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**Reverend Scott Gustafson
Reverend Jonathan Chapa**

February 1, 2026 - 10:30 AM
The Presentation of Our Lord

Sharing the message with us today is Pastor Jon Chapa. Pastor Scott Gustafson is our Liturgist.

PRE-SERVICE: *“Living Hope”* #30 Key of A (Praise Team)
 “Good God Almighty” #60 Key of D (Praise Team)

WELCOME & GREETING

OPENING SONG “Sing Wherever I Go” # Key of F

Chorus	<i>All my life All I know God's been good Good to my soul Mountain high Valley low I'm gonna sing wherever I go (Repeat)</i>	Vs.2	<i>He's my heartsong In my sorrow He's my hope and my strength for tomorrow When the storms rise All around me I will call on the name of the Lord</i>
Vs.1	<i>God is for me He's not against me I will hold to the plans He has for me When I'm broken He will fix me I will call on the name of the Lord</i>	Bridge	<i>I got joy joy joy Deep in my soul</i>
	Chorus (Sing 1X)	Instrumental	<i>I will sing sing sing Wherever I go</i>

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INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Pastor: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

People: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

CONFESSiON AND ABSOLUTiON

Pastor: Let us now make confession of our sins to God, our gracious heavenly Father

People: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

MONTHLY VERSE Romans 5:19

“For as by the one man’s disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man’s obedience the many will be made righteous.”

SONG	“A Thousand Hallelujahs”	#86 Key of E
Vs.1	Who else would rocks cry out to worship Whose glory taught the stars to shine Perhaps creation longs to have the words to sing But this joy is mine	(Chorus)
Chorus	With a thousand hallelujahs We magnify Your name You alone deserve the glory The honor and the praise Lord Jesus this song is forever Yours A thousand hallelujahs And a thousand more	Bridge Praise to the Lord To the Lamb To the King of heaven Praise for He rose Now He reigns We will sing forever (Repeat) (Chorus) Bridge (Sing Once) (Chorus)
Vs.2	Who else would die for our redemption Whose resurrection means I'll rise There isn't time enough to sing of all You've done But I have eternity to try	

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APOSTLES' CREED

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

And 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence 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.

FIRST READING 1 Samuel 1:21-28

²¹The man Elkanah and all his house went up to offer to the LORD the yearly sacrifice and to pay his vow. ²²But Hannah did not go up, for she said to her husband, “As soon as the child is weaned, I will bring him, so that he may appear in the presence of the LORD and dwell there forever.” ²³Elkanah her husband said to her, “Do what seems best to you; wait until you have weaned him; only, may the LORD establish his word.” So the woman remained and nursed her son until she weaned him. ²⁴And when she had weaned him, she took him up with her, along with a three-year-old bull, an ephah of flour, and a skin of wine, and she brought him to the house of the LORD at Shiloh. And the child was young. ²⁵Then they slaughtered the bull, and they brought the child to Eli. ²⁶And she said, “Oh, my lord! As you live, my lord, I am the woman who was standing here in your presence, praying to the LORD. ²⁷For this child I prayed, and the LORD has granted me my petition that I made to him. ²⁸Therefore I have lent him to the LORD. As long as he lives, he is lent to the LORD.” And he worshiped the LORD there.

SPECIAL MUSIC - Trinity School Students in Grades 4K – Grade 1

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SECOND READING Hebrews 2:14-18

¹⁴Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, he himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, ¹⁵and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery. ¹⁶For surely it is not angels that he helps, but he helps the offspring of Abraham. ¹⁷Therefore he had to be made like his brothers in every respect, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people. ¹⁸For because he himself has suffered when tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.

GOSPEL READING Luke 2:22-32

²²When the time came for their purification according to the Law of Moses, [Mary and Joseph] brought [Jesus] up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord ²³(as it is written in the Law of the Lord, "Every male who first opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord") ²⁴and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the Law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons." ²⁵Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. ²⁶And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ. ²⁷And he came in the Spirit into the temple, and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the Law, ²⁸he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said, ²⁹"Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace, according to your word; ³⁰for my eyes have seen your salvation ³¹that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, ³²a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel."

