OPENING HYMN - # 571 – *From Greenland's Icy Mountains*

OPENING SERVICE
P: In the name of the Father  
C: whose glory is declared by the heavens,  
P: and of the Son  
C: who calls us to be his witnesses to the ends of the earth,  
P: and of the Holy Spirit  
C: who empowers us to be his witnesses to the ends of the earth. Amen.

CONFESSION OF SINS
P: Gracious Lord, we come before you now confessing our sins. Through your Word you have revealed to us again and again the unsearchable riches of Christ,  
C: but again and again we have failed to recognize how richly we have been blessed.  
P: We have often failed to fully appreciate all you have done for us in Christ, and therefore we have failed to share the message of your love and grace with others as we should.  
C: Forgive us for the dullness of our faith and love for you.  
P: So often we have overlooked the needs of those who live near us and have shown so little concern for those who are far away. There is always so much more we could do to bring others the Good News of their Savior, Jesus Christ.  
C: Gracious Lord, we confess that we are in dire need of your Spirit's help. We need a heart that loves you more, a faith that trusts you more, a life that reflects more clearly the vast riches of your love.

ABSOLUTION
P: After his resurrection, Jesus breathed on his disciples and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven." Almighty God in his mercy has given his Son to die for you and for his sake has forgiven you all your sins. 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.

RESPONSE - # 250 - *From All that Dwell Below the Skies*

PRAYER OF THE DAY
P: Heavenly Father, You have called us from many races and tongues to be witnesses of the Good News of Your Son to every nation, tribe, language and people. Help us to share your precious Gospel with all who have not heard of your great love for them; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
C: Amen.

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

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON - *Jonah 1:1-3; 3:1-10*

SUNDAY SCHOOL SONG - *Ev'rybody Ought to Know*

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON - *1 Corinthians 9:16-23*

CHOIR SONG – *Here I Am, Lord*

GOSPEL LESSON - *Matthew 28:16-20*

HYMN - # 573 – *Hark! The Voice of Jesus Crying*

SERMON – Revelation 14:6  
THE GOSPEL IS FLYING  
1. Through God’s people  
2. To all people  
Pastor Phil Gieschen, WELS Christian Giving Counselor

HYMN - # 559 - *Lord of the Living Harvest*

OFFERINGS

PRAYERS
P: Dear God, be gracious to us and bless us,  
C: that your ways may be known on earth and your salvation among all people.
P: Father in heaven, let your face shine on us.

C: Strengthen the hands that are weak and make firm the knees that shake, so that we may rise up as your witnesses, and let our light shine before all people.

P: Lord Jesus, cause your Word to take hold in our hearts and spring from our lips so that people may hear your saving gospel and see it at work in our lives.

C: Let your Word lead those who do not now know you to repent of their sins and put their trust in you.

P: Lord Jesus, give us boldness to say with the apostle:

C: I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes.

P: O Holy Spirit, our Counselor in every need, give light to our hearts and minds

C: that we may seize the opportunity to carry out our Savior’s mission every day.

P: O Holy Spirit, Fountain of wisdom, give light to our hearts and minds

C: that we dedicate our lives to spreading the good news of Jesus so that souls might be saved. Amen.

P: 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.

BLESSING

P: Now may the God who gives endurance and encouragement give a spirit of unity among you, so that with one heart and mouth you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. The blessing of almighty God—the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit - be with you and uphold you forever.

C: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN - # 566 – We All Are One in Mission
HEARING GOD’S WORD
Trinity:  54        St. John’s:  55

OFFERINGS TO OUR LORD
Trinity:  $1,745.00        St. John’s:  $1,652.00

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday:  10:00 AM – Joint Mission Festival at Trinity
         Followed by Potluck Dinner
Tuesday:  7:00 PM – Sunday School Meeting at Trinity
Wednesday:  9:30 AM – Bible Study at Janesville Nursing Home
         6:30 PM - Joint Catechism Class at St. John’s
Thursday:  10:00 AM – Pastors’ Study Club – St. Peter
            1:30 PM – Dorcas Society Meeting – Trinity
Next 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

Announcements:
Thank-you to Pastor Phil Gieshen for preaching today. He serves as a WELS Christian Giving Counselor. He will have a slide presentation about Hmong Outreach in Vietnam after the service. You are all invited to our potluck meal following that.

Thanks to all those who brought food and served today.

Thank-you to both Sunday Schools and our joint choir for singing in today’s service. We also thank our organist, David Bilitz, and our guitarists, Joel Berg and Pastor Bilitz.

Our morning Bible Study, *Walk Through the Bible*, will not meet today at St. John’s nor on Tuesday at Trinity. Our studies will resume next week.

A joint Sunday School Meeting for both churches will be held at Trinity this Tuesday at 7 pm. We will discuss the Christmas service.

Our Tuesday evening Bible Study will not meet this week. It will resume on October 22nd at St. John’s at 7:30 pm. We will continue our study of the book of Romans.

Trinity’s Dorcas Society will meet at 1:30 pm this Thursday. All ladies are welcome for their devotion, topic, business meeting, and refreshments.

Holy Communion will be offered in our services next week.

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

Our Joint Reformation Service will be on October 27th at 3 pm in the Chapel of the Christ at Martin Luther College. Pastor Nicolas Schmoller, Professor of Theology and Foreign Language will preach as we consider the Reformation Biblical teaching of Two Kinds of Righteousness. There will be a presentation following worship by the MN River Valley Chapter of WELS Kingdom Workers. Attendees will receive dinner at the MLC cafeteria.

Prayer List:  Shirley Tiede (home from hospital); Robert Marzinske (heart surgery, St. Mary’s-Rochester); and Pastor Del Begalka (Mayo-Mankato)