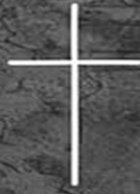


St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church
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IF WE CONFESS
OUR SINS,
HE IS FAITHFUL
AND JUST AND WILL
FORGIVE US
OUR SINS AND PURIFY US
FROM ALL UNRIGHTEOUSNESS.

1 John 1:9

Third Sunday of Easter
April 13/14, 2024

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Channel 14 - Comcast: Mondays at 6 pm, Tuesdays at 1 pm & Thursdays at 10 am
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Prayer before worship: Omniscient God, who reads our hearts and from whom no thoughts are hidden, you know our sins. You know our sins better than we do. Help us so that we never try to hide or cover up our sin, but openly confess it to you. For we know and trust that when we do, you are sure to forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. Amen.

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ANTHEM - 8 & 9:30 am

Easter Bells

Sondra K. Tucker

OPENING HYMN

The Day of Resurrection

CW450

CONFESSION

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FIRST LESSON

Acts 3:11-20

¹¹While the man held on to Peter and John, all the people were astonished and came running to them in the place called Solomon's Colonnade. ¹²When Peter saw this, he said to them: "Fellow Israelites, why does this surprise you? Why do you stare at us as if by our own power or godliness we had made this man walk? ¹³The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our fathers, has glorified his servant Jesus. You handed him over to be killed, and you disowned him before Pilate, though he had decided to let him go. ¹⁴You disowned the Holy and Righteous One and asked that a murderer be released to you. ¹⁵You killed the author of life, but God raised him from the dead. We are witnesses of this. ¹⁶By faith in the name of Jesus, this man whom you see and know was made strong. It is Jesus' name and the faith that comes through him that has completely healed him, as you can all see.

¹⁷"Now, fellow Israelites, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did your leaders. ¹⁸But this is how God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, saying that his Messiah would suffer. ¹⁹Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord, ²⁰and that he may send the Messiah, who has been appointed for you—even Jesus.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



**Praise God in his sanctu- / ary;
 praise him in his mighty / heavens.
 Praise him for his acts of / power;
 praise him for his surpassing / greatness. Refrain**

**Praise him with the sounding of the / trumpet,
 praise him with the / harp and lyre,
 praise him with timbrel and / dancing,
 praise him with the / strings and pipe,
 praise him with the clash of / cymbals,
 praise him with resounding / cymbals. Refrain**

**Let everything that has breath / praise the Lord.
 Praise / the Lord.**

**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**

SECOND LESSON

1 John 1:5-2:2

⁵This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all. ⁶If we claim to have fellowship with him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live out the truth. ⁷But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin.

⁸If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. ⁹If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰If we claim we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar and his word is not in us.

¹My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have an advocate with the Father—Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. ²He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day,

and repentance for the forgiveness of sins
will be preached in his name to all na - tions.

Refrain

GOSPEL

Luke 24:36–49

³⁶While they were still talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.”

³⁷They were startled and frightened, thinking they saw a ghost. ³⁸He said to them, “Why are you troubled, and why do doubts rise in your minds? ³⁹Look at my hands and my feet. It is I myself! Touch me and see; a ghost does not have flesh and bones, as you see I have.”

⁴⁰When he had said this, he showed them his hands and feet. ⁴¹And while they still did not believe it because of joy and amazement, he asked them, “Do you have anything here to eat?” ⁴²They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³and he took it and ate it in their presence.

⁴⁴He said to them, “This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms.”

⁴⁵Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. ⁴⁶He told them, “This is what is written: The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

HYMN of the DAY

I Am Content! My Jesus Lives Again

CW 464

SERMON

1 John 1:5-2:2

Bleached by the Son
I. Filthy in Our Darkness
II. Purified in His Light

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OFFERING

HYMN

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

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PRAYER and LORD'S PRAYER

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CLOSING HYMN

Christ Is Arisen

CW458

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PREACHER

PRESIDING MINISTER

ORGAN

HANDBELLS

Pastor Rob Guenther

Pastor Jeff Bovee

Craig Hirschmann

Becky Berg

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

Sun	8, 9:30 & 11 am	Worship
	9:30 am	Sunday School and Bible Class: Worship
Mon	6:30 pm	Worship Committee Meeting
Tue	4 pm	Oak Hills Living Center Service
	6 pm	Sunday School Teachers' Meeting
	7 pm	Council Meeting
Wed	6:30 pm	Confirmation Examination Practice
Thu	10:30 am	Bible Class: The I AM Statements of Jesus
	11:45 am	Stewardship Meeting at MLC
	7 pm	Bible Class: Hard Sayings of Jesus
Fri	7 am	Early Bird Bible Class: Paul's Letters to the Thessalonians
	9:30 am	Women's Bible Class: Mary: Mother of God
Sat	6:30 pm	Worship
	7:30 pm	MLC Wind Symphony Concert

