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Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost
August 15/16, 2020

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Prayer before worship: Dear Jesus, preserve our faith, even in the face of persecution. You promised suffering and rejection at times, but you also promised to sustain us by your Word. Thank you for being rejected for us so that we will never be rejected by the Father. Now, by that gospel message, give us the courage to boldly proclaim your grace to others, even if they should reject us. Amen.

Saturday: The soloist will sing all hymns and musical notations (♪).

OPENING HYMN

Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord

CW 176

1. Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord! May all your graces be outpoured
On each believer's mind and heart; Your fervent love to them impart.
Lord, by the brightness of your light In holy faith your church unite
From ev'ry land and ev'ry tongue;
This to your praise, O Lord our God, be sung: Alleluia! Alleluia!
2. Come, holy Light, Guide divine, And cause the Word of life to shine.
Teach us to know our God aright And call him Father with delight.
From ev'ry error keep us free; Let none but Christ our Master be
That we in living faith abide,
In him, our Lord, with all our might confide. Alleluia! Alleluia!
3. Come, holy Fire, Comfort true; Grant us the will your work to do
And in your service to abide; Let trials turn us not aside.
Lord, by your pow'r prepare each heart, And to our weakness strength impart
That bravely here we may contend,
Through life and death to you, our Lord, ascend. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Please stand

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

♪: **Amen.**

M: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

♪: **Lord, have mercy on us. Christ, have mercy on us. Lord, have mercy on us.**

M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.

♪: **Amen.**

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

♪: **Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men.**

We praise you, we bless you, we worship you,

we glorify you, we give thanks to you, your great glory,

O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father almighty.

O Lord, the only begotten Son, Jesus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

You take away the sin of the world; receive our prayer.

You sit at the right hand of God the Father; have mercy on us.

For you only are holy; you only are the Lord.

You only, O Christ, with the Holy Spirit, are most high in the glory of God the Father.

Amen.

M: The Lord be with you.

♪: **And also with you.**

M: Let us pray. O God, you reveal your mighty power chiefly in showing mercy and kindness. Grant us the full measure of your grace that we may obtain your promises and become partakers of your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

♪: **Amen.**

Please be seated

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 55:1-5

"Come, all you who are thirsty, come to the waters; and you who have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without cost. Why spend money on what is not bread, and your labor on what does not satisfy? Listen, listen to me, and eat what is

good, and your soul will delight in the richest of fare. Give ear and come to me; hear me, that your soul may live. I will make an everlasting covenant with you, my faithful love promised to David. See, I have made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander of the peoples.

Surely you will summon nations you know not, and nations that do not know you will hasten to you, because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has endowed you with splendor."

PSALM of the DAY

Psalms 42-43

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SECOND LESSON

Romans 8:35-39

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? As it is written: "For your sake we face death all day long; we are considered as

sheep to be slaughtered." No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor

the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

VERSE of the DAY

♪: **Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Please stand

GOSPEL

Mark 6:1-6

M: The Holy Gospel is written in the Gospel according to St. Mark, chapter 6, beginning at verse 1.

♪: **Glory be to you, O Lord!**

Jesus left there and went to his hometown, accompanied by his disciples. When the Sabbath came, he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were amazed. "Where did this man get these things?" they asked. "What's this	wisdom that has been given him, that he even does miracles! Isn't this the carpenter? Isn't this Mary's son and the brother of James, Joseph, Judas and Simon? Aren't his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him. Jesus said to them,	"Only in his hometown, among his relatives and in his own house is a prophet without honor." He could not do any miracles there, except lay his hands on a few sick people and heal them. And he was amazed at their lack of faith.
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M: This is the gospel of our Lord.

♪: **Praise be to you, O Christ!**

NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one being with the Father.**

Through him all things were made.

**For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,
and became fully human.**

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

**We look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Please be seated

HYMN of the DAY***Lord Jesus Christ, the Church's Head*****CW 536**

1. Lord Jesus Christ, the Church's head, You are her one foundation.
In you she trusts, before you bows, And waits for your salvation.
Built on this rock secure, Your Church shall endure
Though all the world decay And all things pass away.
Oh, hear, oh, hear us, Jesus!
2. O Lord, let this your little flock, Your name alone confessing,
Continue in your loving care, True unity possessing.
Your sacraments, O Lord, And your saving Word
To us e'er pure retain. Grant that they may remain
Our only strength and comfort.
3. Help us to serve you evermore With hearts both pure and lowly.
And may your Word, that light divine, Shine on in splendor holy
That we repentance show, In faith ever grow.
The pow'r of sin destroy And evils that annoy.
Oh, make us faithful Christians.
4. And for your gospel let us dare To sacrifice all treasure;
Teach us to bear your blessed cross, To find in you all pleasure.
Oh, grant us steadfastness In joy and distress.
Lord, for your mercy's sake, Let us by grace partake
Of endless joy and glory.

SERMON**Mark 6:1-6*****"He Should've Been Their Hero"***

- 1. See the Clarity of His Revelation**
- 2. Consider the Blessings of His Life**

Please stand

♪: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit. Amen.

OFFERING ANNOUNCEMENT**PRAYER of the CHURCH****LORD'S PRAYER**

C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

M: The Lord be with you.

♪: **And also with you.**

M: Lift up your hearts.

♪: **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

♪: **It is good and right so to do.**

M: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who promised that wherever two or three come together in his name, there he is with them to shepherd his flock till he comes again in glory. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

♪: **Holy, holy, holy Lord God of heavenly hosts: heav'n and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he, blessed is he, blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

♪: **Amen.**

♪: **O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.**

O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us your peace. Amen.

Please be seated

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

O Living Bread from Heaven

CW 314

1. O living Bread from heaven, How well you feed your guest!
The gifts that you have given Have filled my heart with rest.
Oh, wondrous food of blessing, Oh, cup that heals our woes!
My heart, this gift possessing, With praises overflows.
2. My Lord, you here have led me Within your holiest place
And here have kindly fed me With treasures of your grace,
For you have freely given What earth could never buy,
The bread of life from heaven, That now I shall not die.
3. You gave me all I wanted—This food can death destroy—
And you have freely granted The cup of endless joy.
My Lord, I do not merit The favor you have shown,
And all my soul and spirit Bow down before your throne.
4. Lord, grant me then, thus strengthened With heav'nly food, while here
My course on earth is lengthened, To serve with holy fear.
And when you call my spirit To leave this world below,
I enter, through your merit, Where joys unmingled flow.

Please stand

♪: Lord, now you let your servant depart in peace according to your word. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared before the face of all people, a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of your people Israel.

M: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

♪: **And his mercy endures forever.**

M: O God the Father, source of all goodness, in your loving kindness you sent your Son to share our humanity. We thank you that through him you have given us pardon and peace in this sacrament. We also pray that you will not forsake us but will rule our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit so that we willingly serve you day after day, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

♪: **Amen.**

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and † give you peace.

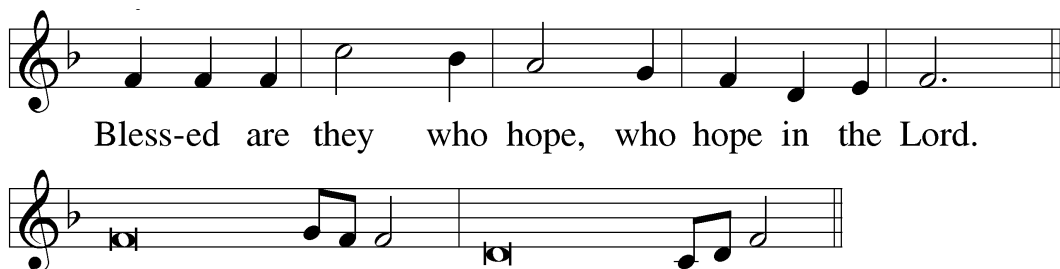
♪: **Amen.**

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GUEST PREACHER
PRESIDING MINISTER
ORGANIST
SOLOIST

Seminarian Joshua Koelpin
Pastor Jeffrey Bovee
Becky Berg
Jon Laabs

Saturday: soloists will sing the refrain; congregation will speak the verses



As the deer pants for streams of water,*
so my soul pants for you, O God.

My soul thirsts for God, for the living God.*
Where can I go and meet with God?

Why are you downcast, O my soul?*
Why so disturbed withinin me?

Put your hope in God,*
for I will yet praise him, my Savior and my God.

Refrain

Send forth your light and your truth, let them guide me;*
let them bring me to the place where you dwell.

Then will I go to the altar of God, my joy and my delight.*
I will praise you with the harp, O God, my God.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son*
and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning,*
is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Refrain

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Attendance for the past weekend was 315.

Fruits of faith given:

\$12,572	Home Operations ~ \$15,346 is our weekly need		
\$1,033	MVL ~ \$1,163 is our weekly need	\$55	LWMS
\$2,030	Missions ~ \$1,714 is our weekly need	\$20	K-12 Education Assistance
\$870	Building Fund ~ \$1,397 is our weekly need		

Bible Class ~ will continue online. Join us Sunday evenings at 7 pm for a study of *The Screwtape Letters* by C.S. Lewis. The class will be held at Meet.Google.com (or with the Google Meet app on your smartphone or tablet) with "meeting code" tix-anhj-gvx. Or use this shortcut which automatically enters the code for you: <https://bit.ly/STJLCNUMeet> (Note: the link is case sensitive). You can also call in over the phone at (209) 457-0523 using PIN: 100 259 597# (Note: This will be a long distance call.) The meeting room can hold up to 250 participants, so feel free to tell your friends!

Sending Offerings through Bill Pay ~ Several members of St. John's have asked if there is a way for them to make their weekly offerings automatically either online or by an automatic bank transaction. St. John's is investigating our online giving options, but are not yet ready to receive online gifts. For the time being, we suggest that our members consider using your bank's online Bill Pay service to make weekly or monthly gifts to St. John's. If you have questions about using Bill Pay to make donations, please contact Financial Secretary Mike Thom at 507-217-7671.

