

*But everything exposed by the light
becomes visible, for it is light
that makes everything visible.*

Ephesians 5:13-14



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Today's service is televised locally

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Prayer before worship: Almighty God, shine on us with the truth of your Word. Expose our sin by your law. Shine on the way to heaven with the saving message of the gospel. Teach us to live in the light which your Word imparts to us. Holy Spirit, shine on us, lead us, and comfort us. Hear our prayers and accept our praises for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. Amen.

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OPENING HYMN *Christ Is the World's Light* **CW93 343**

- 1 Christ is the world's light, Christ and none other;
Born in our darkness, he became our brother.
If we have seen him, we have seen the Father: Glory to God on high!**
- 2 Christ is the world's peace, Christ and none other;
No one can serve him and despise another.
Who else unites us, one with God the Father? Glory to God on high!**
- 3 Christ is the world's life, Christ and none other;
Sold once for silver, murdered here, our brother.
He who redeemed us reigns with God the Father: Glory to God on high!**
- 4 Give God the glory, God and none other;
Give God the glory, Spirit, Son, and Father;
Give God the glory, God with us, my brother: Glory to God on high!**

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FIRST LESSON **Isaiah 8:20—9:2**

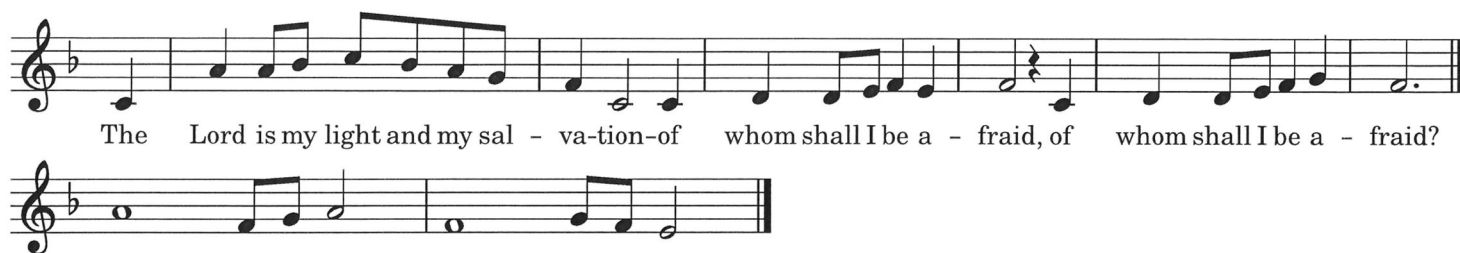
²⁰Consult God's instruction and the testimony of warning. If anyone does not speak according to this word, they have no light of dawn. ²¹Distressed and hungry, they will roam through the land; when they are famished, they will become enraged and, looking upward, will curse their king and their God. ²²Then they will look toward the earth and see only distress and darkness and fearful gloom, and they will be thrust into utter darkness.

¹Nevertheless, there will be no more gloom for those who were in distress. In the past he humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the future he will honor Galilee of the nations, by the Way of the Sea, beyond the Jordan— ²The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM of the DAY

Psalm 27C



Hear my voice when I / call, Lord;

be merciful to me and / answer me.

Do not hide your / face from me,

do not turn your servant away in anger; you have been my / helper.

Do not reject me or for- / sake me,

God my / Savior. *Refrain*

Though my father and mother for- / sake me,

the Lord will re- / ceive me.

I remain confi- / dent of this:

I will see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the / living.

Wait / for the Lord;

be strong and take heart and wait / for the Lord.

Glory be to the Father and / to the Son

and to the Holy / Spirit,

as it was in the be- / ginning,

is now, and will be forever. / Amen. Refrain

SECOND LESSON

Ephesians 5:8–14

⁸For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light ⁹(for the fruit of the light consists in all goodness, righteousness and truth) ¹⁰and find out what pleases the Lord. ¹¹Have nothing to do with the fruitless deeds of darkness, but rather expose them. ¹²It is shameful even to mention what the disobedient do in secret. ¹³But everything exposed by the light becomes visible—and everything that is illuminated becomes a light. ¹⁴This is why it is said: “Wake up, sleeper, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



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

It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick.

