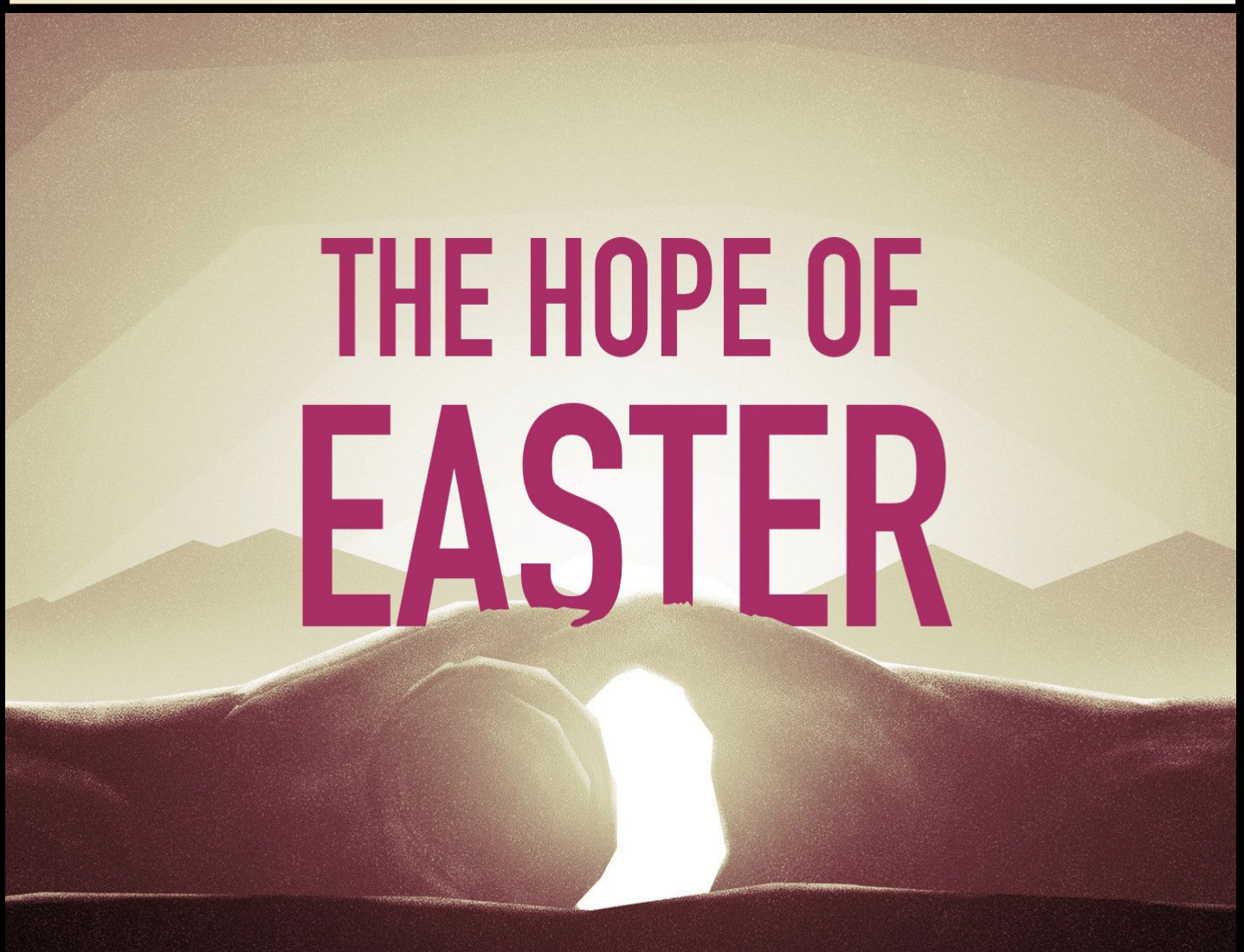


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THE HOPE OF EASTER

Second Sunday of Easter
April 15/16, 2023

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Prayer before worship: Heavenly Father, forgive us for the times that we've ignored your Word and read it with a ho-hum attitude. Help us to marvel again at your grace given to us that fills us with an inexpressible and glorious joy. Fill us with the sure and certain hope of the salvation of our souls. And move us to live for you by serving others with hearts that cannot contain our joy. We ask it in the name our risen and ever-living Savior, Jesus. Amen.

