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Prayer before worship: God of grace, we know there are many around us who are eternally lost, like sheep without a shepherd. Forgive us for our apathy to their damnation. Forgive us for our cowardice or laziness that prevents us from taking action. Thank you for sending Jesus who had such compassion for us that he willingly went to a cross to pay for our sin. Now, moved by gratitude for your love and his work, give us the courage, the zeal, and the words to say as we seek the lost and get to work in the harvest field you have prepared for us.

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OPENING HYMN *From All That Dwell below the Skies* **CW 605**

CONFESSION p. 172

FIRST LESSON **Numbers 27:15–23**

¹⁵Moses said to the LORD, ¹⁶“May the LORD, the God who gives breath to all living things, appoint someone over this community ¹⁷to go out and come in before them, one who will lead them out and bring them in, so the LORD’s people will not be like sheep without a shepherd.”

¹⁸So the LORD said to Moses, “Take Joshua son of Nun, a man in whom is the spirit of leadership, and lay your hand on him. ¹⁹Have him stand before Eleazar the priest and the entire assembly and commission him in their presence. ²⁰Give him some of your authority so the whole Israelite community will obey him. ²¹He is to stand before Eleazar the priest, who will obtain decisions for him by inquiring of the Urim before the LORD. At his command he and the entire community of the Israelites will go out, and at his command they will come in.”

²²Moses did as the LORD commanded him. He took Joshua and had him stand before Eleazar the priest and the whole assembly. ²³Then he laid his hands on him and commissioned him, as the LORD instructed through Moses.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM of the DAY *Psalm 100B*

- 1. All people that on earth do dwell, sing to the Lord with cheerful voice.
Him serve with fear; his praise forthtell; come ye before him and rejoice!**
- 2. Know that the Lord is God indeed; without our aid he did us make.
We are his folk; he doth us feed, and for his sheep he doth us take.**

3. O enter then his gates with praise; approach with joy his courts unto.
Praise, laud, and bless his name always, for it is seemly so to do.
4. For why? The Lord our God is good; his mercy is forever sure.
His truth at all times firmly stood and shall from age to age endure.

SECOND LESSON

1 Corinthians 4:1–7

¹This, then, is how you ought to regard us: as servants of Christ and as those entrusted with the mysteries God has revealed. ²Now it is required that those who have been given a trust must prove faithful. ³I care very little if I am judged by you or by any human court; indeed, I do not even judge myself. ⁴My conscience is clear, but that does not make me innocent. It is the Lord who judges me. ⁵Therefore judge nothing before the appointed time; wait until the Lord comes. He will bring to light what is hidden in darkness and will expose the motives of the heart. At that time each will receive their praise from God.

⁶Now, brothers and sisters, I have applied these things to myself and Apollos for your benefit, so that you may learn from us the meaning of the saying, “Do not go beyond what is written.” Then you will not be puffed up in being a follower of one of us over against the other. ⁷For who makes you different from anyone else? What do you have that you did not receive? And if you did receive it, why do you boast as though you did not?

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL

Matthew 9:35—10:8

³⁵Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness. ³⁶When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. ³⁷Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. ³⁸Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.”

¹Jesus called his twelve disciples to him and gave them authority to drive out impure spirits and to heal every disease and sickness.

²These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon (who is called Peter) and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; ³Philip and Bartholomew;

Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; ⁴Simon the Zealot and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him.

⁵These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions:

“Do not go among the Gentiles or enter any town of the Samaritans. ⁶Go rather to the lost sheep of Israel. ⁷As you go, proclaim this message: ‘The kingdom of heaven has come near.’ ⁸Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse those who have leprosy, drive out demons. Freely you have received; freely give.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

HYMN of the DAY *Lord Jesus, You Have Come* **CW897**

SERMON **Matthew 9:35—10:8**

Work in Jesus' Fields

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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 *Hark, the Voice of Jesus Crying* **CW745**

PRAYERS (*Contemporary*) **and BLESSING** p. 187

CLOSING HYMN *Forth in Your Name, O Lord, I Go* **CW739**

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PREACHER
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ORGAN

Pastor Rob Guenther
Pastor Jeff Bovee
Becky Berg

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: Pastoral Epistles
	5:30 pm	Softball Game at Harman Park
Tue	7 pm	Council Meeting
Fri	9 am	Summer Fellowship at Harman Park
Sat	6:30 pm	Worship

† Upcoming Services †

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

Jun 25	8 & 9:30 am	Worship
	11 am	Bible Class: Pastoral Epistles
	8 pm	Softball Game at Harman Park
Jun 27	4 pm	Oak Hills Living Center Service
Jun 28	6 pm	Jonah ~ The Shadow Puppet Play
Jun 30	9 am	Summer Fellowship at North Market Park
Jul 1	6:30 pm	Worship
Jul 2	8 & 9:30 am	Worship
	11 am	Bible Class: Pastoral Epistles
Jul 7	9 am	Summer Fellowship at Nehl's Park
	4 pm	Wedding Rehearsal
Jul 8		Uher / Thomford Wedding
	6:30 pm	Worship
Jul 9	8 & 9:30 am	Worship
	11 am	Bible Class: Pastoral Epistles
	6:45 pm	Softball Game at Harman Park
Jul 10	6 pm	Evangelism Meeting
	7 pm	Education Meeting
Jul 14	9 am	Summer Fellowship at South Park
Jul 15	6:30 pm	Worship
Jul 16	8 & 9:30 am	Worship
	11 am	Bible Class: Pastoral Epistles
	8 pm	Softball Game at Harman Park
Jul 17	6:30 pm	Worship Committee
Jul 18	7 pm	Council Meeting
Jul 21	9 am	Summer Fellowship at German Park
Jul 22	6:30 pm	Worship

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Attendance for the past weekend was 364.

Fruits of faith given:

\$14,542	Home Operations ~ <i>\$19,371 is our weekly need</i>		
\$1,592	MVL ~ <i>\$1,278 is our weekly need</i>	\$100	St. Paul's School
\$2,017	Missions ~ <i>\$1,818 is our weekly need</i>	\$50	St. Paul's School Building Fund
\$747	Building Fund	\$25	Christian Family Solutions
\$20	Kitchen Fund	\$8	Food & Fellowship
\$20	75th Anniversary		

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 and a picnic lunch (optional). Feel free to bring a friend! If you have any questions, please contact Erika Grundmeier at (989) 529-8729.

Jun 23 Harman Park: 101 N. Garden St.

Jun 30 North Market Park: 1414 N. German St.

Jul 7 Nehl's Park: 1100 Summit Ave.

Jul 14 South Park: 1800 S. State St.

75th Anniversary Choir ~ A special anniversary service choir is being assembled to sing for the anniversary services on August 6. Participating in this choir would involve two rehearsals: Wednesday, July 26 and Wednesday, August 2 beginning at 7 pm. The rehearsals will take place in the church balcony. There will also be a warm-up on Sunday, August 6 before the service. If you are interested in being part of this special choir, please contact Craig Hirschmann at chirschmann1@gmail.com by July 6. Please indicate the voice part you can sing: soprano, alto, tenor, or bass.

75th Anniversary Meal Update ~ The 75th Anniversary meal will be held on Sunday, August 6th at 12 pm in the MLC gymnasium. We will be having a picnic type of meal with salads and desserts. There will be a brief program to follow the meal. Registration and payment for the meal will be held each Saturday and Sunday in June before and after services in the new narthex. The deadline for registration is June 25th. The cost of the meal is \$12.50 per person including children. We will accept cash or check payments. Exact change is appreciated. Please contact Denise Karstens if you have any questions at 507-766-5899.

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 Befriend A Mission (BAM) ~ June is St. John's month to give special attention to our LWMS Circuit's assigned Home and World Missions for 2023-2024. There is a display table in the new narthex with information about each of these 3 missions, as well as cards to sign for each family. All are welcome to join in encouraging our missionaries as they spread God's Word at home and abroad. Please also keep these families in your prayers.

Domestic Abuse Class ~ What is domestic abuse? What does the Bible say about it? And, what can you say to someone who is stuck in an abusive situation? Pastor Frank Italiano, who has had extensive experience dealing with domestic abuse will lead this class along with "Mary," one of his members who has escaped an abusive marriage of almost 20 years. The class is open to all. Because of the topic, it will include "mature" content. The class will meet via Zoom Wednesdays June 21 through July 26, 2023. It will be from 8 to 9:30 pm. Once you register, a secure zoom link will be emailed to the email address you provide.

Register at: <https://trinitycrete.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/149/responses/new>.

Job Openings ~ MVL is looking for a freshmen volleyball coach, if interested contact Craig Morgan at cmorgan@mvlhs.org.

Martin Luther College is accepting applications for part-time Assistant Coaches in football, basketball, and tennis. Interested individuals should apply online at mlc-wels.edu/hr/.

Free Choral Concert ~ Canticum Novum: A WELS Chamber Choir and Artistic Director Jonathan Laabs invite you to attend or stream one of our free concerts on June 23-25. This year's program, entitled **"The Everlasting Light,"** is centered around the poignant words of Isaiah 60:19: "The sun will no more be your light by day, nor will the brightness of the moon shine on you, for the LORD will be your everlasting light, and your God will be your glory." Featured in the program is Johannes Brahms' thought-provoking motet, *Warum ist das Licht gegeben dem Mühseligen*, as well as Randall Thompson's *The Peaceable Kingdom*, a dramatic cycle based on Edward Hicks' painting of the same name. Also included are pieces by leading modern composers Dan Forrest, David von Kampen, Elaine Hagenberg, and Kyle Pederson. **Concert performances are Friday, June 23, 7:30 pm at Trinity Lutheran Church in Waukesha WI; Saturday, June 24, 7:30 pm at Grace Lutheran Church in Downtown Milwaukee WI; and Sunday, June 25, 10:30 am at Morning Star Lutheran Church in Jackson WI. Friday's performance at Trinity, Waukesha will be live-streamed; access the stream via the link on our website.** Visit: canticumnovumwels.org and follow our Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/CanticumNovumWELS>) for more information.

Storytelling of the Book of Jonah ~ “Jonah - The Shadow Puppet Play” will be performed in the basement on Wednesday, June 28 at 6 pm. Faith Belt is a WELS member from Tennessee who graduated from UT-Knoxville with a studio art degree last year. She's recently developed a shadow puppet show based on the book of Jonah.



About the Cover ~ Jesus told his disciples to, "Ask the Lord of the harvest... to send out workers into his harvest field." But then, in the next verses, Jesus told them to be the answer to their own prayer. He sent the Twelve out to "proclaim this message: 'The kingdom of heaven has come near.'" God has done the same for us. He's called us to proclaim the message of his grace. Though we haven't always done that faithfully, God sent his son to win forgiveness for us. Now, having freely received his grace, we freely give our dollars, our time, our energy, and our effort to reach the lost.