



Minor Festival ~ St. Luke: Evangelist
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Prayer before worship: Almighty God, we thank you that you sent servants such as St. Luke to share with us your saving message of love and forgiveness offered to all people everywhere. Holy Spirit, please guide us by your saving truth, so that not only we are built up through the gospel, but that with boldness and zeal we share it with others. We pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen.

OPENING HYMN

I Know My Faith Is Founded

CW 403

1. I know my faith is founded On Jesus Christ, my God and Lord;
And this my faith confessing, Unmoved I stand upon his Word.
Man's reason cannot fathom The truth of God profound;
Who trusts in worldly wisdom Relies on shifting ground.
God's Word is all-sufficient, It makes divinely sure,
And, trusting in its wisdom, My faith shall rest secure.
2. Increase my faith, dear Savior, For Satan seeks by night and day
To rob me of this treasure And take my hope of bliss away.
But, Lord, with you beside me I shall be undismayed;
And led by your good Spirit, I shall be unafraid.
Abide with me, O Savior, A firmer faith bestow.
Then I shall bid defiance To ev'ry evil foe.
3. In faith, Lord, let me serve you; Though persecution, grief, and pain
Should seek to overwhelm me, Let me a steadfast trust retain.
And then at my departure, Lord, take me home to you,
And let me there inherit All you have promised me.
In life and death, Lord, keep me Until your heav'n I gain,
Where I by your great mercy The end of faith attain.

Please stand

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

M: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

C: Lord, have mercy on us. Christ, have mercy on us. Lord, have mercy on us.

M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

C: Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

We praise you, we bless you, we worship you,

we glorify you, we give thanks to you, for your great glory,

O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father almighty.

O Lord, the only begotten Son, Jesus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

You take away the sin of the world; receive our prayer.

You sit at the right hand of God the Father; have mercy on us.

For you only are holy; you only are the Lord.

You only, O Christ, with the Holy Spirit, are most high in the glory of God the Father.

Amen.

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

M: Let us pray.

Almighty God, you called Saint Luke the physician to reveal in his gospel the love and healing power of your Son. Grant that by hearing and believing your Word we may be healed of all sin and serve you with willing hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Please be seated

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 43:8-13

Lead out those who have eyes but are blind, who have ears but are deaf. All the nations gather together and the peoples assemble. Which of them foretold this and proclaimed to us the former things? Let them bring in their witnesses to prove they were right, so that others

may hear and say, "It is true." "You are my witnesses," declares the LORD, "and my servant whom I have chosen, so that you may know and believe me and understand that I am he. Before me no god was formed, nor will there be one after me. I, even I, am the LORD, and apart

from me there is no savior. I have revealed and saved and proclaimed-- I, and not some foreign god among you. You are my witnesses," declares the LORD, "that I am God. Yes, and from ancient days I am he. No one can deliver out of my hand. When I act, who can reverse it?"

PSALM of the DAY

Psalms 139b

See page 8

SECOND LESSON

2 Timothy 4:5-11

But you, keep your head in all situations, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, discharge all the duties of your ministry. For I am already being poured out like a drink offering, and the time has come for my departure. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the

race, I have kept the faith. Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day-- and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing. Do your best to come to me quickly, for Demas,

because he loved this world, has deserted me and has gone to Thessalonica. Crescens has gone to Galatia, and Titus to Dalmatia. Only Luke is with me. Get Mark and bring him with you, because he is helpful to me in my ministry.

VERSE of the DAY

Alleluia. How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those
who bring good news, who proclaim salvation. Alleluia.
- Isaiah 52:7

C: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Please stand

GOSPEL

Luke 1:1-4; 24:44-53

M: The Holy Gospel is written in the Gospel according to St. Luke, chapter 1, beginning at verse 1.

C: Glory be to you, O Lord!

Many have undertaken to draw up an account of the things that have been fulfilled among us, just as they were handed down to us by those who from the first were eyewitnesses and servants of the word. Therefore, since I myself have carefully investigated everything from the beginning, it seemed good also to me to write an orderly account for you, most excellent Theophilus, so that you may know the certainty of the things you have been taught.

He said to them, "This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms." Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. He told them, "This is what is written: The Christ will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, and repentance and forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these

things. I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high." When he had led them out to the vicinity of Bethany, he lifted up his hands and blessed them. While he was blessing them, he left them and was taken up into heaven. Then they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy. And they stayed continually at the temple, praising God.

M: This is the gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one being with the Father.**

Through him all things were made.

**For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,
and became fully human.**

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Please be seated

HYMN of the DAY

By All Your Saints Still Striving

CW 552

1. By all your saints still striving, For all your saints at rest,
Your holy name, O Jesus, Forevermore be blessed.
You rose, our King victorious, That they might wear the crown
And ever shine in splendor Reflected from your throne.

