Joint Mission Festival
St. John's and Trinity Ev. Lutheran Churches
October 23, 2016

BELL

Sunday School Song: Go Tell It On The Mountain

INVOCATION and WORDS OF PRAISE
M: We have come together to worship the Triune God.
C: He is the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.
M: Let us give thanks to the Lord because of his righteousness.
C: We will sing praises to the name of the Lord most high.
M: It is good to praise the Lord and make music to his name,
C: To proclaim his love in the morning and his faithfulness at night.
M: One thing I ask of the Lord, that is what I see:
C: That I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.
M: To gaze upon the beauty of the Lord
C: And to seek him in his temple.
M: Lift up your hearts to the God of your salvation!
C: We raise our voices in praise to him!

OPENING HYMN: # 571 - From Greenland's Icy Mountains

RESPONSIVE READING
M: What shall we conclude then? Are we any better?
C: Not at all!
M: We have already made the charge
C: that Jews and Gentiles alike are all under sin.
M: As it is written: "There is no one righteous,
C: not even one;
M: there is no one who understands,
C: no one who seeks God.
M: All have turned away,
C: they have together become worthless;
M: there is no one who does good,
C: not even one."
M: There is no difference,
C: for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,
M: For the wages of sin is death,
C: but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.
M: But God says,
C: "I take no pleasure in the death of the wicked."
M: For God wants all men to be saved,
C: And come to a knowledge of the truth.
M: Our Lord Jesus commands us:
C: Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,
M: and teaching them
C: to obey everything I have commanded you.
M: And surely I am with you always,
C: to the very end of the age."
M: So we then say with St. Paul, "I am not ashamed of the gospel,
C: because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes."

HYMN: # 578 - Saints of God, the Dawn Is Brightening

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON - Exodus 17:8-13

CHOIR: Here I Am, Lord


HYMN: # 576 - Spread, Oh, Spread the Mighty Word

RESPONSIVE READING
M: You are the light of the world.
C: A city on a hill cannot be hidden.
M: Neither do people light a lamp
C: and put it under a bowl.
M: Instead they put it on its stand
C: And it gives light to everyone in the house.
M: In the same way, let your light shine before men,
C: that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven.
M: So, do not fear what others fear;
C: Do not be frightened.
M: But in your hearts,  
C: Set apart Christ as Lord.  
M: Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone  
C: Who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have.

**HYMN:** # 570 - *O Christians, Haste*

**SERMON:** Colossians 4:5,6  
What Is Mission Work?

**OFFERING**  
*If you use a “Mission” envelope, please put your church name on it*

**PRAYER and THE LORD'S PRAYER**  
M: O Almighty God, whose Son died on the cross to redeem all the people of the earth,  
C: Open our eyes to see that the harvest of souls is plentiful but the workers are few.  
M: Open our hearts to a sincere concern for the souls of those who will be lost without you.  
C: Open our wallets to support the preaching of your Word in all the earth, and hear our prayer for your help and blessing.  
M: Look with compassion on the millions of people who are still sitting in spiritual darkness under the shadow of death – both those near at hand and those far away.  
C: Wherever your consecrated workers are proclaiming your message of salvation support them in their efforts and bless the labors of their hands.  
M: O Lord, pour out your Holy Spirit on us that we also might be active in sharing your Word with others.  
C: Help us personally to speak your message of salvation to others and help us overcome our fear of witnessing to your holy name.  
P: Bless our Synod and our ministerial education schools to prepare pastors, teachers, and staff ministers who see themselves as missionaries.  
C: Touch the hearts of many young people with a deep love for you. Move many of them to commit their lives to a career in the public ministry.

M: On this Mission Festival we pray that you bless your missions, as you have promised.  
C: Let the workers be sent out, supported, and sustained. Let the communion of saints grow and expand in all the earth, and use each and every one of us in this blessed harvest.  
M: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions for the successful sharing of your Word in all the world.

