



Second Sunday in Lent February 21, 2016

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church
Pam Illick, Vicar



We extend our welcome and Christ's love to all who gather for worship today. We're glad you're here! If you are a visitor, please sign the guest register at the rear of the sanctuary and join us for worship again. We have a transport chair available to members and guests when needed. Please ask an usher for assistance.

These forty days called Lent are like no other. It is our opportune time to return to the God who rescues; to receive the gifts of God's grace; to believe with the heart and confess with the mouth the wonder of God's love in Jesus; and to resist temptation at every turn. This is no small pilgrimage on which we have just embarked. It is a struggle Jesus knew. It is a struggle Jesus shares. The nearness of the Lord, in bread and wine, water and word, will uphold and sustain us.

As Lutherans, we believe that the bread and wine of Holy Communion are signs given by God that Christ is fully present among us. We invite you to participate in receiving this miraculous presence. If you are unable to receive either the bread or the wine, be assured that even in the words, Christ is present to you. You are welcome to come to the Table to be fed and nurtured with us.

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE & QUIET MEDITATION

GATHERING

The assembly stands and faces the font (if you are able).

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

☩ Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who brings us safely through the sea, who gives us water from the rock, who leads us into the land of milk and honey.

☩ Amen.

P Let us come home to God, confessing our sin.

P Merciful Father,

C we have sinned against heaven and before you. We do not fully live as your sons and daughters. We use your gifts to our own ends. Forgive us and restore us, that we may resist all that draws us away from you, and be at peace with one another. Amen.

P We are reconciled to God through Christ; for his sake, God does not count our trespasses against us. Once dead in sin, we are now alive to God. Once lost, we now are found. God clothes you in the finest robe of all, the righteousness of † Jesus Christ, forgiving you all your sins and making of you a new creation.

C Amen.

GATHERING SONG *Lord Christ, When First You Came to Earth* (ELW 727)

GREETING

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

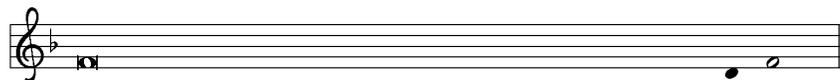
C And also with you.

KYRIE

The assisting minister leads the Kyrie.



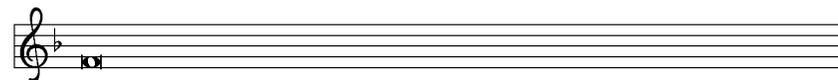
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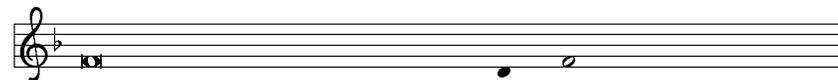
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



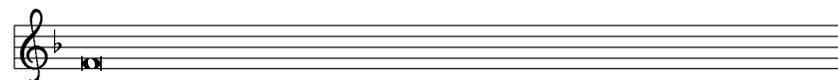
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



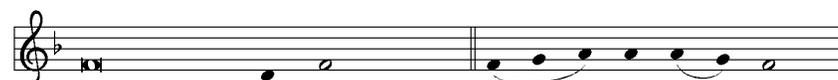
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



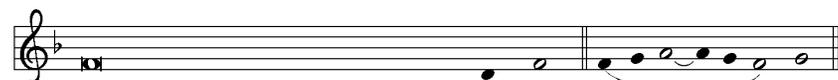
Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

God of the covenant, in the mystery of the cross you promise everlasting life to the world. Gather all peoples into your arms, and shelter us with your mercy, that we may rejoice in the life we share in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

The assembly is seated.

WORD

FIRST READING: Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

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

☒ A reading from Genesis.

¹After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." ²But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" ³And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." ⁴But the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." ⁵He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." ⁶And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

⁷Then he said to him, "I am the LORD who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess." ⁸But he said, "O Lord GOD, how am I to know that I shall possess it?" ⁹He said to him, "Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon." ¹⁰He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. ¹¹And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

¹²As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him.

¹⁷When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. ¹⁸On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, "To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates."

☒ Word of God, word of life.

☑ Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 27

Ladies read regular type.

Men read bold print.

¹The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear?
The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

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

³Though an army encamp against me, my heart will not fear.
Though war rise up against me, my trust will not be shaken.