† Upcoming Services †

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

Apr 21	8, 9:30 & 11 am	Worship
	9:30 am	Sunday School and Bible Class: Worship
	7 pm	MVL Concert at MLC
Apr 23	7 pm	Voters' Meeting
Apr 24	6 pm	Confirmation Pictures
	7 pm	Confirmation Examination Service
Apr 25	10:30 am	Bible Class: The I AM Statements of Jesus
	7 pm	Bible Class
Apr 26	9:30 am	Women's Bible Class: Mary: Mother of God
	7 pm	MVL Musical
Apr 27	6:30 pm	Worship
	7 pm	MVL Musical
Apr 28	8, 9:30 & 11 am	Worship
	9:30 am	Sunday School and Bible Class: Worship
	11 am	Confirmation
	2 pm	MVL Musical
Apr 30	4 pm	Oak Hills Living Center Service
May 1	7 pm	Choir
May 2	10:30 am	Bible Class: The I AM Statements of Jesus
	7 pm	Bible Class
	7 pm	St. Paul's School Band Concert

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Attendance for the past weekend was 533 with 430 attending Communion.

Fruits of faith given:

\$18,927	Home Operations ~ <i>Needed to Date: \$246,766 / Received to Date: \$289,478</i>	
\$973	MVL ~ <i>Received to Date: \$15,984</i>	\$75 St. Paul's School Building Fund
\$2,744	Missions ~ <i>Received to Date: \$25,081</i>	\$60 K-12 Education Assistance
\$684	Building Fund	\$50 Sanctuary Renovation
\$100	Benevolence Fund	\$45 Food & Fellowship

Memorial Gifts ~ Undesignated gifts have been given in memory of Ikuko Poetter (\$20) and Robert Dretske (\$135). A memorial gift of \$25 designated for Sanctuary Renovation was received in memory of Robert Dretske. We thank the donors.

Stump the Pastor ~ Do you have any questions that you wish you could ask a pastor? Perhaps a question came to you in a Bible study and you thought it would take too long to answer, or seemed too off-track, or perhaps it's a question that you have wondered about from time to time and never asked. Tuesday, May 7, at 7 pm, the Women of St. John's are hosting a Stump the Pastors night, open to everyone. A box is available in the narthex to place your questions. A sign-up sheet is located next to the box for you to sign up to help us plan for refreshments.

Volunteers Needed ~ Many hands help make an outreach event go smoothly, and with 100-150 kids participating in Summer Soccer Camp, please consider joining the Soccer Camp team! There are a variety of ways you can help, from first aid tent to snacks to coaching! Sign up now at johnandpaulministries.com! Questions? Reach out to Beth Scharf (JPM event coordinator) at scharfbm@mlc-wels.edu.

Summer Soccer Camp 2024 Registration NOW OPEN! ~ Join John and Paul Ministries June 3-6, 2024, from 9-11:30 am at the MLC Soccer Fields as experienced leaders and coaches help children ages 4-10 improve their soccer skills through skill practice and scrimmages and learn the love of Jesus through daily devotions! \$30/child (\$20 additional children of the same family.) Register now at johnandpaulministries.com! Registration deadline is May 12. Questions? Reach out to camp coordinator Nick Schmoller at nick.schmoller@gmail.com.

Education Assistance Fund ~ Due to an increase in tuition for St. Paul's Lutheran School, St. John's has established an Education Assistance Fund to assist families that might find it a financial hardship to enroll their children at St. Paul's Lutheran School. If you are moved to give a special offering to the Lord, please consider contributing to this fund so the blessing of Christian education can be shared with all of the families at St. John's. You can write "Education Assistance Fund" to designate a portion of your offerings to this cause. Please consider doing so!

Summer Church Softball ~ Our St John's slow-pitch softball team season runs from early June to early August. All St John's members age 12 and older are welcome to join! If you are interested in playing please fill out the survey at bit.ly/SJNUSB.



