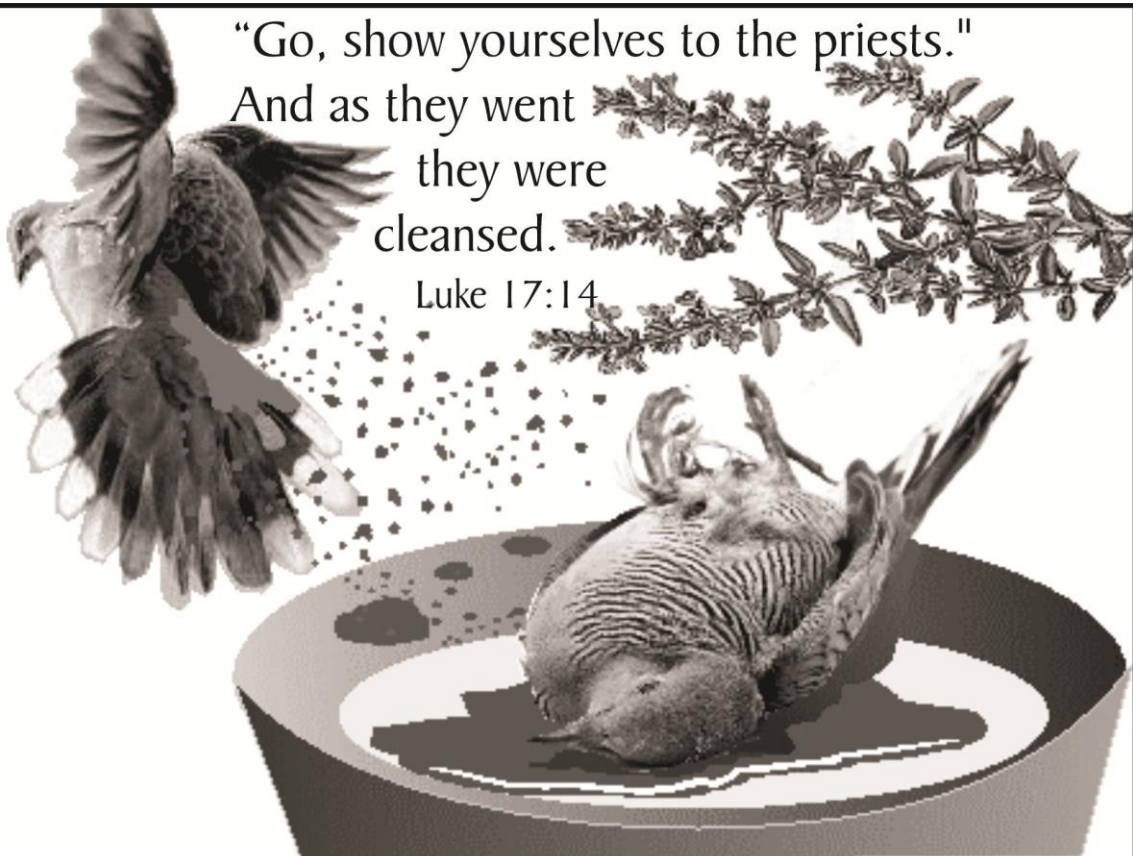




"Go, show yourselves to the priests."
And as they went
they were
cleansed.

Luke 17:14

Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost OCTOBER 11 / 12, 2025

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EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
October 11/12, 2025

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP: Almighty God, we know we are unworthy to ask anything good from you. Yet, you grant us blessings we never earned nor deserve because of your great love and mercy in Jesus Christ our Lord. Give us hearts that are truly grateful as we come before you with our requests, wants, and needs. Bless our time of worship, and cause us to render our prayers, praises, and offerings with hearts genuinely filled with thanksgiving for all you have given us. We pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen.

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OPENING HYMN	<i>Praise to the Lord, the Almighty</i>	CW 624
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Be seated

FIRST LESSON	Genesis 8:15-22
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¹⁵ Then God said to Noah, ¹⁶ “Come out of the ark, you and your wife and your sons and their wives. ¹⁷ Bring out every kind of living creature that is with you—the birds, the animals, and all the creatures that move along the ground—so they can multiply on the earth and be fruitful and increase in number on it.”

¹⁸ So Noah came out, together with his sons and his wife and his sons’ wives.

¹⁹ All the animals and all the creatures that move along the ground and all the birds—everything that moves on land—came out of the ark, one kind after another.

²⁰ Then Noah built an altar to the LORD and, taking some of all the clean animals and clean birds, he sacrificed burnt offerings on it. ²¹ The LORD smelled the pleasing aroma and said in his heart: “Never again will I curse the ground because of humans, even though every inclination of the human heart is evil from childhood. And never again will I destroy all living creatures, as I have done.

²² “As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night will never cease.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM OF THE DAY *Holy God, We Praise Your Name* CW 953

SECOND LESSON 2 Corinthians 9:10-15

¹⁰ Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness. ¹¹ You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.

