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Prayer before worship: Lord Jesus, forgive us for our sinful pride, always wanting to be first and most important, looking to our own self-interests instead of the interests of others or your will. Thank you for humbling yourself to be delivered into the hands of men, tortured, and killed on a cross to pay for our sin. Thank you for rising after three days to prove our sin is forgiven. Now, just as you humbled yourself to serve us, help us humble ourselves to serve you by serving others. Amen.

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OPENING HYMN

O Holy Spirit, Enter In

*CW*184

FIRST LESSON

Numbers 12:1-15

Miriam and Aaron began to talk against Moses because of his Cushite wife, for he had married a Cushite. "Has the LORD spoken only through Moses?" they asked. "Hasn't he also spoken through us?" And the LORD heard this. (Now Moses was a very humble man, more humble than anyone else on the face of the earth.) At once the LORD said to Moses, Aaron and Miriam, "Come out to the Tent of Meeting, all three of you." So the three of them came out. Then the LORD came down in a pillar of cloud; he stood at the entrance to the Tent and summoned Aaron and Miriam.

When both of them stepped forward, he said, "Listen to my words: "When a prophet of the LORD is among you, I reveal myself to him in visions, I speak to him in dreams. But this is not true of my servant Moses; he is faithful in all my house. With him I speak face to face, clearly and not in riddles; he sees the form of the LORD. Why then were you not afraid to speak against my servant Moses?" The anger of the LORD burned against them, and he left them. When the cloud lifted from above the Tent, there stood Miriam--leprous, like snow. Aaron turned toward her and saw that

she had leprosy; and he said to Moses, "Please, my lord, do not hold against us the sin we have so foolishly committed. Do not let her be like a stillborn infant coming from its mother's womb with its flesh half eaten away." So Moses cried out to the LORD, "O God, please heal her!" The LORD replied to Moses, "If her father had spit in her face, would she not have been in disgrace for seven days? Confine her outside the camp for seven days; after that she can be brought back." So Miriam was confined outside the camp for seven days, and the people did not move on till she was brought back.

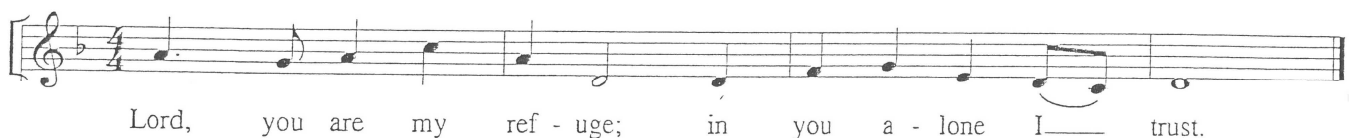
PSALM of the DAY

Psalm 31

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Refrain: Choir

Refrain: Congregation



Choir: O Lord, in whom my soul confides; My refuge sure amid the strife;
O let me not in shame reside, But through your grace reclaim my life.

Cong: Refrain

Choir: My eyes have wasted all their crying, My life with sorrow melts away;
The loving thoughts of those around me In scorn and mem'ry fast decay.

Cong: Refrain

Choir: My life, my days, are in your hand, Naught can the threat of death remove;
Turn now to me your shining face; Lord, save me through your steadfast love.

Cong: Refrain

SECOND LESSON

James 3:13-18

Who is wise and understanding among you? Let him show it by his good life, by deeds done in the humility that comes from wisdom. But if you harbor bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast about	it or deny the truth. Such "wisdom" does not come down from heaven but is earthly, unspiritual, of the devil. For where you have envy and selfish ambition, there you find disorder and every evil practice.	But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure; then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere. Peacemakers who sow in peace raise a harvest of righteousness.
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GENERAL VERSE

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ANTHEM

More Like You, Lord

Jay Althouse
8 am

More like you, Lord, I will be, If your spirit dwells in me.
Fill my soul with peace and love; Make me gentle, like a dove.

More like you, Lord, this I pray; guide me each and every day.
Teach me, Lord, how I may live, and all my sins, Lord, please forgive.

Rich in faith, Lord, will I be If your presence walks with me.
More like you, Lord, hear my song. My heart and soul to you belong.
If your spirit dwells in me, More like you Lord, will I be. Amen

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ANTHEM

The Servant Song

David Schwoebel
Saturday and 9:30 am
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GOSPEL

Mark 9:30-37

They left that place and passed through Galilee. Jesus did not want anyone to know where they were, because he was	teaching his disciples. He said to them, "The Son of Man is going to be betrayed into the hands of men. They will kill	him, and after three days he will rise." But they did not understand what he meant and were afraid to ask him about it.
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<p>They came to Capernaum. When he was in the house, he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the road?" But they kept quiet because on the way they had argued about who was the greatest. Sitting</p>	<p>down, Jesus called the Twelve and said, "If anyone wants to be first, he must be the very last, and the servant of all." He took a little child and had him stand among them. Taking him in his arms, he said to them,</p>	<p>"Whoever welcomes one of these little children in my name welcomes me; and whoever welcomes me does not welcome me but the one who sent me."</p>
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HYMN of the DAY	<i>With the Lord Begin Your Task</i>	<i>CW478</i>
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Saturday and 9:30 am Congregation sing stanzas 1, 3 and 4; Choir sings stanza 2

SERMON	Numbers 12:1-15s
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Do You Want to Be Great?

