

Trinity Lutheran Church
530 4th Street NW
Faribault, MN 55021
(507) 331-6579

THE CONNECTION

December 7, 2025
10:30am



The Sacrament Of The Altar will be celebrated at the 10:30 AM service. Anyone who is not yet instructed, in doubt or holds a differing confession and yet desires to receive the Sacrament, is asked first to speak with a Pastor, Elder or Worship Assistant.

--PRESERVICE SONG “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

--ANNOUNCEMENTS (Elder)

--WORSHIP SONG “Messiah” (Matthew 25:34-36)

Verse 1...Someone’s shouting from the desert. Someone’s shouting from the sea. Someone’s shouting from the mountain. Someone’s shouting from the valley.

Chorus:...Messiah, come and be our King. Messiah, come and be our King.

Verse 2...Someone’s shouting from the city. I am young, I am cold. Someone’s shouting from the country. I am lonely I am old. Chorus:...

Verse 3...Someone’s shouting I am broken. Someone’s shouting make me whole. Someone’s shouting come and change me. Someone’s shouting save my soul.

Chorus:...

Words and Music by Larry Olson (C) 1989 Dakota Road Music; CCLI #918029, Streaming Plus #21242374

(Please stand)

--INVOCATION

P. In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C. Amen

--OPENING SENTENCES

P. The LORD says, "Prepare the way of the Lord."

C. We thank You, O Lord!

P. The LORD says, "The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight, behold, He is coming."

C. We adore You, O Lord!

P. The LORD says, "I the LORD do not change; therefore you are not consumed."

C. We praise You, O Lord!

P. The LORD who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.

C. We worship You, O Lord!

--LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH (*Two Advent candles are lit.*)

P. Let us pray.

O Lord, let the lighting of these candles signify that You are the light that shines in all the darkness of our lives. As we wait, watch, hope, and pray, guide us all to reflect Your light and let it shine; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C. Amen.

--CONFESSION OF SINS

P. Let us confess our sins to God our Father.

C. Most merciful God, in Your kindness and love You have saved us. You've rescued us from the coldness of our sin. Yet, we still struggle to share Your warmth in our daily living. Our thoughts don't always follow Your thoughts. Our ways often stray from Your ways. We sin against not only You, but against our neighbors, as well. Forgive us, dear Lord. Wrap us securely in Your love and lead us in Your good ways. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

--FORGIVENESS OF SINS

P. Almighty God, in His mercy, has given His Son to die for you and for His sake He forgives you. As a called and ordained servant of the Lord, and on His behalf, I say to you, "You are forgiven." In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C. Amen

--STATEMENT OF WHAT WE BELIEVE “*This I Believe (The Creed)*”

Verse 1...Our Father everlasting, the all creating One, God almighty.
Through Your Holy Spirit, conceiving Christ the Son, Jesus our Savior.

Chorus...

I believe in God our Father, I believe in Christ the Son.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, Our God is three in One.
I believe in the resurrection, that we will rise again.
For I believe in the name of Jesus.

Verse 2... Our Judge and our Defender, suffered and
crucified, forgiveness is in You.
Descended into darkness,
You rose in glorious life, forever seated high. Chorus...

Chorus 2...

I believe in life eternal, I believe in the virgin birth.
I believe in the saints' communion and in Your holy church.
I believe in the resurrection, when Jesus comes again.
For I believe in the name of Jesus.
For I believe in the name of Jesus.

©2014 Hillsong Music Publishing (Admin. by Capitol CMG Publishing), CCLI #918029,
Streaming Plus #21242374

(Please sit)

--FIRST LESSON *Isaiah 11:1-10*

- ¹There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse,
and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit.
- ²And the Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him,
the Spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the Spirit of counsel and might,
the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.
- ³And his delight shall be in the fear of the LORD.
He shall not judge by what his eyes see,
or decide disputes by what his ears hear,
- ⁴but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;
and he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.
- ⁵Righteousness shall be the belt of his waist,
and faithfulness the belt of his loins.
- ⁶The wolf shall dwell with the lamb,
and the leopard shall lie down with the young goat,

(continued...)

and the calf and the lion and the fattened calf together;
and a little child shall lead them.

⁷The cow and the bear shall graze;
their young shall lie down together;
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.

⁸The nursing child shall play over the hole of the cobra,
and the weaned child shall put his hand on the adder's den.

⁹They shall not hurt or destroy
in all my holy mountain;
for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD
as the waters cover the sea.

¹⁰In that day the root of Jesse, who shall stand as a signal for the peoples—of him shall the nations inquire, and his resting place shall be glorious.

L. Here ends the first reading.

--SECOND LESSON *Romans 15:4-13*

⁴Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. ⁵May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, ⁶that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁷Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.

⁸For I tell you that Christ became a servant to the circumcised to show God's truthfulness, in order to confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, ⁹and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, "Therefore I will praise you among the Gentiles, and sing to your name."

(Please stand)

¹⁰And again it is said,
"Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people."

¹¹And again,
"Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles,
and let all the peoples extol him."

¹²And again Isaiah says,
"The root of Jesse will come,
even he who arises to rule the Gentiles;
in him will the Gentiles hope."

¹³May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

L. Here ends the second reading.

--GOSPEL LESSON *Matthew 3:1-12*

¹In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea,
²"Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."
³For this is he who was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah when he said,
 "The voice of one crying in the wilderness:

'Prepare the way of the Lord;
 make his paths straight.'"

