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PSALM of the DAY *Psalms 73*

SECOND LESSON

Romans 8:28–39

²⁸And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. ²⁹For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters. ³⁰And those he predestined, he also called; those he called, he also justified; those he justified, he also glorified.

³¹What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? ³²He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things? ³³Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies. ³⁴Who then is the one who condemns? No one. Christ Jesus who died—more than that, who was raised to life—is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us. ³⁵Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? ³⁶As it is written:

“For your sake we face death all day long;
we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered.”

³⁷No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.

³⁸For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, ³⁹neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

Now faith is confidence in what we hope for

and assurance about what we do not see.

Refrain

GOSPEL

Matthew 14:22–33

²²Immediately Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead of him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowd. ²³After he had dismissed them, he went up on a mountainside by himself to pray. Later that night, he was there alone, ²⁴and

the boat was already a considerable distance from land, buffeted by the waves because the wind was against it.

²⁵Shortly before dawn Jesus went out to them, walking on the lake. ²⁶When the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified. “It’s a ghost,” they said, and cried out in fear.

²⁷But Jesus immediately said to them: “Take courage! It is I. Don’t be afraid.”

²⁸“Lord, if it’s you,” Peter replied, “tell me to come to you on the water.”

²⁹“Come,” he said.

Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came toward Jesus. ³⁰But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, “Lord, save me!”

³¹Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him. “You of little faith,” he said, “why did you doubt?”

³²And when they climbed into the boat, the wind died down. ³³Then those who were in the boat worshiped him, saying, “Truly you are the Son of God.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

HYMN of the DAY

Be Still, My Soul

CW847

SERMON

Matthew 14:22-33

TAKE COURAGE IN JESUS
1. WHY DID YOU DOUBT?
2. TRULY JESUS IS THE LORD

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OFFERING

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HYMN

He Will Hold Me Fast

CW813

PRAYER and LORD’S PRAYER (*Contemporary*)

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CLOSING HYMN *Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me*

CW849

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PREACHER

Pastor Jeff Bovee

ORGAN

Becky Berg

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

Sun	8 & 9:30 am	Worship
	11 am	Last Bible Class: Pastoral Epistles
Mon	6 pm	Evangelism Meeting
	7 pm	Education Meeting
Tue	9 am	Vacation Bible School
	7 pm	Council Meeting
Wed	9 am	Vacation Bible School
Thu	9 am	Vacation Bible School
	11:30 am	Potluck Meal
Fri	9 am	Summer Fellowship at Highland Park
Sat	6:30 pm	Worship

† Upcoming Services †

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

Aug 20	8, 9:30 & 11 am	Worship (Fall Schedule Begins)
Aug 21	6:30 pm	Worship Committee Meeting
Aug 22	4 pm	Oak Hills Living Center Service
Aug 25	9 am	Summer Fellowship at TBD
Aug 26	6:30 pm	Worship
Aug 27	8, 9:30 & 11 am	Worship
	1:30 pm	MVL Opening Service
Aug 30	10 am	Catechism
Sep 2	3 pm	Brase Wedding Reaffirmation
	6:30 pm	Worship
Sep 3	8, 9:30 & 11 am	Worship
Sep 5	4 pm	Oak Hills Living Center Service
	6 pm	Sunday School Teachers' Meeting
	7 pm	Women of St. John's Meeting
Sep 6	10 am	Catechism
	1 pm	Stewardship Meeting
	6:30 pm	Elders Meeting
Sep 7	10:30 am	Adult Bible Class
	7 pm	Adult Bible Class
Sep 8	9:30 am	Women's Bible Class
Sep 9	5 pm	Summer Send-Off at St. Paul's School
	6:30 pm	Worship

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Attendance for the past weekend was 469 with 341 attending Communion.

