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Welcome, Visitors! Please scan the QR code to sign our guest register.
Visitors and members alike, use the same QR code for prayer requests.

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP: God, we know that we are the keeper of our brother and sister; that is we are to help and befriend others in their bodily needs. But for the times we've hurt others by intent or accident, for our hatred or even apathy of others, we deserve your punishment. But you sent your Son to take a human body so that he could be killed to rescue us from all our sin. What love! Now help us to love you and love our neighbor in thanksgiving. Amen.

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OPENING HYMN ***This Is My Will*** CW 728

Stand

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ANTHEM 8am ***The Gift of Love*** arr. Hal Hopson

Though I may speak with bravest fire, and have the gift to all inspire,
and have not love; my words are vain, as sounding brass, and hopeless gain.

Though I may give all I possess, and striving so my love profess,
but not be giv'n by love within, the profit soon turns strangely thin.

Come, spirit come, our hearts control, our spirits long to be made whole.
Let inward love guide ev'ry deed. By this we worship and are freed. Amen.

Be seated

FIRST LESSON Genesis 4:1-16

[1] Adam made love to his wife Eve, and she became pregnant and gave
birth to Cain. She said, "With the help of the LORD I have brought forth a
man." [2] Later she gave birth to his brother Abel.
Now Abel kept flocks, and Cain worked the soil. [3] In the course of time
Cain brought some of the fruits of the soil as an offering to the LORD. [4] And
Abel also brought an offering—fat portions from some of the firstborn of his
flock. The LORD looked with favor on Abel and his offering, [5] but on Cain
and his offering he did not look with favor. So Cain was very angry, and his
face was downcast.
[6] Then the LORD said to Cain, "Why are you angry? Why is your face
downcast? [7] If you do what is right, will you not be accepted? But if you do
not do what is right, sin is crouching at your door; it desires to have you, but
you must rule over it."
[8] Now Cain said to his brother Abel, "Let's go out to the field." While they
were in the field, Cain attacked his brother Abel and killed him.
[9] Then the LORD said to Cain, "Where is your brother Abel?"
"I don't know," he replied. "Am I my brother's keeper?"
[10] The LORD said, "What have you done? Listen! Your brother's blood cries
out to me from the ground. [11] Now you are under a curse and driven from the
ground, which opened its mouth to receive your brother's blood from your
hand. [12] When you work the ground, it will no longer yield its crops for you.
You will be a restless wanderer on the earth."
[13] Cain said to the LORD, "My punishment is more than I can bear. [14] Today
you are driving me from the land, and I will be hidden from your presence; I
will be a restless wanderer on the earth, and whoever finds me will kill me."
[15] But the LORD said to him, "Not so; anyone who kills Cain will suffer
vengeance seven times over." Then the LORD put a mark on Cain so that no
one who found him would kill him. [16] So Cain went out from the LORD's
presence and lived in the land of Nod, east of Eden.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM OF THE DAY ***Blessed Are They*** Psalm 1
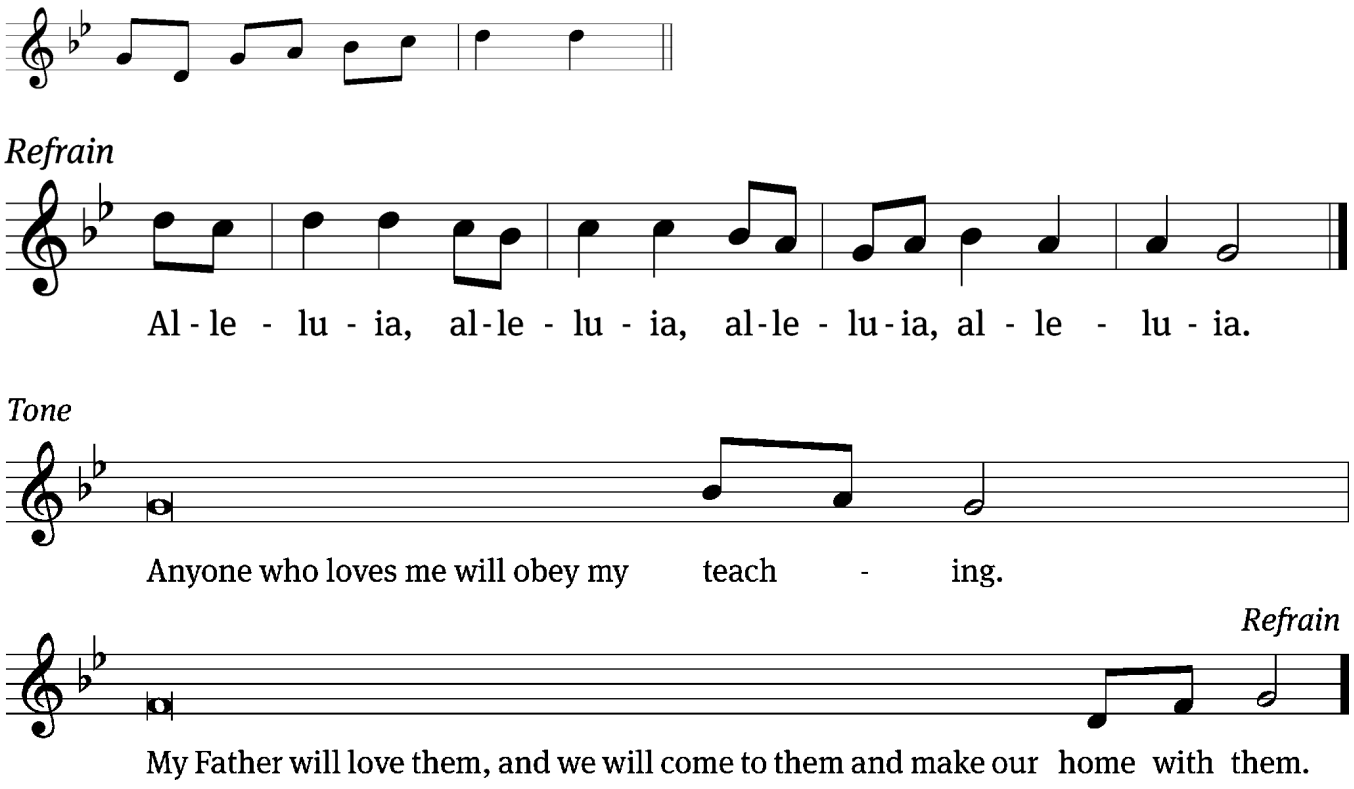
SECOND LESSON 2 John 1-6

