

The Son of Man is Lord even of the Sabbath.
Mark 2:38



Second Sunday After Pentecost

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Prayer before worship: Almighty God, you have given us your Word so that we may know your holy will. Teach us to obey what you have commanded as we are motivated by your love and mercy. Lead us better to understand your saving grace and to live in the true freedom of the gospel which is ours through faith in Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior who lived and died to make us your children. We pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen.

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OPENING HYMN *Blessed Jesus, at Your Word* CW919

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FIRST LESSON **Deuteronomy 5:12–15**

¹²“Observe the Sabbath day by keeping it holy, as the LORD your God has commanded you. ¹³Six days you shall labor and do all your work, ¹⁴but the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, neither you, nor your son or daughter, nor your male or female servant, nor your ox, your donkey or any of your animals, nor any foreigner residing in your towns, so that your male and female servants may rest, as you do. ¹⁵Remember that you were slaves in Egypt and that the LORD your God brought you out of there with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm. Therefore the LORD your God has commanded you to observe the Sabbath day.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM of the DAY *In God Alone My Soul
Can Find Rest and Peace* Psalm 62

SECOND LESSON Colossians 2:13–17

¹³When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins, ¹⁴having canceled the charge of our legal indebtedness, which stood against us and condemned us; he has taken it away, nailing it to the cross. ¹⁵And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross.

¹⁶Therefore do not let anyone judge you by what you eat or drink, or with regard to a religious festival, a New Moon celebration or a Sabbath day. ¹⁷These are a shadow of the things that were to come; the reality, however, is found in Christ.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL

Mark 2:23—3:6

²³One Sabbath Jesus was going through the grainfields, and as his disciples walked along, they began to pick some heads of grain. ²⁴The Pharisees said to him, “Look, why are they doing what is unlawful on the Sabbath?”

²⁵He answered, “Have you never read what David did when he and his companions were hungry and in need? ²⁶In the days of Abiathar the high priest, he entered the house of God and ate the consecrated bread, which is lawful only for priests to eat. And he also gave some to his companions.”

²⁷Then he said to them, “The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath. ²⁸So the Son of Man is Lord even of the Sabbath.”

¹Another time Jesus went into the synagogue, and a man with a shriveled hand was there. ²Some of them were looking for a reason to accuse Jesus, so they watched him closely to see if he would heal him on the Sabbath. ³Jesus said to the man with the shriveled hand, “Stand up in front of everyone.”

⁴Then Jesus asked them, “Which is lawful on the Sabbath: to do good or to do evil, to save life or to kill?” But they remained silent.

⁵He looked around at them in anger and, deeply distressed at their stubborn hearts, said to the man, “Stretch out your hand.” He stretched it out, and his hand was completely restored. ⁶Then the Pharisees went out and began to plot with the Herodians how they might kill Jesus.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!



1 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Come un - to
2 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Be - hold, I
3 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "I am this

me and rest; Lay down, O wea - ry one, lay down Your
free - ly give The liv - ing wa - ter, thirst - y one; Stoop
dark world's light. Look un - to me; your morn shall rise And

head up - on my breast." I came to Je - sus as I
down and drink and live." I came to Je - sus, and I
all your day be bright." I looked to Je - sus, and I

was, Wea - ry and worn and sad; I found in
drank Of that life - giv - ing stream; My thirst was that
found In him my star, my sun; And in that

him a rest - ing place, And he has made me glad.
quenched, my soul re - vived, And now I live in him.
light of life I'll walk Till trav - 'ling days are done.

SERMON

Mark 2:23-3:6

GOD'S WORD IS A BLESSING NOT A BURDEN

1. GOD IS SERIOUS ABOUT HIS LAW
2. GOD SERIOUSLY CONDEMNS LEGALISM
3. GOD SINCERELY SEEKS TO BLESS US THROUGH HIS GRACE

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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

Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior

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PREACHER

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THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

Sun	8 & 9:30 am	Worship
	11 am	Bible Class: Bible Stories Not Taught in Sunday School
	3 pm	Cancer Group Meeting
	7 pm	Soccer Camp Meeting
	7 pm	St. John's Softball Game at Harman Park: Field #2
Mon	6:30 pm	Elders Meeting
Tue	6 pm	Women of St. John's Potluck Picnic at 820 S. Washington St.
Fri	9 am	Fellowship in the Park: Riverside Park
Sat	6:30 pm	Worship