Church Campout 2024 ~ We are excited to announce that after taking a year off, the church campout is back on the calendar for June 21-23! It will be held again at the Sportsmen's Park in Sleepy Eye. Like in previous years, there will be a church service held at the campground over the weekend, and there will be several other fellowship opportunities as well. Reserve your spot at: bit.ly/ChurchCampout24. We hope to see many of you there!

AREA ANNOUNCEMENTS

OWLS Meeting ~ Our local MN Valley Chapter 13 OWLS (Organization of WELS Lutheran Seniors) will meet on Wednesday, April 17, at St. Paul's, New Ulm. Fellowship begins at 11:30 am, with a Jimmy John's sub lunch at noon. The meal cost will be covered by Thrivent Action Team moneys. After a devotion, we will travel over to the Brown County Museum for a tour. Bring \$5 for an admission fee. If you did not sign up for the meal while at Oak Hills, contact John Paulsen at jolopaulsen@gmail.com or call 507-469-2011 by Monday noon, April 15. Hope you can attend.

LWMS Rally ~ A reminder that the LWMS local rally is coming up on April 20. Both women and men are invited and encouraged to attend to learn about some of the exciting mission work going on throughout the WELS. A signup sheet can be found in the narthex or you can email Carrie Schaefer if you plan to attend. (Carriehieb@yahoo.com)

MLC Wind Symphony ~ Please join the Martin Luther College Wind Symphony for "*Something Old, Something New . . .*" on Saturday, April 20, at 7:30 pm in the MLC Auditorium. Music on the program takes inspiration from this familiar saying, reflecting the varied influences that have shaped the development of the wind band. Can't make it in person? The concert will be livestreamed on MLC's YouTube Channel.

MVL Choir Alumni ~ On Sunday, April 21st, MVL will hold its year-end concert at MLC's Chapel of the Christ. Like last year, we'd love for any alumni of the choir to join us in singing "Stay With Us". If you are interested and would like more information, please reach out to Mr. Jon Hermanson at jhermanson@mvlhs.org. Music will be shared upon request. Everyone is invited to come to the concert which begins at 7 pm. The concert will feature the MVL A Capella Choir and Chargaliers singing our favorite tunes from this school year.

MVL Spring Musical ~ Be sure to check out the crazy musical comedy, *How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying*, for some good laughs, great singing and dancing, (and a tap number to boot!) Show times are Friday and Saturday, April 26-27 at 7 pm, and Sunday, April 28 at 2 pm. All performances will be held at The State Street Theater Co., in New Ulm. Tickets are \$5 (K-12) and \$7 for adults and may be purchased at the door. Can't wait to see you there!

St. Paul's School Band Concert ~ The St. Paul school Raider Band program will be presenting its Spring Concert on Thursday, May 2 at 7 pm in the school gymnasium. The Junior Band will be rocking "Row Your Boat" while the Raider Band will entertain you with Tales of Sea and Sail. The Wellerman and Pirates of the Caribbean will conclude the program in mass band style! Come join us for an evening on the sea!

St. Paul's School Dig In Gala ~ We are looking forward to celebrating the blessings of our school with the 5th Annual St. Paul's School Dig In Gala! The Gala will be held on Friday, May 10, at Turner Hall in New Ulm, starting at 6:00pm. Individual and full-table tickets for the event are on sale NOW at <https://buytickets.at/digingala2024> or in the school office. Ticket proceeds, as well as donations made during the silent and live auctions - and other fun activities - will go to Phase 3 of the Building Project, It's Time. Encouraged dress for the event is business casual or dress with our Dr. Seuss theme for this year, if you wish. If you own a business that would like to be an event sponsor, please contact Amy Rich at stampinnut@me.com.

"Camp Shetek" MN Valley Lutheran Camp ~ "Camp Shetek" will be held at the Group Center at Sibley State Park from June 16 - June 22. More information can be found in the narthex and online. Online registration is open at www.campshetek.org.

MVL Summer Camps ~ See the information in the e-Bulletin or the poster on the youth board in the narthex for MVL Summer Camps information. Deadline is Friday, April 26.

About the Cover ~ What a beautiful addition to our new liturgy: "If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness." (1 John 1:8-9) By reciting those verses every other week, we will all commit them to memory quickly. And what great verses to memorize! "God... will forgive us our sins..." when we confess them. He will. Every time. What a wonderful promise to cling to when shame comes creeping around or when a guilty conscience haunts! God will purify us from all unrighteousness every time we confess our sin to him! Praise God!