¹² This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of the Lord’s people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God. ¹³ Because of the service by which you have proved yourselves, others will praise God for the obedience that accompanies your confession of the gospel of Christ, and for your generosity in sharing with them and with everyone else. ¹⁴ And in their prayers for you their hearts will go out to you, because of the surpassing grace God has given you. ¹⁵ Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Psalm 105:1



Refrain



Tone



GOSPEL

Luke 17:11-19

¹¹ Now on his way to Jerusalem, Jesus traveled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. ¹² As he was going into a village, ten men who had leprosy met him. They stood at a distance ¹³ and called out in a loud voice, “Jesus, Master, have pity on us!”

¹⁴ When he saw them, he said, “Go, show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went, they were cleansed.

¹⁵ One of them, when he saw he was healed, came back, praising God in a loud voice. ¹⁶ He threw himself at Jesus’ feet and thanked him—and he was a Samaritan.

¹⁷ Jesus asked, “Were not all ten cleansed? Where are the other nine? ¹⁸ Has no one returned to give praise to God except this foreigner?” ¹⁹ Then he said to him, “Rise and go; your faith has made you well.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

HYMN OF THE DAY *Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness* CW 517

SERMON Your Faith Has Made You Well Luke 17:11-19

Stand

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Be seated

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HYMN *Oh, That I Had a Thousand Voices* CW 484

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Now Thank We All Our God

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THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

Sunday	8, 9:30 & 11 am	Worship
	9:30 am	Bible Class and Sunday School https://bit.ly/SJBibleClassonline
Monday	6 pm	Board of Evangelism
	7 pm	Board of Youth and Ed.
Tuesday	6 pm	Sunday School Meeting
Wednesday	6 pm	Handbells
	6:30 pm	Public and Homeschool Catechism
	7 pm	Choir
Thursday	10 am	Adult Bible Class
	7 pm	Adult Bible Class https://bit.ly/SJBibleClassonline
Saturday, Oct 18	6:30 pm	Worship
Sunday, Oct 19	8, 9:30 & 11 am	Worship
	9:30 am	Bible Class and Sunday School
Tuesday, Oct 21	7 pm	Council Meeting
Wednesday, Oct 22	6 pm	Handbells
	6:30 pm	Public and Homeschool Catechism
	7 pm	Choir
Thursday, Oct 23	10 am	Adult Bible Class
	7 pm	Adult Bible Class

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Attendance for this past weekend was 594 with 457 receiving the Lord's Supper.

Fruits of Faith:

\$18,347 Home Operations ~ Needed: \$711,916 / YTD: \$670,400
\$1,790 WELS Missions ~ YTD: \$79,695 (2025 Goal: \$87,000)
\$1,390 MVL ~ YTD: \$49,711 (2025 Goal: \$57,000)
\$215 Building Fund
\$50 St. Paul's School Building Fund
\$29 Food and Fellowship
\$120 K-12 Education Assistance
\$100 Benevolence Fund
\$130 Christian Family Solutions
\$100 Technology Equipment

St. John's Job Opening ~ Due to an upcoming retirement, St. John's is seeking applicants to fill the position of bookkeeper. This is a part-time position (10-15 hrs/week) that will begin on January 5, 2026. We are looking for a person who has previous experience in accounting or bookkeeping. If you know of someone who may be interested, please pick up a job description from the church office.

Cards of Caring ~ Members of St. John's are invited to help make the cards our congregation sends to homebound members and others during the year. We used donated, recycled, and created cards. You can help by making cards, writing messages, using stamps and seals to assemble the cards. We make cards for birthdays, anniversaries, get-well, sympathy, Thanksgiving, Christmas, Valentines, Easter and Confirmation. Please join us at 403 N. Minnesota St. between 9:00 a.m. and noon on Saturdays: October 18, and November 15, 2025. Come and go as your schedule allows. About 80 cards are needed for each occasion. Thank you for considering this opportunity to serve our members. For further information contact Lois Willems at 507-676-1230.

Iris Box Project ~ October is Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Month, a time to acknowledge and support families who have experienced the loss of a pregnancy or infant. The Iris Box Project is a continuing ministry at St. John's that seeks to comfort grieving families. The Iris Box is designed to be given to families who lost their baby through miscarriage or stillbirth. The items included in the box are intended as a source of comfort and a symbol of our love and care. Members are welcomed and encouraged to pick up a box from the church office for any family member, friend, neighbor, co-worker, etc. who experiences a miscarriage or stillbirth. If you would like to support the Iris Box Project, you may donate the amount for a box (approx. \$40/box) or any amount. You may include it in your offering envelope with "Iris Box Project" on the envelope. If you knit or crochet and would like to help by making small blankets, please contact Kelly by phone/text or email listed below. Yarn and specifications will be provided to you. If you are willing to donate your time by assembling boxes or other tasks, also please contact Kelly. Please contact Kelly Diersen (507-766-9085) or Sarah Strackbein (612-361-0425) or email irisboxproject@gmail.com if you have any questions.

AREA ANNOUNCEMENTS

MVL Part time Job Opening ~ Minnesota Valley Lutheran High School is looking for an individual willing to serve as part time Study Hall Supervisor, beginning October 20 for the remainder of the 2025-26 school year. The time frame would be from approximately 10:10 – 12:30 each day. Individuals interested should contact MVL Principal Tim Plath at tplath@mvlhs.org.

