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Third Sunday in Lent

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Prayer before worship: Dear God, forgive us for the times that we are envious of others and rebellious against you. Forgive us for the times we've thought we deserved greater blessings from you. We know that all we deserve from you is punishment—now and in eternity. Forgive us, for Jesus' sake. And by the forgiveness that he won by his perfect life and his innocent death on the cross, and by the paradise in heaven that you've promised us, give us peace and contentment no matter what else we go through in this life. We ask this in the name of Jesus, the friend of sinners, our Savior. Amen.

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OPENING HYMN

Saturday and 8 am

How Firm a Foundation

CW Supplement 768

BAPTISMAL HYMN

9:30 and 11 am

See This Wonder in the Making

CW 300

FIRST LESSON

Numbers 16:23-40

Then the LORD said to Moses, "Say to the assembly, 'Move away from the tents of Korah, Dathan and Abiram.'" Moses got up and went to Dathan and Abiram, and the elders of Israel followed him. He warned the assembly, "Move back from the tents of these wicked men! Do not touch anything belonging to them, or you will be swept away because of all their sins." So they moved away from the tents of Korah, Dathan and Abiram. Dathan and Abiram had come out and were standing with their wives, children and little ones at the entrances to their tents. Then Moses said, "This is how you will know that the LORD has sent me to do all these things and that it was not my idea: If these men die a natural death and experience only what usually happens to men, then the LORD has not sent me. But if the

LORD brings about something totally new, and the earth opens its mouth and swallows them, with everything that belongs to them, and they go down alive into the grave, then you will know that these men have treated the LORD with contempt." As soon as he finished saying all this, the ground under them split apart and the earth opened its mouth and swallowed them, with their households and all Korah's men and all their possessions. They went down alive into the grave, with everything they owned; the earth closed over them, and they perished and were gone from the community. At their cries, all the Israelites around them fled, shouting, "The earth is going to swallow us too!" And fire came out from the LORD and consumed the 250 men who were offering the incense. The LORD

said to Moses, "Tell Eleazar son of Aaron, the priest, to take the censers out of the smoldering remains and scatter the coals some distance away, for the censers are holy-- the censers of the men who sinned at the cost of their lives. Hammer the censers into sheets to overlay the altar, for they were presented before the LORD and have become holy. Let them be a sign to the Israelites." So Eleazar the priest collected the bronze censers brought by those who had been burned up, and he had them hammered out to overlay the altar, as the LORD directed him through Moses. This was to remind the Israelites that no one except a descendant of Aaron should come to burn incense before the LORD, or he would become like Korah and his followers.

SECOND LESSON

1 Corinthians 10:1-13

For I do not want you to be ignorant of the fact, brothers, that our forefathers were all under the cloud and that they all passed through the sea. They were all baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea. They all ate the same spiritual food and drank the same spiritual drink; for they drank from the spiritual rock that accompanied them, and that rock was Christ. Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them; their bodies were scattered over the desert. Now these things

occurred as examples to keep us from setting our hearts on evil things as they did. Do not be idolaters, as some of them were; as it is written: "The people sat down to eat and drink and got up to indulge in pagan revelry." We should not commit sexual immorality, as some of them did-- and in one day twenty-three thousand of them died. We should not test the Lord, as some of them did-- and were killed by snakes. And do not grumble, as some of them did-- and were killed

by the destroying angel. These things happened to them as examples and were written down as warnings for us, on whom the fulfillment of the ages has come. So, if you think you are standing firm, be careful that you don't fall! No temptation has seized you except what is common to man. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can stand up under it.

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GOSPEL

Luke 13:1-9

Now there were some present at that time who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mixed with their sacrifices. Jesus answered, "Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans because they suffered this way? I tell you, no! But unless you repent, you too will all perish. Or those eighteen who died

when the tower in Siloam fell on them-- do you think they were more guilty than all the others living in Jerusalem? I tell you, no! But unless you repent, you too will all perish." Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree, planted in his vineyard, and he went to look for fruit on it, but did not find any. So he said to the man who took care of the vineyard, 'For

three years now I've been coming to look for fruit on this fig tree and haven't found any. Cut it down! Why should it use up the soil?'"

"Sir," the man replied, "leave it alone for one more year, and I'll dig around it and fertilize it. If it bears fruit next year, fine! If not, then cut it down."

- Envy Leaves Us Standing on Shaky Ground
1. Rebellion Demands a Response of God's Wrath
 2. Rebellion Demands a Response of God's Grace

APOSTLES' CREED

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OFFERING

PRAYERS and LORD'S PRAYER

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HYMN

Preserve Your Word, O Savior

CW 289

CLOSING HYMN

Wondrous Are Your Ways, O God

CW 307

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PREACHER

Pastor Rob Guenther

ORGANIST

Jonathan Roux

MLC LECTORS

Throughout the year, St. John's asks men who are studying for the pastoral ministry to read for a service. We are in a privileged position to see our Lord's answer to our prayers for future called workers.

