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what i need

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## EXACTLY WHAT I NEED:

# WATER

“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 deep spiritual thirst. I long for a good relationship with God and for everlasting life. I am tempted to satisfy that deep thirst with worldly things, a strategy doomed to failure. I realize that my thirst is satisfied only by the one who said, “Whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst.” Jesus meets my greatest need.

## 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 David Carlovksy

**BULLETIN SPONSOR:** In memory of Dwayne Magers

**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

708 *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

*Stand*

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

## Confession

CW 188

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 190

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.

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy, be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word; 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

*Exodus 17:1-7*

<sup>1</sup>The whole Israelite community set out from the Desert of Sin, traveling from place to place as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. <sup>2</sup>So they quarreled with Moses and said, "Give us water to drink."

Moses replied, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you put the LORD to the test?"

<sup>3</sup>But the people were thirsty for water there, and they grumbled against Moses. They said, "Why did you bring us up out of Egypt to make us and our children and livestock die of thirst?"

<sup>4</sup>Then Moses cried out to the LORD, "What am I to do with these people? They are almost ready to stone me."

<sup>5</sup>The LORD answered Moses, “Go out in front of the people. Take with you some of the elders of Israel and take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. <sup>6</sup>I will stand there before you by the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it for the people to drink.” So Moses did this in the sight of the elders of Israel. <sup>7</sup>And he called the place Massah and Meribah because the Israelites quarreled and because they tested the LORD saying, “Is the LORD among us or not?”

The Word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

## Psalm of the Day

Psalm 95A

### Refrain



Let us shout for joy to the rock of our sal - va - tion.

### Tone



Come, let us sing for joy / to the LORD;  
let us shout aloud to the rock of our sal- / vation.  
Let us come before him with thanks- / giving  
and extol him with mu- / sic and song.  
For the LORD is the / great God,  
the great King a- / bove all gods.  
In his hand are the depths / of the earth,  
and the mountain peaks be- / long to him.  
The sea is his, for he / made it,  
and his hands formed the / dry land. *Refrain*

Come, let us bow down in / worship,  
let us kneel before the LORD our / maker;  
for he is our God and we are the people of his / pasture,  
the flock under / his care.  
Today, if only you would / hear his voice,  
“Do not hard- / en your hearts  
as you did at / Meribah,

as you did that day at Massah in the / wilderness.”  
**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**

Tune: May Schwarz

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## Children's Message

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

## Second Reading

*Romans 5:1-8*

<sup>1</sup>Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>2</sup>through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God. <sup>3</sup>Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; <sup>4</sup>perseverance, character; and character, hope. <sup>5</sup>And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.

<sup>6</sup>You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. <sup>7</sup>Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die. <sup>8</sup>But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

## Gospel Acclamation

*John 4:13,14*

**Spoken by All:** Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

**Pastor:** Jesus answered, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst."

**Spoken by All:** Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>5</sup>So he came to a town in Samaria called Sychar, near the plot of ground Jacob had given to his son Joseph. <sup>6</sup>Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired as he was from the journey, sat down by the well. It was about noon.

<sup>7</sup>When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, "Will you give me a drink?" <sup>8</sup>(His disciples had gone into the town to buy food.)

<sup>9</sup>The Samaritan woman said to him, "You are a Jew and I am a Samaritan woman. How can you ask me for a drink?" (For Jews do not associate with Samaritans.)

<sup>10</sup>Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water."

<sup>11</sup>"Sir," the woman said, "you have nothing to draw with and the well is deep. Where can you get this living water?" <sup>12</sup>Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did also his sons and his livestock?"

<sup>13</sup>Jesus answered, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, <sup>14</sup>but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life."

<sup>15</sup>The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water so that I won't get thirsty and have to keep coming here to draw water."

<sup>16</sup>He told her, "Go, call your husband and come back."

<sup>17</sup>"I have no husband," she replied.

Jesus said to her, "You are right when you say you have no husband.

<sup>18</sup>The fact is, you have had five husbands, and the man you now have is not your husband. What you have just said is quite true."

<sup>19</sup>"Sir," the woman said, "I can see that you are a prophet. <sup>20</sup>Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you Jews claim that the place where we must worship is in Jerusalem."

<sup>21</sup>"Woman," Jesus replied, "believe me, a time is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. <sup>22</sup>You Samaritans worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know, for salvation is from the Jews. <sup>23</sup>Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in the Spirit and in truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. <sup>24</sup>God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in the Spirit and in truth."

<sup>25</sup>The woman said, "I know that Messiah" (called Christ) "is coming. When he comes, he will explain everything to us."

<sup>26</sup>Then Jesus declared, "I, the one speaking to you—I am he."

