



Blessed are you who hunger now, for you will be satisfied.

The Gospel According to St. Luke, Chapter Six, Verse Twenty-One

Sixth Sunday After Epiphany
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Worship Notes

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Prayer before worship: Almighty God, we praise you for the many blessings you have given to us, undeserving and sinful though we are. Your Holy Spirit warned us that it is through much tribulation that we shall enter into the kingdom of heaven. But even as we struggle against the difficulties and trials that confront us in this sinful fallen world, give us joy and contentment, knowing that our treasure is Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Continue to strengthen us through your Word so that we may be filled with joy and hope both now and in the days to come. Encourage and embolden us to share your saving message with others; and grant us peace in the midst of unrest. We pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen.

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OPENING HYMN

Speak, O Savior; I Am Listening

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FIRST LESSON

Deuteronomy 30:1-10

When all these blessings and curses I have set before you come upon you and you take them to heart wherever the LORD your God disperses you among the nations, and when you and your children return to the LORD your God and obey him with all your heart and with all your soul according to everything I command you today, then the LORD your God will restore your fortunes and have compassion on you and gather you again from all the nations where he scattered you. Even if you have been banished to the most distant

land under the heavens, from there the LORD your God will gather you and bring you back. He will bring you to the land that belonged to your fathers, and you will take possession of it. He will make you more prosperous and numerous than your fathers. The LORD your God will circumcise your hearts and the hearts of your descendants, so that you may love him with all your heart and with all your soul, and live. The LORD your God will put all these curses on your enemies who hate and persecute you. You will again obey the LORD

and follow all his commands I am giving you today. Then the LORD your God will make you most prosperous in all the work of your hands and in the fruit of your womb, the young of your livestock and the crops of your land. The LORD will again delight in you and make you prosperous, just as he delighted in your fathers, if you obey the LORD your God and keep his commands and decrees that are written in this Book of the Law and turn to the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul.

PSALM of the DAY

Psalm 37

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SECOND LESSON

2 Corinthians 12:7-10

To keep me from becoming conceited because of these surpassingly great revelations, there was given me a thorn in my flesh, a messenger of Satan, to torment me. Three times I pleaded with the Lord to take it

away from me. But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me.

That is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

VERSE of the DAY

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.
- John 6:68

GOSPEL

Luke 6:17-26

He went down with them and stood on a level place. A large crowd of his disciples was there and a great number of people from all over Judea, from Jerusalem, and from the coast of Tyre and Sidon, who had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases. Those troubled by evil spirits were cured, and the people all tried to touch him, because power was coming from him and healing them all. Looking at his

disciples, he said: "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. Blessed are you who hunger now, for you will be satisfied. Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. Blessed are you when men hate you, when they exclude you and insult you and reject your name as evil, because of the Son of Man. "Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, because great is your reward in heaven. For that is

how their fathers treated the prophets. "But woe to you who are rich, for you have already received your comfort. Woe to you who are well fed now, for you will go hungry. Woe to you who laugh now, for you will mourn and weep. Woe to you when all men speak well of you, for that is how their fathers treated the false prophets.

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HYMN of the DAY

Not unto Us

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SERMON

Luke 6:17-26

WHAT IN THE WORLD...

1. CAN WE EXPECT AS WE FOLLOW CHRIST?
2. CAN COMPARE TO WHAT IS OURS IN CHRIST?

OFFERING

PRAYERS and LORD’S PRAYER

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THE SACRAMENT

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To our worship guests seeking an altar at which to commune: 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 our fellowship please schedule a meeting with the pastor 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.

DISTRIBUTION	<i>Jesus, Your Blood and Righteousness</i>	<i>CW376</i>
HYMNS	<i>Blessed Are the Saints of God</i>	<i>CW394</i>

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PREACHER	Pastor Jeff Bovee
ORGANIST	Craig Hirschmann

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN’S

Sun	9:30 am	Sunday School and Bible Class: Quintilian Clear
	3 pm	MLC Wind Symphony Concert
	5 pm	Marriage Tune-Up
Mon	7 pm	Council Meeting
Tue	4 pm	Oak Hills Living Center Service
Wed	6:30 pm	Public Catechism
	7 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
	7:30 pm	MLC Play
Sat	10:30 am	Youth Group: Mt. Kato / Chili & Hot dogs
	7:30 pm	MLC Play

