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Prayer before worship: Heavenly Father, how foolish we are to think that we sometimes know better than you. But that's what we do every time we sin; we tell you that we know better as we side with satan. Thank you for sending your Son to take our sin away by the cross and to make us your sons and daughters, his brothers and sisters. Help us to live for you as we express our gratitude for bringing us into your family. Amen.

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OPENING HYMN ***The Head That Once Was Crowned with Thorns*** **CW531**

CONFESSION

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FIRST LESSON

Genesis 3:8–15

⁸Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the LORD God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from the LORD God among the trees of the garden. ⁹But the LORD God called to the man, “Where are you?”

¹⁰He answered, “I heard you in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid.”

¹¹And he said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree that I commanded you not to eat from?”

¹²The man said, “The woman you put here with me—she gave me some fruit from the tree, and I ate it.”

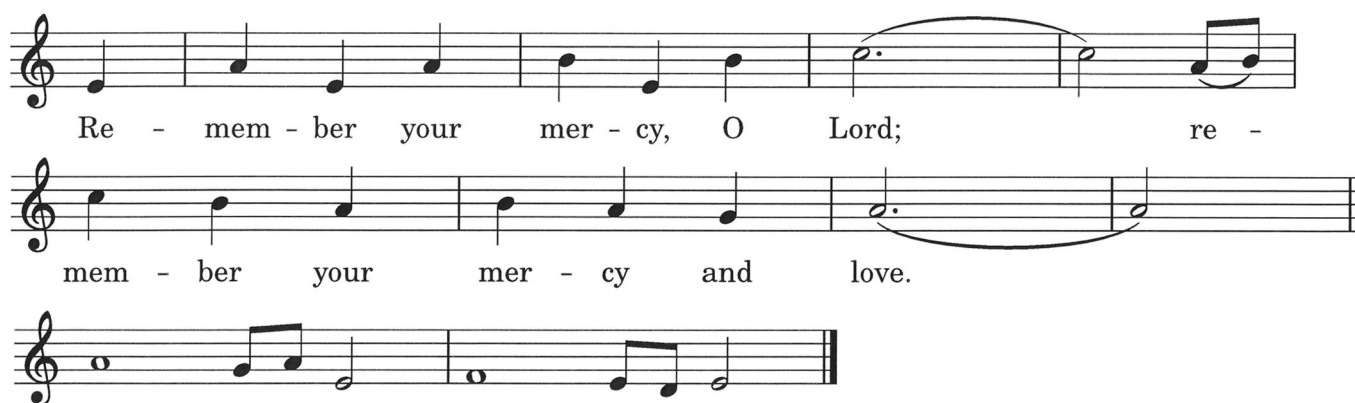
¹³Then the LORD God said to the woman, “What is this you have done?”

The woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.”

¹⁴So the LORD God said to the serpent, “Because you have done this, “Cursed are you above all livestock and all wild animals! You will crawl on your belly and you will eat dust all the days of your life. ¹⁵And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



Out of the depths I cry to / you, Lord;

Lord, / hear my voice.

Let your ears be at- / tentive

to my cry for / mercy.

If you, Lord, kept a record of sins, Lord, / who could stand?

But with you there is forgiveness, so that we can, with reverence, / serve you.

Refrain

I wait for the Lord, my whole / being waits,

and in his word I / put my hope.

I wait for the Lord more than watchmen wait for the / morning,

more than watchmen wait for the / morning.

Israel, put your hope / in the Lord,

for with the Lord is unfailing love and with him is full re- / demption.

He himself will redeem / Israel

from / all their sins.

Glory be to the Father and / to the Son

and to the Holy / Spirit,

as it was in the be- / ginning,

is now, and will be forever. / Amen. Refrain

SECOND LESSON

Revelation 20:1–6

¹And I saw an angel coming down out of heaven, having the key to the Abyss and holding in his hand a great chain. ²He seized the dragon, that ancient serpent, who is the devil, or Satan, and bound him for a thousand years. ³He threw him into the Abyss, and locked and sealed it over him, to keep him from deceiving the nations anymore until the thousand years were ended. After that, he must be set free for a short time.

⁴I saw thrones on which were seated those who had been given authority to judge. And I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded because of their testimony about Jesus and because of the word of God. They had not worshiped the beast or its image and had not

received its mark on their foreheads or their hands. They came to life and reigned with Christ a thousand years. ⁵(The rest of the dead did not come to life until the thousand years were ended.) This is the first resurrection. ⁶Blessed and holy are those who share in the first resurrection. The second death has no power over them, but they will be priests of God and of Christ and will reign with him for a thousand years.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL

Mark 3:20–35

²⁰Then Jesus entered a house, and again a crowd gathered, so that he and his disciples were not even able to eat. ²¹When his family heard about this, they went to take charge of him, for they said, “He is out of his mind.”

