

We welcome you to worship today. In this week of the church year, we see how God has graciously entrusted his people with gifts to advance his kingdom. If you are a guest with us, please sign our guest register at the bottom of the steps as you leave. We invite you to worship with us again!

Our Worship

Order of Service: “Service Of Word And Sacrament”, can also be found on page 26 in *Christian Worship* if you would like to follow the music there.

HYMN: 542

STAND

M: The grace of our Lord + Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

CONFESSION OF SINS

M: God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.

C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful, and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. 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.

C: Amen.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

LORD HAVE MERCY

Kyrie

M: For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: (Sung) Lord, have mercy.

M: For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.

C: (Sung) Christ, have mercy.

M: For the well-being of your holy Church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: (Sung) Lord, have mercy.

M: Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care:

C: (Sung) Amen.

M: The works of the Lord are great and glorious; his name is worthy of praise.

O LORD, OUR LORD

C: (Sung) O Lord, our Lord, how glorious is your name in all the earth. Almighty God, merciful Father, you crown our life with your love. You take away our sin; you comfort our spirit; you make us pure and holy in your sight. You did not spare your only Son, but gave him up for us all. O Lord, our Lord, how glorious is your name in all the earth. O Son of God, eternal Word of the Father, you came to live with us; you made your Father known; you washed us from our sins in your own blood. You are the King of glory; you are the Lord! O Lord, our Lord, how glorious is your name in all the earth.

M: Let us pray.

M: Lord God, forgive the wrongdoing of your people and be gentle with us in our weakness. Deliver us from the bondage of our sin and direct us to the path of righteousness; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: (Sung) Amen

BE SEATED

THE WORD

The Old Testament Lesson: Malachi 3:14-18 (NIV) *To the faithless, worship of the true God seems like a mournful, futile obedience. But the Lord knows us and blesses us.*

¹⁴ "You have said, 'It is futile to serve God. What did we gain by carrying out his requirements and going about like mourners before the LORD Almighty?' ¹⁵ But now we call the arrogant blessed. Certainly the evildoers prosper, and even those who challenge God escape.' " ¹⁶ Then those who feared the LORD talked with each other, and the LORD listened and heard. A scroll of remembrance was written in his presence concerning those who feared the LORD and honored his name. ¹⁷ "They will be mine," says the LORD Almighty, "in the day when I make up my treasured possession. I will spare them, just as in compassion a man spares his son who serves him. ¹⁸ And you will again see the distinction between the righteous and the wicked, between those who serve God and those who do not.

PSALM OF THE DAY: 92 on page 101

The Epistle Lesson: 1 Thessalonians 3:7-13 (NIV) *What a source of encouragement it is when Christians see each other standing firm in the faith!*

⁷Therefore, brothers, in all our distress and persecution we were encouraged about you because of your faith. ⁸For now we really live, since you are standing firm in the Lord. ⁹ How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy we have in the presence of our God because of you? ¹⁰Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you again and supply what is lacking in your faith. ¹¹Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus clear the way for us to come to you. ¹²May the Lord make your love increase and overflow for each other and for everyone else, just as ours does for you. ¹³May he strengthen your hearts so that you will be blameless and holy in the presence of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus comes with all his holy ones.

VERSE OF THE DAY

M: Alleluia. Grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Alleluia.

C: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! These words are written that we may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

STAND

The Gospel: Matthew 25:14-30 (NIV): *By grace the Lord has entrusted different people with different gifts for the advancement of his kingdom. What he expects from all is faithfulness with their gifts.*

¹⁴"Again, it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted his property to them. ¹⁵To one he gave five talents of money, to another two talents, and to another one talent, each according to his ability. Then he went on his journey. ¹⁶The man who had received the five talents went at once and put his money to work and gained five more. ¹⁷So also, the one with the two talents gained two more. ¹⁸But the man who had received the one talent went off, dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money.

