

Theses for Today



"Out of love for the truth and the desire to bring it to light..." -Martin Luther

Reformation Sunday

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WOV Bread of Life, Setting 5

On this day we celebrate the heart of our faith: the gospel of Christ—the good news—that makes us free! We pray that the Holy Spirit would continue to unite the church today in its proclamation and witness to the world. In the waters of baptism we are made one body; we pray for the day that all Christians will also be one at the Lord's table.

PRELUDE

GATHERING

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER

Please stand as you are able.

C Eternal God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, give us your Holy Spirit who writes the Word of the Gospels into our hearts. May we receive and believe it and be cheered and comforted by it in eternity. Glorify your Word in our hearts and make it so bright and warm that we may find pleasure in it, through your Holy Spirit. May we think what is right, and by your power fulfill the Word in our lives, for the sake of Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. Amen. *Prayer of Martin Luther*

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

C Amen.

P Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Gracious God,

C have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

P There is rejoicing in heaven when sinners repent. Put your trust in these promises: God will never leave you or forsake you. You who were lost have been found. For the sake of ☩ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Rejoice with the angels at this good news.

C Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

ELW HYMN 503

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



Ⓐ Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: Ⓞ Lord, have mer - cy.
Lord, have mer - cy:



Ⓐ Chri - ste e - le - i - son: Ⓞ Christ, have mer - cy.
Christ, have mer - cy:



Ⓐ Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: Ⓞ Lord, have mer - cy.
Lord, have mer - cy:

HYMN OF PRAISE



☐ Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;



glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



☐ 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.



☐ Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;



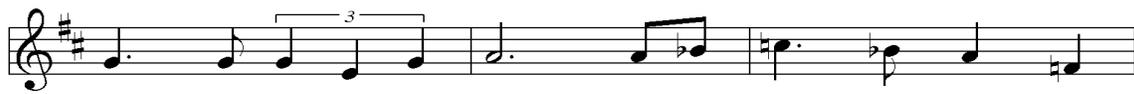
glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



☐ 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.



☐ Glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



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



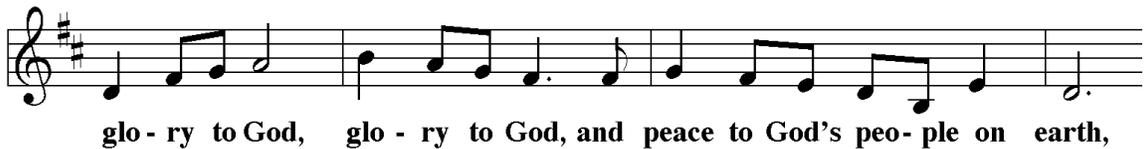
you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly



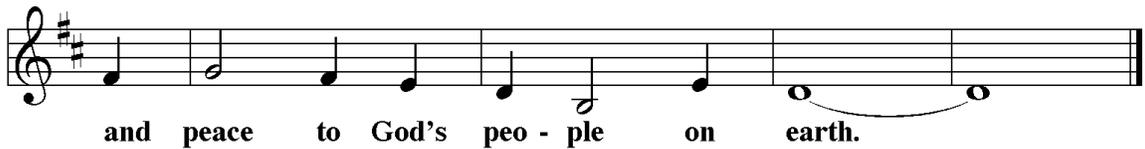
Spir - it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther, A - men.



☐ Glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth,



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 Almighty God, gracious Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, 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: JEREMIAH 31:31-34

The renewed covenant will not be breakable, but like the old covenant it will expect the people to live upright lives. To know the Lord means that one will defend the cause of the poor and needy (Jer. 22:16). The renewed covenant is possible only because the Lord will forgive iniquity and not remember sin. Our hope lies in a God who forgets.

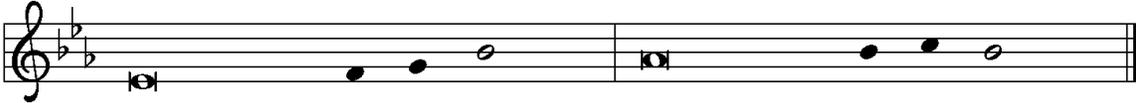
³¹The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³²It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. ³³But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the LORD,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God

Psalm 46

Sung responsively



- ¹God is our ref- | uge and strength,
a very present | help in trouble.
- ²**Therefore we will not fear, though the | earth be moved,
and though the mountains shake in the depths | of the sea;**
- ³though its waters | rage and foam,
and though the mountains tremble | with its tumult.
- ⁴**There is a river whose streams make glad the cit- | y of God,
the holy habitation of | the Most High.**
- ⁵God is in the midst of the city; it shall | not be shaken;
God shall help it at the | break of day.
- ⁶**The nations rage, and the | kingdoms shake;
God speaks, and the earth | melts away.**
- ⁷The LORD of | hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob | is our stronghold.
- ⁸**Come now, regard the works | of the LORD,
what desolations God has brought up- | on the earth;**
- ⁹behold the one who makes war to cease in | all the world;
who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the | shields with fire.
- ¹⁰**“Be still, then, and know that | I am God;
I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted | in the earth.”**
- ¹¹The LORD of | hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob | is our stronghold.

