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Prayer before worship: Dear Jesus, forgive us for the times we've been malcontent. We know that your grace is sufficient for us and that you bless us with far more than we deserve. Far greater than the material blessings you've given us are the spiritual blessings you've given us: Forgiveness for our greed and malcontent, peace with the Father, heaven itself. We have all of these because you willingly gave up the wealth of heaven to become poor for our sakes that we might become rich in you. Now give us a right relationship with worldly wealth. Help us to use it faithfully in thanks to you for the greater riches you've given. We ask this trusting in your grace. Amen.

Order of Service: **Saturday:** *Evening Prayer* page 52
Sunday: *Morning Praise* page 45

OPENING HYMN *Take My Life and Let It Be* **CW 469**

6:30 pm, 8 and 11 am

BAPTISMAL HYMN *Baptized in Water* **CW 297**

9:30 am

PSALM of the DAY **Psalm 38** p. 81

LESSON

Genesis 14:8-24

Then the king of Sodom, the king of Gomorrah, the king of Admah, the king of Zeboiim and the king of Bela (that is, Zoar) marched out and drew up their battle lines in the Valley of Siddim against Kedorlaomer king of Elam, Tidal king of Goiim, Amraphel king of Shinar and Arioch king of Ellasar-- four kings against five. Now the Valley of Siddim was full of tar pits, and when the kings of Sodom and Gomorrah fled, some of the men fell into them and the rest fled to the hills. The four kings seized all the goods of Sodom and Gomorrah and all their food; then they went away. They also carried off Abram's nephew Lot and his possessions, since he was living in Sodom. One who had escaped came and reported this to Abram the Hebrew. Now Abram was living near the great trees of

Mamre the Amorite, a brother of Eshcol and Aner, all of whom were allied with Abram. When Abram heard that his relative had been taken captive, he called out the 318 trained men born in his household and went in pursuit as far as Dan. During the night Abram divided his men to attack them and he routed them, pursuing them as far as Hobah, north of Damascus. He recovered all the goods and brought back his relative Lot and his possessions, together with the women and the other people. After Abram returned from defeating Kedorlaomer and the kings allied with him, the king of Sodom came out to meet him in the Valley of Shaveh (that is, the King's Valley). Then Melchizedek king of Salem brought out bread and wine. He was priest of God Most High,

and he blessed Abram, saying, "Blessed be Abram by God Most High, Creator of heaven and earth. And blessed be God Most High, who delivered your enemies into your hand." Then Abram gave him a tenth of everything. The king of Sodom said to Abram, "Give me the people and keep the goods for yourself." But Abram said to the king of Sodom, "I have raised my hand to the LORD, God Most High, Creator of heaven and earth, and have taken an oath that I will accept nothing belonging to you, not even a thread or the thong of a sandal, so that you will never be able to say, 'I made Abram rich.' I will accept nothing but what my men have eaten and the share that belongs to the men who went with me-- to Aner, Eshcol and Mamre. Let them have their share."

GOSPEL

Luke 16:1-13

Jesus told his disciples: "There was a rich man whose manager was accused of wasting his possessions. So he called him in and asked him, 'What is this I hear about you? Give an account of your management, because you cannot be manager any longer.' The manager said to himself, 'What shall I do now? My master is taking away my job. I'm not strong enough to dig, and I'm ashamed to beg-- I know what I'll do so that, when I lose my job here, people will welcome me into their houses.' So he called in each one of his master's debtors. He asked the first, 'How much do you owe my

master?' 'Eight hundred gallons of olive oil,' he replied. The manager told him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it four hundred.' Then he asked the second, 'And how much do you owe?' 'A thousand bushels of wheat,' he replied. He told him, 'Take your bill and make it eight hundred.' The manager commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly. For the people of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own kind than are the people of the light. I tell you, use worldly wealth to gain friends for yourselves, so that when it is gone, you will be

welcomed into eternal dwellings. Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much. So if you have not been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches? And if you have not been trustworthy with someone else's property, who will give you property of your own? No servant can serve two masters. Either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and Money."

SEASONAL RESPONSE

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

HYMN of the DAY

All Depends on Our Possessing

CW421

SERMON

1 Timothy 6:6-16

But godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it. But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that. People who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge men into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the

faith and pierced themselves with many griefs. But you, man of God, flee from all this, and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance and gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called when you made your good confession in the presence of many witnesses. In the sight of God, who gives life to everything, and of Christ Jesus, who while testifying before

Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you to keep this command without spot or blame until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, which God will bring about in his own time-- God, the blessed and only Ruler, the King of kings and Lord of lords, who alone is immortal and who lives in unapproachable light, whom no one has seen or can see. To him be honor and might forever. Amen.

