



Deuteronomy 18:15
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a prophet like me from among your own brothers.
You must listen to him.

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Prayer before worship: Almighty God, you came down to earth in the person of Jesus Christ to live and die in our place so that the words of the prophets might be fulfilled. Through your invitation we come to you, and seek the blessings you promised from old -- the forgiveness of sins, deliverance from death and the devil, peace with God, and the promise of eternal life in heaven. Assure us of these things, and strengthen our faith so that we will always be led by your Word. We pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen.

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OPENING HYMN ***Rise, Shine, You People*** **CW744**
8 am Choir sings stanza 1; Congregation sings stanzas 2 - 4

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FIRST LESSON **Deuteronomy 18:15–22**

¹⁵The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your fellow Israelites. You must listen to him. ¹⁶For this is what you asked of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said, “Let us not hear the voice of the LORD our God nor see this great fire anymore, or we will die.”

¹⁷The LORD said to me: “What they say is good. ¹⁸I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their fellow Israelites, and I will put my words in his mouth. He will tell them everything I command him. ¹⁹I myself will call to account anyone who does not listen to my words that the prophet speaks in my name. ²⁰But a prophet who presumes to speak in my name anything I have not commanded, or a prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, is to be put to death.” ²¹You may say to yourselves, “How can we know when a message has not been spoken by the LORD?” ²²If what a prophet proclaims in the name of the LORD does not take place or come true, that is a message the LORD has not spoken. That prophet has spoken presumptuously. Do not be afraid of him.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM of the DAY ***Psalm 29***
8 am Choir sings first refrain and verses; Congregation joins in all subsequent refrains and Gloria Patri

SECOND LESSON **Hebrews 3:1–6**

¹Therefore, holy brothers and sisters, who share in the heavenly calling, fix your thoughts on Jesus, whom we acknowledge as our apostle and high priest. ²He was faithful to the one who appointed him, just as Moses was faithful in all God’s house. ³Jesus has been found

worthy of greater honor than Moses, just as the builder of a house has greater honor than the house itself. ⁴For every house is built by someone, but God is the builder of everything. ⁵“Moses was faithful as a servant in all God’s house,” bearing witness to what would be spoken by God in the future. ⁶But Christ is faithful as the Son over God’s house. And we are his house, if indeed we hold firmly to our confidence and the hope in which we glory.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The people were amazed at his teach - ing,

because he taught them as one who had au - thor - i - ty. *Refrain*

GOSPEL

Mark 1:21–28

²¹They went to Capernaum, and when the Sabbath came, Jesus went into the synagogue and began to teach. ²²The people were amazed at his teaching, because he taught them as one who had authority, not as the teachers of the law. ²³Just then a man in their synagogue who was possessed by an impure spirit cried out, ²⁴“What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God!”

²⁵“Be quiet!” said Jesus sternly. “Come out of him!” ²⁶The impure spirit shook the man violently and came out of him with a shriek.

²⁷The people were all so amazed that they asked each other, “What is this? A new teaching—and with authority! He even gives orders to impure spirits and they obey him.”

²⁸News about him spread quickly over the whole region of Galilee.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

HYMN of the DAY

Speak, O Lord

CW 633

SERMON

Deuteronomy 18:15-22

LISTEN TO THE PROPHET OF THE LORD

- 1. YOU WILL KNOW GOD THROUGH HIS MESSAGE**
- 2. YOU WILL KNOW HIS MESSAGE THROUGH GOD**

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PREACHER	Pastor Jeff Bovee
PRESIDING MINISTER	Pastor Rob Guenther
ORGAN	Jon Roux
JUNIOR CHOIR (Gr. 5-8)	Emily Stoering
MLC LECTORS Throughout the year, St. John's asks men who are studying for the pastoral ministry to read for a service. We are in a privileged position to see our Lord's answer to our prayers for future called workers.	
8 am	Luke Rogotzke
9:30 am	Camden Sulzle
	Zion, Sanborn, MN
	St. John's, Redwood Falls, MN

Welcome, Visitors!

