

St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church

627 South Washington, New Ulm, Minnesota



Ephesians 5:21

Submit to one
another out of
reverence for
Christ...

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

October 5/6, 2024

Pastor Jeffrey Bovee
revbovee@gmail.com
507-217-6364



www.stjohnsnewulm.com
office@stjohnsnewulm.com
facebook.com/stjohnsnewulm
507-354-6744
bit.ly/SJyoutube



YouTube

Pastor Rob Guenther
pastorguenther@gmail.com
507-240-2433

Today's service is televised locally

Channel 14 - Comcast: Mondays at 6 pm, Tuesdays at 1 pm & Thursdays at 10 am

Channel 3 - Nuvera: Mondays at 6 pm, Tuesdays at 1 pm & Thursdays at 10 am

Prayer before worship: Heavenly Father, we thank you for your gifts of marriage and family. Forgive us for the times we've cared more about ourselves than our spouses, our kids, our parents, or for marriage and our families. Help us to give reverence to you as we serve those closest to us putting others ahead of ourselves. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Order of Service: *The Service: Setting Two*, page 172

OPENING HYMN

Dearest Jesus, We Are Here

CW 648

- 1 Dearest Jesus, we are here, gladly your command obeying;
with this child we now draw near in response to your own saying
that to you it shall be given as a child and heir of heaven.**
- 2 Lord, your Word is clear and plain, and we would obey it duly:
“He who is not born again, heart and life renewing truly,
born of water and the Spirit, can my kingdom not inherit.”**
- 3 Therefore we have come to you, in our arms this infant bearing.
Shine your heav’nly light anew—let this child, your mercy sharing,
in your arms be shielded ever, yours on earth and yours forever.**
- 4 Gracious Head, your member own; Shepherd, take your lamb and feed it;
Prince of Peace, make here your throne; Way of Life, to heaven lead it.
Precious Vine, let nothing sever from your side this branch forever.**
- 5 Now into your heart we pour prayers that from our hearts proceeded.
Our petitions heav’nward soar; may our warm desires be heeded!
Write the name we now have given; write it in the book of heaven!**

Please stand

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

M: If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

C: If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

M: Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

C: Holy God, gracious Father, I am sinful by nature and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have not loved you with my whole heart; I have not loved others as I should. I deserve your punishment both now and forever. But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins with his innocent suffering and death. Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Silence for meditation and reflection

M: Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

M: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

M: For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

M: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

M: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

M: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: Amen.

***Refrain:* Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.**

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. *Refrain*

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer. *Refrain*

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in the glory of God the Father. Amen. *Amen. Refrain*

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray: Loving God and Father, the blessings of marriage and family come from your gracious pleasure and careful design. Lead all who value these gifts to follow your path of wisdom so that they may enjoy the fullness of your love; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Be seated

FIRST LESSON

Genesis 2:18-25

¹⁸ The LORD God said, “It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him.”

¹⁹ Now the LORD God had formed out of the ground all the wild animals and all the birds in the sky. He brought them to the man to see what he would name them; and whatever the man called each living creature, that was its name. ²⁰ So the man gave names to all the livestock, the birds in the sky and all the wild animals.

But for Adam no suitable helper was found. ²¹ So the LORD God caused the man to fall into a deep sleep; and while he was sleeping, he took one of the man’s ribs and then closed up the place with flesh. ²² Then the LORD God made a woman from the rib he had taken out of the man, and he brought her to the man.

