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Prayer before worship: Almighty God, you sent your Son Jesus Christ to humble himself and to be tempted in every way, just as we are, yet without sinning. We praise you that his victory over the devil is our victory over the devil. We rejoice that his righteousness has become our righteousness through faith in him. In triumphant joy we now worship you. May our prayers, praises, hymns, and offerings be acceptable to you through the One who won the victory for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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OPENING HYMN

In the Hour of Trial

CW116

FIRST LESSON

Genesis 2:7-9, 15-17, 3:1-7

The LORD God formed the man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being. Now the LORD God had planted a garden in the east, in Eden; and there he put the man he had formed. And the LORD God made all kinds of trees grow out of the ground-- trees that were pleasing to the eye and good for food. In the middle of the garden were the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

The LORD God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of

it. And the LORD God commanded the man, "You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat of it you will surely die."

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?'" The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden, 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.'" "You will not surely die," the serpent said to the woman. "For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." 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. 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.

PSALM of the DAY

Psalm 130

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SECOND LESSON

Romans 5:12-19

Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all men,

because all sinned-- for before the law was given, sin was in the world. But sin is not taken into account when there is no law.

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 was a pattern of the one to come. 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! Again, the gift of God is not like the result of the one man's sin: The

judgment followed one sin and brought condemnation, but the gift followed many trespasses and brought justification. 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. Consequently, just as the result of one trespass was condemnation for all men, so also the result of one act of righteousness was justification that brings life for all men. For just as through the disobedience of the one man the many were made sinners, so also through the obedience of the one man the many will be made righteous.

GENERAL VERSE

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GOSPEL

Matthew 4:1-11

Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil. After fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. The tempter came to him and said, "If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread." Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" Then the devil took him

to the holy city and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. "If you are the Son of God," he said, "throw yourself down. For it is written: "'He will command his angels concerning you, and they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.'" Jesus answered him, "It is also written: 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" Again,

the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor. "All this I will give you," he said, "if you will bow down and worship me." Jesus said to him, "Away from me, Satan! For it is written: "'Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.'" Then the devil left him, and angels came and attended him.

HYMN of the DAY

Christ the Lord Is Risen Again

Hymn tune CW 149

1. Christ the Lord is ris'n again;
Christ has broken death's strong chain.
Hark, the angels shout for joy,
Singing evermore on high:
2. He who gave for us his live,
Who for us endured the strife,
Is our Paschal Lamb today.
We, too, sing for joy and say:
3. He who bore all pain and loss
Comfortless upon the cross
Lives in glory now on high,
Pleads for us, and hears our cry:
4. He whose path no records tell
Has descended into hell;
He the strong man armed has bound
And in highest heav'n is crowned.
5. He who slumbered in the grave
Is exalted now to save;
Now through Christendom it rings
That the Lamb is King of kings.
6. Now he bids us tell abroad
How the lost may be restored,
How the penitent forgiv'n,
How we, too, may enter heav'n.

SERMON

Matthew 4:1-11

HE WAS TEMPTED AND WE ARE VICTORIOUS

1. HE OVERCAME THE DEVIL BY HIS WORD

2. HE OVERCAME THE DEVIL FOR US

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OFFERING

PRAYERS and LORD'S PRAYER

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THE SACRAMENT

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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 one of the pastors 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.

DISTRIBUTION

Oh, Love, How Deep

CW371

HYMNS

Lord Jesus Christ, My Savior Blest

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THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

Sun	9:30 am	Sunday School and Bible Class: St. John's Mission Statement
	10:30 am	MVL Pork Chop Dinner
	1:30 pm	MVL Band Concert
Mon	10:30 am	Stewardship Meeting
Tue	7 am	Election Polling
	7 pm	Women of St. John's (upstairs)
Wed	11 am, 4 and 6:30 pm	Midweek Lenten Services
	4:45 - 6 pm	Fellowship Supper
	5:30 pm	Public Catechism
	7:15 pm	Mixed Choir
Thu	10:30 am	Adult Bible Class: Colossians
	7 pm	Adult Bible Class: 2 Kings
Fri	6:30 am	Breakfast Bible Study, Perkins: "On Giving Advice to God Part 2"
	9:30 am	Women's Bible Class: I Apologize

† **Upcoming Services** †

Lent Midweek: Wednesday: 11 am, 4 and 6:30 pm
Saturday: 6:30 pm
Sunday: 8, 9:30 & 11 am

