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 attending our worship service today, especially to you who are guests. Please sign the guest book at the entrance and join us again soon! If there is any way we can serve you, please speak to the Pastor.

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**TODAY’S HYMNS:** ....387...110...125 (123 if needed)...256 v 3..

Organist: Trinity – David Bilitz  St. John’s – Sarah Berg

**FIRST LESSON**
Jeremiah 31:31-34

**PSALM OF THE DAY**
Psalm 143 (p. 118)

**SECOND LESSON**
Hebrews 5:7-9

**GOSPEL LESSON**
John 12:20-33

**SERMON**
Jeremiah 31:31-34

1. We failed the old
2. Jesus secured the new

**HEARING GOD’S WORD**

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**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
3:00 PM – Choral Concert – MLC, New Ulm

**Monday:**
7:00 PM – Church Council Meeting – Trinity

**Tuesday:**
9:00 AM – Bible Study – Trinity
7:30 PM – Bible Study at Trinity

**Wednesday:**
9:30 AM – Bible Study at Janesville Nursing Home
6:00-7:00 PM – Soup/Sandwich Supper – St. John’s
6:15-6:50 PM – Catechism Class at Trinity
7:00 PM – Lenten Worship Service – Trinity
Followed by Coffee Hour
7:30 PM – Lenten Worship Service – St. John’s
8:30 PM - Choir Practice - St. John’s

**Next Sunday:**
8:30 AM - Worship Service – Trinity
9:00 AM – Sunday School Classes - St. John’s
9:30 AM – Sunday School Classes - Trinity
10:00 AM – Worship Service - St. John’s

**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.

Our morning Bible Studies, *A Walk Through the Bible*, will meet today at St. John’s (11 am) and on Tuesday at Trinity (9 am). We will study Genesis 25, 27 – *Jacob Deceives Isaac*.

Trinity’s church council will meet Monday night at 7 pm.

Our Tuesday evening Bible Study will meet at Trinity this week. We’ll be looking at *Timely Topics, Timeless Truths*. Our topic will be *Global Warming: How Concerned (and How Green)*.

Catechism class will be on Wednesday from 6:15-6:50 pm at Trinity.

St. John’s will have wild rice soup/ham sandwiches on Wednesday from 6-7 pm. The free-will offerings will be used for a custom-made storage closet built by Rick Krautbauer. Trinity will have a coffee hour after their service. The offerings will go to the Dorcas Society.
We hope you will join us for our last mid-week Lenten services on Wednesday. Trinity’s services are at 7:00 pm and St. John’s at 7:30 pm. Pastor Tom Smith of Emmanuel-Owatonna will be at Trinity preaching on *Jesus Our Great High Priest Makes Us Priests*. Pastor Bilitz will be at St. John’s preaching on - *Jesus Our Great High Priest Serves At A Great Altar*. St. John’s will have choir practice after the service.

St. John’s members: there is a new cleaning list; please pick up a copy in the entryway. We thank Judy Krautbauer for making it.

There are sign-up sheets at St. John’s and Trinity to donate items for the Easter breakfast – thank-you!

If you haven’t had your picture taken for Trinity’s directory, you can submit one of your own to Pastor Bilitz.

Please note our up-coming Holy Week services:
- 7:30 PM - Maundy Thursday Worship (March 29th) at St. John’s
- 7:00 PM - Good Friday Worship (March 30th) at Trinity
- 7:00 AM Easter Worship at St. John’s; Followed by Breakfast
- 7:30 AM – Easter Breakfast at Trinity
- 9:00 AM – Easter Worship at Trinity

We are inviting anyone interested in working at *Jesus Loves Me Learning Center*, North Mankato, MN to stop in or call 507 508 2041 or email lingjlm@hickorytech.net. Wages are competitive, working with kids is awesome and hours can be flexible.

MLC is now accepting applications for one full-time Custodian. A description can be found at mlc-wels.edu/hr. Individuals should apply online. Applications will be accepted through 12:00 (noon) on Tuesday, March 20, 2018. Details can be obtained at: Martin Luther College Human Resources Office: 507-354-8221.

The Martin Luther College Choir will present a choral concert, *The Way, the Truth, the Life* today at 3 pm in the Chapel. It will feature music for choir, congregation, and instruments that proclaim Jesus Christ as the only way of salvation. A freewill offering will support the ministry of MLC.

The Summit Avenue Chamber Music Series presents solo pianist, Ralph Votapek on Sunday, April 8, 3 pm, at Martin Luther College. Tickets are available at the Chamber of Commerce, online: summitavenuemusic.com or at the door. $13/adults: $5/ students.

**Prayer List:**
- John Lienke – home from hospital; in Hospice Care
- Judy Krautbauer

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