

St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church
627 South Washington, New Ulm, Minnesota

**"How beautiful
are the feet of
those who bring
good news!"
~ Romans 10:15**



Fifth Sunday in Epiphany
February 8/9, 2025

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FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
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PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP: Dear Jesus, we know that our feet aren't much to look at, the feet that have wandered off the path you've given, the feet that have walk away from you, the feet that have been dirtied by sin. But just as you washed your disciples' feet, you make not just our feet, but our souls clean by your grace. Now help us to use our beautiful feet to walk in your way and carry us to share the good news of your grace with others. In your name we pray. Amen.

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ANTHEM 9:30 ***The Lord is My Salvation*** arr. Katie Houts

The grace of God has reached for me, and pulled me from the raging sea. And I am safe on this solid ground: The Lord is my salvation. I will not fear when darkness falls. His strength will help me scale these walls. I'll see the dawn of the rising sun: The Lord is my salvation.

Who is like the Lord our God? Strong to save, faithful in love. My debt is paid and the vict'ry won: The Lord is my salvation.

My hope is hidden in the Lord. He flow'rs each promise of His Word. When winter fades, I know spring will come: The Lord is my salvation. .

Who is like the Lord our God? Strong to save, faithful in love. My debt is paid and the vict'ry won: The Lord is my salvation.

And when I reach my final day, He will not leave me in the grave. But I will rise, He will call me home: The Lord is my salvation.

Glory be to God, the Father. Glory be to God, the Son. Glory be to God, the Spirit. The Lord is my salvation.

OPENING HYMN ***Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty*** CW 483

Stand

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Be seated

First Reading

Isaiah 6:1–8

¹ In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord, high and exalted, seated on a throne; and the train of his robe filled the temple. ² Above him were seraphim, each with six wings: With two wings they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they were flying. ³ And they were calling to one another:

“Holy, holy, holy is the LORD Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory.”

⁴ At the sound of their voices the doorposts and thresholds shook and the temple was filled with smoke.

⁵ “Woe to me!” I cried. “I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the King, the LORD Almighty.”

⁶ Then one of the seraphim flew to me with a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with tongs from the altar. ⁷ With it he touched my mouth and said, “See, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away and your sin atoned for.”

⁸ Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?”

And I said, “Here am I. Send me!”

Thanks be to God.

Refrain



Let the peo-ple praise you, O God, let all the peo - ple praise you.

A musical score for the song 'The Rose Tree'. It consists of two staves, a treble staff and a bass staff, both with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The treble staff begins with a treble clef and a B-flat key signature. The bass staff begins with a bass clef and a B-flat key signature. The melody is written in the treble staff, starting on a whole note G4, followed by a half note A4, a quarter note B4, and a quarter note A4. The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment, starting with a whole note G4, followed by a half note A4, a quarter note B4, and a quarter note A4. The score is written in a simple, clear style with no lyrics.

and make his face / shine on us—

your salvation among all / nations.

may all the peoples / praise you.

for you rule the peoples with equity and guide the nations / of the earth.

Refrain

God, our God, / blesses us.

so that all the ends of the earth will / fear him.

and to the Holy / Spirit,

is now, and will be forever. / Amen. Refrain

SECOND READING

Romans 10:12–17

¹² For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile—the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him, ¹³ for, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

¹⁴ How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? ¹⁵ And how can anyone preach unless they are sent? As it is written: “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”

¹⁶ But not all the Israelites accepted the good news. For Isaiah says, “Lord, who has believed our message?” ¹⁷ Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word about Christ.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Refrain



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

Tone



My mouth will tell of your right - eous deeds, of your saving acts all day long.

¹ One day as Jesus was standing by the Lake of Gennesaret, the people were crowding around him and listening to the word of God. ² He saw at the water's edge two boats, left there by the fishermen, who were washing their nets. ³ He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little from shore. Then he sat down and taught the people from the boat.

⁴ When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into deep water, and let down the nets for a catch."

⁵ Simon answered, "Master, we've worked hard all night and haven't caught anything. But because you say so, I will let down the nets."