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OPENING HYMN

He's Risen, He's Risen

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CONFESSION

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FIRST LESSON

Acts 2:14a,22–32

¹⁴Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd:

²²“Fellow Israelites, listen to this: Jesus of Nazareth was a man accredited by God to you by miracles, wonders and signs, which God did among you through him, as you yourselves know.

²³This man was handed over to you by God’s deliberate plan and foreknowledge; and you, with the help of wicked men, put him to death by nailing him to the cross. ²⁴But God raised him from the dead, freeing him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for death to keep its hold on him. ²⁵David said about him: “ ‘I saw the Lord always before me. Because he is at my right hand, I will not be shaken. ²⁶Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices; my body also will rest in hope, ²⁷because you will not abandon me to the realm of the dead, you will not let your holy one see decay. ²⁸You have made known to me the paths of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence.’ ”

²⁹“Fellow Israelites, I can tell you confidently that the patriarch David died and was buried, and his tomb is here to this day. ³⁰But he was a prophet and knew that God had promised him on oath that he would place one of his descendants on his throne. ³¹Seeing what was to come, he spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, that he was not abandoned to the realm of the dead, nor did his body see decay. ³²God has raised this Jesus to life, and we are all witnesses of it.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM of the DAY

Psalm 16

SECOND LESSON

1 Peter 1:3–9

³Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you, ⁵who through faith are shielded by God’s power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶In all this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have

had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. ⁷These have come so that the proven genuineness of your faith—of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire—may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. ⁸Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, ⁹for you are receiving the end result of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL

John 20:19–31

¹⁹On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you!” ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.

²¹Again Jesus said, “Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.” ²²And with that he breathed on them and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive anyone’s sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.”

²⁴Now Thomas (also known as Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord!”

But he said to them, “Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe.”

²⁶A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you!” ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe.”

²⁸Thomas said to him, “My Lord and my God!”

²⁹Then Jesus told him, “Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”

³⁰Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. ³¹But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

HYMN of the DAY

This Joyful Eastertide

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SERMON

1 Peter 1:3-9

Full of Easter Hope

I. A Certain Hope that Does Not Disappoint Us

II. A Living Hope that Does Change Us

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OFFERING/ COMMUNION

If you are not a member of a WELS/ELS congregation, please see the explanation in the announcements.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

O Sons and Daughters of the King

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

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CLOSING HYMN

Christ Is Arisen

CW458

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PREACHER

Pastor Rob Guenther

PRESIDING MINISTER

Pastor Jeff Bovee

ORGAN

Craig Hirschmann

Welcome, Visitors!

Please scan the QR code to
sign our Guest Register.



THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

Sun	8, 9:30 & 11 am	Worship
	9:30 am	Sunday School and Bible Class: How to Use the Power of God
	4 pm	Marriage Tune-Up
	7 pm	MVL Delegate Meeting
Mon	10:30 am	Stewardship Meeting
	12 pm	OWLS Meeting at St. Paul's Church
	7 pm	Confirmation Examination Practice
Tue	7 pm	Council Meeting
Wed	7 pm	Choir
Thu	7 pm	Adult Bible Class: Galatians
Fri	9:30 am	Women's Bible Class: <i>The Screwtape Letters</i>
Sat	8 am	LWMS Spring Rally at St. Paul's, St. James
	6:30 pm	Worship
	7:30 pm	MLC Concert