† Upcoming Services †

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

Jun 9	8 & 9:30 am	Worship
	11 am	Bible Class: Bible Stories Not Taught in Sunday School
	7 pm	MVL Delegate Meeting
	7 pm	St. John's Softball Game at Harman Park: Field #1
Jun 10	11:30 am	OWLS Meeting
	6 pm	Evangelism Meeting
	7 pm	Education Meeting
Jun 11	4 pm	Oak Hills Living Center Service
Jun 14	9 am	Fellowship in the Park: Washington Park
	5 pm	Wedding Rehearsal / Dinner
Jun 15		Carmichael / Schroeder Wedding
	6:30 pm	Worship
Jun 16	8 & 9:30 am	Worship
	11 am	Bible Class: Bible Stories Not Taught in Sunday School
	7 pm	St. John's Softball Game at Harman Park: Field #1
Jun 16 - 22		Camp Shetek at Sibley State Park
Jun 18 - 19		MN District Convention at MLC
Jun 21	9 am	Fellowship in the Park: Harman Park
Jun 21 - 23		Church Campout in Sleepy Eye
Jun 22	6:30 pm	Worship
Jun 23	8 & 9:30 am	Worship
	11 am	Bible Class: Bible Stories Not Taught in Sunday School
	7 pm	St. John's Softball Game at Harman Park: Field #3
Jun 25	4 pm	Oak Hills Living Center Service
	7 pm	Council Meeting

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

Welcome, Visitors! Please scan the QR code to sign our Guest Register.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Attendance for the past weekend was 424.

Fruits of faith given:

\$10,615	Home Operations ~ <i>Needed to Date: \$370,148 / Received to Date: \$390,637</i>		
\$1,432	MVL ~ <i>Received to Date: \$25,368</i>		
\$982	Missions ~ <i>Received to Date: \$36,062</i>	\$105	St. Paul's School Building Fund
\$857	Building Fund	\$92	Endowment Fund
\$150	Ministerial Education Endowment Fund	\$15	Food & Fellowship
\$777	K-12 Education Assistance Fund	\$15	Sanctuary Renovation

Sanctuary Renovation ~ will happen in the next two months. Our members have contributed to this renovation by praying, serving on committees, and contributing monetary gifts and with time and talents. Here is the progression of events for you to enjoy watching.

- The painting of the walls and diffusers is started and soon will be completed.
- The chairs for the special seating will arrive soon.
- Prior to June 15th or 24th, six pews will be shortened to provide additional space for special seating.
- The new flooring should be installed during the weeks of June 15th or 24th.
- During the weeks of either July 8th or 15th, new pew padding will be installed.

These major changes will be followed by touch up painting. An assessment of the acoustics will be made after the renovations. The committees have been assured there will be no disruptions of worship services. Join your fellow members in delightful anticipation and thanksgiving as we beautify our revered space for worshipful interaction with our gracious God.

Summer Fellowship in the Park ~ The Friday morning women's Bible study group invites all parents and their children to join them during the summer months for Christian fellowship in the park. We meet at 9 am at the listed park for free play. Please feel free to stay as little or as long as you'd like. Feel free to bring a friend! If you have any questions, please contact Erika Grundmeier at (989) 529-8729. The full schedule list can be found in the narthex.

Jun 7 Riverside Park: 101 S. Front St.

St. John's Cancer Group ~ will meet on Sunday, June 2 at 3 pm in the church basement fellowship area. Our purpose is encouragement from God's Word and each other. Consider coming if you or someone close to you has experienced a cancer diagnosis of any kind, either recently or at any time in the past. Our gatherings are not just for the person diagnosed with cancer. Spouses, adult family members, or other support persons are also very welcome to attend. For more information contact Wayne Wagner at wwagner50@outlook.com.

Women of St. John's ~ We will have an indoor picnic on Tuesday, June 4 at 6 pm at 820 S. Washington St. (enter through the backyard to avoid stairs). Pulled pork sandwiches, beverages and dessert will be provided. Please bring an appetizer or salad to share with the group. There is a sign up sheet on the table in the new narthex to help with planning. Contact Sarah Logston (logstonsarah@gmail.com) with any questions.

Africa Missionary at St John's in July ~ Pastor Benjamin Foxen will be guest preaching the first weekend of July. He and his family will also be giving a presentation about life and mission work in Zambia and throughout Africa after the 9:30 service on Sunday, July 7 concluding with a potluck lunch. Please contact Sarah Logston (logstonsarah@gmail.com) with any questions.

Green Thumb Needed ~ A volunteer is needed to plant the flowers in the pots that are placed outside of the church by the arches. If you have an eye for arranging planters please contact Sam Hunter at properties@stjohnsnewulm.com.

