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LORD, and apart from me there is no savior.



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SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

June 21/22, 2025

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP: Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit: You have made yourself known to us through your holy Word. Cause us to be your true and faithful witnesses who proclaim it, and thereby strengthen the faith of the saints, and turn the hearts of unbelievers to you. Cause our tongues to testify that you alone are the LORD, and our deeds to demonstrate your love and mercy in the lives we live. Bless our time of worship this day and always so that we may be edified and hallow your great name. Through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen

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OPENING HYMN	<i>Rise, Shine, You People!</i>	CW 744
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Be seated

FIRST LESSON	Isaiah 43:8–13
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⁸ Lead out those who have eyes but are blind, who have ears but are deaf. ⁹ All the nations gather together and the peoples assemble. Which of their gods foretold this and proclaimed to us the former things? Let them

bring in their witnesses to prove they were right, so that others may hear and say, “It is true.” ¹⁰ “You are my witnesses,” declares the LORD, “and my servant whom I have chosen, so that you may know and believe me and understand that I am he. Before me no god was formed, nor will there be one after me. ¹¹ I, even I, am the LORD, and apart from me there is no savior. ¹² I have revealed and saved and proclaimed—I, and not some foreign god among you. You are my witnesses,” declares the LORD, “that I am God. ¹³ Yes, and from ancient days I am he. No one can deliver out of my hand. When I act, who can reverse it?”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM OF THE DAY *Let All the Earth Cry Out to the Lord* Psalm 66

SECOND LESSON

2 Timothy 1:3–10

³ I thank God, whom I serve, as my ancestors did, with a clear conscience, as night and day I constantly remember you in my prayers. ⁴ Recalling your tears, I long to see you, so that I may be filled with joy. ⁵ I am reminded of your sincere faith, which first lived in your grandmother Lois and in your mother Eunice and, I am persuaded, now lives in you also.

⁶ For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands. ⁷ For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline. ⁸ So do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner. Rather, join with me in suffering for the gospel, by the power of God. ⁹ He has saved us and called us to a holy life—not because of anything we have done but because of his own purpose and grace. This grace was given us in Christ Jesus before the beginning of time, ¹⁰ but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior, Christ Jesus, who has destroyed death and has brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

1 John 4:14



Refrain



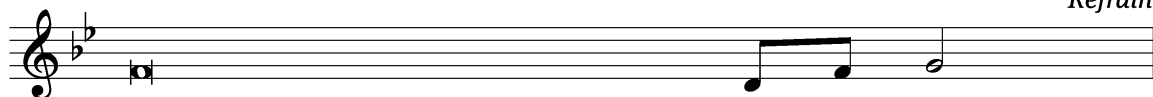
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Refrain

that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world.

GOSPEL

Luke 8:26–39

²⁶ They sailed to the region of the Gerasenes, which is across the lake from Galilee. ²⁷ When Jesus stepped ashore, he was met by a demon-possessed man from the town. For a long time this man had not worn clothes or lived in a house, but had lived in the tombs. ²⁸ When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell at his feet, shouting at the top of his voice, “What do you want with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, don’t torture me!” ²⁹ For Jesus had commanded the impure spirit to come out of the man. Many times it had seized him, and though he was chained hand and foot and kept under

guard, he had broken his chains and had been driven by the demon into solitary places.

³⁰ Jesus asked him, “What is your name?”

“Legion,” he replied, because many demons had gone into him. ³¹ And they begged Jesus repeatedly not to order them to go into the Abyss.

³² A large herd of pigs was feeding there on the hillside. The demons begged Jesus to let them go into the pigs, and he gave them permission.

³³ When the demons came out of the man, they went into the pigs, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned.

³⁴ When those tending the pigs saw what had happened, they ran off and reported this in the town and countryside, ³⁵ and the people went out to see what had happened. When they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone out, sitting at Jesus’ feet, dressed and in his right mind; and they were afraid. ³⁶ Those who had seen it told the people how the demon-possessed man had been cured. ³⁷ Then all the people of the region of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them, because they were overcome with fear. So he got into the boat and left.

³⁸ The man from whom the demons had gone out begged to go with him, but Jesus sent him away, saying, ³⁹ “Return home and tell how much God has done for you.” So the man went away and told all over town how much Jesus had done for him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

HYMN OF THE DAY *All Praise to God Who Reigns Above* CW 603

SERMON I Alone Am the LORD Isaiah 43:8-13

Stand

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Be seated

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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OFFERING

HYMN

Christ High-Ascended

CW 747

Stand

PRAYER AND BLESSING

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CLOSING HYMN

I Love to Tell the Story

CW 746 st. 1, 7, 3

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THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

Sunday	8 & 9:30 am	Worship
	11 am	Bible Class: 1 Thessalonians
Wednesday	6:30 pm	Bible Information Class
Saturday	6:30 pm	Worship
Sunday, June 29	8 & 9:30 am	Worship
	11 am	Bible Class: 1 Thessalonians
Wednesday, July 2	6:30 pm	Bible Information Class

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Attendance for this past weekend was 400 with 284 receiving the Lord's Supper.

Fruits of Faith:

\$12,324 Home Operations
\$2,360 WELS Missions
\$785 MVL
\$130 K-12 Education Assistance
\$130 St. Paul's School Building Fund
\$160 St. Paul's School
\$60 MLC
\$385 Building Fund

Volunteer Opportunity ~ Women's Group 3 is looking for two new leaders to co-lead the women's group. Group one is also looking for 1 leader as well. The leaders help coordinate volunteers and donations for funeral receptions and also plan the meal and coordinate volunteers for one meal during Advent and Lent. If you are interested please contact the church office at office@stjohnsnewulm.com.

AREA ANNOUNCEMENTS

MVL Job Opening ~ MVL is taking applications for an experienced varsity head girls' basketball coach for the coming season. If interested, contact Craig Morgan at cmorgan@mvlhs.org.

MVL Job Opening ~ Minnesota Valley Lutheran High School is looking for a member of the WELS/ELS for a custodial position. The position is full-time with benefits. Contact Ken Optiz at kopitz@mvlhs.org or 507-354-6851 for more information.

MLC Job Opening ~ Martin Luther College is accepting applications for a part-time Men's Assistant Basketball Coach. Interested individuals should apply online at mlc-wels.edu/hr/.

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. There is a display table in the new narthex including information about these 2 missions, as well as cards to sign for each family. All are welcome to join in encouraging our missionaries and praying for them.

Save the Date/Mark Your Calendar ~ On Saturday morning, July 12, the movie "One by One" will be shown in both theaters at the same time at the LYRIC-3 theater, 1 North German Street, in New Ulm. Doors open at 9:00 AM; show time at 9:30 AM. Admission is \$5 per person (all ages). Concessions will be available. The two-hour movie is the story of David Rosenau's surprising path to the WELS pastoral ministry and how God works in our lives. For further details, see the February 2025, Forward in Christ, page 22.

About the Cover ~ The LORD told his people that they were his witnesses. That is to say, they would give a reliable testimony about who God is and what he has done if they spoke what he told them to say and do. Today he calls us to be his witnesses. We testify that God is true when we speak the Word he gave to us. He alone is God and LORD.