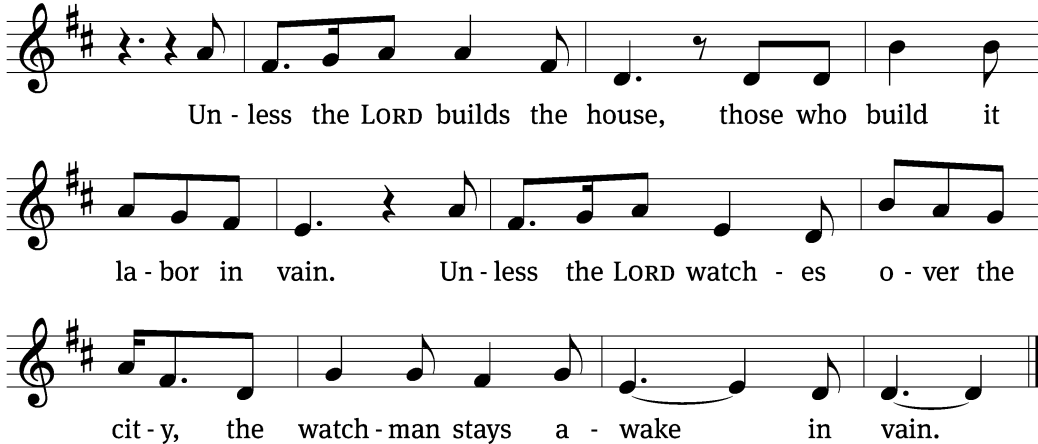
²³ The man said, “This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called ‘woman,’ for she was taken out of man.”

²⁴ That is why a man leaves his father and mother and is united to his wife, and they become one flesh.

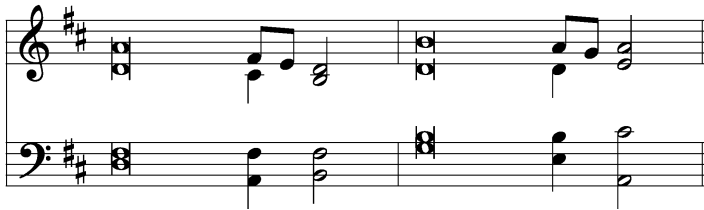
²⁵ Adam and his wife were both naked, and they felt no shame.

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Refrain


Un - less the LORD builds the house, those who build it
 la - bor in vain. Un - less the LORD watch - es o - ver the
 cit - y, the watch - man stays a - wake in vain.

Tone


Unless the LORD / builds the house,
 the builders la- / bor in vain.

Unless the LORD watches over the / city,
 the guards stand / watch in vain.

In vain you rise early and stay up late, toiling for / food to eat—
 for he grants sleep to / those he loves.

Refrain

Children are a heritage / from the LORD,
 offspring a re- / ward from him.

Like arrows in the hands of a / warrior
 are children born / in one's youth.

Blessed is the man whose quiver is / full of them.

They will not be put to shame when they contend with their opponents / in court.

**Glory be to the Father and / to the Son
and to the Holy / Spirit,
as it was in the be- / ginning,
is now, and will be forever. / Amen. *Refrain***

SECOND LESSON

Ephesians 5:21—6:4

²¹ Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ.

²² Wives, submit yourselves to your own husbands as you do to the Lord. ²³ For the husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the church, his body, of which he is the Savior. ²⁴ Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit to their husbands in everything.

²⁵ Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her ²⁶ to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, ²⁷ and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless. ²⁸ In this same way, husbands ought to love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. ²⁹ After all, no one ever hated their own body, but they feed and care for their body, just as Christ does the church— ³⁰ for we are members of his body. ³¹ “For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh.” ³² This is a profound mystery—but I am talking about Christ and the church. ³³ However, each one of you also must love his wife as he loves himself, and the wife must respect her husband.

¹ Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. ² “Honor your father and mother”—which is the first commandment with a promise— ³ “so that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth.”

⁴ Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord.

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Please stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Ephesians 5:2

Refrain

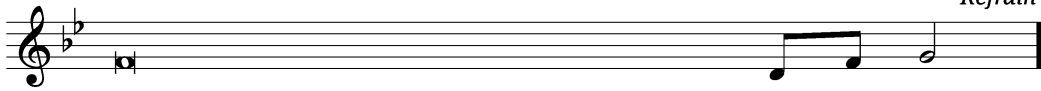


Al - le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Tone



Walk in the way of love, just as Christ loved us



and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacri - fice to God.

GOSPEL

Mark 10:2–16

² Some Pharisees came and tested him by asking, “Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?”