† Upcoming Services †

Saturday: 6:30 pm
Sunday: 8, 9:30 & 11 am

UPCOMING EVENTS

Apr 23	8, 9:30 & 11 am	Worship
	9:30 am	PreK-K sing
	9:30 am	Sunday School and Bible Class: How to Use the Power of God
	3 and 7 pm	MVL Concert at Bethany College, Mankato
Apr 25	7 pm	Voters' Meeting
Apr 26	6 pm	Confirmation Pictures
	7 pm	Confirmation Examination Service
	8 pm	Choir
Apr 27	10:30 am	Adult Bible Class: Minor Prophets
	7 pm	Adult Bible Class: Galatians
	7 pm	St. Paul's School Band Concert
Apr 28	9:30 am	Women's Bible Class
Apr 29	3 and 7 pm	MLC Forum: <i>Stone Soup</i>
	6:30 pm	Worship
Apr 30	8, 9:30 & 11 am	Worship
	11 am	Confirmation Service
	1 pm	Basement Reserved
	4 pm	Marriage Tune-Up
May 1	6:30 pm	Elders Meeting
May 2	4 pm	Oak Hills Living Center Service
	6 pm	Worship Committee Meeting
	7 pm	Women of St. John's Meeting

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Attendance for the past weekend was 624.

Fruits of faith given:

\$17,440	Home Operations ~ \$19,371 is our weekly need		
\$533	MVL ~ \$1,278 is our weekly need	\$95	Memorials
\$855	Missions ~ \$1,818 is our weekly need	\$75	St. Paul's School Building Fund
\$495	Building Fund	\$175	LWMS
\$575	Ministerial Student Scholarship Fund	\$50	Christian Family Solutions
\$75	75th Anniversary - Sanctuary Renovation	\$10	Kitchen Fund

Women of St. John's ~ Our May activity will be held on Tuesday, May 2nd at 7 pm in the church basement. Please join us for a Pampering Party. To ensure there are enough supplies, please add your name to the sign-up sheet on the table in the new narthex or contact Sarah Logston by April 30th. We will not be having a business meeting that evening.

2023 Pictorial Directory ~ The 2023 Edition of the St. John's Church Directory is complete and printed. Our members may take one of either size (8x11 or 5x8) per family. They are located in both the back narthex and the new narthex by the windows. If the supply of directories is gone, please fill out a request form indicating size desired and your name—place into J/C Dretske mailbox and I will place a directory in your church mailbox as soon as I am able to print more.

75th Anniversary Meal ~ will be held on Sunday, August 6th at MLC following the 10 am service. The cost of the meal will be \$12.50/person. RSVP information will be coming in May/June. Please watch the bulletin for further details.

Iris Boxes ~ The Iris Box Project is a new ministry at St. John's. The Iris Box is designed to be given to families who lost their baby through miscarriage or stillbirth. The items included in the box are intended as a source of comfort and a symbol of our love and care. Members are welcomed and encouraged to pick up a box from the church office for any family member, friend, neighbor, co-worker, etc. who experiences a miscarriage or stillbirth. (*A limited number of boxes are currently available. There will be more soon.*) If you would like to support the Iris Box Project, you may donate the amount for a box (approx. \$40/box) or any amount. You may include it in your offering envelope with "Iris Box Project" on the envelope. If you knit or crochet and would like to help by making small blankets, please contact Kelly by phone or email listed below. Yarn will be provided to you. Please contact Kelly Diersen (507-766-9085) or Catherine St. John (248-346-0402) or email irisboxproject@gmail.com if you have any questions.

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.

Communion Announcement: At St. John's we practice "close communion." That is, we invite only those who are in fellowship with us as members of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Church (or of a synod that is in fellowship with us) to commune with us. We are in no way judging your personal faith. But we recognize that in the Lord's Supper we enjoy not only a close communion, or fellowship, with God, but we also enjoy a close communion with one another as we publicly express our agreement in every teaching of God's Word. And we wouldn't presume to ask you to publicly confess your agreement with all that we teach and believe without first being instructed in what it is that we teach and believe. But if you do desire to commune with us, please speak to one of the pastors after the service.

AREA ANNOUNCEMENTS

Preschool Registration at St. Paul's School ~ St. Paul's Preschool, New Ulm, now taking applications for the 2023-2024 school year! Visit <https://splnewulm.org/school/preschool/> for more information or to apply. We are excited to share the love of Jesus and the love of learning with your 3,4 or 5 year old!

