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Today's service is televised locally

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TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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Prayer Before Worship: Heavenly Father, by whose grace and mercy life and health are sustained: Give us this day our daily bread, for the eyes of all look to you and you give them their food at the proper time. You open your hand and satisfy the desires of every living thing. Grant us your blessings both spiritual and material that we may be fed soul and body. Prompt us to dedicate our lives completely to serving you. Bless our time of worship as we come before you with our hymns, prayers, praises, and offerings. We pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen.

Order of Service

Service Setting 3

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Hymn

Come, Thou Almighty King

CW 921

(SPLS band will accompany the hymn at 9:30)

Stand

Confession of Sin

Lord Have Mercy

Glory to God

Prayer of the Day

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Let us pray.

Almighty and ever-living God, you have given exceedingly great and precious promises to those who trust in you. Grant us so firmly to believe in your Son Jesus that our faith may never be found wanting; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

First Reading

1 Kings 17:8–16

⁸Then the word of the LORD came to him: ⁹“Go at once to Zarephath in the region of Sidon and stay there. I have directed a widow there to supply you with food.” ¹⁰So he went to Zarephath. When he came to the town gate, a widow was there gathering sticks. He called to her and asked, “Would you bring me a little water in a jar so I may have a drink?” ¹¹As she was going to get it, he called, “And bring me, please, a piece of bread.”

¹²“As surely as the LORD your God lives,” she replied, “I don’t have any bread—only a handful of flour in a jar and a little olive oil in a jug. I am gathering a few sticks to take home and make a meal for myself and my son, that we may eat it—and die.”

¹³Elijah said to her, “Don’t be afraid. Go home and do as you have said. But first make a small loaf of bread for me from what you have and bring it to me, and then make something for yourself and your son. ¹⁴For this is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says: ‘The jar of flour will not be used up and the jug of oil will not run dry until the day the LORD sends rain on the land.’”

¹⁵She went away and did as Elijah had told her. So there was food every day for Elijah and for the woman and her family. ¹⁶For the jar of flour was not used up and the jug of oil did not run dry, in keeping with the word of the LORD spoken by Elijah.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm of the Day

LORD, I Must Praise You

Psalm 111

Second Reading

2 Corinthians 8:1–9

¹And now, brothers and sisters, we want you to know about the grace that God has given the Macedonian churches. ²In the midst of a very severe trial, their overflowing joy and their extreme poverty welled up in rich generosity.

³For I testify that they gave as much as they were able, and even beyond their ability. Entirely on their own, ⁴they urgently pleaded with us for the privilege of sharing in this service to the Lord's people. ⁵And they exceeded our expectations: They gave themselves first of all to the Lord, and then by the will of God also to us. ⁶So we urged Titus, just as he had earlier made a beginning, to bring also to completion this act of grace on your part. ⁷But since you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in the love we have kindled in you—see that you also excel in this grace of giving.

⁸I am not commanding you, but I want to test the sincerity of your love by comparing it with the earnestness of others. ⁹For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Stand

Gospel Acclamation

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Refrain



Tone

You will be enriched in ev - 'ry way

so that you can be generous on every oc - ca - sion. *Refrain*

Gospel

Mark 12:38–44

³⁸As he taught, Jesus said, “Watch out for the teachers of the law. They like to walk around in flowing robes and be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, ³⁹and have the most important seats in the synagogues and the places of honor at banquets. ⁴⁰They devour widows’ houses and for a show make lengthy prayers. These men will be punished most severely.”

⁴¹Jesus sat down opposite the place where the offerings were put and watched the crowd putting their money into the temple treasury. Many rich people threw in large amounts. ⁴²But a poor widow came and put in two very small copper coins, worth only a few cents.

⁴³Calling his disciples to him, Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put more into the treasury than all the others. ⁴⁴They all gave out of their wealth; but she, out of her poverty, put in everything—all she had to live on.”

