

FOR THE LAW  
WAS GIVEN  
THROUGH  
MOSES

January 5, 2020

BUT

**GRACE AND TRUTH**

CAME  
THROUGH  
JESUS  
CHRIST

JOHN 1:17

**2nd Sunday of Christmas**

**January 5, 2020**

**Advent Setting**

*The feast of Epiphany concludes the Christmas season with a celebration of God's glory revealed in the person of Jesus Christ. In the lessons, that glory is proclaimed for all nations and people. Like the light of the star that guided the magi to Jesus, the light of Christ reveals who we are: children of God who are claimed and washed in the waters of baptism. We are sent out to be beacons of the light of Christ, sharing the good news of God's love to all people.*

**HYMN SING ALONG**

*See page 13*

**PRELUDE**

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**GATHERING**

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**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**OPENING PRAYER**

*Please stand as you are able.*

**C God of power and mercy, you call us once again to celebrate the coming of your Son. Remove those things which hinder our love of you, that when Christ comes, he may find us waiting in awe and wonder for him who lives and reigns with God the Father and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever more. Amen.**

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

**P** Shout for joy, all of the heavens and earth rejoice for this news! The glory of the Lord will be revealed, and all people will see it. For as it was promised by our forefathers.

**C Rejoice! Shout for joy! See our king is coming. He is righteous and brings salvation to the whole of the earth.**

**P** The voice of the messenger echoes from the desert, calling us to prepare the way of the Lord and to make a path on which he may come into our lives. Let us confess our sins, so that our crooked paths may lead us straight to your humble resting place with Christ.

**P** Gracious Lord Jesus,

**C you come to us with the good news of salvation, but too often we fail to notice. You come to us day by day, yet we close the doors of our hearts when it seems convenient to do things our own way. We ignore your presence in our lives and the ways you lead us in moments of need. We have failed to act justly, to love with mercy, and to walk humbly just as you did. Forgive us, merciful Lord. May we live so that the world will know that you have come. Amen.**

**P** In the example of John the Baptist, we hear the promise of the Lord that is to come and his warning: "Change your hearts and lives today! Here comes the kingdom of heaven!" (*Matthew 3:2*) I therefore declare yours sins are forgiven in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN

*Son of God, Eternal Savior*

ELW 655

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

ST. THEODULPH (151 G)

Hail to the Lord's A - noint - ed, great Da - vid's great - er Son!

Hail in the time ap - point - ed his reign on earth be - gun!

He comes to break op - pres - sion, to set the cap - tive free,

to take a - way trans - gres - sion, and rule in eq - ui - ty.

## HYMN OF PRAISE

Lift up your heads, you might - y gates; be - hold, the  
Fling wide the por - tals of your heart; make it a  
So, come, my Sov - 'reign, en - ter in; let new and

King of Glo - ry waits; the King of Kings is  
tem - ple set a - part from earth - ly use for  
no - bler life be - gin; the Ho - ly Spir - it

draw - ing near, the Sav - ior of the world is here.  
heav'n's em - ploy, a - dorned with prayer and love and joy.  
guide us on, un - til our glo - rious goal is won.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P O God, on this day you revealed your Son to the nations by the leading of a star.

Lead us now by faith to know your presence in our lives, and bring us at last to the full vision of your glory, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

*Please be seated.*

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## WORD

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### FIRST READING: ISAIAH 60:1-6

*Jerusalem is assured that nations will make a pilgrimage to her because the light of God's presence is in her midst. The bountiful food of the sea and the profits of international trade will come streaming to Jerusalem and thereby declare God's praise.*

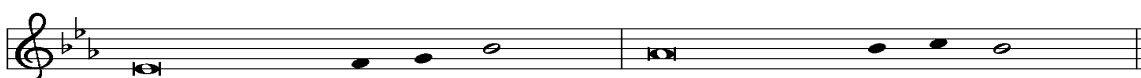
<sup>1</sup>Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. <sup>2</sup>For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. <sup>3</sup>Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. <sup>4</sup>Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms. <sup>5</sup>Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. <sup>6</sup>A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD.

