

## FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST JUNE 27 / 28, 2026

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*Welcome, Visitors! Please scan the QR code to sign our guest register. Visitors and members alike, use the same QR code for prayer requests.*



**PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP:** Almighty and gracious Father in Heaven: We come before you in humble submission, admitting our guilt and seeking your mercy. Forgive our sins. Cleanse our hearts. Renew us and restore us by the grace you alone can bestow on us through faith in Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. Draw us always closer to you, and cause us to worship you in spirit and in truth. We pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen.

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<b>FIRST LESSON</b>		Exodus 32:15-30

<sup>15</sup> Moses turned and went down the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant law in his hands. They were inscribed on both sides, front and back. <sup>16</sup> The tablets were the work of God; the writing was the writing of God, engraved on the tablets.

<sup>17</sup> When Joshua heard the noise of the people shouting, he said to Moses,

“There is the sound of war in the camp.”

<sup>18</sup> Moses replied:

“It is not the sound of victory, it is not the sound of defeat; it is the sound of singing that I hear.”

<sup>19</sup> When Moses approached the camp and saw the calf and the dancing, his anger burned and he threw the tablets out of his hands, breaking them to pieces at the foot of the mountain. <sup>20</sup> And he took the calf the people had made and burned it in the fire; then he ground it to powder, scattered it on the water and made the Israelites drink it.

<sup>21</sup> He said to Aaron, “What did these people do to you, that you led them into such great sin?”

<sup>22</sup> “Do not be angry, my lord,” Aaron answered. “You know how prone these people are to evil. <sup>23</sup> They said to me, ‘Make us gods who will go before us. As for this fellow Moses who brought us up out of Egypt, we don’t know what has happened to him.’ <sup>24</sup> So I told them, ‘Whoever has any gold jewelry, take it off.’ Then they gave me the gold, and I threw it into the fire, and out came this calf!”

<sup>25</sup> Moses saw that the people were running wild and that Aaron had let them get out of control and so become a laughingstock to their enemies.

<sup>26</sup> So he stood at the entrance to the camp and said, “Whoever is for the LORD, come to me.” And all the Levites rallied to him.

<sup>27</sup> Then he said to them, “This is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says: ‘Each man strap a sword to his side. Go back and forth through the camp from one end to the other, each killing his brother and friend and neighbor.’” <sup>28</sup> The Levites did as Moses commanded, and that day about three thousand of the people died. <sup>29</sup> Then Moses said, “You have been set apart to the LORD today, for you were against your own sons and brothers, and he has blessed you this day.”

<sup>30</sup> The next day Moses said to the people, “You have committed a great sin. But now I will go up to the LORD; perhaps I can make atonement for your sin.”

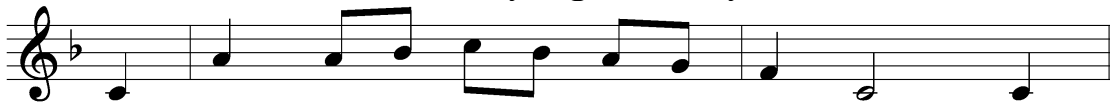
The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 27C

*The LORD Is My Light and My Salvation*



The LORD is my light and my sal - va - tion— of



whom shall I be a - fraid, of whom shall I be a - fraid?

*Tone*



Hear my voice when I / call, LORD;

be merciful to me and / answer me.

Do not hide your / face from me,

do not turn your servant away in anger; you have been my / helper.

Do not reject me or for- / sake me,

God my / Savior. *Refrain*

Though my father and mother for- / sake me,

the LORD will re- / ceive me.

I remain confi- / dent of this:

I will see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the / living.

Wait / for the LORD;

be strong and take heart and wait / for the LORD.

**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

1 Timothy 6:11-16

<sup>11</sup> But you, man of God, flee from all this, and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance and gentleness. <sup>12</sup> Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called when you made your good confession in the presence of many witnesses. <sup>13</sup> In the sight of God, who gives life to everything, and of Christ Jesus, who while testifying before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you <sup>14</sup> to keep this command without spot or blame until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>15</sup> which God will bring about in his own time—God, the blessed and only Ruler, the King of kings and Lord of lords, <sup>16</sup> who alone is immortal and who lives in unapproachable light, whom no one has seen or can see. To him be honor and might forever. Amen.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



*Refrain*



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



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

*Tone*



Your words are my joy and my heart's de - light.

*Refrain*

**GOSPEL**

Matthew 10:34-42

<sup>34</sup> “Do not suppose that I have come to bring peace to the earth. I did not come to bring peace, but a sword. <sup>35</sup> For I have come to turn  
 “ ‘a man against his father, a daughter against her mother, a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law—<sup>36</sup> a man’s enemies will be the members of his own household.’  
<sup>37</sup> “Anyone who loves their father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; anyone who loves their son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. <sup>38</sup> Whoever does not take up their cross and follow me is not worthy of me. <sup>39</sup> Whoever finds their life will lose it, and whoever loses their life for my sake will find it.  
<sup>40</sup> “Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me, and anyone who welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. <sup>41</sup> Whoever welcomes a prophet as a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward, and whoever welcomes a righteous person as a righteous person will receive a righteous person’s reward. <sup>42</sup> And if anyone gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones who is my disciple, truly I tell you, that person will certainly not lose their reward.”

The Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise be to you, O Christ!**

**HYMN OF THE DAY** CW 634 st. 1,5,3,4  
*These Are the Holy Ten Commands*

**SERMON** Love God Above All Exodus 32:15-30

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**OFFERING**

**HYMN** *Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart* CW 817

**PRAYER AND BLESSING** pg. 171

**CLOSING HYMN** *Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus* CW 872

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**THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S**

Sunday	8 & 9:30 am	Worship
	11am	Bible Class
Saturday	6:30 pm	Worship

**NEXT WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S**

Sunday, July 5 <sup>th</sup>	8 & 9:30 am	Worship
	11 am	Bible Class
Saturday, July 11 <sup>th</sup>	6:30 pm	Worship

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Attendance last weekend was 343 with 273 receiving the Lord's Supper.

**Fruits of Faith:**

\$8,834 Home Operations ~ Needed: \$430,735 / YTD: \$438,003

\$995 WELS Missions ~ YTD: \$43,979 (2026 Goal: \$100,701)

\$440 MVL ~ YTD: \$28,200 (2026 Goal: \$62,278)

\$213 Building Fund

\$25 St. Paul's School Building Fund

\$35 K-12 Tuition Assistance Fund

\$100 LWMS

\$.50 St. John's Endowment



**Givelify** Scan the QR code to use the Givelify app and donate your offering.

**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. Unfortunately, our assigned Home Mission has recently closed and we are awaiting direction from LWMS on a potential new assignment. There is a display table in the new narthex including information about our World Mission, as well as cards to sign. Be sure to also submit your slip for the Kids c.a.r.e. gift basket drawing. The winner will be selected and notified at the end of June. All are welcome to join in encouraging our missionaries and praying for them.

**Sleepy Eye Water Park** ~ Join us at our annual fellowship event at the Sleepy Eye Water Park on Saturday, July 18th from 9:45-11:45am. There is no cost to attend or any need to RSVP. Just show up! We ENCOURAGE you to invite a neighbor or friend. This is a fun, easy-invite event to introduce your friends to our church family. This event is a joint fellowship event for St. John's New Ulm, St. Paul's New Ulm, and St. John's Sleepy Eye with potential for outreach IF you bring a friend. Email [evangelism@stjohnsnewulm.com](mailto:evangelism@stjohnsnewulm.com) with any questions.

**Safety and Security Update** ~ Caring for Our Flock. Our approach to church safety focuses on physical security, procedures, and personal relationships. Following recommendations from the New Ulm Police Department, the 7th Street entrance will soon become an exit-only door and will remain locked during the week and during worship services. This door is our least visible entrance, and closing it significantly enhances our campus security. Please use the Washington Street doors instead. We are also trialing cameras and modern electronic access controls from various vendors to find the best fit for our ministry. How You Can Help Today: The most powerful security tool costs nothing: greeting each other and our visitors warmly. Welcoming people in the pews and hallways is wonderful for evangelism, but it also serves as a proven deterrent to anyone looking to do harm. Your friendly smile makes our church both a more welcoming and a more secure place to worship. Please contact Brad Price with any questions or concerns.

## AREA ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Part-Time Assistant Teacher** ~ needed in St. Paul's Preschool for the 2026-2027 school year! SPP is looking for someone who enjoys working with 3, 4, and 5 year old children. The position is Tuesday/Thursday/Friday from 7:30AM - 12:15PM, during the school year. Please contact Director, Heidi Meyer at [preschool@splnewulm.org](mailto:preschool@splnewulm.org) for more a detailed job description and application

**Job Openings at MLC** ~ Full-time Executive Director of Mission Advancement. This role helps connect donor support to the preparation of future teachers, pastors, and staff ministers. **Full-time Athletic Director, Full-time Head Men's Basketball Coach & Assistant Athletic Director, Part-time Assistant Volleyball Coach.** In these roles, you can help promote excellence in competition while supporting the formation of student-athletes for lives of Christian service. **Part-time Dormitory Custodians.** In these roles, you will have flexible scheduling while caring for the place that our students call home during their time at MLC. Interested individuals should apply online at [mlc-wels.edu/hr/](http://mlc-wels.edu/hr/).

**About the Cover** ~ The three panel illustration on the bulletin cover depicts the account of the Golden Calf. The painting of Moses by Gustave Dore is taken from his illustrated Bible of 1866. Having come down from Mount Sinai with the tablets engraved with the Ten Commandments, written by the hand of God himself, Moses saw the people of Israel worshipping a golden calf, fashioned in the image of the pagan gods of Egypt from whence God had just delivered them from slavery. In his frustration and anger, Moses smashed the stone tablets on the ground. He was declaring that the very laws he was bringing them were the ones they had broken. It was a sad day for the people of God. It is also a sad reminder that we too have broken God's laws. But thankfully, there is someone who has not, and whose perfect righteousness and innocent death count for us all. That is Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior.