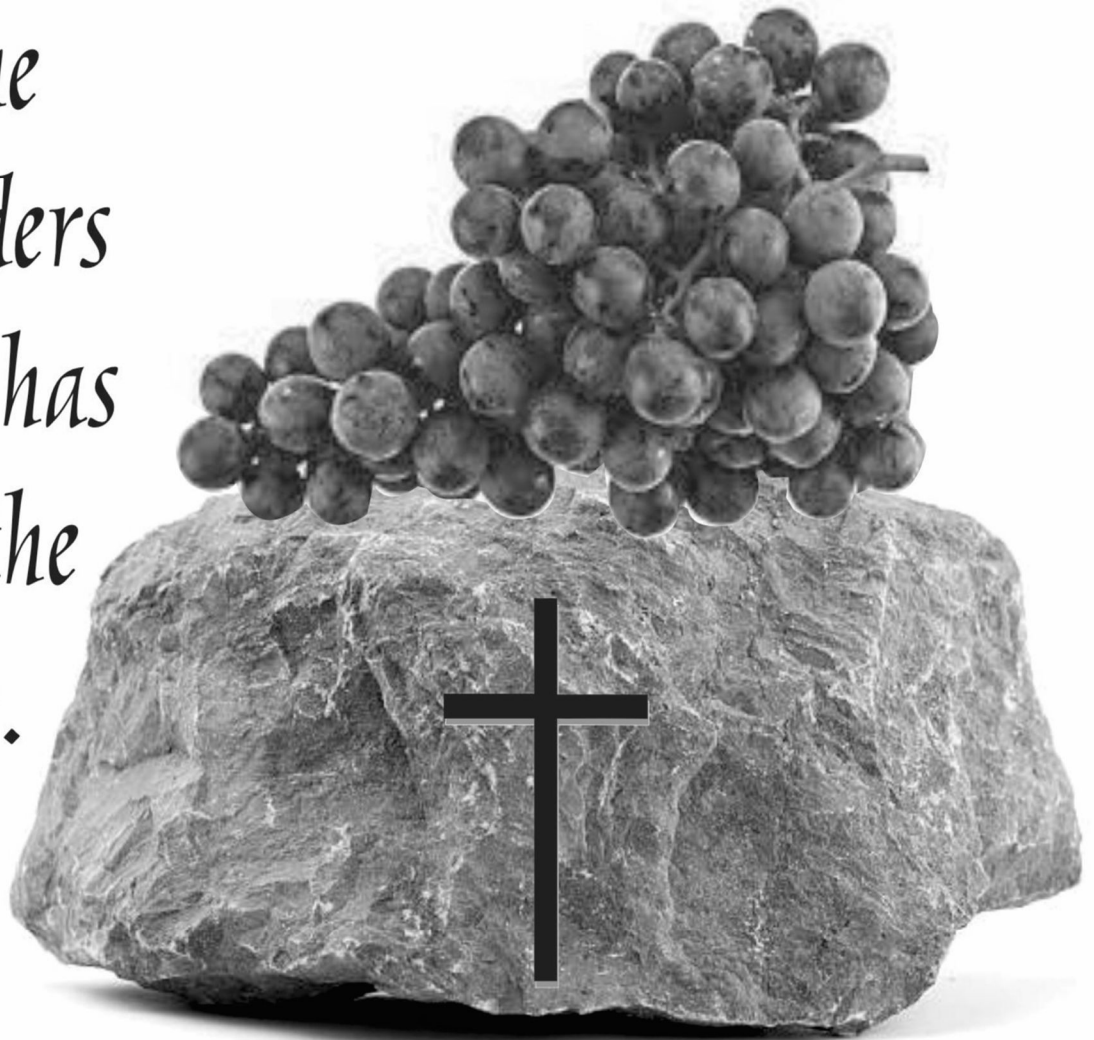


*The stone
the builders
rejected has
become the
capstone.*



This is the Lord's doing, and it is wonderful in our eyes.

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Today's service is televised locally

Channel 14 - Comcast: Monday at 6:00 p.m. & Tuesday at 1:00 p.m. & Thursdays at 10:00 a.m.
Channel 3 - Nuvera: Mondays at 6:00 p.m. & Tuesday at 1:00 p.m. & Thursdays at 10:00 a.m.

Prayer before worship: This is indeed the day the LORD has made. We will rejoice and be glad in it. Thank you, almighty God, that in love you sent your Son Jesus Christ to be the Rock of our salvation. Teach us to trust in him always so that we may bear the fruits of faith, and be assured that eternal life in heaven is ours through faith in his holy name. Amen.