I have not come to call the righteous, but sin - ners.

Refrain

GOSPEL

John 3:19–21

¹⁹This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but people loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil. ²⁰Everyone who does evil hates the light, and will not come into the light for fear that their deeds will be exposed. ²¹But whoever lives by the truth comes into the light, so that it may be seen plainly that what they have done has been done in the sight of God.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

HYMN of the DAY

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

CW713

SERMON

Ephesians 5:8–14

Leave Your Light On!

1. You WERE Darkness

2. You ARE Light!

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OFFERING

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HYMN

Rise, My Soul, to Watch and Pray

CW873

PRAYER and LORD'S PRAYER (*Contemporary*)

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CLOSING HYMN

Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

CW927

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PREACHER

Seminarian Chris Gorr

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Pastor Jeff Bovee

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Pastor Jacob Behnken

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

Sun	8 & 9:30 am	Worship
	11 am	Bible Class: Pastoral Epistles
	4:30 pm	Church Picnic at Hermann Heights Park
	6:45 pm	Softball Game at Harman Park
	7 pm	MVL Delegate Meeting
Mon	6 pm	Evangelism Meeting
	7 pm	Education Meeting
Tue	4 pm	Oak Hills Living Center Service
Wed	7 pm	Campus Facilities Task Force Meeting
Fri	9 am	Summer Fellowship at Washington Park
Sat	6:30 pm	Service in the Park at German Park

† Upcoming Services †

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

Jun 18	8 & 9:30 am	Worship
	11 am	Bible Class: Pastoral Epistles
	5:30 pm	Softball Game at Harman Park
Jun 20	7 pm	Council Meeting
Jun 23	9 am	Summer Fellowship at Harman Park
Jun 24	6:30 pm	Worship
Jun 25	8 & 9:30 am	Worship
	11 am	Bible Class: Pastoral Epistles
	8 pm	Softball Game at Harman Park
Jun 27	4 pm	Oak Hills Living Center Service
Jun 30	9 am	Summer Fellowship at North Market Park
Jul 1	6:30 pm	Worship
Jul 2	8 & 9:30 am	Worship
	11 am	Bible Class: Pastoral Epistles
Jul 7	9 am	Summer Fellowship at Nehl's Park
		Wedding Rehearsal
Jul 8		Uher / Thomford Wedding
	6:30 pm	Worship
Jul 9	8 & 9:30 am	Worship
	11 am	Bible Class: Pastoral Epistles
	6:45 pm	Softball Game at Harman Park
Jul 10	6 pm	Evangelism Meeting
	7 pm	Education Meeting
Jul 14	9 am	Summer Fellowship at South Park
Jul 15	6:30 pm	Worship

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Attendance for the past weekend was .401 with 285 attending Communion

Fruits of faith given:

\$13,989	Home Operations ~ \$19,371 is our weekly need		
\$632	MVL ~ \$1,278 is our weekly need	\$100	St. Paul's School Building Fund
\$1,257	Missions ~ \$1,818 is our weekly need	\$170	Endowment Fund
\$432	Building Fund	\$60	St. Paul's School
\$100	75th Anniversary Renovations	\$60	Martin Luther College
\$100	75th Anniversary Ministerial Ed. Endowment	\$50	K-12 Education Assistance
\$25	Kitchen Fund	\$14	Food & Fellowship

Summer Fellowship in the Park ~ The Friday morning women's Bible study group invites all parents and their children to join them during the summer months for Christian fellowship in the park. We meet at 9 am at the listed park for free play and a picnic lunch (optional). Feel free to bring a friend! If you have any questions, please contact Erika Grundmeier at (989) 529-8729.

Jun 16 **Washington Park:** 715 N. State St.

Jun 23 **Harman Park:** 101 N. Garden St.

Jun 30 **North Market Park:** 1414 N. German St.

Jul 7 **Nehl's Park:** 1100 Summit Ave.