³ “What did Moses command you?” he replied.

⁴ They said, “Moses permitted a man to write a certificate of divorce and send her away.”

⁵ “It was because your hearts were hard that Moses wrote you this law,” Jesus replied.

⁶ “But at the beginning of creation God ‘made them male and female.’ ⁷ ‘For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, ⁸ and the two will become one flesh.’ So they are no longer two, but one flesh. ⁹ Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.”

¹⁰ When they were in the house again, the disciples asked Jesus about this. ¹¹ He answered, “Anyone who divorces his wife and marries another woman commits adultery against her. ¹² And if she divorces her husband and marries another man, she commits adultery.”

¹³ People were bringing little children to Jesus for him to place his hands on them, but the disciples rebuked them. ¹⁴ When Jesus saw this, he was indignant. He said to them, “Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. ¹⁵ Truly I tell you, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of

God like a little child will never enter it.”¹⁶ And he took the children in his arms, placed his hands on them and blessed them.

M: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

HYMN of the DAY

Oh, Blest the House

CW 760

- 1 Oh, blest the house, whate’er befall, where Jesus Christ is all in all!
A home that is not wholly his—how sad and poor and dark it is!**
- 2 Oh, blest that house where faith is found and all in hope and love abound;
they trust their God and serve him still and do in all his holy will.**
- 3 Oh, blest the parents who give heed unto their children’s foremost need
and weary not of care or cost. May none to them and heav’n be lost!**
- 4 Blest such a house, it prospers well; in peace and joy the parents dwell,
and in their children’s lives is shown how richly God can bless his own.**
- 5 Then here will I and mine today a solemn promise make and say:
though all the world forsake his Word, I and my house will serve the Lord!**

SERMON

Ephesians 5:21-6:4

Christians Revere Christ

Stand

NICENE CREED

p. 180-81

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and became truly human. For our sake he was

crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Be seated

PRAYER of the CHURCH

p. 182

Brief intercessory prayers may be added.

M: Eternal Lord, give us peace as we ponder the good news that you forgive our sins in Christ. Lead us to see clearly the path you have laid out for us.

C: Work in us so that we believe and live the Word we have heard today.

M: Provide courage and compassion to all who preach and teach your Word. Fill them with a love like yours as they proclaim your grace to us and all people.

C: Move us to love all ministers of the Word wherever they serve.

M: Guard and guide the families of our congregation. Lead husbands and wives to love each other with commitment, respect, and patience. Help parents to grasp the eternal value of keeping their children close to Jesus all their lives. Grant joy to those who are single, and make them a blessing to others.

C: Protect us from the temptations that surround us; give us pure hearts and minds.

M: Provide wisdom and insight to those who make laws and set policies. Give us respect for those who protect us from crime. Lead us to value the rights of our fellow citizens and to defend those who cannot defend themselves.

C: Bless our land with peace and prosperity so that the gospel may be proclaimed to all.

M: Give us passion to share the story of your love with our family and friends. Overcome unbelief, and open the hearts of people everywhere to believe the good news that Jesus has forgiven their sins and opened the gates of heaven.

C: Fill us with joy over every sinner who repents and comes to trust in you.

M: Extend your healing power to those who are sick and suffering in body or mind. [Pour out your special blessing on . . . here name the person and the cause of the petition.]
Give patience and compassion to all who care for the sick and dying.

C: Lift the eyes of the distressed to your love in Christ.

M: Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

Silent prayer

M: Gracious God, you govern and direct all things and you love all people. Hear our prayers, spoken and silent, and answer them in your wisdom and grace.

C: In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

OFFERING

Please stand

THE SACRAMENT

p. 183

M: The Lord be with you.

♪: And also with you.

M: Lift up your hearts.

♪: We lift them up to the Lord.

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

♪: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

M: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who promised that wherever two or three come together in his name, there he is with them to shepherd his flock until he comes again in glory. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

**♪: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power, God of might.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest!**

M: Lord God, you are worthy to receive thanks and praise from all people. You created the world and all who live in it, and in your mercy you saved us. We give thanks to you for the grace of your Son, Jesus Christ.

