

# St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church

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The Just Shall Live By His  
*Faith*

Habakkuk 2:4

*Last Sunday*  
**November 22/23, 2025**

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# LAST SUNDAY

**November 22/23, 2025**

*Welcome, Visitors! Please scan the QR code to sign our guest register.*



**PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP:** Dear God, we sometimes grow impatient when it seems like you're not acting against the evil in this world. But we ought to be grateful that you don't punish us for the evil that *we* do. We thank you for the forgiveness that you've given us through Jesus, our Savior. Increase our faith and help us live for you. Amen.

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**ANTHEM**    *Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word*    arr. David von Kampen  
9:30 am

**OPENING HYMN**      *O Jesus, King Most Wonderful*      CW 543

*Stand*

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*Be seated*

**ANTHEM**    *Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning*    arr. Lloyd Larson  
8am

*Keep your lamps trimmed and burning, the time is drawing nigh.  
Children, don't grow weary, for the time is drawing nigh.  
Darker midnight lies before us, the time is drawing nigh.  
See the Morning Star arising, the time is drawing nigh.  
Children, don't grow weary, for the time is drawing nigh.  
Now our night will soon be over, the time is drawing nigh.  
Keep your lamps trimmed and burning, the time is drawing nigh.*

**FIRST LESSON**

Habakkuk 1:1-3; 2:1-4

<sup>1</sup> The prophecy that Habakkuk the prophet received.

<sup>2</sup> How long, LORD, must I call for help, but you do not listen? Or cry out to you, "Violence!" but you do not save?

<sup>3</sup> Why do you make me look at injustice? Why do you tolerate wrongdoing? Destruction and violence are before me; there is strife, and conflict abounds.

<sup>1</sup> I will stand at my watch and station myself on the ramparts; I will look to see what he will say to me, and what answer I am to give to this complaint.

<sup>2</sup> Then the LORD replied:

"Write down the revelation and make it plain on tablets so that a herald may run with it.

<sup>3</sup> For the revelation awaits an appointed time; it speaks of the end and will not prove false. Though it linger, wait for it; it will certainly come and will not delay.

<sup>4</sup> "See, the enemy is puffed up; his desires are not upright— but the righteous person will live by his faithfulness—"

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM OF THE DAY**  
6:30pm, 9:30 & 11am

*The Rock of Our Salvation*

Psalm 95

# PSALM OF THE DAY *Come Now, and Lift Up Your Hearts* Psalm 95D

8am



- 1 *Come now, and lift up your hearts and sing, en - ter the courts of the*
- 2 *Know that the LORD is a might - y God, rul - er su - preme in the*
- 3 *He has cre - at - ed the depths be - low; his own\_ hands made the*
- 4 *Come, let us bow down and wor - ship him; kneel in the pres - ence of*



*King of kings. Come now, and lift up your hearts and sing, realms a - bove; Know that the LORD is a might - y God, beau - teous land; He has cre - at - ed the depths be - low; God the LORD. Come, let us bow down and wor - ship him;*



*en - ter the courts of the King of kings. Come and re - joice in his rul - er su - preme in the realms a - bove; He is the LORD of the his own\_ hands made the beau - teous land; Gen - tle and kind, the good kneel in the pres - ence of God the LORD. If you will heark - en and*



*won - drous works; thank him and praise him with joy - ous psalm. depths be - low; he is the strength of the moun - tains high. shep - herd he; we are the sheep of his pas - ture land. heed his Word, you shall be glad and your hearts re - joice.*

Refrain

Congregation



*Come now, and lift up your hearts and sing,*



*en - ter the courts of the King of kings.*

## SECOND LESSON

Revelation 22:6-13

<sup>6</sup> The angel said to me, “These words are trustworthy and true. The Lord, the God who inspires the prophets, sent his angel to show his servants the things that must soon take place.”

<sup>7</sup> “Look, I am coming soon! Blessed is the one who keeps the words of the prophecy written in this scroll.”

<sup>8</sup> I, John, am the one who heard and saw these things. And when I had heard and seen them, I fell down to worship at the feet of the angel who had been showing them to me. <sup>9</sup> But he said to me, “Don’t do that! I am a fellow servant with you and with your fellow prophets and with all who keep the words of this scroll. Worship God!”

<sup>10</sup> Then he told me, “Do not seal up the words of the prophecy of this scroll, because the time is near. <sup>11</sup> Let the one who does wrong continue to do wrong; let the vile person continue to be vile; let the one who does right continue to do right; and let the holy person continue to be holy.”

<sup>12</sup> “Look, I am coming soon! My reward is with me, and I will give to each person according to what they have done. <sup>13</sup> I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End.”