⁶ When they had done so, they caught such a large number of fish that their nets began to break. ⁷ So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them, and they came and filled both boats so full that they began to sink.

⁸ When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at Jesus' knees and said, "Go away from me, Lord; I am a sinful man!" ⁹ For he and all his companions were astonished at the catch of fish they had taken, ¹⁰ and so were James and John, the sons of Zebedee, Simon's partners.

Then Jesus said to Simon, "Don't be afraid; from now on you will fish for people." ¹¹ So they pulled their boats up on shore, left everything and followed him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

HYMN OF THE DAY *Hark, the Voice of Jesus Crying* CW 745

SERMON Beautiful Feet! Romans 10:12-17

- I. Dirty Feet Cleansed by Christ
- II. Clean Feet Carrying the Gospel

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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OFFERING

HYMN *How Shall They Hear, Who Have Not Heard* CW 907

PRAYER AND BLESSING

CLOSING HYMN *Let Children Hear the Mighty Deeds* CW 758

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Welcome, Visitors!

Please scan the QR code to sign our guest register.



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THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

Sunday	8, 9:30, 11 am	Worship
	9:30 am	Bible Class w/ Pastor Josh Koelpin
	5:30 pm	Youth Group @ Mount Kato
Monday	11 am	OWLS Meeting
	6 pm	Evangelism meeting
Tuesday	11:30 am	Stewardship Meeting @ MLC
	6 pm	Sunday School Meeting
Wednesday	3:30 pm	Public and Homeschool Catechism
	6 pm	Handbells
	6:30 pm	Bible Information Class
	7 pm	Choir
Thursday	10 am	Bible Class: Proverbs
	7 pm	Bible Class: Vices and Virtues
Saturday	6:30 pm	Worship
Sunday, Feb. 16	8, 9:30, 11 am	Worship

Tuesday, Feb. 18	9:30 am Bible Class
	4 pm Oak Hills Service
	7 pm Council Meeting
Wednesday, Feb. 19	3:30 pm Homeschool & Public School Catechism
	6 pm Handbells
	6:30 pm Bible Information Class
	7 pm Choir
Thursday, Feb. 13	10 am Bible Class: Proverbs
	7 pm Bible Class: Vices and Virtues
Friday, Feb. 21	9:30 am Women's Bible Class: Vices and Virtues

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Attendance for this past weekend was 582 with 473 receiving the Lord's Supper.

Fruits of Faith:

\$16,784 Home Operations ~ BTD: \$88,990 / YTD received: \$99,015

\$1,334 WELS Missions ~ RTD: \$7,108 (2025 Goal: \$87,000)

\$977 MVL ~ RTD: \$5,198 (2025 Goal: \$57,000)

\$100 Building Fund

\$160 K-12 Education Assistance

\$130 LWMS

\$49 Food and Fellowship

\$50 St. Paul's School Building Fund

\$50 Ministerial Education Endowment Fund

\$100 Technology Equipment

Slide Advance Assistants Needed ~ If you can click a remote, you are qualified to assist with advancing slides during services, especially if you already are in the habit of watching the slides during the services. If you

have interest in assisting in this way, please send me an email at sm.dretske@stjohnsnewulm.com to get on a list of people who receive notices when there is a need to fill a service for the coming weekend. A link to an Online Slide Advance Sign-up sheet will be sent which will allow you to fill in your name for services which would work for you. Easy! Thanks!

Printed Church Directories - The pew copies are getting worn and we have now had quite a few new members join St. John's recently, as well as have had members move away or have babies ;) So it would be good to update pictures, phone numbers, addresses, birthdays, anniversaries for all of our current members and their families. Please send updates to sm.dretske@stjohnsnewulm.com You can also ask me or some other member to take your picture in the New Narthex and send the file with any changed information for your family. I am usually available between services. Let's get this done in February so that I can print New Pew Copies early in March. Thanks!

Memorial Gifts ~ In the past month St. John's has received the following memorial gifts: \$20 in memory of William Penkert for church renovations; \$50 for the Ministerial Education Endowment Fund in memory of Rev. David Plocher; and \$100 in memory of Marlys Schwartz (undesigned). We thank the donors.

AREA ANNOUNCEMENTS

Host families needed ~ Martin Luther College is excited to host the WELS National Band Fest on March 7-9, 2025! The festival band is made up of band students from our WELS high schools across the nation. We are seeking welcoming local families to house those who are traveling distances to be here. Please contact Beth Scharf at events@mlc-wels.edu if you are willing to host or scan the QR code to complete the hosting form. Thank you!



Bingo Night ~ The MLC Ladies' Auxiliary is sponsoring their annual Bingo Night on Wednesday, Feb. 26. This is one of the year's highlights for MLC students when they can have a night of fun and win great prizes of quilts, gift cards, and baked treats! We are looking for donations of blankets & quilts, cash to purchase the gift cards, and treats for alternate prizes during the evening. Please consider this opportunity to partner with the Auxiliary for this night of fun encouragement! Drop off donations at the MLC reception desk by February 18 or mail them to 1995 Luther Court, New Ulm, MN 56073. On behalf of our future pastors, staff ministers, and teachers, thank you!

MVL JV Softball Coaches Needed ~ MVL is looking for two JV softball coaches. Starting March 10 through May 15. Practice times are 3:30-5:30 daily. Games are played after school. No weekend tournaments or games. Contact Craig Morgan at 507-276-7576 or email cmorgan@mvlhs.org

OWLS Meeting ~ Our local MN Valley Chapter 13 OWLS (Organization of Wels Lutheran Seniors) will be gathering on Monday, February 10 for a noon Jimmy Johns meal at St. John's Lutheran Church, New Ulm. The costs will be covered with Thrivent Action Team money. Fellowship begins at 11:30 AM. After the meal and a devotion, Pastor Norman Schell will do a zoom presentation on The Bethlehem Star. If you have not signed up and plan to attend, contact Myron Fluegge at flueggemtj@hotmail.com or phone 507-359-2424 by Wednesday noon, February 5, 2025, for a meal count. Hope you can make it.

Open Positions at LMSG ~ Lutheran Military Support Group (LMSG) is seeking a part-time paid bookkeeper to manage financial transactions, contributions, and reports for the organization. Additionally, there is a volunteer opening for an LMSG Their Stories Told interviewer/writer to share the stories of WELS/ELS Military Service Members. LMSG provides Christ-centered support to WELS and ELS Military Service Members, Veterans, and their Families. Learn more at www.lutheranmilitary.org.

Treasure Haus ~ The Treasure Haus Board of Directors announces the 2025 annual meeting. This annual meeting will be special as it will commemorate the 40th anniversary of support for Minnesota Valley Lutheran High School and contributions to many other ministry support groups. Members of the MVL Congregational Association and their numerous volunteers are welcome to attend. The meeting will be held at MVL on March 16, 2025 beginning at 2:00pm. Those planning to attend must notify the planning committee by 1. signing up at the Treasure Haus, 2. emailing manager@treasurehaus.org 3. or calling the Treasure Haus 507-354-6108. All reservations must be received by February 15, 2025. There will be musical entertainment by MVL students, a trivia quiz game on our history, displays of historical memorability, and a tour of the new MVL addition. Join us to recognize God's blessings as we continue "serving one another in love."

ProMusica Minnesota Chamber Music ~ concert is Sunday, February 16 at 3PM in Martin Luther College's Chapel of the Christ. The concert features Bethel Balge, pianist, and Jenny Haugen, soprano, performing with musicians of the Minnesota Orchestra. The concert features The Trout Quintet by Schubert and a Piano Quintet by Hummel. Learn more at promusicamn.com.

LWMS Rally ~ All are invited to attend the LWMS rally on April 5 at Friedens Lutheran Church in New Prague, MN. The rally begins with a coffee fellowship at 8:00AM, and the speaker of the day is Pastor Larry Schlomer- World Mission board Chairman. Please RSVP to Carrie Schaefer carriehieb@yahoo.com.