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

## **ARE YOU THIRSTY?**

*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**

*839 Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me*

# OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S GRACE

## WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

Sunday 9:00 am 139  
Streaming 26  
Wednesday Night 107

## BIBLE STUDY

Sunday 10:45 am 17  
Kids In Christ 12  
Monday 7:00 pm NA  
Monday Virtual

## SUNDAY GIVING

General Fund	9474.65
Vanco	728.25
Capital	45.00

# THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

Sun. (3/8)	9:00 am 10:15 am 10:45 am	Worship Fellowship KIC / Bible Study
Mon (3/9)	7:00 pm	NO BIBLE STUDY
Wed (3/11)	8:00 am 5:00 pm 6:30 pm	TLS Chapel Lenten Supper Midweek Worship
Thurs (3/12)	7:00pm	Men's Bible Study
Sat (3/14)	7:00 pm	Women, Wine, & Word
Sun (3/15)	9:00 am 10:15 am 10:45 am	Worship w/ Communion Fellowship Bible Study/KIC

# TRINITY NEWS

**CALL UPDATE:** on February 23<sup>rd</sup> we extended a call to Pastor David Ernest of Jerusalem Lutheran. He can be contacted at 920-542-0831 or [pastor@jerusalemlutheran.org](mailto:pastor@jerusalemlutheran.org). Please keep him in your prayers as he deliberates this call.

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

**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 21<sup>st</sup> and Women on the 28<sup>th</sup>. 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!

**TRINTIY SENIORS FELLOWSHIP:** The next meeting will be on Thursday, April 9<sup>th</sup>, at 1:30 pm. We will have a Devotion by Pastor Carlovensky, followed by An Estate Planning Seminar. Lawyers from Birkholz Law in Mankato will present this Seminar. Anyone wishing to attend is welcome.

**TRINITY SCHOOL CEA CARNIVAL:** will be April 18<sup>th</sup> from 11:00-3:00pm. If you are interested in donating items for the silent action, pie auction or bake sale, please talk to Amber Finken. We are excited for another fun carnival!

**SCREEN VOLUTENTEERS:** We are in need of one or two volunteers to run the screen for the two services on Easter Sunday. The PowerPoint will be made for you and a tutorial on how to get it set up can be given at any time before Easter. If you are willing to help or have any questions, please let the office know.

**STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE UPDATES:** There are many events coming up hosted by the stewardship committee. There are signups posted on the bulletin board for: Alter Guild Helpers, Church clean up March 21<sup>st</sup>, Easter Breakfast, and Ditch Clean up.

**CAMP SHETEK SIGN UPS:** Calling all students that will be entering 4<sup>th</sup> through 9<sup>th</sup> grade to attend our Lutheran Bible Camp June 21<sup>st</sup> through 27<sup>th</sup> at Shetek St. Park in Currie MN. There are packets in the narthex with more information.

# AREA NEWS

**CONCERTS AT MVL:** 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.

**MVL BOOSTER CLUB AUCTION:** Come support MVL at our annual Jeans and Dreams auction Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup> at Turner Hall New Ulm. Doors open at 5:30 pm for this free event – cash bar, dinner, and auction!

**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.

**WELS GROUP TOUR TO THE ARK:** Father's World Tours and the OWLS (WELS Seniors Group) invite W/ELS members of all ages to join us for an April 17-26 trip to the beautiful Bluegrass State of Kentucky. Our deluxe motorcoach originates in MN and continues through WI with free parking and pickups offered at WELS churches/schools in New Ulm, Mankato, Rochester, LaCrosse, and Madison. You can also opt to start and end in Brookfield/Milwaukee (April 18-25). Highlights include daily devotions, weekend worship, visits to the Ark Encounter, Creation Museum, Cumberland Falls, Old Friends (horse farm), Keeneland (horse racing), and much more. All meals are also included! Don't delay. Registration closes at midnight on the 15<sup>th</sup> of March (3/15). Visit [www.fathersworldtours.com](http://www.fathersworldtours.com) or contact Steve Balza at 507-217-1731 for more information or to register.

**LWMS SPRING RALLY:** Lutheran Women's Missionary Society will be hosting the spring rally circuit at Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Owatonna MN on April 11<sup>th</sup> with a presentation on Native Christians and the mission work being done in East Fork AZ.

# 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 <sup>st</sup> Grade	Pastor Tom Westendorf (St. Mark's)
3/4	Ham & Potatoes	CEA	Pastor Noah Hartman (St. Paul's)
3/11	Sloppy Joes	2-4 <sup>th</sup> Grades	Pastor Ben Wiechmann (Peace)
3/18	Baked Potato Bar	5-8 <sup>th</sup> Grades	Pastor Luke Ulrich (Mt. Olive)
3/25	Chili	Games & Gospel	Pastor David Carlvosky



# March 2026

TRINITY EV.  
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Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
1 9 am Worship/communion 10:15 Youth Breakfast 10:45 KIC/ Bible Study	2 6pm Board of Ed NO BIBLE STUDY	3 6-7 pm TLS Open House	4 8:00 am TLS Chapel 5:00 Lenten Supper 6:30 Worship 7:00 pm Unified	5 7:00 pm Men's Fellowship Paddlefish Brewing	6	7
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15 9 am Worship w/ Communion 10:15 am Fellowship 10:45 Bible Study/ KIC	16 7 pm Bible Study	17	18 8:00am TLS Chapel w/ Supper Buddies 5 pm Lenten Supper 6:30 Worship	19	20	21 10 am Church Spring Cleaning
22 9:00 am Worship 10:15 am Fellowship 10:45 Bible Study/KIC	23 7 pm Bible Study TLS Sprng Break	24	25 5 pm Lenten Supper 6:30 Midweek Lenten Worship 7:00 pm Council	26	27	28
29 9:00 am Palm Sunday 10:15 am Fellowship 10:45 Bible Study/KIC	30 6 pm CEA Meeting	31	April 1	2 Maundy Thursday	3 Good Friday	4