OPENING HYMN - #201 - A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

INVOCATION
P: We begin our worship in the name of the Triune God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.
   Lord, we thank you for giving us the privilege of gathering together here today.
C: We are grateful for this opportunity to hear your Word and worship you.
P: We ask you to be with us and bless us this hour.
C: O Lord, open our eyes and ears, our hearts and minds, so we might be drawn closer to you.
P: I will praise you, O God, and thank you for ever and ever.
   You have been faithful to your promises and good in all that you do.
C: You have been our refuge and strength through all generations.

PRAYER

FIRST LESSON: Jeremiah 18:1-11
SECOND LESSON: Revelation 14:6,7

CHOIR: Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

GOSPEL LESSON: Mark 13:5-11

THE DECLARATION OF FAITH
P: We believe in God our Lord and Father in heaven:
C: Who became a man for us sinners, who redeemed us from Satan's power with his precious blood, who rose from death and who made us his own to live with him now and forever.
P: We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life:
C: Who draws us to our Savior by the Gospel, who keeps us united in the true faith, who forgives our sins, who gives us grace to grow in love toward God and one another and who will raise us from the grave to life eternal at the end of the world.
P: We believe in one God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit:
C: To whom be praise, glory, and wisdom, thanks, honor, power and strength from everlasting to everlasting. Amen.

HYMN: #204 - O God, Our Lord, Your Holy Word

SERMON – Psalm 46
   A MIGHTY FORTRESS IS OUR GOD
1. We will not fear
2. Because the LORD is with us
3. And he will be exalted on the earth

OFFERING

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION
We practice what is called a "Close Communion." In Communion we receive the assurance of forgiveness as well as show our fellowship with one another. The Bible's teachings on Communion and Church Fellowship compel us to ask that only members of our congregation go up for Communion. If you are not a member here and would like to take Communion, please speak to the Pastor before going up.

Confession of Sins (page 15)
The Words of Institution (page 23)
The Distribution
The Distribution Hymn: #390 (419 if needed)

PRAYER and THE BLESSING

CLOSING HYMN - #293 - God's Word is Our Great Heritage

HEARING GOD'S WORD
Trinity: 56 St. John: 61

OFFERINGS TO OUR LORD
Trinity: $1,689.50 St. John: $915.00

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE:
Today: 8:30 AM - Service with Holy Communion - Trinity
9:00 AM - Sunday School Classes - St. John’s
9:30 AM - Sunday School Classes - Trinity
10:00 AM - Service with Holy Communion - St. John
11:00 AM - Bible Study - St. John’s
2:00 PM – Crazy for You Play – MLC, New Ulm
Tuesday: 9:00 AM - Bible Study - Trinity
Wednesday: 9:30 AM - Janesville Nursing Home Service
6:30 PM - Catechism Class - Trinity
Thursday: 2:00 PM – Ladies’ Aid Meeting – 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
11:00 AM - Bible Study - St. John’s

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Announcements:

Our Bible study of A Walk Through the Bible will be held today at St. John’s (11 am) and on Tuesday at Trinity (9 am). We will study Exodus 1-2: Moses’ Flight to Midian.

We thank St. John’s choir for their Reformation song this morning, as well as Joel Berg, Christine Bilitz and Pastor Bilitz for their song at Trinity. We also thank our organists: David Bilitz and LeAnn Marzinske.

Elizabeth and Hannah Marzinske, MVLHS students, have sign-up sheets for Christmas wreaths/decorations. They will be delivered around Thanksgiving. Proceeds will be designated by the MVL Student Council.

Our Tuesday evening Bible Study will meet at Trinity on November 13th at 7:30. We will watch the WELS Evangelism movie, To The Ends of the Earth.

St. John’s Ladies’ Aid will meet at 2 pm this Thursday. All ladies are invited to their devotion, business meeting, and refreshments. Kate Tohal, Resource Development Counselor, will speak about MLC.

MLC Forum Productions will present the Gershwin hit Crazy for You today at 2 pm. Set in a rundown Nevada town during the 1930s. Order tickets now at mlc-wels.edu/forum or call 233-9114. Ticket prices are discounted online but will be full price at the door.

November calendars, new Forward in Christ magazines and new Meditations (including large print) are available in the entryways.

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 soon. There are sheets in the entryway and bathrooms with info.

St. John’s ladies are asked to please complete cleaning the church by November 15th. Check lists for cleaning can be found in the kitchen and entryway. Thank-you!

Highlights of St. John’s Voters’ Meeting: 18 voters were present; received as voting members, Gaven, Justin and Nathan Schlaak; treasurer’s report showed a deficit of $214; the church’s new furnace & AC have been installed; awaiting carpet samples for church; parsonage renters behind on rent, continued rental rests on them paying for a full year; water problems discussed, approved to move all the water works from parsonage to church; approved to proceed with installation of an elevator.

Highlights of Trinity’s Voters’ Meeting: 10 voters present; Jane Offenhauser was granted a release; Gabriella Yciano received as communicant member; treasurer’s report showed a deficit of $3,585; August Corn Feed showed $1,175 with about 140 in attendance; VBS Lock-in was successful with 19 children; Constitution Committee reported on revisions; Mike Flemming will remove snow; elections will be held in January; $5,000 has been invested in WELS CEF; Christmas decorating/potluck will be on November 25.

Bethany Lutheran College, Mankato, has two Faculty openings: in Computer Science and in Engineering. Please see the bulletin board for more information.

A Facebook group and website for WELS & ELS Lutheran single adults is available. It is getting more difficult for single adults of like beliefs to find and to have fellowship with each other. The Facebook group is WELS & ELS Lutheran Singles. The website is Lutheran Singles Connect: lutheransinglesconnect.com.

The Martin Luther College Wind Symphony is pleased to present Collage: Music for Winds and Percussion on Sunday, November 18th at 3 pm. Please join us!

On Sunday, November 18th, at 6 pm, teacher, Jr Choir Director, and Christian music composer Zach Unke will have a piano concert at Trinity Lutheran Church - 500 W Church St, Belle Plaine. You can find his music on youtube.com, iheart.com, and through Northwestern Publishing House. We hope you can join us for this concert.

St. Paul’s, N. Mankato, is seeking a Facility Supervisor for 20-25 hours per week, $23.00 per hour. Applications will be accepted through Wednesday, 11/14/18. Please see full description on the bulletin board or on their website: www.stpaulsnorthmankato.com