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Prayer before worship: God, we thank and praise you for giving us the only food that satisfies the soul: The forgiveness that is ours through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Redeemer! Through him our every sin is forgiven, we have peace with you, we have purpose and meaning in life. Through him we have eternal life in heaven. So the spiritual food you give really does make us immortal! Help us to live for you in thanks every day while we serve you in this life and for all of eternity in the life to come! In Jesus' name. Amen.

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OPENING HYMN

I Leave All Things to God's Direction

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CONFESSION

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FIRST LESSON

Exodus 16:15–31

¹⁵When the Israelites saw it, they said to each other, “What is it?” For they did not know what it was.

Moses said to them, “It is the bread the LORD has given you to eat. ¹⁶This is what the LORD has commanded: ‘Everyone is to gather as much as they need. Take an omer for each person you have in your tent.’ ”

¹⁷The Israelites did as they were told; some gathered much, some little. ¹⁸And when they measured it by the omer, the one who gathered much did not have too much, and the one who gathered little did not have too little. Everyone had gathered just as much as they needed.

¹⁹Then Moses said to them, “No one is to keep any of it until morning.”

²⁰However, some of them paid no attention to Moses; they kept part of it until morning, but it was full of maggots and began to smell. So Moses was angry with them.

²¹Each morning everyone gathered as much as they needed, and when the sun grew hot, it melted away. ²²On the sixth day, they gathered twice as much—two omers for each person—and the leaders of the community came and reported this to Moses. ²³He said to them, “This is what the LORD commanded: ‘Tomorrow is to be a day of sabbath rest, a holy sabbath to the LORD. So bake what you want to bake and boil what you want to boil. Save whatever is left and keep it until morning.’ ”

²⁴So they saved it until morning, as Moses commanded, and it did not stink or get maggots in it. ²⁵“Eat it today,” Moses said, “because today is a sabbath to the LORD. You will not find any of it on the ground today. ²⁶Six days you are to gather it, but on the seventh day, the Sabbath, there will not be any.”

²⁷Nevertheless, some of the people went out on the seventh day to gather it, but they found none. ²⁸Then the LORD said to Moses, “How long will you refuse to keep my commands and my instructions? ²⁹Bear in mind that the LORD has given you the Sabbath;

that is why on the sixth day he gives you bread for two days. Everyone is to stay where they are on the seventh day; no one is to go out.” ³⁰So the people rested on the seventh day.

³¹The people of Israel called the bread manna. It was white like coriander seed and tasted like wafers made with honey.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM of the DAY

Through All the Changing Scenes of Life

Psalm 34

SECOND LESSON

1 Corinthians 10:1–5,11–13

¹For I do not want you to be ignorant of the fact, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud and that they all passed through the sea. ²They were all baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea. ³They all ate the same spiritual food ⁴and drank the same spiritual drink; for they drank from the spiritual rock that accompanied them, and that rock was Christ. ⁵Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them; their bodies were scattered in the wilderness.

¹¹These things happened to them as examples and were written down as warnings for us, on whom the culmination of the ages has come. ¹²So, if you think you are standing firm, be careful that you don't fall! ¹³No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to mankind. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can endure it.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



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

Whoever comes to me will never go hun - gry,

and whoever believes in me will never be thirst - y.

Refrain

GOSPEL

John 6:24–35

²⁴Once the crowd realized that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they got into the boats and went to Capernaum in search of Jesus.

²⁵When they found him on the other side of the lake, they asked him, “Rabbi, when did you get here?”

²⁶Jesus answered, “Very truly I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw the signs I performed but because you ate the loaves and had your fill. ²⁷Do not work for food that spoils, but for food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For on him God the Father has placed his seal of approval.”

²⁸Then they asked him, “What must we do to do the works God requires?”

²⁹Jesus answered, “The work of God is this: to believe in the one he has sent.”

³⁰So they asked him, “What sign then will you give that we may see it and believe you? What will you do? ³¹Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written: ‘He gave them bread from heaven to eat.’”

³²Jesus said to them, “Very truly I tell you, it is not Moses who has given you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. ³³For the bread of God is the bread that comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.”

³⁴“Sir,” they said, “always give us this bread.”

³⁵Then Jesus declared, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

HYMN of the DAY

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

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SERMON

John 6:24-35

The Perfect Meal

I. Jesus Has the Only Food for Your Soul

II. Jesus Has Lasting Food for Your Soul

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OFFERING

HYMN

How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds

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PRAYER and LORD'S PRAYER

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CLOSING HYMN

Jesus, Still Lead On

CW842

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PREACHER

Pastor Rob Guenther

PRESIDING MINISTER

Pastor Jeff Bovee

ORGAN

Becky Berg

Welcome, Visitors! Please scan the QR code to sign our Guest Register.



THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

Sun	8 & 9:30 am	Worship
	10:45 am	Bible Class: Bible Stories Not Taught in Sunday School
	5 pm	Church Potluck Picnic at Hermann Heights Park
Mon	6 pm	Evangelism Meeting
	7 pm	Education Meeting
Thu	11:30 am	Stewardship Meeting
Fri	9 am	Fellowship in the Park: Harman Park
Sat	6:30 pm	Worship

† Upcoming Services †

Saturday: 6:30 pm
Sunday: 8 & 9:30 am

UPCOMING EVENTS

Aug 18	8 & 9:30 am	Worship
	10:45 am	Bible Class: Bible Stories Not Taught in Sunday School
	6 pm	Confirmation Family Meeting
Aug 19	4 pm	OWLS Meeting at 1415 N. Minnesota St.
Aug 20	4 pm	Oak Hills Living Center Service
	7 pm	Council Meeting
Aug 23	9 am	Fellowship in the Park: Highland Park
Aug 24	12:30 pm	Youth Group Event
	6:30 pm	Worship
Aug 25	8, 9:30 & 11 am	Worship (Fall Schedule Begins)
	2 pm	MVL Opening Service
Aug 26	10:15 am	MLC Opening Service
Aug 27	8:15 am	St. Paul's School Opening Service
Aug 28	6 pm	Public Catechism
Aug 31	6:30 pm	Worship
Sep 1	8, 9:30 & 11 am	Worship
Sep 2		Labor Day: Church office closed
Sep 3	4 pm	Oak Hills Living Center Service
	6 pm	Sunday School Teachers' Meeting
	7 pm	Women of St. John's Meeting
Sep 5	10 am	Bible Class: Vices and Virtues
	7 pm	Bible Class: Proverbs
Sep 6	9:30 am	Women's Bible Class: Proverbs
Sep 7	5 pm	Summer Send-Off at St. Paul's School
	6:30 pm	Worship
Sep 8	8, 9:30 & 11 am	Worship
	9:30 am	Sunday School and Bible Class: Psalms
	3 pm	Cancer Support Group Meeting

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Attendance for the past weekend was 348 with 265 attending Communion.

Fruits of faith given:

\$14,089	Home Operations ~ <i>Needed to Date: \$546,410 / Received to Date: \$528,437</i>		
\$1,462	MVL ~ <i>Received to Date: \$35,487</i>	\$100	Technology Equipment
\$2,122	Missions ~ <i>Received to Date: \$53,599</i>	\$100	Benevolence Fund
\$1,060	Building Fund	\$55	Sanctuary Renovation
\$490	Memorials	\$50	St. Paul's School Building Fund
\$230	K-12 Education Assistance	\$20	Women of St. John's
\$200	MLC Ladies' Auxiliary	\$20	Endowment Fund
\$145	LWMS		

Vacation Bible School (VBS) ~ thank you to all the volunteers who donated time and talents to help make this event a huge success!

Food Shelf Challenge ~ The New Ulm Emergency Food Shelf July challenge was a success. The grant was written for \$4,000 and now the Food Shelf is waiting to see what portion will be matched. Thanks to all St. John's members who helped contribute \$395 to the grant to help our community food shelf.

Church Potluck Picnic ~ Join us for the annual church picnic at Hermann Heights Park on Sunday, August 11th, starting at 5 pm. We have both pavilions rented at the park. We ask those attending to bring a side dish or dessert if possible to supplement the main dish. We also encourage you to bring beverages of your choosing should you want something other than water. St. John's will be providing the main dish of brats and hot dogs as in previous years. We will also be providing the paperware/plasticware for the picnic and will have jugs of water. Any questions can be directed to Jesse Zahrt at evangelism@stjohnsnewulm.com.

Confirmation Family Meeting ~ All parents of both 7th and 8th grade students (of St. Paul's School, public school, and homeschool students) are invited to attend an informational meeting **Sunday, August 18th, at 6 pm** in the church basement. On that night Pastors Bovee and Guenther will be giving out schedules, passing out materials, and disseminating other information for the upcoming year. Check your email for more information. Contact the church office at office@stjohnsnewulm.com if you didn't receive the email.

Time and Talent Survey ~ The Board of Stewardship is requesting the help of all members by having them fill out a Time & Talent Survey to indicate their interest in various ministries. This survey is not intended to sign you up for various groups, but to allow those who currently serve in these areas to call on interested people for help when needed. Paper copies can be found in the narthex, but the hope is that most members fill out the Online survey so that information won't need to be entered manually. The survey follows the order of ministries as printed in the 2024 Time & Talents Booklet that has been placed in your church mailbox. Use the booklet and survey together to get the best understanding of what each ministry entails. Both the book and survey can be found online. Please fill out as soon as possible.