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

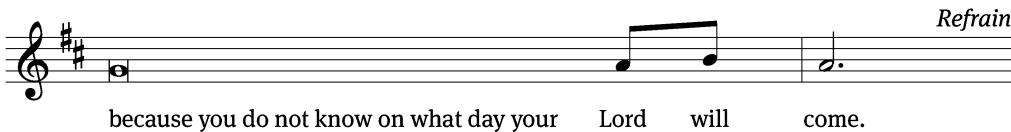
Matthew 24:42



### *Refrain*



### *Tone*



## GOSPEL

Luke 12:35-40

<sup>35</sup> “Be dressed ready for service and keep your lamps burning, <sup>36</sup> like servants waiting for their master to return from a wedding banquet, so that when he comes and knocks they can immediately open the door for him. <sup>37</sup> It will be good for those servants whose master finds them watching when he comes. Truly I tell you, he will dress himself to serve, will have them recline at the table and will come and wait on them. <sup>38</sup> It will be good for those servants whose master finds them ready, even if he comes in the middle of the night or toward daybreak. <sup>39</sup> But understand this: If the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. <sup>40</sup> You also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise be to you, O Christ!**

*Be seated*

**HYMN OF THE DAY**    *Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending*    CW 487  
*8am: Choir will sing verse 2*

**SERMON**                      We Live By Faith                      Habakkuk 1:1-3, 2:1-4

*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*

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## **OFFERING**

**HYMN**                                      *Be Still, My Soul*                                      CW 847

*Stand*

## PRAYER AND BLESSING

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## CLOSING HYMN

*We Walk by Faith*

CW 830

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

Sunday	8, 9:30 & 11 am	Worship
	9:30 am	Bible Class and Sunday School <a href="https://bit.ly/SJBibleClassonline">https://bit.ly/SJBibleClassonline</a>
Wednesday	6:30 pm	Thanksgiving Eve Service
	7:30 pm	Thanksgiving Pie Fellowship
Thursday	9 am	Thanksgiving Day Service
		No Bible Class
Friday		Office Closed
Saturday	6:30 pm	Worship
Sunday, Nov 30	8, 9:30 & 11 am	Worship
	9:30 am	Bible Class and Sunday School
Wednesday, Dec 3	11 am	Advent Midweek Service
	4 & 6:30 pm	Advent Midweek Service
	6:30 pm	Public and Homeschool Catechism
	5:30 pm	Handbells
	7:30 pm	Choir
Thursday, Dec 4	10 am	Bible Class
	7 pm	Bible Class

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Attendance for this past weekend was 688 with 531 receiving the Lord's Supper.

### **Fruits of Faith:**

\$32,519 Home Operations ~ Needed: \$818,704 / YTD: \$802,578
\$2,144 WELS Missions ~ YTD: \$91,590 (2025 Goal: \$87,000)
\$637 MVL ~ YTD: \$56,571 (2025 Goal: \$57,000)
\$55 Building Fund
\$70 K-12 Education Assistance
\$165 Iris Boxes
\$25 Wish List
\$85 St. Paul's School Building Fund
\$39 Women of St. John's
\$129 Food and Fellowship
\$106 Miscellaneous Income

**Thanksgiving Pie** ~ Please join us for pre-Thanksgiving pie fellowship! Wednesday, November 26 after the 6:30 worship service. Sign up in the narthex if you would like to bring a pie! Sign up in the narthex if you would like to attend or bring a pie!

**Gift Cards for Nontraditional (second career) MLC students** ~ Women of St. John's will be collecting gift cards (or funds to purchase them) through Sunday, December 7th to give our 19 nontraditional MLC students for Christmas. There is a collection box on the table in the new narthex if you would like to contribute. Please contact Sarah Logston (507-766-6455) with any questions.

**Women of St. John's Ladies' Night Out Christmas Party** ~ We will be gathering at Carl's Corner in Essig on Tuesday, December 2nd at 6 p.m. for a meal and some fellowship activities. Please note that payment is by cash only and we will be ordering off the menu that evening. Parking is very limited, so carpooling is strongly encouraged. There is a sign up sheet on the table in the new narthex to indicate if you plan to attend and if you need a ride (or can provide one). Please sign up by November 24th so a final headcount can be given to the restaurant a week in advance. Contact Sarah Logston (507-766-6455) with any questions.

**Grand Piano on the Wish List** ~ St. John's Worship Committee would like to replace the piano in the front of the church. The existing piano was not designed for a large space seating 350 people, but for a house or small music studio. The council has approved that a new 5-foot Yamaha grand piano (to be placed in the front of the sanctuary near the lectern) be added to the wish list. This piano would enrich our worship as it fills the church with sound. It's known for its stability of tuning and action and delivers a clear sound that would accompany the congregation and choirs well. The cost is approximately \$21,400 for the piano, delivery and installation, and all needed accessories. If you are interested in contributing to this worship enhancement, please note "Piano" on your offering envelope or electronic gift. To God be the glory!

