

Here is a true Israelite in whom is nothing false.



John 1:49

Minor Festival of St. Bartholomew, Apostle August 23 / 24, 2025

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MINOR FESTIVAL OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW, APOSTLE
August 23/24, 2025

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP: Almighty God, as Jesus called Bartholomew and referred to him as a man in whom was no guile, so may we also be found to have such character as you lead us by your Holy Spirit and sanctify us through your Word and sacraments. Cleanse our hearts and minds from evil and fill us with such confidence and joy in you that we willingly and faithfully proclaim your Word. Teach us live according to it. For we pray these things in the name Jesus Christ about whom Bartholomew would proclaim: "Rabbi, you are the Son of God; you are the King of Israel!" Amen.

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Be seated

FIRST LESSON

Proverbs 3:1–8

¹ My son, do not forget my teaching, but keep my commands in your heart, ² for they will prolong your life many years and bring you peace and prosperity. ³ Let love and faithfulness never leave you; bind them around your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart. ⁴ Then you will win favor and a good name in the sight of God and man. ⁵ Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; ⁶ in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight. ⁷ Do not be wise in your own eyes; fear the LORD and shun evil. ⁸ This will bring health to your body and nourishment to your bones.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM OF THE DAY *To You, O LORD, I Lift My Soul* Psalm 139F

Refrain



To you, O LORD, I lift my soul; in you I trust, my God.

Tone



You have searched me, LORD, and you / know me;
you perceive my thoughts / from afar.

You discern my going out and my / lying down;
you are familiar with / all my ways. *Refrain*

For you created my inmost / being;
you knit me together in my / mother's womb.

I praise you because I am fearfully and wonder- / fully made;
your works are wonderful, I know that / full well.

My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the / secret place;
your eyes saw my unformed / body.

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

1 Timothy 3:1–7

¹ Here is a trustworthy saying: Whoever aspires to be an overseer desires a noble task. ² Now the overseer is to be above reproach, faithful to his wife, temperate, self-controlled, respectable, hospitable, able to teach, ³ not given to drunkenness, not violent but gentle, not quarrelsome, not a lover of

money. ⁴ He must manage his own family well and see that his children obey him, and he must do so in a manner worthy of full respect. ⁵ (If anyone does not know how to manage his own family, how can he take care of God's church?) ⁶ He must not be a recent convert, or he may become conceited and fall under the same judgment as the devil. ⁷ He must also have a good reputation with outsiders, so that he will not fall into disgrace and into the devil's trap.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Luke 13:29

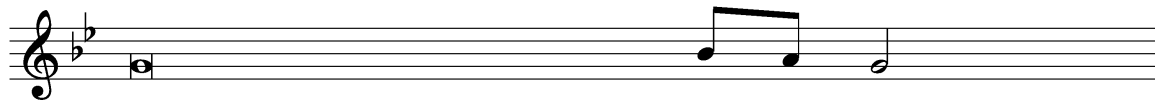


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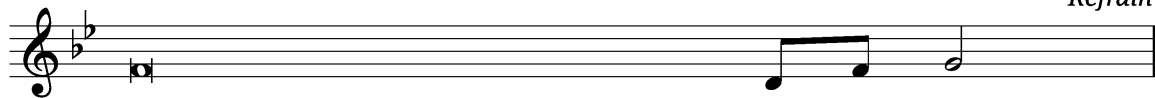


Al - le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Tone



People will come from east and west and north and south,



Refrain

and will take their places at the feast in the king - dom of God.

⁴³ The next day Jesus decided to leave for Galilee. Finding Philip, he said to him, “Follow me.”

⁴⁴ Philip, like Andrew and Peter, was from the town of Bethsaida. ⁴⁵ Philip found Nathanael and told him, “We have found the one Moses wrote about in the Law, and about whom the prophets also wrote—Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.”

⁴⁶ “Nazareth! Can anything good come from there?” Nathanael asked.

“Come and see,” said Philip.

⁴⁷ When Jesus saw Nathanael approaching, he said of him, “Here truly is an Israelite in whom there is no deceit.”

⁴⁸ “How do you know me?” Nathanael asked.

Jesus answered, “I saw you while you were still under the fig tree before Philip called you.”

⁴⁹ Then Nathanael declared, “Rabbi, you are the Son of God; you are the king of Israel.”

⁵⁰ Jesus said, “You believe because I told you I saw you under the fig tree. You will see greater things than that.” ⁵¹ He then added, “Very truly I tell you, you will see ‘heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending on’ the Son of Man.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

HYMN OF THE DAY *Come, Behold the Wondrous Mystery* CW 535

SERMON

An Israelite in Whom Is No Guile

John 1:43-51

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

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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OFFERING

HYMN

O Christ, Who Called the Twelve

CW 716

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PRAYER AND BLESSING

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CLOSING HYMN

Lord, When Your Glory I Shall See

CW 884

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THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN’S

Sunday	8, 9:30 & 11 am	Worship
	11 am	Bible Class: 1 & 2 Thessalonians
	9:30 am	St. Paul’s Teacher Installation
		@ St. Paul’s Church
	2 pm	MVL Opening Service
Saturday, Aug 30	6:30 pm	Worship
Sunday, Aug 31	8, 9:30 & 11 am	Worship

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Attendance for this past weekend was 408 with 316 receiving the Lord's Supper.