† **Upcoming Services** †
Saturday: 6:30 pm
Sunday: 8, 9:30 & 11 am

UPCOMING EVENTS

Feb 24	9:30 am	Sunday School and Bible Class: Quintilian Clear
	2 pm	MLC Play
Feb 25		St. John's Night at MVL
Feb 26	5:30 pm	Kindergarten Round-Up at St. Paul's School
Feb 27	6:30 pm	Public Catechism
	7 pm	Mixed Choir
Feb 28	10:30 am	Adult Bible Class: James
	5:30 pm	Kindergarten Round-Up at St. Paul's School
	7 pm	Adult Bible Class: 1 Kings
Mar 1	6:30 am	Breakfast Bible Study, Perkins: "On Giving Advice to God"
	9:30 am	Women's Bible Class: Revelation
Mar 3	9:30 am	Sunday School and Bible Class: Quintilian Clear
	10:30 - 1 pm	MVL Pork Chop Dinner
	1:30 pm	MVL Band Concert
	5 pm	Marriage Tune-Up
Mar 4	6:30 pm	Elders Meeting
Mar 5	4 pm	Oak Hills Living Center Service
	7 pm	Women of St. John's Meeting
Mar 6	4 & 6:30 pm	Midweek Lenten Services
	4:45 - 6 pm	Fellowship Supper
	6:30 pm	Public Catechism
	7:30 pm	Mixed Choir
Mar 7	10:30 am	Adult Bible Class: James
	7 pm	Adult Bible Class: 1 Kings
Mar 8	6:30 am	Breakfast Bible Study, Perkins: "On Giving Advice to God"
	9:30 am	Women's Bible Class: Revelation
Mar 9	9 am	Cards of Caring, 403 N. Minnesota St.

ST. JOHN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Attendance for the past weekend was 626.

Fruits of faith given:

\$10,236	Home Operations ~ \$14,806 is our weekly need		
\$810	MVL ~ \$1,140 is our weekly need	\$70	LWMS
\$2,069	Missions ~ \$1,681 is our weekly need	\$13	Food & Fellowship
\$1,093	Building Fund ~ \$1,603 is our weekly need	\$4	Estate Funds

Key Registry Update ~ If you have a church key (or keys), could you please send your name and the numbers and letters printed on that key to Lisa Goeglein at stjohnsnewulm@gmail.com, write it on a note and leave it on the church reception desk or in her church mailbox, or call the church office with the information. The trustees are trying to update the key registry of everyone who has a copy of our keys and keep better records of them. Thanks for your help!

Childcare Needed ~ during the Marriage Tune-Up workshop. The first workshop will be held this Sunday, February 17 from 5 - 7:30 pm. We will meet every other Sunday through May 12. Contact Pastor Guenther at 507-240-2433 or pastorguenther@gmail.com if interested in helping.

Youth Group ~ The Youth Group (Grades 6-12) are going tubing at Mt. Kato on Saturday, February 23rd. We'll meet in the church parking lot at 10:30 am. Chili and hot dogs will be served at church following tubing. Please bring \$15 for the lift ticket. Sign up on the youth board in the new narthex if you are able to come. Parents, please pick up the kids at 3 pm. We will need drivers to get there and back. Please sign up on the board or contact Lisa Goegelein at ali3b2g@gmail.com or 507-217-7117 if you are able to drive. Thank you!

St. John's Night at MVL ~ Since school was canceled on Tuesday, January 29th, the basketball games have been postponed. Our new St. John's Night at MVL is Monday, February 25. The MVL boys basketball teams will face the Buffalo Lake-Hector-Stewart High School teams. The C squad game begins at 4:30 pm and the Junior Varsity game at 5:45 pm followed immediately by the Varsity game at 7:15 pm. The tickets which are stamped January 29 will be accepted. The school will be sending more tickets, also. The new tickets will be available in the narthex soon.

Cards of Caring ~ The Cards of Caring volunteers will meet Saturday, March 9, to make Warm Winter Wishes, Easter, and Anniversary cards for our "Thinking of You" and homebound members. We meet at 403 N. Minnesota St. between 9 am and 12 pm. We welcome MLC students and members age 12 and older. Come and join us for this fun volunteer project. Contact Lois Willems at 507-676-1230 with questions.

Mission Trip ~ locations and dates are ready for Summer 2019! St. Paul's Lutheran Church will be sponsoring trips to Peridot, AZ, Mahahual, Mexico, Red Deer, Canada, and San Antonio, TX. Please pick up an application in the narthex or school office. Contact Staff Minister Kris Kuschel at kkuschel@splnewulm.org with any questions.

AREA ANNOUNCEMENTS

MLC Wind Symphony Concert ~ The Martin Luther College Wind Symphony together with members of the Wisconsin Lutheran College Band will present, *Whatsoever Things: A Sacred Concert for Wind Band* this Sunday, February 17th at 3 pm in the Chapel of the Christ. Works on the program include *Eternal Father, Strong to Save* by Claude T. Smith; *How Deep the Father's Love for Us* by Anthony La Bounty, based on a English Hymn Tune; *Cathedrals* by Kathryn Salfelder, a uniquely antiphonal work inspired by the compositions of Gabrieli; and *Whatsoever Things* by Mark Camphouse. The Martin Luther College Chorale, Mannerchor, and Women's choirs will also join in on a setting of *The King of Love my Shepherd Is*. The finale of the concert will be a joint performance of *With Heart and Voice* by David Gillingham. Please join us for this concert of praise!

