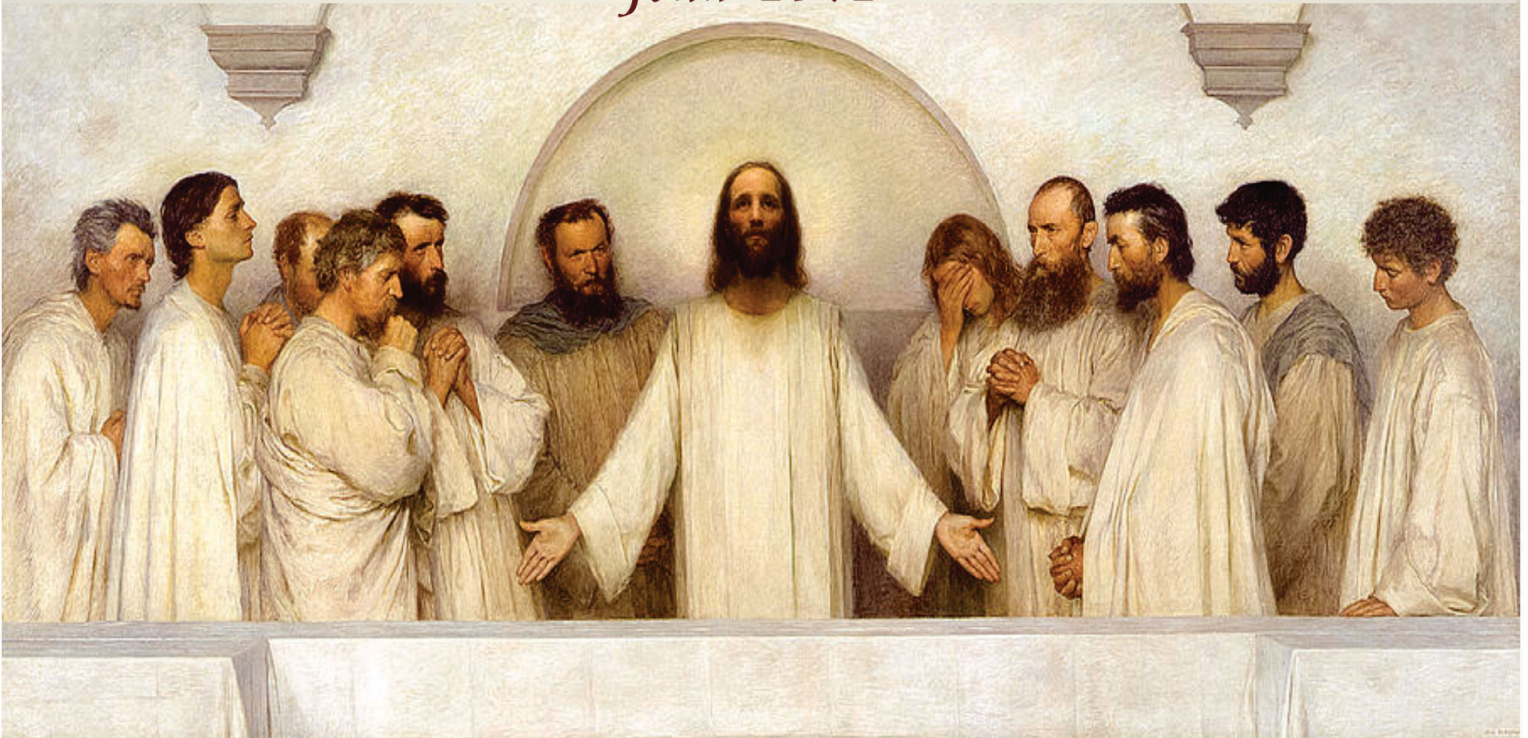


*"Father, the time has come.
Glorify your Son
that your Son may glorify you."*

John 17:1



Seventh Sunday of Easter – May 20 / 21, 2023

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Today's service is televised locally

Channel 14 - Comcast: Monday at 6:00 p.m. & Tuesday at 1:00 p.m. & Thursdays at 10:00 a.m.
Channel 3 - Nuvera: Mondays at 6:00 p.m. & Tuesday at 1:00 p.m. & Thursdays at 10:00 a.m.