MESSAGE

SONG OF THE DAY

"All The People Said Amen" #17 Key of C

Vs.1 *You are not alone if you are lonely
When you feel afraid you're not the only
We are all the same in need of mercy
To be forgiven and be free
It's all you got to lean on
But thank God it's all you need*

(Chorus)

Bridge *Blessed are the poor in spirit who are torn apart
Blessed are the persecuted and the pure in heart
Blessed are the people hungry for another start
For theirs is the kingdom the kingdom of God*

Chorus (2x)

Ending *And all the people said amen*

Chorus *And all the people said amen whoa
And all the people said amen
Give thanks to the Lord for His love never ends
And all the people said amen*

Vs.2 *If you're rich or poor well it don't matter
Weak or strong you know love is what we're after
We're all broken but we're all in this together
God knows we stumble and fall
And He so loved the world
He sent His son to save us all*

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ATTENDANCE / CONNECT TIME & OFFERING (Instrumental) *“All The People Said Amen”*

During this time, please sign the attendance book found in the pew or use your mobile device to fill out the Connect Card or submit prayer requests on our app or online at www.trinitymerrill.com/live. You can also visit our app or www.trinitymerrill.com/give to learn more about other ways to support the ministries at Trinity. (When filling out the attendance book, please include your last names and list the names of everyone in attendance in your family)

PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

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.

BENEDICTION

CLOSING SONG

“Song in My Soul”

#41 Key of D

Vs.1 *There's a song in my soul
And I feel it stirring in me
This I know for sure
That Your love is like a flood
And Your mercy never ending
I give my song to You*

Vs.2 *There's a joy in my soul
And it rises like the morning
This I know for sure
That Your grace is enough
And Your promise never breaking
I give my song to You*

Chorus *All of Your goodness is like a well
running over
Oh my soul it sings for You
For all of Your goodness
I will love You forever
All my songs I sing for You
Yes all my songs I sing for You*

Vs.3 *There's a hope in my heart
Burning bright in the darkness
This I know for sure
That I will look upon Your face
Forever dwell in Your presence
And always sing to You*

(Chorus)

Bridge *Let my life be to You a symphony
Singing out holy holy
All my days every single breath I
breathe
Singing out holy (You are) holy
(Sing Twice)*

(Chorus)

Yeah all my songs I sing for You

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Today's radio broadcast is sponsored in loving memory of Lavern Sauer by Bernice Sauer.

TODAY IS THE Men's Club Chili Luncheon - The Trinity Men's Club is hosting a Chili Luncheon in the church basement following the 8:00 a.m. Worship Service on **Sunday, February 1st, 2026**. The meal will feature 10 varieties of chili, including Beer Chili, Pineapple Chili, Lo-Sodium Taco Chili, EX-TREME Chili, White Chicken Chili and 5 choices of mild or medium chilies. We will also have macaroni & cheese (for non chili-lovers). Beverages (milk, juice and coffee) are included in the price. Shredded cheese, raw onions, crackers, bread and desserts will be offered at no additional cost. Serving will take place between 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. Carry-outs will also be available. Ticket prices are \$8.00 for adults, \$3.00 for kids 5 through 12. The meal is free for kids under 5.

GriefShare begins Feb. 23, 2026, and meets weekly both online (Zoom) and in person for 13 weeks. Whether it has been recent or many years since the loss of your friend, spouse, parent, sibling or child, all are welcome! (Church membership is not required.) Registration is available at <https://find.griefshare.org/groups/275994>, and includes a participant guide, (if you haven't attended previously) and access to videos and other content useful in the journey from mourning to joy. Joy may seem out of reach when learning to live without our loved ones, yet the support of others and focusing on God's word make room for the seemingly impossible process of healing. **Join us and learn more** at www.Griefshare.org. Grief is difficult. Share your burdens and grow through your unique healing this spring online and in person through GriefShare at Trinity Lutheran Church, Merrill - Questions call Manda Norman (715) 351-1399.

2026 OFFERING ENVELOPES ARE HERE! Please pick up your envelopes from the Fellowship Hall. If you are unable to find yours, please contact the church office. Envelopes are made for members grade 3 to adult, unless you give electronically.

