

Peace be with you.



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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.

Prayer before worship: Almighty God, as we continue to celebrate the resurrection of our beloved Lord and Savior Jesus Christ we pray for your continued blessings. Give us peace and joy. Strengthen our faith. Keep us from doubt and fear. Grant us hope. Make us zealous and bold to proclaim your saving message to all. Accept our offerings, hymns, prayers, and praises for the sake of the one who died and rose again to grant to us forgiveness and life. We pray it in the name of our risen Savior Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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OPENING HYMN

Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won

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CONFESSION

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FIRST LESSON

Acts 18:1–11

¹After this, Paul left Athens and went to Corinth. ²There he met a Jew named Aquila, a native of Pontus, who had recently come from Italy with his wife Priscilla, because Claudius had ordered all Jews to leave Rome. Paul went to see them, ³and because he was a tentmaker as they were, he stayed and worked with them. ⁴Every Sabbath he reasoned in the synagogue, trying to persuade Jews and Greeks.

⁵When Silas and Timothy came from Macedonia, Paul devoted himself exclusively to preaching, testifying to the Jews that Jesus was the Messiah. ⁶But when they opposed Paul and became abusive, he shook out his clothes in protest and said to them, “Your blood be on your own heads! I am innocent of it. From now on I will go to the Gentiles.”

⁷Then Paul left the synagogue and went next door to the house of Titius Justus, a worshiper of God. ⁸Crispus, the synagogue leader, and his entire household believed in the Lord; and many of the Corinthians who heard Paul believed and were baptized.

⁹One night the Lord spoke to Paul in a vision: “Do not be afraid; keep on speaking, do not be silent. ¹⁰For I am with you, and no one is going to attack and harm you, because I have many people in this city.” ¹¹So Paul stayed in Corinth for a year and a half, teaching them the word of God.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM of the DAY

My Heart, Therefore, Is Glad

Psalm 16

SECOND LESSON

1 John 1:1–4

¹That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked at and our hands have touched—this we proclaim concerning the Word of life. ²The life appeared; we have seen it and testify to it, and we proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and has appeared to us. ³We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard, so that you also may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ. ⁴We write this to make our joy complete.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have be - lieved. *Refrain*

GOSPEL

John 20:19–31

¹⁹On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you!” ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.

²¹Again Jesus said, “Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.” ²²And with that he breathed on them and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive anyone’s sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.”

²⁴Now Thomas (also known as Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord!”

But he said to them, “Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe.”

²⁶A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you!”

²⁷Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe.”

²⁸Thomas said to him, “My Lord and my God!”

²⁹Then Jesus told him, “Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

Sun	8, 9:30 & 11 am	Worship
	9:30 am	Sunday School and Bible Class: Worship
Mon	6 pm	Evangelism Meeting
	7 pm	Education Meeting
Wed	6 pm	Handbells
	7 pm	Choir
Fri	7 am	Early Bird Bible Class: Paul's Letters to the Thessalonians
	9:30 am	Women's Bible Class: Mary: Mother of God
Sat	6:30 pm	Worship

† Upcoming Services †

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

Apr 14	8, 9:30 & 11 am	Worship
	9:30 am	Sunday School and Bible Class: Worship
Apr 15	6:30 pm	Worship Committee Meeting
Apr 16	4 pm	Oak Hills Living Center Service
	6 pm	Sunday School Teachers' Meeting
	7 pm	Council Meeting
Apr 17	6:30 pm	Confirmation Examination Practice
Apr 18	10:30 am	Bible Class: The I AM Statements of Jesus
	7 pm	Bible Class: Hard Sayings of Jesus
Apr 19	7 am	Early Bird Bible Class: Paul's Letters to the Thessalonians
	9:30 am	Women's Bible Class: Mary: Mother of God
Apr 20	6:30 pm	Worship
	7:30 pm	MLC Wind Symphony Concert
Apr 21	8, 9:30 & 11 am	Worship
	9:30 am	Sunday School and Bible Class: Worship
	7 pm	MVL Concert at MLC
Apr 23	7 pm	Voters' Meeting
Apr 24	6 pm	Confirmation Pictures
	7 pm	Confirmation Examination Service
Apr 25	10:30 am	Bible Class: The I AM Statements of Jesus
	7 pm	Bible Class: Hard Sayings of Jesus
Apr 26	7 am	Early Bird Bible Class: Paul's Letters to the Thessalonians
	9:30 am	Women's Bible Class: Mary: Mother of God
	7 pm	MVL Musical
Apr 27	6:30 pm	Worship
	7 pm	MVL Musical

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Attendance for the past weekend was 622.

