

# St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church

627 South Washington, New Ulm, Minnesota

... you were ransomed from the futile ways  
inherited from your forefathers, not with  
perishable things such as silver or gold,  
but with the precious blood of Christ,

like that of a  
lamb without  
blemish or spot.

1 Peter 1:18-19



## Third Sunday of Easter

### April 18/19, 2026

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# THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

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*Welcome, Visitors! Please scan the QR code to sign our guest register. Visitors and members alike, use the same QR code for prayer requests.*



**PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP:** God, what a debt we've racked up before you! A debt of sin, guilt, and shame, that could never be paid and could only be answered with death and hell. But you, by your grace, paid the debt I owed! You paid off more than millions of dollars. You paid a debt that could never be paid with any amount of money or silver or gold, but only with the precious blood of your own Son! Thank you for forgiving us! Now help us to keep our debt of love and thanks to you as we live for you in gratitude! In the name of Jesus, the Lamb of God, without blemish or spot, that was sacrificed for us, we pray it. Amen.

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**OPENING HYMN**                      *Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won*                      CW 444

*Stand*

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**PRAYER OF THE DAY**                      pg. 160

*Be seated*

*Alleluia! Christ has risen from the dead! Alleluia!  
He has crushed the serpent's head. Alleluia!  
See there lies an empty tomb, Alleluia!  
No more sorrow, no more gloom. Alleluia!  
Now we live in certainty, Alleluia!  
Of a life eternally! Alleluia!*

**FIRST LESSON**

Acts 2:14a,32-41

<sup>14</sup> Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd:

<sup>32</sup> God has raised this Jesus to life, and we are all witnesses of it. <sup>33</sup> Exalted to the right hand of God, he has received from the Father the promised Holy Spirit and has poured out what you now see and hear. <sup>34</sup> For David did not ascend to heaven, and yet he said,

“ ‘The Lord said to my Lord: “Sit at my right hand <sup>35</sup> until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet.” ’ ”

<sup>36</sup> “Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Messiah.”

<sup>37</sup> When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?”

<sup>38</sup> Peter replied, “Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. <sup>39</sup> The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call.”

<sup>40</sup> With many other words he warned them; and he pleaded with them, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.” <sup>41</sup> Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

SECOND LESSON

1 Peter 1:17-21

<sup>17</sup> Since you call on a Father who judges each person’s work impartially, live out your time as foreigners here in reverent fear. <sup>18</sup> For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your ancestors, <sup>19</sup> but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect. <sup>20</sup> He was chosen before the creation of the world, but was revealed in these last times for your sake. <sup>21</sup> Through him you believe in God, who raised him from the dead and glorified him, and so your faith and hope are in God.

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

*Stand*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

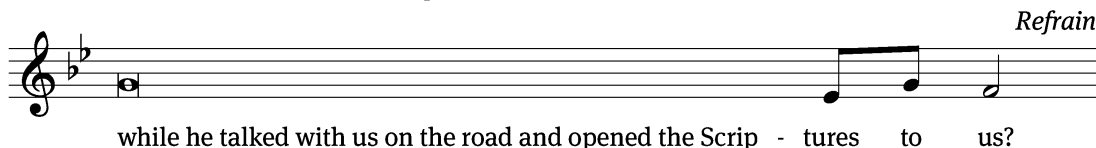
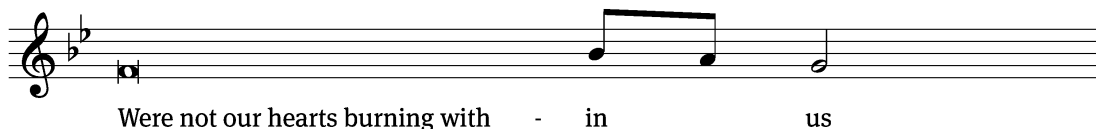
Luke 24:32



*Refrain*



*Tone*



<sup>13</sup> Now that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem. <sup>14</sup> They were talking with each other about everything that had happened. <sup>15</sup> As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them; <sup>16</sup> but they were kept from recognizing him.

