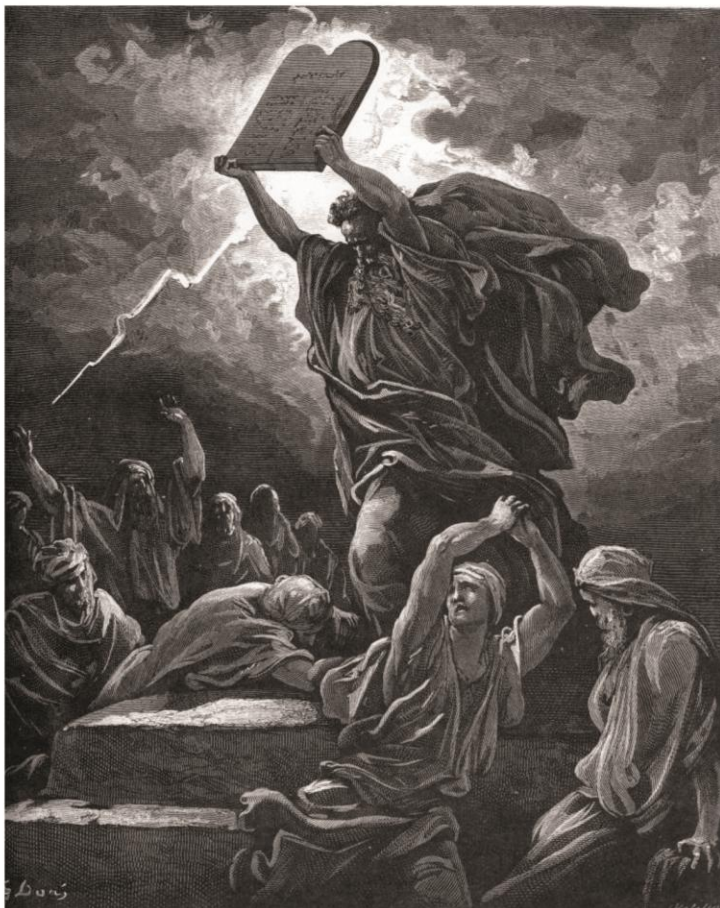




1. You shall have no other gods.
2. You shall not misuse the name of the LORD your God.
3. Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.
4. Honor your father and mother, that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth.
5. You shall not murder.
6. You shall not commit adultery.
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.

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SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP: Almighty God, you know our thoughts and motives. By nature, we are given to being covetous and we often desire things you do not want us to have. Turn our hearts away from stealing, envy, and dishonesty. Instead grant us contentment and the desire to help our neighbors to improve and protect their property and business. May the unselfish love of Jesus that caused him to die in our place also be the motivation we have to seek the good of others. We pray this in Jesus' name. Amen.

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Be seated

FIRST LESSON 1 Samuel 24:1–6

¹ After Saul returned from pursuing the Philistines, he was told, “David is in the Desert of En Gedi.” ² So Saul took three thousand able young men from all Israel and set out to look for David and his men near the Crag of the Wild Goats.

³ He came to the sheep pens along the way; a cave was there, and Saul

went in to relieve himself. David and his men were far back in the cave.

⁴ The men said, “This is the day the LORD spoke of when he said to you, ‘I will give your enemy into your hands for you to deal with as you wish.’ ” Then David crept up unnoticed and cut off a corner of Saul’s robe.

⁵ Afterward, David was conscience-stricken for having cut off a corner of his robe. ⁶ He said to his men, “The LORD forbid that I should do such a thing to my master, the LORD’s anointed, or lay my hand on him; for he is the anointed of the LORD.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM OF THE DAY *Unless the LORD Builds the House* Psalm 127

SECOND LESSON

Romans 13:1-5

¹ Let everyone be subject to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God. ² Consequently, whoever rebels against the authority is rebelling against what God has instituted, and those who do so will bring judgment on themselves. ³ For rulers hold no terror for those who do right, but for those who do wrong. Do you want to be free from fear of the one in authority? Then do what is right and you will be commended.

⁴ For the one in authority is God’s servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for rulers do not bear the sword for no reason. They are God’s servants, agents of wrath to bring punishment on the wrongdoer.

