Welcome: What a joy it is that you have joined us today as we worship our Savior, Jesus Christ. His perfect life, death and resurrection have won for us forgiveness of sins, life and salvation.

We extend a warm welcome to everyone, especially to you who are guests. Please sign the guest book and join us again soon! If there is any way we can serve you, please speak to the Pastor.

Opening Hymn…………………………………………...# 379

Invocation
Minister: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Congregation: Amen.

Confession of Sins
M: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God out Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

Soloist:
V 1. Lord, I come, I confess
Bowing here I find my rest
Without You I fall apart
You're the One that guides my heart

Chorus:
Lord, I need you, Oh, I need you
Every hour I need you
My one defense, my righteousness
Oh God, how I need you

C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Soloist:
V2. Where sin runs deep, your grace is more
Where grace is found is where you are
And where you are, Lord, I am free
Holiness is Christ in me

Soloist and Congregation
Chorus:
Lord, I need You, Oh, I need you
Every hour I need you
My one defense, my righteousness
Oh God, how I need you

M: God, our heavenly Father has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Soloist and Congregation
Chorus:
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Scripture Lessons…………………………………Exodus 32:7-14
………………………………...1 Timothy 1:12-17

Hymn………………………………………………………………..# 339

Sermon………………………………………………………………..Luke 15:1-10
THIS MAN WELCOMES SINNERS

Offering and Prayers
Holy Communion

Words of Institution
Distribution - Distribution Hymn # 304 (32 if needed)
Prayer of Thanks
Blessing
HEARING GOD’S WORD
Trinity: 46 St. John’s: 72

OFFERINGS TO OUR LORD
Trinity: $807.50 St. John’s: $2,109.00

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE
Sunday: 8:30 AM – Worship with Holy Communion – Trinity
9:00 AM – Sunday School Classes – St. John’s
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10:00 AM – Worship with Holy Communion – St. John’s
11:00 AM – Bible Study – St. John’s
Tuesday: 9:00 AM – Bible Study – Trinity
7:30 PM – Bible Study – St. John’s
Wednesday: 6:30 PM – Joint Catechism Class at St. John’s
Thursday: 2:00 PM – Ladies’ Aid Meeting – St. John’s
Friday: 10:15 AM – Janesville Nursing Home Service
Next Sunday: 10:00 AM – Joint Mission Festival at Trinity
Followed by Potluck Dinner

Announcements:
Holy Communion will be offered in our services today. We practice Close Communion. Visitors from our sister congregations in the WELS and ELS are welcome to commune with us. If you are a guest and wish to commune, please speak to the Pastor before the service.

All are invited to sing with the choir at our joint Mission Festival next week – we’ll meet after today’s services to run through the song.

Thanks to Joel Berg, David Bilitz and Pastor Bilitz for playing guitar and Sarah Berg for playing organ today.

Our morning Bible Study, Walk Through the Bible, will meet today at St. John’s (11am) and Tuesday at Trinity (9 am). We will study Judges 7 – Gideon Defeats the Midianites. Please join us.

The dooring offering at St. John’s for the MLC Food Shelf brought in $200. Thank-you!
Our Tuesday evening Bible Study will meet at St. John’s this week at 7:30 pm. We will continue our study of the book of Romans. *Romans 5: The Effects of Justification.*

St. John’s Ladies’ Aid will meet at 2 pm this Thursday. All ladies are welcome for their devotion, topic, and business meeting. Pam Oliver will serve refreshments.

Please note that our Joint Mission Festival will be next Sunday and held at Trinity. There will be just one Joint Service at 10:00 am. Pastor Phil Gieshen will be our guest preacher; he will then have a slide presentation about Hmong Outreach in Vietnam. We will also have a potluck meal; please bring a dish to share.

The MN Dept. of Health has found coliform bacteria in St. John’s water. The immunocompromised, pregnant women, elderly, and children may be at increased risk from drinking it. There are sheets in the entryway and bathrooms with info.

Men, set aside Saturday, October 26th for the *Men of His Word Conference* at the Rochester Civic Center. Worship, Bible study, discussion, and fellowship. Keynote speaker, Pastor Jeremy Mattek from Immanuel Lutheran Church-Greenville, WI, will talk about withstanding the storms of life by making sure our foundation is *Built on the Rock* of Jesus. Other speakers’ topics: Seeking Self-Worth as a Young Christian Man, Depression and Suicide, Godly Leadership, Gender Identity, Being a Christian Husband, etc. This is designed to serve Christian men of all ages. Details and registration: www.menofhisword.org

**Highlights of St. John’s Church Council Meeting:** 5 members present; Luke Burmeister was granted a release; treasurer reported finances are not good, need to cut budget (perhaps church insurance); discussed health insurance and Medicare; working on getting church water cleaned and tested; looking into replacing the church sign on Cnty's 3 & 9 that was destroyed.