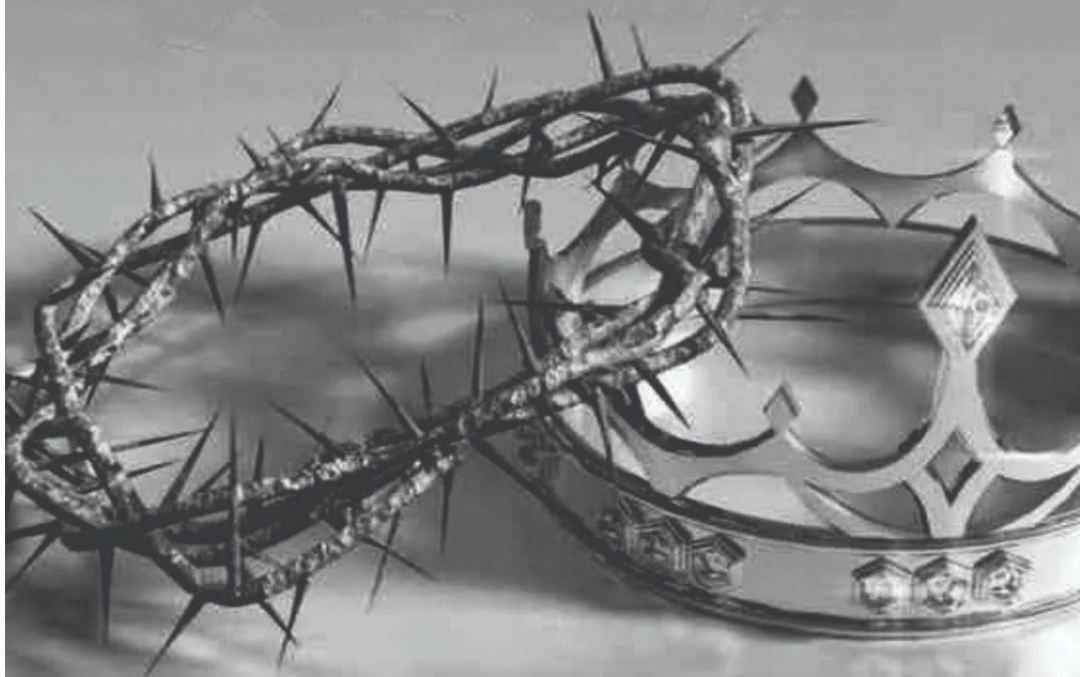


SECOND ARTICLE: PART 2

Just as he has risen from death and lives and rules eternally. This is most certainly true.

And God placed all things under his feet...



Ephesians 1:22

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*Welcome, Visitors! Please scan the QR code to sign our guest register.
Visitors and members alike, use the same QR code for prayer requests.*

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP: Almighty and everlasting God: Receive our worship, prayers, praises, and offerings in the name of Jesus Christ, who once humbled himself to bear our sin, but who is now exalted above the highest heavens as our Mediator and Advocate before your righteous throne.



Bless us, and instill in us the joy of knowing that we reign with you, gracious and all-powerful Lord and God, now and forever. We pray these things in the name of Jesus Christ, the King of kings and Lord of lords. Amen.

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FIRST LESSON		Daniel 6:13-27

¹³ Then they said to the king, “Daniel, who is one of the exiles from Judah, pays no attention to you, Your Majesty, or to the decree you put in writing. He still prays three times a day.” ¹⁴ When the king heard this, he was greatly distressed; he was determined to rescue Daniel and made every effort until sundown to save him.

¹⁵ Then the men went as a group to King Darius and said to him, “Remember, Your Majesty, that according to the law of the Medes and Persians no decree or edict that the king issues can be changed.”

¹⁶ So the king gave the order, and they brought Daniel and threw him into the lions’ den. The king said to Daniel, “May your God, whom you serve continually, rescue you!”

¹⁷ A stone was brought and placed over the mouth of the den, and the king sealed it with his own signet ring and with the rings of his nobles, so that Daniel’s situation might not be changed. ¹⁸ Then the king returned to his palace and spent the night without eating and without any entertainment being brought to him. And he could not sleep.

¹⁹ At the first light of dawn, the king got up and hurried to the lions’ den. ²⁰ When he came near the den, he called to Daniel in an anguished voice, “Daniel, servant of the living God, has your God, whom you serve continually, been able to rescue you from the lions?”

²¹ Daniel answered, “May the king live forever! ²² My God sent his angel, and he shut the mouths of the lions. They have not hurt me, because I was found innocent in his sight. Nor have I ever done any wrong before you, Your Majesty.”

²³ The king was overjoyed and gave orders to lift Daniel out of the den. And when Daniel was lifted from the den, no wound was found on him, because he had trusted in his God.

