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~ Matthew 22:21

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Today's service is televised locally

Channel 14 - Comcast: Monday at 6:00 p.m. & Tuesday at 1:00 p.m. & Thursdays at 10:00 a.m.
Channel 3 - Nuvera: Mondays at 6:00 p.m. & Tuesday at 1:00 p.m. & Thursdays at 10:00 a.m.

Order of Service: Sat., 8 & 9:30 am: *CW The Service Setting Two* page 172
11 am: *CW Holy Baptism* page 151

FIRST LESSON **Daniel 1:3–21**

¹⁵At the end of the ten days they looked healthier and better nourished than any of the young men who ate the royal food. ¹⁶So the guard took away their choice food and the wine they were to drink and gave them vegetables instead.

¹⁷To these four young men God gave knowledge and understanding of all kinds of literature and learning. And Daniel could understand visions and dreams of all kinds.

¹⁸At the end of the time set by the king to bring them into his service, the chief official presented them to Nebuchadnezzar. ¹⁹The king talked with them, and he found none equal to Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael and Azariah; so they entered the king's service. ²⁰In every matter of wisdom and understanding about which the king questioned them, he found them ten times better than all the magicians and enchanters in his whole kingdom.

²¹And Daniel remained there until the first year of King Cyrus.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM of the DAY

Psalm 96

SECOND LESSON

Romans 13:1–7

¹Let everyone be subject to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God.

²Consequently, whoever rebels against the authority is rebelling against what God has instituted, and those who do so will bring judgment on themselves. ³For rulers hold no terror for those who do right, but for those who do wrong. Do you want to be free from fear of the one in authority? Then do what is right and you will be commended.

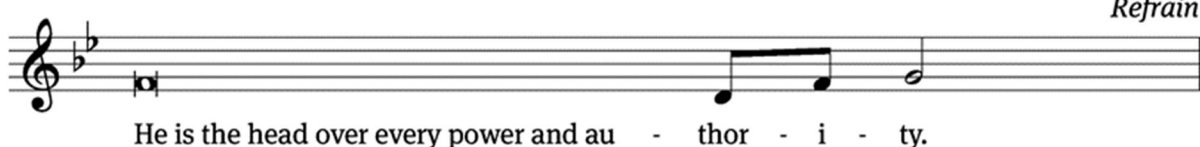
⁴For the one in authority is God's servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for rulers do not bear the sword for no reason. They are God's servants, agents of wrath to bring punishment on the wrongdoer. ⁵Therefore, it is necessary to submit to the authorities, not only because of possible punishment but also as a matter of conscience.

⁶This is also why you pay taxes, for the authorities are God's servants, who give their full time to governing. ⁷Give to everyone what you owe them: If you owe taxes, pay taxes; if revenue, then revenue; if respect, then respect; if honor, then honor.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL

Matthew 22:15–22

¹⁵Then the Pharisees went out and laid plans to trap him in his words. ¹⁶They sent their disciples to him along with the Herodians. “Teacher,” they said, “we know that you are a man of integrity and that you teach the way of God in accordance with the truth. You aren’t swayed by others, because you pay no attention to who they are. ¹⁷Tell us then, what is your opinion? Is it right to pay the imperial tax to Caesar or not?”

¹⁸But Jesus, knowing their evil intent, said, “You hypocrites, why are you trying to trap me? ¹⁹Show me the coin used for paying the tax.” They brought him a denarius, ²⁰and he asked them, “Whose image is this? And whose inscription?”

²¹“Caesar’s,” they replied.

Then he said to them, “So give back to Caesar what is Caesar’s, and to God what is God’s.”

²²When they heard this, they were amazed. So they left him and went away.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

HYMN of the DAY *Praise the Almighty; My Soul, Adore Him* **CW619**

SERMON **Matthew 22:15-22**

Jesus Brings the Parties Together

HYMN *We Give Thee but Thine Own* **CW750**

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OFFERING/ COMMUNION

If you are not a member of a WELS/ELS congregation, please see the explanation in the announcements.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN *Jesus Comes Today with Healing* **CW668**

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PREACHER

Pastor Rob Guenther

PRESIDING MINISTER

Pastor Jeff Bovee

ORGAN

Jon Roux

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

Sun	8, 9:30 & 11 am	Worship
	9:30 am	Sunday School and Bible Class: Book of Job
	12 pm	Basement Reserved
	1 & 5 pm	VR Camp
Tue	7 pm	Voters' Meeting
Wed	10 am	Catechism
	6 pm	Handbells
	7 pm	Choir
Thu	10:30 am	Bible Class: Hard Sayings of Jesus
	7 pm	Bible Class: The I AM Statements of Jesus
Fri	9:30 am	Women's Bible Class: The I AM Statements of Jesus
	5:30 pm	Harvest in the Halls at St. Paul's School
Sat	6:30 pm	Worship

