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Ephesians 5:15-16



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Worship Notes
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PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP: Almighty God, we know our time on earth is but a handbreadth, and like a vapor that endures only for a moment and then disappears. Teach us to number our days aright, to live our lives to your glory and in the wisdom of your grace and mercy, looking always to Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith. May our lives be dedicated to serving you, dear Lord, so that we glorify your name in all we do and say. Bless this time and opportunity that we have to worship you and hear your Word. We pray it Jesus' name. Amen.

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OPENING HYMN

O Word of God Incarnate

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FIRST LESSON

Proverbs 9:1-6

Wisdom has built her house; she has hewn out its seven pillars. She has prepared her meat and mixed her wine; she has also set her table. She has sent out her maids, and she calls from the highest point of the city. "Let all who are simple come in here!" she says to those who lack judgment. "Come, eat my food and drink the wine I have mixed. Leave your simple ways and you will live; walk in the way of understanding."

PSALM of the DAY

Psalm 1

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Cantor will sing the first line of each verse; Congregation the second line.

SECOND LESSON

Ephesians 5:15-20

Be very careful, then, how you live-- not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will is. Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit. Speak to one another with psalms, hymns and spiritual songs. Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord, always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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

GOSPEL

John 6:51-58

"I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. This bread is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world." Then the Jews began to argue sharply among themselves, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?"

Jesus said to them, "I tell you the truth, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day. For my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me, and I in him. Just as the living Father sent me and I live because of the Father, so the one who feeds on me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven. Your forefathers ate manna and died, but he who feeds on this bread will live forever."

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HYMN of the DAY

All Praise to God Who Reigns Above

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SERMON

Ephesians 5:15-20

- MAKE THE MOST OF LIFE IN CHRIST**
1. UNDERSTAND THE WILL OF THE LORD
2. LIVE TO THE GLORY OF HIS NAME

OFFERING

PRAYERS and LORD'S PRAYER

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THE SACRAMENT

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Guests who wish to take Communion: 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 the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod or of a church in fellowship with the WELS, 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.

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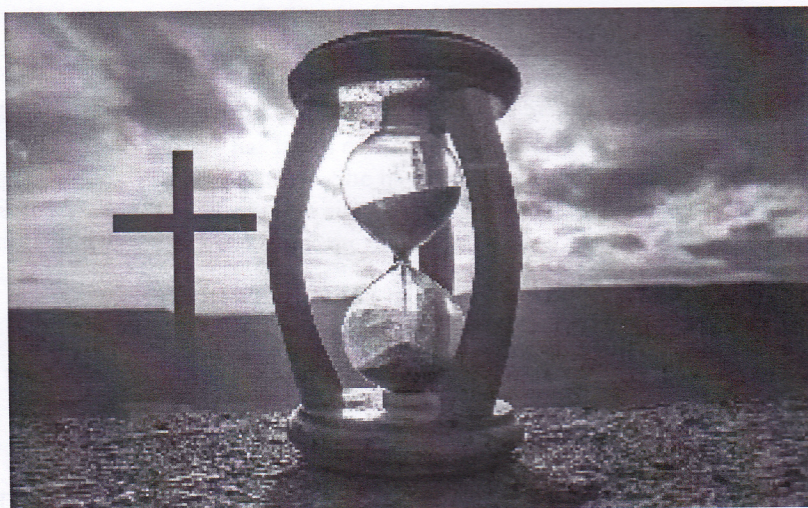
Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior

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Ephesians 5:15

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

Sun		Fall Schedule Begins: 11 am service added
Mon	10:15 am	MLC Opening Service
Tue	4 pm	Oak Hills Living Center Service
	7 pm	Council Meeting
Fri	10 am	Women's Summer Devotions at Highland Park, 1627 5th North St.

