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Prayer before worship: God, we recognize your power to control wind and waves, indeed, all things! And we recognize that in your righteousness we, who so often sin and rebel against you, deserve to have you use your power to pour out your righteous wrath against us. But, in your grace, you sent Jesus to endure your wrath in our place. And for his sake we are forgiven. Thank you. Now you promise to use your power to help us and bless us and work all things for the good of your Church. Help us to trust in your promises and to live for you in thanks. Amen.

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OPENING HYMN

Children of the Heavenly Father

CW 502

CONFESSION

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FIRST LESSON

Job 38:1–11

¹Then the LORD spoke to Job out of the storm. He said: ²“Who is this that obscures my plans with words without knowledge? ³Brace yourself like a man; I will question you, and you shall answer me. ⁴“Where were you when I laid the earth’s foundation? Tell me, if you understand. ⁵Who marked off its dimensions? Surely you know! Who stretched a measuring line across it? ⁶On what were its footings set, or who laid its cornerstone— ⁷while the morning stars sang together and all the angels shouted for joy?

⁸“Who shut up the sea behind doors when it burst forth from the womb, ⁹when I made the clouds its garment and wrapped it in thick darkness, ¹⁰when I fixed limits for it and set its doors and bars in place, ¹¹when I said, “This far you may come and no farther; here is where your proud waves halt”?

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM of the DAY

As the Deer

Psalm 42

SECOND LESSON

Acts 27:13–26

¹³When a gentle south wind began to blow, they saw their opportunity; so they weighed anchor and sailed along the shore of Crete. ¹⁴Before very long, a wind of hurricane force, called the Northeaster, swept down from the island. ¹⁵The ship was caught by the storm and could not head into the wind; so we gave way to it and were driven along. ¹⁶As we passed to the lee of a small island called Cauda, we were hardly able to make the lifeboat secure, ¹⁷so the men hoisted it aboard. Then they passed ropes under the ship itself to hold it together. Because they were afraid they would run aground on the sandbars of Syrtis, they

lowered the sea anchor and let the ship be driven along. ¹⁸We took such a violent battering from the storm that the next day they began to throw the cargo overboard. ¹⁹On the third day, they threw the ship's tackle overboard with their own hands. ²⁰When neither sun nor stars appeared for many days and the storm continued raging, we finally gave up all hope of being saved.

²¹After they had gone a long time without food, Paul stood up before them and said: "Men, you should have taken my advice not to sail from Crete; then you would have spared yourselves this damage and loss. ²²But now I urge you to keep up your courage, because not one of you will be lost; only the ship will be destroyed. ²³Last night an angel of the God to whom I belong and whom I serve stood beside me ²⁴and said, 'Do not be afraid, Paul. You must stand trial before Caesar; and God has graciously given you the lives of all who sail with you.' ²⁵So keep up your courage, men, for I have faith in God that it will happen just as he told me. ²⁶Nevertheless, we must run aground on some island."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

They were terrified and asked each other, "Who is this?"

Even the wind and the waves o - bey him!"

Refrain

GOSPEL

Mark 4:35–41

³⁵That day when evening came, he said to his disciples, "Let us go over to the other side." ³⁶Leaving the crowd behind, they took him along, just as he was, in the boat. There were also other boats with him. ³⁷A furious squall came up, and the waves broke over the boat, so that it was nearly swamped. ³⁸Jesus was in the stern, sleeping on a cushion. The disciples woke him and said to him, "Teacher, don't you care if we drown?"

³⁹He got up, rebuked the wind and said to the waves, "Quiet! Be still!" Then the wind died down and it was completely calm.

⁴⁰He said to his disciples, "Why are you so afraid? Do you still have no faith?"

⁴¹They were terrified and asked each other, "Who is this? Even the wind and the waves obey him!"

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

HYMN of the DAY *Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me* **CW849**

SERMON **Acts 27:13-26**

I Survived!
I. I Survived the Storm!
II. I Survived God's Wrath!
III. I Survived to Tell About It!

