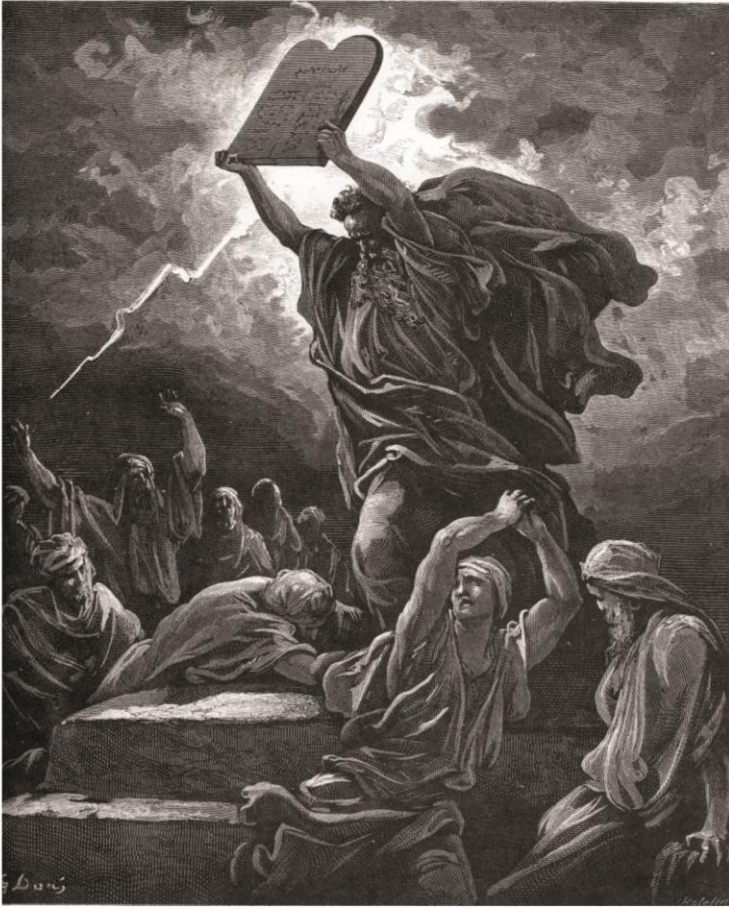




1. You shall have no other gods.
2. You shall not misuse the name of the LORD your God.
3. Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.
4. Honor your father and mother, that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth.
5. You shall not murder.
6. You shall not commit adultery.
7. You shall not steal.
8. You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.
9. You shall not covet your neighbor's house.
10. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, workers, animals, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

## Seventh Sunday After Pentecost • July 26 / 27, 2025

### TEN COMMANDMENTS - SUMMER SERIES

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## SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 26/27, 2025

**PRAYER BEFORE WORHSIP:** Lord of the Sabbath, thank you for the gift of rest: times of refreshment for our bodies and minds and the rest for our souls found in your saving work. Help us to set aside time for physical and mental renewal and to honor the preaching and teaching of your Word. Lead us to anticipate the perfect rest of eternal life with you. In your name we pray, Amen.

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*Stand*

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*Be seated*

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| <b>FIRST LESSON</b> | Exodus 23:10–13 |
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<sup>10</sup> “For six years you are to sow your fields and harvest the crops, <sup>11</sup> but during the seventh year let the land lie unplowed and unused. Then the poor among your people may get food from it, and the wild animals may eat what is left. Do the same with your vineyard and your olive grove.

<sup>12</sup> “Six days do your work, but on the seventh day do not work, so that

your ox and your donkey may rest, and so that the slave born in your household and the foreigner living among you may be refreshed. <sup>13</sup> “Be careful to do everything I have said to you. Do not invoke the names of other gods; do not let them be heard on your lips.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM OF THE DAY** *The Heavens Declare the Glory of God* Psalm 19

**SECOND LESSON**

Colossians 2:13–17

<sup>13</sup> When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins, <sup>14</sup> having canceled the charge of our legal indebtedness, which stood against us and condemned us; he has taken it away, nailing it to the cross. <sup>15</sup> And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross.

<sup>16</sup> Therefore do not let anyone judge you by what you eat or drink, or with regard to a religious festival, a New Moon celebration or a Sabbath day.

<sup>17</sup> These are a shadow of the things that were to come; the reality, however, is found in Christ.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

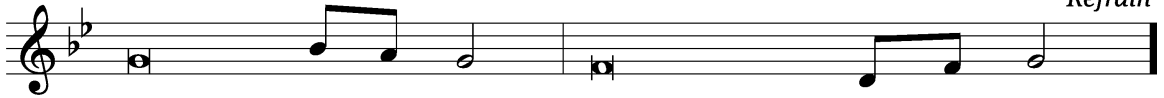


### Refrain



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### Tone



### Refrain

Rejoice in the Lord for his love and faith - ful - ness.

## Gospel

*Luke 6:1-11*

<sup>1</sup> One Sabbath Jesus was going through the grainfields, and his disciples began to pick some heads of grain, rub them in their hands and eat the kernels. <sup>2</sup> Some of the Pharisees asked, “Why are you doing what is unlawful on the Sabbath?”

<sup>3</sup> Jesus answered them, “Have you never read what David did when he and his companions were hungry? <sup>4</sup> He entered the house of God, and taking the consecrated bread, he ate what is lawful only for priests to eat. And he also gave some to his companions.” <sup>5</sup> Then Jesus said to them, “The Son of Man is Lord of the Sabbath.”

