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Lightbulb Moments:

GOD DELIVERS MORE THAN WE ASK

It is easy for us to assume that if God says “no” to a request, we are getting less than we wanted. But today, God leads us to a lightbulb moment: he always wants more for us than we want from him. Saying “yes” to all our requests would often result in us receiving less joy, less blessing, a lesser life. So, when God says “no” to our request, we can be assured it is because he wants to give us more. God’s love for us is like that of a groom for his bride – it exceeds all expectation and understanding. In that love, God always delivers more than we ask, not less.

THE MISSION OF TRINITY

*The members of Trinity are joined together in Jesus’ love to **worship** our Lord, **grow** in his Word, and **share** it with others.*

WE WILL CELEBRATE THE LORD’S SUPPER IN TODAY’S SERVICE.

St. Paul writes that everyone who receives the Lord’s Supper must “recognize the body of Christ,” and therefore “ought to examine themselves” (1 Cor. 11:27-29) before eating and drinking. He also writes that it is God’s desire that as his people commune, they do so as “one body” (1 Cor. 10:17), “perfectly united in mind and thought” (1 Cor. 1:10). For this reason, Trinity follows the biblical and historic practice of closed (or member) communion. We welcome members of WELS or ELS congregations to commune with us. If you are not a member of a church in fellowship with Trinity, please refrain from communing today. We want nothing more than to receive the Lord’s Supper with you, but we want to do so in the unity of faith that Jesus wants for his people (cf. John 17:20-23). We hope that can happen soon! Please speak to our pastor after the service, and he would be happy to further explain our practice and help you work toward full unity with us.

Acknowledgments

Setting Two from Christian Worship

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Hymn

386 Songs of Thankfulness and Praise

st. 1: soloist · st. 2-5: congregation

Stand

In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Confession

CW 173

Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.

Blessed are they whose sin the Lord does not count against them.

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Almighty and merciful Father,

we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep.

We have followed what we have devised and desired in our hearts.

We have offended you and sinned against your holy law.

We have done those things that we should not have done,

and we have not done those things that we should have done.

Have mercy on us, Lord!

Spare us, forgive us, and restore us,

according to your promises in Christ Jesus.

Silence for meditation and reflection

God, our merciful Father, has forgiven all our sins. He sent his Son, Jesus Christ, to be our Redeemer and Savior. Jesus paid the penalty for our guilt by his death on the cross and freed us from death by his resurrection from the grave. We have peace with God now and forever.

Amen.

Lord, Have Mercy

CW 174

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise,
let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

Amen.

Glory to God in the Highest

CW 176



Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his



peo - ple on earth. Lord God,



heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we



wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your



glo - ry. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and



peace to his peo - ple on earth.




Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,




Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world; have mer - cy on us. You are seat - ed at the




right hand of the Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer.



Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his



peo - ple on earth. For you a -



lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ,




with the Ho - ly Spir - it in the glo - ry of



God the Fa - ther. A - men. A - men.



Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his



peo - ple on earth.

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THE WORD

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Almighty God, you gave your one and only Son to be the light of the world. Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshiped, and believed to the ends of the earth; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Be seated

First Reading

Isaiah 62:1-5

- ¹For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,
for Jerusalem's sake I will not remain quiet,
till her vindication shines out like the dawn,
her salvation like a blazing torch.
- ²The nations will see your vindication,
and all kings your glory;
you will be called by a new name
that the mouth of the LORD will bestow.
- ³You will be a crown of splendor in the LORD's hand,
a royal diadem in the hand of your God.
- ⁴No longer will they call you Deserted,
or name your land Desolate.
But you will be called Hephzibah,
and your land Beulah;
for the LORD will take delight in you,
and your land will be married.
- ⁵As a young man marries a young woman,
so will your Builder marry you;
as a bridegroom rejoices over his bride,
so will your God rejoice over you.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Children's Message

The children are invited to come forward for a message designed specially for them.

Second Reading

Ephesians 3:14-21

¹⁴For this reason I kneel before the Father, ¹⁵from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name. ¹⁶I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, ¹⁷so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, ¹⁸may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, ¹⁹and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.

²⁰Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, ²¹to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Stand

Gospel Acclamation

John 1:14

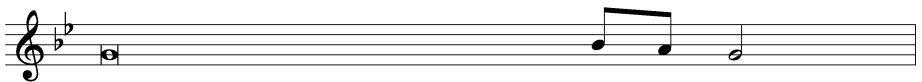


Refrain



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Tone



We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and on - ly Son,



who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

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Gospel

John 2:1-11

¹On the third day a wedding took place at Cana in Galilee. Jesus' mother was there, ²and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. ³When the wine was gone, Jesus' mother said to him, "They have no more wine."

