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Prayer before worship: God the Father, we know that we deserve nothing but your wrath for our unclean lips and for our many sins. Forgive us. God the Son, we know how you endured the Father's wrath on the cross to take away our guilt and to atone for our sin. Thank you. God the Holy Spirit, you ask, "Who will go for us?" Give us hearts that eagerly say, "Here am I. Send me," as we live for you in thanks. Amen.

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OPENING HYMN

God Himself Is Present

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CONFESSION

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FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 6:1–8

¹In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord, high and exalted, seated on a throne; and the train of his robe filled the temple. ²Above him were seraphim, each with six wings: With two wings they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they were flying. ³And they were calling to one another:

“Holy, holy, holy is the LORD Almighty;
the whole earth is full of his glory.”

⁴At the sound of their voices the doorposts and thresholds shook and the temple was filled with smoke.

⁵“Woe to me!” I cried. “I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the King, the LORD Almighty.”

⁶Then one of the seraphim flew to me with a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with tongs from the altar. ⁷With it he touched my mouth and said, “See, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away and your sin atoned for.”

⁸Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?”

And I said, “Here am I. Send me!”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM of the DAY

Ascribe to the Lord

Psalm 29

SECOND LESSON

Romans 8:12–17

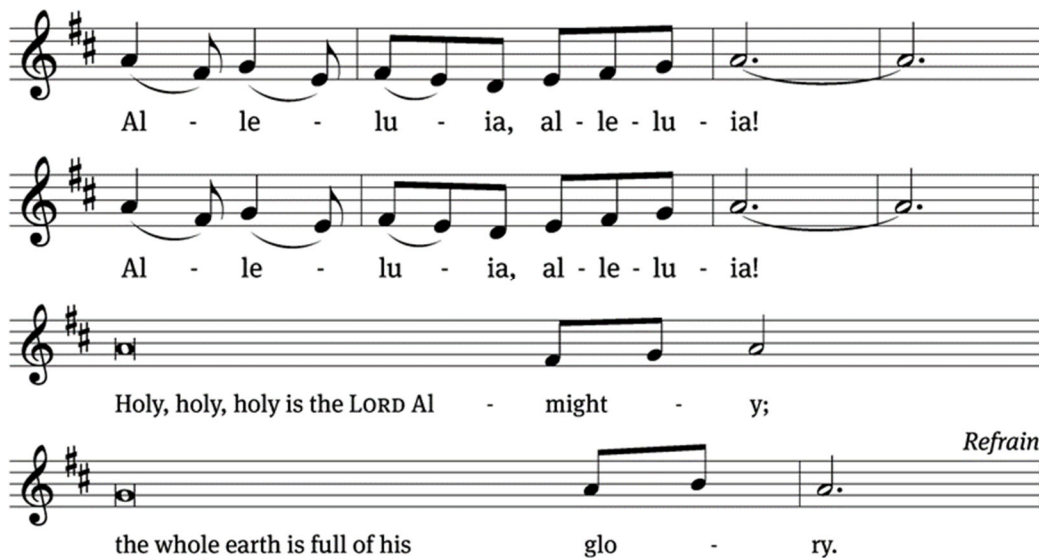
¹²Therefore, brothers and sisters, we have an obligation—but it is not to the flesh, to live according to it. ¹³For if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live.

¹⁴For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God. ¹⁵The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by him we cry, “Abba, Father.” ¹⁶The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God’s children. ¹⁷Now if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Holy, holy, holy is the LORD Al - might - y;

the whole earth is full of his glo - ry. *Refrain*

GOSPEL

John 3:1–17

¹Now there was a Pharisee, a man named Nicodemus who was a member of the Jewish ruling council. ²He came to Jesus at night and said, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God. For no one could perform the signs you are doing if God were not with him.”

³Jesus replied, “Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again.”

⁴“How can someone be born when they are old?” Nicodemus asked. “Surely they cannot enter a second time into their mother’s womb to be born!”

⁵Jesus answered, “Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit. ⁶Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. ⁷You should not be surprised at my saying, ‘You must be born again.’ ⁸The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit.”

⁹“How can this be?” Nicodemus asked.

