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627 South Washington, New Ulm, Minnesota



Fifth Sunday of Easter
May 18/19, 2019

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Worship Notes
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Prayer before worship: Risen Redeemer, thank you for making us your own. In spite of our unfaithfulness to you, you choose to make us your bride! You make us clean and new and fit for your heaven. And you promise to come one day soon to take us to be with you there where there will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain! Send us your Holy Spirit through the Word and Sacraments to strengthen our faith and keep us faithful to you until that great and glorious day. Amen.

Order of Service: Christian Worship Supplement
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| OPENING HYMN | <i>Son of God, Eternal Savior</i> | CW 492 6:30 pm, 8 and 11 am |
| BAPTISMAL HYMN | <i>God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It</i> | CW Supplement 737 9:30 am |

FIRST LESSON

1 Samuel 20:12-17

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| Then Jonathan said to David: "By the LORD, the God of Israel, I will surely sound out my father by this time the day after tomorrow! If he is favorably disposed toward you, will I not send you word and let you know? But if my father is inclined to harm you, may the LORD deal with me, be it ever | so severely, if I do not let you know and send you away safely. May the LORD be with you as he has been with my father. But show me unfailing kindness like that of the LORD as long as I live, so that I may not be killed, and do not ever cut off your kindness from my family-- not even when the LORD has cut | off every one of David's enemies from the face of the earth." So Jonathan made a covenant with the house of David, saying, "May the LORD call David's enemies to account." And Jonathan had David reaffirm his oath out of love for him, because he loved him as he loved himself. |
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PSALM of the DAY

Psalm 145

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SECOND LESSON

Revelation 21:1-6

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| Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, | prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Now the dwelling of God is with men, and he will live with them. They will be his people, and God | himself will be with them and be their God. He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away." He who was seated on |
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| the throne said, "I am making everything new!" Then he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true." | He said to me: "It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To him who is thirsty I will give to drink | without cost from the spring of the water of life. |
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VERSE of the DAY

Alleluia. Alleluia. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia.
 I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord. Alleluia.
 - John 14:6

GOSPEL

John 13:31-35

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| When he was gone, Jesus said, "Now is the Son of Man glorified and God is glorified in him. If God is glorified in him, God will glorify the Son in himself, and will glorify him at | once. My children, I will be with you only a little longer. You will look for me, and just as I told the Jews, so I tell you now: Where I am going, you cannot come. A new command I give | you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another." |
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HYMN of the DAY

At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing

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SERMON

Revelation 21:1-6

Together at Last!
1. The New Relationship
2. The New Home

OFFERING

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To our worship guests seeking an altar at which to commune: Since the Lord's Supper is an expression of outward unity in the faith as well as inner union with Christ, we ask that those who are not communicant members of our fellowship please schedule a meeting with the pastor before coming to the Lord's Table. We ask this in loving obedience to the Scriptures and not in judgment of anyone's faith, sincerity, or standing before God.

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HYMNS**

*Lord, You Love the Cheerful Giver
Let Me Be Yours Forever*

**CW489
CW596**

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ORGANIST**

Pastor Rob Guenther
Pastor Jeff Bovee
Jeneane Thiesfeldt

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

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| Sun | 10:30 am | Basement Reserved |
| | 7 pm | MVL Sacred Concert at MLC Chapel of the Christ |
| Mon | 6:30 pm | Joint Council Meeting |
| Tue | 6:30 pm | Worship Committee Meeting |
| Thu | 6:30 pm | St. Paul's School Closing Service / Graduation |
| Fri | 6:30 am | Last Breakfast Bible Study at Perkins |
| | 9:30 am | Last Women's Bible Class |
| | 10 am | Sunset Apt. Service |
| Sat | 10 am | Basement Reserved |