Prayer before worship: Almighty God, in the high-priestly prayer of your blessed Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, he made the request that you would sanctify us and keep us faithful to your Word. He prayed that we would be protected from evil, and that you would guide us to bring the saving truth of your love and mercy to a world lost in sin. Please answer this prayer on behalf of your beloved Son, and grant us all he asked for us, to the end that your name be hallowed and your kingdom come among us. Amen.

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OPENING HYMN

To God Be the Glory

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CONFESSION

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FIRST LESSON

Acts 1:12–26

¹²Then the apostles returned to Jerusalem from the hill called the Mount of Olives, a Sabbath day's walk from the city. ¹³When they arrived, they went upstairs to the room where they were staying. Those present were Peter, John, James and Andrew; Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew; James son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. ¹⁴They all joined together constantly in prayer, along with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brothers.

¹⁵In those days Peter stood up among the believers (a group numbering about a hundred and twenty) ¹⁶and said, "Brothers and sisters, the Scripture had to be fulfilled in which the Holy Spirit spoke long ago through David concerning Judas, who served as guide for those who arrested Jesus. ¹⁷He was one of our number and shared in our ministry."

¹⁸(With the payment he received for his wickedness, Judas bought a field; there he fell headlong, his body burst open and all his intestines spilled out. ¹⁹Everyone in Jerusalem heard about this, so they called that field in their language Akeldama, that is, Field of Blood.)

²⁰"For," said Peter, "it is written in the Book of Psalms: 'May his place be deserted; let there be no one to dwell in it,' and, 'May another take his place of leadership.' ²¹Therefore it is necessary to choose one of the men who have been with us the whole time the Lord Jesus was living among us, ²²beginning from John's baptism to the time when Jesus was taken up from us. For one of these must become a witness with us of his resurrection."

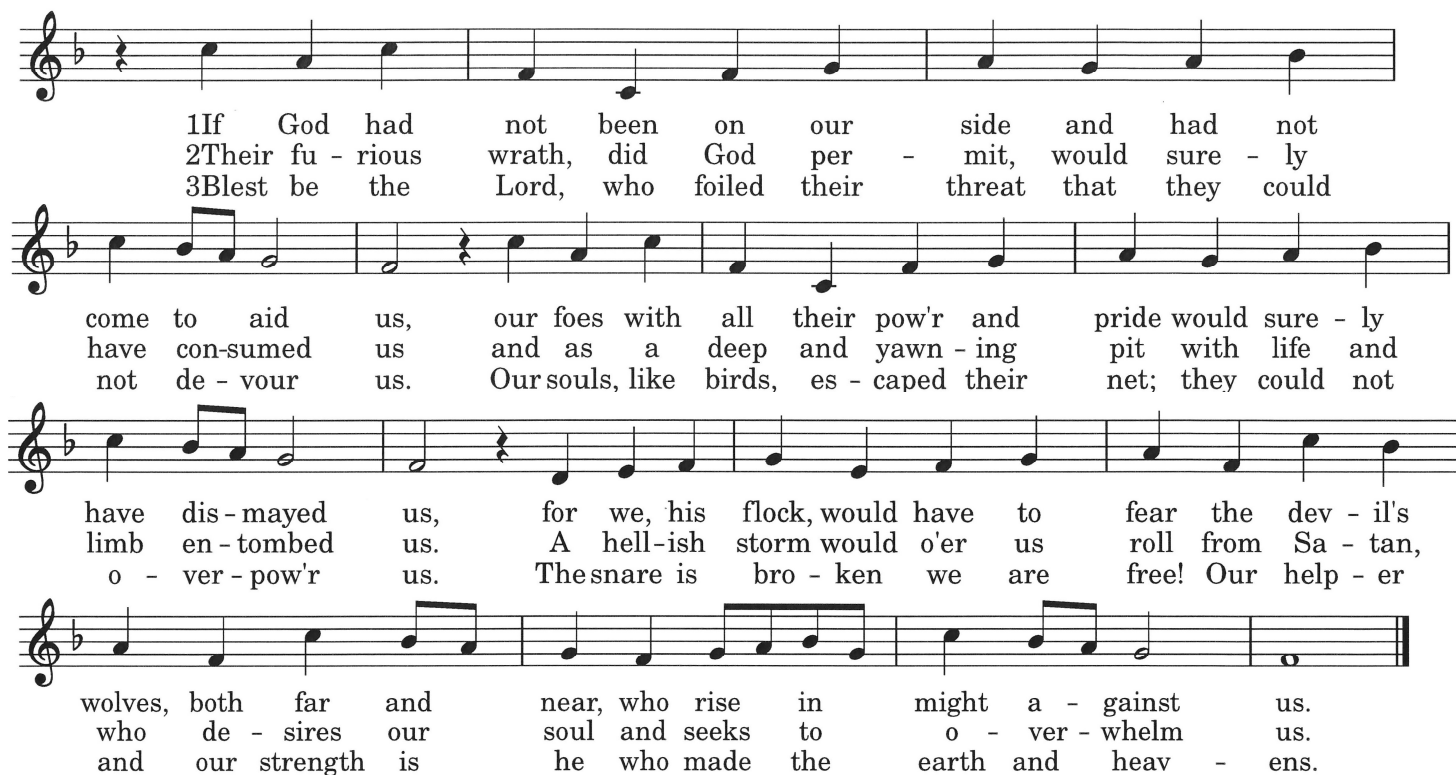
²³So they nominated two men: Joseph called Barsabbas (also known as Justus) and Matthias. ²⁴Then they prayed, "Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which of these two you have chosen ²⁵to take over this apostolic ministry, which Judas left to go where he belongs." ²⁶Then they cast lots, and the lot fell to Matthias; so he was added to the eleven apostles.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM of the DAY