## **AREA ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**New Ulm Food Shelf Volunteers** ~ St. John's supports the New Ulm Emergency Food Shelf by providing volunteers to assist clients on the third Monday of each month from 11:45-3 pm. Duties include accompanying clients as they select their food options based on distribution guidelines, weighing and loading carts, and pushing them to the garage, where clients load their items into their cars. Four volunteers are needed on the third Monday of each month. If you are interested in volunteering for 2026, please indicate your availability on the sign-up sheet in the narthex. For more information, or if you have questions, call Carla Melendy (507-217-9750) or Deb Beatty (507-276-2722). You will receive a volunteer schedule in December, along with guidelines for volunteers.

**Bake Sale and Pancake Breakfast** ~ We look forward to serving you breakfast this Sunday in support of the St. Paul's School Building Campaign! Due to a shortage of volunteers, breakfast will be served from 8:30–11:00 AM. The event will be held at St. Paul's Church and will run alongside a bake sale benefiting the school as well. Please consider supporting the event in one of the following ways: Make a direct donation to the School Building Campaign. Bake a batch of your favorite chocolate chip cookies for the bake sale. Volunteer your time during the event—there are still plenty of spots available! Sign up here: <https://signup.com/go/yEsFkSY>

**MLC Wind Symphony Concert** ~ November 23, 3:00 pm Everything in creation has elemental qualities that make it what it is. Steel is metallic and strong. Wind is invisible yet felt. How about music? Melody is a thread of pitches woven logically into something memorable. Join the Martin Luther College Wind Symphony for “Elements,” a musical exploration of the defining characteristics of creation—expressed through sound. The concert will feature three student conductors, Caleb Krahn, Josiah Smith, and Micaiah Wagner, who are studying to be future music educators. The concert is in the MLC Auditorium on Sunday, November 23, at 3 pm. Can't make it in person? The concert will be livestreamed on MLC's YouTube page.

**Parade of Lights** ~ Walk, ride, or sing with John & Paul Ministries in the Parade of Lights, on Friday, November 28th at 6:00 pm! We need many volunteers so please scan the QR code to sign up and receive more detailed info. Help us invite our community to hear about Jesus this Christmas!



**St. Paul's Band** ~ The Raider Band program will present its December concert on Thursday, December 11 at 7:00 pm in the St. Paul gymnasium. We will start off with a sacred sing along with the reading of Luke 2 by the 5th graders. Many small groups will present our favorite carols in instrumental praise as well. The Raider band will play all the music from The Nutcracker in 3 minutes. Don't believe me? Come and find out for yourself! Finally, the Mass Band will wow you with 12 Joyous Days of Christmas playing percussion toys, kazoos and SINGING! Yep, a singing band! Don't miss out on the fun! Come join us!

**MLC Christmas Concert** ~ Martin Luther College invites you to the annual Christmas concert, For Us and For Our Salvation, presented Saturday, December 13, at 7:30 pm and Sunday, December 14, at 4:00 pm in the MLC Chapel of the Christ. All are welcome as we open the Advent season with this joyous campus tradition!

**Treasure Haus** ~ Do you love treasure hunts, vintage finds, or simply helping others? Join the Treasure Haus family and support our ministry as we fund Christian education at Minnesota Valley Lutheran High School. We have many opportunities to serve with openings at the register, sorting and pricing incoming donations while providing a welcoming atmosphere for customers. We would love to welcome you to our team and will find just the right task to fit your schedule and our needs. Please contact us at 507-354-6108 and ask to speak with a manager.

**Lutheran Military Support Group (LMSG)** ~ is a WELS/ELS affiliated ministry that provides Christ-centered support to Military Service Members, Veterans, and their families through the following programs:

**Spiritual Retreats & Workshops:** A four-day Spiritual Retreat for Christian Warriors and their spouses is offered to those who have experienced spiritual wounds and trauma related to their military experience.

Similar one-day workshops have been held for Veterans and First Responders in Wisconsin, Arizona, and Washington. Over 240 people have grown spiritually through these small and focused events. **Scholarships & Grants:** Scholarships are available to male and female Veterans pursuing public ministry, along with pastors who serve near military installations. In 2025, nineteen scholarships were awarded. Grants support WELS/ELS Military Service Members when they are in need, to recognize their service at a congregational level, and to support military ministry throughout both synods. Since 2015, over \$380,000 has been awarded to support military ministry through grants and scholarships. **Christian Service Members'**

**Handbook:** This printed resource includes prayers, Scripture, hymns, Luther's Small Catechism, and devotional resources specific to those in military service. Since 2020, more than 4000 copies have been distributed. LMSG aims to provide spiritual encouragement, mental health support, and Christian community for Military Service Members, Veterans, and their families. Your financial support through the Ammo Can Campaign, monthly gifts, or donor advised funds makes this ministry possible. Thank you for your support and prayers! For more information, go to [www.lutheranmilitary.org](http://www.lutheranmilitary.org).