

In Christ
there is
forgiveness.

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Prayer before worship: Almighty God, without your grace and mercy we would all perish. But with you there is forgiveness, therefore you are feared. We stand in awe of your patience and love for sinners such as we. Teach us not only to embrace this for ourselves, but to know how to convey your love and forgiveness to others. Give us a spirit of humility and kindness which does not seek to condemn, but rather to heal, comfort, and release from the bondage of sin those who are living in sin and error. May our lives in their entirety be lived in repentance. We confess our sins, but we embrace your forgiveness. We pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen.

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OPENING HYMN***I Hear the Savior Calling*****CW743****CONFESSION**

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FIRST LESSON**Ezekiel 33:7–11**

⁷“Son of man, I have made you a watchman for the people of Israel; so hear the word I speak and give them warning from me. ⁸When I say to the wicked, ‘You wicked person, you will surely die,’ and you do not speak out to dissuade them from their ways, that wicked person will die for their sin, and I will hold you accountable for their blood. ⁹But if you do warn the wicked person to turn from their ways and they do not do so, they will die for their sin, though you yourself will be saved.

¹⁰“Son of man, say to the Israelites, ‘This is what you are saying: “Our offenses and sins weigh us down, and we are wasting away because of them. How then can we live?”’ ¹¹Say to them, ‘As surely as I live, declares the Sovereign LORD, I take no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but rather that they turn from their ways and live. Turn! Turn from your evil ways! Why will you die, people of Israel?’”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM of the DAY**Psalm 32B***see page 5***SECOND LESSON****Galatians 2:11–16**

¹¹When Cephas came to Antioch, I opposed him to his face, because he stood condemned. ¹²For before certain men came from James, he used to eat with the Gentiles. But when they arrived, he began to draw back and separate himself from the Gentiles because he was afraid of those who belonged to the circumcision group.

¹³The other Jews joined him in his hypocrisy, so that by their hypocrisy even Barnabas was led astray.

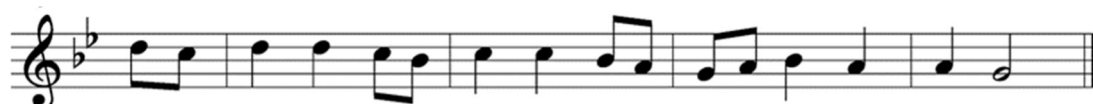
¹⁴When I saw that they were not acting in line with the truth of the gospel, I said to Cephas in front of them all, “You are a Jew, yet you live like a Gentile and not like a Jew. How is it, then, that you force Gentiles to follow Jewish customs?”

¹⁵“We who are Jews by birth and not sinful Gentiles ¹⁶know that a person is not justified by the works of the law, but by faith in Jesus Christ. So we, too, have put our faith in Christ Jesus that we may be justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the law, because by the works of the law no one will be justified.”

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.



God wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth.

GOSPEL

Matthew 18:15–20

¹⁵“If your brother or sister sins, go and point out their fault, just between the two of you. If they listen to you, you have won them over. ¹⁶But if they will not listen, take one or two others along, so that ‘every matter may be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses.’ ¹⁷If they still refuse to listen, tell it to the church; and if they refuse to listen even to the church, treat them as you would a pagan or a tax collector.

¹⁸“Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.

¹⁹“Again, truly I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything they ask for, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. ²⁰For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

HYMN of the DAY

Jesus Sinners Does Receive

CW654

SERMON

Matthew 18:15-20

**SEEKING REPENTANCE
THROUGH OFFERING THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS**
1. CONFRONT SIN IN A SPIRIT OF LOVE
2. DEAL WITH THE RESULTS BY GIVING THEM TO CHRIST

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SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER INSTALLATION *8 am*

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OFFERING *see announcement*

HYMN *God Loved the World So That He Gave* **CW570**

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CLOSING HYMN *Go, My Children, with My Blessing* **CW930**

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PREACHER
PRESIDING MINISTER
ORGAN

Pastor Jeff Bovee
Pastor Rob Guenther
Adrian Smith



PSALM of the DAY

Psalm 32B

1. How blest are those the Lord for - gives; how
 2. I si - lent - ly con - cealed my guilt, but
 3. I then con - fessed my sin to you, my
 4. Let all the faith - ful pray to you while
 5. You hide me, Lord; you hold me fast in

glad they are to hear their sin is gone, their
 then I groaned all day: your and heav - y hand, like
 griev - ous guilt and shame, your and you place them safe my
 you may still be found; you sur - round - ing me a -
 all ad - ver - si - ty, with

guilt a - toned, their rec - ord clean and clear.
 sum - mer heat, took all my strength a way.
 wick - ed - ness by your most gra - cious name.
 bove the flood, se - cure on high - er ground.
 faith - ful love and songs of vic - to - ry.

