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Prayer before worship: Oh Jesus Christ, Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world: Shepherd us, gracious Lord. Lead us now to the rich pastures of your Word and Sacraments. Cause us to be satisfied by the Water of Life provided by your Holy Spirit. Strengthen us, encourage us, and guide us until at last with the psalmist, we dwell in the House of the LORD forever with you. We pray these things in the name of the Good Shepherd, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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OPENING HYMN *You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd* *Supplement 746*

1 You, Lord, are both Lamb and Shepherd. You, Lord, are both prince and slave.
You, peacemaker and swordbringer Of the way you took and gave.
You, the everlasting instant; You, whom we both scorn and crave.

2 Clothed in light upon the mountain, Stripped of might upon the cross.
Shining in eternal glory, Beggared by a soldier's toss.
You, the everlasting instant; You, who are both gift and cost.

3 You, who walk each day beside us, Sit in power at God's side.
You, who preach a way that's narrow, Have a love that reaches wide.
You, the everlasting instant; You, who are our pilgrim guide.

4 Worthy is our earthly Jesus! Worthy is our cosmic Christ!
Worthy your defeat and vict'ry! Worthy still your peace and strife!
You, the everlasting instant; You, who are our death and life.

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HYMN - *in place of Gloria*

This Is the Feast

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FIRST LESSON

Acts 13:15,16a,26–39

¹⁵After the reading from the Law and the Prophets, the leaders of the synagogue sent word to them, saying, "Brothers, if you have a word of exhortation for the people, please speak."

¹⁶Standing up, Paul motioned with his hand and said:

²⁶"Fellow children of Abraham and you God-fearing Gentiles, it is to us that this message of salvation has been sent. ²⁷The people of Jerusalem and their rulers did not recognize Jesus, yet in condemning him they fulfilled the words of the prophets that are read every Sabbath. ²⁸Though they found no proper ground for a death sentence, they asked Pilate to have him executed.

²⁹When they had carried out all that was written about him, they took him down from the cross and laid him in a tomb. ³⁰But God raised him from the dead, ³¹and for many days he was seen by

those who had traveled with him from Galilee to Jerusalem. They are now his witnesses to our people.

³²“We tell you the good news: What God promised our ancestors ³³he has fulfilled for us, their children, by raising up Jesus. As it is written in the second Psalm: “ ‘You are my son; today I have become your father.’ ³⁴God raised him from the dead so that he will never be subject to decay. As God has said, “ ‘I will give you the holy and sure blessings promised to David.’ ³⁵So it is also stated elsewhere: “ ‘You will not let your holy one see decay.’ ³⁶“Now when David had served God’s purpose in his own generation, he fell asleep; he was buried with his ancestors and his body decayed. ³⁷But the one whom God raised from the dead did not see decay.

³⁸“Therefore, my friends, I want you to know that through Jesus the forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you. ³⁹Through him everyone who believes is set free from every sin, a justification you were not able to obtain under the law of Moses.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM of the DAY

Psalm 23

SECOND LESSON

Revelation 7:9–17

⁹After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰And they cried out in a loud voice: “Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb.”

¹¹All the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures. They fell down on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹²saying: “Amen! Praise and glory and wisdom and thanks and honor and power and strength be to our God for ever and ever. Amen!”

¹³Then one of the elders asked me, “These in white robes—who are they, and where did they come from?” ¹⁴I answered, “Sir, you know.” And he said, “These are they who have come out of the great tribulation; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. ¹⁵Therefore, “they are before the throne of God and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence. ¹⁶Never again will they hunger; never again will they thirst. The sun will not beat down on them,’ nor any scorching heat. ¹⁷For the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd; ‘he will lead them to springs of living water.’

‘And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.’”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Praise God for a living hope: Christ is risen from the dead!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL**John 10:22–30**

²²Then came the Festival of Dedication at Jerusalem. It was winter, ²³and Jesus was in the temple courts walking in Solomon’s Colonnade. ²⁴The Jews who were there gathered around him, saying, “How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.”