Fruits of faith given:

\$36,942	Home Operations ~ <i>Needed to Date: \$229,140 / Received to Date: \$265,142</i>		
\$765	MVL ~ <i>Received to Date: \$15,011</i>	\$150	Benevolence Fund
\$3,460	Missions ~ <i>Received to Date: \$22,167</i>	\$100	Technology Equipment
\$1,155	Building Fund	\$25	St. Paul's School Building Fund
\$287	Food & Fellowship	\$25	Sanctuary Renovation
\$275	K-12 Education Assistance	\$10	Undesignated Memorials

Thank You ~ to everyone who coordinated, donated and/or served for the midweek meals and helped decorate, prep and cleanup for the Easter breakfast. Your efforts are truly appreciated! Praising Jesus and thanking Him for all who are excited to serve!

The March Food Drive ~ for the New Ulm Food Shelf was a success! Our congregation donated 132 pounds of food and \$225. Thanks to all who donated to help people in our community.
~ Deb Beatty and Carla Melendy

Stump the Pastor ~ Do you have any questions that you wish you could ask a pastor? Perhaps a question came to you in a Bible study and you thought it would take too long to answer, or seemed too off-track, or perhaps it's a question that you have wondered about from time to time and never asked. Tuesday, May 7, at 7 pm, the Women of St. John's are hosting a Stump the Pastors night, open to everyone. A box is available in the narthex to place your questions. A sign-up sheet is located next to the box for you to sign up to help us plan for refreshments. Feel free to invite a friend!

Education Assistance Fund ~ Due to an increase in tuition for St. Paul's Lutheran School, St. John's has established an Education Assistance Fund to assist families that might find it a financial hardship to enroll their children at St. Paul's Lutheran School. If you are moved to give a special offering to the Lord, please consider contributing to this fund so the blessing of Christian education can be shared with all of the families at St. John's. You can write "Education Assistance Fund" to designate a portion of your offerings to this cause. Please consider doing so!

Summer Church Softball ~ Our St John's slow-pitch softball team took second place last year! The season runs from early June to early August. All St John's members age 12 and older are welcome to join! If you are interested in playing please fill out the survey at bit.ly/SJNUSB.



Church Campout 2024 ~ We are excited to announce that after taking a year off, the church campout is back on the calendar for June 21-23! It will be held again at the Sportsmen's Park in Sleepy Eye. Like in previous years, there will be a church service held at the campground over the weekend, and there will be several other fellowship opportunities as well. Reserve your spot at: bit.ly/ChurchCampout24. We hope to see many of you there!

ATTENTION YOUTH! Mission Trip & Youth Rally ~ If you are 8th grade and older and are interested in participating in a Mission Trip or the WELS Youth Rally this summer, please scan the QR code. Contact St. Paul's Staff Minister, Kris Kuschel, with any questions at kkuschel@splnewulm.org.



Ushers and Greeters Wanted ~ Ushers serve on the front line of evangelism for our guests attending St. John's. We seek to ensure all worshippers feel welcome and safe during our services. Ushers are needed for Saturday evening services, with some openings on Sunday morning crews. No experience is necessary. Male members and young men in confirmation class are encouraged to inquire.

Do you have a love for others, enjoy socializing, and are looking for a simple way to serve at St. John's? Consider serving as a greeter! Greeters ensure guests and members feel welcome and serve as guides and sources of information. Our greeter program is open to any member and youth in confirmation class. Contact Brad Price for more information at Deacon@stjohnsnewulm.com

2024 Pictorial Directory ~ If members would like either a small (8x5) or a large (8x11) copy of the 2024 pictorial directory, please fill out the Directory Request Card, found in either narthex, include your printed name, check size desired, and place card in the J/C Dretske Mailbox or in the church office. For a great option, get an electronic version that is always up-to-date. Go to <http://instantchurchdirectory.com> to download the phone app: Instant Church Directory. It is easy to use, just follow online directions.

