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Your sorrow will
turn into joy

John 16:20

Sixth Sunday of Easter
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SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 24/25, 2025

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP: "You will become sorrowful," you promised, Jesus. You promised that this life will be full of suffering and weeping and pain. And so it is no surprise to us when it is. Because of sin and its effects, this world is broken and hurting and we suffer its effects. But you also promised that, "your sorrow will turn to joy... and no one will take your joy away from you." Help us to trust in your promise that you will bring us unimaginable joy when you return or take us to be with you in the joys of heaven. Keep us faithful to you until that day. Amen.

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Be seated

FIRST LESSON	Acts 14:8–22
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⁸ In Lystra there sat a man who was lame. He had been that way from birth and had never walked. ⁹ He listened to Paul as he was speaking. Paul looked directly at him, saw that he had faith to be healed ¹⁰ and called out,

“Stand up on your feet!” At that, the man jumped up and began to walk.

¹¹ When the crowd saw what Paul had done, they shouted in the Lycaonian language, “The gods have come down to us in human form!”

¹² Barnabas they called Zeus, and Paul they called Hermes because he was the chief speaker. ¹³ The priest of Zeus, whose temple was just outside the city, brought bulls and wreaths to the city gates because he and the crowd wanted to offer sacrifices to them.

¹⁴ But when the apostles Barnabas and Paul heard of this, they tore their clothes and rushed out into the crowd, shouting: ¹⁵ “Friends, why are you doing this? We too are only human, like you. We are bringing you good news, telling you to turn from these worthless things to the living God, who made the heavens and the earth and the sea and everything in them. ¹⁶ In the past, he let all nations go their own way. ¹⁷ Yet he has not left himself without testimony: He has shown kindness by giving you rain from heaven and crops in their seasons; he provides you with plenty of food and fills your hearts with joy.” ¹⁸ Even with these words, they had difficulty keeping the crowd from sacrificing to them.

¹⁹ Then some Jews came from Antioch and Iconium and won the crowd over. They stoned Paul and dragged him outside the city, thinking he was dead. ²⁰ But after the disciples had gathered around him, he got up and went back into the city. The next day he and Barnabas left for Derbe.

²¹ They preached the gospel in that city and won a large number of disciples. Then they returned to Lystra, Iconium and Antioch,

²² strengthening the disciples and encouraging them to remain true to the faith. “We must go through many hardships to enter the kingdom of God,” they said.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM OF THE DAY

The Seed That Falls

Psalm 65

SECOND LESSON

Revelation 21:21–27

²¹ The twelve gates were twelve pearls, each gate made of a single pearl. The great street of the city was of gold, as pure as transparent glass.

²² I did not see a temple in the city, because the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple. ²³ The city does not need the sun or the moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and the Lamb is its lamp.

²⁴ The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their splendor into it. ²⁵ On no day will its gates ever be shut, for there will be no night there. ²⁶ The glory and honor of the nations will be brought into it. ²⁷ Nothing impure will ever enter it, nor will anyone who does what is shameful or deceitful, but only those whose names are written in the Lamb's book of life.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Psalm 30:5



Refrain



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

Tone



Weeping may stay for the night, but rejoicing comes in the morn - ing.

Refrain

¹⁶ Jesus went on to say, “In a little while you will see me no more, and then after a little while you will see me.”

¹⁷ At this, some of his disciples said to one another, “What does he mean by saying, ‘In a little while you will see me no more, and then after a little while you will see me,’ and ‘Because I am going to the Father’?” ¹⁸ They kept asking, “What does he mean by ‘a little while’? We don’t understand what he is saying.”

¹⁹ Jesus saw that they wanted to ask him about this, so he said to them, “Are you asking one another what I meant when I said, ‘In a little while you will see me no more, and then after a little while you will see me’?” ²⁰ Very truly I tell you, you will weep and mourn while the world rejoices. You will grieve, but your grief will turn to joy. ²¹ A woman giving birth to a child has pain because her time has come; but when her baby is born she forgets the anguish because of her joy that a child is born into the world. ²² So with you: Now is your time of grief, but I will see you again and you will rejoice, and no one will take away your joy. ²³ In that day you will no longer ask me anything. Very truly I tell you, my Father will give you whatever you ask in my name. ²⁴ Until now you have not asked for anything in my name. Ask and you will receive, and your joy will be complete.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

HYMN OF THE DAY

Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

CW 839

SERMON

Your Sorrow Will Turn to Joy

John 16:16-24

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

OFFERING

HYMN

When in the Hour of Utmost Need

CW 723

Stand

PRAYER AND BLESSING

CLOSING HYMN

Lord, When Your Glory I Shall See

CW 884

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THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN’S