Custodial Position Needed ~ Minnesota Valley Lutheran High School has an immediate opening for a full-time custodian. For more information, please contact Ken Opitz at kopitz@mvlhs.org or 507-354-6851.

MLC Job Openings ~ Martin Luther College is accepting applications for a full-time Dormitory Custodian, a regular part-time Early Childhood Learning Center Assistant Teacher, and part-time Early Childhood Learning Center Substitute Teachers. Interested individuals should apply online at mlc-wels.edu/hr/.

MLC Book Sale ~ The MLC library has over 600+ music books - all types - for sale right now. Each book is only \$0.25! Many of these are professionally hardbound to protect the music inside. In addition, we are selling a large stash of non-fiction children's books, also for \$.25 each. The sale runs through Wednesday, October 15. Our library hours and other information can be found here: <https://library.mlc-wels.edu/> . If you are interested or know of anyone who is interested in picking up some new-to-you music or children's books, please let them know. I hope you are able to find some gems at our sale!

More than the Score ~ Join us for the next *More Than the Score* lecture at Martin Luther College on Saturday, October 18, at 10:30 am in the MLC Cafeteria. MLC's Dean of Pre-Seminary Students Jim Danell will present "Building Gospel Partnerships Around the World." He will explore the vital work of the WELS Commission on Inter-Church Relations—the group responsible for maintaining relationships with our global sister churches. Learn how God's gospel has created a worldwide fellowship and how WELS works to nurture those connections. This free event, held before the MLC home football game, is open to all. For details and to register, visit mlc-wels.edu/more-than-the-score.

Travel with WELS Groups ~ Interested in traveling with a group of like-minded believers? The OWLS (WELS Seniors) is partnering with Father's World Tours to offer a New Year's (Dec 31-Jan 13) trip to sunny Southern California (Rose Parade, Reagan Library, San Diego, Palm Springs, Joshua Tree NP) that also includes a 7-night Princess cruise to the Mexican Riviera. All tours involve daily devotions and WELS weekend worship. The tour is open to W/ELS members of all ages. Registration closes on October 1 (earlier if all spots are sold). Visit www.fathersworldtours.com or contact us (steve@fathersworldtours.com, 507-217-1731) to learn more.

Save the Date ~ Join us for the Point 5k Family Fun-raiser on Sunday, October 12, at Kegel Klub, open-house style, from 11am-2pm. Point 5K "Race": any time from 11-2 - \$5 per person for unlimited "racing". Bean bag tourney: starts at 11:30 - \$30 per team in advance, \$50 at the door. WINNERS receives their registration fee back! Bowling: any time from 11-2 - Kegel Klub pricing Kids' "burpee" contest: 12:30 - \$1 entry fee. Adult "burpee" contest: 1:00 - \$1 entry fee. Meal: Pork chop or hot dog with beans, cole slaw, chips and pickles - FREEWILL donation. Register your team for the bean bag tournament in advance, if possible, using this link: <https://www.tickettailor.com/events/point5k2025/1876985>.

Grab Your Bean Bag Partner ~ The 2024 .5K Bean Bag champions - Principal Pete Markgraf and St. Paul's School staff member Terry Rich - have been enjoying bragging rights for the past year. Who will be our next dominant team? Is it you? Grab your partner and sign up to play bags in a tournament that benefits the School Building Campaign! The tournament will be held on Sunday, October 12, starting at 11:30am, in conjunction with the .5K event at Kegel Klub. Register your team in advance at <https://buytickets.at/point5k2025>. Cost is \$30 per team in advance or \$50 at the door, both of which will benefit the School Building Campaign.

.5K Help Needed ~ You can volunteer to help at the .5K event on Sunday here: <https://signup.com/go/hLerRuw> or contact Amy Rich at stampinnut@me.com.

Youth Group at the Pinball Place ~ Teens in grades 7-12 are invited to a youth group gathering at the Pinball Place (827 N Broadway St) from 6:30-8:00 pm on Sunday, October 26th. If you would like to attend, please fill out this form: forms.gle/WNZZ5WDaXhoKhRtx5. There will be a \$5 fee to help with the cost. Contact Staff Minister Kuschel with any questions.

About the Cover ~ In the Old Testament, before anyone could be declared cleansed of leprosy, the individual had to undergo an examination by the priest, in Leviticus 14. But following the examination, there was a ritual commanded by God. The priest would take two birds, usually doves or pigeons, and kill one of them over a clay pot filled with clean water. He would then take the blood of the dead bird mixed with the water and paint it on the living bird. Upon doing so, he would take the living bird to the open field and release it. Covered in the blood of the dead bird, the living bird would be set free. What a beautiful picture of how the blood of Jesus has cleansed us from sin and allows us to be set free from the power of Satan. What a beautiful ritual which reminds us that we, who once were separated from God, and by all rights should still be, have now been reconciled to him by the blood of Jesus so that we have been set free and are once again a part of God's assembly, and citizens of heaven.