

St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church
627 South Washington, New Ulm, Minnesota

*Truth, Lord: yet the dogs eat of the crumbs
which fall from their masters' table.*

Then Jesus answered and said unto her, O woman, great is
thy faith: be it unto thee even as thou wilt.

MATTHEW 15:27-28



Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
August 29/30, 2020

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Prayer before worship: Dear Jesus, give us a faith like that of the Canaanite woman, who pleaded with you, not based on her merit or worthiness, but based on your grace and mercy alone, who pleaded with you, not just once, but persistently, who received your great blessings of grace. Strengthen our faith by your Word and Sacrament that we too might have a great faith like hers. Amen.

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

OPENING HYMN

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

CW 234

1. Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and salvation!
Let all who hear Now to his temple draw near,
Joining in glad adoration!
2. Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is wondrously reigning
And, as on wings of an eagle, uplifting, sustaining.
Have you not seen All that is needful has been
Sent by his gracious ordaining?
3. Praise to the Lord, who has fearfully, wondrously, made you,
Health has bestowed and, when heedlessly falling, has stayed you.
What need or grief Ever has failed of relief?
Wings of his mercy did shade you.
4. Praise to the Lord, who will prosper your work and defend you;
Surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend you.
Ponder anew What the Almighty can do
As with his love he befriends you.
5. Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me adore him!
All that has life and breath, come now with praises before him!
Let the Amen Sound from his people again;
Gladly forever adore him!

Please stand

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

C: 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. Amen.

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.

C: Amen.

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

♪: **Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.**

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory!

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer, receive our prayer.

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in the glory of God the Father.

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Glory to God, glory to God!

M: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

M: Let us pray.

Almighty and merciful God, it is only by your gift of grace that we come into your presence and offer true and faithful service. Grant that our worship on earth may always be pleasing to you, and in the life to come give us the fulfillment of what you have promised; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

Please be seated

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

This is what the Lord says:
“Maintain justice and do what is right, for my salvation is close at hand and my righteousness will soon be revealed. And foreigners who bind themselves to the Lord to serve him, to love the name of the Lord, and to

worship him, all who keep the Sabbath without desecrating it and who hold fast to my covenant— these I will bring to my holy mountain and give them joy in my house of prayer. Their burnt offerings and sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my

house will be called a house of prayer for all nations.” The Sovereign Lord declares— he who gathers the exiles of Israel: “I will gather still others to them besides those already gathered.”

PSALM of the DAY

Psalms 133-134

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SECOND LESSON

Romans 11:13-15, 28-32

I am talking to you Gentiles. Inasmuch as I am the apostle to the Gentiles, I make much of my ministry in the hope that I may somehow arouse my own people to envy and save some of them. For if their rejection is the reconciliation of the world, what will their acceptance be but life from the dead?

As far as the gospel is concerned, they are enemies on your account; but as far as election is concerned, they are loved on account of the patriarchs, for God's gifts and his call are irrevocable. Just as you who were at one time disobedient to God have now received mercy as a result of

their disobedience, so they too have now become disobedient in order that they too may now receive mercy as a result of God's mercy to you. For God has bound all men over to disobedience so that he may have mercy on them all.

VERSE of the DAY

Alleluia. The Word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. Alleluia.

- Hebrews 4:12

Please stand

GOSPEL

Matthew 15:21-28

After the announcement of the Gospel, the congregation sings:

C: Glory be to you, O Lord! Glory be to you, O Lord!

Leaving that place, Jesus withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. A Canaanite woman from that vicinity came to him, crying out, "Lord, Son of David, have mercy on me! My daughter is suffering terribly from demon-possession." Jesus did not answer a word. So his disciples	came to him and urged him, "Send her away, for she keeps crying out after us." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of Israel." The woman came and knelt before him. "Lord, help me!" she said. He replied, "It is not right to take the children's bread and	toss it to their dogs." "Yes, Lord," she said, "but even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." Then Jesus answered, "Woman, you have great faith! Your request is granted." And her daughter was healed from that very hour.
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After the Gospel, the congregation sings:

C: Praise be to you, O Christ! Praise be to you, O Christ!