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OPENING HYMN ***Glory Be to God the Father*** **CW608**

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FIRST LESSON **Isaiah 5:1–7**

¹I will sing for the one I love a song about his vineyard: My loved one had a vineyard on a fertile hillside. ²He dug it up and cleared it of stones and planted it with the choicest vines. He built a watchtower in it and cut out a winepress as well. Then he looked for a crop of good grapes, but it yielded only bad fruit.

³“Now you dwellers in Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. ⁴What more could have been done for my vineyard than I have done for it? When I looked for good grapes, why did it yield only bad? ⁵Now I will tell you what I am going to do to my vineyard: I will take away its hedge, and it will be destroyed; I will break down its wall, and it will be trampled. ⁶I will make it a wasteland, neither pruned nor cultivated, and briers and thorns will grow there. I will command the clouds not to rain on it.”

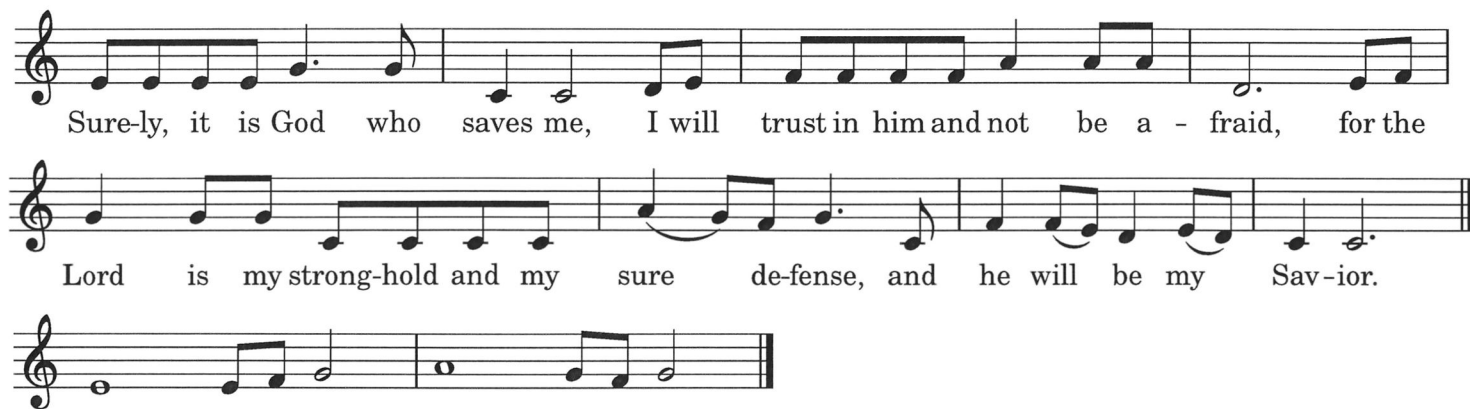
⁷The vineyard of the LORD Almighty is the nation of Israel, and the people of Judah are the vines he delighted in. And he looked for justice, but saw bloodshed; for righteousness, but heard cries of distress.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM of the DAY

Psalm 73B



I am always / with you;
you hold me by my / right hand.
You guide me with your / counsel,
and afterward you will take me into / glory.
Whom have I in / heav'n but you?
And earth has nothing I desire be- / sides you.
My flesh and my / heart may fail,
but God is the strength of my heart and my portion for- / ever.
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

Philippians 3:12–21

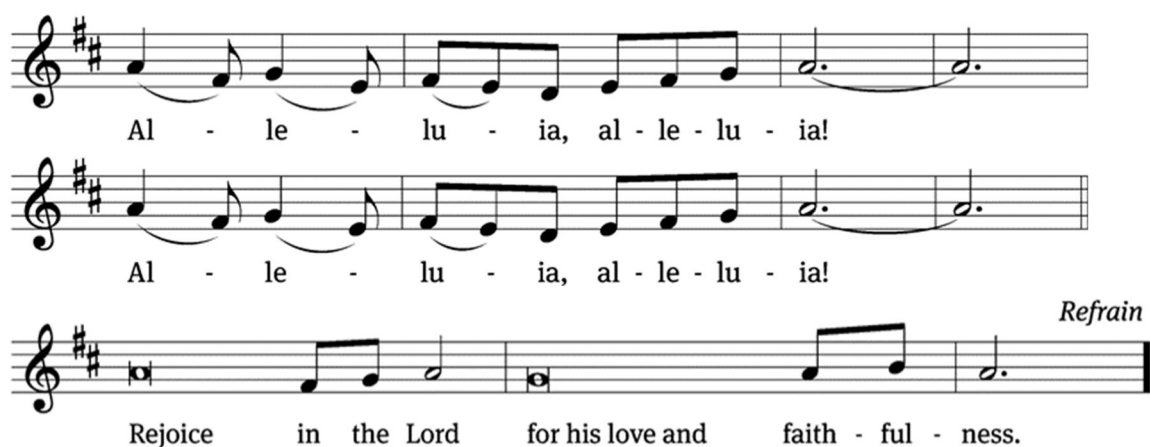
¹²Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. ¹³Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, ¹⁴I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.