¹⁹"After a long time the master of those servants returned and settled accounts with them. ²⁰The man who had received the five talents brought the other five. 'Master,' he said, 'you entrusted me with five talents. See, I have gained five more.' ²¹"His master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!' ²²"The man with the two talents also came. 'Master,' he said, 'you entrusted me with two talents; see, I have gained two more.' ²³"His master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!' ²⁴"Then the man who had received the one talent came. 'Master,' he said, 'I knew that you are a hard man, harvesting where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered seed. ²⁵So I was afraid and went out and hid your talent in the ground. See, here is what belongs to you.' ²⁶"His master replied, 'You wicked, lazy servant! So you knew that I harvest where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered seed? ²⁷Well then, you should have put my money on deposit with the bankers, so that when I returned I would

have received it back with interest. ²⁸" 'Take the talent from him and give it to the one who has the ten talents. ²⁹For everyone who has will be given more, and he will have an abundance. Whoever does not have, even what he has will be taken from him. ³⁰And throw that worthless servant outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

C: (Sung) Praise be to you, O Christ!

BE SEATED

HYMN OF THE DAY: 484

Sermon Text: Matthew 25:14-30

“USE YOUR GIFTS FOR HIS SERVICE”

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 fully 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

OFFERING

STAND

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

LORD'S PRAYER

(Saturday)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Or

(Sunday)

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.

THE SACRAMENT

M: The Lord be with you.

C: (Sung) And also with you.

M: Lift up your hearts.

C: (Sung) We lift them up to the Lord.

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: (Sung) It is right to give him thanks and praise.

M: Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!
In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing.
He sends the Holy Spirit to testify that we are his children
and to strengthen us when we are weak.

M: Now have come the salvation and the power and the
kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ.
To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise
and thanks and honor and glory for ever and ever.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Sanctus

**C: (Sung) Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts. The
whole earth is full of your glory. You are my God,
and I will exalt you. I will give you thanks, for you
have become my salvation. Holy, holy, holy is the
Lord of hosts. The whole earth is full of your glory.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed,
took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke
it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat;
this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in
remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying, “Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.

M: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: (Sung) Amen.

O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD

Agnus Dei

C: (Sung) O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us your peace. Amen.

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DISTRIBUTION

HYMN: 314

THANKSGIVING

STAND

THANK THE LORD

C: (Sung) Thank the Lord and sing his praise. Tell everyone what he has done. Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear his name. He renews his promises and leads his people forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia! Alleluia!

M: Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: (Sung) Amen.

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

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.

C: (Sung) Amen. Amen. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN: 399 vs.1&3 (please remain standing)



We welcome those visiting us today. If you are a resident of this area and have no church home, we invite you to consider Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church, town of Liberty. If you are interested, please speak to the pastor. We pray the blessing of God's Holy Spirit upon his Word, which you have heard with us today. Please worship with us again!

Announcements:

Organist

Our organist this weekend is Tammie Nagel. We thank her for beautifying our worship from the organ.

Prayer Requests –

- The family of Ray Kasten – may the Lord of mercy give the Kasten family comfort that Ray is now at home with his Savior.
- Marion Moldenhauer – who is at the Manitowoc Health Care Center, we pray for God's mercy, that she may enjoy her walk with him toward glory.
- Jim Liermann – as he continues treatments, we beseech God to heal him of his disease, according to his will, and strengthen him and his family in the faith.
- Jesse Lietzau – serving in the Middle East. We ask the LORD to guard him by his angels and build him and his family in Christ. We pray the same for Nicole Schultz, granddaughter of Ralph Schultz and Ed Vetter, now back serving in Germany, and for Erika Chute, granddaughter of Orabelle Fisher, now serving in Iraq. We also

pray for John Wallander, nephew of Leon & Linda Wallander, also serving in Iraq.

Thank You

To Leon & Linda Wallander for the altar flowers. Congratulations on your 24th wedding anniversary!

Quarterly Voter's Meeting

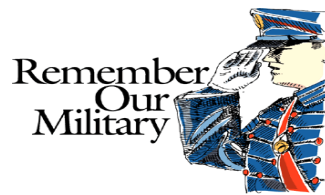
Please remember the Voters Meeting, October 28th at 7:30 P.M. The Trinity Ladies Circle will provide snacks after the meeting.