† Upcoming Services †

Saturday: 6:30 pm
Sunday: 8, 9:30 & 11 am

UPCOMING EVENTS

Oct 29	8, 9:30 & 11 am	Worship
	9:30 am	Sunday School and Bible Class: Book of Job
	11 am	Gr. 1-4 sing
	1 pm	VR Camp
	3 pm	Joint Reformation Service at MLC
	5 pm	VR Camp
Oct 30	6:30 pm	Worship Committee Meeting
Nov 1	10 am	Catechism
	4 pm	Oak Hills Living Center Service
	6 pm	Handbells
	7 pm	Choir
Nov 2	10:30 am	Bible Class: Hard Sayings of Jesus
	7 pm	Bible Class: The I AM Statements of Jesus
Nov 3	9:30 am	Women's Bible Class: The I AM Statements of Jesus
Nov 4	6:30 pm	Worship
Nov 5	8, 9:30 & 11 am	Worship
	9:30 am	Sunday School and Bible Class: Book of Job

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Attendance for the past weekend was 665.

Fruits of faith given the past two weeks:

\$31,068	Home Operations ~ \$30,392 is our weekly need		
\$1,884	MVL ~ \$1,278 is our weekly need	\$125	St. Paul's School Building Fund
\$3,326	Missions ~ \$1,818 is our weekly need	\$100	Benevolence Fund
\$974	Building Fund	\$100	Christian Family Solutions
\$4,600	75th Ann. Sanctuary Renovation	\$60	St. Paul's School
\$850	75th Ann. Ministerial Endowment Fund	\$60	Martin Luther College
\$150	Kitchen Fund	\$22	Food & Fellowship

Made a Child of God Through Holy Baptism ~ during the 11 am service, is Lennon Rose Holden, daughter of Hunter Holden and Lindsay Blank. May God keep Lennon in the baptismal promise of God's grace in Christ until she is with him in glory.

Youth Group! ~ is for students in 6-12 grades. The youth group will be raking lawns on Saturday, October 28. Meet in the church parking lot at 1 pm. Would you consider helping out with the Fall Clean-Up event if you are available? Sign up on the link in your email or the E-Bulletin! If you would like the youth group to come to your house, please contact the church office at office@stjohnsnewulm.com or 507-354-6744.

Women of St. John's ~ Our November meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 7th at 7 pm in the church basement. Brad Price will be giving a presentation on the Lutheran Military Support Group. Following his presentation, we will have a brief business meeting including elections for our vice-president and treasurer. Please contact Sarah Logston at logstonsarah@gmail.com if you are interested in serving in one of these roles.

Sanctuary Screens ~ It was recommended to the voters and passed at the July 25th Voter's meeting to purchase and install screens on the two sides of the sanctuary. Funds had already been raised for this technology during the past several years. The Tech Committee and other volunteers will coordinate the installation of the equipment as soon as feasible. Members will soon see two 85" screens, one on each side in front of the chancel area. Plans are that volunteers can easily advance slides during worship. If you would be interested in advancing slides for services, please contact Staff Minister, Jim Dretske at sm.dretske@stjohnsnewulm.com or fill out an interest survey online at <https://bit.ly/SJScreenSurvey>.

Volunteers Needed ~ St. John's supports the New Ulm Emergency Food Shelf by providing volunteers to assist clients on the third Monday of each month from 11:45-3 pm. If you have questions or are interested in volunteering in 2024, please indicate your availability on the sign-up sheet in the narthex or call Carla Melendy (507-217-9750) or Deb Beatty (507-276-2722).

Cards of Caring ~ We will focus on making Thanksgiving and Christmas cards. All supplies are furnished. If you can't create cards, we have other simple tasks you can do. We welcome those from seventh grade and older, including MLC students. We will meet on Saturday, November 11th from 9 am until noon. Come as your schedule allows. See you at 403 N. Minnesota St. (across from the Glockenspiel). This is an opportunity for fellowship and service to the Lord. Contact Lois Willems at 507-676-1230 with questions.

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.

Communion Announcement: At St. John's we practice "close communion." That is, we invite only those who are in fellowship with us as members of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Church (or of a synod that is in fellowship with us) to commune with us. We are in no way judging your personal faith. But we recognize that in the Lord's Supper we enjoy not only a close communion, or fellowship, with God, but we also enjoy a close communion with one another as we publicly express our agreement in every teaching of God's Word. And we wouldn't presume to ask you to publicly confess your agreement with all that we teach and believe without first being instructed in what it is that we teach and believe. But if you do desire to commune with us, please speak to one of the pastors after the service.