<sup>6</sup> On another Sabbath he went into the synagogue and was teaching, and a man was there whose right hand was shriveled. <sup>7</sup> The Pharisees and the teachers of the law were looking for a reason to accuse Jesus, so they watched him closely to see if he would heal on the Sabbath. <sup>8</sup> But Jesus knew what they were thinking and said to the man with the shriveled hand, “Get up and stand in front of everyone.” So he got up and stood there.

<sup>9</sup> Then Jesus said to them, “I ask you, which is lawful on the Sabbath: to do good or to do evil, to save life or to destroy it?”

<sup>10</sup> He looked around at them all, and then said to the man, “Stretch out

your hand.” He did so, and his hand was completely restored. <sup>11</sup> But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law were furious and began to discuss with one another what they might do to Jesus.

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

*Be seated*

**HYMN OF THE DAY**      *Speak, O Savior, I Am Listening*      CW 631

**SERMON**      Love: God’s Gift of Rest      Exodus 20:8-11

<sup>8</sup> “Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. <sup>9</sup> Six days you shall labor and do all your work, <sup>10</sup> but the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God. On it you shall not do any work, neither you, nor your son or daughter, nor your male or female servant, nor your animals, nor any foreigner residing in your towns. <sup>11</sup> For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but he rested on the seventh day. Therefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

*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**

***One Thing's Needful***

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***Stand***

**PRAYER AND BLESSING**

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***Lord, Open Now My Heart to Hear***

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

|               |             |                                  |
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| Sunday        | 8 & 9:30 am | Worship                          |
|               | 11 am       | Bible Class: 1 & 2 Thessalonians |
| Saturday      | 6:30 pm     | Worship                          |
| Sunday, Aug 3 | 8 & 9:30 am | Worship                          |
|               | 11 am       | Bible Class: 1 & 2 Thessalonians |
| Monday, Aug 4 | 6:30 pm     | Elders' Meeting                  |

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Attendance for this past weekend was 365 with 266 receiving the Lord's Supper.

### **Fruits of Faith:**

\$14,930 Home Operations ~ Needed: \$516139 / YTD: \$517,290  
\$2,171 WELS Missions ~ YTD: \$57,950 (2025 Goal: \$87,000)  
\$946 MVL ~ YTD: \$35,634 (2025 Goal: \$57,000)  
\$135 St. Paul's School Building Fund  
\$5 Building Fund  
\$.25 MLC Ladies Auxiliary  
\$65 Organ Fund  
\$75 K-12 Education Assistance

**Volunteer Opportunity** ~ Women's Group 3 is still looking for two new leaders to co-lead that women's group. Group one is also looking for a leader as well. The leaders help coordinate volunteers and donations for funeral receptions and also plan the meal and coordinate volunteers for one meal during Advent and Lent. If you are interested please contact the church office at [office@stjohnsnewulm.com](mailto:office@stjohnsnewulm.com).

**Funeral for Joan Gaertner** ~ The Funeral of Joan LaVerne Gaertner, wife of Pastor Emeritus John Gaertner and mother of St. John's member Jill Roux, will take place this Sunday, July 27 at St. John's Lutheran, New Ulm. A visitation will be offered from 1:30-3 p.m. at church before the service. The funeral service will take place at 3 p.m.. Afterwards, those in attendance will be invited to a cake and coffee reception in the church basement.

## **AREA ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**MVL Job Opening** ~ Minnesota Valley Lutheran High School is looking for a member of the WELS/ELS for a custodial position. The position is full-time with benefits. Contact Ken Optiz at [kopitz@mvlhs.org](mailto:kopitz@mvlhs.org) or 507-354-6851 for more information.

**St. Paul's Paraprofessional Job Opening** ~ St. Paul's School is seeking to hire a paraprofessional for the upcoming school year. Applications and detailed job descriptions can be obtained at both the school office and the St. Paul's Church office. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled. For further inquiries, please reach out to Amber Brown at [abrown@splnewulm.org](mailto:abrown@splnewulm.org).

**Travel with WELS Groups** ~ Interested in traveling with members of our faith family where WELS worship and Christian fellowship are integral parts of the itinerary? The OWLS (WELS Seniors) is partnering with Father's World Tours to offer trips *every which way* across the USA. Upcoming options include a Labor Day weekend show trip to the Ozarks (8/29-9/1), wildlife and waterfall viewing on Minnesota's North Shore (9/2-5), a comprehensive New England autumn immersion (9/22-10/4), or a Southern California/Mexican coastal cruise combo (12/31-1/13). Trips are open to WELS members of all ages. Visit [www.fathersworldtours.com](http://www.fathersworldtours.com) or contact Steve Balza ([steve@fathersworldtours.com](mailto:steve@fathersworldtours.com) or 507-217-1731) to learn more.

**MLC Food Bank** ~ The Food Bank depends on the contributions of our churches, organizations, and individuals. We accept non-perishable food items as well as personal and household cleaning items. Food donations are sorted onto shelves. Money that has been donated is used to purchase needed staple foods. In this way the families can receive a certain amount of basic supplies. Students will come to the Food Bank once a month and pick up items on a shopping guide that is based on the amount of food on hand. Organizations may collect money or food items at their monthly meeting or send a monthly check. Sunday school and Day School children could bring one can or boxed item on a special day, or a month-long door collection could be taken at church. No gift is too small. There are sheets out in the narthex with more information.