† **Upcoming Services** †

Saturday: 6:30 pm
Sunday: 8 & 9:30 am

UPCOMING EVENTS

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| May 26 | | Summer Schedule Begins: No 11 am service |
| | 10:45 am | Bible Class |
| | 2 pm | MVL Graduation |
| May 27 | | Memorial Day: Church office closed |
| May 28 | 4 pm | Oak Hills Living Center Service |
| May 30 | 6:30 pm | Ascension Service |
| May 31 | 10 am | Women's Summer Devotions in the Park: Riverside Park |
| | 4 pm | Youth Group: Kato Escape Room |
| Jun 3 | 10:30 am | Stewardship Meeting |
| | 6:30 pm | Elders Meeting |
| Jun 4 | | Pastors' Conference in Redwood Falls |
| | 6 pm | Women of St. John's Picnic at Lincoln Park |
| Jun 7 | 10 am | Women's Summer Devotions in the Park: North Market Park |
| Jun 9 | 10:45 am | Bible Class |
| Jun 10 | 11:30 am | OWLS Meeting at St. Paul's Church |
| | 7 pm | Trustees Meeting |
| | 7 pm | MVL Delegate Meeting |
| Jun 14 | 10 am | Women's Summer Devotions in the Park: Washington Park |
| Jun 16 | 10:45 am | Bible Class |
| Jun 17 | 7 pm | Evangelism Meeting |
| Jun 18 | 4 pm | Oak Hills Living Center Service |
| Jun 21 | 10 am | Women's Summer Devotions in the Park: North Park |
| Jun 22 | 11 am | Basement Reserved |
| Jun 23 | 10:45 am | Bible Class |
| | 4 pm | Church Picnic at Hermann Heights Park |
| Jun 24-27 | 9 am | Soccer Camp at MLC Fields |
| Jun 28 | 10 am | Women's Summer Devotions in the Park: Nehl's Park |
| Jun 29 | | Oswald/Marquardt Wedding |
| | 6:30 pm | Joint Service in the Park at German Park |

ST. JOHN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Attendance for the past weekend was 664.

Fruits of faith given:

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| \$11,321 | Home Operations ~ \$14,806 is our weekly need | | |
| \$1,317 | MVL ~ \$1,140 is our weekly need | \$140 | Memorials |
| \$1,972 | Missions ~ \$1,681 is our weekly need | \$100 | MLC Ladies' Auxiliary |
| \$2,008 | Building Fund ~ \$1,603 is our weekly need | \$115 | Christian Family Solutions |
| \$9 | Food & Fellowship | | |

Made a Child of God Today through Holy Baptism ~ Jason Ezra, the newborn son of Daniel and Tingting Schwartz. May God bless this child and cause him to remain in his baptismal grace all the days of his life until he, along with all who know Jesus as their Lord and Savior, share heaven with him.

Volunteer Opportunity ~ Help is needed tabbing and labeling the newsletter one morning each month. The process usually takes about 90 minutes. If you are able to help please contact Lisa Goeglein at stjohnsnewulm@gmail.com.

Youth Group ~ Our next event will be **Friday, May 31**. We're going to the **Kato Escape Room**. Please sign up in the narthex or online at: bit.ly/KatoEscapeRoom. **Parents:** Please let me know if you are able to drive to Mankato by signing up in the narthex or online at bit.ly/Drive2KER. Contact Lisa Goeglein at ali3b2g@gmail.com or 507-217-7117 with questions. Thank you!

Women's Summer Devotions ~ The Friday morning women's Bible study group invites all women and moms to join them during the summer months for devotions in the park. We meet at 10 am at the park listed below and read a devotion followed by free play and a picnic lunch (optional). Feel free to bring a friend! If you have any questions please contact Sarah Strackbein at 612-361-0425.

May 31 **Riverside Park:** 101 S. Front St.

June 7 **North Market Park:** 1414 N. German St.

14 **Washington Park:** 715 N. State St.

21 **North Park:** 1801 N. State St.

28 **Nehl's Park:** 1100 Summit Ave.

July 12 **Hermann Heights Park:** 14 Monument St.

19 **South Park:** 1800 S. State St.

26 **German Park:** 200 N. German St.

August 2 **Hermann Heights Park:** 14 Monument St.

9 **Lincoln Park:** 718 S. State St.

16 **Harman Park:** 101 N. Garden St.

23 **Highland Park:** 1627 5th North St.

AREA ANNOUNCEMENTS

MVL Announcements ~ *Faithful Financial Fulfillment Seminar* Come to the complimentary "Faithful Financial Fulfillment" seminar sponsored by the MVL Foundation on Sunday, May 19 to learn some of the simple steps you can take to be a faithful steward of the gifts the Lord has provided. The seminar will be held in the lower level of Martin Luther College's Chapel of the Christ, beginning at 3:30 pm and followed by MVL's Year-End Sacred Concert in the chapel if you wish to attend. Dinner will be provided to seminar registrants. *Host Parents Needed* MVL is looking for families who would be willing to host international students for the 2019-20 school year. Students typically arrive in mid-August and stay with the host family until the end of May. Compensation for host families is provided. Contact the MVL office at 507-354-6851 or MVL's Principal, Dr. Tim Plath, at tplath@mvlhs.org for more information. *MVL's Year-End Sacred Concert* You're invited to MVL's Year-End Sacred Concert on Sunday, May 19. The concert will take place in Martin Luther College's Chapel of the Christ at 7 pm.

Treasure Haus ~ Treasure Haus manager, Lynne Koepsell, recently retired. A celebration of her years of service will be held at St Paul's Lutheran Church in New Ulm on Sunday, June 2 from 1 - 4 pm. All are warmly invited.

150th Anniversary Celebration ~ Trinity will be celebrating 150 years of God's Grace on Sunday, June 9, 2019 beginning with a 9 am service with guest pastor and former member of Trinity, Jon Enter. A dinner and a short slide presentation will follow along with "The Divers," singing group from Bethany. Tell those that have been members and former members and any friends of Trinity to join us for the day. A free will offering will be collected with any extra going to the Hmong outreach in Vietnam. RSVP if you plan to attend to office@trinitynicollet.org or call 507-232-3938 ext. 0 by May 31st.

Summer Noontime Organ Recitals ~ The Sioux Trails Chapter of the American Guild of Organists presents its annual Summer Noontime Organ Recitals each Tuesday, 12:10 pm, June 11 through August 13. Locations include Christ the King Lutheran Church, 222 Pfau Street, Mankato (6/11 – 7/2), Trinity Chapel, Bethany Lutheran College (7/9 – 7/23) and Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 720 S. 2nd Street, Mankato (7/30 – 8/13). Each recital is free. For information about specific locations and performers, visit www.agosioxtrails.org.

Camp Shetek ~ Camp Shetek will be held June 16 - 22, 2019 this summer in the Lake Shetek State Park Zuya Group Center. Campers who will be entering Grade 4 through 9 in the 2019 / 2020 school year are eligible to come to camp this summer. The 2019 Registration and Health Forms are available at our web site: www.campshetek.org. If you wish, you may print off these forms and mail them with your deposit or camp fees paid in full to Pastor Renz at 715 7th Ave. N, St. James, MN 56081. Or, if you prefer, you may register online. The ability to register online is open. If you have any questions, please email at jrenzner@yahoo.com.

American Red Cross Blood Drive ~ will be at the Civic Center on the Brown County Fairgrounds on Wednesday, June 19 from 1-7 pm, Thursday, June 20 from 12-6 pm and Friday, June 21 from 8:30 am-1:30 pm. Please call 1-800-733-2767 or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter: New Ulm to schedule an appointment.

Job Opening ~ The St. Paul's Summer Care Program is hiring for the summer. This is a job for those of you who love to care for children. Day shifts and afternoon shifts are available. The positions are open to juniors in high school and older. Please contact the school office by phone 354-2329 or email our director, Tim Plocher: ascsummer@splnewulm.org for more information or an application.

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