[1] The elder, To the lady chosen by God and to her children, whom I love in
the truth—and not I only, but also all who know the truth— [2] because of the
truth, which lives in us and will be with us forever:
[3] Grace, mercy and peace from God the Father and from Jesus Christ, the
Father's Son, will be with us in truth and love.
[4] It has given me great joy to find some of your children walking in the
truth, just as the Father commanded us. [5] And now, dear lady, I am not
writing you a new command but one we have had from the beginning. I ask
that we love one another. [6] And this is love: that we walk in obedience to his
commands. As you have heard from the beginning, his command is that you
walk in love.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION John 14:23



GOSPEL Matthew 22:34-46

34 Hearing that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, the Pharisees got
together. 35 One of them, an expert in the law, tested him with this question:
36 "Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?"
37 Jesus replied: " 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all
your soul and with all your mind.' 38 This is the first and greatest
commandment. 39 And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as
yourself.' 40 All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two
commandments."
41 While the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them, 42 "What
do you think about the Messiah? Whose son is he?"
"The son of David," they replied.
43 He said to them, "How is it then that David, speaking by the Spirit, calls
him 'Lord'? For he says,

44 " 'The Lord said to my Lord: "Sit at my right hand until I put your
enemies under your feet." '

45 If then David calls him 'Lord,' how can he be his son?" 46 No one could
say a word in reply, and from that day on no one dared to ask him any more
questions.

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

HYMN OF THE DAY ***Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart*** CW 817

SERMON Love Your Brother Genesis 4:1-16

Stand

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Be seated

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH pg. 182

OFFERING

HYMN ***Glory Be to Jesus*** CW 402

Stand

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Jr. Choir will sing the Lord's prayer during the 8am service.

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CLOSING HYMN ***Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways*** CW 705

PREACHER	Pastor Rob Guenther
ORGANIST	Jon Roux
JR. CHOIR	Emily Stoering
PIANIST	Laura Balza

MLC LECTORS ~ Throughout the year, St. John's asks men who are studying for the pastoral ministry to read for a service. We are in a privileged position to see our Lord's answer to our prayers for future called workers.

6:30 pm	Jonah Christenson	St. John's Lutheran, Cornell, WI
8 am	Matthew Nelson	St. Paul's Lutheran, Green Bay, WI
9:30 am	David Fenske	Our Savior Lutheran, Brookings, SD
11am	Jacob Guenther	St. John's Lutheran, New Ulm, MN

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THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

Sunday	8, 9:30 & 11 am	Worship
	9:30 am	Bible Class: Pastoral Epistles: 1 Timothy
	9:30 am	Sunday School
Tuesday	4 pm	Oak Hills
	7 pm	Voters' Meeting
Wednesday	6 pm	Handbells
	6:15 pm	Public School Catechism
	7 pm	Choir
Thursday	10 am	Bible Class: Isms
	7 pm	Bible Class: Bible Information Class
Saturday	6:30 pm	Worship

NEXT WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

Sunday, Nov. 1	8, 9:30 & 11 am	Worship
	9:30 am	Bible Class: Pastoral Epistles: 1 Timothy
	9:30 am	Sunday School
Wednesday, Nov. 4	6:15 pm	Public School Catechism
	7 pm	Choir
Thursday, Nov. 5	10 am	Bible Class: Isms
	6 pm	Handbells
	7 pm	Bible Class: Bible Information Class
Saturday, Nov. 7	6:30 pm	Worship

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Attendance last weekend was 482 with 349 receiving the Lord's Supper.

