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Prayer before worship: God, forgive us for the times that we have neglected your Means of Grace. We know that for it we deserve to feel spiritually dehydrated for eternity. We know that for it we deserve your vengeance and divine retribution. But you sent your own Son to save us by taking your vengeance and divine retribution in our place. Now refresh us by the "living water" of the gospel and move us to live for you in thanks. Amen.

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OPENING HYMN *Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing* **CW520**

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FIRST LESSON **Isaiah 35:4–7a**

⁴Say to those with fearful hearts, “Be strong, do not fear; your God will come, he will come with vengeance; with divine retribution he will come to save you.”

⁵Then will the eyes of the blind be opened and the ears of the deaf unstopped. ⁶Then will the lame leap like a deer, and the mute tongue shout for joy. Water will gush forth in the wilderness and streams in the desert. ⁷The burning sand will become a pool, the thirsty ground bubbling springs.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM of the DAY *I Will Praise the Lord All My Life* **Psalm 146**

SECOND LESSON **Acts 3:1–10**

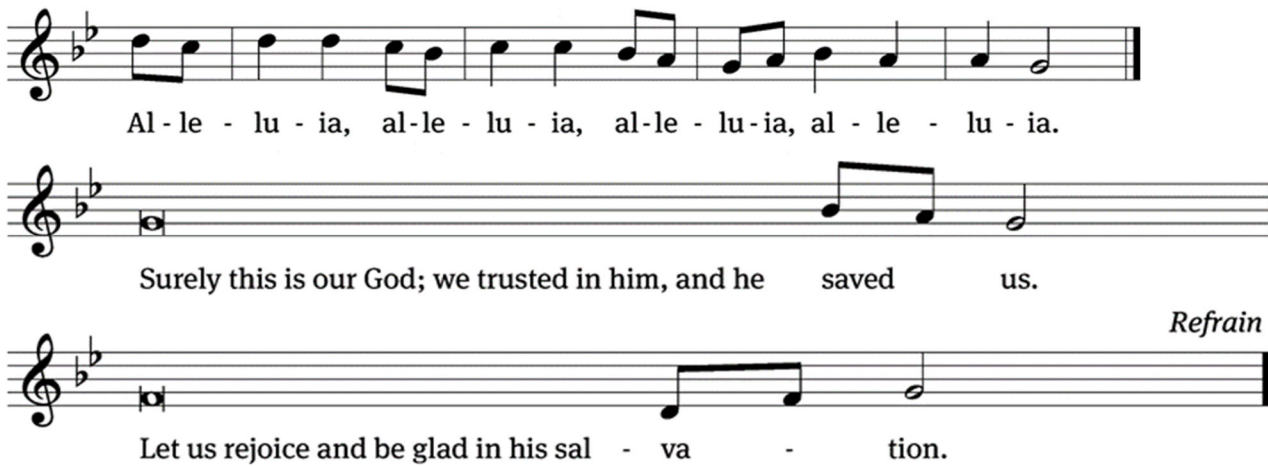
¹One day Peter and John were going up to the temple at the time of prayer—at three in the afternoon. ²Now a man who was lame from birth was being carried to the temple gate called Beautiful, where he was put every day to beg from those going into the temple courts. ³When he saw Peter and John about to enter, he asked them for money. ⁴Peter looked straight at him, as did John. Then Peter said, “Look at us!” ⁵So the man gave them his attention, expecting to get something from them.

⁶Then Peter said, “Silver or gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, walk.” ⁷Taking him by the right hand, he helped him up, and instantly the man’s feet and ankles became strong. ⁸He jumped to his feet and began to walk. Then he went with them into the temple courts, walking and jumping, and praising God. ⁹When all the people saw him walking and praising God, ¹⁰they recognized him as the same man who used to sit begging at the temple gate called Beautiful, and they were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Surely this is our God; we trusted in him, and he saved us.

Let us rejoice and be glad in his sal - va - tion. *Refrain*

GOSPEL

Mark 7:31–37

³¹Then Jesus left the vicinity of Tyre and went through Sidon, down to the Sea of Galilee and into the region of the Decapolis. ³²There some people brought to him a man who was deaf and could hardly talk, and they begged Jesus to place his hand on him.