¹⁵All of us, then, who are mature should take such a view of things. And if on some point you think differently, that too God will make clear to you. ¹⁶Only let us live up to what we have already attained.

¹⁷Join together in following my example, brothers and sisters, and just as you have us as a model, keep your eyes on those who live as we do. ¹⁸For, as I have often told you before and now tell you again even with tears, many live as enemies of the cross of Christ. ¹⁹Their destiny is destruction, their god is their stomach, and their glory is in their shame. Their mind is set on earthly things. ²⁰But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, ²¹who, by the power that enables him to bring everything under his control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL

Matthew 21:33–43

³³“Listen to another parable: There was a landowner who planted a vineyard. He put a wall around it, dug a winepress in it and built a watchtower. Then he rented the vineyard to some farmers and moved to another place. ³⁴When the harvest time approached, he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his fruit.

³⁵“The tenants seized his servants; they beat one, killed another, and stoned a third. ³⁶Then he sent other servants to them, more than the first time, and the tenants treated them the same way. ³⁷Last of all, he sent his son to them. “They will respect my son,” he said.

³⁸“But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, “This is the heir. Come, let’s kill him and take his inheritance.” ³⁹So they took him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him.

⁴⁰“Therefore, when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?”

⁴¹“He will bring those wretches to a wretched end,” they replied, “and he will rent the vineyard to other tenants, who will give him his share of the crop at harvest time.”

⁴²Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the Scriptures: “ ‘The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; the Lord has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes’?”

⁴³“Therefore I tell you that the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit.” ⁴⁴He who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces, but he on whom it falls will be crushed.” ⁴⁵When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard Jesus' parables, they knew he was talking about them. ⁴⁶They looked for a way to arrest him, but they were afraid of the crowd because the people held that he was a prophet.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

HYMN of the DAY

Jesus, Your Blood and Righteousness

CW573

SERMON

Matthew 21:33-46

THE LORD HAS DONE THIS, AND IT IS MARVELOUS IN OUR EYES

- 1. HE SENDS HIS SON TO US IN LOVE**
- 2. HE DEMANDS FRUIT**
- 3. HE PUNISHES THOSE WHO WITHOLD IT**
- 4. HE BLESSES THOSE WHO PRODUCE IT**

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OFFERING

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HYMN

Chief of Sinners Though I Be

CW578

PRAYERS *(Contemporary)* **and BLESSING**

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CLOSING HYMN

Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

CW927

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PREACHER

Pastor Jeff Bovee

ORGAN

Adrian Smith

Welcome, Visitors!

Please scan the code to sign
our Guest Register.



THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

Sun	8, 9:30 & 11 am	Worship NO Sunday School or Bible Class
	1 & 5 pm	VR Camp
Mon	6 pm	Evangelism Meeting
	7 pm	Education Meeting
Tue	6 pm	Sunday School Teachers' Meeting
Wed	10 am	Catechism
	6 pm	Handbells
	7 pm	Choir
Thu	10:30 am	Bible Class: Hard Sayings of Jesus
	3 pm	College Choir Rehearsal
	7 pm	Bible Class: The I AM Statements of Jesus
Fri	9:30 am	Women's Bible Class: The I AM Statements of Jesus
	3 pm	College Choir Rehearsal
Sat	9 am	Cards of Caring at 403 N. Minnesota St.
	6:30 pm	Worship No Communion

† Upcoming Services †

Saturday: 6:30 pm
Sunday: 8 & 10:30 am

UPCOMING EVENTS

Oct 15	8 & 10:30 am	Worship - MLC Choir at 10:30 am No Communion NO Sunday School or Bible Class
	1 & 5 pm	VR Camp
	7 pm	MVL Delegate Meeting
Oct 16	6:30 pm	Worship Committee Meeting
Oct 17	4 pm	Oak Hills Living Center Service
	7 pm	Council Meeting
Oct 18	10 am	Catechism
	6 pm	Handbells
	7 pm	Choir
Oct 19	10:30 am	Bible Class: Hard Sayings of Jesus
	7 pm	Bible Class: The I AM Statements of Jesus
Oct 21	6:30 pm	Worship with Communion
Oct 22	8, 9:30 & 11 am	Worship with Communion
	9:30 am	Sunday School and Bible Class: Book of Job
	1 & 5 pm	VR Camp

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Attendance for the past weekend was 374 with 283 attending Communion.