²²And the teachers of the law who came down from Jerusalem said, “He is possessed by Beelzebul! By the prince of demons he is driving out demons.”

²³So Jesus called them over to him and began to speak to them in parables: “How can Satan drive out Satan? ²⁴If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. ²⁵If a house is divided against itself, that house cannot stand. ²⁶And if Satan opposes himself and is divided, he cannot stand; his end has come. ²⁷In fact, no one can enter a strong man’s house without first tying him up. Then he can plunder the strong man’s house. ²⁸Truly I tell you, people can be forgiven all their sins and every slander they utter, ²⁹but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit will never be forgiven; they are guilty of an eternal sin.”

³⁰He said this because they were saying, “He has an impure spirit.”

³¹Then Jesus’ mother and brothers arrived. Standing outside, they sent someone in to call him. ³²A crowd was sitting around him, and they told him, “Your mother and brothers are outside looking for you.”

³³“Who are my mother and my brothers?” he asked.

³⁴Then he looked at those seated in a circle around him and said, “Here are my mother and my brothers! ³⁵Whoever does God’s will is my brother and sister and mother.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

SERMON

Mark 3:20-25

Don't Be Crazy!

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OFFERING

HYMN

Christ Is the World's Light

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1 Christ is the world's light, Christ and none oth - er;
 2 Christ is the world's peace, Christ and none oth - er;
 3 Christ is the world's life, Christ and none oth - er;
 4 Give God the glo - ry, God and none oth - er;



Born in our dark - ness, he be - came our broth - er.
 No one can serve him and de - spise an - oth - er.
 Sold once for sil - ver, mur - dered here, our broth - er.
 Give God the glo - ry, Spir - it, Son, and Fa - ther;



If we have seen him, we have seen the
 Who else u - nites us, one with God the
 He who re - deemed us, reigns with God the
 Give God the glo - ry, God with us, my



Fa - ther: Glo - ry to God on high!
 Fa - ther? Glo - ry to God on high!
 Fa - ther: Glo - ry to God on high!
 broth - er: Glo - ry to God on high!

PRAYERS and BLESSING

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CLOSING HYMN

Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus

CW704

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PREACHER

PRESIDING MINISTER

ORGAN

Pastor Rob Guenther

Pastor Jeff Bovee

Laura Balza

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



THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

Sun	8 & 9:30 am	Worship
	11 am	Bible Class: Bible Stories Not Taught in Sunday School
	7 pm	MVL Delegate Meeting
Mon	11:30 am	OWLS Meeting
	6 pm	Evangelism Meeting
	7 pm	Education Meeting
Tue	4 pm	Oak Hills Living Center Service
Fri	9 am	Fellowship in the Park: Washington Park
	5 pm	Rehearsal / Dinner
Sat		Carmichael / Schroeder Wedding
	6:30 pm	Worship

† Upcoming Services †

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

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 17		Renovation Bgins
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
Jun 28	9 am	Fellowship in the Park: North Market Park
Jun 29	6:30 pm	Worship
Jun 30	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
Jul 1	6:30 pm	Elders Meeting
Jul 4		Church office closed
Jul 6	6:30 pm	Worship
Jul 7	8 & 9:30 am	Worship
	11 am	Mission Presentation by Pastor Ben Foxen

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Attendance for the past weekend was 370 with 274 attending Communion.

Fruits of faith given:

\$14,257	Home Operations ~ <i>Needed to Date: \$387,775 / Received to Date: \$408,680</i>		
\$1,257	MVL ~ <i>Received to Date: \$26,630</i>		
\$1,872	Missions ~ <i>Received to Date: \$38,167</i>	\$100	Benevolence Fund
\$542	Building Fund	\$100	Technology Equipment
\$150	Ministerial Education Endowment Fund	\$30	Endowment Fund
\$175	K-12 Education Assistance Fund	\$27	Sanctuary Renovation
\$25	St. Paul's School Building Fund	\$8	Food & Fellowship

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 have arrived.
- 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 14 Washington Park

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.

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.

AREA ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 ~ Jesus' mom and brothers thought he was crazy when they saw how hard he was working! "He's out of his mind!" they declared. But how crazy for anyone to think they know better than Jesus! Jesus gently rebuked them. The teachers of the law thought Jesus was crazy when they saw him drive out demons. "He must be possessed himself!" they declared. But how crazy to think that satan would ever drive out demons! Jesus sternly rebuked them. How crazy to think that we know better than God. But that's what we do claim whenever we sin. And for siding against Jesus with satan we deserve to be separated from him forever. But what crazy love that took our sin away and made us his own; his brothers and sisters, God's sons and daughters, the family of God!