²⁴ At the king’s command, the men who had falsely accused Daniel were brought in and thrown into the lions’ den, along with their wives and children. And before they reached the floor of the den, the lions overpowered them and crushed all their bones.

²⁵ Then King Darius wrote to all the nations and peoples of every language in all the earth:

“May you prosper greatly!

²⁶ “I issue a decree that in every part of my kingdom people must fear and reverence the God of Daniel.

“For he is the living God and he endures forever; his kingdom will not be destroyed, his dominion will never end. ²⁷ He rescues and he saves; he

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 24

Ephesians 1:18-23

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

The first staff of music is in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It contains the following notes: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), A4-G4 (beamed eighth notes), F#4 (quarter), E4 (half), D4 (half), and C4 (half). The staff ends with a double bar line.

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

Refrain



Your words are my joy and my heart's de - light.

GOSPEL

John 17:1-5

¹ After Jesus said this, he looked toward heaven and prayed:

“Father, the hour has come. Glorify your Son, that your Son may glorify you. ² For you granted him authority over all people that he might give eternal life to all those you have given him. ³ Now this is eternal life: that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. ⁴ I have brought you glory on earth by finishing the work you gave me to do. ⁵ And now, Father, glorify me in your presence with the glory I had with you before the world began.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

HYMN OF THE DAY *Crown Him with Many Crowns* CW 511

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THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

Sunday	8 & 9:30 am	Worship
	11 am	Bible Class
Saturday	6:30 pm	Worship

NEXT WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

Sunday, Aug. 2	8 & 9:30 am	Worship
	11 am	Bible Class
Monday, Aug. 3	6 pm	Elder's Meeting
Saturday, Aug. 8	6:30 pm	Worship

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Attendance last weekend was 386 with 289 receiving the Lord's Supper.

Fruits of Faith:

\$18,307 Home Operations ~ Needed: \$499,653 / YTD: \$495,197
\$1,315 WELS Missions ~ YTD: \$48,728 (2026 Goal: \$100,701)
\$1,230 MVL ~ YTD: \$31,824 (2026 Goal: \$62,278)
\$410 Building Fund
\$35 K-12 Tuition Assistance Fund
\$5 MLC Auxiliary
\$25 St. Paul's School
\$10 St. John's Endowment
\$10 St. John's Endowment
\$6 Food and Fellowship
\$135 St. Paul's School Building Fund
\$1,000 MLC/WLS Ministerial Student Asst



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2026 Church Picnic ~ Join us on Sunday, August 16th at 5:00 PM for our annual church picnic at Hermann Heights, where we have both shelters reserved. The church will provide the hot dogs, buns, condiments, paperware, and water. Because this is a potluck-style meal, please bring a side dish or dessert to share, as well as any alternative beverages you might prefer. Most importantly, we encourage you to bring a friend! This is a relaxed, welcoming opportunity to introduce your neighbors and loved ones to our church family.

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 this weekend. 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 ~ Martin Luther College is accepting applications for a full-time position in our Facilities Department with a primary focus on construction. Through expert carpentry, construction, and maintenance work, this position helps provide a safe, welcoming campus where students feel comfortable and at home while preparing for ministry. Interested individuals should apply online at mlc-wels.edu/hr/.

Job Opening at St. Paul's ~ St. Paul's School is hiring paraprofessionals for the upcoming school year to work with students in grades K-8. To apply, please submit a completed application form to the school office or email it to Amber Brown. Applications can be obtained at either the school office or the St. Paul's Church office (digital copies may be requested). Interviews will be scheduled for the end of July. For further inquiries, please contact Amber Brown at abrown@splnewulm.org.

Travel with WELS Groups ~ Father's World Tours is partnering with WELS Home Missions to offer two upcoming trips, and we'd love to have you along. Cool Canyons (Nov 7-19) takes us to see some of the Southwest U.S.'s most stunning scenery, including the Mighty Five national parks in Utah, the Grand Canyon, and much more. We'll also worship with and tour our Apache missions in Peridot and East Fork, along with a home mission in St George, UT. Flora and Fauna of Florida (Jan 23-Feb 7, 2027) offers a two-week midwinter warmup to the Sunshine State as well as an Eastern Caribbean Cruise aboard the Sky Princess. We will again connect with our missions and missionaries in the area while enjoying encounters with wildlife (gators, manatee, and maybe monkeys), gorgeous gardens, and fabulous fellowship. Learn more at www.fathersworldtours.com or call Steve at 507-217-1731.

About the Cover ~ Jesus Christ who was once crowned with thorns and humbled himself to save us, is now exalted above the highest heaven, and has a name that is above every other name as King of kings and Lord of lords. He promises that just as he was exalted by his heavenly Father, he will exalt all who believe in him as their Lord and Savior. We rule with him now, and forever.