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Please be seated

HYMN of the DAY

We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight

CWS 756



We walk by faith and not by sight; No gra-cious words we hear From
We may not touch his hands and side Nor fol-low where he trod, But
Help then, O Lord, our un-be-lief, And may our faith a-bound To
For you, O res-sur-rec-ted Lord, Are found in means di-vine: Be-
Lord, when our life of faith is done, In realms of clear-er light, We



him who spoke as none e'er spoke, But we be-lieve him near.
in his pro-mise we re-joice And cry, "My Lord and God!"
call on you when you are near And seek where you are found.
neath the wa-ter and the Word, Be-neath the bread and wine.
may be-hold you as you are With full and end-less sight.

You Are God's Dogs
1. Worthy As A Dog
2. Begging Like A Dog
3. Happy As A Dog

Please stand

♪: Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
 Do not cast me away from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me.
 Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold, uphold me with your free Spirit.

OFFERING ANNOUNCEMENT

INSTALLATION of TEACHERS and STAFF MINISTER

11 am
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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.

Please be seated

HYMN

Blest Be the Tie that Binds

CW 494

1. Blest be the tie that binds Our hearts in Christian love;
 The fellowship of kindred minds Is like to that above.
2. Before our Father's throne We pour our ardent prayers;
 Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, Our comforts and our cares.
3. We share our mutual woes, Our mutual burdens bear,
 And often for each other flows The sympathizing tear.
4. When here our pathways part, We suffer bitter pain;
 Yet, one in Christ and one in heart, We hope to meet again.
5. From sorrow, toil, and pain And sin we shall be free
 And perfect love and friendship reign Through all eternity.

Please stand

M: Blessed Lord, you have given us your Holy Scriptures for our learning. May we so hear them, read, learn, and take them to heart, that being strengthened and comforted by your Holy Word, we may cling to the blessed hope of everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **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.

C: Amen.

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Bethany Uher, Jennifer Uher, Kristin Uher, Liz Wessel

PSALM of the DAY

Psalm 133-134

CW p. 115

Saturday: soloist sings the refrain; congregation will speak the verses



How good and pleasant it is*
when brothers live together in unity!

For there the LORD bestows his blessing,*
even life foreevermore.

Refrain

Praise the LORD, all you servants of the LORD*
who minister in the house of the LORD.

Lift up your hands in the sanctuary*
and praise the LORD.

May the LORD, the maker of heaven and earth,*
bless you from Zion.

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

Installation of Teachers Christine Baganz and Emily Stoering Staff Minister Jim Dretske

M: Dear fellow servants in Christ: St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church has called you, Christine Baganz and Emily Stoering, to serve as teachers; and Jim Dretske to serve as a staff minister. Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ said to his Church: "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

A Christian school is one way we carry out our Lord's command as we let children come to him and do not hinder them but rather nurture them with the life-giving Word of God. We do this trusting God's promise: "Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it."

Jim Dretske has been called to serve as a staff minister at St. John's Lutheran Church. This is a form of the public ministry of the gospel which our Lord Jesus Christ has instituted to serve his Church.

God provides various gifts to his people for the good of his Church, as the apostle Paul says: "There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. There are different kinds of working, but the same God works all of them in all men. Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good."

We cherish the gifts Christ gives his Church and cultivate them by providing various types of training for the ministry. Our Lord himself gave us an example of this by training his own disciples for three years before sending them out into all the world to preach the gospel. After faithfully teaching Timothy, the apostle Paul went on to tell him, "The things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses, entrust to reliable men who will be also qualified to teach others."

Christ promises that he will give to his Church men and women who are qualified to serve in this public ministry. To the church at Ephesus, St. Paul wrote: "To each one of us grace has been given as Christ apportioned it. It was he who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ."

