



Caring for God's Creation

Easter Season 2019

April 28, 2019

Let the Fields be Jubilant and Everything In them;
Let the Trees of the Forest Sing for Joy! -Psalm 96

2nd Sunday of Easter

April 28, 2019

Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Setting 2

In spite of all we have heard and all we have seen, it is still hard to believe. Because it is hard to believe, we invest ourselves in the Easter mystery for fifty days (a week of weeks). Because it is hard to believe, John the evangelist provides sign after sign celebrating Jesus' victory over death. Because it is hard to believe, the Lord Jesus returns to us again and again in holy communion, inviting us to touch and taste his presence, and offering us his peace.

PRELUDE

GATHERING

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER

Please stand as you are able.

P Christ is Risen!

C **The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

P Let the fields be jubilant, and everything in them; let all the trees of the forest sing for joy. Let all creation rejoice before the Lord! Alleluia! Alleluia!

C **Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ, who in your self-emptying love gathered up and reconciled all creation to the Father. In all the galaxies of the heavens, we worship you. For all the creatures that grace the earth, we rejoice in you. In the deepest seas, we adore the work of your hand. And with all of them, we give you praise, grant that we may cherish the earth, our home, and live in harmony with this good creation, for you live and reign with the Father and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

C **Amen.**

P Let us come into the light, the revealing and healing light of God.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P God of grace and glory,

C **you have brought us through the night of sin into the light of Jesus' resurrection. Yet our lives are still shadowed by sin. Make us alive in Christ, O God. Make us new as you make all things new. Rescue us from evil and the gloom of sin, renew us in grace, and restore us to living in your holiness, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.**

P Rejoice with all creation around God's throne! The light of the risen Christ puts to flight all evil deeds, washes away sin, restores innocence to the fallen, casts out hate, brings peace, and humbles earthly pride. Jesus Christ loves you and ☩ frees you from your sins by his blood. To him be glory and dominion forever and ever!