UPCOMING EVENTS

Mar 8	9:30 am	Sunday School and Bible Class: St. John's Mission Statement
	4 pm	Cancer Journey Group
Mar 9	11:30 am	OWLS Meeting
Mar 10	4 pm	Oak Hills Living Center Service
	6 pm	Sunday School Teachers' Meeting
Mar 11	11 am, 4 and 6:30 pm	Midweek Lenten Services
	4:45 - 6 pm	Fellowship Supper (Youth Group Hosts)
	5:30 pm	Public Catechism
	7:15 pm	Mixed Choir
Mar 12	10:30 am	Adult Bible Class
	7 pm	Adult Bible Class
Mar 13	6:30 am	Breakfast Bible Study, Perkins: "On Giving Advice to God Part 2"
Mar 14	9 am	Church Cleaning
Mar 15	9:30 am	Sunday School and Bible Class: St. John's Mission Statement
Mar 16	6 pm	Evangelism Meeting
Mar 17	7 pm	Council Meeting
Mar 18	11 am 4 and 6:30 pm	Midweek Lenten Services
	4:45 - 6 pm	Fellowship Supper
	5:30 pm	Public Catechism
	7:15 pm	Mixed Choir
Mar 19	10:30 am	Adult Bible Class
	7 pm	Adult Bible Class

The full church calendar can be found at www.stjohnsnewulm.com

ST. JOHN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Attendance for the past weekend was 792.

Fruits of faith given:

\$13,584	Home Operations ~ \$15,346 is our weekly need	\$100	St. Paul's School Building Fund
\$1,854	MVL ~ \$1,163 is our weekly need	\$25	K-12 Education Assistance
\$1,111	Missions ~ \$1,714 is our weekly need	\$25	Wish List: Handbells
\$1,461	Building Fund ~ \$1,397 is our weekly need	\$19	Food & Fellowship

Altar Flowers ~ are given in loving memory of Loretta Hanson from Mark, Amy and Grace Bauer.

Daylight Savings Time ~ Remember to set your clocks ahead one hour ahead next Saturday.



Qualified Contribution Distribution ~ If you plan to make a Qualified Contribution Distribution from a retirement account, please notify Wendy Lambrecht, Bookkeeper, or Mike Thom, Financial Secretary, so that when the check arrives we know who initiated the contribution and can properly acknowledge it. Thank you.

Youth Group ~ The Youth Group will be hosting the midweek fellowship meal on Wednesday, March 11. Please sign up either on the youth board or go to bit.ly/March11Meal. There are choices to set up and serve, donate food and/or serve and clean up. Thank you!

Women of St. John's ~ The Tuesday, March 3rd meeting night is "Make an Easter Craft." Please sign up on the sheet in the new narthex so we know how many stations to set up. Also, bring a scissors to cut paper. **The meeting will be held in the new narthex.**

Cancer Journey Fellowship ~ Sunday, March 8, 4 - 5:30 pm. Have you or someone in your immediate family experienced a cancer diagnosis at any time? Maybe it was yourself, your spouse, a child, or a parent. It might be a recent diagnosis, or the person may be undergoing treatment, be in post-treatment, or be in remission. Come to this opportunity for Scripture-based encouragement and conversation with others. We will meet in the lower level fellowship area. Light refreshments will be provided.

Cards of Caring ~ The St. John's Cards of Caring volunteers will meet Saturday, March 14, to make Easter cards for our homebound and thinking of you members and Befriend a Mission families. You are welcome between the hours of 9 am and noon at 403 N. Minnesota St. (enter on 4th North). Besides fellowship, this is a way for volunteers to serve the Lord. Contact Lois Willems at 507-676-1230 with questions.

Church Cleaning ~ is scheduled for Saturday, March 14th from 9-11 am. Please note that it is a come and go event. Stay for as long or as little as you can. Men, women and children are needed to get our church cleaned and ready for Easter. All cleaning supplies will be provided. Many hands make light work!

Handbell Choir ~ If you'd like to be a part of something musical but you have limited vocal ability, then the new Handbell Choir is for you! If you're not good at reading notes or rhythm, I can teach you! Practices will be in the church basement at 6-7 pm on Wednesday. I need 11-17 Confirmed members. Please indicate your willingness to join the Handbell Choir by email to Becky Berg: rberg@mvlhs.org. As soon as we have enough people, we will begin practices.

St. John's Coffee Mugs ~ Newly ordered St. John's coffee mugs are used by our prospective member visitation team as a gift to help our new friends remember our local congregation. Perhaps you wish you had your own St. John's mug to help you remember to pray for our ministry during your morning java. Your wish has been granted! Stop by the display table in the narthex to pick up one of these stylish mugs for only \$5 each! Leave your payment, cash or check to St John's, in the box.

Contributions for St. Paul's School Building Fund ~ Please make out checks to "St. John's Lutheran Church" and indicate "St Paul's School Building Fund" on your offering envelope. This will help us better track our congregation's support of the building project. These amounts will be reflected on your St. John's contribution statement. Thank You!