Booklet: bit.ly/SJTandTBooklet2024 | Survey: bit.ly/SJTandTSurvey

Cancer Journey Group ~ St. John's Cancer Journey Group will meet on Sunday, September 8 at 3 pm in the lower-level fellowship area. Anyone whose life has been touched by cancer is encouraged to attend, whether they themselves have had a cancer diagnosis at any time in their life, are an adult family member of someone who has had a cancer diagnosis, or are supportive friends. If you know of someone who is not a St. John's member but might be interested in attending, invite and come with them! Our purpose is to receive encouragement from God's Word and each other. Snacks will be provided. Retired Christian counselor Dan Loe will lead a short discussion about organizing personal information and preferences for others to use when we are not able to speak for ourselves.

AREA ANNOUNCEMENTS

Support Our New MVL Pastor ~ Please keep Rev. Kuehl, his two surviving daughters and their whole family in your prayers. If you would like to support the Kuehl family financially, MVL is collecting cash and gift cards to be shared with the family. Please make out checks to Pastor Steve Kuehl. Or you can scan the QR code to donate at the Go Fund Me Page.



"Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?' The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ." (1 Corinthians 15:55-57)

Point 5K School Campaign Event ~ Join us for the Point 5k Family Fun-raiser on Sunday, August 18, at Kegel Klub, open-house style, from 12 - 4 pm. With a silly .5K "race" great for any age, a bean bag tournament, bowling, food, and "burpee" contest, there is something for everyone! Join one or more of the activities in support of the St. Paul's School Building Project. More information, advance tickets, and registration information can be found at <https://buytickets.at/point5k2024>. If you're available to help with the event, we'd love for you to get involved by signing up here: <https://signup.com/go/FCZjVUy>



OWLS Meeting ~ Our local MN Valley Chapter 13 OWLS (Organization of WELS Lutheran Seniors) will be gathering on Monday afternoon/evening, August 19, for our annual picnic at the home of Gary and Geri Steffen. Fellowship begins about 4 pm and the picnic meal at 5 pm. The cost of the meal will be covered with Thrivent Action Team moneys. A meal count is needed. Contact Myron Fluegge via email at flueggemtj@hotmail.com or call 507-359-2424 by Wednesday noon, August 14, if you did not sign up earlier. Hope you are interested.

MVL Opening Service ~ On August 25th at 2 pm Minnesota Valley Lutheran High School will have its Opening Service for the 2024-2025 school year. This Opening Service will include:

1. The dedication of our new fieldhouse and science classrooms
2. The installation of our new teachers, Elijah Dorn and Noah Ungemach
3. The 40th teaching anniversary of Rollin Timm

Come join us for a day of celebration and fellowship. Explore our new facilities, enjoy refreshments, meet our new teachers, and thank Mr. Timm for his faithful service.

Summer Send-Off at St. Paul's School ~ Join us for Summer Send-off on Saturday, September 7 from 5 - 7 pm! John and Paul Ministries will say goodbye to summer with complimentary food, bounce houses, games, outdoor worship, and the best seats on the school grounds for the HermannFest fireworks! See you then and bring a friend! Many helpful hands and friendly faces are needed to run an outreach event! Please sign up at johnandpaulministries.com to volunteer! Questions? Contact Beth Scharf at scharfbm@mlc-wels.edu.

MUMs Group is Back! ~ Moms Understanding Moms in view of the Savior (MUMS) is a group of Christian moms from St. Paul's and St. John's churches and St. Paul's school that meet to encourage one another in God's Word and prayer. We meet on Tuesdays, starting September 10 at 9 am in the basement of St. Paul's church. We are excited to get back together. We plan to study prayer while a babysitter hangs with the kids in the playroom. Join us for coffee, treats and fellowship! Please join our Facebook group called MUMs for more details and updates! If you have questions please call or text Cori Waldschmidt at (989) 245-9256.

High Schoolers! ~ are you thinking about college? You've got so many choices! What about Martin Luther College? MLC is the WELS College of Ministry, where students come to prepare for ministry as WELS pastors, teachers, and staff ministers. Here you'll have an amazing Christian college experience where you can use all your God-given gifts, dive deep into God's Word, and make friends for life! Want to know more? Use the QR code to sign up for our free e-newsletter, KnightWatch Weekly, which gives you a weekly peek into campus life.



Job Openings ~ *MVL* is looking for a head softball coach for the 2025 softball season. For more information contact Craig Morgan at cmorgan@mvlhs.org. There are several job openings at *Martin Luther College*. For the complete list of openings and to apply go to mlc-wels.edu/hr/.

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About the Cover ~ After Jesus fed more than 5,000 on the shores of the Sea of Galilee, John records for us the "Bread of Life Discourse," how Jesus used that miracle to springboard into a sermon on how he is the Bread of Life, the Bread from heaven, the only spiritual food that satisfies. Jesus promised, "Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty." Thank God that, in his grace, he has revealed this spiritual food to you and caused you to believe in Him!