Host Families Needed ~ The MLC Housing Office is looking for people to host MLC student teachers for 8 weeks of their required local public school student teaching. MLC will pay each host \$500 and is asking only for living space- hosts are not asked to provide food or meals. If you would be interested and willing to help or would like more information, please contact Prof. Jeff Schone at 507-354-8221 or schonejl@mlc-wels.edu or Ms. Angie Scharf at scharfar@mlc-wels.edu. Many thanks!!

MLC Auxiliary Bingo Night Donations ~ The MLC Ladies' Auxiliary Bingo Night will be held Thursday, February 21. We are so appreciative of the many blankets and quilts that we have already received; thank you! Please consider donating to our annual night of student fun so we can purchase gift cards. If you live nearby, consider donating baked goods that our students LOVE to win! You can drop off donations at the MLC reception desk by Wednesday, Feb. 20, or mail donations to MLC, 1995 Luther Court, New Ulm MN 56073.

OWLS ~ Our February event is the winter play of our MLC Collegiates who, like us, may be wishing it were already summer. Shakespeare called it a Mid-Summer Night's Dream. The play is being presented in the MLC Auditorium at 2 pm on Sunday, February 24. A block of seats will be reserved for the OWLS and all our friends. We count you as good friends if you are a senior in one of our congregations and hope you will join us. You are also cordially invited to our hamburger fellowship meal in the college cafeteria as well as the play. We pay \$6 for the play at the auditorium door; we pay \$7 to the cafeteria cashier as we enter for the fellowship meal. Let's dream together!

Kindergarten Round-Up at St. Paul's School ~ Time to "round 'em up!" Kindergarten registration for the 2019-2020 school year is now open. An invitation letter and registration form have been sent to families with eligible age children for kindergarten. If we missed you with our mailing or you have any questions about kindergarten at St. Paul's Lutheran School please call or e-mail the school at 354-2329 or school@splnewulm.org. Kindergarten Round-Up will be held twice. You are invited to come to either the Feb. 26th session or the Feb. 28th session with both starting at 5:30 and ending by 7 pm. Please come and get a peek at the fascinating world of Kindergarten!

Milk Moola Discontinuing ~ St. Paul's School has been informed Kwik Trip's Milk Moola program will be discontinued. All Milk Moola redemptions will need to be postmarked 3/31/19 to receive payment. Anything after that date will not be processed. Please turn them in by March 1. This program has been a wonderful blessing to our school. We thank Kwik Trip for providing this opportunity to us! We pray that all our supporters will find other ways to support our school in the future. Thank you!

MVL Announcements ~ *Pork Chop Dinner & Winter Band Concert* On Sunday, March 3, come over to MVL for good food and fun! The Booster Club is sponsoring a pork chop dinner, 10:30 am - 1 pm. Freewill offerings will support Booster Club projects. The annual Winter Band Concert follows at 1:30 pm, featuring the Symphonic Band and Jazz Ensemble.

St. John's to Host MVL Pork Chop Meal ~ This is St. John's year to host the MVL Pork Chop Dinner at MVL on Sunday, March 3rd. We are looking for a lot of volunteer help for this big event! Please look for sign up sheets in the new narthex. Even if you don't have an MVL student, we would love to have your assistance! MVL students and parents are encouraged to sign up. There are several different shifts to choose from. Please contact Melanie Mohror with questions at mmohror@comcast.net.

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 will be opening up on Sunday, February 3, 2019. If you have any questions, please email at jrenzner@yahoo.com.

Job Openings ~ The Treasure Haus is a faith-based, non-profit resale shop in New Ulm with the mission of raising money for Minnesota Valley Lutheran High School and other WELS/ELS ministries. They are looking for someone to fill the position of **office manager**. Duties include website management, social media presence, purchasing, maintaining files, and generating reports. Ability to organize is important, as is a heart for ministry. Ten to fifteen flexible hours a week. Training provided. Salary dependent on experience and qualifications. Stop by the Treasure Haus for an application, or call (507) 354-6108. Martin Luther College is now accepting applications for a **Temporary/Summer Paint Crew Lead**. 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 Wednesday, February 20, 2019. Additional information and details can be obtained by contacting the Martin Luther College Human Resources Office at 507-354-8221.

About the Cover ~ As Jesus preached to the people, he reminded them that those who follow him cannot expect that being a Christian will cause them to find favor in the eyes of the world, gain fame and fortune for them, or cause everything to go their way. He warned them that the world can sometimes be a cold and unfriendly place for the followers of the living God because it is a place where sin and all its ill effects are still present and where there still is a devil who attempts to separate us from God's love. But Jesus did promise that all who trust in him as their Savior will be prosperous, joyful, content, and find fulfillment in all they do through faith in him. For in the end, Jesus, who is our hope and source of joy, promises better things than anything this earth can offer. His promises never fail.