¹⁰“You are Israel’s teacher,” said Jesus, “and do you not understand these things? ¹¹Very truly I tell you, we speak of what we know, and we testify to what we have seen, but still

¹⁶For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

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Isaiah 6:1-8

III. Sent by the Spirit

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Pastor recites odd verses; Congregation recites even verses

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Pastor Jacob Behnken



THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

Sun	8 & 9:30 am	Worship
	2 pm	MVL Graduation
Mon		Church office closed
Tue	4 pm	Oak Hills Living Center Service
Wed	6 pm	Campus Facilities Taskforce Meeting
Sat	6:30 pm	Worship

† Upcoming Services †

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

Jun 2	8 & 9:30 am	Worship
	11 am	Bible Class: Bible Stories Not Taught in Sunday School
	3 pm	Cancer Support Group Meeting
	7 pm	Soccer Camp Meeting
Jun 3 - 6	9 am	Soccer Camp at MLC Fields
Jun 3	6:30 pm	Elders Meeting
Jun 4	6 pm	Women of St. John's at 820 S. Washington St.
Jun 8	6:30 pm	Worship
Jun 9	8 & 9:30 am	Worship
	11 am	Bible Class: Bible Stories Not Taught in Sunday School
	7 pm	MVL Delegate Meeting
Jun 10	11:30 am	OWLS Meeting
	6 pm	Evangelism Meeting
	7 pm	Education Meeting
Jun 11	4 pm	Oak Hills Living Center Service
Jun 14	5 pm	Wedding Rehearsal / Dinner
Jun 15		Carmichael / Schroeder Wedding
	6:30 pm	Worship
Jun 16	8 & 9:30 am	Worship
	11 am	Bible Class: Bible Stories Not Taught in Sunday School
Jun 16 - 22		Camp Shetek at Sibley State Park
Jun 18 - 19		MN District Convention at MLC
Jun 18	7 pm	Council Meeting
Jun 21 - 23		Church Campout in Sleepy Eye
Jun 22	6:30 pm	Worship
Jun 23	8 & 9:30 am	Worship
	11 am	Bible Class: Bible Stories Not Taught in Sunday School
Jun 25	4 pm	Oak Hills Living Center Service
Jun 25 - 28		WELS Youth Rally in Ft. Collins, CO
Jun 27 - 30		LWMS Convention in Sioux Falls, SD
Jun 29	6:30 pm	Worship

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Attendance for the past weekend was 607.

Fruits of faith given:

\$10,456	Home Operations ~ <i>Needed to Date: \$352,522 / Received to Date: \$370,990</i>		
\$1,027	MVL ~ <i>Received to Date: \$23,936</i>	\$100	St. Paul's School
\$1,672	Missions ~ <i>Received to Date: \$35,080</i>	\$75	St. Paul's School Building Fund
\$608	Building Fund	\$60	K-12 Education Assistance
\$200	Ministerial Education Endowment Fund	\$35	Sanctuary Renovation
\$100	Endowment Fund	\$19	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. Please feel free to stay as little or as long as you'd like. Feel free to bring a friend! If you have any questions, please contact Erika Grundmeier at (989) 529-8729. The full schedule list can be found in the narthex.

- May 31 Lincoln Park: 718 S. State St.
- Jun 7 Riverside Park: 101 S. Front St.
- Jun 14 Washington Park: 715 N. State St.
- Jun 21 Harman Park: 101 N. Garden St.
- Jun 28 North Market Park: 1414 N. German St.

Women of St. John's ~ We will have an indoor picnic on Tuesday, June 4 at 6 pm at 820 S. Washington St. Pulled pork sandwiches, beverages and dessert will be provided. Please bring an appetizer or salad to share with the group. There is a sign up sheet on the table in the new narthex to help with planning. Contact Sarah Logston (logstonsarah@gmail.com) with any questions.

Africa Missionary at St John's in July ~ Pastor Benjamin Foxen will be guest preaching the first weekend of July. He and his family will also be giving a presentation about life and mission work in Zambia and throughout Africa after the 9:30 service on Sunday, July 7 concluding with a potluck lunch. Please contact Sarah Logston (logstonsarah@gmail.com) with any questions.

Green Thumb Needed ~ A volunteer is needed to plant the flowers in the pots that are placed outside of the church by the arches. If you have an eye for arranging planters please contact Sam Hunter at properties@stjohnsnewulm.com.