<sup>17</sup> He asked them, “What are you discussing together as you walk along?”

They stood still, their faces downcast. <sup>18</sup> One of them, named Cleopas, asked him, “Are you the only one visiting Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?”

<sup>19</sup> “What things?” he asked.

“About Jesus of Nazareth,” they replied. “He was a prophet, powerful in word and deed before God and all the people. <sup>20</sup> The chief priests and our rulers handed him over to be sentenced to death, and they crucified him; <sup>21</sup> but we had hoped that he was the one who was going to redeem Israel. And what is more, it is the third day since all this took place. <sup>22</sup> In addition, some of our women amazed us. They went to the tomb early this morning <sup>23</sup> but didn’t find his body. They came and told us that they had seen a vision of angels, who said he was alive. <sup>24</sup> Then some of our companions went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see Jesus.”

<sup>25</sup> He said to them, “How foolish you are, and how slow to believe all that the prophets have spoken! <sup>26</sup> Did not the Messiah have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?” <sup>27</sup> And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself.

<sup>28</sup> As they approached the village to which they were going, Jesus continued on as if he were going farther. <sup>29</sup> But they urged him strongly, “Stay with us, for it is nearly evening; the day is almost over.” So he went in to stay with them.

<sup>30</sup> When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. <sup>31</sup> Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him, and he disappeared from their sight. <sup>32</sup> They asked each



## LORD'S PRAYER

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*Be seated*

**DISTRIBUTION HYMN**     *I Know That My Redeemer Lives*     CW 441

*Stand*

## PRAYER AND BLESSING

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## **THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S**

Sunday	8, 9:30 & 11 am	Worship
	9:30 am	Bible Class and Sunday School
	7:30 pm	Women's Bible Class
Tuesday	7 pm	Council
Wednesday	7 pm	Examination
Thursday	10 am	Bible Class ~ Simple Way to Pray
	6 pm	Handbells
	7 pm	Choir
	7 pm	Bible Class ~ Life of David
Saturday	6:30 pm	Worship

## **NEXT WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S**

Sunday, Apr. 26 <sup>th</sup>	8 & 9:30 am	Worship
	9:30 am	Bible Class and Sunday School
	11 am	Confirmation
	7:30 pm	Women's Bible Class
Tuesday, Apr. 28 <sup>th</sup>	4 pm	Oak Hills Service
Wednesday, Apr. 29 <sup>th</sup>	6 pm	Handbells
	7 pm	Choir
Thursday, Apr. 30 <sup>th</sup>	10 am	Bible Class ~ Simple Way to Pray
	7 pm	Bible Class ~ Life of David
Saturday, May 2 <sup>nd</sup>	6:30 pm	Worship

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Attendance last weekend was 674.

### **Fruits of Faith:**

\$11,845 Home Operations ~ Needed: \$258,441 / YTD: \$263,209  
\$873 WELS Missions ~ YTD: \$25,655 (2026 Goal: \$100,701)  
\$915 MVL ~ YTD: \$17,388 (2026 Goal: \$62,278)  
Wish List: Piano ~ YTD: \$21,875 (\$21,805)  
\$235 Building Fund  
\$9 Food + Fellowship  
\$40 Altar and Flowers  
\$35 K-12 Education Assistance  
\$100 LWMS  
\$25 St. Paul's School

**New Women's Bible Study** ~ Join us Sunday evenings for a Bible Study for women by women. All lessons are pulled directly from the WELS Women's Ministry website, under the oversight of the pastors. Being a woman can be challenging, but it can also be so rewarding! Please come, bring a friend, bring your questions, and be ready to have a fun time learning about the Bible! What to expect: Fellowship! Random games! Guest pastor appearances! Learning about our Savior! Fun! When: most Sunday evenings at 7:30 pm in the St. John's basement. Upcoming dates: 4/19 (both with Pastor Guenther), 4/26, 5/3, and 5/10. Contact Rachel Lang ([rachelandabbott@gmail.com](mailto:rachelandabbott@gmail.com)) or Pastor Guenther (507-240-2433 or [pastorguenther@gmail.com](mailto:pastorguenther@gmail.com)) with questions.