³³After he took him aside, away from the crowd, Jesus put his fingers into the man's ears. Then he spit and touched the man's tongue. ³⁴He looked up to heaven and with a deep sigh said to him, "Ephphatha!" (which means "Be opened!"). ³⁵At this, the man's ears were opened, his tongue was loosened and he began to speak plainly.

³⁶Jesus commanded them not to tell anyone. But the more he did so, the more they kept talking about it. ³⁷People were overwhelmed with amazement. "He has done everything well," they said. "He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

HYMN of the DAY

Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness

CW517

SERMON

Isaiah 35:4-7a

Thirsty? Have a Drink!

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SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS' INSTALLATION

8 am

PRAYER of the CHURCH

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OFFERING

HYMN *The King of Glory Comes* **CW548**

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CLOSING HYMN *Abide, O Dearest Jesus* **CW924**

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PREACHER
PRESIDING MINISTER
ORGAN

Pastor Rob Guenther
Pastor Jeff Bovee
Pastor Jacob Behnken

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
	8 am	Sunday School Teacher Installation
	9:30 am	Sunday School and Bible Class: Psalms
	3 pm	Cancer Support Group Meeting
Mon	11:30 am	OWLS Meeting
	6 pm	Evangelism Meeting
Wed	11 am	Stewardship Meeting at MLC
	3:30 pm	Public Catechism
	6 pm	Handbells
	7 pm	Choir
Thu	10 am	Bible Class: Vices and Virtues
	7 pm	Bible Class: Proverbs
Fri	9:30 am	Women's Bible Class: Proverbs
Sat	9 am	Facilities Task Force Meeting
	6:30 pm	Worship

† Upcoming Services †

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sep 15	8, 9:30 & 11 am	Worship
	9:30 am	Sunday School and Bible Class: Psalms
Sep 16	7 pm	Education Meeting
Sep 17	4 pm	Oak Hills Living Center Service
	7 pm	Council Meeting
Sep 18	3:30 pm	Public Catechism
	6 pm	Handbells
	7 pm	Choir
Sep 19	10 am	Bible Class: Vices and Virtues
	6:30 pm	Staff Minister Conference Worship Service
Sep 20	9:30 am	Women's Bible Class: Proverbs
Sep 21	6:30 pm	Worship
Sep 22	8, 9:30 & 11 am	Worship
	9:30 am	Sunday School and Bible Class: Psalms
	12 pm	Basement Reserved
Sep 25	3:30 pm	Public Catechism
	6 pm	Handbells
	7 pm	Choir
Sep 26	10 am	Bible Class: Vices and Virtues
	7 pm	Bible Class: Proverbs

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Attendance for the past weekend was 490 with 373 attending Communion.

Fruits of faith given:

\$ Home Operations ~ <i>Needed to Date: \$599,288 / Received to Date: \$567,042</i>	
\$ MVL ~ <i>Received to Date: \$38,655</i>	\$ K-12 Education Assistance
\$ Missions ~ <i>Received to Date: \$58,240</i>	\$ St. Paul's School Building Fund
\$ Ministerial Education Endowment Fund	\$ LWMS

St. John's Administrative Assistant Job Opening ~ The church council would like to express sincere gratitude for Lisa Goeglein's dedication and hard work as St. John's Administrative Assistant! At the end of August, they received some bittersweet news from Lisa. After 22 years of faithful service at St. John's, she will resign to take on a full-time role at MLC. Her last day with us will be Friday, September 13, 2024. As a congregation, we will be very sad to see Lisa go, but we deeply appreciate her advance notice and work during the transition period, giving us the time to begin finding a suitable replacement. This will require extra effort and flexibility, especially as we move quickly to announce the job opening, assess the position description, and begin the interview process with the Executive Committee. At this time, names and input can be sent to Pastor Guenther. Thank you, Lisa, for your faithful service!

Thursday Morning Bible Class ~ will begin at 10 am (not 10:30 am). Note the time change!

