

St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church
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Amazing
FAITH



Luke 7:1-10

Second Sunday after Pentecost
June 22/23, 2019

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Worship Notes

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Prayer before worship: O Holy Spirit, strengthen our faith by your word of promise. Keep us humble by your law. Keep us confident in your gospel. Move us to live selflessly and serve you by serving others. And increase our trust in you and your promises that we might have an amazing faith! In Jesus' name, and by his completed work for us, seen at the empty cross and the empty tomb, we pray. Amen.

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OPENING HYMN

Lord, Open Now My Heart to Hear

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FIRST LESSON

Joshua 5:13-6:5, 20

Now when Joshua was near Jericho, he looked up and saw a man standing in front of him with a drawn sword in his hand. Joshua went up to him and asked, "Are you for us or for our enemies?" "Neither," he replied, "but as commander of the army of the LORD I have now come." Then Joshua fell facedown to the ground in reverence, and asked him, "What message does my Lord have for his servant?" The commander of the LORD's army replied, "Take off your

sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy." And Joshua did so. Now Jericho was tightly shut up because of the Israelites. No one went out and no one came in. Then the LORD said to Joshua, "See, I have delivered Jericho into your hands, along with its king and its fighting men. March around the city once with all the armed men. Do this for six days. Have seven priests carry trumpets of rams' horns in front of the ark. On the seventh day, march around the city seven

times, with the priests blowing the trumpets. When you hear them sound a long blast on the trumpets, have all the people give a loud shout; then the wall of the city will collapse and the people will go up, every man straight in." When the trumpets sounded, the people shouted, and at the sound of the trumpet, when the people gave a loud shout, the wall collapsed; so every man charged straight in, and they took the city.

PSALM of the DAY

Psalm 142

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SECOND LESSON

James 1:2-12

Consider it pure joy, my brothers, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith develops perseverance. Perseverance must finish its

work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything. If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will

be given to him. But when he asks, he must believe and not doubt, because he who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind. That man should not think he will receive

anything from the Lord; he is a double-minded man, unstable in all he does. The brother in humble circumstances ought to take pride in his high position. But the one who is rich should take pride in his low position,

because he will pass away like a wild flower. For the sun rises with scorching heat and withers the plant; its blossom falls and its beauty is destroyed. In the same way, the rich man will fade away even while he goes about

his business. Blessed is the man who perseveres under trial, because when he has stood the test, he will receive the crown of life that God has promised to those who love him.

GENERAL VERSE

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GOSPEL

Luke 7:1-10

When Jesus had finished saying all this in the hearing of the people, he entered Capernaum. There a centurion's servant, whom his master valued highly, was sick and about to die. The centurion heard of Jesus and sent some elders of the Jews to him, asking him to come and heal his servant. When they came to Jesus, they pleaded earnestly with him, "This man deserves to have you do this,

because he loves our nation and has built our synagogue." So Jesus went with them. He was not far from the house when the centurion sent friends to say to him: "Lord, don't trouble yourself, for I do not deserve to have you come under my roof. That is why I did not even consider myself worthy to come to you. But say the word, and my servant will be healed. For I myself am a man under

authority, with soldiers under me. I tell this one, 'Go,' and he goes; and that one, 'Come,' and he comes. I say to my servant, 'Do this,' and he does it." When Jesus heard this, he was amazed at him, and turning to the crowd following him, he said, "I tell you, I have not found such great faith even in Israel." Then the men who had been sent returned to the house and found the servant well.

HYMN of the DAY

Thy Strong Word

CW280

SERMON

Luke 7:1-10

What An Amazing Faith!

- 1. A Humble Faith**
- 2. A Confident Faith**
- 3. A Selfless Faith**

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HYMN

How Precious Is the Book Divine

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CLOSING HYMN

God's Word Is Our Great Heritage

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THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

Sun	10:45 am	Bible Class
	4 pm	Church Picnic at Hermann Heights Park
Mon	9 am	Soccer Camp at MLC Fields
Tue	9 am	Soccer Camp at MLC Fields
Wed	9 am	Soccer Camp at MLC Fields
Thu	9 am	Soccer Camp at MLC Fields
Fri	10 am	Women's Summer Devotions: Nehl's Park
	5:30 pm	Wedding Rehearsal
Sat	2 pm	Oswald/Marquardt Wedding
	6:30 pm	Joint Service in the Park at German Park

† **Upcoming Services** †

Saturday: 6:30 pm Service in the Park at German Park
Sunday: 8 & 9:30 am

UPCOMING EVENTS

Jun 30	10:45 am	Bible Class
Jul 2	4 pm	Oak Hills Living Center Service
Jul 4		July 4th: Church office closed
Jul 7	10:45 am	Bible Class
Jul 8	6:30 pm	Elders in Action
	7 pm	Evangelism Meeting
Jul 12	10 am	Women's Summer Devotions: Hermann Heights Park
Jul 14	10:45 am	Bible Class
Jul 15	10:30 am	Stewardship Meeting
Jul 16	4 pm	Oak Hills Living Center Service
	7 pm	Quarterly Voters' Meeting
Jul 17	5:15 pm	Family Night at St. Paul's Church
Jul 19	10 am	Women's Summer Devotions: South Park
Jul 20		Acree/Grosam Wedding in Redwood Falls
Jul 21	10:45 am	Bible Class
Jul 23	9 am	Vacation Bible School
Jul 24	9 am	Vacation Bible School
Jul 25	9 am	Vacation Bible School
Jul 26	10 am	Sunset Apt. Service
	10 am	Women's Summer Devotions: German Park
Jul 27	10:30 am	Sleepy Eye Water Park Event
Jul 28	10:45 am	Bible Class
Jul 30	4 pm	Oak Hills Living Center Service
Aug 1		St. Paul's School Registration Day at St. Paul's Church
Aug 2	10 am	Women's Summer Devotions: Hermann Heights Park
Aug 4	10:45 am	Mission Fest Sunday: Presentation and Potluck

ST. JOHN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Attendance for the past weekend was 402 with 297 attending Communion.

