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what i need

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EXACTLY WHAT I NEED:

A CHAMPION

“I didn't know I needed that” is a common expression of surprise and realization. It suggests that something, whether it's a piece of information, a lesson learned, or a newfound understanding, has come to light and is now recognized as being essential or valuable, even if it wasn't previously apparent. Lent is the season of the Church Year when I recognize my greatest needs. During Lent, I realize that in Christ all my greatest needs are met. God knows what I need even when I don't have any idea. The Holy Spirit makes it clear, week after week, that if I lack Christ, I have nothing. But if I have Christ, I have exactly what I need.

I recognize my inability to defend myself against spiritual enemies. The world is against me, but I look for ways to imitate it. I try to master my own sinful flesh, but I recognize desires in myself that war against my soul. And when it comes to the devil, I fall into temptation again and again. My impending death proves that I have sinned. I realize that what I really need is a champion. God the Father realized it too. He sent his Son to be my Savior.

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.*

WELCOME TO TRINITY! We're happy you're here! Thank you for joining us this morning to worship our gracious God. We love to see **families worshiping together**. However, if you would like a place to quiet your little ones' "joyful noises," there is a **nursery** down the hall on the south side of the building. The **restrooms** are located to the left as you exit the sanctuary. If you need anything before, during, or after the service, our **ushers** will be happy to assist you. God bless your worship with us today!

MINISTER: Pastor Daniel Balge

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ACCOMPANIST: Catherine Biedenbender

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

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Opening Hymn

556 All Mankind Fell in Adam's Fall

Stand

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

Confession

CW 172

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

**If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just
and will forgive us our sins
and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Holy God, gracious Father,

**I am sinful by nature
and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and
actions.**

I have not loved you with my whole heart;

I have not loved others as I should.

I deserve your punishment both now and forever.

**But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins
with his innocent suffering and death.**

Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Silence for meditation and reflection

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, 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.

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.

THE WORD

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Mighty God and Father, our Lord Jesus walked into the wilderness to face the devil's temptations, but he did not succumb to Satan's lies or falter in his resolve to save the world from the prison of hell. Bolster our faith by his mighty victory that we may battle against the forces of evil with courage and confidence; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Be seated

First Reading

Genesis 3:1-15

¹Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God really say, 'You must not eat from any tree in the garden?'"

²The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden, ³but God did say, 'You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it, or you will die.'"

⁴"You will not certainly die," the serpent said to the woman. ⁵"For God knows that when you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."

⁶When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it. ⁷Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves.

⁸Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the LORD God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from the LORD God among the trees of the garden. ⁹But the LORD God called to the man, "Where are you?"

¹⁰He answered, "I heard you in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid."

¹¹And he said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree that I commanded you not to eat from?"

¹²The man said, "The woman you put here with me—she gave me some fruit from the tree, and I ate it."

¹³Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."

¹⁴So the LORD God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this,

"Cursed are you above all livestock
and all wild animals!

You will crawl on your belly
and you will eat dust
all the days of your life.

¹⁵And I will put enmity
between you and the woman,
and between your offspring and hers;
he will crush your head,
and you will strike his heel."

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.

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 46A

Refrain

The LORD Al - might - y is
with us; the God of Ja - cob is our for - tress.

Tone

God is our ref- / uge and strength,
an ever-present help in / trouble.
Therefore we will not fear, though the / earth give way
and the mountains fall into the heart / of the sea,
though its waters / roar and foam
and the mountains quake with their / surging. *Refrain*

There is a river whose streams make glad the cit- / y of God,
the holy place where the Most / High dwells.
God is within her, she / will not fall;
God will help her at / break of day.
“Be still, and know that / I am God;
I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted / in the
earth.”

**Glory be to the Father and / to the Son
and to the Holy / Spirit,
as it was in the be- / ginning,
is now, and will be forever. / Amen. *Refrain***

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Second Reading

Romans 5:12-19

¹²Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all people, because all sinned—

¹³To be sure, sin was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not charged against anyone's account where there is no law.

