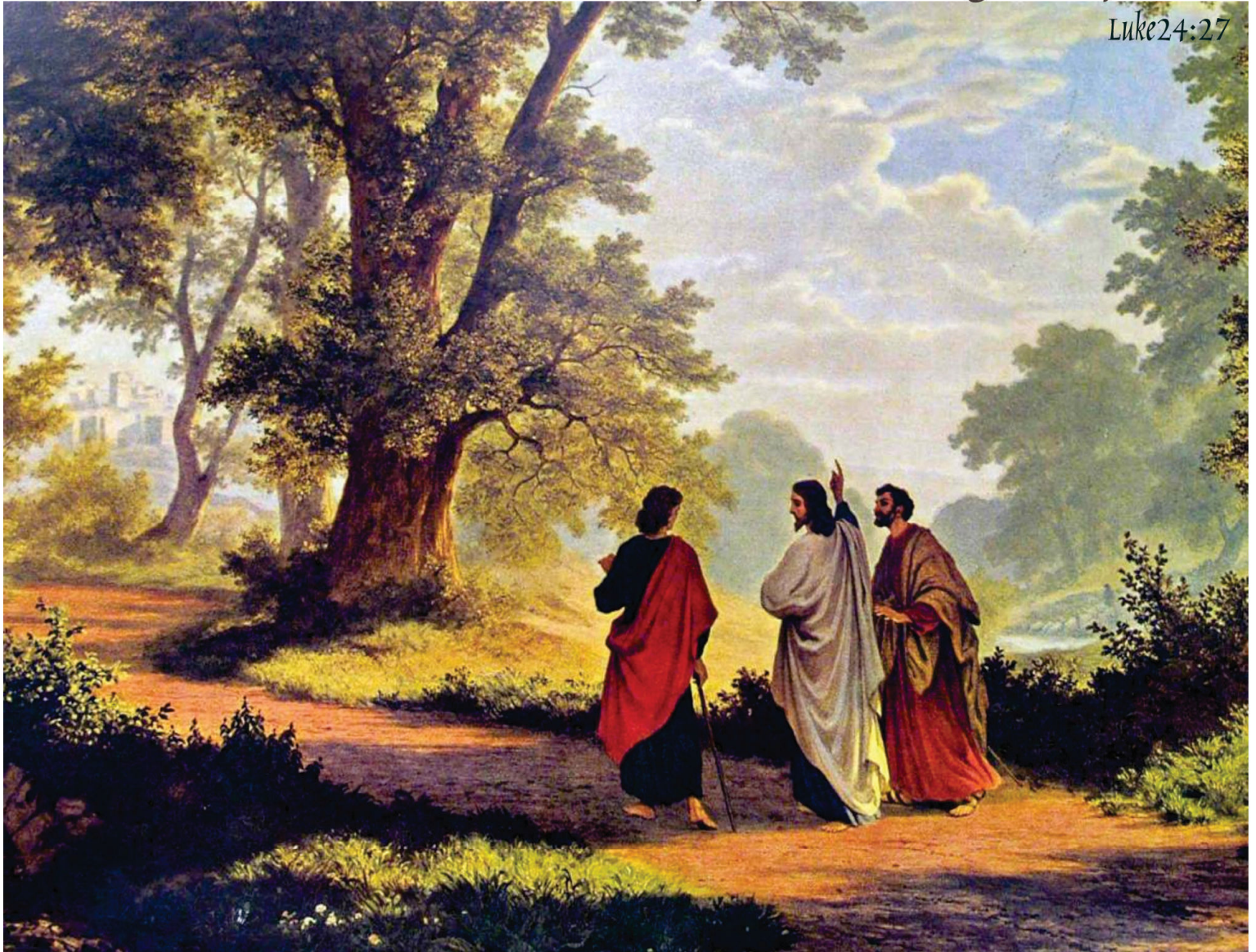


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Luke 24:27



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Prayer before worship: Abide with us, Lord Jesus Christ. As we walk the road through this world darkened by the curse of sin. Be our light so that our journey takes us safely to the arms of our gracious Heavenly Father. Through the words of the prophets, apostles, and evangelists which your Holy Spirit has given them, strengthen our faith and cause us to live for you with hearts burning enthusiastically to serve you and one another. Accept our prayers, praises, and offerings through Jesus Christ our Lord and Redeemer. Amen.