C **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN

Thine Is the Glory

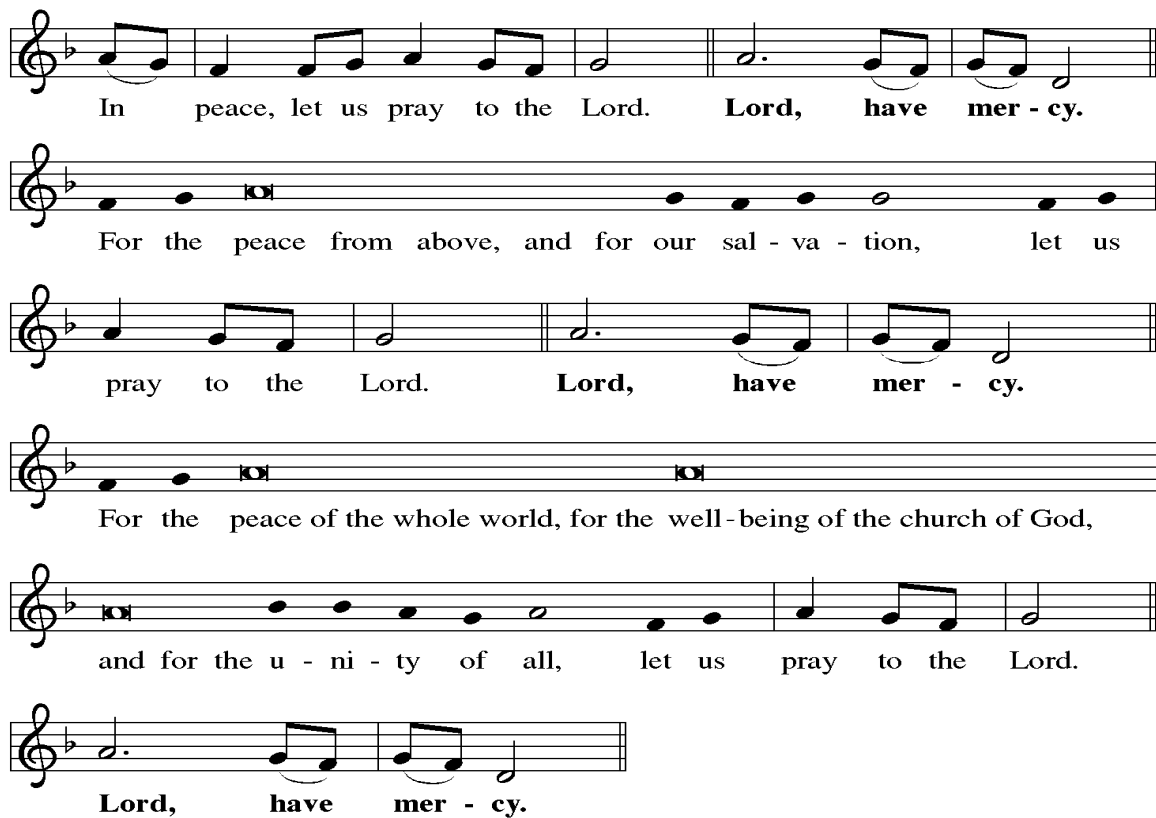
ELW HYMN 376

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 Let us pray. O God of life, you reach out to us amid our fears with the wounded hands of your risen Son. By your Spirit's breath revive our faith in your mercy, and strengthen us to be the body of 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: ACTS 5:27-32

Peter has been arrested for proclaiming the good news of Jesus' death and resurrection. His response to the charges of the high priest summarizes the early church's proclamation of forgiveness of sin through repentance.

²⁷When they had brought [the apostles,] they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, ²⁸saying, "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are

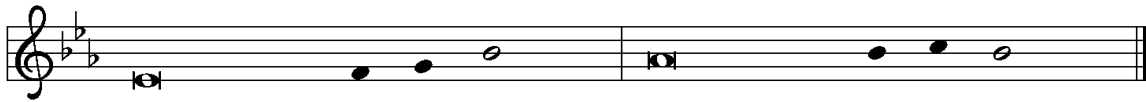
determined to bring this man's blood on us." ²⁹But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than any human authority. ³⁰The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. ³¹God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. ³²And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him."

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM 118:14-29

Sung responsively



¹⁴The LORD is my strength | and my song,
and has become | my salvation.

¹⁵**Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents | of the righteous:**
"The right hand of the | LORD acts valiantly!"

¹⁶The right hand of the LORD | is exalted!
The right hand of the | LORD acts valiantly!"

¹⁷**I shall not | die, but live,**
and declare the works | of the LORD.

¹⁸The LORD indeed pun- | ished me sorely,
but did not hand me o- | ver to death.

¹⁹**Open for me the | gates of righteousness;**
I will enter them and give thanks | to the LORD.

²⁰"This is the gate | of the LORD;
here the righ- | teous may enter."

²¹**I give thanks to you, for you have | answered me**
and you have become | my salvation.

²²The stone that the build- | ers rejected
has become the chief | cornerstone.

²³**By the LORD has | this been done;**
it is marvelous | in our eyes.

²⁴This is the day that the | LORD has made;
let us rejoice and be | glad in it.

²⁵**Hosanna! | O LORD, save us!**
We pray to you, LORD, pros- | per our days!

²⁶Blessed is the one who comes in the name | of the LORD;
we bless you from the house | of the LORD.

²⁷**The LORD is God and has giv- | en us light.**

Form a procession with branches up to the corners | of the altar.

²⁸**You are my God, and | I will thank you;**

you are my God, and I | will exalt you.

²⁹**Give thanks to the LORD, for the | LORD is good;**

God's mercy en- | dures forever.

SECOND READING: REVELATION 1:4-8

The book of Revelation recounts a mystical vision of the risen Christ, experienced by a Christian prophet named John. Here he describes Christ as a timeless redeemer, the beginning, present, and end of all time.

⁴John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, ⁵and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, ⁶and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. ⁷Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen. ⁸"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

L The Word of the Lord.

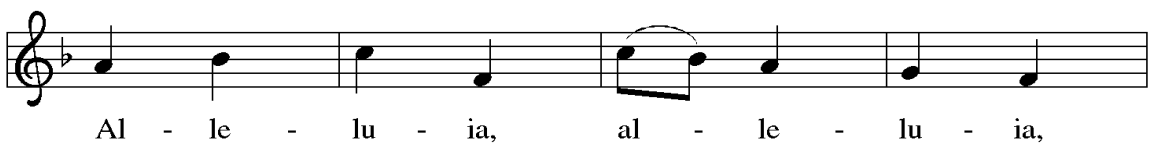
C Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