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

Annual Carnival in Nicollet ~ Come one and all to the Trinity Lutheran School Annual Carnival to be held on Saturday, April 13th from 11 am - 3 pm. Games, Silent Auction and a Pie Auction will be held during this time. We hope to see you there!

OWLS Meeting ~ Our local MN Valley Chapter 13 OWLS (Organization of WELS Lutheran Seniors) will meet on Wednesday, April 17, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, New Ulm. Fellowship begins at 11:30 am, with a Jimmy John's sub lunch at noon. The meal cost will be covered by Thrivent Action Team moneys. After a devotion, we will travel over to the Brown County Museum for a tour. Bring \$5 for an admission fee. If you did not sign up for the meal while at Oak Hills, contact John Paulsen at jolopaulsen@gmail.com or call 507-469-2011 by Monday noon, April 15. Hope you can attend.

LWMS Rally ~ A reminder that the LWMS local rally is coming up on April 20. Both women and men are invited and encouraged to attend to learn about some of the exciting mission work going on throughout the WELS. A signup sheet can be found in the narthex or you can email Carrie Schaefer if you plan to attend. (Carriehieb@yahoo.com)

MLC Wind Symphony ~ Please join the Martin Luther College Wind Symphony for “*Something Old, Something New . . .*” on Saturday, April 20, at 7:30 pm in the MLC Auditorium. Music on the program takes inspiration from this familiar saying, reflecting the varied influences that have shaped the development of the wind band. Can't make it in person? The concert will be livestreamed on MLC's YouTube Channel.

MVL Choir Alumni ~ On Sunday, April 21st, MVL will hold its year-end concert at MLC's Chapel of the Christ. Like last year, we'd love for any alumni of the choir to join us in singing "Stay With Us". If you are interested and would like more information, please reach out to Mr. Jon Hermanson at jhermanson@mvlhs.org. Music will be shared upon request. Everyone is invited to come to the concert which begins at 7 pm. The concert will feature the MVL A Capella Choir and Chargaliers singing our favorite tunes from this school year.

MVL Spring Musical ~ Be sure to check out the crazy musical comedy, *How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying*, for some good laughs, great singing and dancing, (and a tap number to boot!) Show times are Friday and Saturday, April 26-27 at 7 pm, and Sunday, April 28 at 2 pm. All performances will be held at The State Street Theater Co., in New Ulm. Tickets are \$5 (K-12) and \$7 for adults and may be purchased at the door. Can't wait to see you there!

“Camp Shetek” MN Valley Lutheran Camp ~ “Camp Shetek” will be held at the Group Center at Sibley State Park from June 16 - June 22. More information can be found in the narthex and online. Online registration is open at www.campshetek.org.

WELS/ELS Singles Retreat ~ We invite all singles (widowed, divorced, or never married) to join us at the 2024 WELS/ELS Singles Retreat for a weekend of fellowship and fun on April 26-28, 2024 at Camp Shiloh in Pittsburg, TX. You can register at wels-els-singles.com/2024-texas-retreat. *Registration ends Monday, April 8.* Any questions can be sent to texasingleswels@gmail.com.

MVL Summer Camps ~ See the information in the e-Bulletin or the poster on the youth board in the narthex for MVL Summer Camps information. Deadline is Friday, April 26.

About the Cover ~ The painting on the cover is the work of Flemish artist Maerten de Vos (born 1532) whose adult career began shortly after the death of Martin Luther. De Vos was known for his historic and Biblical paintings. During the time of the Calvinist uprising in the 1560's in which the Reformed made an iconoclastic attack on church art and icons in the Habsburg Netherlands, many of de Vos' paintings were destroyed. He stopped painting for a long period, and never fully recovered from the shock. For a time, he became Lutheran. But after the Protestants were overpowered by the Roman Catholic armies in Antwerp of the Netherlands, he reverted back to the Roman Catholic Church. One of his most famous paintings is the one featured on the bulletin cover, reminding us of Jesus' appearance to Thomas and the apostles one week after his resurrection. Jesus' first words to them were, "Peace to you." That peace of the resurrection is still ours today.