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OPENING HYMN ***Christ the Lord Is Risen Again*** **CW459**

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ANTHEM - 9:30 am ***Do You Know Who Died for Me?*** O. William Luecke

1. *Do you know who died for me? Jesus did, Jesus did, Lovingly he died for me, Yes, he really did!*
2. *Do you know who rose for me? Jesus did, Jesus did, Lovingly he rose for me, Yes, he really did!*
3. *Do you know who lives for me? Jesus does, Jesus does, Lovingly he lives for me, Yes, he really does!*
4. *Do you know who cares for me? Jesus does, Jesus does, Lovingly he cares for me, Yes, he really does!*

FIRST LESSON **Acts 2:14a, 32–41**

¹⁴Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd:

³²God has raised this Jesus to life, and we are all witnesses of it. ³³Exalted to the right hand of God, he has received from the Father the promised Holy Spirit and has poured out what you now see and hear. ³⁴For David did not ascend to heaven, and yet he said, “The Lord said to my Lord: “Sit at my right hand ³⁵until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet.” ’

³⁶“Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Messiah.”

³⁷When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?”

³⁸Peter replied, “Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call.”

⁴⁰With many other words he warned them; and he pleaded with them, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.” ⁴¹Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND LESSON

1 Peter 1:17–21

¹⁷Since you call on a Father who judges each person's work impartially, live out your time as foreigners here in reverent fear. ¹⁸For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your ancestors, ¹⁹but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect. ²⁰He was chosen before the creation of the world, but was revealed in these last times for your sake. ²¹Through him you believe in God, who raised him from the dead and glorified him, and so your faith and hope are in God.

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!

Were not our hearts burning with - in us

while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scrip - tures to us?

GOSPEL

Luke 24:13–35

¹³Now that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem. ¹⁴They were talking with each other about everything that had happened. ¹⁵As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them; ¹⁶but they were kept from recognizing him.

¹⁷He asked them, “What are you discussing together as you walk along?”

They stood still, their faces downcast. ¹⁸One of them, named Cleopas, asked him, “Are you the only one visiting Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?”

¹⁹“What things?” he asked.

“About Jesus of Nazareth,” they replied. “He was a prophet, powerful in word and deed before God and all the people. ²⁰The chief priests and our rulers handed him over to be sentenced to death, and they crucified him; ²¹but we had hoped that he was the one who was going to redeem Israel. And what is more, it is the third day since all this took place. ²²In

addition, some of our women amazed us. They went to the tomb early this morning ²³but didn't find his body. They came and told us that they had seen a vision of angels, who said he was alive. ²⁴Then some of our companions went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see Jesus."

²⁵He said to them, "How foolish you are, and how slow to believe all that the prophets have spoken! ²⁶Did not the Messiah have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?"

²⁷And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself.

²⁸As they approached the village to which they were going, Jesus continued on as if he were going farther. ²⁹But they urged him strongly, "Stay with us, for it is nearly evening; the day is almost over." So he went in to stay with them.

³⁰When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. ³¹Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him, and he disappeared from their sight. ³²They asked each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?"

³³They got up and returned at once to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven and those with them, assembled together ³⁴and saying, "It is true! The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon." ³⁵Then the two told what had happened on the way, and how Jesus was recognized by them when he broke the bread.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

HYMN of the DAY *Lord Jesus Christ, with Us Abide*

CW641

SERMON

Luke 24:13-35

JESUS, LEAD US BY YOUR WORD

1. FORGIVE OUR SINS

2. GIVE US COMFORT IN YOUR RESURRECTION

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HYMN

Abide with Me

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CLOSING HYMN

Abide with Me

CW783: Stanzas 4-7

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PREACHER

Pastor Jeff Bovee

ORGAN

Adrian Smith

ST. PAUL'S PRESCHOOL & KINDERGARTEN

Heidi Meyer

MLC LECTORS Throughout the year, St. John's asks men who are studying for the pastoral ministry to read for a service. We are in a privileged position to see our Lord's answer to our prayers for future called workers.