⁴**One thing I ask of the LORD; one thing I seek;
that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of
my life; to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to seek
God in the temple.**

⁵For in the day of trouble God will give me shelter,
hide me in the hidden places of the sanctuary, and raise me high
upon a rock.

⁶**Even now my head is lifted up above my enemies who
surround me.
Therefore I will offer sacrifice in the sanctuary, sacrifices
of rejoicing; I will sing and make music to the LORD.**

⁷Hear my voice, O LORD, when I call;
have mercy on me and answer me.

⁸**My heart speaks your message— "Seek my face."
Your face, O LORD, I will seek.**

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

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

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

¹¹Teach me your way, O LORD;
lead me on a level path, because of my oppressors.

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

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

¹⁴**Wait for the LORD and be strong.
Take heart and wait for the LORD!**

SECOND READING: Philippians 3:17--4:1

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

☒ A reading from Philippians.

¹⁷Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. ¹⁸For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. ¹⁹Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. ²⁰But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. ²¹He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. ^{4:1}Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

☒ Word of God, word of life.

☑ Thanks be to God.

The assembly stands to welcome the Gospel.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL: Luke 13:31-35

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

☒ The holy gospel according to St. Luke..

☑ Glory to you, O Lord.

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

☒ The gospel of the Lord.

☑ Praise to you, O Christ.

The assembly is seated.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

The assembly remains seated for the Hymn of the Day.

HYMN OF THE DAY *O, How He Loves You and Me* (insert)

The assembly stands.

CREED

☒ With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

☑ 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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A Hearing the call to return to the Lord, let us join the whole people of God in prayer for all who cry out in pain and in hope.

A For the beauty of the stars, we turn to you in thanksgiving, O Lord. By their vast number and light, remind us of your covenant with Abram and deep love for all creation. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A For peace and justice in our neighborhoods, we turn to you, O Lord. Where gangs, domestic violence, or kidnappings cause your children to live in fear, give courage and wisdom to those in authority. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A For the sick in our congregation and our community, we turn to you, O Lord. Gather all who live with illness under your wings (especially). Make us instruments of your healing. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A For the prophets and all the faithful departed, we turn to you in thanks, O Lord. Empowered by their witness, may we stand firm in you until the day we see you face-to-face. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

P To you, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your boundless mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C Amen.

PEACE

The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ.

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C And also with you.

The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say, "Peace be with you," or similar words.

The assembly is seated.

MEAL

OFFERING

An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need.

SPECIAL MUSIC

OFFERTORY *(The assembly stands.)*



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



bless - ing. 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 the dreams of all; u -



nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your

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

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OFFERING PRAYER

A God our provider, you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life. Bless us and these your gifts, which we receive from your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

It is indeed right, our du - ty and our joy,

that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you,

al - mighty and merciful God, through our Sav - ior Je - sus Christ.

You call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the

pas - chal feast, that re - newed in the gift of bap - tism,

we may come to the full - ness of your grace.

And so, with all the choirs of an - gels,

with the church on earth and the hosts of heav - en,

we praise your name and join their un - end - ing hymn:

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HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,

heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -

san-na. 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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P Holy God,

our living Water and our merciful Guide,
together with rivers and seas, wells and springs
we bless and magnify you.

You led your people Israel through the desert,
and provided them water from the rock.

We praise you for Christ, our Rock and our Water,
who joined us in our desert,
pouring out his life for the world.

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.

Remembering, therefore,
his life, death, and resurrection,
we await your salvation for all this thirsty world.

Pour out your Spirit on this holy food
and on all the baptized gathered for this feast:
wash away our sin,
that we may be revived for our journey by the love of Christ.

Through him all glory and honor is yours,
Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit,
in your holy Church,
both now and forever.

C Amen

LORD'S PRAYER

P Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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 All who thirst, all who hunger,
come and be filled with the goodness of God.

The assembly is seated.

COMMUNION

Communicants will proceed up the center aisle at the direction of the ushers. If you wish to receive the wine from the pouring chalice, please pick up an individual cup from the table at the head of the aisle. After receiving the bread from the pastor, proceed to the pouring chalice or the common cup to receive the wine. Return to your seat by the side aisle.

If you prefer to receive a blessing, come forward with your arms crossed over your chest. If you would like to have communion brought to your seat, please indicate your wish to one of the ushers, and the pastor come to you.

When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

and each person may respond

Amen.