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OFFERING

HYMN *My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less* **CW563**

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CLOSING HYMN *O God, Our Help in Ages Past* **CW820**

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PREACHER Pastor Rob Guenther
ORGAN Wayne Wagner

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





**WELS WORLD
MISSION
PRESENTATION
ONE AFRICA TEAM**

ST JOHN'S, NEW ULM



MISSIONARY BEN FOXEN

GUEST PREACHER AND PRESENTER

Saturday, July 6, 6:30 pm - Worship

Sunday, July 7, 8:00 and 9:30 am - Worship

10:45 am - Mission Presentation in the sanctuary

12:00 - Potluck

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

Sun	8 & 9:30 am	Worship
	10:45 am	Bible Class: Bible Stories Not Taught in Sunday School
Tue	4 pm	Oak Hills Living Center Service
	7 pm	Council Meeting
Fri	9 am	Fellowship in the Park: North Market Park
Sat	6:30 pm	Worship

† Upcoming Services †

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

Jun 30	8 & 9:30 am	Worship
	10:45 am	Bible Class: Bible Stories Not Taught in Sunday School
	7 pm	St. John's Softball Game at Harman Park: Field #3
Jul 4		Church office closed
Jul 6	6:30 pm	Worship
Jul 7	8 & 9:30 am	Worship
	10:45 am	Mission Presentation by Pastor Ben Foxen
	12 pm	Potluck Meal
	1 pm	Sanctuary Reserved
Jul 8	6 pm	Evangelism Meeting
	7 pm	Education Meeting
Jul 9	4 pm	Oak Hills Living Center Service
Jul 12	9 am	Fellowship in the Park: Nehl's Park
Jul 13	6:30 pm	Worship
Jul 14	8 & 9:30 am	Worship
	10:45 am	Bible Class: Bible Stories Not Taught in Sunday School
Jul 16	7 pm	Council Meeting
Jul 19	9 am	Fellowship in the Park: South Park
Jul 20	6:30 pm	Worship
Jul 21	8 & 9:30 am	Worship
	10:45 am	Bible Class: Bible Stories Not Taught in Sunday School
	12:30 pm	John & Paul Ministries: Walk in Bavarian Blast Parade
Jul 23	7 pm	Voters' Meeting
Jul 26	9 am	Fellowship in the Park: German Park
	10 am	Sunset Apt. Service
	11 am	Highland Regency Service
Jul 27	6:30 pm	Worship
Jul 28	8 & 9:30 am	Worship
	10:45 am	Bible Class: Bible Stories Not Taught in Sunday School

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Attendance for the past weekend was 397 with 288 attending Communion.

Fruits of faith given over the past two weeks:

\$23,963	Home Operations ~ <i>Needed to Date: \$423,027 / Received to Date: \$434,675</i>		
\$1,994	MVL ~ <i>Received to Date: \$28,624</i>	\$175	Endowment Fund
\$4,719	Missions ~ <i>Received to Date: \$42,886</i>	\$160	St. Paul's School
\$1,052	Building Fund	\$150	K-12 Education Assistance
\$375	Ministerial Student Scholarship Fund	\$60	Martin Luther College
\$200	Ministerial Education Endowment Fund	\$50	St. Paul's School Building Fund
\$120	Sanctuary Renovation	\$25	Undesignated Memorials

Altar Flowers ~ have been given by the family of Paul and Lois Willems' in honor of their 60th Wedding Anniversary.

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.
- The new flooring is being installed.
- Six pews will be shortened to provide additional space for special seating.
- 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. 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 21 North Market 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.

AREA ANNOUNCEMENTS

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. MN Valley Lutheran High School is looking for an individual to serve MVL as a full-time maintenance employee. The individual should be a member of a WELS or ELS church and can be male or female. Interested individuals should contact MVL Facility Manager Ken Opitz at kopitz@mvlhs.org or MVL Principal Tim Plath at tplath@mvlhs.org. There are several job openings at *Martin Luther College*. For the complete list of openings and to apply go to mlc-wels.edu/hr/.

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About the Cover ~ The cover art is entitled "The situation of the ship on the fifteenth morning" and was painted by H. Smartly and engraved by H. Adlard. From James Smith, *The Voyage and Shipwreck of St. Paul* (1880 edition), page 140. The painting depicts the morning of the shipwreck as described in Acts 27:33-44. During the night, the crew had desperately cast out sea anchors to keep the ship from wrecking on the shore. The anchors were deliberately thrown from the stern so that the vessel could be turned around to face the beach. Their only hope of survival was to wait until sunrise and then attempt to spot a sandbank on which they could run the ship aground. But by God's grace not a single life was lost. They all survived.