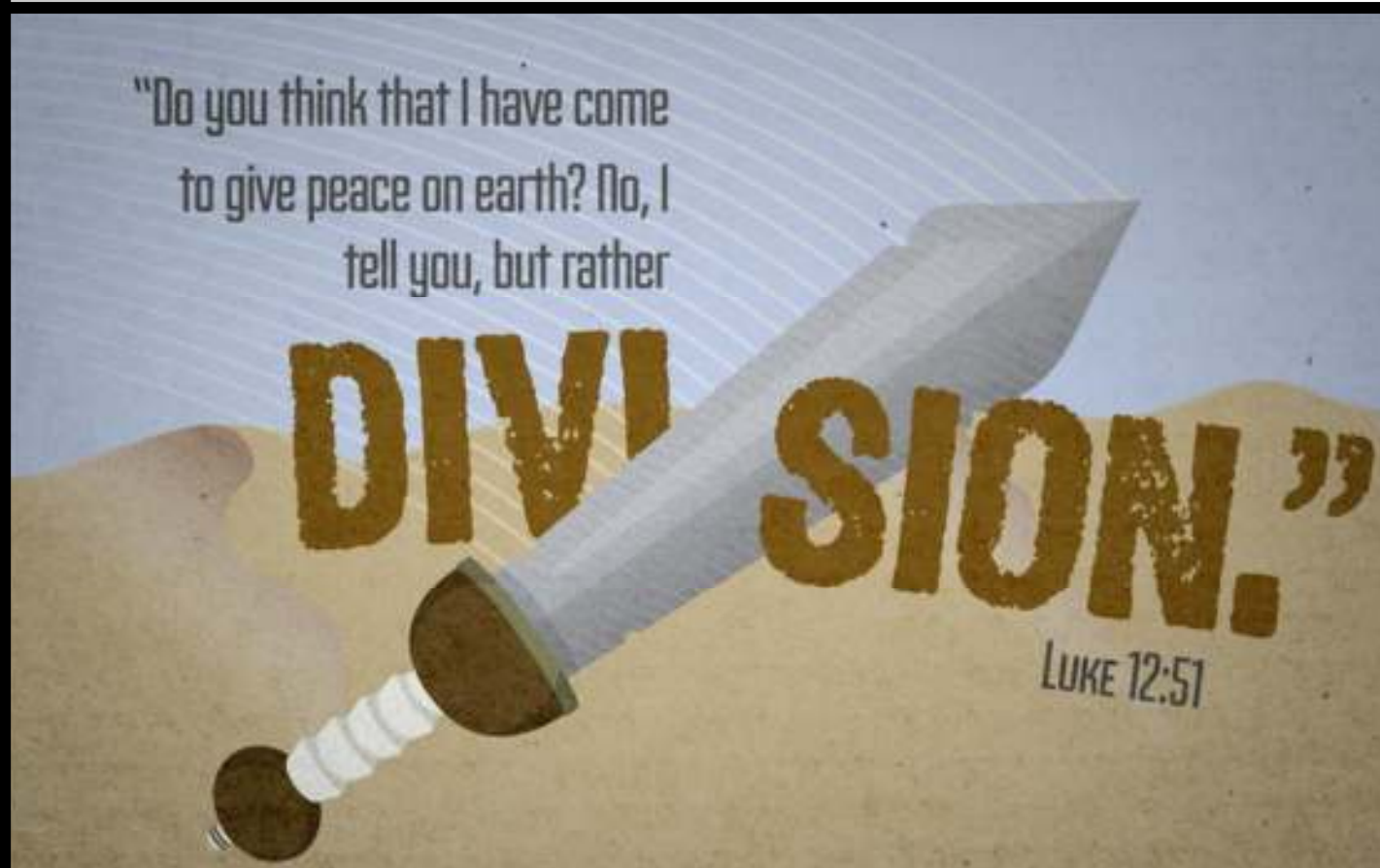


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Worship Notes

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Prayer before worship: Dear God, forgive us for the times we've loved our own families or our own comfort more than we've loved you. Forgive us for seeking peace with the world! Thank you for sending your Son to pay for our sin by his death on the cross that won for us peace with you. Now help us to take a bold stand for you and your Word even if it brings persecution, even if that persecution is from our own family and friends. Give us courage and give us strength for Jesus' sake. Amen.