Church Picnic and Softball Game ~ The church picnic will take place this Sunday, June 11, from 4:30 - 6 pm at the Hermann Heights Pavilions. Brats, hot dogs and all the fixings will be provided. We ask that families that begin with A-L bring a dessert, and those that begin with M-Z a dish to pass. After the picnic, come down to Harman Park where the St. John's softball team will be playing Grace Community Church. We hope to see you there!

75th Anniversary Meal Update ~ The 75th Anniversary meal will be held on Sunday, August 6th at 12 pm in the MLC gymnasium. We will be having a picnic type of meal with salads and desserts. There will be a brief program to follow the meal. Registration and payment for the meal will be held each Saturday and Sunday in June before and after services in the new narthex. The deadline for registration is June 25th. The cost of the meal is \$12.50 per person including children. We will accept cash or check payments. Exact change is appreciated. Please contact Denise Karstens if you have any questions at 507-766-5899.

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.

AREA ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELS Missionary to Africa Host Request ~ WELS Missionary Dan and Deb Witte (Zambia, Africa) are looking for a host family for their son (Drew, a Junior at MVL) for the coming year so he can continue his Christian education at Minnesota Valley Lutheran. There is compensation. For more information contact Deb Witte at (813) 648-9523 or wittedb@mlc-wels.edu.

OWLS Meeting ~ Our local MN Valley Chapter 13 OWLS (Organization of WELS Lutheran Seniors) will meet at the New Ulm Community Center, 600 N. German St. on Monday, June 12. We will eat lunch (Salisbury Steak/etc.) at 11:50 am. Bring along \$5-8 for the meal donation. A lunch count is needed. Contact Myron Fluegge at flueggemtj@hotmail.com or call 507-359-2424 by June 6. After lunch we will have a presentation by Cara Knauff on activities and programs, and a tour of the Community Center. Plan to attend.

"Cleaning Party!" at St. Paul's Preschool ~ You are invited to St. Paul's Preschool "Cleaning Party!" Thursday, June 15, 2023 from 9 am - 11:30 am. It involves wiping down tables, chairs and shelves; washing toys; chatting while working; and lunch to follow! Please RSVP to preschool@splnewulm.org if you think you will be able to be there, so we have enough lunch.

LWMS Befriend A Mission (BAM) ~ June is St. John's month to give special attention to our LWMS Circuit's assigned Home and World Missions for 2023-2024. There is a display table in the new narthex with information about each of these 3 missions, as well as cards to sign for each family. All are welcome to join in encouraging our missionaries as they spread God's Word at home and abroad. Please also keep these families in your prayers.

Domestic Abuse Class ~ What is domestic abuse? What does the Bible say about it? And, what can you say to someone who is stuck in an abusive situation? Pastor Frank Italiano, who has had extensive experience dealing with domestic abuse will lead this class along with "Mary," one of his members who has escaped an abusive marriage of almost 20 years. The class is open to all. Because of the topic, it will include "mature" content. The class will meet via Zoom Wednesdays June 21 through July 26, 2023. It will be from 8 to 9:30 pm. Once you register, a secure zoom link will be emailed to the email address you provide.

Register at: <https://trinitycrete.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/149/responses/new>.

Job Openings ~ MVL is looking for a freshmen volleyball coach, if interested contact Craig Morgan at cmorgan@mvlhs.org.

Martin Luther College is accepting applications for part-time Assistant Coaches in football, basketball, and tennis. Interested individuals should apply online at mlc-wels.edu/hr/.

Welcome, Visitors!

Please scan the QR code to
sign our Guest Register.



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About the Cover ~ The Bible reminds us that God's Word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path. Light dispels darkness. When we have light we can see clearly. Jesus once said that sinful mankind does not want to come into the light for fear that their sins will be exposed, because light reveals the truth. Sin wants to hide in darkness. But the Bible teaches us to come out of the darkness of sin and unbelief, and by God's grace step into the light of the gospel. Truth always seeks the light. Truth wants to be seen and made known. Truth has nothing to hide. Come, therefore, into the light of God's Word so that you may be able to see clearly what God has done to save us from sin, death, and the devil.