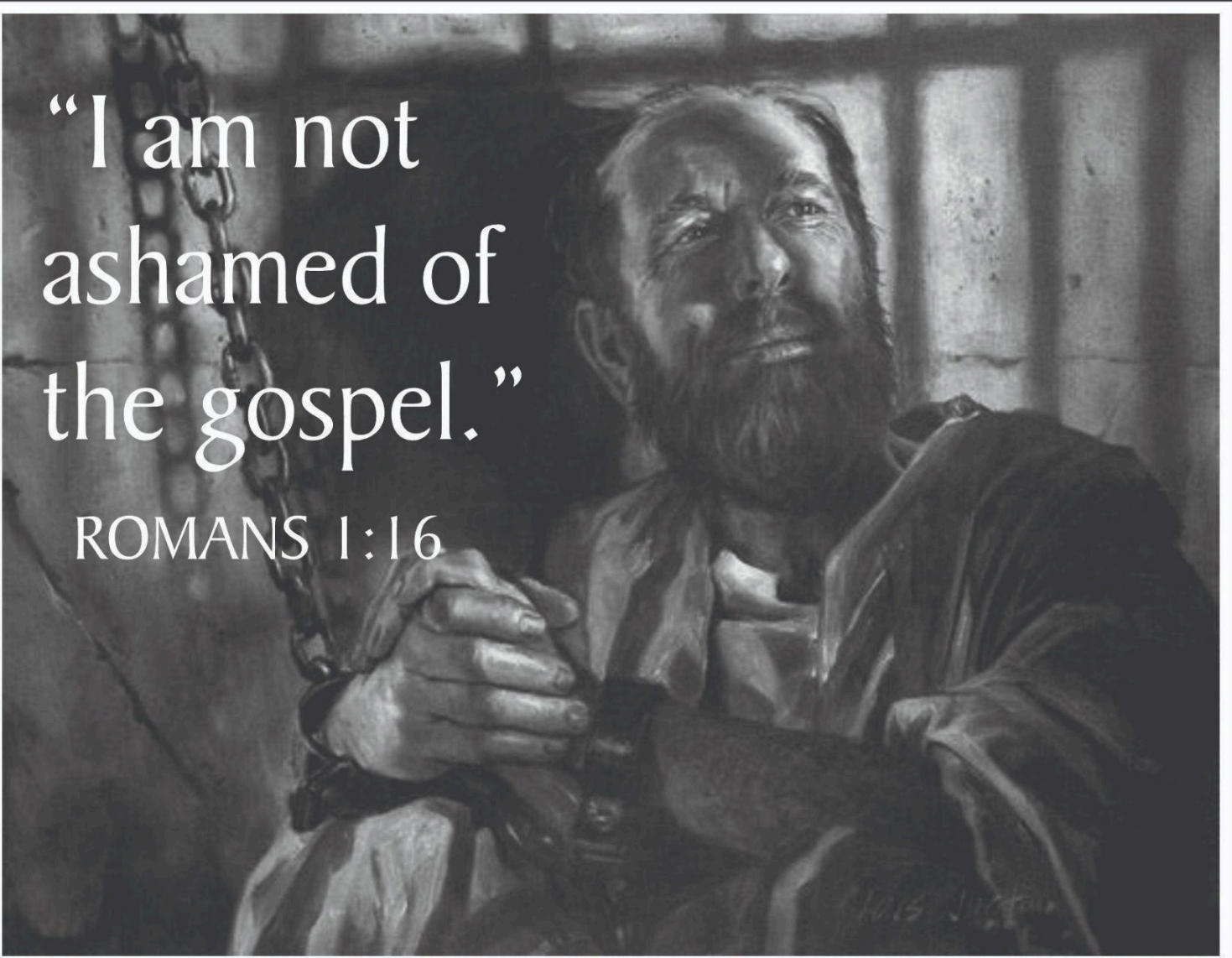




“I am not
ashamed of
the gospel.”

