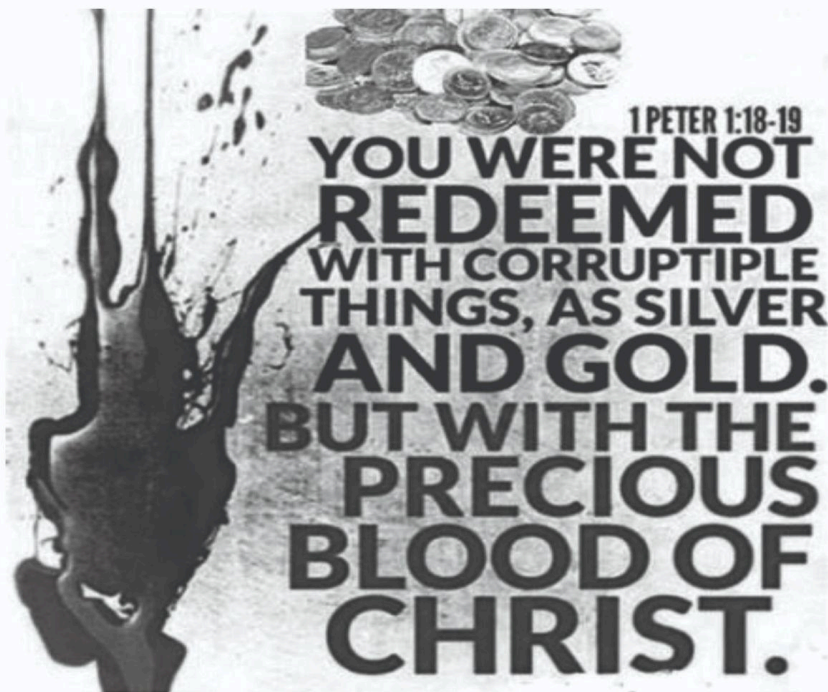


SECOND ARTICLE: PART I  
"I believe in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord."



REDEMPTION

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*Welcome, Visitors! Please scan the QR code to sign our guest register.  
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**PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP:** Almighty and merciful God:  
Nothing we have could ever have paid the redemption price for  
our sin. We praise and thank you that in love you sent your only begotten  
Son Jesus Christ to live a perfect life and to die a vicarious death in our  
place. Having been redeemed, teach us now to live lives that express our joy  
and thanksgiving for all you have done for us. We ask this in the name of  
Jesus our Redeemer. Amen.

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## FIRST LESSON

Psalm 49:7-15

<sup>7</sup> No one can redeem the life of another or give to God a ransom for them— <sup>8</sup> the ransom for a life is costly, no payment is ever enough— <sup>9</sup> so that they should live on forever and not see decay. <sup>10</sup> For all can see that the wise die, that the foolish and the senseless also perish, leaving their wealth to others. <sup>11</sup> Their tombs will remain their houses forever, their dwellings for endless generations, though they had named lands after themselves. <sup>12</sup> People, despite their wealth, do not endure; they are like the beasts that perish. <sup>13</sup> This is the fate of those who trust in themselves, and of their followers, who approve their sayings. <sup>14</sup> They are like sheep and are destined to die; death will be their shepherd (but the upright will prevail over them in the morning). Their forms will decay in the grave, far from their princely mansions. <sup>15</sup> But God will redeem me from the realm of the dead; he will surely take me to himself.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

# PSALM OF THE DAY

## *Blessed Is the One*

Psalm 49B

### *Refrain*



### *Tone*



Why should I fear when wicked deceivers sur- / round me—  
those who trust in their wealth and boast of their great / riches?  
No one can redeem the life of an- / other;  
the ransom for a life is costly, no payment is ev- / er enough.  
People, despite their wealth, do / not endure;  
they are like the beasts that / perish. *Refrain*

But God will redeem me from the realm / of the dead;  
he will surely take me / to himself.  
Do not be overawed when others / grow rich,  
when the splendor of their houses in- / creases;  
for they will take nothing with them / when they die,  
their splendor will not de- / scend with them.  
**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

Galatians 4:4-5; Hebrews 2:14

<sup>4</sup> But when the set time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, <sup>5</sup> to redeem those under the law, that we might receive adoption to sonship.

<sup>14</sup> Since the children have flesh and blood, he too shared in their humanity so that by his death he might break the power of him who holds the power of death—that is, the devil—

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 20:25-28

<sup>25</sup> Jesus called them together and said, “You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. <sup>26</sup> Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, <sup>27</sup> and whoever wants to be first must be your

slave—<sup>28</sup> just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

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

**HYMN OF THE DAY**                      *There Is a Redeemer*                      CW 519

**SERMON**                                              Galatians 4:4-5; Hebrews 2:14  
Born Under the Law to Redeem Us

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

|          |             |                       |
|----------|-------------|-----------------------|
| Sunday   | 8 & 9:30 am | Worship               |
|          | 11 am       | Bible Class           |
|          | 12:30 pm    | Bavarian Blast Parade |
| Tuesday  | 3 pm        | Oak Hills             |
|          | 7 pm        | Council Meeting       |
| Friday   | 10 am       | Sunset Apt. Worship   |
|          | 11 am       | Highland Worship      |
| Saturday | 6:30 pm     | Worship               |

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

|                                |             |             |
|--------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Sunday, July 26 <sup>th</sup>  | 8 & 9:30 am | Worship     |
|                                | 11 am       | Bible Class |
| Saturday, Aug. 1 <sup>st</sup> | 6:30 pm     | Worship     |

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Attendance last weekend was 341.

### **Fruits of Faith:**

\$8,275 Home Operations ~ Needed: \$482,423 / YTD: \$477,291

\$1,335 WELS Missions ~ YTD: \$47,413 (2026 Goal: \$100,701)

\$865 MVL ~ YTD: \$30,594 (2026 Goal: \$62,278)

\$604 Building Fund

\$10 K-12 Tuition Assistance Fund

\$145 MLC Auxiliary

\$200 St. Paul's School

\$28 Miscellaneous Receipts



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donate your offering.

**Bavarian Blast Parade** ~ Join John and Paul Ministries in walking the Bavarian Blast Parade on July 19 at 12:30 pm! We will hand out Bible passage bracelets and outreach information to our community! Please sign-up to walk at [johnandpaulministries.com](http://johnandpaulministries.com) under the Bavarian Blast Parade tab to receive the most up-to-date information. You can also contact Laura Martens at [lmartens@splnewulm.org](mailto:lmartens@splnewulm.org).

**July Voters' Meeting** ~ Join us for our Summer Voters' Meeting on Tuesday, July 28, at 7:00 p.m. While the agenda may not rival a summer blockbuster, it does include important ministry updates, financial reports, and a proposed bylaw change to move to two regular voters' meetings each year. The meeting materials will be available in the back of the church the weekend before the meeting. We look forward to seeing you there!

**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**

**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** ~ Redemption means to buy back. When we sinned against God we were given over to the devil. God demanded a perfect ransom so that we might be saved from Satan, death, and hell. Peter reminds us that the redemption price which had to be paid to God was not gold or silver nor anything else this world had to offer. Nothing was valuable enough. The only thing that could pay the debt for our guilt is the perfect blood of God's own Son, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. On the cross Jesus redeemed us with his perfect life and innocent death. He paid the debt we owed. We now belong to God who bought us with the perfect blood of Jesus.