Fruits of faith given:

Offering information for last weekend is unavailable at this time; please check next weekend's bulletin for further updates.

Altar Flowers ~ have been given in honor of the 50th wedding anniversary of Dave and Judy Gosdeck by their children and grandchildren.

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 in the calendar 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.

Church Picnic ~ Everyone is invited to a St. John's church picnic this Sunday, June 23, at Hermann Heights Park. It will go from 4 - 8 pm (food served until 6:30 pm), so you can come and go when it works for you! We have both pavilions rented for us to use. Drinks, meat, and paper products will be provided. The families from A - L are encouraged to bring a side dish, and families from M - Z are encouraged to bring a dessert. Registration is NOT required, but it would help for planning purposes. Feel free to bring any lawn or card games along to play. We hope to see many of you there!



Joint Service in the Park ~ Join us as we worship with St. Paul's Lutheran Church at German Park on Saturday, June 29 at 6:30 pm. In the case of inclement weather, we will worship at St. John's.

Vacation Bible School (VBS) ~ The summer VBS will be from Tuesday, July 23 through Thursday, July 25, from 9 to 11:30 am. Sign up online at: bit.ly/SJ-VBS2019
The Sleepy Eye Water Park has been reserved on Saturday, July 27, from 10:30-12:30 pm. We hope to see you there!

Mission Fest Potluck ~ St John's will celebrate Mission Festival on Sunday, August 4. Missionary Paul Nitz will preach August 3 and 4 and conduct Sunday Bible class. A festival pot luck will be served following the 11 am Bible Class. Please use the sign-up sheets located in the narthex to indicate the number from your household who will be attending and the type of dish you are willing to provide.

AREA ANNOUNCEMENTS

St. Paul's School Lost and Found ~ can be found in the new narthex. Please check for items that may belong to your child.

A Time to Build Campaign Update ~ The walls on the early childhood addition to our school are going up. Knutson Construction has supplied a link to view progress. Go to <https://app.oxblue.com/open/knutson/all> for a pictorial update on the project. The total of offerings given to the project is \$2,745,832. The fund balance after the \$1.7 million down payment and paid expenses is \$386,805. The May 10 Gala created great positive spirit for the project and raised \$14,088 not counting the Concordia Lanes beverage contribution. By God's grace things are progressing! Please keep the project in your prayers. Please make donations out to St. Paul's Lutheran School Building Project and put "St. John's Member" on the memo line. Thank you.

MVL Announcements ~ *MVL Classic* You're invited to the New Ulm Country Club on Monday, July 8, to support tuition assistance for a Christ-centered education at MVL! \$125 for golfers, which includes lunch, 18 holes with a shotgun start at noon, a cart, and dinner. The live music event will start at 6 pm. The cost of \$25 includes a wide sampling of beverages, hors d'oeuvres, live music by MVL alumni Greta Bloedel and Mizha Overn, and a take-home wine glass. Visit mvl.org/golf-classic or contact Kristin at kmatzke@mvlhs.org to register today!

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.

OWLS Outing ~ We will enjoy Music in the Park with the Concord Singers and a host of fellow New Ulm citizens welcoming the Concord Singers back from Ulm and Germany. The July 15th event starts at 7 pm. We bring our own chairs to the park. After the concert we gather in St. Paul's Fireside room where the Markgrafs and Fluegges will treat us to root beer floats and conversation time.

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, through August 13. Locations include Christ the King Lutheran Church, 222 Pfau Street, Mankato (6/18 – 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.agosiouxtrails.org.

ProMusica Minnesota Chamber Music Festival ~ June 16-21, 2019 is the first ProMusica Minnesota Chamber Music Festival, held in Trinity Chapel on the campus of Bethany Lutheran College. ProMusica Minnesota is a new week-long summer music festival committed to offering a venue for great works of chamber music in southern Minnesota. Concerts feature emerging young artists as well as established musicians. Peter McGuire and Bethel Balge serve as Artistic Directors. The four ProMusica recitals include: Festival Opener, Sunday, June 16 at 3 pm; Young Artist Recital, Monday, June 17 at 7 pm. Free admission; Circle of Friends, Wednesday, June 19 at 7 pm; C Minor Moods, Friday, June 21 at 7 pm. Ticket information may be found at promusicamn.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.

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About the Cover ~ Jesus often amazed people with his miracles. But our Gospel lesson for this morning tells us of a time that Jesus himself was amazed: He was amazed at the humble, confident, selfless faith of a centurion. This centurion leaves us a wonderful example of what it means to put your trust in God. We go to him in confidence, not because of any good we have done, but because of his grace and mercy. And knowing that he will meet all of our needs, we can live selflessly for others and seek their needs above our own.