Fruits of Faith:

$13,713 Home Operations ~ YTD: $704,295 / Needed: $723,634
$2,690 WELS Missions ~ YTD: $71,690 (2026 Goal: $100,701)
$775 MVL ~ YTD: $45,944 (2026 Goal: $62,278)
$290 Building Fund
$60 K-12 Tuition Assistance Fund
$150 Food and Fellowship
$135 St. Paul's School Building Fund

Givelify Scan the QR code to use the Givelify app and donate your offering.

Voters Meeting ~ Voters, please plan on attending the upcoming meeting on Tuesday, October 27 at 7:00. We are looking at a substantial increase in our budget for 2027. We also have several vacancies in our volunteer boards and committees. Both of these topics impact how we can best continue and improve the ministry of our church. We seek voter awareness, input, and approval.

Ladies Night Out ~ is coming up on Tuesday, November 3rd, at 6:00 pm. The location will be at the Ratskeller in Turner Hall. A signup sheet is in the new narthex. Please indicate if you would like a ride. Feel free to bring a friend! For any questions, please reach out to Kara Johnson (763-218-6622).

The Twelve Days of Christmas ~ Scripture, Family, and Service. You're invited this Christmas season to join us for The Twelve Days of Christmas, a devotional series designed to help us grow in God's Word, strengthen our faith at home, and serve one another and our neighbors. Beginning December 25, each day will include a short Scripture reading, a devotional reflection, a question for family discussion, a prayer, and a simple activity or service opportunity. Together, we'll explore Scripture and reflect on the gift of Jesus, the Word made flesh, who continues to speak to us through his Word. The hope is that this shared experience will help us build meaningful devotional habits, grow together in faith, and carry the joy of Christmas into our homes, congregation, and community.

AREA ANNOUNCEMENTS

MVL Drama Presents ~ WARNING! WARNING! THE SUN IS OUT… AND IT'S LOOKING FOR TROUBLE! Prepare for an out-of-this-world night of sci-fi thrills, cosmic chills, alien antics, and laughs that are truly astronomical! When a mysterious menace from the sun comes crashing to Earth, it's up to a brave band of heroes to save the day! Will Earth survive? Will science save us? Will anyone remember to duck?! There's only one way to find out… COME SEE IT LIVE ON STAGE! Minnesota Valley Lutheran High School Drama presents ATTACK! OF THE KILLER MAN FROM THE SUN!, a sci fi B movie comedy made for the stage! Performances are held at MVL Fine Arts Center on October 30-31 at 7pm, and November 1 at 2pm. Tickets at the door. Bring your friends and family, and prepare to have a solar-powered good time! Space suits optional.

Travel With WELS Groups ~ Father's World Tours is partnering with WELS Home Missions to offer two upcoming trips. The Nov 8-19 journey to the Canyonlands and Apache Missions of the American Southwest is sold out. There are still a few spots to join the Jan 23-Feb 7 Flora & Fauna of Florida trip. In addition to visiting multiple nature parks and cultural attractions, the trip includes visits to and connections with home missions and missionaries as well as a 6-night Caribbean cruise on the Sky Princess. Visit http://www.fathersworldtours.com or contact Steve Balza at 507-217-1731 to learn more. Last date to register for Florida is November 1!

Job Openings at MLC ~ Director of Finance: Plays a vital role in advancing MLC's mission of preparing future leaders for public ministry by providing strategic financial leadership, strengthening long-term sustainability, and partnering with college and Synod leaders. Director of Academic Assessment & Licensure Unit Leader: Advances excellence in teacher preparation at MLC through academic assessment, program improvement, and licensure oversight, helping ensure graduates are well prepared for service in WELS schools. Grounds Worker: Maintains MLC's grounds throughout the seasons, creating a welcoming and well-kept campus for students, workers, and visitors. Female Dormitory Custodian: Helps care for the place that our female students call home during their time at MLC. Assistant Baseball Coach: Promotes excellence in competition while supporting the formation of student-athletes for lives of Christian service. Interested individuals should apply online at mlc-wels.edu/hr/.

About the Cover ~ Mariotto di Bindo di Biagio Albertinelli (13 October 1474 – 5 November 1515) was an Italian Renaissance painter active in Florence. This piece, entitled The Sacrifice of Cain and Abel (painted c. 1510) is housed in the Harvard Art Museum at Harvard University in Cambridge, Massachusetts. It depicts God's approval of Abel's sacrifice and disapproval of Cain's. May God help each of us to be our "brother's keeper" and serve each other in love in thanks for the way that Jesus became our brother and sacrificed himself for us.