²⁵Jesus answered, “I did tell you, but you do not believe. The works I do in my Father’s name testify about me, ²⁶but you do not believe because you are not my sheep. ²⁷My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all; no one can snatch them out of my Father’s hand. ³⁰I and the Father are one.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

HYMN of the DAY*The King of Love My Shepherd Is***CW552****SERMON****Revelation 7:9-17****THE LAMB IS OUR SHEPHERD**

- 1. HE DIED TO SAVE THE FLOCK FROM DEATH**
- 2. HE LIVES SO THAT THE FLOCK MAY LIVE**

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OFFERING*see announcement***HYMN***Jesus, Shepherd of the Sheep***CW551****PRAYER and LORD’S PRAYER**

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CLOSING HYMN*Lord, When Your Glory I Shall See***CW884****† † †****PREACHER**

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ORGANIST

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THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

Sun	8, 9:30 & 11 am	Worship
	9:30 am	Sunday School and Bible Class: Book of Ecclesiastes
	11 am	Retirement Service for Karen Grunwald
	12 pm	Retirement Reception
	2 pm	MVL Musical - <i>Annie</i>
	4 pm	Marriage Tune-Up
Mon	12 pm	OWLS at St. Paul's Church
	6 pm	Evangelism Meeting
	7 pm	Education Meeting
Thu	10:30 am	Adult Bible Class: 1 & 2 Thessalonians
	7 pm	Adult Bible Class: Psalms
Fri	9:30 am	Women's Bible Class: Colossians
	7 pm	MLC Commencement Concert
Sat	10 am	MLC Commencement Service
	2:30 pm	MLC Call Service
	5 & 8 pm	MVL Prism Concerts
	6:30 pm	Worship

† **Upcoming Services** †

Saturday: 6:30 pm

Sunday: 8, 9:30 & 11 am

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 15	8, 9:30 & 11 am	Worship
May 16	10:30 am	Stewardship Meeting
May 17	4 pm	Oak Hills Living Center Service
	7 pm	Joint Council Meeting
	7 pm	St. Paul's School Band Concert
May 19	10:30 am	Adult Bible Class: 1 & 2 Thessalonians
	7 pm	Adult Bible Class: Psalms
May 20	9:30 am	Women's Bible Class: Colossians
May 21	8 am	Church Outdoor Clean-Up
	6:30 pm	Worship
May 22	8 & 9:30 am	Worship (<i>Summer Schedule Begins</i>)
	11 am	Bible Class: Gospel of Mark
	4 pm	Marriage Tune-Up
May 25	6:30 pm	St. Paul's School Closing Service at MLC Chapel of the Christ
May 26	11 am & 6:30 pm	Ascension Services
May 27	10 am	Sunset Apt. Service
May 28	6:30 pm	Worship
May 29	8 & 9:30 am	Worship
	11 am	Bible Class: Gospel of Mark
	2 pm	MVL Graduation
	4 pm	Basement Reserved

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Attendance for the past weekend was 572 with 456 attending Communion.

Fruits of faith given for the past two weeks:

\$19,380	Home Operations ~ \$17,191 is our weekly need		
\$1,243	MVL ~ \$1,154 is our weekly need	\$120	K-12 Education Assistance
\$1,832	Missions ~ \$1,731 is our weekly need	\$100	Technology Equipment
\$1,200	Building Fund	\$85	St. Paul's School Building Fund
\$745	Memorials	\$60	Martin Luther College
\$200	Benevolence Fund	\$34	Food & Fellowship
\$125	Christian Family Solutions		

Volunteers Needed ~ St. John's members have an opportunity to volunteer at the New Ulm Emergency Food Shelf on the 3rd Monday of each month from 11:45 am - 3 pm. Two to three volunteers are needed for the following dates:

June 20 July 18 November 21

Please consider signing up for a Monday or two. High school and college students are welcome. Please contact Rita Walters via phone or text at 507-351-8603 or email at rmwalters@hotmail.com to sign up.

Church Outdoor Cleanup ~ The Trustees are scheduling two dates for a cleanup day for outside the church. The first day is May 21 to start at 8 am. The second date is June 4 at the same time. The second date will only be used as a makeup date if the first one is cancelled due to weather.

Soccer Camp ~ John and Paul Ministries will host a Soccer Camp at the MLC Soccer Fields (1910 Oakwood Ave.) for ages 4-12 on June 13-16 from 9 - 11:30 am. The cost is \$30 per child (\$20 for each additional child from the same family). For more information and to register go to johnandpaulministries.com. Registration deadline is May 22.