Please scan the QR code to
sign our Guest Register.



THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

Sun	8, 9:30 & 11 am	Worship
	9:30 am	Sunday School and Bible Class: Book of 1st John
Wed	10 am	Catechism
	7 pm	Choir
Thu	10:30 am	Bible Class: The I AM Statements of Jesus
	7 pm	Bible Class: The Hard Sayings of Jesus
Fri	7 am	Early Bird Bible Class: Paul's Letters to Thessalonians
	9:30 am	Women's Bible Class: Book of Esther
Sat	6:30 pm	Worship

† Upcoming Services †

Saturday: 6:30 pm
Sunday: 8, 9:30 & 11 am

UPCOMING EVENTS

Feb 4	8, 9:30 & 11 am	Worship
	9:30 am	Sunday School and Bible Class: Book of 1st John
		Amazing Race at St. Paul's School
	2 pm	MVL Delegate Meeting
Feb 5	6:30 pm	Elders Meeting
Feb 6	4 pm	Oak Hills Living Center Service
	7 pm	Women of St. John's Meeting
Feb 7	10 am	Catechism
	6 pm	Handbells
	7 pm	Choir
Feb 8	10:30 am	Bible Class: The I AM Statements of Jesus
	7 pm	Bible Class: The Hard Sayings of Jesus
Feb 9	7 am	Early Bird Bible Class: Paul's Letters to Thessalonians
	9:30 am	Women's Bible Class: Book of Esther
Feb 10	9 am	Cards of Caring at 403 N. Minnesota St.
	6:30 pm	Worship
Feb 11	8, 9:30 & 11 am	Worship
	9:30 am	PreK-8 sing
	9:30 am	Bible Class: Book of 1st John
Feb 12	11:30 am	OWLS Meeting
	6 pm	Evangelism Meeting
	7 pm	Education Meeting
Feb 13	6 pm	Sunday School Teachers' Meeting
Feb 14	11 am, 4 & 6:30 pm	Ash Wednesday Services
	4:45 - 6:15 pm	Fellowship Supper
	7:15 pm	Choir

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Attendance for the past weekend was 554 with 405 attending Communion.

Fruits of faith given:

\$28,680	Home Operations ~ <i>Needed to Date: \$52,878 / Received to Date: \$56,566</i>		
\$782	MVL		
\$637	Missions	\$100	St. Paul's School
\$172	Building Fund	\$5,000	Sanctuary Chairs
\$15	75th Ann. Sanctuary Renovation	\$8	Food & Fellowship

Volunteers Needed ~ Now that we have screens in the sanctuary, we need volunteers to advance the slides during services. Use the link <http://bit.ly/SJSlideAdvance> to sign up for a service or two, or more. You can also scan the QR Code in the narthex.

NEW Bible Class Offered ~ Join us in person or online at bit.ly/SJBibleClass every Fridays at 7 am. The *Early Bird Bible Class* will include breakfast and the Word. A light breakfast will be available for those who are in attendance. There will be a freewill offering to help offset the cost of food.

Women of St. John's ~ Our February meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 6th at 7 pm in the church basement. Please join us for a presentation by MLC student, Abigail Kesting about Jesus Cares. Following her presentation, we will have a brief business meeting that will include voting on our Quarterly Mission Offering Projects for 2024. Please join us for an evening of food, fun and fellowship.

Join the Handbell Choir ~ for a fun and unique fellowship opportunity. We are looking for 1-2 bell ringers. You don't need to be able to read music. The notes are color-coded for all levels of experience. **Any interested MLC bell ringers can play and earn IFE hours (category A).** Hurry before the spots are filled. Come join the fun. For more information, contact Becky Berg at rberg@mvlhs.org or text 989-280-7674.

2024 Contribution Envelopes ~ The 2024 offering envelopes can be found either in your bulletin box or in alphabetical order on the tables in the new narthex.

Cards of Caring ~ will meet this winter to continue to make cards for our homebound and thinking-of-you members, and for our three LWMS Befriend a Mission families. All supplies are furnished. If you are unable to create cards, we have other tasks you may do. We welcome those from 7th grade and older including MLC students. Our next date will be Saturday, February 10. We meet from 9 am until noon. Come any time between those hours. We meet at 403 N. Minnesota St. (across from the Glockenspiel). This is an opportunity for fellowship and service to the Lord. Contact Lois Willems at 507-676-1230 with questions.

AREA ANNOUNCEMENTS

Amazing Race at St. Paul's School ~ It's not too late to register your team for the Amazing Race! Team registration is due by Tuesday, January 30. Since space is limited, it is possible registration will close early. Don't delay and risk not being able to race! Find all the details and register your team at <https://bit.ly/amazingrace24>. Not racing? Everyone can take part in events at school on Race Day, February 4. Taco in a bag lunch from 11:30-1:00, cupcakes, lightning basketball games and bean bags are all on the agenda. We are looking forward to seeing you there, but don't forget about the silent auction! The classrooms are collecting items for their class silent auction baskets. The online auction goes live on Monday, January 29, and closes on February 4, at noon. You can access the auction website here: <https://virtualauction.bid/amazingrace2024>. Contact Amy Rich at stampinnut@me.com with your questions.

Help Us Support MLC Students ~ The MLC Ladies' Auxiliary is sponsoring their annual Bingo Night on Wednesday, Feb. 7. This is one of the year's highlights for MLC students when they can have a night of fun and win great prizes of quilts, gift cards, and baked treats! We've had many generous donations of quilts for the event, but we are still looking for donations of treats and cash to purchase the gift cards. Please consider this opportunity to partner with the Auxiliary for this night of fun encouragement! Drop off donations at the MLC reception desk by February 1 or mail them to 1995 Luther Court, New Ulm, MN 56073. On behalf of our future pastors, staff ministers, and teachers, thank you!

OWLS Meeting ~ Our local MN Valley Chapter 13 OWLS (Organization of WELS Lutheran Seniors) will meet on Monday, February 12 at St. John's Lutheran Church, New Ulm. Fellowship begins at 11:30 am with a pot luck meal at noon. After a devotion, we will have a presentation by Mary Hoffman entitled, "Sex Trafficking Explained." Hope you can attend.

MLC Wind Symphony Concert ~ Composers of wind band music have used traditional Christian hymn melodies as thematic source material for decades. Hymn tunes do not always employ a regular musical structure; instead, they often reflect the style conventions of the time. Please join the Martin Luther College Wind Symphony for a unique concert experience as we explore the use of hymnody in wind band music. Each piece on the program will be preceded by a short introduction discussing how the composer has taken an irregularly structured melody and made it fit into contemporary musical conventions. "Hymnody and the Wind Band" will take place on Thursday, February 22, at 7:30 pm in the Chapel of the Christ as part of a special Focus on Fine Arts weekend.

"Lead the Next Generation" - Men of Truth invites you to a one-day men's conference, *Lead the Next Generation*. Pastors Jeremy Mattek and Dan Schmidt will take us through three sessions focused on leading the next generation. Join us to explore a life in service to Christ, identifying youth service gifts and understanding and engaging our youth. Join us on Saturday, March 16 at Martin Luther College. Visit www.MenofTruth.org for more information.

About the Cover ~ God had promised through Moses that he would send a prophet, like Moses, to the people of Israel, and he gave this command: "You must listen to him." Of course, there were many prophets who followed after Moses and taught the Word of God to the world. But even John the Baptizer, declared to be the greatest of all the prophets, when asked if he was "the Prophet," he answered no. The Prophet to come would be greater than Moses, greater than the prophets who came after him, and even greater than John the Baptizer. The Prophet would be Jesus Christ, the fulfillment of all that Moses and the prophets ever spoke or wrote about. The Prophet is our Savior who came into this world from heaven to redeem us from our sin.