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God**

**Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14**

*Sung responsively*



<sup>1</sup>Give the king your jus- | tice, O God,  
and your righteousness to | the king's son;  
<sup>2</sup>**that he may rule your | people righteously**  
**and the | poor with justice;**  
<sup>3</sup>that the mountains may bring prosperity | to the people,  
and the | hills, in righteousness.  
<sup>4</sup>**Let him defend the needy a- | mong the people,**  
**rescue the poor, and crush | the oppressor.**  
<sup>5</sup>May he live as long as the sun and | moon endure,  
from one generation | to another.  
<sup>6</sup>**Let him come down like rain upon | the mown field,**  
**like showers that wa- | ter the earth.**  
<sup>7</sup>In his time may the | righteous flourish;  
and let there be an abundance of peace till the moon shall | be no more.  
<sup>10</sup>**May the kings of Tarshish and of the | isles pay tribute,**  
**and the kings of Sheba and Seba | offer gifts.**  
<sup>11</sup>May all kings bow | down before him,  
and all the nations | do him service.  
<sup>12</sup>**For the king delivers the poor who cry out | in distress,**  
**the oppressed, and those who | have no helper.**  
<sup>13</sup>He has compassion on the low- | ly and poor,  
and preserves the lives | of the needy.  
<sup>14</sup>**From oppression and violence he re- | deems their lives,**  
**and precious is their blood | in his sight.**

## SECOND READING: EPHESIANS 3:1-12

*What had been hidden from previous generations is now made known through the gospel ministry of Paul and others. In Christ both Jews and Gentiles participate in the richness of God's promised salvation.*

<sup>1</sup>This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles—<sup>2</sup>for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you, <sup>3</sup>and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, <sup>4</sup>a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. <sup>5</sup>In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: <sup>6</sup>that is, the Gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. <sup>7</sup>Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given me by the working of his power. <sup>8</sup>Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, <sup>9</sup>and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; <sup>10</sup>so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. <sup>11</sup>This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, <sup>12</sup>in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

*Please stand as you are able.*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The musical notation consists of two systems, each with a treble and bass staff. The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The melody is written in the treble staff, and the bass line is in the bass staff. The lyrics 'Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.' are written below the treble staves. The first system ends with a double bar line, and the second system also ends with a double bar line.

P The Holy Gospel, according to Matthew, the second chapter.

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

**GOSPEL: MATTHEW 2:1-12**

*God's promise shines bright in the night as magi follow a star to honor a new king. Strangers from a faraway land, they welcome the long-awaited messiah of Israel.*

<sup>1</sup>When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, <sup>2</sup>saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." <sup>3</sup>When King Herod heard this, he was greatly troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. <sup>4</sup>Assembling all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. <sup>5</sup>They said to him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for thus it has been written through the prophet: <sup>6</sup>"And you, Bethlehem, land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; since from you shall come a ruler, who is to shepherd my people Israel."<sup>7</sup>Then Herod called the magi secretly and ascertained from them the time of the star's appearance. <sup>8</sup>He sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search diligently for the child. When you have found him, bring me word, that I too may go and do him homage." <sup>9</sup>After their audience with the king they set out. And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was. <sup>10</sup>They were overjoyed at seeing the star, <sup>11</sup>and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. <sup>12</sup>And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed for their country by another way.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*Please be seated.*

**SERMON**

**PASTOR GARY TESKE**

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

*Thy Strong Word*

**ELW HYMN 511**

*Please stand for the final verse of the hymn.*

**Magnificat**

P In the words of Mary, let us proclaim our joy in the coming of Christ.

C **My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my Savior; for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant. From this day all generations will call me blessed: the Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his Name. He has mercy on those who fear him in every generation. He has shown the strength of his arm, he has cast down the mighty from their thrones, and has lifted up the lowly. He has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent away empty. He has come to the help of his servant Israel, for he has**

**remembered his promise of mercy. The promise he made to our fathers, to Abraham and his children forever.**

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

**THE PRAYERS**

A Gathered with all who seek the Christ child, let us pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

*A brief silence.*

A Faithful God, continue to provide dedicated leaders and passionate people for your church, so that wisdom and compassion in all its rich variety may be made known throughout the world. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

A Creating God, your glory shines around us in every star, creature, and person. Liberate us from the ways we destroy your creation. Free us to care for the earth so that all experience your bountiful goodness. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

A Give your justice to the leaders of the world, O God. Endow them with humble courage to defend the cause of the poor and give deliverance to those in need, so that peace abounds in all countries. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

A By the guidance of a star, you led the magi to pay homage to the Christ child. Protect new families, those who live alone, travelers, those who suffer loss, and all others in need, especially Walt Laughlin, Dorothy Strom, Martha Nemeth, and Kathryn Axelton. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

A Ever-present One, in Christ Jesus we boldly come before you in worship. Nurture and encourage all who gather for worship, those who serve in worship leadership roles, and all who participate in the work of this faith community. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

P Generous God, throughout time you have given us people who have shown us the gift of your grace. Inspire us by their faithfulness to serve you and all your people. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

P Into your gracious hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your steadfast mercy; through 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.*

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## PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

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OFFERING

*Please stand as you are able.*

OFFERTORY

Where true char - i - ty and love a - bide,

God is dwell - ing there; God is dwell - ing there.