COMMUNION SONG

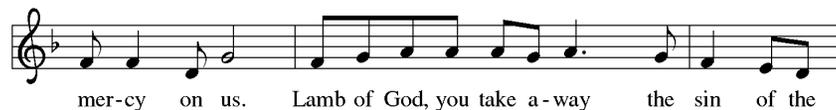
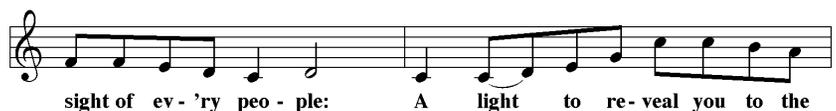


TABLE BLESSING *(The assembly stands.)*

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve us in eternal life.

C Amen.

SONG AFTER COMMUNION



PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A O God, we thank you for gathering and feeding us as a mother hen embraces her young. Release us now to go on our way in these forty days, ready to see our work as prayer, ready to fast from complacency, and ready to share with those in need; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

P The blessing of God Almighty, the wisdom and power of ✠ Christ Jesus, and the light of the Holy Spirit be among you and remain with you always.

C Amen.

SENDING SONG *Blessed Assurance* (ELW 638)

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Share God's message of love through your words and actions with others

C We will. Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

Worship is ended: our service begins.

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FOR YOUR INFORMATION

- PRAYER AND SUPPORT -



Please keep these people in your prayers: Phyllis Baker, Cookie Beck, Jean Benedict, Katie Bondroff, Sarah Foose, Timmy Gaines, Jarrett Hall, Ulysses Jones, Laura Lentz, Jim Miller, Pearl Minnich, Adeline Plaine, LaVon and Marvin Rose, Brian Sease, Marie Seidel, Pastor Ray Shriver, Raleigh Sunday.

Special prayers for: The people in Beirut, Baghdad, Paris, and all people around the world who suffer and mourn.

Please let the church office know when the special needs for those on the prayer list are resolved so that we can keep our list updated.

Anyone needing **pastoral care** may contact Vicar Pam at (443) 876-4736 or at pillick@ltsg.edu

- UPCOMING EVENTS -

Join the **Lunch Bunch** Sundays after worship for lunch out (except on Sundays when we have Coffee & Conversation). **Today we will meet at Keystone Family Restaurant.** We invite all to be with us for this time of fellowship as we enjoy a meal together.



Items for the **March Newsletter** are due tomorrow afternoon by 4 p.m. Place all items in the newsletter tray in the office or send an e-mail to admin@trinityrouzerville.org.

The **Redevelopment Team** meets tomorrow evening at 7 p.m. Members of the congregation are always welcome at these meetings.

Because of the weather last Tuesday, very few were able to attend our monthly breakfast. Therefore, we will have planned another **Breakfast** for Tuesday, February 23, 9 a.m. at Parlor House. Please join us for this time of fellowship.

- STEWARDSHIP -

Sharing the abundance of God's gifts to us of time, talents and wealth with others

Flower, Bulletin and Candle Sponsor Charts: Are you thinking of a way to honor a loved one's birthday, anniversary, accomplishment, baptismal anniversary, or to just say, "I love you?" Is there a special person whose life you would like to memorialize? Sponsoring flowers, bulletins and/or candles is a great way to do that! Check out the bulletin board in the hallway off the narthex for more information. **The lists for 2016 are now posted.**

- FAITH FORMATION: -

During Lent, the **Adult Forum** that meets at 9:30 a.m. each Sunday in the Social Room is using the ELCA Educational Series on world hunger. This is a chance to reflect on hunger, hope, and God's love in a world of both abundance and need and is an excellent time to help your own spiritual growth. Won't you join us for the six special sessions? All are welcome.

Youth Sunday School: Available on Sunday morning at 9:30 for children of all ages. Everyone invite a child to come to Sunday School!!

Please join us on Wednesday evening for our **Mid-Week Lenten Taizé Service.** The characteristics of Taizé are repetitive, simple songs that are intended to create a prayerful meditative experience, silence, and sung prayer. Our time of Taizé will begin at 6:30 p.m. and conclude at 7 p.m. Please enter into the worship space in silence.

