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## Twenty-Fourth Sunday After Pentecost

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# TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
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*Welcome, Visitors! Members and Visitors please scan the QR code to sign our register.*

**PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP:** God, forgive us for the times we've grown tired and weary in our watching and waiting for you. Help us to wake up to see our sin and repent of it. Help us to wake up to see our Savior and the great things you have done to redeem us. Help us to wake up to live as your redeemed children. We ask it in Jesus' name, Amen.

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| **OPENING HYMN** | ***Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers*** | CW 493 |

***Stand***

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***Be seated***

**ANTHEM** ***Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning*** arr. John Helgen
8am

*Keep your lamps trimmed and burning, keep your lamps trimmed and burning, keep your lamps trimmed and burning, for this work is almost done. (Repeat)*

*Children, don't get weary, children, don't get weary, children, don't get weary, for this work is almost done.*

*Darker midnight lies before us, darker midnight lies before us, darker midnight lies before us, for this work is almost done.*

*Lo, the morning soon is breaking, lo, the morning soon is breaking, lo, the morning soon is breaking, for this work is almost done.*

*Children, don't get weary, children, don't get weary, children, don't get weary, for this work is almost done.*

*Keep your lamps trimmed and burning, keep your lamps trimmed and burning, keep your lamps trimmed and burning, for this work is almost done.*

**FIRST LESSON** Isaiah 52:1-6

[1] Awake, awake, Zion, clothe yourself with strength! Put on your
garments of splendor, Jerusalem, the holy city. The uncircumcised and
defiled will not enter you again. [2] Shake off your dust; rise up, sit enthroned,
Jerusalem. Free yourself from the chains on your neck, Daughter Zion, now
a captive.
[3] For this is what the LORD says: "You were sold for nothing, and
without money you will be redeemed."
[4] For this is what the Sovereign LORD says: "At first my people went
down to Egypt to live; lately, Assyria has oppressed them. [5] "And now what
do I have here?" declares the LORD.
"For my people have been taken away for nothing, and those who rule
them mock," declares the LORD. "And all day long my name is constantly
blasphemed. [6] Therefore my people will know my name; therefore in that
day they will know that it is I who foretold it. Yes, it is I."

The Word of the Lord.
**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM OF THE DAY** ***Fill Us with Your Love, O Lord*** Psalm 90

**SECOND LESSON** 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

[1] Now, brothers and sisters, about times and dates we do not need to write
to you, [2] for you know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a
thief in the night. [3] While people are saying, "Peace and safety," destruction
will come on them suddenly, as labor pains on a pregnant woman, and they
will not escape.
[4] But you, brothers and sisters, are not in darkness so that this day should
surprise you like a thief. [5] You are all children of the light and children of the
day. We do not belong to the night or to the darkness. [6] So then, let us not be
like others, who are asleep, but let us be awake and sober. [7] For those who
sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, get drunk at night. [8] But since
we belong to the day, let us be sober, putting on faith and love as a
breastplate, and the hope of salvation as a helmet. [9] For God did not appoint
us to suffer wrath but to receive salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ.
[10] He died for us so that, whether we are awake or asleep, we may live
together with him. [11] Therefore encourage one another and build each other
up, just as in fact you are doing.

The Word of the Lord.
**Thanks be to God.**

***Stand***

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Matthew 24:42




## GOSPEL

Matthew 25:1-13

1 “At that time the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took
their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. 2 Five of them were foolish
and five were wise. 3 The foolish ones took their lamps but did not take any
oil with them. 4 The wise ones, however, took oil in jars along with their
lamps. 5 The bridegroom was a long time in coming, and they all became
drowsy and fell asleep.

6 “At midnight the cry rang out: ‘Here’s the bridegroom! Come out to meet
him!’

7 “Then all the virgins woke up and trimmed their lamps. 8 The foolish
ones said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil; our lamps are going out.’

9 “ ‘No,’ they replied, ‘there may not be enough for both us and you.
Instead, go to those who sell oil and buy some for yourselves.’