† Upcoming Weekend Services †

Saturday: 7 pm
Sunday: 8, 9:30 & 11 am

UPCOMING EVENTS

Aug 26	1:30 pm	MVL Opening Service
	6 pm	MLC Faculty Organ Recital at MLC
Aug 29	7 pm	Confirmation Meeting: Parents and Students (Basement)
Sep 3		Labor Day: church office closed
Sep 4	8:20 am	St. Paul's School Opening Service
	6 pm	Sunday School Teachers' Meeting (Conference Room)
	7 pm	Women of St. John's Meeting (Basement)
	6:30 pm	Board of Youth and Education Meeting (Narthex or Sanctuary)
Sep 5	6:30 pm	Public Catechism (Basement)
	7:00 pm	Mixed Choir (Balcony)
Sep 7	9:30 am	Women's Bible Class (Library)
Sep 8	3 pm	A Time to Celebrate at St. Paul's School
Sep 9	9:30 am	Adult Bible Class and Sunday School begin
Sep 11	4 pm	Oak Hills Living Center Service
Sep 12	6:30 pm	Public Catechism
	7:00 pm	Mixed Choir (Balcony)
Sep 13	10:30 am	Adult Bible Class (Narthex)
	7 pm	Adult Bible Class (Narthex)
Sep 14	9:30 am	Women's Bible Class (Library)
Sep 16	9:30 am	Sunday School and Bible Class
Sep 18	7 pm	Council Meeting
Sep 19	6:30 pm	Public Catechism
	7:00 pm	Mixed Choir (Balcony)
Sep 20	10:30 am	Adult Bible Class (Narthex)
	7 pm	Adult Bible Class (Narthex)
Sep 21	9:30 am	Women's Bible Class (Library)
	4 pm	Wedding Rehearsal
Sep 22	4 pm	Wood / Hillmann Wedding
Sep 23	8 am	Jr. Choir sings
	9:30 am	Sunday School and Bible Class
	2 pm	Youth Group at MLC Chapel of the Christ basement room
Sept 26	6:30 pm	Public Catechism
	7:00 pm	Mixed Choir (Balcony)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Attendance for the past weekend was 456.

Fruits of faith given:

\$9,521	Home Operations ~ \$14,532 is our weekly need	
\$757	MVL ~ \$1,118 is our weekly need	\$295 LWMS
\$1,792	Missions ~ \$1,648 is our weekly need	\$10 Memorials
\$1,379	Building Fund ~ \$1,603 is our weekly need	\$5 Prison Ministry

Hospitalized ~ Marge Brei was hospitalized this past week with vertigo. She is recovering at home. Please remember her in your prayers.

Visitation and Encouragement ~ Anyone who might want to give special care to our homebound members and those in group facilities through things like prayers, greetings, phone calls, and if possible visits, just so they are not forgotten or neglected by their church family, can contact Mary Thom at 217-6884 or maryjt.5511@yahoo.com. Thanks.

WELS Military Service ~ The WELS Military Services Committee provides spiritual services to WELS members and others who serve in the United States Armed Forces, including those in the National Guard and the Reserves. The committee carries out its mission through a ministry-by-mail program, a full-time civilian chaplain in Europe, and a national civilian chaplain and liaison to the military. They send free copies of Meditations, a printed monthly worship service, and taped audio and/or video worship services to military personnel and civilians on their mailing list. Do you or someone you know serve in the Armed Forces? Please let Lisa Goegelein know at 354-6744 or stjohsnewulm@gmail.com so she can add you to the list.

Youth Group: Celebrate Missions - A Teen Retreat ~ Your MN Regional Mission team of Kingdom Workers and Martin Luther College invite 7th-12th graders to attend "Celebrate Missions". On Sunday, Sep. 23rd from 2 - 5:30 pm, area teens will meet in the Chapel of the Christ basement to share mission stories from their summer, compile "Healthy Living Kits" for infants to teens that are in need, learn about MLC, be entertained, and eat in the MLC cafeteria. Teens or youth groups can register at <https://goo.gl/forms/CIXuPzbFeDzCW5RW2>. Teens are encouraged to bring 5 to 8 items to add to the "Healthy Living Kits." Possible items 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. Consider unscented items if possible. Questions can be directed to Melanie Mohror at mmohror@comcast.net, or Karen Grunwald at kmgrunwald@comcast.net.

MVL Opening Service and Installation ~ 2018-19 marks MVL's 40th year of training students for Christian lives. Please join us in our first celebration of this milestone at our Opening Service on Aug. 26th at 1:30 pm in the MVL gym. We will also be installing our new teachers: Becky Berg, Karyn Clemons, Ben Lundsten, Becky Rogotzke, and Jennifer Uher. Refreshments will be served after the service.

St. Paul's School ~ School supplies may be brought to school between Monday, August 20 and the start of school on September 4. This is a change from the information that was included in the school summer mailing. The change is due to the utility work being done at school. **Hymnals**

Needed St. Paul's School is looking for donations of hymn books for the upcoming school year. We need 30 copies of the red Christian Worship - A Lutheran Hymnal. If you are able to help, please drop off at either the church or the school office. Thank you! **Job Openings** Permanent kitchen position available at St. Paul's Lutheran School starting August, 2018. Position would be a minimum of 2 hours per day from 11 am - 1 pm. The job includes serving, clean up, and occasional meal prep along with other duties. Contact Jenny with questions at 354-2329 ext 118. Please leave a message. Applications are available at school office.

A Time to Celebrate ~ If you enjoyed the St. Paul's School Up on the Roof celebration last year, then you won't want to miss our next fall festival celebration, A Time to Celebrate! The event will take place on the school grounds on Saturday, September 8, from 3 - 6 pm. There will once again be an opportunity before the event to remember the School Building Project with your special donations. Please stay tuned for more details to come.

MVL Job Openings ~ MVL Food Service Assistant: Minnesota Valley Lutheran High School has a part-time position open in the food service. This position is for about 6 to 6 1/2 hours per day during the school year. Tasks include food preparation and service, washing dishes and clean up. Individuals interested in this position should contact Principal Tim Plath at MVL at 507-354-6851 or tplath@mvlhs.org. **Director of Mission Advancement:** MVL is looking for a male member of an ELS/WELS church to serve as a full time Director of Mission Advancement. Information on the position, as well as an application, are available from MVL's principal, Tim Plath at 507-354-6851 or tplath@mvlhs.org.

MVL 40th Anniversary T-shirts ~ MVL has created special t-shirts based on the school year theme from Psalm 126:3. \$10 for adult (sizes S-4x), and \$7 for youth (sizes S-XL). Color options are heather red and heather gray. More information can be found at mvl.org/anniversary or contact Kristin Matzke at kmatzke@mvlhs.org.

MLC Faculty Organ Recital ~ Two of St. John's organists, Craig Hirschmann and Wayne Wagner, will present an organ recital at MLC on Sunday, August 26 at 6 pm in Chapel of the Christ. Selections by Bach, Mendelsohn, Buck, Soler, Vaughan Williams, Zipoli, and Duruflé are included. All are welcome to attend!

MLC Job Openings ~ Martin Luther College is now accepting applications for one part-time Administrative Assistant for Staff Ministry and Congregational Assistant Program. A comprehensive description of this position can be found at mlc-wels.edu/hr. Interested individuals should apply online. Applications will be accepted through 12:00 pm (noon) on Tuesday, August 21, 2018. Additional information and details can be obtained by contacting the Martin Luther College Human Resources Office at 507-354-8221.

Bethany Lutheran College Job Opening ~ Bethany Lutheran College welcomes applications for the Manager of Human Resources. This full time professional position will provide development and implementation of programs, policies, and procedures related to human resource issues. A complete position description and application instructions can be found at <https://www.blc.edu/employment>

Campus Ministries ~ Heading to college can be exciting, stressful, and everything in between. WELS Campus Ministry can help! Let us help you stay connected to God's Word. To begin go to wels.net/campus-ministry and click the button "College students register here." You can register for

free subscriptions to *Forward in Christ* magazine and *Meditations* devotional booklets and will be connected to the campus pastor for your school. Students who have previously registered for WELS Campus Ministry are encouraged to check your profile and preferences and make any necessary updates. For questions please contact Ginny Mundstock at the WELS Campus Ministry office, ginnymundstock@wels.net or 414-256-3279.

Time to Build Campaign Update: The Utility work at school is complete and things are back to normal. Gifts continue to flow into the School Improvement Fund that now has a balance of \$1,847,925. The total of gifts given toward the project is \$2,362,597. Recently a St. Paul's family has generously designated \$35,000 for the school project to not only thank God for his goodness and grace, but to encourage other school supporters to join in thanking God by matching this gift with another \$35,000 by Thanksgiving. Thanks to God for his blessings and to our donors for their gifts. Please keep the project in your prayers.

SAMS Season Opener ~ The Summit Avenue Music Series season opener is Sunday, September 16, at 3 pm in MLC Chapel of the Christ. Violinist Peter McGuire, cellist Richard Belcher, and pianist Bethel Balge are performing two masterpieces by Johannes Brahms. Soprano Kathryn Wurster will join Belcher and Balge to sing *Élégie* by Jules Massenet. Purchase tickets in advance through SummitAvenueMusic.com/tickets, at the New Ulm Chamber of Commerce or call 507-233-9141 to leave a message. Tickets will also be available at the door.

About the Cover ~ The time is short. A number of times in the New Testament we are told that we are living in the last days. Of course, there are those who scoff at the idea that we have only a short time, after all, how long has the earth been standing? But the truth is, our lives on this earth are short. God's time of grace which he gives us on this earth is limited. Therefore the Holy Spirit reminds us to make the most of the time he gives us and to take advantage of the opportunities we have. May we therefore always be connected to God's Word and the promises he made to us through the saving gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, and also be ready to share Christ with others so that they too may come to know him as their Redeemer.

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 7:00 p.m. in the balcony, beginning September 5. The choir not only renders an important service in our worship setting, but it is an enjoyable experience and provides good comradery.

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