Saturday

Josiah Eaker

St. Marks, Watertown, WI

8 am

Daniel Waterstradt

Hope, Penryn, CA

9:30 am

Joshua Schroeder

St. Peter, Modesto, CA

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

Sun	9:30 am	Sunday School and Bible Class: Athanasian Creed
	10:30 am	Student Teacher Meet and Greet
	3 pm	MLC Choir Concert
Mon	6:30 pm	Worship Committee Meeting
Wed	4 & 6:30 pm	Midweek Lenten Services
	4:45 - 6 pm	Fellowship Supper
	6:30 pm	Jr. Choir sings
	6:30 pm	Public Catechism
	7:30 pm	Mixed Choir
Thu	10:30 am	Adult Bible Class: James
	7 pm	Adult Bible Class: 1 Kings
Fri	6:30 am	Breakfast Bible Study, Perkins: "On Giving Advice to God"
	9:30 am	Women's Bible Class: Revelation
Sat	9 am	Basement Reserved

† **Upcoming Services** †

Wednesday: 4 & 6:30 pm

Saturday: 6:30 pm

Sunday: 8, 9:30 & 11 am

UPCOMING EVENTS

Mar 31	9:30 am	Sunday School and Bible Class: Athanasian Creed
	2:30 pm	Reflections at St. Paul's Church
	5 pm	Marriage Tune-Up
Apr 1	6:30 pm	Elders Meeting
Apr 2	4 pm	Oak Hills Living Center Service
	6:30 pm	Education Meeting
	7 pm	Women of St. John's Meeting
Apr 3	4 & 6:30 pm	Midweek Lenten Services
	4:45 - 6 pm	Fellowship Supper
	6:30 pm	Public Catechism
	7:30 pm	Mixed Choir
Apr 4	10:30 am	Adult Bible Class: James
	7 pm	Adult Bible Class: 1 Kings
	7 pm	St. Paul's School Band Concert
Apr 5	6:30 am	Breakfast Bible Study, Perkins: "On Giving Advice to God"
	9:30 am	Women's Bible Class: Revelation
Apr 6	9 am	Church Cleaning
Apr 7	9:30 am	Sunday School and Bible Class: Athanasian Creed
	11 am	St. Paul's School Groundbreaking Service
	7 pm	Pre-Confirmation Meeting
Apr 8	10:30 am	Stewardship Meeting
	7 pm	Evangelism Meeting
	7 pm	Trustees Meeting

ST. JOHN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Attendance for the past weekend was 454 with 339 attending Communion. The Midweek services were attended by 432.

Fruits of faith given:

\$17,274	Home Operations ~ \$14,806 is our weekly need		
\$1,224	MVL ~ \$1,140 is our weekly need	\$211	Food & Fellowship
\$1,567	Missions ~ \$1,681 is our weekly need	\$185	K-12 Education Assistance
\$2,082	Building Fund ~ \$1,603 is our weekly need	\$150	Kitchen Fund
\$5	LWMS		

Student Teacher Meet & Greet ~ There will be a chance to meet the student teachers that are currently at St. Paul's School this weekend following the 9:30 service and Bible class. Please take a moment to greet and encourage them in their preparation for service in the public ministry.

Baptized into God's Family ~ are Garrett Laabs, son of Jonathan and Erin Laabs whose baptism will reaffirmed this weekend in the 9:30 service; and also Eloise Price, daughter of Nick and Joelle Price, who will be baptized in the 11:00 service. May the Lord keep these children in their baptismal grace all the days of their lives and bring them ultimately with us to heaven.

Women of St. John's Meeting ~ will be held on April 2nd at 7 pm. Annette Hartzell is our guest presenter and will be leading us in completing an exciting Easter craft. If you are interested in participating in the craft, please sign up on the sheet in the new narthex by March 24th, so we can make sure we have enough craft supplies. Also bring to the meeting, a sharp scissors, a glue gun if you have one and \$2 to cover the craft supplies.

Church Cleaning ~ is scheduled from 9-1 on Saturday, April 6th. It is a come and go event.... stay as long or as little as you can. We are looking for men, women and children who are able to help with cleaning tasks. We have a longer list since it hasn't been done in 2 years. So, the more the merrier!

AREA ANNOUNCEMENTS

Youth Lock-In ~ Calling all 4th – 8th graders: Join us, the students from The Beacon Lutheran Campus Ministry, for our 2019 Youth Lock-In. The fun begins Friday, March 29th at 9 pm at the Lake Crystal Rec. Center and concludes Saturday, March 30th 8 am at the Beacon. There will be swimming, basketball, pizza, late night worship, and much more! Registration forms are available in the narthex or you can register online at mankatocampusministry.org.

Talking to People in Complex Situations ~ Do you know someone in a tough situation and you are not yet 100% sure how to help the individual through it? Wherever you are coming from - life, in general, all the way from parenting to relationships at work, join us for coffee and learn about a way you can talk through complex situations to shepherd a positive and productive outcome on Saturday, March 30, from 9-10 am in the Fellowship Hall at St. Paul's Lutheran Church.

