

THIRD ARTICLE: PART I

I believe that I cannot, by my own reason or strength, believe in Jesus Christ my Lord or come to him. But the Holy Spirit has called me by the gospel, enlightened me with his gifts, sanctified and kept me in the one true faith.

FOR BY *Grace*
ARE YE **SAVED** THROUGH
Faith; and that not
of yourselves:
it is the
GIFT of GOD.
EPHESIANS 2.8

CONVERSION

ST. PAUL'S & ST. JOHN'S, NEW ULM
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TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
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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: God, we praise and thank you that when we were dead in our transgressions and sins, by your grace alone, you made us alive with Christ. We know that we had no part in our conversion. But you sent your Holy Spirit to bring life out of death by creating faith in our hearts. Help us to live for you with the new lives you've given us as we grow in that faith. Amen.

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¹ The hand of the Lord was on me, and he brought me out by the Spirit of the Lord and set me in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. ² He led me back and forth among them, and I saw a great many bones on the floor of the valley, bones that were very dry. ³ He asked me, “Son of man, can these bones live?” I said, “Sovereign Lord, you alone know.” ⁴ Then he said to me, “Prophecy to these bones and say to them, ‘Dry bones, hear the word of the Lord! ⁵ This is what the Sovereign Lord says to these bones: I will make breath enter you, and you will come to life. ⁶ I will attach tendons to you and make flesh come upon you and cover you with skin; I will put breath in you, and you will come to life. Then you will know that I am the Lord.’ ”

⁷ So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I was prophesying, there was a noise, a rattling sound, and the bones came together, bone to bone. ⁸ I looked, and tendons and flesh appeared on them and skin covered them, but there was no breath in them.

⁹ Then he said to me, “Prophecy to the breath; prophecy, son of man, and say to it, ‘This is what the Sovereign Lord says: Come, breath, from the four winds and breathe into these slain, that they may live.’ ” ¹⁰ So I prophesied as he commanded me, and breath entered them; they came to life and stood up on their feet—a vast army.

¹¹ Then he said to me: “Son of man, these bones are the people of Israel. They say, ‘Our bones are dried up and our hope is gone; we are cut off.’ ” ¹² Therefore prophecy and say to them: ‘This is what the Sovereign Lord says: My people, I am going to open your graves and bring you up from them; I will bring you back to the land of Israel. ¹³ Then you, my people, will know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves and bring you up from them. ¹⁴ I will put my Spirit in you and you will live, and I will settle you in your own land. Then you will know that I the Lord have spoken, and I have done it, declares the Lord.’ ”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM OF THE DAY *Lord, Send Out Your Spirit* Psalm 104

SECOND LESSON Ephesians 2:1-10

¹ As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, ² in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient. ³ All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our flesh and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature deserving of wrath. ⁴ But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, ⁵ made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved. ⁶ And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, ⁷ in order that in the coming ages he might

show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. ⁸ For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— ⁹ not by works, so that no one can boast. ¹⁰ For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Refrain


Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Tone


Your words are my joy and my heart's de - light.

Refrain

GOSPEL John 11:38-44

³⁸ Jesus, once more deeply moved, came to the tomb. It was a cave with a stone laid across the entrance. ³⁹ “Take away the stone,” he said.

“But, Lord,” said Martha, the sister of the dead man, “by this time there is a bad odor, for he has been there four days.”

⁴⁰ Then Jesus said, “Did I not tell you that if you believe, you will see the glory of God?”

⁴¹ So they took away the stone. Then Jesus looked up and said, “Father, I thank you that you have heard me. ⁴² I knew that you always hear me, but I said this for the benefit of the people standing here, that they may believe that you sent me.”

⁴³ When he had said this, Jesus called in a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!” ⁴⁴ The dead man came out, his hands and feet wrapped with strips of linen, and a cloth around his face.

Jesus said to them, “Take off the grave clothes and let him go.”

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

HYMN OF THE DAY *Holy Spirit, Light Divine* CW 593

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THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN’S

Sunday	8 & 9:30 am	Worship
	11 am	Bible Class
Monday	6 pm	Elder’s Meeting
Saturday	6:30 pm	Worship

NEXT WEEK AT ST. JOHN’S

Sunday, Aug. 9	8 & 9:30 am	Worship
	11 am	Bible Class
Monday, Aug. 10	4:30 pm	OWLS Picnic
	6 pm	Evangelism Meeting
	7 pm	Youth and Ed. Meeting
Saturday, Aug. 15	6:30 pm	Worship

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Attendance last weekend was 322.

