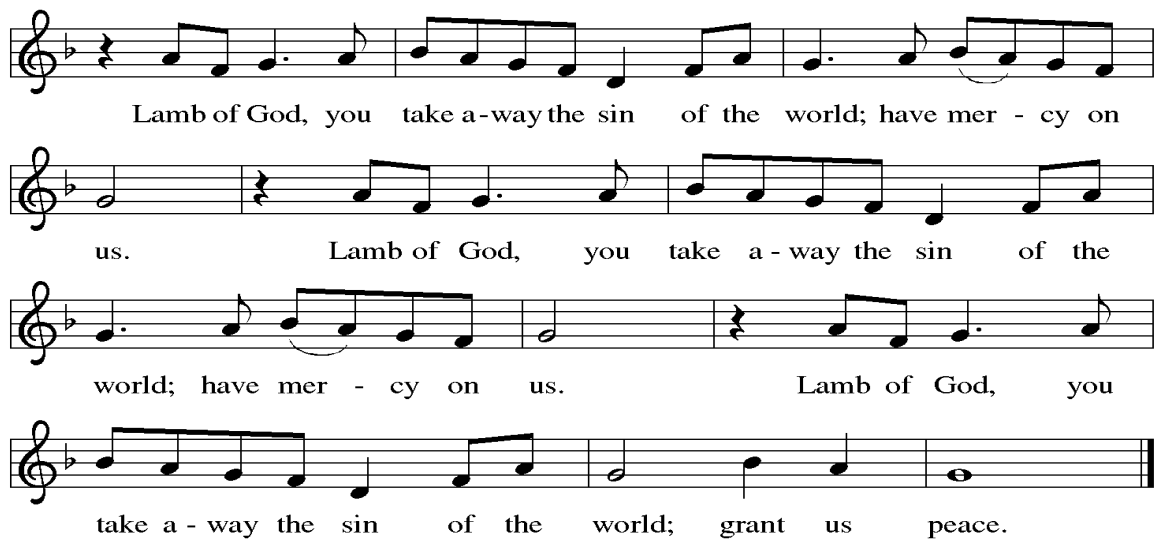
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

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	<i>Around You, O Lord Jesus</i>	ELW HYMN 468
	<i>Come to the Table</i>	ELW HYMN 481

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	<i>Jesus, Still Lead On</i>	ELW HYMN 624
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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

Worship Assistants									
Date	Greeter(s)	Usher(s)	Musicians	Lector	Acolyte	Altar Guild	Coffee Hosts	Assisting Minister	Presiding Minister
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
March 31, 2019	Martha Nemeth	Duane Pomeroy	Laurie Jackson	Diane Bottorff	Ted Murphy	Janeen Horton & Team 2	Rick & Janice Greenlee	Mary Heald	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. 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
Mar. 17	\$1,613.00	\$272.00	\$1,885.00	-\$2,648.00	-\$763.00	46/40
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!

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, Mar. 24.....	Adult Sunday School.....	9:15 AM
.....	Worship with Holy Communion.....	10:30 AM
Mon., Mar. 25	Women's AA.....	5:00 PM
Tues., Mar. 26.....	Quilters	9:00 AM
Wed., Mar. 27	Evening Prayer Worship.....	5:15 PM
.....	Luther's Small Catechism Study	5:45 PM
.....	Women's AA.....	5:30 PM
Thurs., Mar. 28.....	Men's AA	7:00 PM
Fri. Mar. 29.....	Evening Prayer Worship.....	5:15 PM
Sunday, Mar. 31	Adult Sunday School.....	9:15 AM
.....	Worship with Holy Communion.....	10:30 AM

Please see the order form included in this bulletin to place your order for an Easter lily. The lilies will be in the sanctuary for Easter worship service.

A message from the ELCA regarding mid-west storms & flooding:

Historic flooding in the Midwest has led to several deaths and damaged hundreds of homes, and more flooding is expected as snow melts this spring.

Your gifts will help address the needs of those affected by the flooding, and together we stand ready to provide assistance recovery efforts. Gifts designated for "U.S. Flooding" will be used in full (100 percent) to assist those directly impacted.

+You may give online here: <https://community.elca.org/usfloodingrelief>

+You can send a check payable to *Lutheran Disaster Response*. Write "U.S. Flooding" on the memo line & send to:

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P.O. Box 1809
Merrifield, VA 22116-8009

+Call **800-638-3522** to make a donation with a credit card. Operators are ready to assist you Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Central Time.



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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