¹⁴Nevertheless, death reigned from the time of Adam to the time of Moses, even over those who did not sin by breaking a command, as did Adam, who is a pattern of the one to come.

¹⁵But the gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died by the trespass of the one man, how much more did God's grace and the gift that came by the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, overflow to the many!

¹⁶Nor can the gift of God be compared with the result of one man's sin: The judgment followed one sin and brought condemnation, but the gift followed many trespasses and brought justification. ¹⁷For if, by the trespass of the one man, death reigned through that one man, how much more will those who receive God's abundant provision of grace and of the gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man, Jesus Christ!

¹⁸Consequently, just as one trespass resulted in condemnation for all people, so also one righteous act resulted in justification and life for all people. ¹⁹For just as through the disobedience of the one man the many were made sinners, so also through the obedience of the one man the many will be made righteous.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Stand

Gospel Acclamation

Hebrews 4:15

Spoken by All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory.

Pastor: We do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses;

we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet he did not sin.

Spoken by All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory.

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Gospel

Matthew 4:1-11

¹Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. ²After fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. ³The tempter came to him and said, "If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread."

⁴Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"

⁵Then the devil took him to the holy city and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. ⁶"If you are the Son of God," he said, "throw yourself down. For it is written:

“He will command his angels concerning you,
and they will lift you up in their hands,
so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.”

⁷Jesus answered him, “It is also written: ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’”

⁸Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor. ⁹“All this I will give you,” he said, “if you will bow down and worship me.”

¹⁰Jesus said to him, “Away from me, Satan! For it is written: ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.’”

¹¹Then the devil left him, and angels came and attended him.

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

Hymn of the Day

863 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Sermon

Matthew 4:1-11

THE BEST DEFENSE IF A GOOD OFFENSE

1. OUR ENEMY IS STRONG
2. OUR WEAPONS ARE STRONGER

Stand

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. 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!*

Stand

Blessed Lord, you have given us your Holy Scriptures for our learning. May we so hear them, read, learn, and take them to heart that, being strengthened and comforted by your holy Word, we may cling to the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

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.**

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.

Closing Hymn

842 Jesus, Still Lead On

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S GRACE

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

Sunday 9:00 am 195
 Streaming 10
 Monday Night NA

BIBLE STUDY

Sunday 10:45 am 26
 Kids In Christ 20
 Monday 7:00 pm 8
 Monday Virtual 2

SUNDAY GIVING

General Fund	4001.00
Vanco	444.94
Capital	45.00

THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

Sun. (2/22)	9:00 am 10:15 am 10:45 am	Worship Fellowship KIC / Bible Study
Mon (2/23)	6:30 pm 7:00 pm	CALL MEETING Bible Study
Wed (2/25)	8:00 am 5:00 pm 6:30 pm 7:30 pm	TLS Chapel Lenten Supper Ash Wednesday Worship Council
Sat (2/28)		Games & Gospel MSU Hockey Game
Sun (3/1)	9:00 am 10:15 am 10:45 am	Worship Youth Breakfast Bible Study/KIC

TRINITY NEWS

CALL UPDATE: Our next call meeting is Monday February 23rd at 6:30pm.

CALL INFO: at our Voters meeting on February 1st, we extended a call to Renee Hussman to teach 3-5th grade. Please keep her in your prayers as she deliberates this call.

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP: will be held the first 2 Thursdays of the month. Fellowship will be March 5th at 7pm TBD. Bible Study will be March 12th in the Fireside room. They are working through the book Disciplines of a Godly Man. Everyone is welcome and we hope to see you!

YOUTH RALLY BREAKFASTS: The youth group will be serving breakfast on Sunday March 1st. Funds raised will help cover the costs of sending our youth to Ohio in July for Youth Rally.

MLC ADULT VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT: We have been invited to attend the men and women's volleyball tournaments at MLC in March. Men will play on the 21st and Women on the 28th. There is a sign up in the narthex. If you have questions, please talk to Alex or Heather Johnson. **PRACTICE** will be held Sundays from 3:30-5:30 in the Gym! Thanks!