⁴"Woman, why do you involve me?" Jesus replied. "My hour has not yet come."

⁵His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you."

⁶Nearby stood six stone water jars, the kind used by the Jews for ceremonial washing, each holding from twenty to thirty gallons.

⁷Jesus said to the servants, "Fill the jars with water"; so they filled them to the brim.

⁸Then he told them, "Now draw some out and take it to the master of the banquet."

They did so, ⁹and the master of the banquet tasted the water that had been turned into wine. He did not realize where it had come from, though the servants who had drawn the water knew. Then he called the bridegroom aside ¹⁰and said, "Everyone brings out the choice wine first and then the cheaper wine after the guests have had too much to drink; but you have saved the best till now."

¹¹What Jesus did here in Cana of Galilee was the first of the signs through which he revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

Hymn of the Day

375 Arise and Shine in Splendor

Sermon

John 2:1-11

More and Better

Stand

Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is,
seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary,
and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who in unity with the Father and the Son
is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead

and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Be seated

Prayer of the Church

Each petition will end with "Lord, in your mercy..." The congregation is invited to respond, "Hear our prayer."

Offering

The members of Trinity Lutheran Church have joined together to do the Lord's work in this community and throughout the world. Visitors need not feel obligated to participate in this offering which supports our ministry.

At this time, we ask both members and guests to fill out the **friendship register** found at the end of each pew. When you've written your information, please pass it to the next person until everyone has had a chance to sign it. Thank you for helping us serve you with the gospel!

THE SACRAMENT

As you have the opportunity, take a moment for self-examination before receiving the Sacrament. You may wish to review the "Christian Questions" beginning on page 295 of the hymnal or read through a "Holy Communion" hymn (659-677).



Stand

Preface

CW 183

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lived among us as a human being and revealed his glory as your only Son, full of grace and truth. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

Holy, Holy, Holy

CW 184



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er,

God of might. Heav-en and earth are full of your
 glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
 Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the
 Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho -
 san - na in the high - est!

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Lord's Prayer

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.

Words of Institution

...The peace of the Lord be with you always.
 Amen.

Jesus, Lamb of God

CW 186



Je - sus, Lamb of God, you take a - way the



sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.



Je - sus, Lamb of God, you take a - way the



sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.



Je - sus, Lamb of God, you take a - way the



sin of the world; grant us your peace.

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Be seated

Distribution

In order to receive communion today, we ask that worshipers be able to check all of the following boxes:

- I repent of all my sins, holding nothing back from God (1 John 1:9).
- I believe that Jesus took away my sins when he died for me on the cross (John 3:16; 1 John 3:5).
- I believe that in communion I receive Jesus' true body and blood along with the bread and the wine (Mt. 26:26-27; 1 Cor. 10:16).
- I have made a statement of my agreement with all the teachings of this church family and its church body (WELS), as I have learned to know them through a Catechism or Foundations Class.

If you are not able to check all these boxes today but would like to commune with us in the future, please speak to our pastor after the service. He would love to help make that happen!

Distribution Hymns

510 *In Christ Alone*

all stanzas: congregation

714 *Jesus, Your Boundless Love to Me*

st. 1: soloist · st. 2-4: congregation

Stand

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his mercy endures forever.

Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

We give you thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet you have given us in this Sacrament. Through this gift you have fed our faith, nourished our hope, and strengthened our love. By your Spirit, help us to live as your holy people until that day when you will receive us as your guests at the wedding supper of the Lamb, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and † give you peace.
Amen.

Seasonal Closing Hymn

549 *Across the Lands*

Thanks for worshiping with us today! Please stick around after the service to get to know your fellow worshipers and enjoy coffee and donuts in the fellowship hall. If you have any questions or would like to know more about Trinity, Pastor Plocher would be happy to talk with you!

TRINITY NEWS

GAMES & GOSPEL TODAY!: Today, *January 19th* after Bible Study we'll hold our annual Bunco/Chili Dump. All adults 18 and older are welcome! If you don't know how to play Bunco, don't worry, we'll teach you! For those who don't know what a chili dump is, we dump everyone's chili into the same pot to create a brand-new chili. It's delicious and different every year. Please sign up in the Narthex. If you have any questions, ask JoElyn Krohn or Nicole Lehman. We hope to see you there!

MLC CHURCH VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENTS: The annual church volleyball tournaments hosted by MLC are scheduled: **March 8** for the men and **March 29** for the women. If you're interested in playing, **sign up on the bulletin board**. Whether you can make it for the tournament or not, you're invited to volleyball open gyms starting today, **Sunday, January 19 at 3:00 pm**.