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OFFERING

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER INSTALLATION	8 am
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HYMN	<i>Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us</i>	<i>CW486</i>
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CLOSING HYMN	<i>Brothers, Sisters, Let Us Gladly</i>	<i>CW484</i>
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ORGANIST	Adrian Smith
JUNIOR CHOIR (Gr. 5-8)	Jim Dretske
MIXED CHOIR	Bethel Boeder
SOLOIST	Kyara Ristow
OBOE	Rachel Winter
TRUMPET	Dan Borgwardt
	Benjamin Ristow
	Lisa Goeglein
TROMBONE	Joseph Wessel
HORN	Kaitlyn 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	Aaron Schultz	First Lutheran, Lake Geneva, WI
8 am	Andrew Carter	St. Paul's, Brownsville, WI
9:30 am	Ryan Gurgel	Christ Alone, Thiensville, WI
11 am	Benjamin Ristow	St. John's, New Ulm, MN

The Servant Song

Mark 9:35
David Gillard

BEACH SPRING
from *The Sacred Harp*, Philadelphia, 1844

Choir: *If anyone would be first, they shall be the last of all,
they shall be the last, they shall be the last; be the servant of all.*

1. *We are travelers on a journey, Fellow pilgrims on the road;
We are here to help each other Walk the mile and bear the load.
I will hold the Christ-light for you In the night-time of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you, Speak the peace you long to hear.*
2. *Sister, let me be your servant, Let me be as Christ to you;
Pray that I may have the grace to Let you be my servant, too.
Brother, let me be your servant, Let me be as Christ to you;
Pray that I may have the grace to Let you be my servant, too.*

*If anyone would be first, they shall be the last of all,
they shall be the last, they shall be the last; be the servant of all.*

All:

3. I will weep when you are weep - ing, When you
laugh, I'll laugh with you; I will share your joy and sor - row,
Till we've seen this jour - ney through. When we sing to God in
heav - en, We shall find such har - mo - ny, Born of all we've
known to - geth - er Of Christ's love and ag - o - ny.

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THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

Sun	8 am	Jr. Choir sings
	9:30 am	Sunday School and Bible Class: 1 & 2 Thessalonians
	2 pm	Youth Group at MLC Chapel Basement
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: 1 Kings
	7 pm	Adult Bible Class: James
Fri	6:30 am	Men's Breakfast Bible Study, Perkins: Nehemiah
	9:30 am	Women's Bible Class: Proverbs
	10 am	Sunset Apt. Service

† Upcoming Weekend Services †

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sep 30	9:30 am	Sunday School and Bible Class: 1 & 2 Thessalonians
	11 am	Grades 1-4 sing
	3 pm	MLC Wind Symphony Concert at MLC
Oct 2	6 pm	Women of St. John's Outing to New Ulm Country Club
Oct 3	6:30 pm	Public Catechism
	7 pm	Mixed Choir
Oct 4	10:30 am	Adult Bible Class: 1 Kings
	7 pm	Adult Bible Class: James
Oct 5	6:30 am	Men's Breakfast Bible Study, Perkins: Nehemiah
	9:30 am	Women's Bible Class: Proverbs
Oct 6	8 am	MLC Ladies' Auxiliary Meeting
	7 pm	Jr. Choir sings
Oct 7	9 am	MVL Belgian Waffle Meal
	9:30 am	Sunday School and Bible Class: 1 & 2 Thessalonians

ST. JOHN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Attendance for the past weekend was 657 with 465 attending Communion.

Fruits of faith given:

\$10,690	Home Operations ~ \$14,532 is our weekly need	
\$658	MVL ~ \$1,118 is our weekly need	\$120 Ministerial Student Scholarship
\$1,362	Missions ~ \$1,648 is our weekly need	\$10 Food & Fellowship
\$1,701	Building Fund ~ \$1,603 is our weekly need	

Sunday School ~ We are blessed to have faithful Sunday School teachers instructing our children again this year. Please pray for and support them as they share God's Word with our children in the coming months. The following will be installed during the 8 am service.

Nursery	Natalie Borgwardt and Michelle Grubbs
PreK and Kindergarten	Denise Karstens, Karen Mendosa and Elsie Haselerhasen
Grades 1 - 2	Ruth Aufderheide and Emily Ash
Grades 3 - 4	Peggy Pekrul and Adrianna Sayles
Grades 5 - 6	Becky Guenther and Heidi Kostrzewa
Grades 7 - 8	Benjamin Ristow

Custodian Job Opening ~ St. John's is looking for an individual who could help on the custodial staff. Approximately 10 hours per week, starting pay \$11 per hour. Job descriptions and applications are in the Narthex. If interested, please have your application into the church office by October 1st.

