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Though the LORD
makes his life an
offering for sin,
he will see his
offspring and
prolong his days,
and the will of
the LORD
will prosper
in his hand.

Twenty-Second Sunday After Pentecost
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TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
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PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP: For the active obedience of Jesus Christ in which he actively lived a perfect life in our place, we thank you dear Lord. For the passive obedience of Jesus Christ, in which he passively gave himself over to mocking, scourging, and the cross to die on our behalf, we thank you dear Lord. And for his victorious resurrection from death which proves our salvation, we praise and thank you dear Lord. Bless us as we come before you in worship which is made acceptable through your Son Jesus Christ, the guilt offering for all sin for all time. Amen.

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11:00 Service of Holy Baptism

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Opening Hymn for Baptism

Jesus Loves Me

CW 584

- 1 Jesus loves me! This I know,
for the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to him belong;
they are weak, but he is strong.

Refrain Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me!
The Bible tells me so.

- 2 Jesus loves me! He who died
heaven's gates to open wide.
He will wash away my sin,
let his little child come in. (*Refrain*)

[The Baptism Service is printed in this bulletin at the end of Service Setting 1 on page # 15ff.]

OPENING HYMN

Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service

CW 766

- 1 Lord, whose love in humble service
bore the weight of human need,
who upon the cross, forsaken,
offered mercy's perfect deed,
we, your servants, bring the worship
not of voice alone, but heart,
consecrating to your purpose
ev'ry gift that you impart.
- 2 Still your children wander homeless;
still the hungry cry for bread;
still the captives long for freedom;
still in grief we mourn our dead.
As, O Lord, your deep compassion
healed the sick and freed the soul,
use the love your Spirit kindles
still to save and make us whole.
- 3 As we worship, grant us vision,
till your love's revealing light
in its height and depth and greatness,
dawns upon our quickened sight,
making known the needs and burdens
your compassion bids us bear,
stirring us to tireless striving,
your abundant life to share.
- 4 Sent from worship as your servants,
forth in your dear name we go,
to the child, the youth, the aged,
love in living deeds to show;
hope and health, goodwill and comfort,
counsel, aid, and peace we give,
that your servants, Lord, in freedom
may your mercy know and live.

(11:00 Continue with "Glory Be to God" on page 157 following baptism)

Please stand

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In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.
If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Holy God, gracious Father, I am sinful by nature and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have not loved you with my whole heart; I have not loved others as I should. I deserve your punishment both now and forever. But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins with his innocent suffering and death. Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Silence for meditation and reflection

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Silence for meditation and reflection

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
Amen.

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GLORY BE TO GOD

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Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men.
We praise you, we bless you, we worship you,
we glorify you, we give thanks to you, for your great glory,
O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
You take away the sin of the world; receive our prayer.
You sit at the right hand of God the Father; have mercy on us.

For you only are holy; you only are the Lord.
You only, O Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
are most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Almighty and merciful God, it is only by your gift of grace that we come into your presence and offer true and faithful service. Grant that our worship on earth may always be pleasing to you, and in the life to come give us the fulfillment of what you have promised; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

Please be seated

FIRST READING

Isaiah 53:10–12

Yet it was the LORD's will to crush him and cause him to suffer, and though the LORD makes his life an offering for sin, he will see his offspring and prolong his days, and the will of the LORD will prosper in his hand. ¹¹After he has suffered, he will see the light of

life and be satisfied; by his knowledge my righteous servant will justify many, and he will bear their iniquities. ¹²Therefore I will give him a portion among the great, and he will divide the spoils with the strong, because he poured out his life unto death, and was numbered with the transgressors. For he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

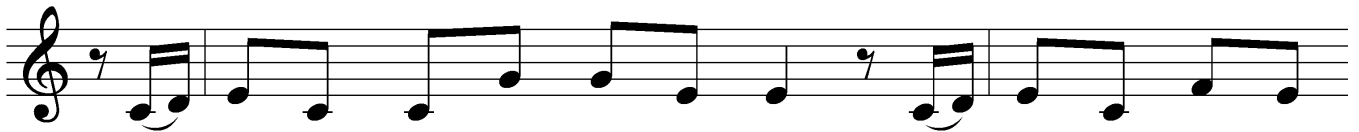
PSALM of the DAY

In God Alone My Soul Can Find Rest and Peace

Psalm 62



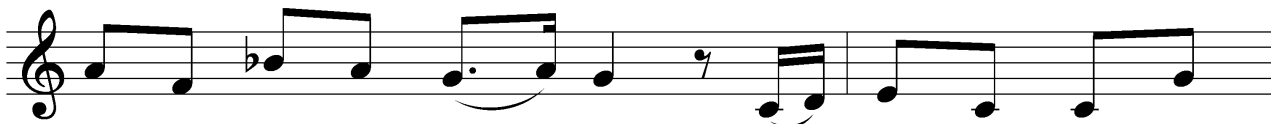
1 My soul finds rest in God a-lone, my rock and my sal - va - tion;
 2 Find rest, my soul, in God a-lone a - mid the world's temp-ta - tions;
 3 I'll set my gaze on God a-lone and trust in him com-plete - ly;



