Welcome: What a joy it is that you have joined us today as we worship our risen and ascended 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.

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TODAY’S HYMNS:.....431....384....379....439...

Organists: Trinity - David Bilitz;  St. John’s – LeAnn Marzinske

FIRST LESSON.............................................1 Kings 19:9-18

PSALM OF THE DAY.....................................Psalm 73 (p. 94)

SECOND LESSON......................................Romans 9:1-5

GOSPEL LESSON.....................................Matthew 14:22-33

SERMON..................................................Matthew 14:22-33

TAKE COURAGE! I’M HERE!

1. Faith’s courage overcomes our fears
2. Faith’s courage dares whatever our Lord commands

HEARING GOD’S WORD
Trinity: 39  St. John’s: 57
Thursday: 15

OFFERINGS TO OUR LORD
Trinity: $2,680.25  St. John’s: $1,260.00

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE
Thursday: 7:00 PM – Worship Service – Trinity
Sunday: 8:30 AM - Worship Service – Trinity
          10:00 AM – Worship Service - St. John’s
          11:00 AM – Bible Study – St. John’s
Tuesday: 9:30 AM - Bible Study – Trinity
Wednesday: 7:00 PM – Sunday School Organizational Meeting at St John’s
Thursday: 7:00 PM – Worship with Holy Communion – Trinity
Next Sunday: 8:30 AM - Worship with Holy Communion – Trinity

Announcements:
The children will all be invited up front for a children’s sermon.

Our morning 19 Minute Bible classes on Grand Themes and Key Words will meet on Sunday at St. John’s (11 am) and on Tuesday at Trinity (9 am). We will look at – Presence of Christ.

There will a Sunday School organizational meeting at 7 pm this Wednesday at St. John’s for teachers from both churches.

Everyone is welcome to join us for worship at Trinity on Thursday at 7:00 pm. It will be the same as the up-coming Sunday service. Our last Thursday night service at Trinity will be on August 31st. If you are going out of town for the Labor Day weekend, why not join us beforehand?

Holy Communion will be offered in our services next week.

September calendars, new Forward in Christ magazines and the new daily devotional booklet Meditations (including large print) are all available. We thank Tom Marzinske for forwarding our old Meditations to the Prison Ministry. You can just drop your off in the entryway.

Please note that ushers for the month are listed on the church calendar.

Our churches now have a Facebook page. Search for “St. John & Trinity Lutheran Churches – WELS”. You can check it for announcements, changes, and other information associated with our churches. Don’t forget our churches’ website (www.stjohn-trinity.org) for sermons, bulletins, Bible Studies and more.
Sunday School classes will begin on September 10th at both churches. St. John’s will start at 9 am and Trinity’s at 9:30 am. Please talk to Pastor Bilitz if you would like to teach.

St. John’s Ladies’ Aid will have their annual Ice Cream Social on Sunday, September 10th, from 11:15 am - 12:45 pm. The menu will include BBQs, ham sandwiches, baked beans, potato salad, chips, pies, cake, ice cream, and beverages. All are welcome!

Please note that we will be preparing for the Ice Cream Social on Saturday, September 9th, beginning at 9 am. Anyone is encouraged to help us. Please have your food items (including UNfrozen hamburger) to the church by this time. There is a check-off sheet in the kitchen when you bring your food items.

Truth In Love Ministry seminars by Pastor Mark Cares will be held on September 9th at Cross of Christ in Coon Rapids and on October 8th at Good Shepard in Burnsville. Although this seminar is about witnessing to Mormons, many people have found it very beneficial for witnessing in general. The five witnessing principles on which our approach is built apply to all situations. Check bulletin boards for more information.

Bethany Lutheran College welcomes applications for a part time Coordinator of International Students. Bethany also welcomes applications for the Coordinator of Sports Information position with an September 1, 2017 start date. The Coordinator is responsible to the Director of Athletics for planning, developing, and communicating information about the intercollegiate athletics programs and for coordinating athletic events. Complete descriptions and application instructions can be found at https://www.blc.edu/employment

Position Openings at Jesus Loves Me Learning Center, North Mankato. Teacher aides are vital at JMLC. Please think about a position for yourself or someone you know who would be qualified. Hours are available to work with your schedule! Our wages are competitive and what a great way to serve your Lord. Call 507 508 2041 or email lingjlm@hickorytech.net. We will need an after-school staff person the end of August to work with school age children.

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