Godliness and Contentment

1. God Gives Us Godliness
2. God Gives Us Contentment

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Saturday
Sunday

CW p. 57
CW p. 48

OFFERING

PRAYER and LORD'S PRAYER

CLOSING HYMN

We Give Thee but Thine Own

***CW*485**

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**PREACHER
PRESIDING MINISTER
ORGANIST**

Pastor Rob Guenther
Pastor Jeffrey Bovee
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THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

Sun	9:30 am	Sunday School and Bible Class: A Simple Way to Pray
Mon	10 am	Pastors' Study Club at St. Paul's Church
Tue	7 pm	Council Meeting
Wed	6:30 pm	Public Catechism
	7 pm	Mixed Choir
Thu	10:30 am	Adult Bible Class: James
	7 pm	Adult Bible Class: 2 Kings
Fri	6:30 am	Breakfast Bible Study, Perkins: "On Giving Advice to God Part 2"
Sat	9 am	Cards of Caring: 403 N. Minnesota St.

† Upcoming Services †

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

Oct 20	9:30 am	Sunday School and Bible Class: Isms and Ideologies
	5:30 pm	MVL Delegate Prep Meeting
	7 pm	MVL Delegate Meeting
Oct 22	4 pm	Oak Hills Living Center Service
	7 pm	Quarterly Voters' Meeting
Oct 23	6:30 pm	Public Catechism
	7 pm	Mixed Choir
Oct 24	10:30 am	Adult Bible Class: Colossians
	7 pm	Adult Bible Class: 2 Kings
Oct 25	6:30 am	Breakfast Bible Study, Perkins: "On Giving Advice to God Part 2"
	9:30 am	Women's Bible Class: Ecclesiastes
Oct 26	9 am	Youth Group: Leaf Raking and Chili
	3 pm	St. Paul's School Trunk or Treat
Oct 27	8 am	Grades K-4 sing
	9:30 am	Sunday School and Bible Class: Isms and Ideologies
	3 pm	Joint Reformation Service at MLC
Oct 28	6:30 pm	Worship Committee Meeting
Oct 29	6 pm	CTCF Meeting
Oct 30	6:30 pm	Public Catechism
	7 pm	Mixed Choir
Oct 31	10:30 am	Adult Bible Class: Colossians
	7 pm	Adult Bible Class: 2 Kings
Nov 1	6:30 am	Breakfast Bible Study, Perkins: "On Giving Advice to God Part 2"
	9:30 am	Women's Bible Class: Ecclesiastes
	7 pm	MVL Fall Play
	7:30 pm	MLC Musical
Nov 2	7 pm	MVL Fall Play
	7:30 pm	MLC Musical

ST. JOHN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Attendance for the past weekend was 844 with 617 attending Communion.

Fruits of faith given:

\$18,111	Home Operations ~ \$14,806 is our weekly need		
\$1,775	MVL ~ \$1,140 is our weekly need	\$170	St. Paul's School Building Fund
\$2,262	Missions ~ \$1,681 is our weekly need	\$42	Christian Family Solutions/WLCFS
\$1,737	Building Fund ~ \$1,603 is our weekly need	\$30	Ministerial Student Scholarship Fund
\$26	Food & Fellowship	\$25	Wish List - Handbells

Born Again through Holy Baptism ~ this weekend is Kinsley Rayne Hansen, newborn daughter of Ben and Erin Hansen. May the Lord bless this family and keep Kinsley in her baptismal grace all the days of her life.

Contribution Statements ~ Contribution statements for January – September are ready and can be found in your church bulletin box; please pick yours up today.

Youth Group ~ Youth in grades 6-12 may join us for the annual leaf raking service project on Saturday, October 26. We will meet at the church at 9 am and go until 12:30 pm. Lunch will be provided at church. Please sign up in the narthex so we can plan transportation. Older teens may drive. Parents, please consider driving for this event and sign up on the board or email Lisa at ali3b2g@gmail.com.



Cards of Caring ~ The St. John's "Cards of Caring" volunteers will meet for fellowship and to make cards for Thanksgiving and Christmas for our "Homebound" and "Thinking of You" members. We will meet on the following Saturdays: 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.

AREA ANNOUNCEMENTS

St. Paul's School Time to Build Campaign Update ~ Good news! Our school office will relocate from "the trailer" to the new addition in early November! The project is quickly moving along. Also, offerings for the project now total \$2,992,580. Please keep the project in your prayers. **Please note a change:** make donations out to **St. John's Lutheran Church** and write "**St. John's Member**" on the memo line. Thank you.