a for-tress strong a - gainst my foes, and I will not be
 when e - vil seeks to take a hold, I'll cling to my sal -
 with ev - 'ry day pour out my soul, and he will prove his



shak - en. Though lips may bless and hearts may curse, and
 va - tion. Though rich - es come and rich - es go, don't
 mer - cy. Though life is but a fleet - ing breath, a



lies like ar - rows pierce me, I'll fix my heart on
 set your heart up - on them; the fields of hope in
 sigh too brief to mea - sure, my king has crushed the



Refrain



SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 9:7–12,19–23

⁷Who serves as a soldier at his own expense? Who plants a vineyard and does not eat its grapes? Who tends a flock and does not drink the milk? ⁸Do I say this merely on human authority? Doesn't the Law say the same thing? ⁹For it is written in the Law of Moses: "Do not muzzle an ox while it is treading out the grain." Is it about oxen that God is concerned? ¹⁰Surely he says this for us, doesn't he? Yes, this was written for us, because whoever plows and threshes should be able to do so in the hope of sharing in the harvest. ¹¹If we have sown spiritual seed among you, is it too much if we reap a material harvest from you? ¹²If others have this right of support from you, shouldn't we have it all the more?

But we did not use this right. On the contrary, we put up with anything rather than hinder the gospel of Christ.

¹⁹Though I am free and belong to no one, I have made myself a slave to everyone, to win as many as possible. ²⁰To the Jews I became like a Jew, to win the Jews. To those under the law I became like one under the law (though I myself am not under the law), so as to win those under the law. ²¹To those not having the law I became like one not having the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law), so as to win those not having the law. ²²To the weak I became weak, to win the weak. I have become all things to all people so that by all possible means I might save some. ²³I do all this for the sake of the gospel, that I may share in its blessings.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Please stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mark 10:45

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Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve,
and to give his life as a ransom for many.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL

Mark 10:32–45

³²They were on their way up to Jerusalem, with Jesus leading the way, and the disciples were astonished, while those who followed were afraid. Again he took the Twelve aside and told them what was going to happen to him. ³³“We are going up to Jerusalem,” he said, “and the Son of Man will be delivered over to the chief priests and the teachers of the law. They will condemn him to death and will hand him over to the Gentiles, ³⁴who will mock him and spit on him, flog him and kill him. Three days later he will rise.”

³⁵Then James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to him. “Teacher,” they said, “we want you to do for us whatever we ask.”

³⁶“What do you want me to do for you?” he asked.

³⁷They replied, “Let one of us sit at your right and the other at your left in your glory.”

³⁸“You don’t know what you are asking,” Jesus said. “Can you drink the cup I drink or be baptized with the baptism I am baptized with?”

³⁹“We can,” they answered.

Jesus said to them, “You will drink the cup I drink and be baptized with the baptism I am baptized with, ⁴⁰but to sit at my right or left is not for me to grant. These places belong to those for whom they have been prepared.”

⁴¹When the ten heard about this, they became indignant with James and John. ⁴²Jesus called them together and said, “You know that those who are regarded as rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. ⁴³Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, ⁴⁴and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all. ⁴⁵For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Please be seated

HYMN OF THE DAY

Not All the Blood of Beasts **CW 398**

- 1 Not all the blood of beasts
 on Israel's altars slain
 could give the guilty conscience peace
 or wash away the stain.
- 2 But Christ, the heav'nly Lamb,
 takes all our sins away,
 a sacrifice of nobler name
 and richer blood than they.
- 3 In faith I place my hand
 on that dear head divine,
 as penitently here I Please stand
 and lay on him my sin.
- 4 My soul looks back to see
 the burden you did bear
 when hanging on the cursèd tree;
 I know my guilt was there!
- 5 Believing, we rejoice
 to see the curse remove;
 we bless the Lamb with cheerful voice
 and sing his bleeding love.

