



I am already
being
poured out
as a drink
offering...

2 Timothy 4:6



FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
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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: Almighty God, we offer ourselves to you this day as living sacrifices. We ask you to use us in such a way that we may bring glory to your name. In doing so, cause us to nurture the Church and lead others into your blessed kingdom. We pour out ourselves in total dedication to you and ask you to bless us in the name of Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. Amen.

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⁷ You deceived me, LORD, and I was deceived; you overpowered me and prevailed. I am ridiculed all day long; everyone mocks me. ⁸ Whenever I speak, I cry out proclaiming violence and destruction. So the word of the LORD has brought me insult and reproach all day long. ⁹ But if I say, “I will not mention his word or speak anymore in his name,” his word is in my

heart like a fire, a fire shut up in my bones. I am weary of holding it in; indeed, I cannot. ¹⁰ I hear many whispering, “Terror on every side! Denounce him! Let’s denounce him!” All my friends are waiting for me to slip, saying, “Perhaps he will be deceived; then we will prevail over him and take our revenge on him.”

¹¹ But the LORD is with me like a mighty warrior; so my persecutors will stumble and not prevail. They will fail and be thoroughly disgraced; their dishonor will never be forgotten. ¹² LORD Almighty, you who examine the righteous and probe the heart and mind, let me see your vengeance on them, for to you I have committed my cause.

¹³ Sing to the LORD! Give praise to the LORD! He rescues the life of the needy from the hands of the wicked.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM OF THE DAY

On Eagles’ Wings

CW 821

SECOND LESSON

2 Timothy 4:1-8

¹ In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who will judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I give you this charge: ² Preach the word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage—with great patience and careful instruction. ³ For the time will come when people will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear. ⁴ They will turn their ears away from the truth and turn aside to myths. ⁵ But you, keep your head in all situations, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, discharge all the duties of your ministry.

⁶ For I am already being poured out like a drink offering, and the time for my departure is near. ⁷ I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race,

I have kept the faith. ⁸ Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day—and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

2 Corinthians 12:9



Refrain



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

Tone



My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weak - ness.

GOSPEL

Matthew 10:5a,21-33

⁵ These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions:

²¹ “Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child; children will rebel against their parents and have them put to death. ²² You will be hated by everyone because of me, but the one who stands firm to the end will be saved. ²³ When you are persecuted in one place, flee to another. Truly I tell you, you will not finish going through the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes.

²⁴ “The student is not above the teacher, nor a servant above his master.

²⁵ It is enough for students to be like their teachers, and servants like their masters. If the head of the house has been called Beelzebul, how much more

the members of his household!

²⁶ “So do not be afraid of them, for there is nothing concealed that will not be disclosed, or hidden that will not be made known. ²⁷ What I tell you in the dark, speak in the daylight; what is whispered in your ear, proclaim from the roofs. ²⁸ Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather, be afraid of the One who can destroy both soul and body in hell.

²⁹ Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground outside your Father’s care. ³⁰ And even the very hairs of your head are all numbered. ³¹ So don’t be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows.

³² “Whoever acknowledges me before others, I will also acknowledge before my Father in heaven. ³³ But whoever disowns me before others, I will disown before my Father in heaven.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

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THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

Sunday	8 & 9:30 am	Worship
	11 am	Bible Class
Saturday	6:30 pm	Worship

NEXT WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

Sunday, June 28 th	8 & 9:30 am	Worship
	11 am	Bible Class
Saturday, July 4 th	6:30 pm	Worship

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Attendance last weekend was 308.

Fruits of Faith:

\$20,237 Home Operations ~ Needed: \$413,506 / YTD: \$429,169

\$2,090 WELS Missions ~ YTD: \$42,984 (2026 Goal: \$100,701)

\$730 MVL ~ YTD: \$27,760 (2026 Goal: \$62,278)

\$125 Building Fund

\$25 St. Paul's School Building Fund

\$100 Technology Fund

\$50 K-12 Tuition Assistance Fund

\$100 Ministerial Education Endowment Fund

\$50 Iris Box Project



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LWMS Befriend A Mission (BAM) ~ June is St. John's month to give special attention to our LWMS Circuit's assigned Home and World Missions. Unfortunately, our assigned Home Mission has recently closed and we are awaiting direction from LWMS on a potential new assignment. There is a display table in the new narthex including information about our World Mission, as well as cards to sign. Be sure to also submit your slip for the Kids c.a.r.e. gift basket drawing. The winner will be selected and notified at the end of June. All are welcome to join in encouraging our missionaries and praying for them.

AREA ANNOUNCEMENTS

Job Openings at MLC ~ Full-time Executive Director of Mission Advancement. This role helps connect donor support to the preparation of future teachers, pastors, and staff ministers. **Full-time Athletic Director, Full-time Head Men's Basketball Coach & Assistant Athletic Director, Part-time Assistant Volleyball Coach.** In these roles, you can help promote excellence in competition while supporting the formation of student-athletes for lives of Christian service. **Part-time Dormitory Custodians.** In these roles, you will have flexible scheduling while caring for the place that our students call home during their time at MLC. Interested individuals should apply online at mlc-wels.edu/hr/.

About the Cover ~ In the Old Testament worshipers made drink offerings or libations to God. The first time it is mentioned is in Genesis 35:14-15 where we are told: *Jacob set up a stone pillar at the place where God had talked with him, and he poured out a drink offering on it; he also poured oil on it. Jacob called the place where God had talked with him Bethel [The House of God].* Wine was poured out on the altar to symbolize the pouring out of one's soul and substance in dedication to God. The drink offering is mentioned thirty-two times in the Old Testament, and twice in the New Testament, both times by St. Paul. In both references he refers to himself as a drink offering that is being poured out in his total service and surrender to God. In this reference he reminds us that every Christian who serves God is an offering to the Lord made acceptable to him through Jesus Christ. To that end we pray for God to make such offerings of us all.