Author Presentation ~ Martin Luther College is excited to host a presentation by the Newbery Award-winning author, Gennifer Choldenko! Gennifer will be speaking to the general public Wednesday, October 16 at 7 pm in the MLC Auditorium and will be available for book purchase and signing afterward. Her presentation will focus on the unique way different books have come to her, as well as fun stories about her writing process. About the Author: Choldenko is best known for her Tales from Alcatraz series, which has sold more than 2 million copies. Learn more about her books at gennifercholdenko.com.

Men of His Word 2019 ~ Time is running out! Time is running out to register for the *Men of His Word* conference in Rochester, MN on Saturday, October 26th. Can't decide whether or not to come? The men who have attended the *Men of His Word* seminars in the past have described them as "inspiring," "awesome," "super-encouraging," "very educational," and "a ton of fun." You will be glad that you came! For more information about this important event for WELS men go to www.menofhisword.org.

Trunk or Treat ~ Join us for Trunk or Treat on Saturday, October 26th from 3-5 pm at St. Paul's School! This is a great opportunity for us to reach out to our community and introduce them to our churches and school, plus have a great time together! Sign up at the John and Paul Ministries website (<http://johnandpaulministries.com>) to host a decorated car trunk, donate chili, cookies or cider, or volunteer with games, serving or set-up/take-down. If you have any questions, please contact Beth Scharf at scharfbm@mlc-wels.edu (John and Paul Ministries) or Sarah Zahrt at zahrtse@gmail.com (Raider Event Committee). See the website for more detailed information. Can't wait to see you there!

MVL News ~ *Study Hall Supervisor* Mrs. Maribeth Wong will retire as study hall supervisor at Minnesota Valley Lutheran High School at the end of the first semester. As a result, MVL is looking for an individual to serve as study hall supervisor beginning January 6, 2020. The position is part time (7:30 – 3:45 on school days) and does not offer benefits. Interested individuals should contact Dr. Tim Plath, MVL's principal, at 507-354-6851 or tplath@mvlhs.org. *Fall Play* Turn the game Clue into a play and you have the entertaining *Murder's in the Heir!* At intermission, the audience votes for whom they think committed the murder. The actors will play out the end of the play according to the majority vote. You may want to attend all three performances: November 1 and 2 at 7 pm, and November 3 at 2 pm. *Veterans' Day Program* The Veterans' Day recognition will be held on Wednesday, November 6. Veterans and their guests are invited to a breakfast in the MVL commons before the program. Please contact Kristin Matzke, 507-233-8662 or kmatzke@mvlhs.org, to RSVP. The public is invited to the hour-long program, which begins at 9 am in the MVL gymnasium.

MLC Fall Musical ~ Based on the celebrated novel by Daniel Wallace and the acclaimed film directed by Tim Burton, *Big Fish* tells the story of Edward Bloom, a traveling salesman who lives life to its fullest . . . and then some! Edward's incredible, larger-than-life stories thrill everyone around him—most of all, his devoted wife, Sandra. But their son, Will, about to have a child of his own, is determined to find the truth behind his father's epic tales. Overflowing with heart and humor, *Big Fish* is an extraordinary musical that reminds us why we love going to the theatre—for an experience that's richer, funnier, and bigger than life itself. This musical features music and lyrics by Andrew Lippa and book by John August. For more information and to order tickets, visit mlc-wels.edu/forum or call (507) 233-9114.

St. Paul's School Upcoming Calendar Events ~ The St. Paul's School Campaign Committee, along with various organizing committees, invites you to the following events. Please mark your calendars and watch for more information.

Sunday, November 17	Pancake Breakfast
Sunday, January 26	Building Dedication
Sunday, February 9	The Amazing Race
Friday, May 8	Dig In Gala

The MN River Valley Wind Ensemble ~ will perform on Sunday, November 17, at 3 pm in the WCC Auditorium. The ensemble is a semi-professional group comprised of faculty, community members, music teachers, music students, and professional musicians. This group of talented musicians continues to perform demanding music in its 15th season.

MLC Wind Symphony Concert ~ The Martin Luther College Wind Symphony is pleased to perform on Sunday, November 24, at 3 pm in the Wittenberg Collegiate Auditorium. Please join us!

Volunteer Opportunity ~ Treasure Haus is looking for more volunteers. We are in need of people who are willing to help sort, price, fill shelves and run the register. Please consider donating your time and talents. If you have any questions please talk to one of our managers: Darci, Jennifer, Donna or Laura at 507-354-6108.

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About the Cover ~ Godliness and contentment go together. Though we deserve to be stripped of all of our possessions and all of our blessings for the way that we selfishly use them to our own glory, God in love sent Jesus to live a life of perfect contentment in our place. And by his sacrifice on the cross, he took our sin away and gave us his godliness. Those greater blessings lead us to be content with what we have and to use our wealth to the glory of God in thanks to him for Christ.