



Jesus

—King of Kings—

Last Sunday of the Church Year - Christ the King
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Today's service is televised locally

Channel 14 - Comcast: Monday at 6:00 p.m. & Tuesday at 1:00 p.m. & Thursdays at 10:00 a.m.
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Prayer before worship: Almighty God, we praise you that you sent Jesus, who once wore the crown of thorns and bore our sin on the cross in order to save us. And we thank you that now he has ascended to heaven and wears the royal diadem of glory as the King of kings and Lord of lords. Accept our prayers, praises, and offerings as we worship you, O living God, and rejoice, as we eagerly look forward to the day of your glorious return. In the name of King Jesus we pray. Amen.

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OPENING HYMN *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

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CONFESSION

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FIRST LESSON

Daniel 7:9-10,13-14

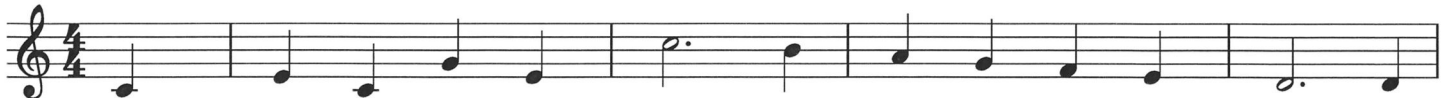
⁹“As I looked, “thrones were set in place, and the Ancient of Days took his seat. His clothing was as white as snow; the hair of his head was white like wool. His throne was flaming with fire, and its wheels were all ablaze. ¹⁰A river of fire was flowing, coming out from before him. Thousands upon thousands attended him; ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him. The court was seated, and the books were opened.

¹³“In my vision at night I looked, and there before me was one like a son of man, coming with the clouds of heaven. He approached the Ancient of Days and was led into his presence. ¹⁴He was given authority, glory and sovereign power; all nations and peoples of every language worshiped him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that will not pass away, and his kingdom is one that will never be destroyed.

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

PSALM of the DAY

Psalm 95C



1 Come, let us praise the Lord, with joy our God ac - claim, his
2 Our God of match-less worth, our King be - yond com - pare, the
3 In wor - ship bow the knee, our glo - rious God con - fess; the
4 Come, hear his voice to - day, re - ceive what love im - parts; his



great - ness tell a - broad and bless his sav - ing name. Lift high your
deep - est bounds of earth, the hills, are in his care. He all de -
great Cre - a - tor, he, the Lord our Right - eous - ness. He reigns un -
ho - ly will o - bey and hard - en not your hearts. His ways are



songs be - fore his throne to whom a - lone all praise be - longs.
crees, who by his hand pre - pared the land and formed the seas.
seen: his flock he feeds and gent - ly leads in pas - tures green.
best and lead at last, all trou - bles past, to per - fect rest.

SECOND LESSON

1 Thessalonians 4:13–18

¹³Brothers and sisters, we do not want you to be uninformed about those who sleep in death, so that you do not grieve like the rest of mankind, who have no hope. ¹⁴For we believe that Jesus died and rose again, and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him. ¹⁵According to the Lord's word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep. ¹⁶For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever. ¹⁸Therefore encourage one another with these words.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

I am the Alpha and the O - me - ga,

the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End. *Refrain*

GOSPEL

Matthew 25:31–46

³¹“When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his glorious throne. ³²All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. ³³He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left.

³⁴“Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. ³⁵For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, ³⁶I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.’

³⁷“Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? ³⁸When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? ³⁹When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?’

⁴⁰“The King will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.’

⁴¹“Then he will say to those on his left, ‘Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. ⁴²For I was hungry and you gave me nothing to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, ⁴³I was a stranger and you did not invite me in, I needed clothes and you did not clothe me, I was sick and in prison and you did not look after me.’

⁴⁴“They also will answer, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or needing clothes or sick or in prison, and did not help you?’

⁴⁵“He will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me.’

⁴⁶“Then they will go away to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life.”