Psalm 124C



1If God had not been on our side and had not
2Their fu - rious wrath, did God per - mit, would sure - ly
3Blest be the Lord, who foiled their threat that they could
come to aid us, our foes with all their pow'r and pride would sure - ly
have con - sumed us and as a deep and yawn - ing pit with life and
not de - vour us. Our souls, like birds, es - caped their net; they could not
have dis - mayed us, for we, his flock, would have to fear the dev - il's
limb en - tombed us. A hell - ish storm would o'er us roll from Sa - tan,
o - ver - pow'r us. The snare is bro - ken we are free! Our help - er
wolves, both far and near, who rise in might a - gainst us.
who de - sires our soul and seeks to o - ver - whelm us.
and our strength is he who made the earth and heav - ens.

SECOND LESSON

1 Peter 4:12–17; 5:6-11

¹²Dear friends, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that has come on you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. ¹³But rejoice inasmuch as you participate in the sufferings of Christ, so that you may be overjoyed when his glory is revealed. ¹⁴If you are insulted because of the name of Christ, you are blessed, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests on you. ¹⁵If you suffer, it should not be as a murderer or thief or any other kind of criminal, or even as a meddler. ¹⁶However, if you suffer as a Christian, do not be ashamed, but praise God that you bear that name. ¹⁷For it is time for judgment to begin with God's household; and if it begins with us, what will the outcome be for those who do not obey the gospel of God?

⁶Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time. ⁷Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.

⁸Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. ⁹Resist him, standing firm in the faith, because you know that the family of believers throughout the world is undergoing the same kind of sufferings.

¹⁰And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast. ¹¹To him be the power for ever and ever. Amen.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL

John 17:1–11a

¹After Jesus said this, he looked toward heaven and prayed:

“Father, the hour has come. Glorify your Son, that your Son may glorify you. ²For you granted him authority over all people that he might give eternal life to all those you have given him. ³Now this is eternal life: that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. ⁴I have brought you glory on earth by finishing the work you gave me to do. ⁵And now, Father, glorify me in your presence with the glory I had with you before the world began.

⁶“I have revealed you to those whom you gave me out of the world. They were yours; you gave them to me and they have obeyed your word. ⁷Now they know that everything you have given me comes from you. ⁸For I gave them the words you gave me and they accepted them. They knew with certainty that I came from you, and they believed that you sent me. ⁹I pray for them. I am not praying for the world, but for those you have given me, for they are yours. ¹⁰All I have is yours, and all you have is mine. And glory has come to me through them. ¹¹I will remain in the world no longer, but they are still in the world, and I am coming to you.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

HYMN of the DAY *Jesus Christ, My Sure Defense*

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SERMON

John 17:1-12

TO GOD BE THE GLORY!