EXHORTATION

Dear fellow servants in Christ, St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church has called you to serve as a teacher and staff minister. You have been prepared for this ministry by careful instruction in the Word of God so that you carry out your duties in conformity with that Word.

Christine and Emily, as ambassadors of Christ, you are to teach the pure doctrine of God's Word, to instruct the young in the way of salvation, and always to have in your heart the spiritual welfare of every soul under your care.

Jim, God encourages you to use the gifts you have, as the apostle Paul states: "We have different gifts, according to the grace given us. If a man's gifts are prophesying, let him use it in proportion to his faith. If it is serving, let him serve; if it is teaching, let him teach; if it is encouraging, let him encourage; if it is contributing to the needs of others, let him give generously; if it is leadership, let him govern diligently; if it is showing mercy, let him do it cheerfully."

All three of you are to devote yourself to the meditation and study of the Scriptures. You and your families are to be examples to others in godliness and Christian living, putting no stumbling block in anyone's path, so that the ministry will not be discredited.

You are to speak the truth in love, as the apostle Peter reminds us: "Love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins. Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling. Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms. If anyone speaks, he should do it as one speaking the very words of God. If anyone serves, he should do it with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To him be the glory and the power for ever and ever."

"Let the Word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him."

The ability to carry out this calling is not in us but comes alone from God, as St. Paul reminded the Corinthian Christians: "Not that we are competent in ourselves to claim anything for ourselves, but our competence comes from God."

The Holy Spirit, who himself has called you to this ministry, will be with you.

PROMISES

M: In keeping with the Word and will of the Lord, you are about to be installed as a teachers at St. Paul's Lutheran School and as the staff minister at St. John's Lutheran Church. I ask you in the presence of God and this congregation:

Are you fully determined to carry out this work according to the grace which God will give?

R: I am.

M: Do you believe that the canonical books of the Old and New Testaments are the inspired Word of God and the only infallible rule of faith and practice?

R: I do.

M: Do you accept the three Ecumenical Creeds - the Apostles', the Nicene, and the Athanasian - as faithful testimonies to the truth of the Holy Scriptures, and do you reject all the errors which they condemn?

R: I do.

M: Do you solemnly promise that all your teaching will conform to the Holy Scriptures and the Lutheran Confessions?

R: I do.

M: Will you give faithful witness to Christ in the world that God's love may be known in all that you do and say?

R: I will, and I ask God to help me.

M: Almighty God, who has given you the will to do these things, graciously give you the strength and compassion to perform them.

EXHORTATION to the CONGREGATION

M: Brothers and sisters in Christ, you have heard the solemn promise given by the teachers and staff minister you called. I urge you, therefore, to receive them with joy and to keep in mind always what the Word of God expects of you as members of this congregation:

Work together with them for our Lord's kingdom so that by your works of service the body of Christ might be built up.

Help them by your word and example in teaching the young, remembering how the Scriptures urge you to bring up your children in the training and instruction of the Lord.

Pray for them continually, that their ministry among you may be greatly blessed and that they may have a cheerful spirit in all their duties.

Provide also for their physical needs, for the Lord says, "The worker deserves his wages."

Honor and love them, as the apostle Peter urges, "Live in harmony with one another; be sympathetic, love as brothers, be compassionate and humble."

PROMISES by the CONGREGATION

M: I now ask you in the presence of God:

Are you willing to receive them as servants of Christ? Will you show them love and honor and support them with your gifts and prayer? If so, answer: we will, and we ask God to help us.

C: We will, and we ask God to help us.

M: The almighty and merciful God strengthen and assist you always.

Christine Baganz and Emily Stoering, I install you as teachers at St. Paul's Lutheran School in the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.

Jim Dretske, I install you as staff minister at St. John's Lutheran Church in the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.

May the Lord pour out on you his Holy Spirit for the work committed to you, that you may faithfully proclaim the gospel.

PRAYER

M: Let us pray.

