

**CONSEQUENTLY, JUST AS ONE TRESPASS
RESULTED IN CONDEMNATION FOR ALL PEOPLE,
SO ALSO ONE RIGHTEOUS ACT RESULTED
IN JUSTIFICATION AND LIFE FOR ALL PEOPLE.**



ROMANS 5:18

**FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT
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FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

February 21/22, 2026

Welcome, Visitors! Please scan the QR code to sign our guest register.



PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP ~ Almighty God, you demand perfection from us, but since we have failed to achieve it, you sent Jesus to do for us what we could not. He lived a perfect life and died an innocent death on behalf of us all to redeem us from our sin. We praise you that through faith in Jesus Christ you grant us the forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation. You freed us from Satan's power which once bound us, and you have made us your children, justified by your grace. Having been set free from Adam's fall, lead us to worship and serve you with confidence and joy. We pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen.

HANDBELLS *My Song is Love Unknown* arr. Cathy Moglebust
6:30pm & 8am

The people shouted in anger, "Crucify Him! Crucify Him!"

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OPENING HYMN *O Love, How Deep* CW 545

Stand

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ANTHEM *My Jesus, Fair* arr. Chris Anderson
(9:30am see insert)

Be seated

FIRST LESSON

Genesis 3:1-15

¹ Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God really say, ‘You must not eat from any tree in the garden?’”

² The woman said to the serpent, “We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden, ³ but God did say, ‘You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it, or you will die.’ ”

⁴ “You will not certainly die,” the serpent said to the woman. ⁵ “For God knows that when you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.”

⁶ When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it. ⁷ Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves.

⁸ Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the LORD God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from the LORD God among the trees of the garden. ⁹ But the LORD God called to the man, “Where are you?”

¹⁰ He answered, “I heard you in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid.”

¹¹ And he said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree that I commanded you not to eat from?”

¹² The man said, “The woman you put here with me—she gave me some fruit from the tree, and I ate it.”

¹³ Then the LORD God said to the woman, “What is this you have done?”

The woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.”

¹⁴ So the LORD God said to the serpent, “Because you have done this, “Cursed are you above all livestock and all wild animals! You will crawl on your belly and you will eat dust all the days of your life. ¹⁵ And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM OF THE DAY *God is Our Refuge and Strength* arr. John Behnke
(9:30am see insert)

PSALM OF THE DAY *If God Is for Us* Psalm 46E

Refrain



If God is for us, who can be a - gainst us?



God is our sal - va - tion, al - ways by our side.

Verses



1 God is our ref - uge and our strength, an
2 A riv - er flows whose streams make glad the
3 Be - hold the won - drous deeds of God, who



ev - er pres - ent aid, and there - fore, though the
cit - y of our God, the ho - ly dwell - ing
caus - es wars to cease, the weap - ons of the



earth be moved, we will not be a - fraid; though
of the LORD, the place of God's a - bode. Since
strong de - stroyed, God brings a - bid - ing peace. "Be



hills in - to the seas be cast, though foam - ing wa - ters roar,
God is in the midst of it, our safe - ty is se - cure;
still and know that I am God, ex - alt - ed ev - er - more;"



the LORD of hosts is by our side, a
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 the LORD of hosts is by our side, a



ref - uge strong and sure. *Refrain*
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SECOND LESSON

Romans 5:12-19

¹² Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all people, because all sinned—

¹³ To be sure, sin was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not charged against anyone’s account where there is no law. ¹⁴ Nevertheless, death reigned from the time of Adam to the time of Moses, even over those who did not sin by breaking a command, as did Adam, who is a pattern of the one to come.

¹⁵ But the gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died by the trespass of the one man, how much more did God’s grace and the gift that came by the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, overflow to the many! ¹⁶ Nor can the gift of God be compared with the result of one man’s sin: The judgment followed one sin and brought condemnation, but the gift followed many trespasses and brought justification. ¹⁷ For if, by the trespass of the one man, death reigned through that one man, how much more will those who receive God’s abundant provision of grace and of the gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man, Jesus Christ!

¹⁸ Consequently, just as one trespass resulted in condemnation for all people, so also one righteous act resulted in justification and life for all people. ¹⁹ For just as through the disobedience of the one man the many were

OFFERING

ANTHEM *Holy and Mighty* arr. Pepper Choplin
(9:30am see insert)

HYMN *His Robes for Mine* CW 568

Stand

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CLOSING HYMN *Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise* CW 931

PREACHER Pastor Jeff Bovee

ORGANIST Susan Decker

HANDBELLS 6:30pm & 8am Becky Berg

MLC MÄNNERCHOR 9:30am Adrian Smith

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	Jared Schlittenhart	Peace Lutheran Church, Boulder, CO
8 am	Harrison Hahm	St. John's Lutheran Church, Red Wing, MN
9:30 am	Samuel Rodriguez	Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Germantown, WI
11 am	Martin Mielke	Ascension Lutheran Church, Sarasota, FL

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THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

Sunday	8, 9:30 & 11 am	Worship
	9:30 pm	Sunday School & Bible Class - One by One
Wednesday	11 am	Lenten Worship Service
	4 & 6:30 pm	Lenten Worship Service
	5 pm	Midweek Lenten Meal
	5:15 pm	Handbells
	6:30 pm	Public and Homeschool Catechism
	7:15 pm	Choir
Thursday	10 am	Bible Class – Simple Way to Pray
	7 pm	Bible Class – The Life of David
Saturday	6:30 pm	Worship

NEXT WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

Sunday, Mar. 1 st	8, 9:30 & 11 am	Worship
	9:30 pm	Sunday School & Bible Class - One by One
Monday, Mar. 2 nd	6:30 pm	Elders' Meeting
Tuesday, Mar. 3 rd	7 pm	Women of St. John's
Wednesday, Mar. 4 th	11 am	Lenten Worship Service
	4 & 6:30 pm	Lenten Worship Service
	5 pm	Midweek Lenten Meal
	5:15 pm	Handbells
	6:30 pm	Public and Homeschool Catechism
Thursday, Mar. 5 th	10 am	Bible Class – Simple Way to Pray
	7 pm	Bible Class – The Life of David
Saturday, Mar. 7 th	1:30 pm	John and Paul Ministries - Easter Canvas
	6:30 pm	Worship

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Attendance last weekend was 658 with 500 receiving the Lord's Supper.

Fruits of Faith:

\$16,580 Home Operations ~ Needed: \$120,606/ YTD: \$123,858
\$2,625 WELS Missions ~ YTD: \$11,773 (2026 Goal: \$100,701)
\$885 MVL ~ YTD: \$7,479 (2026 Goal: \$62,278)
\$6,160 Wish List: Piano ~ YTD: \$18,115 (\$21,400)
\$380 Building Fund
\$37 Food + Fellowship
\$5,225 K-12 Education Assistance
\$155 LWMS
\$160 St. Paul's School Building Fund

Choir Members Wanted! ~ Do you enjoy singing—or would you like to grow in using your voice to serve the Lord?

You are invited to join our Senior Choir! Choir is a beautiful way to praise God, support our worship, and share in Christian fellowship with others who love to sing.

Martin Luther wrote that music is a precious gift of God, able to carry the Word of God into the hearts of believers. When God's Word is joined to song, it teaches, comforts, and strengthens faith in a unique and powerful way.

As we approach the seasons of Lent, Holy Week, and Easter, our music will help proclaim Christ's suffering, death, and resurrection. Additional voices would greatly enrich these services, and your participation can help God's Word dwell richly among us.

Rehearsals are held on Wednesdays from 7:00–8:00 p.m. Singers of all experience levels are welcome. Please consider joining us as we lift our voices together to glorify God and to carry his Word into one another's hearts. If you have any questions, please contact our Senior Choir director, Professor Adrian Smith smithar@mlc-wels.edu

Grand Piano on the Wish List ~ St. John's Worship Committee would like to replace the piano in the front of the church. The existing piano was not designed for a large space seating 350 people, but for a house or small music studio. The council has approved that a new 5-foot Yamaha grand piano (to be placed in the front of the sanctuary near the lectern) be added to the wish list. This piano would enrich our worship as it fills the church with sound. It's known for its stability of tuning and action and delivers a clear sound that would accompany the congregation and choirs well. The cost is approximately \$21,400 for the piano, delivery and installation, and all needed accessories. If you are interested in contributing to this worship enhancement, please note "Piano" on your offering envelope or electronic gift. To God be the glory!

Easter for Kids 2026! ~ Join us on Saturday, March 28th, 2026, from 8:30 am - 11:00 am here at St. John's for our annual Easter for Kids! A bible study, crafts, music, and more will be offered for Kindergarten through 4th grade. Sign up your children using the following link or by scanning the QR code. We hope to see many of you there! If you have any questions, please contact Ella Hunter at: ehunter02@icloud.com or 507-766-3658.



AREA ANNOUNCEMENTS

Join John & Paul Ministries ~ for a Daylight Savings canvass in our community on Saturday, March 7th! Don't like the idea of talking to strangers? You can just hang the packets on house doors if you like! Meet us in the St. Paul's Church fellowship hall for a complimentary pizza lunch at noon. Then head out into the community around 1:00 pm to hand out invitations to our Good Friday and Easter services along with a packet of coffee to help them with the time change. Please register using <https://bit.ly/40jvqG8> for an accurate pizza count. Questions? Contact Laura Martens (event coordinator) at lmartens@splnewulm.org. Let's reach out to our New Ulm community with the message of Jesus!

Kindergarten Roundup ~ You and your future kindergartener are invited to attend Kindergarten “Round-Up” on Tuesday, February 24 or Thursday, February 26 at 5:30pm at St. Paul’s Lutheran School. Please sign up and choose a session by going to <https://signup.com/go/qoqZGyH> . Contact the school office with any questions, 507-354-2329.

MVL Concerts ~ You are cordially invited to attend two concerts at MVL. Concert Band, Jazz Band, and Chargaliers will present their concert on Sunday, March 1, at 1:30 p.m. in the Fine Arts Center. The Spring Sacred Concert, featuring A Cappella Choir, Chargaliers, the Freshman Choir, and the Concert band, will be on Wednesday, April 1, at 7:00 p.m. in the Fine Arts Center. Thank you for supporting these young musicians with your attendance!

About the Cover ~ The Bible reminds us that through one sin, death and condemnation came upon the entire human race. That is why Jesus Christ came into this world. He lived a perfectly righteous life in obedience to God's law on behalf of the entire human race so that his righteousness would avail for us all. By one act of obedience Jesus undid the act of disobedience committed by Adam that once condemned us.