6:30 pm	Owen Eubank	Salem Lutheran, Ann Arbor, MI
8 am	Kelvin Johannes	Grace Lutheran, Lowell, AR
9:30 am	Connor Herter	Salem Lutheran, Ann Arbor, MI
11 am	Calvin Arstein	Cross of Christ Lutheran, Boise, ID

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

Sun	8, 9:30 & 11 am	Worship
	9:30 am	Sunday School and Bible Class: How to Use the Power of God
Tue	3 and 7 pm	MLC Concert at Bethany College, Mankato
	7 pm	Voters' Meeting
Wed	6 pm	Confirmation Pictures
	7 pm	Confirmation Examination Service
Thu	8 pm	Choir
	10:30 am	Adult Bible Class: Minor Prophets
	7 pm	Adult Bible Class: Galatians
Fri	7 pm	St. Paul's School Band Concert
	9:30 am	Women's Bible Class
Sat	3 and 7 pm	MLC Forum: <i>Stone Soup</i>
	6:30 pm	Worship

† Upcoming Services †

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

Apr 30	8, 9:30 & 11 am	Worship
	11 am	Confirmation Service
	1 pm	Basement Reserved
	4 pm	Marriage Tune-Up
May 1	6:30 pm	Elders Meeting
May 2	4 pm	Oak Hills Living Center Service
	6 pm	Worship Committee Meeting
	7 pm	Women of St. John's Meeting
May 3	7 pm	Choir
	7 pm	Campus Facilities Task Force Meeting
May 4	10:30 am	Adult Bible Class: Minor Prophets
	7 pm	Adult Bible Class: Galatians
May 5	9:30 am	Women's Bible Class: <i>The Screwtape Letters</i>
	7 pm	MVL Musical: <i>The Music Man</i>
May 6	6:30 pm	Worship
	7 pm	MVL Musical: <i>The Music Man</i>

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Attendance for the past weekend was 474.

Fruits of faith given:

\$10,492	Home Operations ~ \$19,371 is our weekly need		
\$794	MVL ~ \$1,278 is our weekly need	\$100	K-12 Education Assistance
\$2,586	Missions ~ \$1,818 is our weekly need	\$50	Iris Boxes
\$471	Building Fund	\$25	St. Paul's School Building Fund
\$481	Food & Fellowship	\$25	St. Paul's School

Women of St. John's ~ Our May activity will be held on Tuesday, May 2nd at 7 pm in the church basement. Please join us for a Pampering Party. To ensure there are enough supplies, please add your name to the sign-up sheet on the table in the new narthex or contact Sarah Logston by April 30th. We will not be having a business meeting that evening.

WLS Concert ~ The Seminary Chorus from Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary will be performing a concert at St. John's on Sunday, May 7 at 10:30 am.

The worship services will be as normal on Saturday and Sunday at 8 am. The 10:30 am concert will replace the 9:30 and 11 am services. There will not be Sunday School or Bible Class.

2023 Pictorial Directory ~ The 2023 Edition of the St. John's Church Directory is complete and printed. Our members may take one of either size (8x11 or 5x8) per family. They are located in both the back narthex and the new narthex by the windows. If the supply of directories is gone, please fill out a request form indicating size desired and your name—place into J/C Dretske mailbox and I will place a directory in your church mailbox as soon as I am able to print more.

75th Anniversary Meal ~ will be held on Sunday, August 6th at MLC following the 10 am service. The cost of the meal will be \$12.50/person. RSVP information will be coming in May/June. Please watch the bulletin for further details.

Iris Boxes ~ The Iris Box Project is a new ministry at St. John's. The Iris Box is designed to be given to families who lost their baby through miscarriage or stillbirth. The items included in the box are intended as a source of comfort and a symbol of our love and care. Members are welcomed and encouraged to pick up a box from the church office for any family member, friend, neighbor, co-worker, etc. who experiences a miscarriage or stillbirth. (*A limited number of boxes are currently available. There will be more soon.*) If you would like to support the Iris Box Project, you may donate the amount for a box (approx. \$40/box) or any amount. You may include it in your offering envelope with "Iris Box Project" on the envelope. If you knit or crochet and would like to help by making small blankets, please contact Kelly by phone or email listed below. Yarn will be provided to you. Please contact Kelly Diersen (507-766-9085) or Catherine St. John (248-346-0402) or email irisboxproject@gmail.com if you have any questions.

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



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

Deadline This Friday to Get Tickets ~ for the St. Paul's School Dig In Gala on May 5. Emcees Coral (Cady) Metcalfe and Lori Unke are sure to entertain as we thank God for his gifts to our school and our building project. Although the building addition and renovations were completed in December 2019, we continue to make payments on the loan. Adult attendees to the Gala can expect food and fellowship, silent auction, live auction, other unique giving opportunities, and a program full of information and surprises! Casual dress, or dress to the Cinco de Mayo theme. Reserve your tickets here: <https://buytickets.at/stpaulsschoolnewulm> or purchase them at St. Paul's church or school. Cost: \$25 each, \$40 per couple, or \$200 to reserve a table for 10.