**Silent prayer**

M: These things we ask in Jesus' name, as we also pray:  
C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

**HYMN:** # 560 - *I Hear the Savior Calling*

**RESPONSE TO GOD'S CALL**  
M: For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified,  
C: and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved.  
M: As the Scripture says,  
C: "Anyone who trusts in him will never be put to shame."  
M: For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile—  
C: the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him,  
M: for, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."  
M: How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in?  
C: And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard?  
M: And how can they hear without someone preaching to them?  
C: And how can they preach unless they are sent?  
M: As it is written,  
C: "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"  
M: But not all the Israelites accepted the good news. For Isaiah says,  
C: "Lord, who has believed our message?"
M: Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word of Christ.
C: And I said, "Here am I. Send me!"

BLESSING

CLOSING HYMN: #573 - Hark! The Voice of Jesus Crying
Organist: LeAnn Marzinske

HEARING GOD'S WORD
Trinity: 56  St. John: 67

OFFERINGS TO OUR LORD
Trinity: $1,835.00  St. John: $778.00

Prayer List: June Thompson (out of hospital); and Wayne Offenhauser (out of hospital)

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE:
Today: 10:00 AM - Joint Mission Festival at St. John’s
Followed by Potluck Dinner
Monday: 7:00 PM - Quarterly Voters’ Meeting - Trinity
Tuesday: 7:30 PM - Bible Study - Trinity
Wednesday: 6:00 PM - Catechism Class - Trinity
Thursday: 5:00 PM – Wedding Rehearsal – St. John’s
Friday: 10:15 AM – Janesville Nursing Home Service
3:00 PM – Meyer/Schlaak Wedding
Next Sunday: 8:30 AM - Worship Service - Trinity
9:00 AM - Sunday School Classes - St. John
9:30 AM - Sunday School Classes - Trinity
10:00 AM - Worship Service - St. John
11:00 AM - Quarterly Voters’ Meeting - St. John
3:00 PM - Area Reformation Service - MLC

Announcements:
You are all cordially invited to our potluck meal following today’s service. We thank Group I of the Ladies’ Aid for serving, as well as everyone who has provided food and/or help.

We will need help moving the tables and chairs after potluck – the floor will be re-waxed tomorrow.

Thanks to our Sunday Schools for singing today. We also thank the choirs for their Mission song in our service. 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. It will be treated this week. There are sheets in entryway and bathrooms with info.

Our morning Bible studies will not be held today at St. John’s nor on Tuesday at Trinity. Classes will resume on November 6th and 8th.

Trinity will have its Quarterly Voters’ Meeting tomorrow night at 7:00. All eligible voters are encouraged to attend.

Our Tuesday evening Bible Study will meet at 7:30 pm at St. John’s. We are studying: Hard Sayings of Jesus. This week will be: The Upside-Down Kingdom. We would love for you to join us.

Pastor John Braun is leading an Interactive Faith Bible study each Wednesday through Oct. 26 at 6 & 8 pm. Theme: What does this mean? The continuing importance of Luther’s Small Catechism. Also watch archived Bible studies: wels.net/interactivefaith.

Congratulations to Rachel Meyer and Gaven Schlaak who will be joined in Holy Matrimony on Friday at St. John’s. We ask the Lord to bless their life together!

St. John’s will have its Quarterly Voters’ Meeting after our service next Sunday. We encourage all eligible voters to attend.

Pastor Bilitz is planning to start an Adult Information Class for those who would like to learn about our church’s teachings, with the option to become a member. Members who would like a “refresher course” are also welcome. Please talk to Pastor if you are interested. The day and time are to be determined.

Bethany Lutheran College will present Reformation Lectures on October 27-28th. See the bulletin board for more information.

The MLC Choir will have a Reformation Vespers at 7 pm on Saturday, October 29th in the Chapel of the Christ.
There will be a Reformation Service at Martin Luther College in New Ulm on Sunday, October 30th at 3 pm in the Chapel of the Christ. WELS Kingdom Workers will have a meeting and complimentary meal following the service.

The Ladies of St. John’s are asked to please check the schedule in the basement and complete our church cleaning by November 15th. When you are done, please cross it off the list in the kitchen.