SECOND READING: ROMANS 3:19-28

Paul’s words stand at the heart of the preaching of Martin Luther and other Reformation leaders. No human beings make themselves right with God through works of the law. We are brought into a right relationship with God through the divine activity centered in Christ’s death. This act is a gift of grace that liberates us from sin and empowers our faith in Jesus Christ.

¹⁹Now we know that whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. ²⁰For “no human being will be justified in his sight” by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin. ²¹But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, ²²the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, ²³since all have sinned and fall short of

the glory of God; ²⁴they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to show his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; ²⁶it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus. ²⁷Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith. ²⁸For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

Al - le - lu - ia. You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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

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

GOSPEL: JOHN 8:31-36

Jesus speaks of truth and freedom as spiritual realities known through his word. He reveals the truth that sets people free from sin.

³¹Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, “If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; ³²and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.” ³³They answered him, “We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, ‘You will be made free?’” ³⁴Jesus answered them, “Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin.

³⁵The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. ³⁶So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Please be seated.

SERMON

PASTOR ANDREW C. PATTY

HYMN OF THE DAY

Built on a Rock

ELW HYMN 652

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 Knowing the one in whom we trust, and with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

A God, our refuge and strength, you make all things new. Reform your church so that our life together bears witness to your unmerited love. Free us from sin and write the law of love on our hearts. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A Reform our relationships with you, with one another, and with all creation. Restore this good earth, the home you entrust to our care. Enrich soils, cleanse waters, and purify the air. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A Bring an end to war and to the violence that shakes the nations and worries your people. When voices of fear threaten to overwhelm us, fill the earth with your peace and strength. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A Be the present help of those suffering the tumult of illness, poverty, abandonment, and uncertainty. Bring your calm and healing to those in need, especially Susan Fitz and Monica Spencer. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A In this community, O Lord, we are all sinners and saints. In our dealings with one another and in our witness in the world, help us trust in your mercy, freely offering others what you give us. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A Join with us as we pray for our sister congregations of the Kaw Prairie Community in Lenexa and San Juan (Partners) Ministry in Wichita, Kansas, Bethel Lutheran in St. Louis and Peace Lutheran in Sullivan, Missouri. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A Watch over and bless Charlotte O'Brien as she celebrates her birthday and Frank & Glenda Visocsky and Don & Charlotte O'Brien as they celebrate their wedding anniversaries. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A We remember before you those who have died in Christ and now live in the fullness of salvation. We trust your presence now even as we wait for your glory to be revealed. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Trusting and delighting in you, we commend all our lives into your loving hands. We offer these prayers in the name 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.

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

OFFERING
OFFERTORY

Please stand as you are able.



☐ Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bles - sing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were



sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.



Gath-er the hopes and dreams of all; u - nite them with the prayers we



of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence,



Lord, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

A God our provider, we bring nothing into this world and we can take nothing out of it. Accept the gifts you have first given us, which we bring to your table, and with them the offering of our lives. Nourish us now with the life that really is life, revealed to us in Jesus Christ, 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. 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 Come to this table, you who have much faith and you who would like to have more. You who have been often, and you who have not been for a long time. Come. It is Christ who invites us to meet him here. These are the gifts of God for the people of God.

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, 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

I Come with Joy
Now We Join in Celebration

ELW HYMN 482

ELW HYMN 462

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.

CANTICLE

☞ Thank - ful hearts and voic - es raise; tell ev - 'ry -
one what God has done. Let all who seek the
Lord re - jice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.
Send us with your prom - is - es, O God, and
lead us forth in joy with shouts of thanks -
giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A God of blessing, at this table we have seen you face to face, and in the gift of Christ's body and blood, our hearts have been refreshed. Send us now to shine with your goodness and bear witness to the one we have received: Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

SENDING

RECOGNITION OF FIRST COMMUNION FOR ELLA BOSCH

P Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, who comes to us at the blessed feast of Holy Communion, have watch over Ella as she grows in faith through your sacrament. May she learn more about your grace in the years to come and may we be a community of love and support to further her knowledge of you. In the name of Jesus Christ, our host of this blessed meal.

C Amen.

BLESSING

P Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us. Almighty God ☩ bless you with grace, mercy, and peace, now and forever.

C Amen.

SENDING HYMN

The Church of Christ, in Every Age

ELW HYMN 729

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Live in love as Christ loved us.

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



Today, we welcome Ella Bosch to the Lord's table as she receives her first communion. Ella is the daughter of Erin Lewis, granddaughter of Curt & Jane Lewis and great-granddaughter of Chuck Sodergren



Trinity's garage sale is scheduled for Saturday, November 9th. We already have a couple of volunteers to help that day, but more will be needed. Donations of items to sell are also welcome.

