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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: Dear Jesus, we thank and praise you that your work of saving us is complete! There is nothing left for us to do. "It is finished!" you declared! Heaven is ours! But we also thank and praise you that as your work of gathering more into your Kingdom continues, you use us to share the message of your saving grace and your work completed with others that they too might know the peace that is ours and experience the joy that we will enjoy in glory with you. In your name we pray. Amen.

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OPENING HYMN *By All Your Saints Still Striving* CW 892 sts. 1, 25, 3
Stand

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Be seated

FIRST LESSON

Acts 1:1-3

¹ In my former book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and to teach ² until the day he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles he had chosen. ³ After his suffering, he presented himself to them and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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



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

2 Timothy 4:5-11

⁵ But you, keep your head in all situations, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, discharge all the duties of your ministry.

⁶ For I am already being poured out like a drink offering, and the time for my departure is near. ⁷ I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. ⁸ Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day—and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

⁹ Do your best to come to me quickly, ¹⁰ for Demas, because he loved this world, has deserted me and has gone to Thessalonica. Crescens has gone to Galatia, and Titus to Dalmatia. ¹¹ Only Luke is with me. Get Mark and bring him with you, because he is helpful to me in my ministry.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Colossians 2:10



Refrain



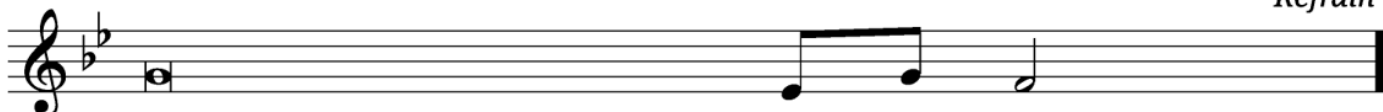
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Tone



In Christ you have been brought to full - ness.

Refrain



He is the head over every power and au - thor - i - ty.

¹ Many have undertaken to draw up an account of the things that have been fulfilled among us, ² just as they were handed down to us by those who from the first were eyewitnesses and servants of the word. ³ With this in mind, since I myself have carefully investigated everything from the beginning, I too decided to write an orderly account for you, most excellent Theophilus, ⁴ so that you may know the certainty of the things you have been taught.

⁴⁴ He said to them, “This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms.”

⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. ⁴⁶ He told them, “This is what is written: The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷ and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. ⁴⁸ You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹ I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.”

⁵⁰ When he had led them out to the vicinity of Bethany, he lifted up his hands and blessed them. ⁵¹ While he was blessing them, he left them and was taken up into heaven. ⁵² Then they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy. ⁵³ And they stayed continually at the temple, praising God.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

HYMN OF THE DAY

Christ High-Ascended

CW 747

SERMON

“All Jesus Began to Do and Teach”

Acts 1:1-3

I. Christ’s Saving Work is Finished

II. Christ’s Gathering Work Continues

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Be seated

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DISTRIBUTION HYMN *O Christians, Haste* CW 901

DISTRIBUTION HYMN *Jesus Comes Today with Healing* CW 668

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THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

Sunday	8, 9:30 & 11 am	Worship
	9:30 am	Bible Class: 1 Timothy https://bit.ly/SJBibleClassonline
	9:30 am	Sunday School
Tuesday	7 pm	Council Meeting
Wednesday	6 pm	Handbells
	6:15 pm	Public School Catechism
	7 pm	Choir
Thursday	10 am	Bible Class: Isms
	7 pm	Bible Class: Bible Information Class
Friday	10 am	Sunset Apt. Worship Service
	11 am	Highland Worship Service
Saturday	6:30 pm	Worship

NEXT WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

Sunday, Oct. 25	8, 9:30 & 11 am	Worship
	9:30 am	Bible Class: Pastoral Epistles: 1 Timothy
	9:30 am	Sunday School
Tuesday, Oct. 27	4 pm	Oak Hills
	7 pm	Voters' Meeting
Wednesday, Oct. 28	6 pm	Handbells
	6:15 pm	Public School Catechism
	7 pm	Choir
Thursday, Oct. 29	10 am	Bible Class: Isms
	7 pm	Bible Class: Bible Information Class
Saturday, Oct. 31	6:30 pm	Worship

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Attendance last weekend was 681.

Fruits of Faith:

\$9,668 Home Operations ~ YTD: \$690,582 / Needed: \$706,405
\$1,035 WELS Missions ~ YTD: \$69,000 (2026 Goal: \$100,701)
\$495 MVL ~ YTD: \$45,169 (2026 Goal: \$62,278)
\$205 Building Fund
\$50 K-12 Tuition Assistance Fund
\$9 Food and Fellowship
\$122 Christian Family Solutions
\$125 Iris Box Project
\$500 Organ



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Cards of Caring ~ Members of St. John's and MLC students are invited to help make cards our congregation sends to homebound members, LWMS-Befriend a Mission Families and others from our church. We use donated, recycled, and created cards. Supplies are furnished. We need help writing messages, stamping, and assembling cards. This fall our main focus will be on Thanksgiving and Christmas. We meet Saturday mornings between 9am-12pm at 403 N. Minnesota St. (across from the Glockenspiel). We will meet on October 17th, and November 14th, 2026. Thank you for considering to serve our members. For further information contact Lois Willems at (507) 676-1230.

AREA ANNOUNCEMENTS

MVL Drama Presents ~ WARNING! WARNING! THE SUN IS OUT... AND IT'S LOOKING FOR TROUBLE! Prepare for an out-of-this-world night of sci-fi thrills, cosmic chills, alien antics, and laughs that are truly astronomical! When a mysterious menace from the sun comes crashing to Earth, it's up to a brave band of heroes to save the day! Will Earth survive? Will science save us? Will anyone remember to duck?! There's only one way to find out... **COME SEE IT LIVE ON STAGE!** Minnesota Valley Lutheran High School Drama presents **ATTACK! OF THE KILLER MAN FROM THE SUN!**, a sci fi B movie comedy made for the stage! Performances are held at MVL Fine Arts Center on October 30-31 at 7pm, and November 1 at 2pm. Tickets at the door. Bring your friends and family, and prepare to have a solar-powered good time! Space suits optional.

Job Openings at MLC ~ Director of Finance: Plays a vital role in advancing MLC's mission of preparing future leaders for public ministry by providing strategic financial leadership, strengthening long-term sustainability, and partnering with college and Synod leaders. Director of Academic Assessment & Licensure Unit Leader: Advances excellence in teacher preparation at MLC through academic assessment, program improvement, and licensure oversight, helping ensure graduates are well prepared for service in WELS schools. Grounds Worker: Maintains MLC's grounds throughout the seasons, creating a welcoming and well-kept campus for students, workers, and visitors. Female Dormitory Custodian: Helps care for the place that our female students call home during their time at MLC. Assistant Baseball Coach: Promotes excellence in competition while supporting the formation of student-athletes for lives of Christian service. Interested individuals should apply online at mlc-wels.edu/hr/.

About the Cover ~ St. Luke is traditionally remembered not only as the author of the third Gospel and the book of Acts, but also as an artist who painted portraits of Mary and Jesus. The tradition says that Luke painted the Virgin Mary from life. These images were believed to preserve an authentic likeness of the Mother of God and her Son. Over time, this story made Luke the patron saint of painters and artists. But whether this tradition is fact or fiction, Luke clearly portrayed Jesus as the Savior of all—of you and me.