Fruits of faith given:

\$12,539	Home Operations ~ \$26,971 <i>is our weekly need</i>		
\$877	MVL ~ \$1,278 <i>is our weekly need</i>	\$105	Christian Family Solutions
\$1,247	Missions ~ \$1,818 <i>is our weekly need</i>	\$100	Ministerial Scholarship Fund
\$527	Building Fund	\$100	Technology Equipment
\$1,355	75th Ann. Sanctuary Renovation	\$100	K-8 Education Assistance
\$5	75th Ann. Ministerial Endowment Fund	\$75	St. Paul's School Building Fund
\$60	Martin Luther College	\$60	St. Paul's School

Martin Luther College Choir ~ Join us on Sunday, October 15, at 10:30 am, as the Martin Luther College Choir, under the direction of Prof. Adrian Smith, presents a choral concert titled "Piercing the Darkness." The program will include settings of familiar hymns, as well as selections by choral music composers representing a variety of musical styles.

Martin Luther College is part of the worker training program of the synod. The college prepares teachers and staff ministers who are ready to accept positions in our congregations. It also prepares men to enter Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary to complete their training to serve as pastors. A freewill offering will be taken to support the training of future gospel servants at MLC. Come and meet some of our future workers and enjoy the music they bring.

*Communion will not be offered that weekend, but instead will be distributed October 20/21.

Cards of Caring ~ We will focus on making Thanksgiving and Christmas cards. All supplies are furnished. If you can't create cards, we have other simple tasks you can do. We welcome those from seventh grade and older, including MLC students. We will meet on Saturday, October 14th and Saturday, November 11th from 9 am until noon. Come as your schedule allows. See you at 403 N. Minnesota St. (across from the Glockenspiel). This is an opportunity for fellowship and service to the Lord. Contact Lois Willems at 507-676-1230 with questions.

Volunteers Needed ~ 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 carts, and pushing carts to the garage where the clients load their items into their cars. If you are interested in volunteering in 2024, please indicate your availability on the sign-up sheet in the narthex or call Carla Melendy (507-217-9750) or Deb Beatty (507-276-2722). If you have questions, call Carla or Deb. You will be notified when you are scheduled to volunteer.

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

MVL Fall Play ~ Ahoy, mateys! MVL's drama department is at it again! This fall's kooky comedy, *Larceny and Old Lace* is sure to make you laugh as you watch loveable characters try to solve the mystery of the multiplying loot. From casinos to the FBI, this show has it all. Bring the whole family to the play which is running at State Street Theater (1 N. State Street, New Ulm) from October 27th - 29th (Friday and Saturday at 7 pm and Sunday at 2 pm). Tickets will be sold at the door. We can't wait to see you there!

WELS Night: Minnesota Timberwolves vs. LA Clippers ~ on Sunday, January 14, 2024, at 6 pm. See Anthony Edwards and the Minnesota Timberwolves take on the Los Angeles Clippers! Following the game, WELS members will have the opportunity to shoot a free throw on the court! Scan the QR code to purchase tickets with promo code: 2324WELS. Contact Cameron Schwarz at Cameron.schwarz@timberwolves.com with questions.

Job Openings ~ Assistant head cook needed at St Paul's Lutheran School. Job duties include but are not limited to preparing & serving lunch and clean up. If interested please pick up an application at St Paul's school or church office. If you have questions please feel free to contact me at cook@splnewulm.org.

Minnesota Valley Lutheran High School is in need of bus drivers. If you are interested in becoming a bus driver, contact Ray Vulcan at rayv@palmerbusservice.com.

Minnesota Valley Lutheran High School is also looking a substitute worker for the kitchen. Are you interested in casual employment or volunteering in the MVL kitchen? This is an on-call position to substitute on days regular workers are gone. Please contact Beth Fluegge for more information at foodservice@mvlhs.org or call or text 507-993-5195.

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About the Cover ~ In the parable of the tenant farmers we read of a vineyard owner who rents out his land to a group of men with the agreement that when the harvest comes, they give him the fruit they owe him, since it is his vineyard. However, because they despise the owner they refuse to give him what is really his. Instead, they mistreat and kill those he sends to get the fruit. When the servants fail, the landowner sends his dear son, hoping they will show him respect. Sadly, they show their disdain for the owner by killing his son too. They bring doom on themselves, as the owner now sends an army to kill them and retake his land.

Jesus reminds us that it shall be this way for anyone who despises God and rejects his Son Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. God sent Jesus to save us. Although many reject him to their loss and doom, those who trust in him bring forth fruits of faith and build their salvation on the Rock which will never fail them.