

St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church
627 South Washington, New Ulm, Minnesota

*What a wretched
man I am!
Who will rescue
me from this body
of death? Thanks
be to God -
through
Jesus Christ our Lord!*
~ Romans 7:24-25



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

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Prayer before worship: God, all the good things we want to do, we fail to do. And all the sinful things we don't want to do, we find ourselves doing again and again. Forgive us for Jesus' sake. Thank you for delivering us from sin and death through his work for us. Now help us as we engage in the battle against our sinful natures. Help us to win more victories to your glory as we express our thanks to you for Jesus and his work. Amen.

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OPENING HYMN

God Himself Is Present

CW917

CONFESSION

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FIRST LESSON

Exodus 33:12–23

¹²Moses said to the LORD, “You have been telling me, ‘Lead these people,’ but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. You have said, ‘I know you by name and you have found favor with me.’ ¹³If you are pleased with me, teach me your ways so I may know you and continue to find favor with you. Remember that this nation is your people.”

¹⁴The LORD replied, “My Presence will go with you, and I will give you rest.”

¹⁵Then Moses said to him, “If your Presence does not go with us, do not send us up from here. ¹⁶How will anyone know that you are pleased with me and with your people unless you go with us? What else will distinguish me and your people from all the other people on the face of the earth?”

¹⁷And the LORD said to Moses, “I will do the very thing you have asked, because I am pleased with you and I know you by name.”

¹⁸Then Moses said, “Now show me your glory.”

¹⁹And the LORD said, “I will cause all my goodness to pass in front of you, and I will proclaim my name, the LORD, in your presence. I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion. ²⁰But,” he said, “you cannot see my face, for no one may see me and live.”

²¹Then the LORD said, “There is a place near me where you may stand on a rock. ²²When my glory passes by, I will put you in a cleft in the rock and cover you with my hand until I have passed by. ²³Then I will remove my hand and you will see my back; but my face must not be seen.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM of the DAY

Psalms 62D

1For God a - lone I wait in si - lence. My soul is
 2Put not your hope in gain of rich - es; seek not your
 3Pour out your heart to God our ref - uge and trust in

still be-fore the Lord. He is my rock and my sal - va - tion, my for-tress
 rest in emp - ty wealth. The rich are weak; the poor are might - y who turn to
 him to hear your cry, No oth-er hope will nev-er fail you, no oth - er

Refrain

strong; I trust in him. I'll not be shak - en I'll not be shak - en, for all my
 God a - lone for help.
 love will not run dry.

hope is in his love, From God a - lone comes my sal - va - tion; I'll wait and

1, 2 trust his stead-fast love. 3 love; I'll wait and trust his stead-fast love.

SECOND LESSON

Romans 7:15–25a

¹⁵I do not understand what I do. For what I want to do I do not do, but what I hate I do. ¹⁶And if I do what I do not want to do, I agree that the law is good. ¹⁷As it is, it is no longer I myself who do it, but it is sin living in me. ¹⁸For I know that good itself does not dwell in me, that is, in my sinful nature. For I have the desire to do what is good, but I cannot carry it out. ¹⁹For I do not do the good I want to do, but the evil I do not want to do—this I keep on doing. ²⁰Now if I do what I do not want to do, it is no longer I who do it, but it is sin living in me that does it.

²¹So I find this law at work: Although I want to do good, evil is right there with me. ²²For in my inner being I delight in God's law; ²³but I see another law at work in me, waging war against the law of my mind and making me a prisoner of the law of sin at work within me. ²⁴What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body that is subject to death? ²⁵Thanks be to God, who delivers me through Jesus Christ our Lord!

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.



Refrain

Come to me, all you who are weary and bur - dened, and I will give you rest.

GOSPEL

Matthew 11:25–30

²⁵At that time Jesus said, “I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and learned, and revealed them to little children. ²⁶Yes, Father, for this is what you were pleased to do.