**LWMS International Convention** ~ Join us for the 63rd Annual LWMS Convention in Madison, WI from June 25th through June 28th. Registration is now open online, but is due to close June 1st (earlier if capacity is reached). The table in the new narthex has mail-in registration forms as well as detailed information sheets. We hope to see you there!

**Ask the Pastors** ~ May 7, 7-8pm Come to the next “Ask the Pastor” evening and bring a friend! We have had really enjoyed listening to and learning from the pastors' responses in the past events we have had! Bring your questions that evening or place your questions in the box on the table in the narthex area. There is a sign-up sheet next to the box to help us plan for refreshments. Hope to see you there!

**Benefit for Angela Lingl** ~ Looking for donations: On Nov 30th 2025 one of our church members along with MVL alumni Angela Lingl experience a ruptured aneurysm aka hemorrhagic stroke after spending 60 days in the Rochester Mayo with 41 of them in ICU she is home now working on recovery. Her family is having a Ham Dinner Benefit for her on April 18th at Nicollet Legion & looking for donations for the silent auction. If you are willing to donate please email [supportangelalingl@gmail.com](mailto:supportangelalingl@gmail.com) or reach out to one of her family members. You can also call Amanda at 507-276-8953. Thank you for keeping her in your prayers.

### **AREA ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**MLC Wind Symphony Concert - April 18** ~ Please join the Martin Luther College Wind Symphony for *Soundscapes*, an aural journey across the country. Music on the program represents American people, places, and things, from early American barn dances to magnificent national landscapes to late summer storms and sunsets. We're also excited to welcome the St. Paul School's Raider Band for a joint performance of Clare Grundman's "Kentucky 1800." The concert is free and open to the public on Saturday, April 18, at 7:30 pm in the MLC Auditorium. Can't make it in person? The concert will stream live on MLC's YouTube channel.

**Dig In Gala** ~ We are looking forward to celebrating the blessings of our school with the 7th Annual St. Paul's School Dig In Gala! The Gala will be held on Friday, May 8, at Turner Hall in New Ulm, with doors opening at 6:00pm. Individual and full-table tickets for the event are on sale from April 6-30, at <https://digingala2026.ourschool.support>. Ticket proceeds, as well as donations made during the silent and live auctions - and other fun activities - will go to Phase 4 of the School Mortgage Campaign, It's Time. Encouraged dress for the event is business casual or dress with our Retro 70's theme for this year, if you wish. If you own a business that would like to be an event sponsor, have a vintage car you'd be willing to show in the Gala's car show, or have any questions, please contact Amy Rich at [stampinnut@me.com](mailto:stampinnut@me.com).

**MVL Drama Presents!** ~ We're Crazy for You! Get ready to tap your toes and fall in love with our spring musical, *Crazy for You*! This high-energy romantic comedy follows Bobby Child, a New York banker with dreams of being a Broadway star, who's sent to a sleepy Nevada town to foreclose on a struggling theater. Instead, he finds himself falling head over heels for the spirited Polly Baker—and hatching a wild plan to save the theater with song, dance, and a whole lot of mistaken identity! Packed with classic Gershwin tunes, big dance numbers, cowboys, showgirls, and plenty of laughs and silliness, *Crazy for You* is a feel-good celebration of chasing your dreams. Join us this spring for a show that's full of heart, humor, and show-stopping fun—you won't want to miss it! Show Dates & Details: May 1st & 2nd at 7:00 PM, May 3rd at 2:00 PM All performances will be held in the MVL Fine Arts Center. Tickets may be purchased at the door.

**About the Cover** ~ What are you worth to God? His own Son! What are you worth to Jesus? His own life! It is not with silver or gold that he bought you out of death and hell; but with his holy, precious blood. God, in Christ, has paid the massive debt that you and I once owed to him; a debt we could never pay. Now we owe a debt of love and gratitude to him as we live for him every day. May God help us to do this to his glory!