St. Luke

19. For Luke, belov'd physician, All praise, whose Gospel shows
The healer of the nations, The one who shares our woes.
Your wine and oil, O Savior, Upon our spirits pour,
And with true balm of Gilead Anoint us evermore.

3. Then let us praise the Father And worship God the Son
And sing to God the Spirit, Eternal Three in One,
Till all the ransomed number Who stand before the throne
Ascribe all pow'r and glory And praise to God alone.

SERMON

Luke 1:1-4; 24:44-53

JUST WHAT THE DOCTOR PRESCRIBED

- 1. SOMETHING TRIED AND TRUE
2. SOMETHING WITH LASTING BENEFITS AND EXCELLENT RESULTS**

Please stand

C: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit. Amen.

OFFERING ANNOUNCEMENT

PRAYER of the CHURCH

LORD'S PRAYER

C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

M: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up unto the Lord.

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

C: It is good and right so to do.

M: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who promised that wherever two or three come together in his name, there he is with them to shepherd his flock till he comes again in glory. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

C: Holy, holy, holy Lord God of heavenly hosts: heav'n and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he, blessed is he, blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us your peace. Amen.

Please be seated

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

Rise, O Light of Gentile Nations

CW 577

1. Rise, O Light of Gentile nations, Jesus, bright and Morning Star;
Let your Word, the gladsome tidings, Ring out loudly near and far,
Bringing freedom to the captives, Peace and comfort to the slave,
That the heathen, free from bondage, May proclaim your pow'r to save.
2. Knowing you and your salvation, Grateful love dare never cease
To proclaim your tender mercies, Gracious Lord, your heav'nly peace.
Let us sound the gospel tidings To the earth's remotest bound
That the sinner has been pardoned And forgiveness can be found.
3. May our zeal to help the heathen Be increased from day to day,
As we plead in true compassion And for their conversion pray.
For the many faithful workers, For the gospel they proclaim,
Let us all be cheerful givers To the glory of your name.
4. Savior, shine in all your glory On the nations near and far;
From the highways and the byways Call them forth, O Morning Star.
Guide them whom your grace has chosen Out of Satan's dreadful thrall
To the mansions of your Father—There is room for sinners all.

Please stand

C: Lord, now you let your servant depart in peace according to your word. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared before the face of all people, a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of your people Israel.

M: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

C: And his mercy endures forever.

M: O God the Father, source of all goodness, in your loving kindness you sent your Son to share our humanity. We thank you that through him you have given us pardon and peace in this sacrament. We also pray that you will not forsake us but will rule our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit so that we willingly serve you day after day, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and † give you peace.

C: Amen.

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O LORD, you created my inmost being;
you knit me together in my mother's womb.

I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made;
your works are wonderful, I know that full well.

My frame was not hidden from you;
your eyes saw my unformed body.

Refrain

All the days ordained for me*
were written in your book before one of them came to be.

How precious to me are your thoughts, O God!*
How vast is the sum of them!

Were I to count them,*
they would outnumber the grains of sand.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son*
and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning,*
is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Refrain

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Attendance for the past weekend was 291.

Benevolence Fund ~ Dear saints, as you may know, St. John's has a benevolence fund to help those of our fellow members who encounter a special financial need, to be disbursed by the elders. Two such cases have come to the elders' attention right now, and the need is ongoing. If you have a desire to help defray some of the costs of these fellow members in need (in any amount), please leave your offering in an envelope marked "Benevolence Fund" in the drop box at church or mail it to St. John's Lutheran Church, New Ulm, 56073 with "Benevolence Fund" indicated on the check or envelope. Thank you, saints, for your care for one another!

Bookkeeper Position ~ After years of faithful service to St. John's, Wendy Lambrecht, our bookkeeper, has decided to seek other employment. Much of what Wendy has done for St. John's has not been visible to our members, but she has made a significant contribution to the smooth operation of our finances. We thank Wendy and wish her God's blessings in the years to come. Wendy says, "It has been a pleasure and a wonderful opportunity to serve here in the capacity of bookkeeper since July 21, 2002. I appreciate all the kind comments, compliments and support I've received from so many of you over the years. Thank you." With Wendy's resignation, St. John's is now accepting applications for the bookkeeper position, which is a part-time position (20-25 hours/week). Interested individuals are encouraged to pick up a job description and an application at the church office. For more information, please contact Pastor Guenther, our administrative pastor.