²⁷“All things have been committed to me by my Father. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

²⁸“Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. ²⁹Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

HYMN of the DAY

Come unto Me, Ye Weary

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SERMON

Romans 7:15-25a

The Fight for Freedom Rages Within You!

I. The Enemy is Strong

II. But the Enemy is Defeated

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OFFERING

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HYMN

Just as I Am, without One Plea

CW814

PRAYERS (*Contemporary*) and BLESSING

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CLOSING HYMN

Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

CW839

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PREACHER

PRESIDING MINISTER

ORGAN

Pastor Rob Guenther

Pastor Jeff Bovee

Pastor Jacob Behnken

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

Sun	8 & 9:30 am	Worship
	11 am	Bible Class: Pastoral Epistles
	6:45 pm	Softball Game at Harman Park
Mon	6 pm	Evangelism Meeting
	7 pm	Education Meeting
Tue	4 pm	Oak Hills Living Center Service
Fri	9 am	Summer Fellowship at South Park
Sat	9:45 am	Pool Party at Sleepy Eye Aquatic Center
	6:30 pm	Worship

† Upcoming Services †

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

Jul 16	8 & 9:30 am	Worship
	11 am	Bible Class: Pastoral Epistles
	8 pm	Softball Game at Harman Park
Jul 17	6:30 pm	Worship Committee Meeting
Jul 18	7 pm	Council Meeting
Jul 21	9 am	Summer Fellowship at German Park
Jul 22	6:30 pm	Worship
Jul 23	8 & 9:30 am	Worship
	11 am	Bible Class: Pastoral Epistles
	12:30 pm	Walk in the Bavarian Blast Parade: John and Paul Ministries
Jul 25	6:45 pm	Softball Game at Harman Park
	4 pm	Oak Hills Living Center Service
	7 pm	Voters' Meeting
Jul 26	6 pm	Handbells
	7 pm	Choir
Jul 28	9 am	Summer Fellowship at Hermann Heights Park
	10 am	Sunset Apt. Service
Jul 29	11 am	Basement Reserved
	6:30 pm	Worship
Jul 30	8 & 9:30 am	Worship
	11 am	Bible Class: Pastoral Epistles
	6:45 pm	Softball Game at Harman Park
Aug 2	6 pm	Handbells
	7 pm	Choir
Aug 4	9 am	Summer Fellowship at North Park
Aug 5		Softball Tournament at Harman Park
		NO Saturday Service

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Attendance for the past weekend was 349 with 251 attending Communion.

Fruits of faith given:

\$14,013	Home Operations ~ \$19,371 is our weekly need	\$5	Christian Family Solutions
\$1,272	MVL ~ \$1,278 is our weekly need	\$109	MLC Ladies' Auxiliary
\$1,120	Missions ~ \$1,818 is our weekly need	\$100	K-12 Education Assistance
\$879	Building Fund	\$100	Benevolence Fund
\$60	St. Paul's School	\$60	Martin Luther College
\$25	St. Paul's School Building Fund	\$10	Kitchen Fund

St. John's/St. Paul's Pool Party Fellowship Opportunity ~ On Saturday, July 15, all St. John's and St. Paul's members are invited to gather for a fellowship opportunity at the Sleepy Eye Aquatic Center from 9:45 - 11:45 am. Admission is FREE. If you would like to stay longer, you will need to leave the pool area at 11:45, and then pay to reenter when it opens up to the public at 12 pm. Between the splash pad and the larger pool there is a max capacity of 387 people. The concession stand will be open. We hope to see many of you there catching up with friends and making some new connections!

Summer Fellowship in the Park ~ The Friday morning women's Bible study group invites all parents and their children to join them during the summer months for Christian fellowship in the park. We meet at 9 am at the listed park for free play and a picnic lunch (optional). Feel free to bring a friend! If you have any questions, please contact Erika Grundmeier at (989) 529-8729.

Jul 14 South Park: 1800 S. State St.