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

Be seated

Hymn of the Day

All Depends on Our Possessing

CW 807

Sermon

1 Kings 17:8-16

The Lord Will Supply Your Needs

1. Daily bread even to all, good and evil

2. A response of a thankful heart from all who believe

Stand

Apostles' Creed

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**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

Offering

Hymn

Take My Life and Let It Be

CW 695

Stand

Prayer

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Lord's Prayer

Blessing

Wednesday	3:30 pm	Homeschool & Public School
Catechism		
	7 pm	Choir
Thursday	10 am	Bible Class: Vices & Virtues
	7 pm	Bible Class: Proverbs
Saturday	6:30 pm	Worship
Sunday, Nov. 17	8, 9:30, 11 am	Worship
	9:30 am	Bible Class: Biblical Politicians
Monday, Nov. 18	6:30 pm	Worship Committee Meeting
Tuesday, Nov. 19	5:30 pm	Joint council @ St. Paul's
Wednesday, Nov. 20	3:30 pm	Catechism
	6 pm	Handbells
	7 pm	Choir
Thursday, Nov. 21	10 am	Bible Class: Vices & Virtues
	7 pm	Bible Class: Proverbs
Friday, Nov. 22	9:30 am	Women's Bible Class

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Attendance for this past week was 606 with 414 receiving the Lord's Supper
Fruits of Faith given:

\$14,241 Home Operations ~ Year to Date needed: \$775,549 / Year to Date received \$740,958

\$2,144 WELS Missions ~ Received to Date: \$73,756 (2024 Goal: \$78,000)

\$1,479 MVL ~ Received to Date: \$48,990 (2024 Goal: \$52,000)

\$125 Endowment Fund

\$79 Food & Fellowship

\$145 K-12 Education Assistance

\$105 St. Paul's School Building Fund

\$200 Youth Group

\$640 Building Fund

\$15 Sanctuary renovation

\$100 Technology Equipment

Please Complete the Communications & Contribution Preference Survey ~Your stewardship committee is trying to maximize the effectiveness of our communication by sharing information with our members in the way that they prefer to receive it. We also want to offer giving options that will be used based on how our members give gifts to God. Please take 2 minutes to scan and complete the digital survey or pick up a printed copy in the narthex.



SCAN ME

Thanksgiving Eve Pie ~ Join us Wednesday, November 27, after the Thanksgiving Eve service for pie & fellowship! Sign up sheets in the narthex!

AREA ANNOUNCEMENTS

New Ulm Food Shelf ~ St. John's supports the New Ulm Emergency Food Shelf by providing 3 adult volunteers to assist clients on the third Monday of each month from 11:45-3 p.m. Duties include accompanying clients as they select their food options based on distribution guidelines, weighing carts, and pushing carts to the garage where the clients load their items into their cars. If you are interested in volunteering to help in 2025, please indicate your availability on the sign-up sheet in the narthex. If you have questions or want to sign up by phone, call Carla Melendy (507-217-9750) or Deb Beatty (507-276-2722). You will receive a schedule of all volunteers and their assigned months in December.

MLC Job Opportunities ~ Martin Luther College is accepting applications for a part time **Vocal Instructor**. Interested individuals should apply online at mlcwels.edu/hr/. Thank you.

Focus on the Ministry ~ WLS ~ Have you ever thought of becoming a pastor? Has anyone ever told you that you should seriously think about the pastoral ministry? Have you ever wondered whether you might have the gifts to serve as a pastor someday in a congregation? To encourage and help you in your decision-making process, we invite you to visit Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary (WLS) in Mequon, Wisconsin, for a 2-day Focus on

Ministry event. During this trip you'll tour the seminary campus, visit classes, worship in chapel, and stay in the dorms. You'll also enjoy fellowship, games, food, and entertainment with young men from the seminary who are preparing to be pastors. They will answer your questions and share with you what it's like to train to be a pastor.

Minnesota Valley Lutheran Christmas Wreaths ~Tis the season!... MVL will again be selling wreaths, swags, and live garland to help bring the sights and scents of Christmas to your home or business! Look for friendly MVL students at your church to help you place your order. Or if you prefer, go to the MVL website and place your order online. Order deadline is Sunday, November 17th, and we hope to deliver most products to your church by Thanksgiving weekend. This year's proceeds are designated to help furnish the new fine arts center. Thank you for your support!