Sunday	8 & 9:30 am	Worship
	2 pm	MVL Graduation
Monday		Memorial Day/ Office Closed
Wednesday	6:30 pm	Bible Information Class
Thursday	4 & 6:30 pm	Ascension Services
Saturday	6:30 pm	Worship
Sunday, June 1	8 & 9:30 am	Worship
	11 am	Bible Class: 1 Thessalonians
Monday, June 2	6:30 pm	Elders Meeting
Wednesday, June 4	6:30 pm	Bible Information Class

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Attendance for this past weekend was 491 with 246 receiving the Lord's Supper

Fruits of Faith:

\$9,808 Home Operations ~ Needed: \$355,958 / YTD: \$359,016
\$2,509 WELS Missions ~ YTD: \$39,282 (2025 Goal: \$87,000)
\$827 MVL ~ YTD: \$23,181 (2025 Goal: \$57,000)
\$25 K-12 Education Assistance
\$1,000 Endowment Fund
\$100 St. Paul's School
\$25 St. Paul's School Building Fund
\$20 Christian Family Solutions
\$100 Food and Fellowship
\$136 Women of St. John's
\$27 Iris Boxes

St. John's Cancer Group ~ will meet on Sunday, June 1, at 3:00pm in the fellowship area. Anyone living with a history of cancer (whether the diagnosis was recent or longer ago) as well as adult family members and friends who support someone with cancer are encouraged to attend. We will be previewing *When Cancer Comes*, a series of three books published recently by Northwestern Publishing House. This series uses the Biblical accounts of Job, Jeremiah, and Paul along with personal cancer stories to encourage and provide Gospel comfort to persons with cancer and to those who care about them. We will also discuss a possible project to extend spiritual comfort and support to others who are diagnosed with cancer.

Pictorial Directories 2025 ~ Small Directory Order Slips are on each of the Narthex tables. Add your name, check the booklet size, and place into J/C Dretske Mailbox. I will print and put your copy into your mailbox by the following week. Check out ***Instant Church Directory*** in the App stores on your phone.

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.

End of Year Picnic ~ All ladies are invited to attend the picnic at the Johnson's home on June 3rd, 6:00 pm, at 820 S Washington St. There is a signup sheet in the narthex. Please join us even if you can only come to this one Women of St John's event due to other usual obligations! The main dish will be provided. If you would like to bring a dish to pass, that would be nice, but we'd love for you to be there regardless!

AREA ANNOUNCEMENTS

Camp Shetek ~ Camp Shetek will be held June 22-28 at Sibley State Park. Registration is open through June 8th for kids entering 4-9th. To register or for more information go to campshetek.org.

CLE ~ The Christian Leadership Experience (CLE), hosted by The Antioch Foundation since 2015, is about building the next generation of leaders for the Church. From training our children to living our faith at work, from volunteering for a committee to participating musically at church, God places opportunities in front of each of us to lead in unique ways. With a broad range of keynotes and breakouts, the CLE has something for everyone, including an in-depth leadership track available on Friday. Networking opportunities abound, with a relaxing social event on Friday evening. We hope you will join us for this two-day event and experience Christian fellowship and opportunities to follow, serve, and lead!

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Visit www.christlead.com for more information and registration details.

Don't miss the Preschool Cleaning Party! ~ The Preschool Cleaning Party will be held at St. Paul's on Thursday May 29th from 1-4pm. There will be indoor and outdoor cleaning. After there will be root beer floats when finished! To RSVP or ask questions contact Heidi Meyer at hmeyer@splnewulm.com

Kingdom Workers is a global Christian non-profit organization ~ associated with our WELS Lutheran church body. In 2024, Kingdom Worker programs served more than 36,000 people in the USA, Indonesia, Japan, Thailand, Grenada, and five African countries. Kingdom Worker programs partner with churches to share Jesus' love and help their neighbor. This presentation will be held June 5th at 1:30pm at Trinity in Nicollet. The presentation will include pictures and videos that bring alive the Kingdom Worker programs in Clean Water, Disability, Construction, and Family and Social Care. Speakers will be Tamara Leyrer, Kingdom Workers Midwest Development Officer

About the Cover ~ Nine months might seem like a long time to endure the aches and pains of a pregnancy. Nine hours might seem like a long time to endure the agony of childbirth. But those pains are soon forgotten when the joys of a baby born are realized. That's the picture Jesus paints of the struggles and sufferings that we endure in this life. We know things won't be easy. We know it will be hard. We know we will hurt. But we know the joy that awaits us because of what our Savior has done for us. Sin, death, satan, and hell have all been conquered for us by his cross and resurrection. Heaven is ours. May God keep us faithful until that glorious day when he grants us the final victory.