Sunday School Teachers Installation ~ We are blessed to have faithful Sunday School teachers instructing our children again this year. Please pray for and support them as they share God's Word with our children in the coming months.

Nursery	Natalie Borgwardt / Dawn Weisensel
PreK & K	Amanda Rothe / Miranda Martinez
Grades 1 - 2	Julia Hallman / Meaghan Scanell
Grades 3 - 4	Kaitlin Sandmeyer
Grades 5 - 6	Grace Seim / Emma Pufhal
Grades 7 - 8	Luke Rogotzke / Isaiah Ruddat



Offering Announcement ~ Visitors, there is no obligation or expectation that you should give to support our ministry at St. John's. This is our members' way of expressing their thanks to God and supporting the work that we do to share the Gospel in New Ulm and around the world. Members, you are invited to give your gifts of gratitude and thanks to God for all he's done for you in Christ by leaving your offerings in the drop box in the narthex. Or you can bring your offerings to the church during regular office hours: Mondays through Fridays, 8 am - 1 pm. You might also consider taking advantage of your bank's online bill pay service and have your offering automatically sent to the church on a one time or recurring basis.

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

Sun	8, 9:30 & 11 am	Worship
	8 am	Sunday School Teacher Installation
	9:30 am	Sunday School and Bible Class: Heart in Focus
	3 pm	75th Anniversary Organ Recital
Mon	11:30 am	OWLS Meeting
Wed	10 am	Catechism
	6 pm	Handbells
	7 pm	Choir
Thu	10:30 am	Bible Class: Hard Sayings of Jesus
	7 pm	Bible Class: The I AM Statements of Jesus
Fri	9:30 am	Women's Bible Class: The I AM Statements of Jesus
Sat	8 am	Trustees Meeting
	9 am	Cards of Caring at 403 N. Minnesota St.
	6:30 pm	Worship

† Upcoming Services †

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sep 17	8, 9:30 & 11 am	Worship
	8 am	Grades 3-4 sing
	9:30 am	Sunday School and Bible Class: Heart in Focus
	6:30 pm	WELS Youth Night at MLC
Sep 18	6:30 pm	Education Meeting
Sep 19	4 pm	Oak Hills Living Center Service
	7 pm	Council Meeting
Sep 20	10 am	Catechism
	6 pm	Handbells
	7 pm	Choir
Sep 21	10:30 am	Bible Class: Hard Sayings of Jesus
	7 pm	Bible Class: The I AM Statements of Jesus
Sep 22	9:30 am	Women's Bible Class: The I AM Statements of Jesus
	10 am	Sunset Apt. Service
Sep 23	6:30 pm	Worship
Sep 24	8, 9:30 & 11 am	Worship
	8 am	Jr. Choir sings
	9:30 am	Sunday School and Bible Class: Heart in Focus

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Attendance for the past weekend was 460 with 359 attending Communion.

Fruits of faith given:

\$13,029	Home Operations ~ <i>\$19,371 is our weekly need</i>		
\$1,077	MVL ~ <i>\$1,278 is our weekly need</i>	\$100	K-12 Education Assistance
\$1,559	Missions ~ <i>\$1,818 is our weekly need</i>	\$100	Benevolence Fund
\$747	Building Fund	\$100	Technology Equipment
\$1,000	75th Ann. Ministerial Endowment Fund	\$60	St. Paul's School
\$40	75th Ann. Sanctuary Renovation	\$60	Martin Luther College
\$50	St. Paul's School Building Fund	\$25	LWMS

Volunteer Opportunities ~ The St. John's Board of Evangelism is looking for volunteers who are willing and able to help in a few roles in our Fellowship and Outreach efforts. If you are interested in any of the opportunities to serve or have questions about any of them, please reach out to Jesse Zahrt: evangelism@stjohnsnewulm.com

Fellowship Activities. This could be one or more people depending upon the volunteer(s) comfort level and schedule availability. The three areas we're looking for help with are:

Fellowship Coordinator: Leads the Fellowship Committee and coordinates our fellowship activities and events - which include the two other roles below.