- 1. THE SON GLORIFIED THE FATHER**
- 2. THE FATHER GLORIFIED THE SON**
- 3. GOD IS GLORIFIED THROUGH HIS PEOPLE**

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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

At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing

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CLOSING HYMN

Not unto Us

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THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

Sun	8 & 9:30 am	Worship
	11 am	Bible Class: Pastoral Epistles
	3 pm	MVL Groundbreaking Service
Mon	6:30 pm	Worship Committee Meeting
Wed	6:30 pm	St. Paul's School Closing Service at MLC
Thu	10:30 am	Adult Bible Class: Minor Prophets
	7 pm	Adult Bible Class: Galatians
Fri	10 am	Sunset Apt. Service
Sat	6:30 pm	Worship

† **Upcoming Services** †

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 28	8 & 9:30 am	Worship
	2 pm	MVL Graduation
May 30	4 pm	Oak Hills Living Center Service
Jun 3	8 am	Trustees Meeting
	6:30 pm	Worship
Jun 4	8 & 9:30 am	Worship
	11 am	Bible Class: Pastoral Epistles
Jun 5	9 am	Soccer Camp at MLC Soccer Fields
	6:30 pm	Elders Meeting
Jun 6	9 am	Soccer Camp at MLC Soccer Fields
	6 pm	Women of St. John's Meeting at Lincoln Park
Jun 7	9 am	Soccer Camp at MLC Soccer Fields
Jun 8	9 am	Soccer Camp at MLC Soccer Fields
	4:30 pm	75th Anniversary Planning Meeting
Jun 9	6:30 pm	Worship

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Attendance for the past weekend was 576.

Fruits of faith given:

\$13,929	Home Operations ~ \$19,371 is our weekly need		
\$717	MVL ~ \$1,278 is our weekly need	\$105	Christian Family Solutions
\$2,094	Missions ~ \$1,818 is our weekly need	\$100	St. Paul's School Building Fund
\$385	Building Fund	\$80	Iris Boxes
\$50	Handbells	\$10	Kitchen Fund

Church Softball League ~ Our St John's softball team had a great time last year playing in the inaugural season of the New Ulm church slow-pitch softball league. This year we're hoping more will join in the fun! The season runs from early June to early August. The games are played on Sunday evenings at Harman Park. A fee of \$10 for returning players and \$20 for new players will be collected to help pay for t-shirts, equipment and an end-of-season party. All St John's members age 12 and older are welcome to join! Please fill out the survey no later than Wednesday, May 31 at bit.ly/SJNUSB.



Women of St. John's ~ Our June meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 6th at 6 pm in Lincoln Park (weather permitting). If there is inclement weather we will meet in the church basement. Please join us for a picnic at an earlier time than usual. You will need to bring a sack lunch and lawn chair, but dessert and beverages will be provided. Join us for food, fellowship and fun.

75th Anniversary Meal ~ will be held on Sunday, August 6th at MLC at 12 pm. The cost of the meal will be \$12.50/person. RSVP information will be coming in May/June. Please watch the bulletin for further details.

Offering Announcement ~ Visitors, there is no obligation or expectation that you should give to support our ministry at St. John's. This is our members' way of expressing their thanks to God and supporting the work that we do to share the Gospel in New Ulm and around the world. Members, you are invited to give your gifts of gratitude and thanks to God for all he's done for you in Christ by leaving your offerings in the drop box in the narthex. Or you can bring your offerings to the church during regular office hours: Mondays through Fridays, 8 am - 1 pm. You might also consider taking advantage of your bank's online bill pay service and have your offering automatically sent to the church on a one time or recurring basis.

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

LWMS Ballot - Vote by May 22 ~ Every Spring we vote for a few new board members and the new mission projects. Last year over \$200,000 was raised for different mission projects- so your vote is very important! Any confirmed female in our congregation is encouraged to vote. This year there is an additional vote regarding the decision on whether or not to change the name of the organization. Check your email for the link to vote or ask Carrie for a hard copy at carriehieb@yahoo.com.

Ammo Can in the Narthex? ~ As Memorial Day approaches, Lutheran Military Support Group (LMSG) seeks donations to provide Christ-centered resources to our military men, women, and their families. LMSG is a WELS and ELS affiliated ministry that provides support to Lutheran military members and veterans who experience post-traumatic stress and other combat related symptoms, financial support to veterans pursuing public ministry, and professional development for WELS Military Contact pastors and laypersons. By placing your gift in the Ammo Can located in the new narthex you are supporting our ministry to the military. Questions? See Brad Price or visit www.LutheranMilitary.org. Thank you for standing shoulder to shoulder with those who serve our nation!