10 “But while they were on their way to buy the oil, the bridegroom
arrived. The virgins who were ready went in with him to the wedding
banquet. And the door was shut.

11 “Later the others also came. ‘Lord, Lord,’ they said, ‘open the door for
us!’

[12] "But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I don't know you.'
[13] "Therefore keep watch, because you do not know the day or the hour.

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

***Be seated***

**HYMN OF THE DAY** ***Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying*** CW 486

**SERMON** Wake Up! Isaiah 52:1-6

***Stand***

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***Be seated***

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**OFFERING**

**HYMN** ***His Mercy Is More*** CW 579

***Stand***

**PRAYER AND BLESSING** pg. 171

**CLOSING HYMN** ***The King Will Come at Age's End*** CW 489

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## THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

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| Sunday | 8, 9:30 & 11 am | Worship |
| | 9:30 am | Bible Class: Pastoral Epistles: 1 Timothy |
| | 12:30 pm | Youth Group: Raking |
| | 9:30 am | Sunday School |
| Tuesday | 6 pm | Sunday School Meeting |
| Wednesday | 6:15 pm | Public School Catechism |
| | 6 pm | Handbells |
| | 7 pm | Choir |
| Thursday | 10 am | Bible Class: Isms |
| | 7 pm | Bible Class: Bible Information Class |
| Saturday | 6:30 pm | Worship |

## NEXT WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

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| Sunday, Nov. 15 | 8, 9:30 & 11 am | Worship |
| | 9:30 am | Bible Class: Pastoral Epistles: 1 Timothy |
| | 9:30 am | Sunday School |
| Wednesday, Nov. 18 | 6:15 pm | Public School Catechism |
| | 6 pm | Handbells |
| | 7 pm | Choir |
| Thursday, Nov. 19 | 10 am | No Bible Class |
| | 7 pm | Bible Class: Bible Information Class |
| Saturday, Nov. 21 | 6:30 pm | Worship |

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

Attendance last weekend was 622 with 526 receiving the Lord's Supper.

**Fruits of Faith:**

$9,100 Home Operations ~ YTD: $713,426 / Needed: $740,864
$785 WELS Missions ~ YTD: $72,475 (2026 Goal: $100,701)
$1,130 MVL ~ YTD: $47,074 (2026 Goal: $62,278)
$545 Building Fund
$12 Food and Fellowship
$25 St. Paul's School Building Fund
$30 Memorials
$40 Organ Fund
$25 Library Fund
$99 Miscellaneous Receipts

**Givelify** Scan the QR code to use the Givelify app and donate your offering.

**Thanksgiving Pie Fellowship ~** Join us for pie and fellowship on Wednesday, November 25 after the Thanksgiving service. The sign up sheet will be in the new narthex. Contact Jackie Hieb for more information.

**The Twelve Days of Christmas ~** Scripture, Family, and Service. You're invited this Christmas season to join us for The Twelve Days of Christmas, a devotional series designed to help us grow in God's Word, strengthen our faith at home, and serve one another and our neighbors. Beginning December 25, each day will include a short Scripture reading, a devotional reflection, a question for family discussion, a prayer, and a simple activity or service opportunity. Together, we'll explore Scripture and reflect on the gift of Jesus, the Word made flesh, who continues to speak to us through his Word. The hope is that this shared experience will help us build meaningful devotional habits, grow together in faith, and carry the joy of Christmas into our homes, congregation, and community.

**Cards of Caring ~** Members of St. John's and MLC students are invited to help male cards our congregation sends to homebound members, LWMS-Befriend a Mission Families and others from our church. We use donated, recycled, and created cards. Supplies are furnished. We need help writing messages, stamping, and assembling cards. This fall our main focus will be on Thanksgiving and Christmas. We meet Saturday mornings between 9am-12pm at 403 N. Minnesota St. (across from the Glockenspiel). We will meet on September 19, October 17th, and November 14th, 2026. Thank you for considering to serve our members. For further information contact Lois Willems at (507) 676-1230.