Youth Group ~ Thank You so much to the Youth Group for serving the past few months with a Lent Dinner, Easter for Kids, Easter Decorating and Easter Breakfast! Your service is greatly appreciated! Looking forward, I am currently planning a variety of summer fun activities so stay tuned for those events! Lastly, Congratulations to all of those who have been confirmed or are graduating. May the Lord bless you always. ~ Kristin Ulicky

Lutheran Military Support Group ~ Lutheran Military Support Group (LMSG) is a partnership of WELS and ELS veterans who are working to grow awareness of and bring Christian support to military members and their families in our congregations and beyond. Monday, May 30th, is a special day for our country as we remember the men and women who gave their lives in service to our great nation. If you can financially support the work of LMSG, your offerings will be used in a variety of ways including providing support to WELS/ ELS servicemembers with PTS, training WELS chaplains who serve our military on bases and hospitals, and providing family assistance when needed. Donations can be placed in the green ammo can in the new narthex. For more information, contact LMSG President Brad Price at bprice@lutheranmilitary.org.

New Hymnals to Purchase ~ The new hymnals which will be required for St. Paul's School students in the 2022-23 school year are available while supplies last to purchase for \$27 in the church office. Please pay by check (made out to St. John's Lutheran Church) or with exact change.

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.

Church Directory ~ Most members have picked up a copy of our directory. I am now taking the supply of directories away from the table in the narthex for the privacy of our members. If you had not picked one up feel free to put a note in my mailbox or email me at sm.dretske@stjohnsnewulm.com and I can print the size you want and place it in your church mailbox. There are slips on the table in the narthex that may help you in ordering a church directory for yourself.

AREA ANNOUNCEMENTS

MVL Musical ~ Bet your bottom dollar---that Annie is back! Come join her and all her friends as the MVL Drama Department takes you back to NYC and the orphanage where Annie grew up. The final performance is this Sunday, May 8 at 2 pm which is held at State Street Theater Co in New Ulm. Tickets are \$4 and \$6 and may be purchased at the door.

MLC Commencement Concert ~ MLC's annual Commencement Concert will be presented in the Chapel of the Christ on Friday, May 13, at 7:00 pm. This year the single concert will be a special production of Elijah by Felix Mendelssohn. Due to limited seating, reservations will be necessary. MLC will also be live-streaming the concert, both to the MLC auditorium for overflow seating and on the MLC Streams page. To make your reservation, please fill out the online form at mlc-wels.edu/elijah. In preparation for this renowned production, the public is also invited to join us for a special pre-concert presentation in the MLC auditorium at 5:45-6:30 pm by Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary Professor Aaron Christie. No reservations are needed for the pre-concert event.

St. Paul's School Band Concert ~ The St. Paul Lutheran School Spring Band Concert will take place on Tuesday, May 17 at 7 pm in the school gymnasium. All are invited to come hear the bands play their pieces from the MVL Festival as well as two mass band pieces! The concert will feature The Entertainer by a saxophone quintet, the percussionists in a snare line, and a Star Wars Saga by the Raider Band.

Camp Shetek ~ After a two year pause from having a Camp (due to COVID) we are planning to hold Camp Shetek on Sunday, June 19 at 5 pm to Saturday, June 25 at 11 am. This camp is held at Lake Shetek State Park (south of Tracy, near Currie). For information about this WELS Camp Shetek, go to "campshetek.org". Online registration is available.

Luther Prep Summer Camps ~ LPS Summer Camps are in FULL planning mode and we hope to see more of your children join us! We offer Day Camps & Overnight Camps for a variety of sports AND for the 2nd year in a row our *new* Phoenix Adventure Camp!
Go to https://www.lps.wels.net/apps/pages/summer_camps for all the details & sign up info!

Job Openings ~ Martin Luther College is accepting applications for ECLC Assistant Teacher, Receptionist, Custodian, Resource Development Manager, Baseball Assistant Coach, Volleyball Assistant Coach, and Men's Basketball Assistant.



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About the Cover ~ It would seem contradictory to put a lamb in charge of the flock. Normally a lamb is not a good leader but a creature with little sense of self-preservation. That is also why it is the perfect object of innocence when it comes to making a sacrifice on behalf of others. The lamb will go willingly to its own death. That is why our text is so striking as it portrays a Lamb who is also the Shepherd. He not only willingly dies for others, but is able to lead them to the pastures of eternal salvation. That Lamb, of course, is Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior, both Lamb and Shepherd.