Preschool Registration at St. Paul's School ~ St. Paul's Preschool, New Ulm, now taking applications for the 2023-2024 school year! Visit <https://splnewulm.org/school/preschool/> for more information or to apply. We are excited to share the love of Jesus and the love of learning with your 3-, 4-, or 5-year-old!

MVL Building Update ~ On April 16, our MVL Delegates unanimously voted to move ahead with the Building on the Rock campaign! Dr. Plath and the MVL Finance Committee have been working diligently on securing the loan for the project. The MVL Capital Campaign Committee looks to continue their work in raising funds to support and complete the campaign. Your gifts of support for this project are so appreciated and very much still needed for these legacy additions to our MVL campus. Please consider a gift to the Building on the Rock campaign online or by mailing in a pledge form. Please join us for the Groundbreaking Ceremony scheduled for May 21 at 3 pm at MVL. Construction for the project will start early to mid-June with a completion time frame of a year expected. Further information on giving a gift, attending the ceremony, or watching the livestream progress of the building construction can be found on the school website, mvl.org or by calling Mission Advancement Director, Mr. Jim Buboltz, at (507)-354-6851.

St. Paul's School Closing Service and Graduation ~ We will be celebrating our school closing and graduation with a service on Wednesday, May 24, at 6:30 pm. The service will be held at MLC's Chapel of the Christ. We are blessed to be able to utilize this space for this service. The students in grades K-8 will participate by singing during the service, and our thirty-five graduates will receive their diplomas. We welcome everyone to this special event. It is wonderful to worship together and celebrate another school year.

St. Paul's Preschool "Cleaning Party!" ~ You are invited to St. Paul's Preschool "Cleaning Party"! Thursday, June 15, 2023, 9 am - 11:30 am. It involves wiping down tables, chairs and shelves; washing toys; chatting while working; and lunch to follow! Please RSVP to preschool@splnewulm.org if you think you will be able to be there, so we have enough lunch.

Luther Prep Summer Camps ~ Luther Prep is excited to offer a variety of day camps and overnight camps for various sports AND for the 3rd year in a row our Phoenix Adventure Camp! We hope to see many of your children join us! Go to https://www.lps.wels.net/apps/pages/summer_camps for all the details & registration info!

Lutheran Pioneer Girl Camps ~ Lutheran Girl Pioneers are for girls who have complete 3rd grade through 12th grade. The LGP District Camp is Thursday, June 15 - Saturday, June 17th at Flandrau State Park Group Camp. The Pioneer Day Camp is Thursday, June 22. More information can be found in the narthex.

Job Openings ~ St. Paul's School is looking to replace 2 paraprofessional positions this fall. For more information and to pick up an application packet and job description go to St. Paul's Church or School. St. Paul's School is also looking for people 18-years-old or older to work at their Raiders' Summer Care program. The program serves children with ages ranging from Kindergarten through 6th grade, from 7:30 am - 6 pm, Monday-Friday. If anyone would like more information, they can contact Tim Plocher at ascsummer@splnewulm.org or 507-441-1664. Minnesota Valley Lutheran High School is looking for a study hall supervisor for the 2023-24 school year. Interested individuals should contact Tim Plath at tplath@mvlhs.org for more information.

About the Cover ~ The painting featured on the cover is entitled, "The High Priestly Prayer" by Swiss artist Eugene Burnand (1900). His photographic quality of art initially was met with criticism, but now is gaining favor in recent times by a new audience. Portrayed is Jesus with his apostles, positioned in such a manner as if they are posing for a portrait, as the Lord begins to lift his hands in prayer to pray one of his three famous prayers in the Bible, The High-Priestly Prayer, which he offered to his Heavenly Father in the Upper Room on the night of his betrayal and arrest. The very realistic expressions on the faces of the apostles show their genuine interest in his words, in which he prays, not only for them, but for all who would believe as a result of their preaching. Only the apostle Judas Iscariot covers his face, as Jesus sadly will pronounce doom on him. But for those who believe in him he promises peace and salvation. Therefore, the prayer was for us too.