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 Sunday: *Morning Praise* page 45

OPENING HYMN	Saturday	<i>God of Grace and God of Glory</i>	CW523
	Sunday	<i>Morning Hymn</i>	CW p. 45

PSALM of the DAY	Psalm 139a	CW p. 116
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LESSON

2 Kings 11:1-3, 12-18

When Athaliah the mother of Ahaziah saw that her son was dead, she proceeded to destroy the whole royal family. But Jehosheba, the daughter of King Jehoram and sister of Ahaziah, took Joash son of Ahaziah and stole him away from among the royal princes, who were about to be murdered. She put him and his nurse in a bedroom to hide him from Athaliah; so he was not killed. He remained hidden with his nurse at the temple of the LORD for six years while Athaliah ruled the land.

Jehoiada brought out the king's son and put the crown on him; he presented him with a copy of the covenant and proclaimed

him king. They anointed him, and the people clapped their hands and shouted, "Long live the king!" When Athaliah heard the noise made by the guards and the people, she went to the people at the temple of the LORD. She looked and there was the king, standing by the pillar, as the custom was. The officers and the trumpeters were beside the king, and all the people of the land were rejoicing and blowing trumpets. Then Athaliah tore her robes and called out, "Treason! Treason!" Jehoiada the priest ordered the commanders of units of a hundred, who were in charge of the troops: "Bring her out between the ranks and put to the

sword anyone who follows her." For the priest had said, "She must not be put to death in the temple of the LORD." So they seized her as she reached the place where the horses enter the palace grounds, and there she was put to death. Jehoiada then made a covenant between the LORD and the king and people that they would be the LORD's people. He also made a covenant between the king and the people. All the people of the land went to the temple of Baal and tore it down. They smashed the altars and idols to pieces and killed Mattan the priest of Baal in front of the altars. Then Jehoiada the priest posted guards at the temple of the LORD.

LESSON

Ephesians 6:10-20

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to

stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit,

which is the word of God. And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints. Pray also for me, that whenever I open my mouth, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it fearlessly, as I should.

SEASONAL RESPONSE

Give thanks to the Lord; call on his name;
make known among the nations what he has done.

HYMN of the DAY

When in the Hour of Utmost Need

CW413

SERMON

Luke 12:49-53

"I have come to bring fire on the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! But I have a baptism to undergo, and how distressed I am until it is completed! Do you think I came to bring peace on earth? No, I

tell you, but division. From now on there will be five in one family divided against each other, three against two and two against three. They will be divided, father against son and son against father, mother

against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law."

Know Jesus; No Peace

- 1. No Jesus; Know Peace**
- 2. No Jesus; No Peace**
- 3. Know Jesus; Know Peace**
- 4. Know Jesus; No Peace**

MAGNIFICAT TE DEUM

Saturday
Sunday

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OFFERING

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS' INSTALLATION

8 am

We are blessed to have faithful Sunday School teachers instructing our children again this year. Please pray for and support them as they share God's Word with our children in the coming months.

Nursery	Natalie Borgwardt and Michelle Grubbs
PreK and Kindergarten	Ruth Ulicky and David Wendland
Grades 1 - 2	Paul, Walt and Dora Grubbs
Grades 3 - 4	Ruth Aufderheide and Peggy Pekarul
Grades 5 - 6	Becky Guenther and Hannah Zoller
Grades 7 - 8	Ezra Larson and Benjamin Ristow