⁴Now John wore a garment of camel's hair and a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey.
⁵Then Jerusalem and all Judea and all the region about the Jordan were going out to him,
⁶and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

⁷But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the

wrath to come? ⁸Bear fruit in keeping with repentance. ⁹And do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father,' for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children for Abraham. ¹⁰Even now the axe is laid to the root of the trees. Every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

¹¹"I baptize you with water for repentance, but he who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire.

¹²His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and gather his wheat into the barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

P. Here ends the reading of the Gospel.

(Please sit)

--CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**--OFFERING / MESSAGE SONG "God Will Make A Way"**

(Isaiah 41:10, 43:18-19, 55:8; Mark 13:31; Psalm 25:5)

Chorus...God will make a way where there seems to be no way.
 He works in ways we cannot see. He will make a way for me.
 He will be my guide, hold me closely to His side.
 With love and strength for each new day,
 He will make a way. He will make a way.

Verse...By a roadway in the wilderness, He'll lead me.
 Rivers in the desert will I see. Heaven and earth will fade,
 but His Word will still remain, and He will do something new today!

Chorus, then...With love and strength for each new day,
 God will make a way. God will make a way.

--MESSAGE OF THE DAY “YOU ARE A KING THEN!” *The Rev. Robert Lund*

(Please stand)

--PRAYERS

(Sung at beginning of prayers)

“The Spirit Intercedes For Us” *(Romans 8:26)*

The Spirit intercedes for us,
With sighs too deep for words to express, oh, oh, oh.

The pastor will conclude the prayers with:

“Holy Spirit, in our weakness, help us to pray...”

(Sung at end of the prayers)

“The Spirit Intercedes For Us” *(Romans 8:26)*

The Spirit intercedes for us,
With sighs too deep for words to express, oh, oh, oh.

*Text: © 1989 Dakota Road Music,
All rights reserved. CCLI #918029, Streaming Plus #21242374
Reprinted under: ONE LICENSE #730578-A.*

P. Let us pray as our Savior taught us...

THE LORD’S PRAYER

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

--WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Please sit

--SONGS FOR DISTRIBUTION

“Emmanuel (Hallowed Manger Ground)” *(Matthew 1:23)*

Verse 1...What hope we hold this starlit night: a King is born in Bethlehem.
Our journey long, we seek the light that leads to the hallowed manger ground.

Verse 2...What fear we felt in the silent age, four hundred years can He be found?
But broken by a Baby’s cry; rejoice in the hallowed manger ground.

(continued...)

Chorus...Emmanuel, Emmanuel, God incarnate, here to dwell.
Emmanuel, Emmanuel, Praise His name, Emmanuel.

Verse 3...The Son of God, here, born to bleed; a crown of thorns would pierce His brow. And we beheld this offering, exalted now, the King of kings, praise God for the hallowed manger ground.

Sing Chorus twice, then...Praise His name, Emmanuel.

© 2009 worshiptogether.com songs, CCLI #918029, Streaming Plus #21242374

“Here I Am to Worship” (Philippians 2:6-8)

Verse 1...Light of the World, You stepped down into darkness, opened my eyes, let me see beauty that made this heart adore You, hope of a life spent with You.

Chorus...Here I am to worship, here I am to bow down,
here I am to say that You're my God. You're altogether lovely,
altogether worthy, altogether wonderful to me.

Verse 2...King of all days, oh so highly exalted, glorious in heaven above,
humbly You came to the Earth You created, all for love's sake became poor. Chorus...

Bridge...I'll never know how much it cost to see my sin upon that cross. I'll never know
how much it cost to see my sin upon that cross.

Sing Chorus twice...

Tag...Here I am to worship.

© 2000 Thankyou Music (Admin. by Capitol CMG Publishing), CCLI #918029, Streaming Plus License CCLI # 21242374

--COMMUNION DISMISSAL

P. The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body
and soul to life everlasting. Depart + in peace.

--BENEDICTION

P. The grace of our + Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the
Holy Spirit be with you all.

C. Amen.

--CLOSING SONG "Days of Elijah" *(Malachi 3:1-6)*

Verse 1...These are the days of Elijah, declaring the Word of the Lord; And these are the days of Your servant, Moses, righteousness being restored; And though these are days of great trials, of famine and darkness and sword; Still we are the voice in the desert crying, "Prepare ye the way of the Lord."

Chorus...Behold He comes, riding on the clouds, shining like the sun at the trumpet call; Lift your voice, it's the year of Jubilee, and out of Zion's hill salvation comes.

Verse 2...And these are the days of Ezekiel, the dry bones becoming as flesh; And these are the days of Your servant, David, rebuilding a temple of praise; And these are the days of the harvest, for the fields are as white in Your world; And we are Your laborers in Your vineyard, declaring the Word of the Lord. Chorus...

Bridge...There is no god like Jehovah! *(Sing 7 times...)*

Sing Chorus twice, then...Lift your voice, it's the year of Jubilee, and out of Zion's hill salvation comes.

© 1996 Song Solutions Daybreak (Admin. by Song Solutions www.songsolutions.org),
CCLI #918029, Streaming Plus #21242374

P. I am the resurrection and the Life. Go in Peace and Serve the Lord!

C. Thanks be to God.

*** * * TO GOD BE THE GLORY * * ***

All scripture quotations are from The Holy Bible, English Standard Version, copyright © 2001 by Crossway Bibles, a division of Good News Publishers. Used by permission.