⁵ Therefore, it is necessary to submit to the authorities, not only because of possible punishment but also as a matter of conscience.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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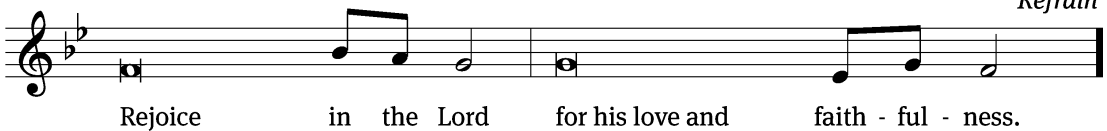
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



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GOSPEL

Matthew 5:21-22

²¹ “You have heard that it was said to the people long ago, ‘You shall not murder, and anyone who murders will be subject to judgment.’ ²² But I tell you that anyone who is angry with a brother or sister will be subject to judgment. Again, anyone who says to a brother or sister, ‘Raca,’ is answerable to the court. And anyone who says, ‘You fool!’ will be in danger of the fire of hell.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

HYMN OF THE DAY *Lord of All Nations, Grant Me Grace* CW 768

SERMON Love Those in Authority and Respect Life Exodus 20:12-13

¹² “Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the Lord your God is giving you.

¹³ “You shall not murder.

Stand

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We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Be seated

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THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

Sunday	8 & 9:30 am	Worship
	11 am	Bible Class: 1 & 2 Thessalonians
Saturday	8 am	Board of Properties
	10 am	Sleepy Eye Waterpark
	6:30 pm	Worship
Sunday, July 27	8 & 9:30 am	Worship
	11 am	Bible Class: 1 & 2 Thessalonians
Saturday, Aug 2	6:30 pm	Worship

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Attendance for this past weekend was 387.

Fruits of Faith:

\$12,531 Home Operations ~ Needed: \$498,341 / YTD: \$502,360
\$2,230 WELS Missions ~ YTD: \$55,779 (2025 Goal: \$87,000)
\$723 MVL ~ YTD: \$34,688 (2025 Goal: \$57,000)
\$110 St. Paul's School
\$75 Building Fund
\$125 MLC Ladies Auxiliary
\$60 Martin Luther College

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.

Sleepy Eye Aquatic Center ~ Join us Saturday, July 26th, from 9:45-11:45 at the Sleepy Eye Aquatic Center for this annual joint fellowship event with St. Paul's church. We have the entire facility reserved for our group and admission is free to you. The concession stand will also be open. The Aquatic Center is located at 201 Burnside St SE in Sleepy Eye. Contact Jesse Zahrt at evangelism@stjohnsnewulm.com with questions.

AREA ANNOUNCEMENTS

Join the Choir for the 68th Biennial WELS Convention ~ The 68th Biennial Convention of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod will be held July 21–24, 2025, at Martin Luther College in New Ulm, Minnesota. Celebrating WELS' 175th anniversary, the convention theme is “Christ through us.” A festival choir will help lead worship during the opening service on Monday, July 21, in the Chapel of the Christ. Rehearsal will start at 3:30 pm with dinner following at 5 pm and the service starting at 6:30 pm. To participate, contact Adrian Smith: smithar@mlc-wels.edu or 248-505-3410

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 or 507-354-6851 for more information.

Ice Cream Social ~ Trinity Lutheran in Nicollet is inviting you to their annual Ice Cream Social to be held on Wednesday, July 23rd, from 4:30- 7 pm in the Trinity Fellowship Hall. Barbecues, pie and assorted desserts & more are on the menu. We hope to see you there!

Special Presentation ~ From July 21–July 24 Martin Luther College (MLC) will host the biennial convention of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS) as it celebrates 175 years as a Lutheran church body. More than 400 delegates and special guests will be on campus to determine future ministry plans for WELS, the third largest Lutheran church body in the United States. The community is invited to a special presentation by Professor Paul Koelpin about the history of MLC July 22 at 7 p.m. in the WCC Auditorium. Additionally, the public is invited to the convention's opening worship service July 21 at 6:30 p.m. in MLC's Chapel of the Christ. The Wisconsin Evangelical Synod is headquartered in Waukesha, Wis., and comprises 1,241 churches, 330,687 members, and 305 elementary and high schools across North America.

OWLS Meeting ~ Our local MN Valley Chapter 13 OWLS (Organization of Wels Lutheran Seniors) is invited to attend the Concert In The Park on Thursday, July 24 at 7:00 PM. The Mages Family Band will be performing at German Park, New Ulm. Following the concert, members and friends are invited to the Fireside Room at St. Paul's Church, New Ulm, for root beer floats. Hope you can make it.

Movie "One by One" ~ Thank you for your interest in attending the July 12 showing of the movie. It was a sellout, with 127 people attending, plus we had to turn away about 12-15 people. There is talk about possibly showing it again this fall. Meanwhile, copies of the movie are available at the St. Paul's and St. John's Church libraries for free rental.

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.

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 or contact Steve Balza (steve@fathersworldtours.com or 507-217-1731) to learn more.