- COMMUNITY MINISTRY NEAR AND FAR -

We continue to collect greeting cards for the **St. Jude's Ranch for Children Recycled Card Program.** Only the front of the card is used and must not contain writing. We cannot accept cards from Hallmark, Disney, and American Greetings. There is a collection box at the back of the sanctuary. We collect all year long. Save your cards. Cards currently collected will be sent to St. Jude's in late February.



This joint ministry with the Rouzerville Church of the Brethren, continues throughout the year on the first and third Saturdays of each month starting at 9 a.m. See the back of the sanctuary for a list of needed products for its clients. Please note that the program does not collect food items or previously used personal care items.

Trinity's Encourager Ministry provides encouragement and outreach to our faith community. If you know of someone who could use a card, phone call, etc., let one of the members of the Evangelism Committee know. Contacts are made for special occasions/accomplishments in our lives such as an anniversary, new baby, baptism, first communion, confirmation, get well, graduation, retirement, sympathy, thinking of you, volunteer, wedding, etc. Members are Earl Duffey, Charlotte Kuhs, Sondra Musser, Judi Rice, and Donna Swauger.

Respite Stays are available at Luther Ridge. A respite stay is a convenient option when planned or unforeseen circumstances require you to seek temporary senior housing for your loved one. Knowing they can move seamlessly into a care environment that supports their wellness needs provides peace of mind when you are called away for business or vacation, or if you just need a short break from care giving. A respite care stay also offers guests and family members the extra security of personal assistance during an illness or after a hospitalization. Call (717) 264-5700 for more information.



Agnus Day by James Wetstein



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- February 21-27 -

- Sunday..... 12:15 p.m. - Lunch Bunch at Keystone Family Restaurant
- Monday..... 4:00 p.m. - March Newsletter Items Due
- Monday..... 7:00 p.m. - Redevelopment Team
- Tuesday..... 9:00 p.m. - Breakfast at Parlor House
- Wednesday..... 6:30 p.m. - Taizé Lenten Service
- Wednesday..... 7:00 p.m. - Creative Christian Ladies
- Friday 10:00 a.m. - Coffee, Tea & Theology at Christine's Café
- Friday 6:00 p.m. - Daisy Scouts

- February 28 - March 5 -

- Sunday..... 9:30 a.m. - Youth Sunday School & Adult Forum
- Sunday..... 10:45 a.m. - Holy Communion
- Sunday..... 12:15 p.m. - Lunch Bunch at Rolling Mill Restaurant
- Wednesday..... 6:30 p.m. - Taizé Lenten Service
- Wednesday..... 7:00 p.m. - Creative Christian Ladies
- Thursday..... 7:00 p.m. - Faith Study
- Friday 6:00 p.m. - Brownies



- Our Stewardship -

	Current Fund
Last Week	\$1,635
Year to Date	\$6,866
Attendance Last Sunday -26	

**- Current Income/Expenses -
To January 31**

Income	\$4,172
Expenses	\$6,735
Deficit	\$2,563

The altar flowers are dedicated to the glory of God and are placed by Kevin and Cindy Sherman in honor of their daughter Taylor on her birthday.

The bulletins are a gift to the glory of God from Lee and Lora Jean Greenawalt.

- SERVING THIS MORNING -

Ministers The Disciples of Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church
 (1 Peter 2:4-10)

Vicar Pam Illick Presiding Minister
 Earl Duffey Assisting Minister
 Amy Dennis Lector/Communion Assistant
 Katherine Dennis Crucifer
 Linda Weddle Nursery
 Sherri Kayhoe & Carol Snyder Altar Care
 Brenda Rice, Jenny Rice, Rhonda Rice Pianists/Organists
 Joanne Crider Usher
 June Ecker Usher
 Marie Seidel Usher
 Linda Weddle Usher
 June Ecker Youth Sunday School
 Earl Duffey & Rusty Kreitz Offering Tellers

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 Donna Swauger Usher
 Judi Rice Youth Sunday School
 Richard Berklite & Ruth Strausbaugh Offering Tellers

Six Marks of Discipleship

Daily Prayer
 Weekly Worship
 Bible Reading
 Service
 Spiritual Friendships
 Giving

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- Our Mission -

The mission of Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church of Rouzerville, Pennsylvania is to build, strengthen, and increase our faith community to better love and serve God – and the world community – with the guidance of the Holy Spirit.



- Our Vision -

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church is a flourishing, Spirit-filled, Christ-centered home for all.



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.