AREA ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELS Youth Rally and Mission Trips ~ WELS Youth Rally in Knoxville, Tennessee will be held on June 23-26. St. Paul's Church will be sponsoring a group to attend this summer. Contact St. Paul's Staff Minister Kuschel for more details at kkuschel@splnewulm.org.

As of now, the summer mission trips are:

Westminster, CO: July 18-24: Soccer Camp

San Antonio, TX: July 31-August 9: Basketball Camp

Red Deer, Alberta, Canada: July 31-August 10: Soccer Camp

Mahahual, Mexico: July 11-18: English/Bible Camp (*for those 16+ years old with Spanish knowledge*)

If you are interested in participating or learning more about this trip, please contact Staff Minister Kuschel at kkuschel@splnewulm.org. Participants must be 16 years or older and have some Spanish knowledge.

MVL Announcements ~ This Sunday, March 1, come over to MVL for good food and fun! The Booster Club is sponsoring a *pork chop dinner*, 10:30 am - 1 pm. Freewill offerings will support Booster Club projects. The annual *Winter Band Concert* follows at 1:30 pm, featuring the Symphonic Band and Jazz Ensemble. *Save the Date: Jeans & Dreams* Join us at Turner Hall in New Ulm on Saturday, March 28 for the MVL Booster Club Auction! Come in your favorite denim for a delicious dinner, spectacular socializing with the MVL family, and an amazing array of items and experiences. Visit mvl.org/auction or MVL Facebook page for all the details! *Thrivent Choice Dollars® Allocation* MVL is a participating organization of the Thrivent Choice program. Don't miss this opportunity to recommend where Thrivent gives back! Eligible members have until March 31 to direct their Choice Dollars. Visit thrivent.com or speak with your local office for more information.

Pie Donations ~ MVL has made a request of all congregations within the association to donate pies for the auction on Saturday, March 28th.

Luther Prep Singers Concert ~ On Saturday, March 14 at 4 pm, the Luther Prep Singers will have the privilege of bringing the Gospel of Jesus Christ in song to St. John Lutheran Church, the surrounding WELS congregations, and the Redwood Falls community as it tours our area during their spring break. Luther Preparatory School is located in Watertown, Wisconsin. It is operated by the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod. The purpose of the school is to encourage and prepare young people for careers in preaching and teaching ministry. The concert is at St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church (119 W. Broadway St) in Redwood Falls. All are welcome!

2020 Youth Lock-In ~ Calling all 4th – 8th graders: Join us, the students from The Beacon Lutheran Campus Ministry, for our 2020 Youth Lock-In. The fun begins Friday, March 20th at 9 pm at the Lake Crystal Rec. Center and concludes Saturday, March 21st 7:30 am at the Beacon. There will be swimming, basketball, pizza, late night worship, and much more! Registration forms are available in the narthex or you can register online at mankatocampusministry.org.

Italian Bistro and Show ~ The Raider Events Committee will once again be hosting a fun night of fellowship at the Italian Bistro on Saturday, March 21, at 5:30 pm, before the Saturday showing of the Raider Choir musical, "Rockin' Robin Hood." Social time begins at 5 pm. This pasta dinner includes salad, spaghetti and meatballs, breadstick, and cheesecake for dessert, all served to you by a charming 5th grade waitstaff. Seats for this dinner must be reserved in advance at cutt.ly/italianbistro by Monday, March 16th, and paid for when you arrive at the event. Cost is \$7/children (10 and under), and \$10/adult. All proceeds benefit the Raider Choir to help cover production expenses. Please email Sarah Zahrt at zahrtse@gmail.com with any questions you may have.

MLC Choir Concert ~ Join us on Sunday, March 22, at 3 pm in the Chapel of the Christ as the Martin Luther College Choir, under the direction of Prof. Adrian Smith, presents a choral concert titled "When in Our Music God Is Glorified." This tour marks the 25th anniversary of glorifying God and sharing the gospel through the music of the Martin Luther College Choir. The program features music for choir, congregation, and instruments, and reflects how God's children give him glory through songs of thanks and praise, by proclaiming the good news of salvation, and by placing their hope and confidence in the Lord. It includes settings of familiar hymns as well as selections by choral music composers representing a variety of musical styles. A freewill offering will be gathered to support the ministry of MLC.

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About the Cover ~ Following his baptism Jesus was sent into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. The tempter did his worst but failed. Jesus did not succumb to his lies and allurements. As a result, Jesus won the victory over the devil on behalf of all of us. Jesus was tempted but we are victorious.