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

HYMN of the DAY *Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending* **CW487**

SERMON **Daniel 7:9-10**

THE LORD IS COMING IN CLOUDS OF GLORY
1. WITH FIERY JUDGMENT AND JUSTICE
2. WITH THE HOST OF HEAVEN AND SALVATION

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OFFERING *see announcement*

HYMN *See, He Comes, the King of Glory* **CW494**

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CLOSING HYMN *Come, You Thankful People, Come* **CW491**

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PREACHER
ORGAN

Pastor Jeff Bovee
Jon Roux

Welcome, Visitors!

Please scan the QR code to
sign our Guest Register.



THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

Sun	8, 9:30 & 11 am	Worship
Mon	1 pm	Stewardship
Tue	4 pm	Oak Hills Living Center Service
	6 pm	Handbells
Wed	9:30 am	Catechism
	11 am, 4 & 6:30 pm	Midweek Advent Services
	4:45 - 6 pm	Fellowship Supper
	7:15 pm	Choir
Thu	10:30 am	Bible Class: Hard Sayings of Jesus
	7 pm	Bible Class: The I AM Statements of Jesus
Fri	9:30 am	Women's Bible Class: The I AM Statements of Jesus
Sat		Christmas for Kids
	6:30 pm	Worship

† Upcoming Services †

Midweek Advent:

Wednesday: 11 am, 4 & 6:30 pm

Saturday: 6:30 pm

Sunday: 8, 9:30 & 11 am

UPCOMING EVENTS

Dec 3	8, 9:30 & 11 am	Worship
	9:30	Sunday School and Bible Class: Book of Job
Dec 4	6:30 pm	Elders Meeting
Dec 5	6 pm	Handbells
	7 pm	Women of St. John's Meeting
Dec 6	11 am, 4 & 6:30 pm	Midweek Advent Services
	4:45 - 6 pm	Fellowship Supper
	7:15 pm	Choir
Dec 7	10:30 am	Bible Class: Hard Sayings of Jesus
	7 pm	Bible Class: The I AM Statements of Jesus
Dec 8	9:30 am	Women's Bible Class: The I AM Statements of Jesus
Dec 9	9 am	Sunday School Christmas Rehearsal
	6:30 pm	Worship
Dec 10	8, 9:30 & 11 am	Worship
	9:30 am	Sunday School
	11 am	Sunday School Christmas Service

Go to www.stjohnsnewulm.com/calendar for more events

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Attendance for the past weekend was 669 with 510 attending Communion.

Fruits of faith given:

\$28,513	Home Operations ~ \$30,392 <i>is our weekly need</i>		
\$1,087	MVL ~ \$1,278 <i>is our weekly need</i>	\$175	St. Paul's School Building Fund
\$1,782	Missions ~ \$1,818 <i>is our weekly need</i>	\$100	Youth Group
\$1,379	Building Fund	\$60	Martin Luther College
\$100	75th Ann. Sanctuary Renovation	\$60	St. Paul's School
\$11	Food & Fellowship		

Has Your Contact Information Changed? ~ Please contact the church office at 354-6744 or office@stjohnsnewulm.com with any changes to your **home address, cell phone number, and email address**. Also, if your children have moved, please update us with their new contact information so we can better serve them, too. Thank you!

Women of St. John's ~ On Tuesday, Dec. 5th, at 7 - 8:30 pm, there will be a Christmas party for all the women of St. John's. Come enjoy Advent devotions, yummy food, and Christian fellowship with other ladies of our church. Instead of a gift exchange this year we are collecting gift cards for anyone who wants to donate to the second career students attending MLC.

MLC Advent Books ~ have arrived! If you preordered a book, you will find it in your bulletin box. The books are free thanks to a generous donor who has covered the cost. Thank you!

Pew Refinishing ~ To save about \$7,000 in Sanctuary Renovations costs, the Facility Task Force has asked Gerry Horner to head up volunteers who have had some experience in wood finishing to take the task of refinishing the pew top rails. He is working sample trials on a pew that will be replaced by chairs to create a good procedure for others to follow. The hope is to refinish all pew rails before Christmas. Please send a willingness to help email to sm.dretske@stjohnsnewulm.com; sdeters46@gmail.com; or call Gerry Horner at 354-8334 to let him know directly.