PRAYER and LORD'S PRAYER

CLOSING HYMN

Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

CW203

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PREACHER

PRESIDING MINISTER

ORGANIST

Pastor Rob Guenther

Pastor Jeff Bovee

Steve Thiesfeldt

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

Sun	9:30 am	Sunday School and Bible Class: A Simple Way to Pray
Sun-Tue		Pastors' Conference in Dunrovin
Mon	8:10 am	St. Paul's School Opening Service
Wed	6:30 pm	Public Catechism
	7 pm	Mixed Choir
Thu	10:30 am	Adult Bible Class: 2 Kings
	7 pm	Adult Bible Class: Colossians
Fri	6:30 am	Breakfast Bible Study, Perkins: "On Giving Advice to God Part 2"
	9:30 am	Women's Bible Class: Ecclesiastes
Sat	9 am	Cards of Caring: 403 N. Minnesota St.

† Upcoming Services †

Saturday: 6:30 pm
Sunday: 8, 9:30 & 11 am

UPCOMING EVENTS


Sep 15	9:30 am	Sunday School and Bible Class: A Simple Way to Pray
Sep 16	7 pm	Evangelism Meeting
	7 pm	Trustees Meeting
Sep 17	4 pm	Oak Hills Living Center Service
	7 pm	Council Meeting
Sep 18	6:30 pm	Public Catechism
	7 pm	Mixed Choir
Sep 19	10:30 am	Adult Bible Class: 2 Kings
	7 pm	Adult Bible Class: Colossians
Sep 20	6:30 am	Breakfast Bible Study, Perkins: "On Giving Advice to God Part 2"
	9:30 am	Women's Bible Class: Ecclesiastes
Sep 21	11 am	LWMS Fall Rally
Sep 22	8 am	Jr. Choir sings
	9:30 am	Sunday School and Bible Class: A Simple Way to Pray
	2 pm	Youth Group at MLC
Sep 23	6:30 pm	Elders Meeting
Sep 25	6:30 pm	Public Catechism
	7 pm	Mixed Choir
Sep 26	10:30 am	Adult Bible Class: 2 Kings
	7 pm	Adult Bible Class: Colossians
Sep 27	6:30 am	Breakfast Bible Study, Perkins: "On Giving Advice to God Part 2"
	9:30 am	Women's Bible Class: Ecclesiastes
	10 am	Sunset Apt. Service
Sep 29	9:30 am	Sunday School and Bible Class: A Simple Way to Pray
	11 am	Grades 1-4 sing
	3 pm	MLC Wind Symphony Concert

ST. JOHN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Attendance for the past weekend was 708 with 551 attending Communion.

Fruits of faith given:

\$13,685	Home Operations ~ \$14,806 is our weekly need		
\$819	MVL ~ \$1,140 is our weekly need	\$1,020	St. Paul's School Building Fund
\$1,531	Missions ~ \$1,681 is our weekly need	\$472	Ministerial Student Scholarship Fund
\$1,013	Building Fund ~ \$1,603 is our weekly need	\$15	Food & Fellowship
\$25	Tuition Assistance	\$2	LWMS

 **Mixed Choir** ~ Here is a great way to serve God's kingdom: The St. John's Mixed Choir is always looking for new members. Singers, 8th grade and older, are welcome. The choir meets on Wednesdays at 7 pm in the balcony beginning September 11. The choir not only renders an important service in our worship setting, but it is an enjoyable experience and provides good camaraderie. Contact Bethel Boeder at betheljboeder@gmail.com with questions.

Cards of Caring ~ Fall is coming and school is beginning, so it is time again for St. John's "Cards of Caring" volunteers to meet for fellowship and to make cards for Thanksgiving, Christmas, and birthdays for our "Homebound" and "Thinking of You" members. We will meet on the following Saturdays: September 14, October 19, and November 16. You are welcome to join us any time between 9 am and noon as your schedule permits. We will again meet at 403 N. Minnesota St. (front door is on 4th North St.). We welcome MLC students and members ages 12 and older. There are activities for everyone to do. No "card making skills" are required. For information, contact Lois Willems at 507-676-1230.

Update Email Addresses ~ In an effort to reach all our members please fill out the Email Address card which can be found in your bulletin box. Feel free to use the back side for additional family members, if needed. Please give to an usher or put in the box in the narthex.