GAMES & GOSPEL (DATE CHANGE): will be attending a MSU Hockey game on Saturday Feb 28th. Tickets are \$14 per person. Please RSVP to JoElyn Krohn (612-384-4581) to reserve your seats. Please note that this is an adults only evening out.

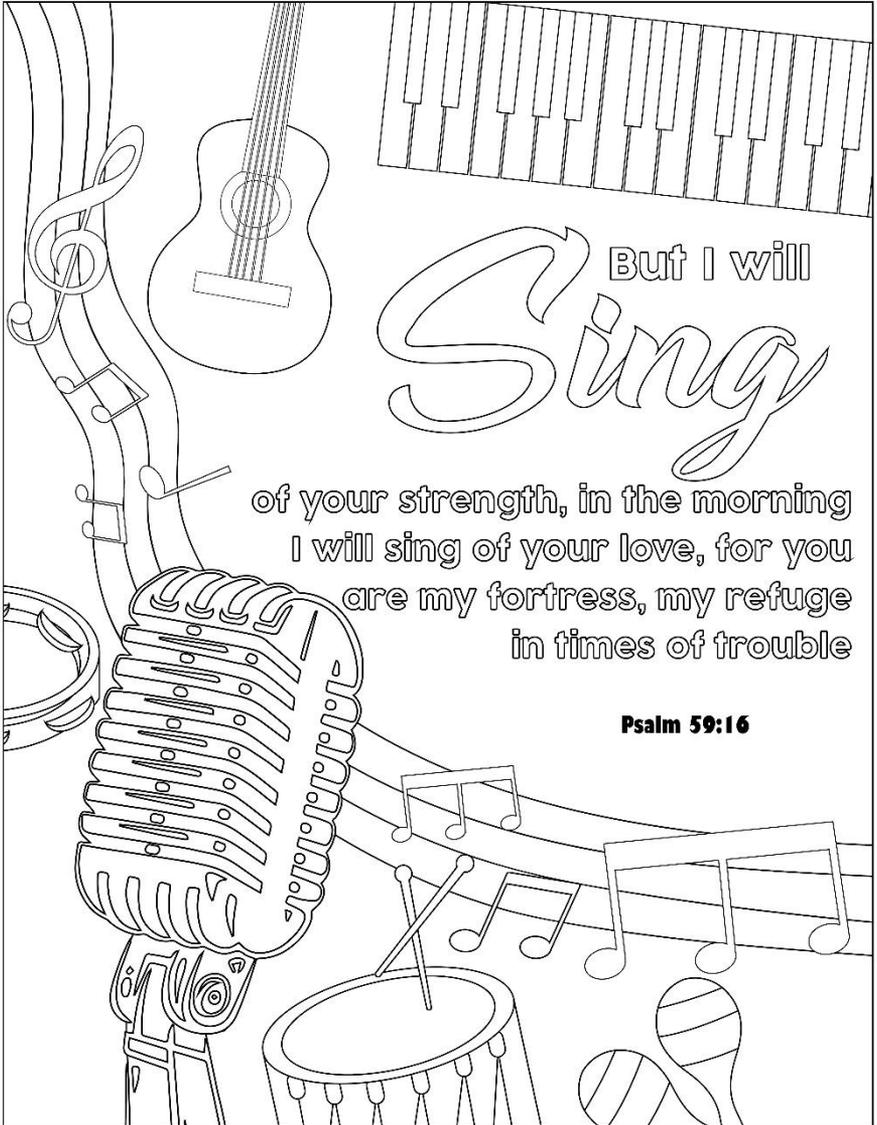
AREA NEWS

CONCERTS AT MVL: You are cordially invited to attend two concerts at MVL. Concert Band, Jazz Band, and Chargaliers will present their concert on **Sunday, March 1, at 1:30 p.m.** in the Fine Arts Center. The Spring Sacred Concert, featuring A Cappella Choir, Chargaliers, the Freshman Choir, and the Concert band, will be on **Wednesday, April 1, at 7:00 p.m.** in the Fine Arts Center. Thank you for supporting these young musicians with your attendance.