Fruits of Faith:

\$14,779 Home Operations ~ Needed: \$587,331/ YTD: \$569,418
\$2,752 WELS Missions ~ YTD: \$67,486 (2025 Goal: \$87,000)
\$1,985 MVL ~ YTD: \$41,581 (2025 Goal: \$57,000)
\$140 Building Fund
\$10 K-12 Education Assistance
\$180 St. Paul's School
\$75 Miscellaneous Income
\$10 Designated Miscellaneous
\$96 Women of St. John's
\$100 Food and Fellowship
\$60 Martin Luther College
\$200 MLC Ladies Auxiliary
\$100 Benevolence Fund

Summer Send-Off ~ Saturday, September 6th, at 4pm. John & Paul Ministries is hosting the annual Summer Send-Off event on September 6th. This is a great opportunity to put Friendship Evangelism to work. Invite a friend, neighbor, or co-worker and their family for some fun and fellowship. It's a no-pressure invite that our members can enjoy along with friends from the community. As with previous years, there will be bounce houses, games, and an outdoor worship service. We will then have a premium viewing location for the Hermann Fest fireworks that evening. Contact Jesse Zahrt at evangelism@stjohnsnewulm.com with questions.

Cancer Support Group ~ The cancer support group will meet on Sunday, September 7 at 3:00 PM. This time our meeting will be at St. Paul's Church. Please enter through the side entrance attached to the parking lot on the corner of State and Third. This group supports anyone diagnosed with any type of cancer, whether recently or longer ago, as well as adult family members and friends who support someone with cancer. We meet to be encouraged with God's Word and by fellowship with each other. We also will continue to discuss plans for the Be Still project to extend spiritual comfort and support to others diagnosed with cancer. An optional walking tour in St. Paul's Lutheran Cemetery will begin at 1:30 PM, weather permitting, for those who wish to do so. We will hear stories about Lutherans in New Ulm history and see unique grave markers. Meet at the original cemetery gate posts along the road between the Lutheran cemetery and the Catholic cemetery. Wear comfortable shoes and be prepared to walk on uneven ground and small inclines.

St. John's Job Opening ~ Due to an upcoming retirement, St. John's is seeking applicants to fill the position of bookkeeper. This is a part-time position (10-15 hrs/week) that will begin on January 5, 2026. We are looking for a person who has previous experience in accounting or bookkeeping. If you know of someone who may be interested, please pick up a job description from the church office.

LWMS Befriend A Mission (BAM) - Thank you to everyone who signed the cards or sent messages to our Home and World missionary families. Congratulations to Annie Wiechmann for winning the Kids c.a.r.e. gift basket.

Women of St John's - Mark your calendar for Tuesday, September 2nd at 7 p.m. We will be gathering in the church basement for a Show and Tell evening. Bring items from your favorite collection or hobby (or photos if it is difficult to bring the original). Come enjoy an evening of fellowship and feel free to bring a friend!

AREA ANNOUNCEMENTS

Travel with WELS Groups ~ Interested in traveling with members of your faith family? The OWLS (WELS Seniors) is partnering with Father's World Tours to offer several upcoming tours that incorporate daily devotion and connections with local WELS ministries. California Cruisin' (12/31-1/13) is open for booking through Sept 30 and more 2026 tours will be opening soon. Trips are open to W/ELS members of all ages. Visit www.fathersworldtours.com or contact us (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.

MUMS is back! ~ Moms Understanding Moms in view of the Savior (MUMS) is a group of Christian moms from St. Paul's and St. John's churches and St. Paul's school that meet to encourage one another in God's Word and prayer. We meet on Tuesdays, starting September 9th at 9am in the basement of St. Paul's church. We plan to study the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5-7) while a babysitter hangs with the kids in the playroom. Join us for coffee, treats and fellowship! Please join our Facebook group called MUMs for more details and updates! If you have questions please call or text Cori Waldschmidt at (989) 245-9256.

Attention Military Service Members and Spouses! ~ Are you looking to connect with fellow Christian Warriors who have served in the military and who share your faith? Grab your spouse or “battle buddy” and join us for Growing Together: Shoulder to Shoulder, our Spiritual Retreat held at Camp Shiloh, Texas, October 16-19. Topics at this year’s retreat include sharing your faith with other service members, suicide prevention, resilience as a spouse, and others. Join other Christian Warriors from around the country for four encouraging days together. Information about speakers, sessions, schedule, and registration details can be found on our website. Registration closes September 20, 2025. Visit www.lutheranmilitary.org today!



About the Cover ~ The Apostle Bartholomew is also known in the Bible as Nathanael. He was the apostle about whom Jesus himself said: "Here is a true Israelite, in whom in nothing false." Tradition says that Bartholomew was flayed alive, head-downward, with a flaying knife which symbolizes the weapon used in the martyr’s death. According to the church historian Hippolytus, Bartholomew preached in India: “Bartholomew, again, preached to the Indians, to whom he also gave the Gospel according to Matthew, and was crucified with his head downward, and was buried in Allanum, a town of the great Armenia [modern day southern Georgia].” Eusebius, in his Church History, confirms the ministry of Bartholomew in India, and adds an eye witness account: “About that time, Pantaenus, a man highly distinguished for his learning, had charge of the school of the faithful in Alexandria... Pantaenus...is said to have gone to India. It is reported that among persons there who knew of Christ, he found the Gospel according to Matthew, which had anticipated his own arrival. For Bartholomew, one of the apostles, had preached to them, and left with them the writing of Matthew in the Hebrew language, which they had preserved till that time.” -- (Book 5, Chapter 10)