Volunteers Needed ~ Many hands help make an outreach event go smoothly, and with 100-150 kids participating in Summer Soccer Camp this week (June 3-6). Please consider joining the Soccer Camp team! There are a variety of ways you can help, from first aid tent to snacks to coaching! Sign up now at johnandpaulministires.com! Questions? Reach out to Beth Scharf (JPM event coordinator) at scharfbm@mlc-wels.edu.

Church Campout 2024 ~ We are excited to announce that after taking a year off, the church campout is back on the calendar for June 21-23! It will be held again at the Sportsmen's Park in Sleepy Eye. Like in previous years, there will be a church service held at the campground over the weekend, and there will be several other fellowship opportunities as well. Reserve your spot at: bit.ly/ChurchCampout24. We hope to see many of you there!

Ministerial Student Scholarship Fund ~ We are pleased to report that for the 2024-25 school year there are 11 students from St. John's who are planning to attend Martin Luther College or Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary to prepare for serving in the public ministry. To encourage these students and assist in meeting the rising cost of their education, we plan to send MLC and WLS financial assistance to be applied to each student's account. As of May 19, \$5,295 has been contributed. Please consider making a special offering for this purpose. MLC's Congregational Partner Grant Program will match the support that a congregation provides up to \$1,450 per student. If you make a contribution for this purpose, please indicate whether you want your offering to go to the regular Ministerial Student Assistance Fund or to the Ministerial Student Assistance Endowment Fund. Offerings to the endowment fund are invested, and only the investment earnings are distributed each year. Offerings to the regular student assistance fund are distributed in the current school year.

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 Cleaning Party ~ Don't miss this fun fellowship event on Thursday, May 30 from 9 am - noon (at the latest). A sloppy joe lunch will be provided to all volunteers. There will be indoor and outdoor cleaning options. To RSVP contact Heidi Meyer at hmeyer@splnewulm.org.

MLC ECLC Open House ~ You're Invited! The MLC Early Childhood Learning Center will be hosting a community open house on Saturday, June 8 from 10 am to 1 pm to celebrate 10 years of serving children and their families in our current facilities. Please join us at 405 N Highland Ave. for walk-throughs of our classrooms, gift baskets, and more! We thank God for the 10 years with which he's blessed us!

OWLS Meeting ~ Our local MN Valley Chapter 13 OWLS (Organization of WELS Lutheran Seniors) will be meeting on Monday, June 10, at St. John's, New Ulm for a noon Jimmy John's beef or turkey sub meal. The cost for the meal will be covered with Thrivent Action Team moneys. Social time begins at 11:30 am. After the meal, we will have a devotion and then visit the Starland Hutterite Community, northwest of Winthrop. We will car pool from the St. John's parking lot. We need a meal count, with your preferred meat. Contact Myron Fluegge at flueggemtj@hotmail.com or call 507-359-2424 by Wednesday noon, June 5, if you plan to attend. Hope you are interested.

"Camp Shetek" MN Valley Lutheran Camp ~ "Camp Shetek" will be held at the Group Center at Sibley State Park from June 16 - June 22. More information can be found in the narthex and online. Online registration is open at www.campshetek.org.

MVL Golf Classic ~ This event supports our tuition assistance program for a Christ-centered education at MVL. Each year, through sponsorships, golf fees, and outright donations, thousands of dollars are raised for MVL families. On Monday, July 8, golfer sign-in will begin at 10 am with a shotgun start at 11 am at the New Ulm Country Club. The \$125 golf fee includes 18 holes, a shared cart, and dinner. Lunch will be available for purchase at the grill. Bring a guest to dinner for an additional \$25. Register now at mvl.org!

Job Openings ~ St. Paul's School is looking for After Preschool Care workers who enjoy working with 3-, 4- and 5-year-old children. The position is open to anyone older than 18 and is for the school year. Contact Heidi Meyer at preschool@splnewulm.org with questions or to apply. There are several job openings at Martin Luther College. For the complete list of openings and to apply go to mlc-wels.edu/hr/.

About the Cover ~ The scene portrayed on the bulletin cover depicts Jesus and his apostles confronted by the self righteous Pharisees who accused them of working on the Sabbath by rubbing grain in their hands to get the kernels out of the husks. Their legalistic rules about the Sabbath Day proved they did not understand its purpose. The sinful nature within us likes to make up rules God did not make, and to ignore rules God does mandate. However, Jesus reminds us that we are not to add or subtract from what God says in his Word. Instead, we listen to the voice of God, especially when it reminds us that we are not saved by keeping rules and regulations, but by his grace alone through faith in Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior.