

DEUTERONOMY 6:4-5

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וּבְכָל-מְאֹדְךָ:

Hear O Israel! The LORD our God
the LORD is one. Therefore, love
the LORD your God with all heart,
with all your soul, and with all your
strength.

The Shema

Twenty-Fourth Sunday After Pentecost
November 2 / 3, 2024



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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.

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
November 2 & 3, 2024

SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP: Almighty God, we thank you that you have given us your precious Word so that we might know what you command, and also what you have done to save us through your dear Son Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. Bless us now through your Word and Sacrament. Strengthen our faith so that we may know and serve you better. We pray this in Jesus' name. Amen.

CHILDREN'S ANTHEM (11:00 a.m.)

Let the Whole Creation Cry

David von Kampen

*1. Let the whole creation cry, Alleluia! "Glory to the Lord on high!"
Alleluia!*

*Heav'n and earth, awake and sing, Alleluia! "Praise to our almighty
King!" Alleluia!*

*2. Praise Him, angel hosts above, Alleluia! Ever bright and fare in love;
Alleluia!*

*Sun and moon, lift up your voice; Alleluia! Night and stars, in God
rejoice. Alleluia!*

*3. Sing we to our God above, Alleluia! Praise eternal as His love;
Alleluia!*

*Praise Him, all ye heav'nly host, Alleluia! Father, Son, and Holy
Ghost. Alleluia!*

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HYMN

O God, Our Lord, Your Holy Word

CW 643

STAND

The grace of our Lord (+) Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

And also with you.

CONFESSION OF SINS

God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.

Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful, and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. 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.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

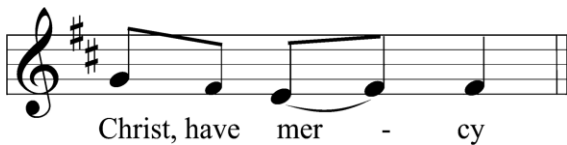
LORD, HAVE MERCY

Kyrie

For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.



For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.



For the well-being of your holy Church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord.



Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care:

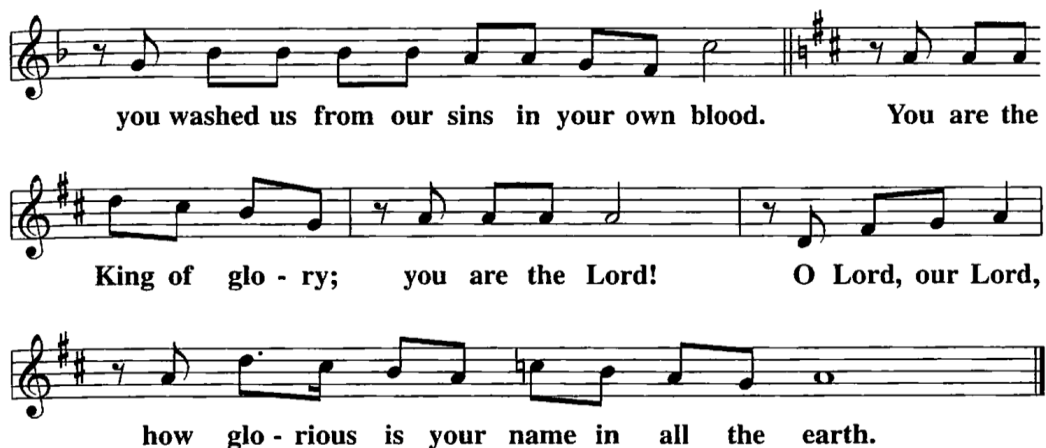


The works of the Lord are great and glorious; his name is worthy of praise.

O LORD, OUR LORD

C: O Lord, our Lord, how glo - rious is your name in
all the earth. Al - might - y God, mer - ci - ful Fa - ther,
you crown our life with your love. You take a - way our sin;
you com - fort our spir - it; you make us pure and
ho - ly in your sight. You did not spare your on - ly Son,
but gave him up for us all. O Lord, our Lord,
how glo - rious is your name in all the earth.
O Son of God, e - ter - nal Word of the Fa - ther,
you came to live with us; you made your Fa - ther known;

The musical score is written on ten staves. The first nine staves are in the key of D major (two sharps). The tenth staff changes to the key of B minor (two flats). The melody is written in a soprano voice. The lyrics are printed below the notes. There are three triplet markings (indicated by a '3' above the notes) on the staves for 'mer - ci - ful', 'you crown', and 'e - ter - nal'.



you washed us from our sins in your own blood. You are the
King of glo - ry; you are the Lord! O Lord, our Lord,
how glo - rious is your name in all the earth.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

O God, protector of all the faithful, you alone make strong; you alone make holy. Show us your mercy and forgive our sins day by day. Guide us through our earthly lives that we do not lose the things you have prepared for us in heaven; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

BE SEATED

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON

Deuteronomy 6:1–9

¹These are the commands, decrees and laws the LORD your God directed me to teach you to observe in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to possess,
²so that you, your children and their children after them may fear the LORD your God as long as you live by keeping all his decrees and commands that I

give you, and so that you may enjoy long life. ³Hear, Israel, and be careful to obey so that it may go well with you and that you may increase greatly in a land flowing with milk and honey, just as the LORD, the God of your ancestors, promised you.

⁴Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. ⁵Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength.

⁶These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. ⁷Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. ⁸Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. ⁹Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates.

This is the Word of the Lord.

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 119 G

Refrain



Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path.

Tone



Oh, how I / love your law!

I meditate on it / all day long.

Your commands are always / with me
and make me wiser than my / enemies.

I have more insight than all my / teachers,
for I meditate on your / statutes. *Refrain*

I have kept my feet from every / evil path
so that I might o- / bey your word.

How sweet are your words / to my taste,
sweeter than honey / to my mouth!

I gain understanding from your / precepts;

therefore I hate every / wrong path.

**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***

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SECOND LESSON

Romans 13:8–14

⁸Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another, for whoever loves others has fulfilled the law. ⁹The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery,” “You shall not murder,” “You shall not steal,” “You shall not covet,” and whatever other command there may be, are summed up in this one command: “Love your neighbor as yourself.” ¹⁰Love does no harm to a neighbor. Therefore love is the fulfillment of the law.

¹¹And do this, understanding the present time: The hour has already come for you to wake up from your slumber, because our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed. ¹²The night is nearly over; the day is almost here. So let us put aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light. ¹³Let us behave decently, as in the daytime, not in carousing and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and debauchery, not in dissension and jealousy. ¹⁴Rather, clothe yourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ, and do not think about how to gratify the desires of the flesh.

This is the Word of the Lord.

VERSE OF THE DAY

C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

STAND

GOSPEL

Mark 12:28–34

²⁸One of the teachers of the law came and heard them debating. Noticing that Jesus had given them a good answer, he asked him, “Of all the commandments, which is the most important?”

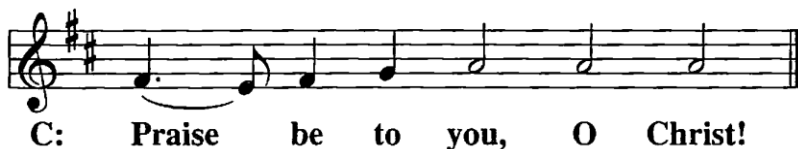
²⁹“The most important one,” answered Jesus, “is this: ‘Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. ³⁰Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.’ ³¹The second is this: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no commandment greater than these.”

³²“Well said, teacher,” the man replied. “You are right in saying that God is one and there is no other but him. ³³To love him with all your heart, with all

your understanding and with all your strength, and to love your neighbor as yourself is more important than all burnt offerings and sacrifices.”

³⁴When Jesus saw that he had answered wisely, he said to him, “You are not far from the kingdom of God.” And from then on no one dared ask him any more questions.

This is the Gospel of our Lord.



BE SEATED

HYMN OF THE DAY *May We Your Precepts, Lord, Fulfill* CW 697

SERMON

Deuteronomy 6:1–9

Listen to the One and Only God and LORD

STAND

NICENE CREED

**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.

BE SEATED

OFFERING

STAND

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Gracious God and Father, we praise you for the countless blessings, which we receive from your hand: the beauties of creation and the bounties of the earth, the joy of life and the pleasure of friendship, the good of work and the gift of rest, the privilege to share happiness and sorrow with one another. Above all we praise and thank you for your saving Word and for your Son's body and blood, which you give us to eat and to drink in the sacrament. Through these means of grace, you send the Holy Spirit into our hearts and unite us to Jesus and to the whole Christian Church on earth.

Strengthen us through this heavenly food; increase our trust in Christ and our love for one another.

Great God and Lord, without your continuing help we easily waver in our faith, lose courage, and grow careless in our watchfulness. The times and days are perilous. Give us strength to face the evils of each day with fresh confidence.

Open our lips to speak of your grace, and move us to use the gifts that you give us to share your Word of salvation with all people. Protect and prosper the family, the school, the government, and all good institutions that you have established for the benefit of society. Remember in mercy those who are sick and suffering, and bring your healing to troubled homes and lives.

Move us to pray for those in need and to help them with deeds of kindness.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer.

Now, eternal God and Father, keep us in the saving faith and so enable us to overcome all things through our Lord Jesus Christ.

LORD'S PRAYER (TRADITIONAL)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

THE SACRAMENT

M: The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so with you.

M: Lift up your hearts.



C: We lift them up to the Lord.

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing.

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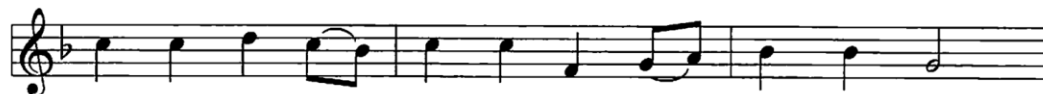
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He sends the Holy Spirit to testify that we are his children and to strengthen us when we are weak.

Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory for ever and ever.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Sanctus



C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.



The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.



You are my God, and I will ex - alt you.



I will give you thanks, for you have be - come my sal -



va - tion. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.



The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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.



O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD

Agnus Dei



C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



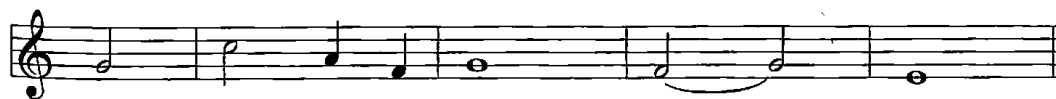
world; have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you



take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.



O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world; grant us your peace. A - men.

BE SEATED

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HYMN

Thy Strong Word

CW 630

THANKSGIVING

STAND

THANK THE LORD



C: Thank the Lord and sing his praise. Tell ev'-ry-one what he has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re-joyce and proud-ly bear his name.

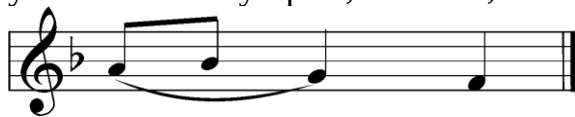


He re-news his prom-is - es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



A - men

Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another.
 Serve the Lord with gladness.
 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.



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PREACHER
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Pastor Jeff Bovee
 Pastor Rob Guenther
 Becky Berg

Welcome, Visitors! Please scan the QR code to sign our guest register.

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S



Sunday	8, 9:30, 11 am	Worship
	9:30 am	Bible Class: Biblical Politicians
Monday	6:30 pm	Elders meeting
Tuesday	7 pm	Women of St. John's – Lefse making
Wednesday	3:30 pm	Homeschool & Public School Catechism
	6 pm	Handbells
Thursday	10 am	Bible Class: Vices & Virtues
	11:30 am	Stewardship Meeting
	7 pm	Bible Class: Proverbs
Saturday	6:30 pm	Worship
Sunday, Nov. 10	8, 9:30, 11 am	Worship
	9:30 am	Bible Class: Biblical Politicians

Monday, Nov. 11	11:30 am	OWLS @ St. Paul's Church
	6 pm	Evangelism Meeting
	7 pm	Education Meeting
Tuesday, Nov. 12	4 pm	Oak Hills
	6 pm	Sunday School Meeting
Wednesday, Nov. 13	6:30 pm	Catechism
	7 pm	Choir
Thursday, Nov. 14	10 am	Bible Class: Vices & Virtues
	7 pm	Bible Class: Proverbs
Friday, Nov. 15	9:30 am	Women's Bible Class

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Attendance for this past week was 580

Fruits of Faith given:

\$26,528 Home Operations ~ Year to Date needed: \$757,549 / Year to Date received \$726,717

\$1,320 WELS Missions ~ Received to Date: \$71,612

\$1,150 MVL ~ Received to Date: \$47,511

\$190 Endowment Fund

\$18 Food & Fellowship

\$35 K-12 Education Assistance

\$25 St. Paul's School Building Fund

\$100 St. Paul's School

\$100 Ministerial Education Endowment Fund

\$932 Building Fun

\$15 Sanctuary renovation

\$156 Designated Miscellaneous

Communications and Contributions Survey ~ Please complete this brief survey to help your church maximize its efficiency in sharing information and collecting offerings. Paper copies can be found in the narthex or scan this QR code and fill it out there.



SCAN ME

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 Missi 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.

Women of St. John's ~ Tuesday, November 5th, at 7:00 pm, the ladies will be gathering for a lefse making demo. Please come learn how to make, roll out and flip this popular Scandinavian flatbread. If you have lefse making equipment that you would be able to bring, please do as we would like to set up multiple stations. Also, bring copies of your favorite lefse recipe if you have one. A sign-up sheet is located on the table outside the narthex to plan for stations. Hope to see you there and bring a friend!

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

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!

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

Lutheran Military Support Group ~ St John's, in partnership with Lutheran Military Support Group (LMSG), would like to honor our Active Duty and Veteran Service Members throughout the month of November. We are asking Service members to provide their contact information by Sunday, November 3rd. Please stop at the LMSG table located in the narthex and complete a request card. For convenience, place completed postcards in the ammo can provided.

LMSG Scholarships ~ LMSG provides two scholarships, the **LMSG Scholarship for WELS and ELS Veterans** studying for public ministry as a pastor, teacher, or staff minister; and the **LMSG Chaplaincy Scholarship** for Christian Warriors and pastors serving near military installations in the role of Military Contact Pastors. In 2024, thirteen scholarships were awarded to support the education of Veterans and called workers as they share the gospel among military communities. This is one way LMSG provides Christ-centered support to our Christian Warriors and their Families.

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." One last show will be held today, November 3rd at 2 PM. Come watch the show now, ya hear?

Joint Reformation Service ~ Martin Luther recognized the need to educate both boys and girls. This not only meant teaching them God's Word, but also training them to be good citizens. He encouraged city leaders to open schools for boys and girls. We celebrate the Reformation's emphasis on Christian Education! On November 3rd at 3 p.m. at the Chapel of the Christ on the campus of Martin Luther College, we give thanks for the blessings handed down to us in the Lutheran Reformation. Professor Robert Wendland will

preach this year and a joint choir from the Mankato and River Valley Conferences will enhance our worship with song.

MLC Forum ~ Presents: Fiddler On The Roof. The award-winning tale of Tevye the Dairyman and his family's struggles in a changing Russia is a true musical theatre tradition! Performing at MLC November 8-9, 7:30 PM; November 10, 2:00 PM in the Auditorium. For more information and for ticket sales, go to: <https://mlc-wels.edu/forum>

Wind Symphony Concert ~ One of the earliest multi-movement works for instruments was the dance suite, dating back to the 14th century. The form has been tweaked many times over the years, but one characteristic has largely remained true: a musical suite is connected by a single idea tying all the movements together, be it melody, harmony, rhythmic motive, or theme. Please join the MLC Wind Symphony as they present Suite Sounds for Winds and Percussion. The program includes works by Holst, Williams, and Stravinsky and will be held in the MLC auditorium on Sunday, November 24, at 3:00 pm. This concert is free and open to the public. Can't make it in person? Watch the livestream on MLC's YouTube channel.

Owls Meeting ~ Our local MN Valley Chapter 13 OWLS (Organization of Wels Lutheran Seniors) will be gathering on Monday, November 11, for a noon potluck at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, New Ulm. Drinks and eating utensils will be provided. Fellowship begins at 11:30 AM. A devotion will be held after the meal, followed with a presentation by Mark Santelman entitled: "How to pay for care AFTER your loved one is in the Nursing Home." OWLS, members of the congregation, and friends are invited to attend. Hope you can come.

About the Cover ~ The Hebrew text on the bulletin cover from Deuteronomy 6:4-5 is known as the Jewish *Shema*. *Shema* means "hear" and it is a reference to the first words of the verses "**Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength.**" These are the words Moses commanded to the people of Israel as they were about to enter into the Promise

Land. He reminded them of the importance of obeying God and teaching their children to do the same. Jesus quoted these words and said that all the Law and Prophets hang on the commandments: Love God and love our neighbor. If we kept these perfectly, we will have done everything the Bible commands us to do. But since we have failed to love God and love our neighbor perfectly, God sent Jesus to do it in our place. Only in Jesus is our love made perfect.