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

A Generous God, you have given us life, this community, and these gifts of the earth that become the meal of your grace. Move in our hearts, that we might use your gifts to bring hope and blessing wherever we go, through Christ our Lord.

C **Amen.**

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

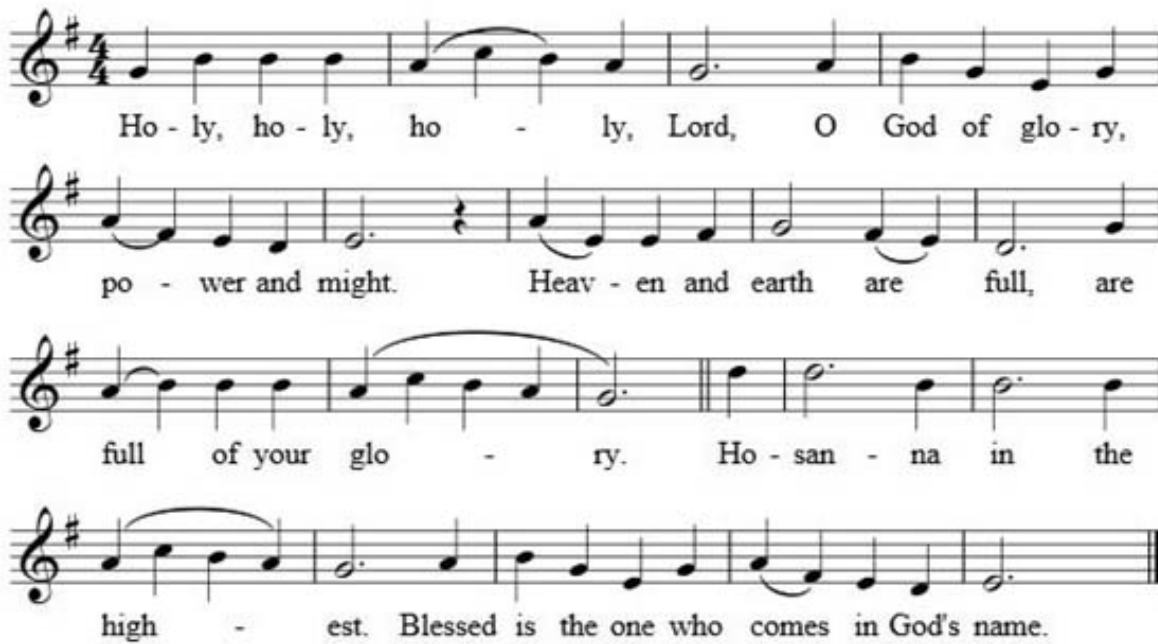
P Lift up your hearts.

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. You comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer, through whom you will also make all things new in the day when he comes to judge the world in righteousness. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



#### EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

P Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life:  
Blessed are you for the birth of creation.  
Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light.  
Blessed are you for your promise to your people.  
Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams.  
Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will.  
Blessed are you for your Son Jesus,  
the Word made flesh.

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.

P With this bread and cup we remember your Word dwelling among us, full of grace and truth. We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection. We look with hope for his coming. Come, Lord Jesus.

P Holy God, we long for your Spirit.

**C Come among us.**

P Bless this meal.

**C May your Word take flesh in us.**

P Awaken your people.

**C Fill us with your light.**

P Bring the gift of peace on earth.

**C Come, Holy Spirit.**

P All praise and glory are yours, Holy One of Israel, Word of God incarnate, Power of the Most High, one God, now and forever. Amen.

#### 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 Love has come: God's love for all people. Come and eat, for Christ invites you.  
*Please be seated.*

#### LAMB OF GOD

Lamb of God Take away our sins  
A - - men, A - - way our sins men.

Have mer - - - - - cy on us. 2 times  
A - - - - - men.

*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.*

<b>COMMUNION HYMNS</b>	<i>Of the Father's Love Begotten</i>	<b>ELW HYMN 295</b>
	<i>The First Noel</i>	<b>ELW HYMN 300</b>

*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** Emmanuel, God with us, you grace us with life and breath and give us bread for the journey. Send us out in service to this world that you love, telling the amazing news of your coming to be Savior and Lord of all.

**C Amen**

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### **SENDING**

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#### **BLESSING**

**P** Grace from God's own heart, peace from the ☩ Child in the manger, and strength from the Spirit of life be blessings for you today and forever.