OWLS Meeting ~ Our local MN Valley Chapter 13 OWLS (Organization of WELS Lutheran Seniors) will meet at the St. Paul's Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall, New Ulm on Monday, April 17. Fellowship begins any time after 11:30 am. Participants will feast on a noon potluck meal, followed by a devotion. At about 1 pm, we will drive to the New Ulm Recreation Center for a presentation on "Physical Fitness for Seniors." Plan to attend.

MLC Concert ~ Please join the Martin Luther College Wind Symphony for "The Road Well-Traveled." Many of the melodies on the program are like well-loved friends. And along the way, you'll be introduced to newer voices who may very well become fast friends. The concert is Saturday, April 22, at 7:30 pm in the WCC Auditorium. We look forward to seeing you there!

MVL Concert ~ On April 23rd, MVL will be holding its Year-End Sacred Concert at Bethany Lutheran College. Due to the seating capacity at Bethany, we will perform the concert twice at 3 and 7 pm. The school is asking any church members that are not family to the students in the choir to attend the earlier performance. Please reserve tickets at www.mvl.org.

St. Paul's School Band Concert ~ The St. Paul School Grade school band program will present its Spring Concert on April 27 at 7 pm in the school gymnasium. The Junior Raider Band and Raider Band will perform along with many soloists and small groups including a 9 piece trumpet group and a 6 piece clarinet group. Take some time to come and join us!

MVL Summer Camps ~ Check out the trifold brochure or the poster on the youth board in the new narthex for information. Go to www.mvl.org to register by April 28th.

MLC Forum ~ Join us for Kristian Kissel's comedic twist on the classic story of *Stone Soup*! A giant carrot grows smack-dab in the center of four different property lines, the result of teamwork between four families. Unfortunately, that teamwork has long been forgotten, and a feud has erupted over which family actually owns the carrot. Luckily, three mysterious strangers arrive just in time to help the families see the error of their ways and remind them what teamwork is all about. Public performances are on April 29 at 3 and 7 pm. Tickets are \$3 for all attendees and will be sold at the door only, beginning 30 minutes before each show time. Visit mlc-wels.edu/forum for more information.

St. Paul's School Dig In Gala ~ The St. Paul's School 2023 Dig In Gala is sure to be a can't miss event, as we celebrate God's gift of our school and Cinco de Mayo all in one amazing night! Casual dress is acceptable for this Gala, and the food, fellowship, and fun will be in large supply. Come by yourself, a couple, or even reserve a table for 10. Tickets for the Friday, May 5, event at Concordia Lanes can be purchased at: <https://buytickets.at/stpaulsschoolnewulm>. Payment can be made via PayPal through Amy Rich's account or at either St. Paul's Church or School. Ticket deadline is April 28, or when the venue is full. Proceeds will benefit the School Building Project.

MVL Musical ~ All aboard!! Next stop, River City, where MVL's Drama Department gives you a look into old time, small town Iowa in *The Music Man*! Meet those stubborn Iowans who are content to go along with life as always, until Harold Hill comes to town. Charming, but swindling Harold is "selling" a boys' band to the citizens of River City- to keep their children out of the pool hall and off the streets. However, some people, (the mayor, the school board, and Marian the librarian) are not so easily mesmerized. Or are they? Will Harold get caught, tarred and feathered?! Or will River City become a better place because of him? We invite you to come to State Street Theater and enjoy this well known, well loved musical! Performances are May 5th and 6th at 7 pm, and May 7th at 2 pm. Tickets available for purchase at the door.

Job Openings ~ Martin Luther College is accepting applications for full-time **Custodians**, part-time **Assistant Coaches** in volleyball, football, and basketball, and for a variety of **summer jobs**. Interested individuals should apply online at mlc-wels.edu/hr/.

About the Cover ~ The Apostle Peter saw the resurrected Jesus with his own eyes. And that experience forever changed him. It gave him the certainty that his sin was forgiven. It gave him a zeal to live, even die, for his Savior. God's grace to us, proven by Jesus' resurrection, does the same for us. We know the certain inheritance that awaits us because of Jesus' death and resurrection. And that certainty makes us eager to live for him, unable to contain ourselves as we are overwhelmed with gratitude.