Jul 21 German Park: 200 N. German St.

July 28 Hermann Heights Park: 14 Monument St.

August 4 North Park: 1801 N. State St. (Splash Pad available starting later in the morning)

Handbell Players Needed! ~ The handbell choir will be playing for the Anniversary Service on Aug 6. Some of our regular players cannot play, so now is your chance! If you'd like to try it without a long term commitment, this is the right time. Practices are July 26 and August 2 at 6 pm. Even if you can only make one of the practices, I think you'll be fine. Please contact Becky Berg at 989-280-7674 or rberg@mvlhs.org as soon as you can! Thank you!

75th Anniversary Choir ~ A special anniversary service choir is being assembled to sing for the anniversary services on August 6. Participating in this choir would involve two rehearsals: Wednesday, July 26 and Wednesday, August 2 beginning at 7 pm. The rehearsals will take place in the church balcony. There will also be a warm-up on Sunday, August 6, before the service. If you are interested in being part of this special choir, please contact Craig Hirschmann at chirschmann1@gmail.com by July 6. Please indicate the voice part you can sing: soprano, alto, tenor, or bass.

75th Anniversary Meal Update ~ The 75th Anniversary meal will be held on Sunday, August 6th at 12 pm in the MLC gymnasium. We will be having a picnic type of meal with salads and desserts. There will be a brief program to follow the meal. Registration and payment for the meal will be held each Saturday and Sunday in June before and after services in the new narthex. The deadline for registration is July 9th. The cost of the meal is \$12.50 for adults. Those 17 and younger are free. We will accept cash or check payments. Exact change is appreciated. Please contact Denise Karstens if you have any questions at 507-766-5899.

Offering Announcement ~ Visitors, there is no obligation or expectation that you should give to support our ministry at St. John's. This is our members' way of expressing their thanks to God and supporting the work that we do to share the Gospel in New Ulm and around the world. Members, you are invited to give your gifts of gratitude and thanks to God for all he's done for you in Christ by leaving your offerings in the drop box in the narthex. Or you can bring your offerings to the church during regular office hours: Mondays through Fridays, 8 am - 1 pm. You might also consider taking advantage of your bank's online bill pay service and have your offering automatically sent to the church on a one time or recurring basis.

AREA ANNOUNCEMENTS

Walk in the Bavarian Blast Parade ~ Join John and Paul Ministries in walking in the Bavarian Blast Parade on July 23rd beginning at 12:30 pm! We will hand out John and Paul Ministries sunglasses and information regarding outreach events and worship schedules! Please sign-up to walk at johnandpaulministries.com under the Bavarian Blast Parade tab.

Domestic Abuse Class ~ What is domestic abuse? What does the Bible say about it? And, what can you say to someone who is stuck in an abusive situation? Pastor Frank Italiano, who has had extensive experience dealing with domestic abuse will lead this class along with "Mary," one of his members who has escaped an abusive marriage of almost 20 years. The class is open to all. Because of the topic, it will include "mature" content. The class will meet via Zoom Wednesdays June 21 through July 26, 2023. It will be from 8 to 9:30 pm. Once you register, a secure zoom link will be emailed to the email address you provide.

Register at: <https://trinitycrete.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/149/responses/new>.

Job Openings ~ MVL is looking for a freshmen volleyball coach, if interested contact Craig Morgan at cmorgan@mvlhs.org.

Martin Luther College is accepting applications for part-time Assistant Coaches in football, basketball, and tennis. Interested individuals should apply online at mlc-wels.edu/hr/.

About the Cover ~ Paul wrestled with his sinful nature. He didn't want to sin. But he kept sinning anyway. He wanted to do good. But he so often failed. We can relate, can't we? Thanks be to God who delivers us through Jesus Christ, our Lord! Forgiven for our failures, we are eager to fight against our sinful natures and try to please our Savior out of gratitude for all he's done for us. And with his help, we will win more and more battles. God, help us!

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