AREA ANNOUNCEMENTS

MVL Fall Play ~ Ahoy, mateys! MVL's drama department is at it again! This fall's kooky comedy, *Larceny and Old Lace* is sure to make you laugh as you watch loveable characters try to solve the mystery of the multiplying loot. From casinos to the FBI, this show has it all. Bring the whole family to the play which is running at State Street Theater (1 N. State Street, New Ulm) from October 27th - 29th (Friday and Saturday at 7 pm and Sunday at 2 pm). Tickets will be sold at the door. We can't wait to see you there!

Joint Reformation Service at MLC ~ on Sunday, October 29 at 3 pm in the Chapel of the Christ, 1995 Luther Court. Martin Luther wrote, "The gift of language combined with the gift of song was only given to man to let him know that he should praise God with both word and music." In 1523, Luther began writing hymns for congregational singing. One of the first hymns he wrote is "Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice." Join us as the congregations of the Mankato Conference and River Valley Conference celebrate the Reformation at the Joint Reformation Service.

MLC Fall Musical ~ MLC presents *Hello, Dolly!* on November 3-5 (Friday and Saturday at 7 pm and Sunday at 2 pm). This musical adaptation of Thornton Wilder's hit play *The Matchmaker* bursts with humor, romance, energetic dance, and some of the greatest songs in musical theatre history. The romantic and comic exploits of Dolly Gallagher-Levi, turn-of-the-century matchmaker and "woman who arranges things," are certain to thrill and entertain you. Be sure to join us for this delightful musical comedy!

MVL Wreath Sales ~ MVL will again be selling wreaths, swags, live garland, and spruce pots to help bring the sights and scents of Christmas to your home or business! Look for friendly MVL students at your church to help you place your order. Beginning October 22, you may go to the MVL website and place your order online. Order deadline is Sunday, November 12, and we hope to deliver most products to your church by Thanksgiving. Thank you for your support! May God bless your upcoming celebrations!

MLC Wind Symphony Concert ~ tim•bre |'tambər| The character or quality of a musical sound or voice as distinct from its pitch and intensity. In colloquial terms, musicians often refer to timbre as “color.” In a wind band, no single instrument family is considered the “core” timbre of the ensemble. Rather, the wind band is a varied mix of woodwinds, brass, and percussions, equally contributing their unique colors to bring a composition to life. Please join the Martin Luther College Wind Symphony for Colors and Contours on Sunday, November 19, at 3 pm in the MLC Auditorium. Also featured on the program are three student conductors who are majoring in instrumental music: Richard Giese, Joseph Panning, and Emma Pufahl. The concert is free and open to the public. Can't make it in person? Catch the livestream on MLC's YouTube channel.

Job Openings ~ Assistant head cook needed at St Paul's Lutheran School. Job duties include but are not limited to preparing & serving lunch and clean up. If interested please pick up an application at St Paul's school or church office. If you have questions please feel free to contact me at cook@splnewulm.org.

Minnesota Valley Lutheran High School is in need of bus drivers. If you are interested in becoming a bus driver, contact Ray Vulcan at rayv@palmerbusservice.com.

Minnesota Valley Lutheran High School is also looking a substitute worker for the kitchen. Are you interested in casual employment or volunteering in the MVL kitchen? This is an on-call position to substitute on days regular workers are gone. Please contact Beth Fluegge for more information at foodservice@mvlhs.org or call or text 507-993-5195.

Martin Luther College is accepting applications for a full-time Director of Alumni Relations and part-time Assistant Coaches in baseball and tennis. Interested individuals should apply online at mlc-wels.edu/hr/.

About the Cover ~ The coin mentioned in our Gospel lesson for today is commonly thought to be a Roman denarius which depicts the head of Tiberius, the Roman emperor of Jesus' day. The inscription reads "Caesar Augustus Tiberius, son of the Divine Augustus," claiming that after his death Augustus had become a god. The reverse side of the coin had an image of the empress, Livia, depicted as the goddess Pax (Peace). Though some scholars have suggested that denarii were not in common circulation in Judaea during Jesus' lifetime and that the coin was more probably an "Antiochan tetradrachm" bearing the head of Tiberius on one side with Augustus on the reverse. If the latter is correct, it might have read "Caesar Augustus Tiberius" on one side and "Pontifex Maximus" (Highest Priest) on the other. Jesus might have been using the two sides of the coin to drive his point home.

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