MLC WIND SYMPHONY: Lent is a time of reflection and a time of hope. As we once again reflect on Christ's journey to the cross, Scripture reminds us that our Savior is the foundation of our lives. Jesus—who he is and what he has done for us—is a foundation that cannot be worn away or washed away by the storms and trials of this world. Please join the Martin Luther College Wind Symphony for "The Lord, My Foundation," a musical reflection on the themes of Lent. The concert will take place at 3 pm, Sunday, February 22, in the Chapel of the Christ. It will also be live-streamed on MLC's YouTube page.

MOTHERS DAY: Women and men are cordially invited to Zion Lutheran Church in Winthrop, MN, for a special Mother's Day program on Saturday, May 2, 2026 at 1 pm. Our speaker will be Becca Backhaus of Austin, Texas. She will present "An adoption love story about God getting us through the peaks and the valleys of our lives even when things look tough." A story of her experience was in the *Forward in Christ* issue of May, 2024. Dessert and fellowship will follow the presentation. A free-will offering will be collected to help with Becca's plane fare. God's blessings to each of you.

NEW2YOU FAMILY THRIFT: Manage donated children's clothes by sorting clothing, pricing and displaying items on the salesfloor. Must be able to lift 20 - 25 pounds to move heavy bins to your location. Must be able to operate an electric cash register and accurately make monetary transactions. Light cleaning around children's area and your desk. If you are interested in this position, pick up an application in person at New 2 You Family Thrift. If you have questions, please call New 2 You at 507-385-1455 to speak with Amanda or Melissa.



But I will
Sing

of your strength, in the morning
I will sing of your love, for you
are my fortress, my refuge
in times of trouble

Psalm 59:16

LENTEN WORSHIP

For Midweek Lenten services we will offer a meal prior, and we will be following a series called “It is Finished”. This will be delivered through our area ELS/WELS Rotation. The Schedule is as follows:

Date	Supper	Group Serving	Pastor
2/18	Cheesy Potato Soup	Youth Group	Pastor Carlovksy (Trinity)
2/25	Hot Dogs	Pre-K – 1 st Grade	Pastor Tom Westendorf (St. Mark's)
3/4	Ham & Potatoes	CEA	Pastor Noah Hartman (St. Paul's)
3/11	Sloppy Joes	2-4 th Grades	Pastor Ben Wiechmann (Peace)
3/18	Baked Potato Bar	5-8 th Grades	Pastor Luke Ulrich (Mt. Olive)
3/25	Chili	Games & Gospel	Pastor David Carlvosky



February 2026

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Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
Feb 1 9 am Worship/comunion 10:15 Youth Breakfast 10:45 KIC/ Annual Voters & Call Meeting	2 6pm Worship 7pm Bible Study 7pm Board of Ed	3 4:15 & 5pm TLS Home Basketball 6:00pm Pre-K/K Round up Meeting	4 8:00 am TLS Chapel 7:00 pm Unified	5 1:30pm Trinity Senior Fellowship 7:00 pm Men' s Fellowship@JT' s	6 MVL BASKETBALL CONGREGATION NIGHT 4:30/5:45/7 pm	7
8 9 am Worship / TLS Sings 10:15 am Fellowship 10:45 KIC / Bible Study	9 6pm Worship 7pm Bible Study	10	11 8:00 am TLS Chapel	12 7:00 pm Men' s Bible Study	13	14 7 pm Women, Wine & The Word
15 9 am Worship w/ Communion 10:15 am Fellowship 10:45 Bible Study/KIC	16 NO SCHOOL 6pm Worship 7pm Bible Study	17	18 8:00am TLS Chapel/3 5 pm Lenten Supper 6:30 Ash Wednesday	19	20 TLS Early Release 12:50 pm	21
22 9:00 am Worship w/ Pastor Baige 10:15 am Fellowship 10:45 Bible Study/KIC	23 6pm Worship 7pm Bible Study	24	25 8:00am TLS Chapel w/ Super Buddies 5 pm Lenten Supper 6:30 Midweek Lenten Worship 7:00 pm Council	26	27	28 Games & Gospel - MSU Hockey