Offering Announcement ~ Visitors, there is no obligation or expectation that you should give to support our ministry at St. John's. This is our members' way of expressing their thanks to God and supporting the work that we do to share the Gospel in New Ulm and around the world. Members, you are invited to give your gifts of gratitude and thanks to God for all he's done for you in Christ by leaving your offerings in the drop box in the narthex. Or you can bring your offerings to the church during regular office hours: Mondays through Fridays, 8 am - 1 pm. You might also consider taking advantage of your bank's online bill pay service and have your offering automatically sent to the church on a one time or recurring basis.

Saints Triumphant

Among the great cloud of witnesses who have gone before us, we give thanks to God for those who have gone from the Church Militant to the Church Triumphant during the past church year:

Saints in Glory

Rita Walters

Marlene Rolloff

Leanne Howard

They Entered Glory on:

2/16/2023

3/2/2023

7/29/2023

AREA ANNOUNCEMENTS

MLC Christmas Concert ~ Martin Luther College's highly anticipated Christmas concert will be presented Saturday, December 2, at 7:30 pm and Sunday, December 3, at 4 pm in the MLC Chapel of the Christ. The combined choirs of Martin Luther College, the Wind Symphony, and the Hosanna Ringers invite you to join them in this musical celebration of the birth of Christ. Under the theme, Unto Us a Child Is Born, the program features choruses and solos from Handel's Messiah, as well as settings of familiar carols and Christmas compositions centering on the grace and joy that entered the world through Christ: The Son was sent into the world that the world might be saved through him. All are welcome as we open the Advent season with this joyous campus tradition!

St. Paul's School Band Concert ~ The St. Paul School Junior Raider Band and Raider Band will perform their Christmas Concert on Tuesday, December 12 at 7 pm in the school gymnasium. This year's concert will include buckets, boomwhackers, and kazoos. Come join the fun!

Softball Coach Needed ~ MVL is looking for a head softball coach for the spring of 2024. If you or anyone you know are interested or want more information contact Craig Morgan at cmorgan@mvlhs.org.

Job Openings ~ Assistant head cook needed at St Paul's Lutheran School. Job duties include but are not limited to preparing & serving lunch and clean up. If interested please pick up an application at St Paul's school or church office. If you have questions please feel free to contact me at cook@splnewulm.org.

Minnesota Valley Lutheran High School is in need of bus drivers. If you are interested in becoming a bus driver, contact Ray Vulcan at rayv@palmerbusservice.com.

Minnesota Valley Lutheran High School is also looking a substitute worker for the kitchen. Are you interested in casual employment or volunteering in the MVL kitchen? This is an on-call position to substitute on days regular workers are gone. Please contact Beth Fluegge for more information at foodservice@mvlhs.org or call or text 507-993-5195.

Martin Luther College is accepting applications for a full-time Director of Financial Aid, a full-time Director of Alumni Relations and a part-time Assistant Coaches in baseball and tennis. Interested individuals should apply online at mlc-wels.edu/hr/.

St. Paul's Lutheran Church is looking to fill two part-time, hourly positions: Church Custodian and Cemetery Caretaker. You can pick up a job description and application at St. Paul's church office.

2023 Advent and Christmas Schedule

Midweek Advent

Wednesday, November 29, December 6 & 13
11 am, 4 & 6:30 pm



Sunday School Christmas

Sunday, December 10 at 11 am

Christmas Eve

Saturday, December 23: NO Service
Sunday, December 24: 8 & 9:30 am
St. Paul's School Christmas Service: 4 pm
Candlelight Christmas Eve Service: 7 pm



Christmas Day

Monday, December 25 at 9 am

New Year's Eve Weekend

Saturday, December 30: NO Service
Sunday, December 31 at 8, 9:30 & 11 am
(NO New Year's Eve Service)



About the Cover ~ Jesus Christ is the King of kings and Lord of lords. Although he humbled himself to come into this world to live and die in our place, he is now exalted above every name, throne or dominion. On the last day he shall return in the glory of heaven and glorified we shall stand in joy before his throne.