KINDERGARTEN ROUNDUP: Please join us on **Tuesday, February 4th** at 6:00 pm for Kindergarten Roundup in the TLS Kindergarten room. *Come make a splash, we'll have a whale of a time!* If you know of someone, please share the information.

VOTERS MEETING: Please join us on Sunday **January 26th** right after church for the first Voters meeting of this year. A potluck will follow at about noon.

MVL TRINITY NIGHT: Friday, **January 31st** is our designated night. It is a girl's BB game at 7:00 pm. If you would like tickets, they are in the office. Thanks!

2024 OFFERING STATEMENTS: You can find your offering statements for the year 2024 (for tax purposes) in your church box. Check it out and if you have any questions, please let Lori know.

AREA NEWS

ST. JOHN'S, NEW ULM, CANCER JOURNEY GROUP will meet on **Sunday, January 19 at 3:00pm** in the church's fellowship area. You are invited to attend if your life has been touched by cancer at any time. Our gatherings are not only for the person diagnosed with cancer. We also include adult family members and supportive friends. Our purpose is to receive encouragement from God's Word and each other. We also have special presentations at some of our meetings.

TIME OF GRACE WOMEN'S EVENT: Join us on **March 28-29**, at the Renaissance Minneapolis Hotel, The Depot for the "*Unbreakable and Flourishing*" Women's event. Our first event was held in Pewaukee, WI in April 2024 and hosted 450 women! **The registration link is [time of grace-women's-event-2025.eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/time-of-grace-women-s-event-2025)**. See the bulletin board for a QR code and information.

THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

Sun. (1/19)	9:00 am 10:30 am 10:45 am 11:45 am 3:00 pm	Worship Coffee & Fellowship Bible Study and Kids in Christ Games & Gospel Chili Dump Adult Volleyball Open Gym
Mon. (1/20)	6:00 pm 7:00 pm	Monday Worship Bible Study
Tues. (1/21)	3:15 pm	Faculty Meeting
Wed. (1/22)	3:30 pm	NPS Catechism
Thurs. (1/23)	4:00 pm	TLS BB Game HOME
Fri. (1/24)	8:00 am	TLS Chapel
Sat. (1/25)	8:00 am	TLS BB Tournament @ MVL

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S GRACE

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

Sunday	183
Monday	11
Streaming	19

BIBLE STUDY

Sunday Bible	29
Kids in Christ	14
Monday 7:00 pm	11
Monday Virtual	4

SUNDAY GIVING

General Fund	3938.25
Vanco	3870.55
Capital	175.00
Bulletins	225.00

PREACHER: Pastor Micah Plocher

BULLETIN: Tom & Mary Grefe

ACCOMPANIST: Joyce Lendt

SPECIAL THANKS to all others who served in worship today, including our video and screen coordinators, ushers, greeters, and soloists.



January 2025

TRINITY EV.
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Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
December 29 9 am Worship 10:30 am Fellowship 10:45 Bible Study/K in C	30 NO WORSHIP 7 pm Bible Study	31	January 1	2 7:00 pm Board of Ed	3	4 9:00 am Christmas UN-Decorating
5 9 am Worship /Comm 10:30 am Fellowship 10:45 Bible Study/K in C	6 6:00 pm Worship 7 pm Bible Study	7 3:15 pm Faculty 7:00 pm Elders	8 3:30 pm NPS Catechism	9 1:30 pm Ladies Guild 4:30 pm Home BB	10 8 am TLS Chapel	11 7:00 pm Women, Wine & Word
12 9 am Worship/ Installation of officers 10:30 am Fellowship 10:45 Bible Study/K in C	13 6:00 pm Worship 7 pm Bible Study	14	15 3:30 pm NPS Catechism 6:00 pm Academic Fair 7:30 pm Council Meeting	16 4:00 pm BB at St. Pauls 7:00 pm Mens Fellowship Night Mankato Brewery	17 8 am TLS Chapel	18
19 9 am Worship / Comm 10:30 am Fellowship 10:45 Bible Study/K in C 11:45 Games and Gospel Chili Dump	20 6:00 pm Worship 7 pm Bible Study	21 3:15 pm Faculty	22 3:30 pm NPS Catechism	23 4:00 pm Home BB	24 8 am TLS Chapel	25 TLS at MYL Tournament
26 9 am Worship 10:30 am Fellowship 10:45 Bible Study/K in C 10:30 am Voters Meeting & Potluck	27 6:00 pm Worship 7 pm Bible Study	28 7:00 pm Men' s Bible Study	29 3:30 pm NPS Catechism	30	31 8 am TLS Chapel 7:00 pm Trinity Night @ MYL-Girls BB	February 1