Pancake & Porkie Breakfast

The date Nov. 2nd –Reformation Sunday. 8 AM will be the breakfast in the church basement, followed by a presentation from Pastor Roger Schultz of Calvary Academy. He will also preach in worship. There is a sign up sheet in the narthex for help and if you plan on attending the pancake & porkie breakfast. Please come and join us!

Youth Group

The Youth Group has set a theme for this years Christmas at Sinawa - *Oh, Holy Night*. The first work day will be Thursday, October 30 from 1 PM - 4 PM, meeting at the Family Center. We will be working on the silhouettes for the cabin. Scheduling future work dates depends on how much is accomplished, so please watch the bulletin and email for updates. Any questions, you can contact Stephanie Nagel or Lisa Kiesow.



The boxes are now set up in the narthex for donations for the soldiers. They will be collecting until the beginning of November. We are still looking for current names and addresses of those family members related to members here at Trinity. So if you have a family member or relation serving in the military, please give your address to the church secretary; either by e-mail, phone or just put it in her mailbox. Please help getting the addresses in quickly. Thank you!!!

MLHS Happenings

Music Center Dedication Service Change! Construction delays due to our wet summer have caused a delay in the Dedication Service of MLHS new Music Center. The new date is Sunday, Nov. 2nd at 4:00pm; the dedication service will coincide with the Federation Reformation Service.

Manitowoc Lutheran High School Admissions Director: At the August Federation meeting, the delegates approved the position of Admissions Director for our high school. This is a full time position and will be filled through the calling process. A call list will be presented to the delegates at the December 6th Federation meeting. **(Delegates: Please note the meeting date change.)** The names of eligible male candidates, (pastors, teachers, staff ministers or lay people), must be submitted NO LATER THAN November 15, 2008, to the District President: Pastor Doug Engelbrecht, 249 E. Franklin Ave., Neenah, WI 54956.

Volunteers are needed at Manitowoc Lutheran High School for several work days as they move in to their new Music Center and prepare the building for dedication on Nov. 2nd. This is a

tremendous opportunity to share a couple hours of service as they prepare to dedicate this new building to our Father's service.

Week of 10/27 – 11/2

Tue 10/28 WIAA Football Playoffs Rd #1
Thur 10/30 Volunteer Workday: Move into MLHS Music Center;
8am – Noon; 1pm – 4pm; 6pm – 9pm
Fri 10/31 Volunteer Workday: Move into MLHS Music Center;
9am – Noon; 1pm – 4pm
Sat 11/1 Volunteer Workday: Move into MLHS Music Center; 8am – 2pm
Sun 11/2 MLHS Music Center Dedication & Reformation Service; 4pm

Calendar of Events

Sat.25th 7:00 p.m. Worship with Holy Communion
Sun.26th 8:15 a.m. Sunday School
8:15 a.m. Adult Bible Class
9:30 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion
Tues.28th 6:00 p.m. Trinity Ladies Circle
7:30 p.m. Quarterly Voter's Meeting
Wed.29th 5:00 p.m. Confirmation Class
Sat.1st 7:00 p.m. Worship
Sun.2nd 8:15 a.m. Sunday School
8:15 a.m. Adult Bible Class
9:30 a.m. Worship

Greeters:

Oct.26th: Leon & Linda Wallander
Nov.2nd: Damian & Jane Bushmann

Ushers:

Oct. 25th: Dan Knutson (Server), David Schultz (Server), Derrick Krey
Oct. 26th: John Smith (Server), Mark Knutson (Server), Len Arnold,
Jeff Knutson
Nov. 1st: James Glaeser, Mike Kiesow
Nov. 2nd: John Smith, Eli Kenneke, A.J. Kenneke, Larry Hochkammer

Altar Guild: October – Group 2:

Elizabeth Otto, Lois Glaeser, Sharon Arnold, Mary Liermann



A Happy Birthday to...

10/27 Kristin Fischer
10/31 Megan Bushman
10/31 David Isaacson
10/31 Juel Knutson



Happy Anniversary To...

10/25 Fred & Darlene Schnell – 39 Years!
10/27 Leon & Linda Wallander – 24 Years!

*If you have an October birthday or anniversary that was missed or listed incorrectly please let us know so we can update church records! Thanks!