LWMS Fall Rally and Invitation ~ September 21 is right around the corner and St. John's will be hosting the Fall LWMS rally that morning. LWMS is a WELS organization that supports the work of our missionaries both at home and abroad. If you are a confirmed WELS woman then you are a member of LWMS! Our rally on September 21 will focus on the work that is going on in Brazil as we invite Missionary Flunker and his wife to share with us the blessings of their ministry. There are a variety of volunteer opportunities for the women of the congregation to sign up for. Signup sheets can be found in the new narthex or online at bit.ly/LWMSFallRally. Many hands make light work! Please note that both men, women, and children (with free babysitting) are invited to this event. The day begins with coffee fellowship at 8 am and concludes with a delicious authentic Brazilian meal at 12:15. Look for signup sheets to attend in the new narthex!

St. John's Youth Group ~ Area Teens are Invited to Celebrate Missions at a teen retreat which is held at Martin Luther College on Sunday, September 22 from 2 - 5:30 pm. The teens will be hosted by your area Kingdom Workers Regional Mission Team. Students will: complete a service project- "Healthy Living Kits" for infants to teens in need; meet new teens and enjoy current friendships; share and hear mission trip experiences; have some entertainment and fun; learn about Martin Luther College; and enjoy supper in the MLC Cafeteria. Register online at bit.ly/CelebrateMissions2019. Contact Karen Grunwald with questions at kmgrunwald@comcast.net. Items that could be donated for the Healthy Living Kits include infant or child shampoo, bars of soap, small packages of Wet Ones, toothpaste, toothbrushes, hand sanitizer, First Aid to Go packs, lip balm, washcloths, small packages of tissues, hand lotion, dental floss, combs, or deodorant. Please, consider unscented items.

St. John's Member Gifts to St. Paul's Building Project ~ To better keep track of our member's support to the St. Paul's Lutheran School Building Project, you may write checks to St. John's Church and identify in the memo that it is for the SPL Building Fund. These gifts can be placed in the weekly offering basket or taken to the church office. Should you wish to send a gift directly to St. Paul's Church or school, please place the words: "St. John's Member" in the memo of those checks. Thank you for your support!

AREA ANNOUNCEMENTS

Opening Service at St. Paul's School ~ The new school year is starting! Our enrollment is up! However, due to occupancy restrictions with construction on the entrance still incomplete, we are limited to the number of people that we can have in the lower level/gym at this time (300). Therefore, we will need to cancel the opening service for visitors on Monday morning, September 9. The students will still join to worship together at 8:10 to begin the new school year in praising God from whom all blessings flow. Thanks for your understanding.

Audition for MLC Production ~ Martin Luther College Forum's fall musical is *Big Fish*, an extraordinary musical centered around the larger-than-life stories told by Edward Bloom, the main character. We are looking for two young boys to be a part of the cast of this show. A 5th-8th grader (unchanged voice) who sings, speaks, dances a bit, and appears in four short scenes in the show and a 1st-4th grader who speaks and is in the last scene. Each boy would be involved in approximately one evening rehearsal a week starting the week of September 15, approximately three evening rehearsals a week starting the week of October 6, and the three performances on November 1-3. The auditions will be held on Saturday, September 14 from 4-5 pm. If you are interested in auditioning or would like more information, please contact Mrs. Erin Laabs (*Big Fish* director) at laabser@mlc-wels.edu.

Fall MUMS ~ are popping up everywhere around town including St. Paul's church basement! Moms Understanding Moms in view of the Savior (MUMS) is a group of Christian moms from St. Paul's and St. John's churches that meet on Tuesdays at 9:15 am to encourage one another in God's Word and prayer. Our first meeting will be this Tuesday, September 10th at Washington Park and then the church basement after that. If you have any questions, please contact Hannah Scharf via Facebook.

MVL Announcements ~ *MVL Grandparents' Days* Grandparents and honorary "grandparents" are invited to experience life at MVL with their students. Invitations have been mailed out and RSVPs are due September 13. Contact Kristin Matzke, 507-233-8662 or kmatzke@mvlhs.org, with any questions.