In-Person Bible Classes ~ Given the limitations of our St. John's campus facilities, pandemic guidelines prevents adult Bible class from being held on Sunday mornings, but expanded Thursday options will be offered. Pastor Guenther will lead a study of the book of Revelation at 10:30 am and Pastor Bovee will have the topic of Angels at 7 pm. After six weeks, they will present the same topics in the opposite time slots. The in-person class will be held in the basement or join the class online at bit.ly/StJohnsBibleClass.

Church Calendar ~ the up-to-date church calendar can be found on our website: stjohnsnewulm.com/calendar.

AREA ANNOUNCEMENTS

Book Available ~ A new commentary on the Book of Job is available at St. Paul's Lutheran Church office. The cost is \$10. Written by Pastor Tim Smith, there are 60 copies available; first come, first serve.

Holiday Canvass ~ Join us for a walking canvas! On November 14th from 10 am - 12 pm. We will walk through New Ulm neighborhoods, going door-to-door to hang our Thanksgiving/Christmas information on as many doorknobs as possible. No ringing any bells. No knocking. The goal is simply to reach as many homes as possible. Meet at St. Paul's Lutheran Church at 10 am. Grab hot chocolate/cider and a snack at the end!

Volunteers Needed ~ Treasure Haus is looking for a few new volunteers. If you have any spare time please consider helping us out. If interested, please call the store and speak with a manager.

Trunk or Treat at St. Paul's School ~ Sign up at johnandpaulministries.com to DECORATE A CAR for Trunk or Treat on October 31st from 2 - 4 pm. How creative can you get this year? Prizes will be awarded for the top-voted decorated car and for the most creative way to hand out candy social-distance style! For safety this year, only a family cohort can decorate a car together. For other guidelines and decorating ideas see the website! There is a limit so sign up soon!

MVL Announcements ~ Free Webinar: Give Your Best Year-End Gift Are you aware of the tools, legislation, and opportunities available to you to maximize your end-of-year giving? This free one-hour webinar will give you the information you need to support the ministries you care about while minimizing your taxes. Join presenter Jenny Nohelty of Gift Planning Services and MVL hosts Kristin Matzke and Val Holzhueter on Thursday, October 22 at 6:30 pm. Visit mvl.org/calendar for the registration link, or for more information email Kristin at kmatzke@mvlhs.org. MVL is *seeking housing* for one of our international students. This young man is a sophomore and remained in the area over the summer. Host families are compensated for housing international students. If you are interested in serving as a host family for the school year, please contact the school office at 507-354-6851 or email Dr. Plath at tplath@mvlhs.org. The *MVLHS Association meeting* scheduled for Sunday, October 18, will not be conducted as a normal in-person meeting. Reports will be sent out to the delegates in advance of the meeting. Delegates should expect to receive communications from MVL regarding two proposals: the addition of a Learning Coordinator position on the faculty for the 21-22 school year and granting MNDOT permission to erect a sound barrier along Highway 14 when the expanded road is built. *Open Position* Minnesota Valley Lutheran High School seeks a WELS or ELS male to serve as Director of Mission Advancement. Interested individuals should contact MVL Principal, Dr. Tim Plath, for more information at 507-354-6851 or tplath@mvlhs.org. *Bus Drivers Needed* Palmer Bus Service provides safe and reliable transportation for students. With an increased enrollment and necessary distancing measures, we're urgently seeking MVL route drivers and substitute drivers for these great students. Full-time and part-time positions available with paid training! Interested individuals should contact Site Manager Casey Stearns at 507-995-5387.

Job Openings ~ St. Paul's Lutheran School is looking for substitute teachers. We are praying that we can continue in school learning throughout the school year. However, there may be a need for more substitute teachers that are willing to teach during the COVID pandemic. If you have a teaching degree and would be interested in subbing at St. Paul's in New Ulm, please contact the school office by email: school@splnewulm.org or by phone: 354-2329. Martin Luther College is now accepting applications for part-time *Early Childhood Learning Center Substitute Teachers*. A comprehensive description for 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, October 27, 2020. Additional information and details can be obtained by contacting the Martin Luther College Human Resources Office at -354-8221.

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About the Cover ~ Today we celebrate the Minor Festival of St. Luke: Evangelist. Although not one of the Twelve Apostles, he was a traveling companion of the Apostle Paul, and also indicates that he was very knowledgeable about the life of our Lord Jesus Christ. Depicted as an ox from the imagery of one of the four living creatures in Revelation 4, Luke was the Gospel writer who addressed his book to a Gentile named Theophilus, which means "Lover of God." His purpose was to make Jesus known as the Savior of all people -- Jews, Gentiles, men and women, lepers and outcasts -- to all who through faith would turn away from sin and trust in Jesus as their Lord and Savior.