Church Calendar ~ the up-to-date church calendar can be found on our website: stjohnsnewulm.com/calendar.

MVL Anniversary and Installation ~ The Minnesota Valley Lutheran High School Board, together with the faculty and staff, invites you to attend a celebration of thanksgiving and joy to recognize the anniversary in the teaching ministry of Dr. Tim Plath: 40 years and Mrs. Jennifer Uher: 25 years. Please join us in thanking God for their faithful service on Sunday, August 30 at 1:30 pm at our Opening Service on campus. The installations of Mrs. Karyn Clemons and Rev. Tom Westendorf will also take place. Congratulatory cards and letters may be sent to the attention of Mr. Jim Buboltz, MVL, 45638 561st Avenue, New Ulm, MN 56073.

MVL Announcements ~ Open Positions 1. A part-time custodian(s) to work 25 hours per week. For more information contact Ken Opitz at MVL at 507-354-6851 or kopitz@mvlhs.org. 2. A part-time food service worker for approximately three hours each school day. Tasks include food preparation and service, washing dishes and clean up. Individuals interested in this position should contact Elizabeth Fluegge at MVL at 507-354-6851, 507-993-5195, or foodservice@mvlhs.org. 3. A WELS or ELS male to serve as Director of Mission Advancement. Interested individuals should contact MVL Principal, Dr. Tim Plath, for more information at 507-354-6851 or tplath@mvlhs.org. **MVL Auction** A special online MVL Booster Club Auction is running August 13-22, culminating in a Facebook live event on August 22 from 6:30-8:00 P.M. Make your bids at charityauction.bid/mvlboosterclub! MVL is *seeking housing* for one of our international students. This young man will be a sophomore and has remained in the area for the summer. Host families are compensated for housing international students. If you are interested in serving as a host family for the school year, please contact the school office at 507-354-6851 or email Dr. Plath at tplath@mvlhs.org.

Volunteers Needed ~ Treasure Haus is looking for a few new volunteers. If you have any spare time please consider helping us out. If interested, please call the store and speak with a manager.

Responding in Faith to Abuse ~ Approximately one out of three women, AND one out of three men, experience severe intimate relationship physical violence (IRV) sometime throughout their lives. Unfortunately, domestic abuse is as common as these statistics suggest ... and if verbal and emotional abuse were added to the data, the numbers would be even higher. Join St. Paul's and Michelle Markgraf for a free seminar on September 19th from 8 am to 3 pm (one-hour lunch break, no food provided), and learn how to extend God's grace to survivors of abuse, while assisting them on their journey to safety and healing. Visit splnewulm.org/church/event/responding-in-faith-to-abuse-seminar/ for more information and to pre-register for the event. Email: survivors@splnewulm.org with any questions.

WELS & ELS Singles Facebook Group ~ If you're single (unmarried, divorced, widowed) and looking to socialize, make friends, or enjoy fellowship with other singles who share your faith, we encourage you to join our Facebook group! Our group consists of over 260 members with ages ranging from 18-65+. We're an active group who loves sharing Biblical encouragement, prayers, Lutheran memes, personal victories, and tacos. Our page is full of discussion posts and we typically have a weekly video hangout on Sunday evenings. We'd love to have you join us.
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/wels.els.singles>

Food Kit Available ~ The New Ulm Area Food Shelf and the Lions Club of New Ulm are offering a 14-day food kit for seniors 65+ who are homebound because of COVID-19. Homebound is defined as those who only leave home for medical reasons. If you are in need of food and would like this delivered to you, please call the food shelf at 354-7668. If no one answers, please leave a message with your name, address and phone number. Speak slowly and clearly. Someone will contact you to ask about any special diet needs and let you know when the delivery will be made.

Family Bible Nights at St. Paul's Church ~ *Update: Please join us for Family Bible Night on August 19 at St. Paul's Church from 6 - 7:45 pm. Our theme for this year is "Nothing to Fear." Each evening will include devotions, age specific Bible study, and activities for families of all types. Please sign up at the St. Paul's website: splnewulm.org/church/, or call the St. Paul's church office at 507-354-3641.

Job Openings ~ Treasure Haus is looking for a manager. A floor manager position is open for 2 days per week. If interested please stop by and pick up an application or speak to one of the current managers.

Jesus Loves Me Learning Center in North Mankato is looking for classroom assistant teachers and aides who have enthusiasm and passion for children, patience and a sense of humor, good communication skills, and are flexible. Please pick up an application from the church office or the Jesus Loves Me office. You may also call 507-345-7707 or email directorjlm@stpaulsnorthmankato.com for an application.

The Lutheran Home Association is seeking applicants for a part-time maintenance position at Highland Regency House, our independent living facility in New Ulm near MLC. Here is the link to the position description and then a link to apply <https://www.tlha.org/job/maintenance-new-ulm-mn/>

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About the Cover ~ It was Jesus' homecoming! Returning to the town where he was raised, he had the opportunity to preach to his former neighbors. Sadly they rejected him. But we rejoice that Jesus was rejected for us so that we will never be rejected by the Father. Now we live for him and boldly proclaim the message he has entrusted to us, come what may. God help us to do this!