Fruits of faith given for the past two weeks:

\$30,755	Home Operations ~ \$19,371 is our weekly need		
\$2,379	MVL ~ \$1,278 is our weekly need	\$300	Kitchen Fund
\$3,181	Missions ~ \$1,818 is our weekly need	\$200	St. Paul's School Building Fund
\$2,093	Building Fund	\$200	K-12 Education Assistance
\$5,235	Sanctuary Renovation	\$200	75th Anniversary
\$2,605	Ministerial Education Endowment	\$135	LWMS
\$1,060	St. Paul's School	\$60	MLC
\$100	Technology Equipment	\$20	MLC Ladies' Auxiliary

New and Improved Website ~ go to www.stjohnsnewulm.com to see our new and improved church website! We thank Jamie Milbrett for all the time put into making it look great!

75th Anniversary History Book ~ Sign up for a printed copy of the 80+ page 75th anniversary history book authored by Pastor Emeritus Wayne Laitinen. We are not selling the book, but would like to know how many members would like a printed copy. A free-will offering may be placed in the basket next to the signup sheet to help offset our printing costs (roughly \$6/book). A digital version of the book will be available on the St John's website.

Vacation Bible School (VBS) ~ will be August 15 - 17 from 9 –11:30 am.

Follow the QR code to register for VBS. Or go to bit.ly/SJvbs2023 (after paying be sure to come back to the registration page to submit the registration).

New This Year ~ There will be a potluck meal following the last day of VBS.

The donation sign up for the meal can be found at bit.ly/SJvbsMeal2023.



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.

Welcome, Visitors!

Please scan the QR code to
sign our Guest Register.



AREA ANNOUNCEMENTS

OWLS Meeting ~ Our local MN Valley Chapter 13 OWLS (Organization of WELS Lutheran Seniors) will be holding its annual picnic on Monday, late afternoon, August 14. It will be held at the home of Gerald and Geri Steffen, 1415 N Minnesota Street, New Ulm. You may come any time after 4 pm to socialize, with a devotion at about 4:50 pm, and a meal to follow. Geri is preparing the meal of hamburgers, brats, potato salad, and all the fixings. If you have not indicated your attendance already, you need to contact Myron Fluegge immediately at 507-359-2424 or email at flueggemtj@hotmail.com.

Summer Send-Off at St. Paul's School ~ Join us for Summer Send-off on Saturday, September 9th 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.

St. Paul's School ~ During the 2022-2023 school year, St. Paul's School received \$654.25 from reward and label programs that we participate in. The money gets deposited in our School Reserve Fund. We currently collect Hy-Vee UPC labels, Country Hearth, Village Hearth, Artisan Hearth Bread labels, and Fiber Up product labels. We encourage families to save the labels and bring them to school or to church. Deposit the labels in the appropriately marked receptacles. We also participate in online programs for BoxTops, Cash Wise Rewards, and Casey's Rewards. Just log onto their websites, sign up, and start saving for St. Paul's School!

Job Openings ~ St. Paul's Preschool is looking for After Preschool Care (APC) workers for during the school year, only. APC workers need to be 18 years old or older. One position is on Tues, Wed & Thurs from 3:10 - 6 pm (sometimes done earlier). The same local person could get extra shifts when MLC is on a break during the school year. We could use substitute workers for this program as well. Contact Heidi Meyer at hmeyer@splnewulm.org.
Minnesota Valley Lutheran High School is in need of bus drivers. If you are interested in becoming a bus driver for the 2023-2024 school year, contact Ray Vulcan at rayv@palmerbuservice.com.

Red Cross Blood Drive ~ The blood drive will be at the New Ulm Community Civic Center, 1212 N. Franklin St., on Wednesday, August 23, 1-7 pm, Thursday, August 24, 12-6 pm, and Friday, August 25, 8:30 am - 1:30 pm. Please call 1-800-733-2767 or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter: New Ulm to schedule an appointment.

About the Cover ~ The artwork on the bulletin cover by an unknown artist is one of the many depictions of Jesus coming to the rescue of Simon Peter, as Simon, who is invited to come to Jesus walking on the surface of the water, began to trust in himself rather than in Jesus. As a result, he began to sink. Jesus had to come to him and draw him out of the water.