**C Amen.**

<b>SENDING HYMN</b>	<i>Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!</i>	<b>ELW 385</b>
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#### **SENDING**

**A** Christ is born! Go tell it on the mountain and everywhere. Tell of this good news!

**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 contact the  
church office at 785.233.0767*

Please remember to take your poinsettia home with you today if you have not already done so.



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#### HYMN SING-ALONG

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BE THOU MY VISION .....ELW 793  
WHAT A FRIEND WE HAVE IN JESUS .....ELW 742  
AS WITH GLADNESS MEN OF OLD .....ELW 302  
THIS LITTLE LIGHT OF MINE.....ELW 677  
GOD BE WITH YOU TILL WE MEET AGAIN .....ELW 536

Worship Assistants									
Date	Greeter(s)	Usher(s)	Musicians	Lector	Acolyte	Altar Guild	Coffee Hosts	Assisting Minister	Presiding Minister
January 5, 2020	Donna Allen	Walt Laughlin	Laurie Jackson	Mary Heald	Curt Lewis	Charlotte Blenden & Team 3	Curt & Jane Lewis	Mary Heald	Pr. Gary Teske
January 12, 2020	Don & Charlotte O'Brien	Curt Lewis	Mitchell Bean	Bob Horton	Laurie Jackson	Charlotte Blenden & Team 3	Mike & Laurie Jackson	Rosie Nichols	Pr. Andrew Patty
January 19, 2020	Marilyn Heckman	Howard Reece	Laurie Jackson	Walt Laughlin	LaVell Winsor	Charlotte Blenden & Team 3	Rick & Janice Greenlee	Vickie Jacobs	Pr. Andrew Patty
January 26, 2020		Bob Horton	Mitchell Bean	Linda Longren	Marcy Carlson	Charlotte Blenden & Team 3	Marcy Carlson & Janelle Meredith	Ted Murphy	Pr. Andrew Patty



**PLEASE NOTE:** the date of our annual meeting is **January 26, 2020**, immediately after worship.

Work on the annual report booklet will begin in early January. **The deadline to submit reports to be included in the booklet is January 6th.** You may review the index of previous reports to see what reports are needed, or call the office, 233-0767.

*Remember our shut-ins!*

Kathryn Axelton    Peggy Buchholz    Marlene Hassan  
Lucille Brill        Don Longren        Roy O'Neil



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

### UPCOMING EVENTS AT TRINITY

Today, Jan. 5 .....	Adult Sunday School.....	9:15 AM
.....	Hymn Sing Along .....	10:15 AM
.....	Worship with Holy Communion.....	10:30 AM
Mon., Jan. 6 .....	Women's AA.....	5:00 PM
Tues., Jan. 7 .....	Quilters .....	9:00 AM
Wed., Jan. 8 .....	Women's AA.....	5:30 PM
Thurs., Jan. 9 .....	Men's AA .....	7:00 PM
Sunday, Jan. 12.....	Adult Sunday School.....	9:15 AM
.....	Worship with Holy Communion.....	10:30 AM
.....	Blood Pressure Checks .....	after worship
.....	W&M meeting .....	11:30 AM

Pr. Andrew will be on vacation January 3 through January 11, 2020. Please contact the office, 785-233-0767, or Cindy, 785-506-5614, if emergency pastoral care is needed.

Please welcome Pr. Gary Teske to worship today as he fills in for Pr. Andrew.

OFFERING, ATTENDANCE, and FINANCIAL STATUS						
Date	General	Other	Total Weekly Income	Average Weekly Expense	Weekly Income Minus Average Weekly Expense	Attendance/Communion
Dec. 15	\$7,155.00	\$16.00	\$7,171.00	-\$2,648.00	\$4,523.00	24/24
Dec. 22	\$2,425.00	\$28.00	\$2,453.00	-\$2,648.00	-\$195.00	44/39
Dec. 24	\$243.00	\$33.00	\$276.00	-\$2,648.00	-\$2,372.00	62/48
Dec. 29	\$7,315.00	\$506.00	\$7,821.00	-\$2,648.00	\$5,173.00	29/25
The money shown in the "Other" column is restricted and not available for our general fund.						
			Income	Expense	Behind/Ahead	
		Oct 2019	\$10,081.95	-\$20,727.61	-\$10,645.66	
		Jan. - Oct	\$100,689.86	-\$116,755.04	-\$16,065.18	



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!

**T**ogether in Community • **L**iving with Christ • **C**aring for Neighbors

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