Mark Your Calendars- BOW THE KNEE, a dramatic musical for Easter will be presented here at Trinity Merrill on Saturday, March 21st at 7 pm and Sunday, March 22nd at 2:30pm. Plan to come see and hear what it must have been like to be in Jerusalem with Jesus during his life, death, and resurrection. Everyone is welcome!

Memory Heart Tree Show your love for departed loved-ones during the Month of February by writing their name on a heart and placing it on the Memory Tree in the narthex. You may also help spread the Word of God by donating new or used Bibles or children's Bible story books and placing them under the Memory Tree. They will be given to the Homeless Shelter and the Little Libraries in Merrill. Any monetary donations will be used for Bibles as well. Thank you - Trinity Dorcas

You are invited to sign up for the **SECRET PRAYER SUPPORT** Partners Program which provides you with the opportunity to pray for another worshipper here at Trinity throughout the Lenten season. While you are praying for the person whose name you draw, they will be praying for someone else. The stipulations of the program are (1) that you remain faithful in prayer throughout the Lenten season for the person whose name you draw and (2) that you don't tell that person you are praying for him/her until you send that person a signed card at Easter time. Signup will be in the lobby on Sun., Feb. 8; drawing the name of the person for whom you will be praying will occur the following Sun., Feb. 15. This is a great opportunity to bless the life of someone else here at Trinity! See you at the signup table.

RADIO BROADCASTS are so important to our ministry here at Trinity. Please consider sponsoring a broadcast in memory of a loved one, or in celebration of a special occasion. Broadcasts are \$190.00. Stop in the office to reserve the date you like before it is taken. Our broadcasts are heard by so many who cannot make it to church.

ALTAR FLOWERS FOR 2026 Please help us beautify our church – sign up on the chart in the hall by the Conference room to put flowers on the altar in 2026. Call the church office at least a week in advance to notify Robin of the occasion for the flowers. Flowers must be dropped off before 4:00 on Friday and picked back up either after the 6:00 PM Sunday service or Monday morning.

Lenten Meals at Trinity - During the season of Lent, Trinity will once again gather around the table for fellowship and nourishment as we prepare our hearts for Easter.

Lenten Lunches will begin on Ash Wednesday, February 18, and continue for five Wednesdays throughout Lent. Lunch will be served at 11:00 AM, following our 10:30 AM worship service. This is a wonderful opportunity to enjoy a simple meal and meaningful conversation with fellow members of our Trinity family.

Lenten Dinners will begin on Wednesday, February 25, and continue for four additional Wednesdays during Lent. Dinner will be served from 5:00 PM until just before the 6:30 PM worship service, providing a convenient and welcoming time to gather before evening worship.

We are however still looking for individuals or groups to help us prepare and serve the suppers. Please contact the office if you are able to make soup or sandwiches to help bring these meals together and to bring fellowship to our Lenten services.

We look forward to sharing these meals and this sacred season together. All are welcome!

THANK YOU TO THE TRINITY PTO – The PTO recently held a fundraiser at the Los Mezcales Restaurant to raise funds for our STEM Lab at School. Our PTO with the help of Los Mezcales, raised over \$1,100. Thank you to our PTO and to everyone who helped and who dined at Los Mezcales to help our school. Our students, families and staff truly appreciate all of your help with the success of this fundraiser. If you are interested in more information on what the school needs for the STEM lab, contact Principal, Scott Johnson.



Love the Littles Diaper Drive this Valentine's Day!

Love the Littles Diaper Closet located at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church is holding its third annual donation drive in order to continue to provide this much needed service in our community. Started three years ago, the diaper closet continues to see an increase in the number of parents and adults that utilize this service. In order to keep the shelves stocked, they are asking community members to donate packages of diapers and wipes, or send monetary donations in order to buy diapers in bulk. Larger child sizes are especially needed. Donation boxes will be located at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, Christ United Methodist Church, St. Stephen's United Church of Christ, The Chiropractic Wellness Center, Ascension Episcopal Church, Park City Credit Union, Polka-Dotted Pie, Incredible Bank, Westside Market, Riverside Athletic Club and Sawmill Brewing Company from February 6-23. Monetary donations can be mailed or dropped off at Our Saviour's at 300 Logan Street, across from PRMS. Thank you so much for your continued support of this important ministry to those in Merrill who need a little extra help.