Mark you calendars for 1st Lutheran's *A Taste of First Lutheran Church* on today, October 27. Polka worship at 4:00 pm, followed by German dinner at 5:30.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT TRINITY

Today, Oct. 27	Reformation Sunday.....	
.....	Adult Sunday School	9:15 AM
.....	Worship with Holy Communion	10:30 AM
.....	with Celebration of 1st Communion	
Mon., Oct. 28	Women's AA	5:00 PM
Tues., Oct. 29	Quilters.....	9:00 AM
Wed., Oct. 30	Women's AA	5:30 PM
Thurs., Oct. 31	Men's AA.....	7:00 PM
Sunday, Nov. 3.....	Adult Sunday School	9:15 AM
.....	Worship with Holy Communion	10:30 AM

We are looking forward to November 17 when Pr. Gary Teske will be with us to talk about our companion churches in other parts of the world.

Our Companion Synods give us the opportunity to engage with Companion Christians who live out their faith in different parts of the world. As we come together with our CoSyn Lutheran Christians in Papua New Guinea and Russia, blessings and learning flows both ways.

Every congregation in the Central States Synod is encouraged to celebrate the World-wide church we are a part of and to find ways to walk more closely together with our partners in Papua New Guinea, Russia, and around the globe.

Also, Camp Tomah Shinga together with the Companion Synod Team are working through the ELCA International Camp Counselor Program to bring two young adults from PNG to work as counselors at Camp Tomah Shinga in the summer of 2020. Through their interaction with campers and weekend visits around the synod we gain a greater understanding of the people and the church in Papua New Guinea and they learn camp songs, group building games and bible study methods to take back with them to enrich the church in Papua New Guinea. The 2019-20 goal for these two PNG projects is \$10,000.00.



Doorstep is need of the following items during October:

Food: cereal, caned fruit, tuna, ramen noodles, peanut butter & jelly, hamburger helper, egg noodles

Clothes: men's underwear, socks, shoes, jeans through size 40, women's underwear, diapers size 5 and 6

Doorstep is starting to collect for Christmas Store to replace the items lost due to sewer backup in August. Specifically they are needing all types of new clothes, blankets, toys and back to school supplies (including backpacks)

When shopping for items to help Doorstep, please remember the food pantry we have here at Trinity. Word has gotten around that we have one available and we have visitors requesting food three to four times a week. There are a lot of hungry people in this town. Please remember them when grocery shopping and pick up a few extra items to share.



OFFERING, ATTENDANCE, and FINANCIAL STATUS						
Date	General	Other	Total Weekly Income	Average Weekly Expense	Weekly Income Minus Average Weekly Expense	Attendance/Communion
Sept. 29	\$983.00	\$946.00	\$1,929.00	-\$2,648.00	-\$719.00	38/35
Oct. 6	\$3,258.00	\$0.00	\$3,258.00	-\$2,648.00	\$610.00	43/43
Oct. 13	\$1,380.00	\$111.00	\$1,491.00	-\$2,648.00	-\$1,157.00	32/29
Oct. 20	\$2,044.00	\$0.00	\$2,044.00	-\$2,648.00	-\$604.00	41/39
The money shown in the "Other" column is restricted and not available for our general fund.						
			Income	Expense	Behind/Ahead	
		July 2019	\$12,248.50	-\$8,788.61	\$3,459.89	
		Jan. - July	\$74,593.54	-\$74,275.72	\$317.82	

Shawn Nowak died Sept. 19, 2019. Shawn was a member of Trinity, though not active recently. She had been living at Luther Place.

Worship Assistants									
Date	Greeter(s)	Usher(s)	Organist	Lector	Acolyte	Altar Guild	Coffee Hosts	Assisting Minister	Presiding Minister
October 27, 2019	Marilyn Heckman	Ted Murphy	Laurie Jackson	Duane Pomeroy	Duane Pomeroy	Pam Kobbeman & Team 3	Duane & Debbie Pomeroy	Mary Heald	Pr. Andrew Patty
November 3, 2019	Sam & Charlotte Blenden	Howard Reece	Mitchell Bean	Loni Reece		Carol Marker & Team 1	Junior & Liz Utech	Vickie Jacobs	Pr. Andrew Patty
November 10, 2019	Marilyn Hypse	Bob Horton	Laurie Jackson	Betty Quarnstrom		Carol Marker & Team 1	Bob & Janeen Horton	Rosie Nichols	Pr. Andrew Patty
November 17, 2019	Linda Longren	Curt Lewis	Laurie Jackson	Debbie Pomeroy		Carol Marker & Team 1	Walt & Helen Laughlin	Walt Laughlin	Pr. Andrew Patty
November 24, 2019	Martha Nemeth	Dean McGinnis	Mitchell Bean	Junior Utech		Carol Marker & Team 1	Frank & Glenda Visocsy & Monica Spencer	Marsha Ridinger	Pr. Andrew Patty

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	



As a reminder...Due to HIPPA and Privacy Laws, hospitals and care facilities are not allowed to notify us when patients are admitted. Therefore, we ask that you or a friend or family member contact the church office if you will be entering a hospital or care facility, if you are unable to attend worship due to illness or mobility, or if you would like your name or that of a friend or family member included in the prayers. Call 233-0767 or email office@topekatlc.org.

To be added to the prayer chain, please contact Barbara Apps at 785-249-7244. She will get the prayer chain started.



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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