Though in very nature God, he took the nature of a servant and became obedient to death, even death on a cross. He offered himself as a sacrifice for sin and redeemed us from its curse and penalty. He rescued us from the terrors of death and restored eternal life with you. He conquered our enemies and gained for us the kingdom of grace and glory.

Bless us as we receive your Son's body and blood, and lead us to remember his suffering, death, and resurrection. Forgive our sins and fill us with the hope of new life in heaven. Hear our praise and receive our thanks as we worship you—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

p. 185

All: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

p. 186

**M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."
Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

**♩: Jesus, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Jesus, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Jesus, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us your peace.**

Be seated

DISTRIBUTION

DISTRIBUTION HYMN *Love in Christ is Strong and Living* **CW 726**

- 1 Love in Christ is strong and living, binding faithful hearts in one;
love in Christ is true and giving, may his will in us be done.**
- 2 Love is patient and forbearing, clothed in Christ's humility,
gentle, selfless, kind, and caring, reaching out in charity.**
- 3 Love in Christ abides forever, fainting not when ills attend;
love, forgiving and forgiven, shall endure until life's end.**

DISTRIBUTION HYMN *Gracious Savior, Gentle Shepherd* **CW 757**

- 1 Gracious Savior, gentle Shepherd, children all are dear to you;
may your loving arms enfold them in your care their whole life through.
By your tending and protecting keep them safe in all they do.**
- 2 Tender Shepherd, never leave them, never let them go astray;
by your warning love directed, may they walk the narrow way.
Thus direct them, thus defend them lest they fall an easy prey.**
- 3 By your holy Word instruct them, fill their minds with heav'nly light;
by your pow'rful grace convince them always to approve what's right.
Let them feel your yoke is easy, let them find your burden light.**
- 4 Taught to love the holy praises which on earth your children sing,
with their lips and hearts, sincerely, glad thank-off'rings may they bring,**

then with all the saints in glory join to praise their Lord and King.

M: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;

p. 187

C: his mercy endures forever.

M: Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,

C: we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

PRAYER

p. 187

M: We give you thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet you have given us in this Sacrament. Through this gift you have fed our faith, nourished our hope, and strengthened our love. By your Spirit, help us to live as your holy people until that day when you will receive us as your guests at the wedding supper of the Lamb, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

THE BLESSING

M: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look on you with favor and † give you peace.

C: Amen.



PREACHER
PRESIDING MINISTER
ORGAN

Pastor Rob Guenther
Pastor Jeff Bovee
Jon Roux

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



THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

Sunday	8, 9:30, 11am	Worship
	5-8pm	Basement Reserved
Monday	6:30pm	Elders' Meeting
Tuesday	7pm	Women of St. John's
Wednesday	3:30pm	Homeschool and Public School Catechism
	6pm	Handbells
	7pm	Choir
Thursday	10am	Bible Class: Vices & Virtues
	7pm	Bible Class: Proverbs
Friday	9:30am	Women's Bible Class: Proverbs
Saturday	8am	Board of Properties Meeting
	6:30pm	Worship

Sunday, Oct. 13	8, 9:30, 11am	Worship
Monday, Oct. 14	6pm	Board of Evangelism Meeting
	7pm	Board of Youth and Education Meeting
Tuesday, Oct. 15	7pm	Church Council Meeting
Thursday, Oct. 17	10am	Bible Class – Vices & Virtues
	7pm	“Stump the Pastor” Bible Class
Friday, Oct. 18	9:30am	<u>NO</u> Women’s Bible Class - Proverbs

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

Attendance for the past weekend was 566.