SERMON

Isaiah 53:10-12

Jesus is the Guilt Offering

1. Who lived for us
2. Who died for us
3. Who rose for us

Please stand

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We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from

heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

**We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come.
Amen.**

Please be seated

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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Almighty God and Father, we thank you for all your mercies, especially for the gift of your Son, through whom you have revealed your gracious will. We praise you for the Holy Spirit and his working through the means of grace.
Plant your Word in our hearts, and cause it to produce fruit in our lives.

Strengthen and defend your Church, that by your Word and sacraments faith may grow and love toward all may increase.
Support all who spread the light of your truth throughout the world.

Keep our children in the grace of their baptisms. Enable their parents to train them in lives of faith.
Raise up Christians to serve you in the ministry of the Word and in all godly walks of life.

Preserve our nation in justice and honor. Guide and bless all who make, administer, and judge our laws.
Give them wisdom that they may promote justice and hinder evil.

Let your blessing rest on planting and harvest, commerce and industry, medicine and science, the arts and culture. Protect all who travel, and care for those whose work is difficult or dangerous.
Be with all who devote themselves to any useful task.

Comfort all who are in sorrow or need, sickness or adversity. Remember those who suffer persecution for the faith. Have mercy on those for whom death draws near.

Grant them your love, and take them into your tender care.

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

Silent prayer

We remember with thanksgiving those who have loved and served you, who now rest from their labors. Console those who are mourning or living with sadness.

Keep us in the true faith, and bring us at last to the joys of heaven.

Grant us these things, Father, for the sake of Jesus, who died and rose again.
Amen.

Offering

Please stand

THE SACRAMENT

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The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who promised that wherever two or three come together in his name, there he is with them to shepherd his flock until he comes again in glory. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

Holy, holy, holy Lord God of heavenly hosts: heav'n and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he, blessed is he, blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

We give thanks to you, O God, through your dear Son, Jesus Christ, whom you sent to be our Savior, our Redeemer, and the messenger of your grace. Through him you made all things; in him you are well pleased. He is the incarnate Word, conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. To fulfill your promises, he stretched out his hands on the cross and released from eternal death all who believe in you.

As we remember Jesus' death and resurrection, we thank you that you have gathered us together to receive your Son's body and blood. Send us your Spirit, unite us as one, and strengthen our faith so that we may praise you in your Son, Jesus Christ. Through him, we glorify and honor you, O God our Father, with the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.**

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my + body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my + blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Amen.

O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us your peace. Amen.

Please be seated

DISTRIBUTION

Take and eat; this is the true body of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, given into death for your sins.

Take and drink; this is the true blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, poured out for the forgiveness of your sins.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

The Death of Jesus Christ, Our Lord

CW 677

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| <p>1 The death of Jesus Christ, our Lord,
we celebrate with one accord;
it is our comfort in distress,
our heart's sweet joy and happiness.</p> <p>2 He blotted out with his own blood
the judgment that against us stood;
he full atonement for us made,
and all our debt he fully paid.</p> <p>3 That this forever true shall be
he gives a solemn guarantee;
in this his holy supper here
we taste his love, so sweet, so near.</p> <p>4 His Word proclaims and we believe
that in this supper we receive
his very body, as he said,
his very blood for sinners shed.</p> <p>5 A precious food is this indeed,
it never fails us in our need,
a heav'nly manna for our soul
until we safely reach our goal.</p> <p>6 How blest is each believing guest
who in these promises finds rest,
for Jesus will in love abide
with those who do in him confide!</p> | <p>8 Help us sincerely to believe
that we may worthily
receive
your supper and in you find
rest.
Amen! They who believe
are blest.</p> |
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7 They who his Word do not believe
this food unworthily receive,
salvation here will never find—
may we this warning keep in mind!

Please stand

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Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his mercy endures forever.

Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this saving gift. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and + give you peace.
Amen.
In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

11:00 a.m. Service of Holy Baptism

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Please remain seated for Baptism Service

Our Savior Jesus Christ commanded Baptism when he said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

All of us are born into this world with a deep need for Baptism. From our parents we inherit a sinful nature; we are without true fear of God and true faith in God and are condemned to eternal death. But while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. He took away our sin by giving his life on the cross. In Baptism, he clothes us with the robe of his righteousness and gives us a new life. We recall what Baptism means for our daily lives:

**Baptism means that the sinful nature in us
should be drowned by daily sorrow and repentance,**

**and that all its evil deeds and desires be put to death.
It also means that a new person should daily arise
to live before God in righteousness and purity forever.**

As baptized children of God, we confess our sins:

Holy God, gracious Father,

I am sinful by nature

and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.

I have not loved you with my whole heart;

I have not loved others as I should.