ROMANS 1:16

TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
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TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 10/11, 2026

*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: Almighty and merciful heavenly Father, we praise you that you sent Jesus Christ to live a perfect life in our stead and to die as our substitute to pay the debt for our guilt. Give us the certain hope of the forgiveness of sins and eternal life in heaven in him, since we are justified by your grace through faith in Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. May we never be ashamed of the gospel, but instead rely on it fully. We pray this in Jesus' name. Amen.

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ANTHEM *11am*

Only By Grace

arr. Karen Maio

*It's only by grace that I believe and only through faith that I
receive from God above a gift of his love, so that I can be saved by grace.*

*Refrain: Only by grace pure and free, God's Son has died for me.
Now heaven's my home to be, and it's only by grace!*

*It's only by grace I'm set apart and only through faith within my heart.
I'll follow your ways and sing you my praise out of thanks for your gift of
grace.*

Refrain

*It's only by grace that I'm forgiv'n and only through faith will I see heav'n.
It's where I will be for eternity 'cause I know I am saved by grace!*

Refrain

*I deserved death, but Jesus took my place.
Now I have eternal life, and it's only by grace!*

Refrain

It's only by grace!

**6:30pm and 8am please see insert for opening hymn and psalm.*

OPENING HYMN *Father, God of Grace, You Knew Us* CW 566

Stand

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Be seated

ANTHEM 6:30pm & 8am *The Eternal Gates* arr. Howard Helvey

*The eternal gates lift up their heads, the doors are opened wide,
the King of glory is gone up unto his Father's side.*

*Refrain: And I'll sing hallelujah, and you'll sing hallelujah,
and we'll all sing hallelujah, when we arrive at home.*

*Thou art gone up before us, Lord, to make for us a place,
that we may be where now thou art and look upon God's face. Refrain*

*Lift up our hearts, lift up our minds, and let thy grace be giv'n,
that, while we live on earth below, our treasure be in heav'n. Refrain*

FIRST LESSON Isaiah 25:6-9

⁶On this mountain the Lord Almighty will prepare a feast of rich food for all peoples, a banquet of aged wine—the best of meats and the finest of wines. ⁷On this mountain he will destroy the shroud that enfolds all peoples, the sheet that covers all nations; ⁸he will swallow up death forever. The Sovereign Lord will wipe away the tears from all faces; he will remove his people's disgrace from all the earth. The Lord has spoken. ⁹In that day they will say, “Surely this is our God; we trusted in him, and he saved us. This is the Lord, we trusted in him; let us rejoice and be glad in his salvation.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM OF THE DAY

Let Us Go Rejoicing

Psalm 84E

Refrain



Tone



How lovely is your / dwelling place,
Lord Al- / mighty!

My soul yearns, even faints,
for the courts / of the Lord;
my heart and my flesh cry out
for the / living God.

Blessed are those who dwell / in your house;
they are ever / praising you. *Refrain*

Better is one day / in your courts
than a thousand / elsewhere;
I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house / of my God
than dwell in the tents of the / wicked.
Lord Al- / mighty,
blessed is the one who / trusts in you.

**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

Romans 1:16-17

¹⁶For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes: first to the Jew, then to the Gentile. ¹⁷For in the gospel the righteousness of God is revealed—a righteousness that is by faith from first to last, just as it is written: “The righteous will live by faith.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Isaiah 25:6



Refrain



Tone



¹ Jesus spoke to them again in parables, saying: ² “The kingdom of heaven is like a king who prepared a wedding banquet for his son. ³ He sent his servants to those who had been invited to the banquet to tell them to come, but they refused to come.

⁴ “Then he sent some more servants and said, ‘Tell those who have been invited that I have prepared my dinner: My oxen and fattened cattle have been butchered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding banquet.’

⁵ “But they paid no attention and went off—one to his field, another to his business. ⁶ The rest seized his servants, mistreated them and killed them. ⁷ The king was enraged. He sent his army and destroyed those murderers and burned their city.