Volunteers Needed ~ Many hands help make an outreach event go smoothly, and with 100-150 kids participating in Summer Soccer Camp, please consider joining the Soccer Camp team! There are a variety of ways you can help, from first aid tent to snacks to coaching! Sign up now at johnandpaulministires.com! Questions? Reach out to Beth Scharf (JPM event coordinator) at scharfbm@mlc-wels.edu.

St. John's Cancer Group ~ will meet on Sunday, June 2 at 3 pm in the church basement fellowship area. Our purpose is encouragement from God's Word and each other. Consider coming if you or someone close to you has experienced a cancer diagnosis of any kind, either recently or at any time in the past. Our gatherings are not just for the person diagnosed with cancer. Spouses, adult family members, or other support persons are also very welcome to attend. For more information contact Wayne Wagner at wwagner50@outlook.com.

Church Campout 2024 ~ We are excited to announce that after taking a year off, the church campout is back on the calendar for June 21-23! It will be held again at the Sportsmen's Park in Sleepy Eye. Like in previous years, there will be a church service held at the campground over the weekend, and there will be several other fellowship opportunities as well. Reserve your spot at: bit.ly/ChurchCampout24. We hope to see many of you there!

Summer Church Softball ~ There is still time to sign up to join our St John's slow-pitch softball team season runs from early June to early August. All St John's members age 12 and older are welcome to join! If you are interested in playing please fill out the survey at bit.ly/SJNUSB or scan the QR code.



Ministerial Student Scholarship Fund ~ We are pleased to report that for the 2024-25 school year there are 11 students from St. John's who are planning to attend Martin Luther College or Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary to prepare for serving in the public ministry. To encourage these students and assist in meeting the rising cost of their education, we plan to send MLC and WLS financial assistance to be applied to each student's account. As of April 14, \$5,295 has been contributed. Please consider making a special offering for this purpose. MLC's Congregational Partner Grant Program will match the support that a congregation provides up to \$1,450 per student. If you make a contribution for this purpose, please indicate whether you want your offering to go to the regular Ministerial Student Assistance Fund or to the Ministerial Student Assistance Endowment Fund. Offerings to the endowment fund are invested, and only the investment earnings are distributed each year. Offerings to the regular student assistance fund are distributed in the current school year.

AREA ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ammo Can ~ Each May and November, Lutheran Military Support Group holds its Ammo Can Campaign. Financial gifts toward this campaign fund scholarships for Veterans as they pursue a public ministry at MLC, BLC, and WLS, spiritual retreats and workshops for WELS and ELS Veterans dealing with PTSD, and more. Please place your donations in the ammo can in the new narthex. For specific details, see the poster near the ammo can, or contact Brad Price at bprice@lutheranmilitary.org.

Preschool Cleaning Party ~ Don't miss this fun fellowship event on Thursday, May 30 from 9 am - noon (at the latest). A sloppy joe lunch will be provided to all volunteers. There will be indoor and outdoor cleaning options. To RSVP or ask questions contact Heidi Meyer at hmeyer@splnewulm.org.

MLC ECLC Open House ~ You're Invited! The MLC Early Childhood Learning Center will be hosting a community open house on Saturday, June 8 from 10 am to 1 pm to celebrate 10 years of serving children and their families in our current facilities. Please join us at 405 N Highland Ave. for walk-throughs of our classrooms, gift baskets, and more! We thank God for the 10 years with which he's blessed us!

"Camp Shetek" MN Valley Lutheran Camp ~ "Camp Shetek" will be held at the Group Center at Sibley State Park from June 16 - June 22. More information can be found in the narthex and online. Online registration is open at www.campshetek.org.

WELS Women's Conference ~ Registration is open for the 2024 WELS Women's Ministry Conference, on Sunday, July 28-30, at the Ingleside Hotel, Pewaukee, WI. This conference is for any woman who is passionate about the spread of the Good News of Jesus in our world today, no matter her age and background. New to the faith or seasoned, married or single, the keynotes and wide variety of breakout sessions will encourage, equip, and empower you in your walk of faith. You can find more information at welswmconference.net.

Job Openings ~ St. Paul's School is looking for After Preschool Care workers who enjoy working with 3-, 4- and 5-year-old children. The position is open to anyone older than 18 and is for the school year. Contact Heidi Meyer at preschool@splnewulm.org with questions or to apply. 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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