Cancer Journey Group ~ St. John's Cancer Journey Group will meet on Sunday, September 8 at 3 pm in the lower-level fellowship area. Anyone whose life has been touched by cancer is encouraged to attend, whether they themselves have had a cancer diagnosis at any time in their life, are an adult family member of someone who has had a cancer diagnosis, or are supportive friends. If you know of someone who is not a St. John's member but might be interested in attending, invite and come with them! Our purpose is to receive encouragement from God's Word and each other. Snacks will be provided. Retired Christian counselor Dan Loe will lead a short discussion about organizing personal information and preferences for others to use when we are not able to speak for ourselves.

Join the Handbell Choir ~ for a fun and unique fellowship opportunity. You don't need to be able to read music. The notes are color-coded for all levels of experience. Any interested MLC bell ringers can play and earn IFE hours (category A). Come join the fun. Rehearsals begin this Wednesday. For more information, contact Becky Berg at rberg@mvlhs.org or text 989-280-7674.



Cards of Caring ~ is a group that gathers six Saturdays a year to make cards to remember our homebound and thinking-of-you members, our Befriend a Mission LWMS families, and others, as needed. This year we will meet on September 14, October 12 and November 9 from about 9 am until noon at 403 N. Minnesota St. We are looking for more volunteers to assist and make cards using recycled cards and stamp sets plus other prep work. No talents are needed and all materials are provided. We also welcome MLC students. Come as your schedule allows. A time for fellowship and service to the Lord. Contact Lois Willems at 507-676-1230 with questions.

AREA ANNOUNCEMENTS

OWLS Meeting ~ Our local MN Valley Chapter 13 OWLS (Organization of WELS Lutheran Seniors) will be gathering on Monday, September 9, for a noon potluck at St. John's Lutheran Church, New Ulm. Fellowship begins at 11:30 am. A devotion will be held after the meal, followed with a presentation by Pastor Rob Guenther entitled, "Being a WELS Pastor in Alaska."

Help Needed ~ on Tuesday, September 10 and Thursday, September 12, in the school cafeteria from 1:30 - 3 pm to prepare our 60 baptism blankets by cutting fringes for an upcoming St. Paul's Lutheran School crew event. Contact Sue Schone at sschone@splnewulm.org with questions.

Men of His Word Conference ~ The 9th annual Men of His Word Conference (Theme: Built to SERVE) will be held at the Mayo Civic Center in downtown Rochester, MN on Saturday, October 26, 2024. Please go online at www.menofhisword.org to register and get details about schedule, breakout sessions, keynote speaker, cost, etc. Please join us for a day of worship, praise and fellowship in God's Word!

You Know a Combat Veteran ~ You know a combat veteran in your family or even a member here that has been impacted by their deployments. They may wrestle with what they did or saw and feel like no one else understands. They may doubt the forgiveness and peace God offers them. They are invited to join fellow WELS and ELS veterans for a weekend spent learning that God is invested in their spiritual and mental health. LMSG is hosting their annual spiritual retreat November 14-17, at Camp Shiloh, Texas entitled Building Bridges, A Spiritual Retreat for Battle Buddies. Attendees are encouraged to come with their "battle buddy" - a trusted friend, spouse, or caregiver, but may come on their own and meet a future battle buddy there. Registration ends October 1st. Assistance with travel is available. Retreat details and registration information can be found at www.lutheranmilitary.org. Invite the person you know today.

More Than the Score ~ is an exciting new offering on the MLC campus. Join us on home football game days to hear from MLC professors on various topics. The lectures start at 11 am in the MLC Cafeteria Conference Center. The first lecture will be on September 7, "Where Terror Never Rests," by Prof. Paul Koelpin. Join us to explore the origins of the bitter struggle between Israelis and Palestinians. The lecture is free, but you must register since seating is limited. To register for this and other lectures, scan the QR code, visit bit.ly/MLCMoreThanScore or email alumni@mlc-wels.edu.

About the Cover ~ How odd would it be to find a flower in the middle of the desert? How wonderful would it be to find an oasis in the middle of the desert? That's the picture that God uses to describe what would happen when the Messiah would come to save his people. That's the joy that we feel when know Jesus' saving work for us. Like a drink of cool water in the desert, the gospel refreshes us and revives us and motivates us to live for God in thanks.