Bible class coffee and treats: The main tasks are coordinating volunteers to make coffee each week, managing the sign-up for volunteers to bring treats, and placing an order once a month when St. John's hosts the treats.

Fellowship events: The main tasks for this are reserving locations, coordinating food as needed, and being the liaison with non-St. John's parties. These events include things like the annual church picnic, church campout, swimming event, and Flandrau fellowship.

Audio Visual Team. This team assists with the streaming St. John's worship on YouTube and handle about one service per month in the 8am Sunday service. The work involves arriving about fifteen minutes early and wrapping up briefly after the morning's final hymn. Some folks prefer to work with a partner, others choose to fly solo. The current staff is generous about swapping and substituting for one another when there are schedule conflicts.

75th Anniversary Organ Recital ~ On Sunday, September 10, the organists from St. John's will present an organ recital as part of our 75th anniversary celebrations. The recital will begin at 3 pm. All are welcome to attend.

Cards of Caring ~ As our fall schedules resume, it is time to think about making cards for our homebound and thinking-of-you members. We also include our three LWMS Befriend a Mission families. We will focus on making Thanksgiving and Christmas cards. All supplies are furnished. If you can't create cards, we have other simple tasks you can do. We welcome those from seventh grade and older, including MLC students. Our first date is Saturday, September 16, 2023. We meet from 9 am until noon. Come as your schedule allows. See you 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.

WELS Youth Night ~ is for grades 9-12. The event will be held in the basement of the MLC Chapel, from 6:30 - 8:30 pm on Sunday, September 17. Sign up using the QR code.



AREA ANNOUNCEMENTS

Women's Group at St. Paul's ~ MUMS is back! Moms Understanding Moms in view of the Savior (MUMS) is a group of Christian moms from St. Paul's and St. John's churches and St. Paul's school that meet on Tuesdays, beginning Sep. 12, 9 am in the basement at St. Paul's church, to encourage one another in God's Word and prayer. We are excited to get back together. Please join our Facebook group called MUMs for more details and updates! If you have questions please contact Cori Waldschmidt at (989) 245-9256.

LWMS ~ September 30, 2023- Fall rally at St. Peter Lutheran church in St. Peter, MN. Coffee fellowship will begin at 8 am with opening devotion starting at 9 am. The rally will conclude with lunch at 12:15. Please RSVP by September 25 either on the clipboard in the narthex or to Carrie Schaefer (Carriehieb@yahoo.com) if you'd like to attend.

MLC Homecoming ~ On Saturday, September 30, the MLC Alumni Association invites you to campus for Homecoming. The events begin with the Sprinter Fun Run/Walk at 9 am. This 1-mile course (all stroller-accessible) meanders throughout the main campus. Learn more about the Fun Run and sign up at bit.ly/2023MLCFunRun. After the Fun Run/Walk, stay to enjoy the free Family Fun Zone that includes Bumper Soccer, QB Challenge, caricatures, inflatables, basketball challenge and more! Later that day you'll be able to catch several sporting events and alumni will have an evening reception at Kegel Klub. Check out www.mlc-wels.edu/events/homecoming for the full slate of events and come see what is new at your college of ministry!

MLC Wind Symphony Concert ~ *Let the drums roll out, let the trumpet call, while the people shout, "Strike up the Band!"* Please join the Martin Luther College Wind Symphony for their opening concert of the year on Sunday, October 1. As part of our Homecoming weekend activities, this concert has a special start time of 1 pm. Works by Grainger, Vaughan-Williams, and Fillmore will be featured in a program highlighting some of the classics in wind band repertoire. We look forward to seeing you there!

Job Openings ~ Assistant head cook needed at St Paul's Lutheran School. Job duties include but are not limited to preparing & serving lunch and clean up. If interested please pick up an application at St Paul's school or church office. If you have questions please feel free to contact me at cook@splnewulm.org.

Minnesota Valley Lutheran High School is in need of bus drivers. If you are interested in becoming a bus driver for the 2023-2024 school year, contact Ray Vulcan at rayv@palmerbusservice.com.

About the Cover ~ The Bible tells us to forgive others even as God for Christ's sake has forgiven us. In that spirit, Jesus prompts us to lead those who have sinned to repentance. He directs us to go in a spirit of love and patience so that they might be led to understand what he has done for them and for us and for every sinner by his perfect life and innocent death on the cross. The goal is always to find forgiveness and new life in Christ.