Fruits of Faith:

\$10,878 Home Operations ~ Needed: \$516,882 / YTD: \$506,499

\$1,445 WELS Missions ~ YTD: \$50,173 (2026 Goal: \$100,701)

\$715 MVL ~ YTD: \$32,539 (2026 Goal: \$62,278)

\$195 Building Fund

\$25 St. Paul’s School Building Fund

\$100 Technology Fund

\$22 Miscellaneous Receipts



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Altar Flowers ~ The flowers on the altar are provided by Gerry and Mary Jo Johnson in Thanksgiving as they celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on August 7th.

2026 Church Picnic ~ Join us on Sunday, August 16th at 5:00 PM for our annual church picnic at Hermann Heights, where we have both shelters reserved. The church will provide the hot dogs, buns, condiments, paperware, and water. Because this is a potluck-style meal, please bring a side dish or dessert to share, as well as any alternative beverages you might prefer. Most importantly, we encourage you to bring a friend! This is a relaxed, welcoming opportunity to introduce your neighbors and loved ones to our church family.

Voters' Meeting Update ~ The July Voters' Meeting (July 28, 2026) included updates on the congregation's ministry, membership, and financial health. Reports reflected stable offerings and continued strong investment performance. 1) Voters approved the routine reports and authorized the replacement of a failed air conditioning unit. 2) They also voted to appoint a Constitution and Bylaws Review Committee to conduct a comprehensive review of the congregation's governing documents rather than considering individual bylaw amendments at this time. 3) The meeting also included discussion about strengthening pastoral care through a proposed Friendship Register pilot. The goal is to provide the Board of Elders with a more intentional way to identify members and visitors who may benefit from follow-up, encouragement, and ongoing connection. 4) Looking ahead, the congregation was reminded of upcoming Council vacancies and the October 27, 2026, Voters' Meeting, which will include elections and consideration of the 2027 budget. The complete meeting minutes are available at: bit.ly/JulyVotersMinutes

AREA ANNOUNCEMENTS

Job Openings at MLC ~ Martin Luther College is accepting applications for a full-time position in our Facilities Department with a primary focus on construction. Through expert carpentry, construction, and maintenance work, this position helps provide a safe, welcoming campus where students feel comfortable and at home while preparing for ministry. Interested individuals should apply online at mlc-wels.edu/hr/.

OWLS Meeting ~ Our local MN Valley Chapter 13 OWLS (Organization of Wels Lutheran Seniors) will be meeting at Herman Heights Park Shelter A, New Ulm on Monday, August 10. Fellowship begins at 4:00 PM, devotion at 4:45 PM, and a picnic meal at 5:00 PM. The costs of brats/hamburgers, buns, and other incidental expenses are covered by Thrivent Action Team moneys. Bring your favorite picnic food to share. If you have not already signed up to attend, contact Myron Fluegge at 507-359-2424 or flueggemtj@hotmail.com by Wednesday noon, August 5, for a meal count. Hope you can make it.

Job Opening at St. Paul's ~ St. Paul's School is hiring paraprofessionals for the upcoming school year to work with students in grades K-8. To apply, please submit a completed application form to the school office or email it to Amber Brown. Applications can be obtained at either the school office or the St. Paul's Church office (digital copies may be requested). Interviews will be scheduled for the end of July. For further inquiries, please contact Amber Brown at abrown@splnewulm.org.

Sound of Music at the Orpheum ~ WELS and ELS members are invited to join MLC students on Wed, Oct 21 (7:30) for Rodgers & Hammerstein's beloved musical, The Sound of Music, at Minneapolis' historic Orpheum Theatre. Tickets are \$55 for Mid-balcony or \$60 for lower orchestra (\$5 off all tickets purchased by Aug 28). Deluxe motorcoach transportation is available for \$30, with boarding in New Ulm, St. Peter, or Shakopee. Learn more or reserve your seats at bit.ly/FWT_SOM or visit fathersworldtours.com.

Travel with WELS Groups ~ Father's World Tours is partnering with WELS Home Missions to offer two upcoming trips, and we'd love to have you along. Cool Canyons (Nov 7-19) takes us to see some of the Southwest U.S.'s most stunning scenery, including the Mighty Five national parks in Utah, the Grand Canyon, and much more. We'll also worship with and tour our Apache missions in Peridot and East Fork, along with a home mission in St George, UT. Flora and Fauna of Florida (Jan 23-Feb 7, 2027) offers a two-week midwinter warmup to the Sunshine State as well as an Eastern Caribbean Cruise aboard the Sky Princess. We will again connect with our missions and missionaries in the area while enjoying encounters with wildlife (gators, manatee, and maybe monkeys), gorgeous gardens, and fabulous fellowship. Learn more at www.fathersworldtours.com or call Steve at 507-217-1731.