Gracious and most merciful Lord, we thank you for providing faithful teachers and a staff minister to your Church to proclaim your holy gospel among us. Grant your blessing upon Christine, Emily and Jim, that by their labors your flock may be fed and your people strengthened and sustained in the saving faith, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

C: Amen.

M: Go, then, take up the work to which you have been called.

The Lord bless you and make you a blessing to many, that you may bear fruit and that your fruit may remain to eternal life.

ANTHEM***Your Servant I Will Be***

Mark Patterson

*Your servant I will be, by the gift of grace you've given me.
Your servant I will be. How I long to live my life, O Lord, for Thee.*

*Though I am the least of these, the least among your people,
Your grace is alive in me, that the world may know your love;
That the world may know your love.*

*Your servant I will be, by the gift of grace you've given me.
Your servant I will be. How I long to live my life, O Lord, for Thee.*

*Great are the works of the Lord; great is the mercy of Christ my Savior,
Who has redeemed me and fills me with joy all the days of my life.*

*Your servant I will be, by the gift of grace you've given me.
Your servant I will be. How I long to live my life, O Lord, for Thee.*

I will live my life, O Lord, for Thee.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Attendance for the past weekend was 276.

Altar Flowers ~ have been given in honor of the installation of Emily Stoering by her siblings and parents.

Women of St. John's ~ We will tentatively be holding the September WSJ meeting on Tuesday, September 1. The meeting would be held in the basement of the church with mask wearing and practicing physical distancing. If there is enough interest, we will move forward with the meeting. Please reach out to Denise Karstens at 507-766-5899 or email denisekarstens@hotmail.com by August 26th if you are interested in attending the September meeting.

Pictorial Directory ~ Due to COVID19 complications, Lifetouch has suspended their operations and will not be able to photograph subjects until January 2021 at the earliest. Therefore, the St John's pictorial directory project is on hold until further notice. We will arrange new schedules to accommodate those who have not had their photos taken yet when they are back in operation. Shutterfly will still work with any customer service issues related to prints you may have ordered. Sorry for the inconvenience.

Special Envelope ~ There is an envelope in the envelope boxes during the month of September labeled 'Ministerial Scholarship Fund.' Offerings placed in these envelopes are used to help support St. John's members that are studying for the public ministry at both Martin Luther College and Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary. As participants in the MLC Congregational Partnership Grant Program, the funds sent to MLC are matched. During the last year, our congregation was able to send \$500 to support each of our students in ministerial education programs. Due to the match, MLC students received a total of \$1,000.

Book Available ~ A new commentary on the Book of Job is available at St. Paul's Lutheran Church office now. The cost is \$10. Written by Pastor Tim Smith, there are 60 copies available; first come first serve.

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 Position* Minnesota Valley Lutheran High School seeks 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. *Housing Needed* 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. *Opening Service* MVL plans to hold the Opening Service on Sunday, August 30 at 1:30 P.M. on campus. Social distancing, masks, and other necessary guidelines will be followed. This year's Opening Service will include two special recognitions: Mrs. Karyn Clemons and Rev. Tom Westendorf will be installed, and the ministry anniversaries of Dr. Tim Plath (40 years) and Mrs. Jennifer Uher (25 years) will be celebrated.

Summer Send-off: Party in a Box! ~ John and Paul Ministries invites you to our Summer Send-off event at YOUR house! Say good-bye to summer with your own backyard family party by picking up a Party in a Box at church the weekend of Sept 4-6th. With the theme of *"Be the Light"* this package includes: a family devotion, games, grilling recipes, glow balloons, a family project to make your own candle and more! These will be located in the narthex of church, but there is a catch: you MUST take TWO-one for your family and one to give to a family who is looking for a church home!

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.

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/>

About the Cover ~ Jesus said that it wasn't right to take the children's bread and toss it to the dogs. But even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table. The crumbs of God's grace are more than enough to sustain us in this life and in the life to come. May we have such a great faith as the Canaanite woman who clung to the hope of God's grace. And may we receive such blessings from God as he has promised.