**Christmas for Kids 2026 ~** Get ready for a morning full of fun at St. John's! Join us on Saturday, December 5th, from 8:30–11:00 a.m. for our annual Christmas for Kids event! Children in Pre-K through 4th grade are invited to celebrate the true meaning of Christmas with a morning of Bible study, festive crafts, Christmas music, and cookie decorating! Ready to join the fun? Sign up your children using the QR code below.We can't wait to celebrate the joy of Jesus' birth with your kiddos!

**OWLS Meeting ~** Our local MN Valley Chapter 13 OWLS (Organization of Wels Lutheran Seniors) will be meeting on Monday, November 9, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, New Ulm. Fellowship begins at 11:30 AM, Papa Murphy's pizza meal at Noon, devotion at 12:40 PM, followed with a video entitled "Held in MN: Untold WW II POW Stories." The costs for the meal and other incidental meal expenses are covered by Thrivent Action Team moneys. If you have not already signed up to attend, contact Myron Fluegge at 507-359-2424 or flueggemtj@hotmail.com by Wednesday noon, November 4, for a meal count. Hope you can make it.

# AREA ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Spirit of MVL ~** You are invited to join MVL in a night of fellowship supporting Christian education as we recognize and celebrate our Spirit of MVL award winners: Alan (posthumously) & Loretta Johnson, Pastor Richard & Marley Kuckhahn, and Craig Morgan. The gala will be held on November 21st, at 5 p.m. at The Venue in Mankato. The night includes a social hour, dinner, an award program, a live auction, and the Afterglow. Tickets are for sale on the MVL website, mvl.org. You can also contact Sarah Allee with any questions at sallee@mvlhs.org. RSVPs are due by November 6th.

**MLC Presents Wind Symphony Concert ~** Please join us on Sunday, November 22, at 3 pm in the MLC Auditorium for "In Every Season," a celebration of the experiences that shape us and the music that gives them voice. Whatever season we find ourselves in, there is something to hear, something to feel, and something worth celebrating.

**MVL Wreaths ~** Tis the season!… MVL will once again be selling wreaths, swags, crosses, and live garland to help bring the sights and scents of Christmas to your home or business! Wreath orders are now open and all orders must be placed by Sunday, November 15th. This year all ordering will be done online. Simply go to the MVL website, click on wreaths, and place your order! We hope to deliver most products to your church by Thanksgiving weekend. Thank you for your support!

**LMSG Ammo Can Campaign ~** Each May and November, Lutheran Military Support Group (LMSG) seeks donations in support of our military men, women, and families. LMSG, a partnership of ELS and WELS Veterans, is working to grow awareness of and bring Christian support to our Christian Warriors and their families in our congregations. By placing your gift in the Ammo Can located in the new narthex, you are supporting the spiritual and mental health of our Christian Warriors through programs like our retreats and workshops, educational support for pastors serving military families, Veterans pursuing a second career in public ministry, and more. Visit www.lutheranmilitary.org for more information. Thank you for standing Shoulder to Shoulder in Service with those who serve our Nation!

**School Building Campaign Bake Sale and Pancake Breakfast ~** With the 2026 Amazing Race, Dig In Gala, and .5K in the rear view mirror, the last Campaign event is coming up soon! This year's Bake Sale will be held on Saturday and Sunday, November 21 and 22, and the Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, November 22. This joint event will benefit the St. Paul's School Building Campaign and will be held in the St. Paul's Church narthex and Fellowship Hall. It will be perfect timing for your Thanksgiving needs - pies, cakes, cookies, and more will be included in the bake sale. If you'd like to donate items for the bake sale, please drop those items in the church kitchen on Saturday, November 21. Please have them priced and ready to sell. If you'd like to volunteer to help the weekend of the event, you can find sign-up information at https://signup.com/go/TxTdXDd. Contact Amy Rich at stampinnut@me.com with your questions and suggested bake sale pricing information.

**Job Opening at MLC ~** Female Dormitory Custodian: Helps care for the place that our female students call home during their time at MLC. Interested individuals should apply online at mlc-wels.edu/hr/.