Men's Bible Breakfast - On Giving Advice to God ~ Want to deepen your faith? Join us Friday mornings at 6:30 am at Perkin's Restaurant to be fed both physically and spiritually. For now we're going through the book of Nehemiah, but starting, Friday, October 26th, we'll be reading through Prof. Em. Daniel Deutschlander's new book, "On Giving Advice To God," (Part 1) and discussing it. If you'd like to have a copy of your own to read along, sign up at bit.ly/MensBibleBreakfast or fill out the form in the narthex by no later than Friday, October 12th. The cost of the book is \$21.59 plus shipping. But it drops to \$19.19 if we get 20 or more to purchase. (Feel free to sign up to order a copy even if you can't attend the breakfasts.) We'll invoice you after the books arrive.

An Opportunity to Serve ~ We are looking for volunteers to help provide treats (baked goods, fruit, etc.) for the enjoyment of both our visitors and members during Sunday morning Bible Class and Sunday School. In the past, 2 or 3 families have shared a weekend, bringing a total of about 80 items/servings. If you are willing and able to use your gifts and abilities to serve in this capacity, please contact Sarah Zahrt and she will let you know which weekends are available to bring treats. *If you would like to help but are unable to bake, monetary donations or Hy-Vee gift cards could be given and she will buy treats with the donated money.* Contact Sarah via email: zahrtse@gmail.com, or you can call/text her at 507-217-7549 or signup on the sheet.

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." This 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 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. *October Event: will be a bonfire with smores and activities on Friday, October 26 beginning at 6 pm at 601 S. Washington St.*

Women of St. John's ~ Please save the date: Tuesday, October 2nd for the evening at the New Ulm Country Club. Look for more details in future bulletins and emails.

AREA ANNOUNCEMENTS

St. Paul's School A Time to Build Update ~ Hundreds attended the *Time to Celebrate* event on September 8th! Thanks to all who helped and all who attended making the event a great time! This past week gifts given toward the \$35,000 Matching Gift totaled \$12,656. The total of gifts given for the school project is \$2,395,557 and the fund balance after expenses is \$1,858,899. Praise God! Please make donation checks out to St. Paul's Lutheran School.

MLC Wind Symphony Concert ~ The **Martin Luther College Wind Symphony** will kick off their concert season on Sunday, Sep. 30, at 3 pm in the Wittenberg Collegiate Center Auditorium.

Host Families Needed ~ MVL will host the WELS West Regional Choral Festival on Nov. 9-11. St. John's has been assigned Great Plains Lutheran High School from Watertown, SD which will include 24 students and their director(s). If you are able to help, please contact Jeneane Thiesfeldt by September 30th at thiesfjm@gmail.com or 507-240-4523 and indicate how many and what gender of students or the director(s) you are able to accommodate. On Sunday, St. John's will provide a lunch for this choir. More information will come at a later date for the hosts and also regarding this lunch. Thank you for assisting St. John's in welcoming Great Plains Lutheran High School choir.

MLC Ladies Auxiliary ~ The annual auxiliary meeting will be held on Saturday October 6th on the MLC campus. Registration will begin at 8 am in the Luther Student Center. The meeting will begin at 9 am in the auditorium in the Wittenberg Collegiate Center. Morning treats and lunch can be purchased for \$8. Food donations for the MLC Food Shelf and donations of quilts/blankets for Bingo Night can be dropped off at the registration site. A variety of presentations and workshops will provide attendees with a greater understanding and appreciation of MLC's ministry, including the Spanish Immersion program and the Music Education programs. The closing devotion will be in the Chapel of the Christ at 3:15 pm. You are invited to take part in a day of support for our WELS College of Ministry. Contact Jeneane Thiesfeldt at 507-240-4523 and thiesfjm@gmail.com with questions.

MVL News ~ Charging for a Cure on Oct 4: Wear your pink and cheer on the Chargers volleyball team to help support the fight against breast cancer! Games vs. the GFW Thunderbirds start at 4:45pm, 6pm, and 7pm in the MVL gym. Additional activities include face painting, silent auction, and cookie sales. Proceeds benefit the New Ulm Medical Center Foundation Virginia Piper Cancer Institute and Mayo Clinic Health System Andreas Cancer Center. Homecoming - Oct 5: Alumni, parents, & Chargers fans: Come on out to Johnson Park in New Ulm for Homecoming 2018! The tailgate party starts at 6 pm, and the Chargers take the field at 7 pm. The post-game social at the New Ulm Community Center is free and all are welcome! The social includes Mr. and Ms. 40th Anniversary spirit-wear contests, exciting door prizes, Bingo, and complimentary beverages and snacks. "Dad's Belgian Waffles" - Oct 7: The MVL Booster Club is excited to serve the annual "Dad's Belgian Waffles" brunch. Join us Sunday, Oct 7 between 9 am and 1 pm for all you care to eat waffles, flavored syrups, sausages, and beverages. Advance tickets can be purchased at home volleyball games, or call the school office at 507-354-6851.

About the Cover ~ "Whoever welcomes one of these little children in my name welcomes me," Jesus taught his disciples in Mark 9:37. If they wanted to be great in God's eyes, they should humble themselves to become the very last and servant of all, just as Jesus became our servant, giving himself and his very life on the cross to serve us. Now in thanks to him, we are eager to serve him by humbling ourselves to serve others.