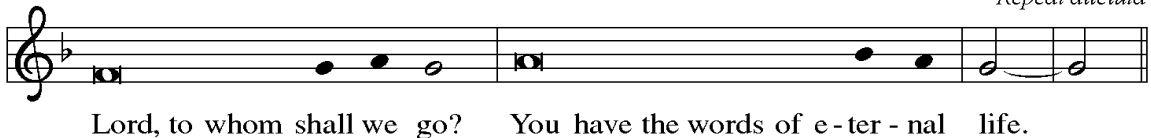
CHILDREN'S SERMON

PR. ANDREW PATTY

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Repeat alleluia



P The Holy Gospel, according to John, the twentieth chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL: JOHN 20:19-31

The unprecedented events of the day of resurrection continue as the risen Jesus appears to his fearful disciples. A week later, after Thomas worships Jesus, Jesus pronounces that the blessings of the resurrection are also for those who "have not seen and yet believe."

¹⁹On the evening of that first day of the week, when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." ²⁰When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²²And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained."

²⁴Thomas, called Didymus, one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came.

²⁵So the other disciples said to him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger into the nail-marks and put my hand into his side, I will not believe." ²⁶Now a week later his disciples were again inside and Thomas was with them. Jesus came, although the doors were locked, and stood in their midst and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe." ²⁸Thomas answered and said to him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."

³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. ³¹But these are written that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that through this belief you may have life in his name.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

SERMON

DEACON DAVE MARESKE

HYMN OF THE DAY

That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright

ELW 384

Please stand for the final verse 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 Trusting God's promise of new life, we pray for the renewal of the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

A Strengthen the witness of your church in all corners of the world. Make us and the congregations of St. Matthew Lutheran in Butler, Our Savior Lutheran in Camdenton, and Gloria Dei Lutheran in Kansas City, Missouri, and Reformation Lutheran in Wichita, Kansas visible signs of your grace so others see your goodness and come to believe. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A Breathe life and peace into your creation. Protect homes, fields, and communities from damaging winds. Bless environmentalists, engineers, legislators, and Lutherans Restoring Creation who work to curb pollution and to ensure clean air for us and for future generations. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A Give to all government leaders a renewed spirit of humility and servanthood, following the example of Christ, our leader, savior, and ruler. Uphold cease-fires, treaties, and all agreements and agencies that further the cause of peace on earth. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A By the resurrection of the wounded Christ, draw near to those wounded in body or spirit. Liberate all who are bound by grief, abuse, addiction, or pain. Restore faith to the despairing and hope to the suffering, especially Susan Fitz, Russell Winsor, and Jane Velen. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A Protect and provide for all whom you send out in mission across the world. Empower global mission organizations and partners who provide for the physical and spiritual needs of our neighbors. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A Bless Marsha Ridinger and Chance Hutchison as they celebrate birthdays this week, Lucille Brill, Trey Horton, and Helen Laughlin as they remember their baptisms, and Tom & Karen Arney as they celebrate their wedding anniversary. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

P We give you thanks for all the saints who believed in you and who now enjoy eternal life in your name. Sustain us with your everlasting presence, for you are Alpha and Omega, our beginning and our end. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

P We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God. Come near to us with your saving help, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our risen 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

Please stand as you are able.

OFFERTORY

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 Risen One, as you broke bread with the disciples on the shore, meet us now in this meal. Nourish us to follow you, using our gifts to feed the hungry and tend the weary, and all for your love's sake.