Preschool Registration at St. Paul's School ~ St. Paul's Preschool, New Ulm, now taking applications for the 2023-2024 school year! Visit <https://splnewulm.org/school/preschool/> for more information or to apply. We are excited to share the love of Jesus and the love of learning with your 3,4 or 5 year old!

Grade School Enrollment ~ Enrollment is now open at St. Paul's Lutheran School. Tuition rates will increase by 25% this year. The rates are as follows for congregation members \$1,687.50. You can find out more about the tuition rates and how they were determined in the following documents by using the QR codes below.

Document:



Video:



MLC Concert ~ Please join the Martin Luther College Wind Symphony for "The Road Well-Traveled." Many of the melodies on the program are like well-loved friends. And along the way, you'll be introduced to newer voices who may very well become fast friends. The concert is Saturday, April 22, at 7:30 pm in the WCC Auditorium. We look forward to seeing you there!

MVL Concert ~ On April 23rd, MVL will be holding its Year-End Sacred Concert at Bethany Lutheran College. Due to the limited seating capacity at Bethany, we will perform the concert twice at 3 and 7 pm. The school is asking any church members that are not family to the students in the choir to attend the earlier performance. Please reserve tickets at www.mvl.org.

St. Paul's School Band Concert ~ The St. Paul School Grade school band program will present its Spring Concert on April 27 at 7 pm in the school gymnasium. The Junior Raider Band and Raider Band will perform along with many soloists and small groups including a 9 piece trumpet group and a 6 piece clarinet group. Take some time to come and join us!

Job Openings ~ Martin Luther College is accepting applications for full-time Custodians, a full-time Early Childhood Assistant Teacher, a part-time Education Office Administrative Assistant, part-time Assistant Coaches in volleyball, football, basketball, and tennis, and a variety of summer jobs. Interested individuals should apply online at mlc-wels.edu/hr/.

MLC Forum ~ Join us for Kristian Kissel's comedic twist on the classic story of *Stone Soup*! A giant carrot grows smack-dab in the center of four different property lines, the result of teamwork between four families. Unfortunately, that teamwork has long been forgotten, and a feud has erupted over which family actually owns the carrot. Luckily, three mysterious strangers arrive just in time to help the families see the error of their ways and remind them what teamwork is all about. Public performances are on April 29 at 3 and 7 pm. Tickets are \$3 for all attendees and will be sold at the door only, beginning 30 minutes before each show time. Visit mlc-wels.edu/forum for more information.

MVL Musical ~ All aboard!! Next stop, River City, where MVL's Drama Department gives you a look into old time, small town Iowa in *The Music Man*! Meet those stubborn Iowans who are content to go along with life as always, until Harold Hill comes to town. Charming, but swindling Harold is "selling" a boys' band to the citizens of River City- to keep their children out of the pool hall and off the streets. However, some people, (the mayor, the school board, and Marian the librarian) are not so easily mesmerized. Or are they? Will Harold get caught, tarred and feathered?! Or will River City become a better place because of him? We invite you to come to State Street Theater and enjoy this well known, well loved musical! Performances are May 5th and 6th at 7 pm, and May 7th at 2 pm. Tickets available for purchase at the door.

St. Paul's School Closing Service and Graduation ~ We will be celebrating our school closing and graduation with a service on Wednesday, May 24, at 6:30 pm. The service will be held at MLC's Chapel of the Christ. We are blessed to be able to utilize this space for this service. All students will participate by singing during the service, and our thirty-five graduates will receive their diplomas. We welcome everyone to this special event. It is wonderful to worship together and celebrate another school year.

MVL Summer Camps ~ Check out the trifold brochure or the poster on the youth board in the new narthex for information. Go to www.mvl.org to register by April 28th.

About the Cover ~ The cover of our bulletin features the famous painting by artist Robert Lund entitled, "The Road to Emmaus." Many of us may have a copy of it hanging in our homes or offices. It depicts the scene of Jesus appearing to two of his bewildered disciples as they are leaving for Jerusalem and headed for the little town of Emmaus, about seven miles away. Although they do not immediately recognize him, on that short journey our Lord conducts one of the most memorable Bible classes ever given. He explains how in the fulfillment of the Holy Scriptures he has provided salvation for the entire human race. Today he invites us to walk the Emmaus Road with him to be reminded of all that the prophets have written, and of the promise of eternal life through faith in him.