Oak Hills Volunteers for St. John's Services Needed ~ Every other week, volunteers from St. John's help to bring residents to a 4:00 Chapel Service on Tuesdays. After the services we take them back to their rooms. During the past year or so we have lost a couple of volunteers and are in need of more helpers. If you enjoy visiting with fellow Christians, are able to push a wheelchair, and have an hour and a half available every other Tuesday afternoon, we would love to have you join us.

Email sm.dretske@stjohnsnewulm.com or talk to me to get more details about serving the Lord in this way. Thanks, Staff Minister Jim

MLC Forum ~ Presents: Fiddler On The Roof. The award-winning tale of Tevye the Dairyman and his family's struggles in a changing Russia is a true musical theatre tradition! Performing at MLC November 8-9, 7:30 PM; November 10, 2:00 PM in the Auditorium. For more information and for ticket sales, go to: <https://mlc-wels.edu/forum>

Wind Symphony Concert ~ One of the earliest multi-movement works for instruments was the dance suite, dating back to the 14th century. The form

has been tweaked many times over the years, but one characteristic has largely remained true: a musical suite is connected by a single idea tying all the movements together, be it melody, harmony, rhythmic motive, or theme. Please join the MLC Wind Symphony as they present Suite Sounds for Winds and Percussion. The program includes works by Holst, Williams, and Stravinsky and will be held in the MLC auditorium on Sunday, November 24, at 3:00 pm. This concert is free and open to the public. Can't make it in person? Watch the livestream on MLC's YouTube channel.

Owls Meeting ~ Our local MN Valley Chapter 13 OWLS (Organization of Wels Lutheran Seniors) will be gathering on Monday, November 11, for a noon potluck at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, New Ulm. Drinks and eating utensils will be provided. Fellowship begins at 11:30 AM. A devotion will be held after the meal, followed with a presentation by Mark Santelman on an UPDATED PROGRAM entitled: "Roth Conversion strategies for disinheriting the IRS," with insurance Q & A. OWLS, members of the congregation, and friends are invited to attend. Hope you can come.

MLC Christmas Concert ~ Martin Luther College invites you to the annual Christmas concert, *And on Earth, Peace*, presented Saturday, December 7, at 7:30 pm and Sunday, December 8, at 4:00 pm in the MLC Chapel of the Christ. All are welcome as we open the Advent season with this joyous campus tradition!

Lutheran Military Support Group (LMSG) ~ Provides Christ-centered support to WELS/ELS Military Service Members, Veterans, and their Families. Spiritual Retreats/Workshops for Veterans and First Responders Our Spiritual Retreats are four-day events held annually for the Christian Warriors, both Active Duty and Veterans, who have experienced trauma related to their military service. Speakers are WELS and ELS Veterans who specialize in their field as pastors, mental health practitioners, and peer encouragers. Attendees come from all over the country and service eras. Due to the generosity of our donors, attendees can participate at little to no cost.

In 2023, thirty people attended our Spiritual Retreat for Military Couples at Camp Shiloh, Texas. This year, we offered our one-day Workshop for Veterans and First Responders in New Berlin, Wisconsin and Tacoma, Washington. This is one way LMSG provides Christ-centered support to our Christian Warriors and their Families.

About the Cover ~ During a time of famine, God preserved the prophet Elijah, first by placing him near a brook where he could find water, and by sending the ravens to bring him meat and bread, morning and evening. When the brook dried up, he sent him to a God-fearing and generous woman, who, although a Gentile, shared what she thought was her last helpings of oil and flour to feed God's servant. But the prophet assured her by God's Word that if she shared what she had, she, her son, and Elijah would have all they needed until the day God would send rain. Trusting in God's promises she obeyed, and God supplied their needs. God promises to do the same for us, whether miraculously or by natural means. He reminds us to seek him first, and everything else we need will come to us as a gift from his gracious hand.