I deserve your punishment both now and forever.

But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins

with his innocent suffering and death.

Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Silence for meditation and reflection

God saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit and united us to the death and resurrection of Jesus. Every day God forgives your sins, removes your guilt, and strengthens you to defeat Satan's power. His promise is for you and your children, and he will never forsake you. Your sins are forgiven. You are clothed with Christ. You are at peace with God now and forever.

Amen.

The Rite of Baptism continues at the font.

Sacrament of Baptism

The Gospel according to St. Mark:

People were bringing little children to Jesus for him to place his hands on them, but the disciples rebuked them. When Jesus saw this, he was indignant. He said to them, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. Truly I tell you, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it." And he took the children in his arms, placed his hands on them and blessed them.

[Name], I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Receive the sign of the cross on the head and heart ✠ to mark you as one redeemed by Christ the crucified.

The almighty God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ has given you the new birth of water and the Spirit and has forgiven all your sins. May he strengthen you with his grace all the days of your life. Peace be with you.

Let us pray.

We give thanks, most merciful Father, that you have received *[name(s)]* as your own *child* and made *him* a member of Christ's body, the church. Now, we pray, grant to *him* and to all your church on earth that, being dead to sin, we may live to righteousness and, being buried with Christ into his death, we may also share in his resurrection, so that, with all your saints, we may inherit eternal life; through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

(11:00 Continue with "Glory Be to God" on page 157 following baptism, page #4 in bulletin)

Attendance for the past weekend was 635

Fruits of faith given: \$30,226

Year to date needed: \$722,671; Year to date received: \$691,112

\$14,706	Home Operations
\$34	Food and Fellowship
\$105	K-12 Education Assistance
\$25	St. Paul's Building Fund
\$60	St. Paul's School
\$802	Minnesota Valley Lutheran High School
	YTD: \$45,764
\$250	Ministerial Student Scholarship Fund
\$2,164	WELS Missions
	YTD: \$69,078
\$25	Christian Family Solutions
\$500	Building Fund
\$10	Sanctuary Renovation
\$10,750	Designated Misc.

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THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

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

Please note the change in Bible class time for Thursday mornings. The class now begins at 10:00 a.m. rather than 10:30.

Tuesday, Oct 22	7pm Voters' Meeting
Wednesday, Oct 23	3:30pm Homeschool and Public School Catechism 6pm Handbells 7pm Choir
Thursday, Oct 24	10am Bible Class: Vices & Virtues 7pm Bible Class: Proverbs
Friday, Oct 25	9:30am Women's Bible Class: Proverbs
Saturday, Oct 26	6:30pm Worship
Sunday, Oct. 27	8, 9:30, 11am Worship 9:30 Bible Class-- Biblical Politicians; Sunday School
Thursday, Oct. 31	10am Bible Class -- Vices & Virtues 7pm "Stump the Pastor" Bible Class
Friday, Nov 1	9:30am -- Women's Bible Class

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 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

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!

More Than the Score ~ is an exciting offering on the MLC campus. Join us on home football game days to hear from MLC professors on various topics. Next up is "A Burnout Opportunity" by Dr. Bob Martens on October 26th. The free lectures start at 11 am in the MLC Cafeteria Conference Center. Please

register since seating is limited. To register, scan the QR code, visit bit.ly/MLCMoreThanScore or email alumni@mlcwels.edu.

Now Hiring! ~ Martin Luther College is accepting applications for a regular part-time Assistant Teacher at the Early Childhood Learning Center. Interested individuals should apply online at mlc-wels.edu/hr/.

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!

MVL Drama: Yee haw! Join the guests of Wilcox's Western Bed and Breakfast for squirrel hunting, knitting, relaxing, and detective work as they are taken by surprise with murder after murder! Who did it? Was it the disgruntled squirrel hunter, the sarcastic critic, the melodramatic actress, or someone else completely? See for yourself as the MVL Drama Department puts on Mike and Matt Steele's murder mystery comedy, "A Family Reunion to Die For." Shows will be held at State Street Theater, November 1 - 2 at 7 PM and the 3rd at 2 PM. Come watch the show now, ya hear?

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

About the Cover: Contemporary Christian artist William Hallmark, known for his Christian themed paintings depicts the Lamb of God Jesus Christ, wearing the crown of thorns, as a reminder that he died as the sacrifice for all sinners for all time for every sin ever committed. He is the guilt offering God gave to redeem us from sin, death, and the devil. We have been bought for God by the blood of Jesus who has removed our guilt and put his perfect righteousness to our credit through faith in him.