Summit Avenue Music Series ~ The Summit Avenue Music Series opens its 2019-20 season "Strings Attached" with a concert titled "Tangos et cetera" on Sunday, September 15 at 3 pm at Martin Luther College's Chapel of the Christ, New Ulm. Performers are Leonardo Altino on cello, Soh-Hyun Park Altino on violin, and Bethel Balge on piano. Season and individual passes available at summitavenuemusic.com. The Altinos will also give a free presentation "Growing up in Korea and Brazil: A Musical Journey", on Saturday, September 14 at 10 am in the Chapel of the Christ.

OWLS Meeting ~ Monday, September 16 at St. Paul's: 11:30 Fellowship; 12:00 Potluck; 12:45 Devotion and presentation by Pastor Sutton. The Topic: The Doctrine of the Call into the Public Ministry. Never has our need for more full time workers been greater and MLC's role in training more crucial. Seniors of our churches are reminded that the next deadline for the October WELS Convention for Seniors is September 6. Convention information including a printable registration form can be found at wels.net/owls or request the same by calling Becky Markgraf at (507) 276-4129.

MLC Wind Symphony Concert ~ Please join the MLC Wind Symphony as we kick off our concert season with “Wind Band Classics!” Featured music on the program includes Howard Hanson’s *Chorale and Alleluia*, Sousa’s *The Fairest of the Fair*, and Holst’s *Second Suite in F for Military Band*. The MLC Wind Symphony is a traditional symphonic band comprised of students from every major and track on campus. Its mission is to study and perform representative repertoire for the wind band. Unique to the ensemble is a concerted effort to study sacred music; this concert features a transcription of a setting of the *Sanctus* by Ola Gjeilo. Please join us Sunday, September 29, at 3 pm in the WCC Auditorium.

MLC Ladies’ Auxiliary Day ~ On Saturday October 5, the national meeting of the Auxiliary will be held at Martin Luther College. In addition to our annual auxiliary day, interesting workshops will be offered, entertainment will be provided by the students, morning devotions will be held in the Chapel of the Christ, and lunch will be served in the cafeteria for a nominal fee. Babysitting is also provided. Any questions can be emailed to mlcauxiliary@mlc-wels.edu.

Men of His Word 2019 ~ Men, with all of the pressures of this world in your family life/work life/social life, and with all of the temptations of Satan around every corner, do you find it difficult to be the Christian man you desire to be and God expects you to be? A one-day event is being planned in Rochester, MN to refocus our attention to the fact that our life foundation as Christian men is **Built on the Rock** of Jesus. Set aside Saturday, October 26th, on your calendar. Pastor Jeremy Mattek from Immanuel Lutheran Church in Greenville, WI will be our keynote speaker. Koine, a well-known WELS worship band, will lead us in worship. There are 12 fantastic breakout sessions to choose from! Whether you are just entering the realm of being a man as a teen or you have years of experience in this department, these sessions are designed to better connect us to Christ and help us be the men Christ expects us to be. If you want more details, go to www.menofhisword.org for more details and for registration information.

Job Opening ~ We are taking staff applications at *Jesus Loves Me Learning Center* in North Mankato! JLMMLC has six rooms and the purpose of our center is to share the message of Jesus our Savior with everyone. All six rooms have a child-centered environment where children learn and thrive in all developmental areas. We offer competitive wages and fun-filled days! Call 507-508-2041 or email directorjlm@stpaulsnorthmankato.com for more information.

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About the Cover ~ “Peace on earth; goodwill toward men.” Isn’t that we sing about when we think of Jesus coming to earth to fulfill his mission? How shocking then to hear Jesus say that he did not come to bring peace on the earth, but division! (Luke 12:51) The truth is that peace with God won’t always equate to peace with our fellow man. Instead Christians will be persecuted for their faith, even by their own family members! But the peace we have with God makes us bold to take a stand for him.