Fruits of faith given:

\$11,113 Home Operations ~ Needed to Date: \$669,792 / Received to Date: \$649,410

\$1,297 MVL ~ Received to Date: \$43,178

\$1,044 Missions ~ Received to Date: \$64,717

\$855 Building Fund

\$370 K-12 Education Assistance

\$200 LWMS

\$75 Ministerial Student Scholarship Fund

\$105 St. Paul’s School Building Fund

\$50 Cards of Caring

\$10 Sanctuary Renovations

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Cards of Caring ~ is a group that gathers six Saturdays a year to make cards to remember our homebound and thinking-of-you members, our Befriend a Mission LWMS families, and others, as needed. This year we will meet on October 12 and November 9 from about 9 am until noon at 403 N. Minnesota St. We are looking for more volunteers to assist and make cards using recycled cards and stamp sets plus other prep work. No talents are needed and all materials are provided. We also welcome MLC students. Come as your schedule allows. A time for fellowship and service to the Lord. Contact Lois Willems at 507-676-1230 with questions.

Stump the Pastors ~ Join us for another Stump the Pastors Bible study on Thursday, October 17 at 7 pm. This is a wonderful opportunity to ask our pastors your questions about things that may not have come up in Bible class, but you have been wondering about or perhaps something a friend has asked you about and you weren't sure how to

answer. There is a box on the table in the new narthex for question submissions. Please also add your name to the signup sheet next to the box if you plan to attend to help us plan for refreshments that evening. Everyone is welcome!

AREA ANNOUNCEMENTS

MLC Wind Symphony Concert ~ pot • pour • ri | ,pōpə'rē | “a mixture of things” — Take one part fanfare, add two parts song, a dash of pasodoble, and just a hint of medievalism, and the result is a delightful mixture of melodies! Please join the Martin Luther College Wind Symphony on Homecoming weekend for Potpourri! As the title suggests, the concert program is a collection of diverse musical traditions, with each piece presenting a distinct musical flavor. The concert will be held on Sunday, October 6, at a special time, 1 pm, in the MLC Auditorium. Can't make it in person? Watch the livestream on MLC's YouTube channel.

Men of His Word Conference ~ The 9th annual Men of His Word Conference (Theme: Built to SERVE) will be held at the Mayo Civic Center in downtown Rochester, MN on Saturday, October 26, 2024. Please go online at www.menofhisword.org to register and get details about schedule, breakout sessions, keynote speaker, cost, etc. Please join us for a day of worship, praise and fellowship in God's Word!

More Than the Score ~ is an exciting offering on the MLC campus. Join us on home football game days to hear from MLC professors on various topics. Next up is “A Burnout Opportunity” by Dr. Bob Martens on October 26th. The free lectures start at 11 am in the MLC Cafeteria Conference Center. Please register since seating is limited. To register, scan the QR code, visit bit.ly/MLCMoreThanScore or email alumni@mlcwels.edu.

Now Hiring! ~ Martin Luther College is accepting applications for a part-time Vocal Instructor, a part-time Athletics Equipment Manager, and a regular part-time Assistant Teacher at the Early Childhood Learning Center. Interested individuals should apply online at mlc-wels.edu/hr/.

Focus on the Ministry – WLS ~ Have you ever thought of becoming a pastor? Has anyone ever told you that you should seriously think about the pastoral ministry? Have you ever wondered whether you might have the gifts to serve as a pastor someday in a

congregation? To encourage and help you in your decision-making process, we invite you to visit Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary (WLS) in Mequon, Wisconsin, for a 2-day Focus on Ministry event. During this trip you'll tour the seminary campus, visit classes, worship in chapel, and stay in the dorms. You'll also enjoy fellowship, games, food, and entertainment with young men from the seminary who are preparing to be pastors. They will answer your questions and share with you what it's like to train to be a pastor.

HAVE YOU EVER THOUGHT ABOUT BECOMING A PASTOR?

**Sunday-Monday,
November 17-18, 2024**
or
**Sunday-Monday,
February 23-24, 2025**

- Tour the campus & worship in the chapel
- Visit classes & stay in the dorms
- Meet current seminary students
- See what pastoral preparation is all about

You're invited to a
'FOCUS ON MINISTRY'
at
Wisconsin Lutheran
Seminary







All rights reserved. Reprinted under OneLicense.net A-725067