C **Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

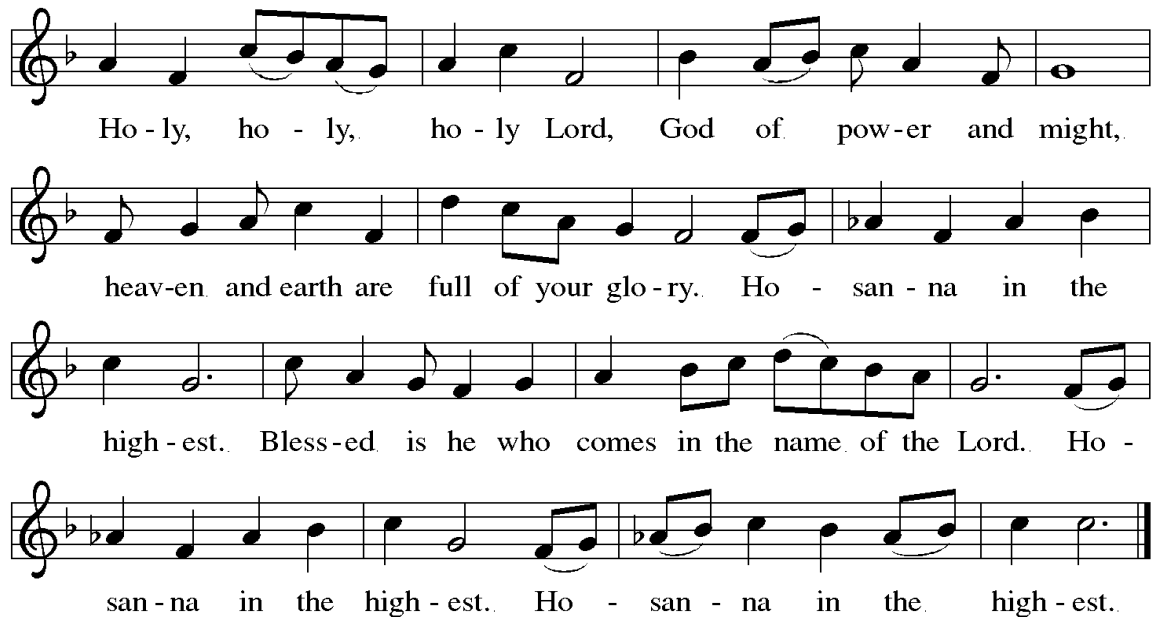
P Lift up your hearts.

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, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, 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 Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, gives everyone a place at the welcome table.

Alleluia! Come to the feast.

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 to receive communion or a blessing. Hands cupped open indicate a desire to receive communion; hands closed reflect a desire to receive a blessing. We now 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

Christ Is Risen! Alleluia!

ELW HYMN 382

O Jesus, I Have Promised

ELW HYMN 810

Please stand as you are able.

COMMUNION BLESSING

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A Let us pray.

Living God, you have greeted us in our brokenness and nourished us with the body of Christ, broken for us. Risen to new life with you, send us now to bear your healing love into the wounded world, in the name of our risen Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

P The blessing of the living God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, surround and sustain you, keep you from harm, and fill you with courage.

C Amen.

SENDING HYMN

This Joyful Eastertide

ELW HYMN 391

DISMISSAL

A You are the body of Christ raised up for the world. Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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 call 233.0767.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT TRINITY

Today, April 28 Worship with Holy Communion 10:30 AM
 Mon., Apr. 29 Women's AA 5:00 PM
 Tues., Apr. 30 Quilters 9:00 AM
 Wed., May 1 Women's AA 5:30 PM
 Thurs., May 2 Men's AA 7:00 PM
 Sunday, May 5 Worship with Holy Communion 10:30 AM

OFFERING, ATTENDANCE, and FINANCIAL STATUS

Date	General	Other	Total Weekly Income	Average Weekly Expense	Weekly Income Minus Average Weekly Expense	Attendance/Communion
Mar. 31	\$2,028.00	\$438.00	\$2,466.00	-\$2,648.00	-\$182.00	48/44
Apr. 7	\$4,281.00	\$106.00	\$4,387.00	-\$2,648.00	\$1,739.00	45/42
Apr. 14	\$2,601.00	\$27.00	\$2,628.00	-\$2,648.00	-\$20.00	49/44
Apr. 21	\$2,648.59	\$37.00	\$2,685.59	-\$2,648.00	\$37.59	89/108
The money shown in the "Other" column is restricted and not available for our general fund.						
			Income	Expense	Behind/Ahead	
		Mar. 2019	\$10,769.00	-\$9,326.51	\$1,442.49	
		Jan. - Feb.	\$31,639.45	-\$26,941.70	\$4,697.75	

Worship Assistants

Date	Greeter(s)	Usher(s)	Organist	Lector	Acolyte	Altar Guild	Coffee Hosts	Assisting Minister	Presiding Minister
April 28, 2019	Chuck Sodergren	Ted Murphy	Mitchell Bean	Mary Heald	Curt Lewis	Charlotte Blenden & Team 3	Curt & Jane Lewis	Mary Heald	Deacon Dave Mareske
May 5, 2019	Marilyn Hypse	Howard Reece	Laurie Jackson	Walt Laughlin	LaVell Winsor	Diane Bottorff & Team 1	Junior & Liz Utech		Pr. Andrew Patty
May 12, 2019	Walt & Helen Laughlin	Curt Lewis	Mitchell Bean	Diane Bottorff	Laurie Jackson	Diane Bottorff & Team 1	Bob & Janeen Horton	Mary Heald	Pr. Andrew Patty



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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