Reflections ~ an afternoon event for women that involves a candlelight service of songs, readings, and prayers as well as dessert and fellowship, is coming up soon. We would love to have you join us. Every lady, whether you come individually or with others, will have a place at one of our tables, so do plan to come. Our theme is "Godly Wisdom for Heroes of Faith."

Location: St. Paul's Lutheran Church Parish Center, New Ulm

Date and Time: Sunday, March 31 from 2:30-4:00 p.m.

So we are able to plan a spot for you, please sign up in the narthex of your church or contact Mary Hussman at 354-3001 or Karen Grunwald at kgrunwald@splnewulm.org by Monday, March 25.

MVL Announcements ~ *Tiaras & Ties Father-Daughter Dance* The second annual Tiaras & Ties father-daughter dance is being held at MVL on Saturday, April 6 from 3-5 pm. This special event is for girls in preschool through fifth grade & the significant men in their lives. Tiaras & Ties is entirely free and open to the public. Here's what you can expect: dancing, refreshments, face painting, tiara making, portraits, an appearance by members of MVL's Danceline, and plenty of fun! Contact Kristin at kmatzke@mvlhs.org or visit mvl.org/campus-events for more information.

St. Paul's School Groundbreaking Service ~ After years of planning, it is nearly time for the school building project to begin! We invite you to a special service in the St. Paul's School gym on Sunday, April 7, at 11 am. The service will be followed by a groundbreaking ceremony outside and a potluck meal back inside the school. Meat, dessert, beverages, and tableware will be provided for the meal. Please bring a side dish or salad to share. No crockpots, please.

Easter for Kids ~ Join us April 13th, 9 am - 12 pm for Easter for Kids at St. Paul's School! Drop the kids off (PreK3-4th grade) for a fun, Christ-centered morning. They will enjoy crafts, games, snacks, watch a special Easter Veggie Tales movie and hear the good news of our risen Savior! Registration is NOW OPEN at splnewulm.org/church/family-events/easter-for-kids/.

MLC Wind Symphony Concert ~ The Martin Luther College Wind Symphony invites you to attend its upcoming concert, "Music of the American West," as part of its spring 2019 tour. The group will be performing a concert here in the MLC Auditorium on April 13 at 7:30 pm. Music on the program is inspired by places or events connected to this great part of the country. Works on the program include "Grand Canyon Fanfare" by James Newton Howard, "Ghost Train" by Eric Whitacre, "Hymn to a Blue Hour" by John Mackey, "An American Elegy" by Frank Ticheli, and "El Camino Real" by Alfred Reed. Connected with this concert is the Jr. Knights Band Festival, which brings together young musicians from WELS grade schools in and around the New Ulm area. These students will perform side-by-side with their college counterparts. We look forward to seeing you there!

St. Paul's School *Dig In Gala* ~ There is a ton of fun being planned for the *Dig In Gala* on May 10! The Gala Committee is collecting memories connected to St. Paul's Lutheran School. We'd like to hear your most humorous or poignant moments from your connection to the school. What moment stands out as meaningful, one that you will never forget? Please use this link to share that memory <https://goo.gl/forms/vxIPn6VRP474GuMv1>.

LWMS Spring Rally and Convention ~ Mark your calendars for April 27! Our Spring LWMS rally will be held at Trinity in Belle Plaine and will focus on the recent anniversary of the oldest WELS world mission field: the Apache reservation. Our speaker, Debbie Dietrich, is someone you won't want to miss! She and her husband serve on the San Carlos Reservation in Bylas, AZ. Information just received about the Annual LWMS Convention in Des Moines, IA, in June, 2019, is on the table in the narthex. The registration information is also there. If you are thinking about attending, please take the newsletter and registration form. This convention is fairly close by, so if you haven't had the opportunity to attend before, now is the time. For more information, speak to Marley Kuckhahn, reporter.

Camp Shetek ~ Camp Shetek will be held June 16 - 22, 2019 this summer in the Lake Shetek State Park Zuya Group Center. Campers who will be entering Grade 4 through 9 in the 2019 / 2020 school year are eligible to come to camp this summer. The 2019 Registration and Health Forms are now available at our web site: www.campshetek.org. If you wish, you may print off these forms and mail them with your deposit or camp fees paid in full to Pastor Renz at 715 7th Ave. N, St. James, MN 56081. Or, if you prefer, you may register online. The ability to register online is open. If you have any questions, please email at jrenzner@yahoo.com.

Job Opening ~ Martin Luther College is now accepting applications for a regular part-time Administrative Assistant for the Education Office. 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 pm on Tuesday, April 2, 2019. Additional information and details can be obtained by contacting the Martin Luther College Human Resources Office at 507-354-8221.

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About the Cover ~ When Korah led a rebellion against God's representatives, God answered by having the earth open and close to swallow him and his family whole. And God sent fire to consume hundreds who presumed to do what only the priests were authorized to do. God takes his law and his representatives seriously and so should we. But God also sent Aaron to act as a mediator to rescue the people. In a similar way he sent his own Son to be our mediator and rescue us from the hell we deserve. Thank God that he takes his grace seriously too and thank God that he offers it to us!