⁸ “Then he said to his servants, ‘The wedding banquet is ready, but those I invited did not deserve to come. ⁹ So go to the street corners and invite to the banquet anyone you find.’ ¹⁰ So the servants went out into the streets and gathered all the people they could find, the bad as well as the good, and the wedding hall was filled with guests.

¹¹ “But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing wedding clothes. ¹² He asked, ‘How did you get in here without wedding clothes, friend?’ The man was speechless.

¹³ “Then the king told the attendants, ‘Tie him hand and foot, and throw him outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ ¹⁴ “For many are invited, but few are chosen.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

HYMN OF THE DAY *Jesus, Your Blood and Righteousness* CW 573

SERMON The Gospel Will Never Disappoint Us Romans 1:16-17

Stand

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The Gospel Shows the Father's Grace

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CLOSING HYMN

Lord, Bid Your Servant Go in Peace

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THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

Sunday	8, 9:30 & 11 am	Worship
	9:30 am	Bible Class: Truth in Love Ministries https://bit.ly/SJBibleClassonline
	9:30 am	Sunday School
Tuesday	3:30 pm	Oak Hills Worship Service
	6 pm	Sunday School Meeting
Wednesday	6:15 pm	Public School Catechism
Thursday	10 am	No Bible Class
	7 pm	No Bible Class
Saturday	8 am	Board of Properties
	6:30 pm	Worship

NEXT WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

Sunday, Oct. 18	8, 9:30 & 11 am	Worship
	9:30 am	Bible Class: 1 Timothy
	9:30 am	Sunday School
Tuesday, Oct. 20	7 pm	Council Meeting
Wednesday, Oct. 21	6 pm	Handbells
	6:15 pm	Public School Catechism
	7 pm	Choir
Thursday, Oct. 22	10 am	Bible Class: Isms
	7 pm	Bible Class: Bible Information Class
Friday, Oct. 23	10 am	Sunset Worship Service
	11 am	Highland Worship Service
Saturday, Oct. 24	6:30 pm	Worship

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Attendance last weekend was 350 with 256 receiving the Lord's Supper.

Fruits of Faith:

\$13,500 Home Operations ~ YTD: \$675,077 / Needed: \$689,176

\$1,370 WELS Missions ~ YTD: \$67,085 (2026 Goal: \$100,701)

\$1,165 MVL ~ YTD: \$44,174 (2026 Goal: \$62,278)

\$375 Building Fund

\$25 K-12 Tuition Assistance Fund

\$148 Food and Fellowship

\$10 MLC/WLS Ministerial Student Assistance

\$100 Benevolence Fund

\$100 Technology Fund

\$46 Miscellaneous Receipts

\$50 St. Paul's School Building Fund

\$100 St. Paul's School

\$100 Ministerial Education Endowment Fund

\$141 Christian Family Solutions

\$150 Designated Miscellaneous

\$100 Technology Fund

\$88 Women of St. John's



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Cards of Caring ~ Members of St. John's and MLC students are invited to help make cards our congregation sends to homebound members, LWMS-Befriend a Mission Families and others from our church. We use donated, recycled, and created cards. Supplies are furnished. We need help writing messages, stamping, and assembling cards. This fall our main focus will be on Thanksgiving and Christmas. We meet Saturday mornings between 9am-12pm at 403 N. Minnesota St. (across from the Glockenspiel). We will meet on September 19, October 17th, and November 14th, 2026. Thank you for considering to serve our members. For further information contact Lois Willems at (507) 676-1230.

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.

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 ~ Although St. Paul did not write his letter to the Romans from prison, he was made aware by God that he would suffer many things on account of the gospel. We would be whipped, stoned, imprisoned, and falsely accused because of his persistence in proclaiming the truth of God's Word. He persevered because God convinced him that the gospel was the most important thing anyone could ever know and that it is certain. Paul would boldly say: I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes.