



Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with him, and he with me.

Revelation 3:20

Sixth Sunday of Easter


May 25 / 26, 2019

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Worship Notes
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Prayer before worship: Lord Jesus Christ, as you stand at the door and knock, teach us by your Holy Spirit to listen and by faith take hold of all that you promise us in your Word. Bless our time of worship, so that motivated by your love and grace we may sing your praises, offer our gifts, and learn to share your saving truth with others. We pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen.

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Please stand for opening hymn

OPENING HYMN

Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus

CW 474

FIRST LESSON

2 Kings 6:15-17

When the servant of the man of God got up and went out early the next morning, an army with horses and chariots had surrounded the city. "Oh, my lord, what shall we do?" the

servant asked. "Don't be afraid," the prophet answered. "Those who are with us are more than those who are with them." And Elisha prayed, "O LORD, open his eyes so he may see." Then

the LORD opened the servant's eyes, and he looked and saw the hills full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha.

PSALM of the DAY

Psalm 65

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Men sing odd verses; Women sing even verses

SECOND LESSON

Revelation 3:14-22

"To the angel of the church in Laodicea write: These are the words of the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the ruler of God's creation. I know your deeds, that you are neither cold nor hot. I wish you were either one or the other! So, because you are lukewarm-- neither hot nor cold-- I am about to spit you out of my mouth. You say, 'I am rich; I have acquired wealth and

do not need a thing.' But you do not realize that you are wretched, pitiful, poor, blind and naked. I counsel you to buy from me gold refined in the fire, so you can become rich; and white clothes to wear, so you can cover your shameful nakedness; and salve to put on your eyes, so you can see. Those whom I love I rebuke and discipline. So be earnest, and repent. Here I am! I

stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with him, and he with me. To him who overcomes, I will give the right to sit with me on my throne, just as I overcame and sat down with my Father on his throne. He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches."

GENERAL VERSE

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GOSPEL

John 14:23-29

Jesus replied, "If anyone loves me, he will obey my teaching. My Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. He who does not love me will not obey my teaching. These words you hear are not my own; they belong to the Father who sent me. All this I have spoken while still with

you. But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid. You heard me

say, 'I am going away and I am coming back to you.' If you loved me, you would be glad that I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. I have told you now before it happens, so that when it does happen you will believe."

HYMN of the DAY

Glorious in Majesty

CW496

SERMON

Revelation 3:14-22

BE FULLY COMMITTED TO THE LORD

1. BE RICH
2. BE CLOTHED
3. BE HEALED
4. BELIEVE

APOSTLES' CREED

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OFFERING

PRAYERS and LORD'S PRAYER

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HYMN

What Is the World to Me

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CLOSING HYMN

Praise to You and Adoration

CW470

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THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

Sun		Summer Schedule Begins: No 11 am service
	10:45 am	Bible Class
	2 pm	MVL Graduation
Mon		Memorial Day: Church office closed
Tue	4 pm	Oak Hills Living Center Service
Thu	6:30 pm	Ascension Service
Fri	10 am	Women's Summer Devotions in the Park: Riverside Park
	4 pm	Youth Group: Kato Escape Room

† **Upcoming Services** †

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

Jun 2	10:45 am	Bible Class
Jun 3	10:30 am	Stewardship Meeting
	6:30 pm	Elders' Meeting
Jun 4		Pastors' Conference in Redwood Falls
	6 pm	Women of St. John's Picnic at Lincoln Park
Jun 7	10 am	Women's Summer Devotions in the Park: North Market Park
Jun 9	10:45 am	Bible Class
Jun 10	11:30 am	OWLS Meeting at St. Paul's Church
	7 pm	Trustees Meeting
	7 pm	MVL Delegate Meeting
Jun 14	10 am	Women's Summer Devotions in the Park: Washington Park
Jun 16	10:45 am	Bible Class
Jun 17	7 pm	Evangelism Meeting
Jun 18	4 pm	Oak Hills Living Center Service
	7 pm	Council Meeting
Jun 21	10 am	Women's Summer Devotions in the Park: North Park
Jun 22	11 am	Basement Reserved
Jun 23	10:45 am	Bible Class
	4 pm	Church Picnic at Hermann Heights Park
Jun 24-27	9 am	Soccer Camp at MLC Fields
Jun 28	10 am	Women's Summer Devotions in the Park: Nehl's Park
	5:30 pm	Wedding Rehearsal
Jun 29	2 pm	Oswald/Marquardt Wedding
	6:30 pm	Joint Service in the Park at German Park
Jun 30	10:45 am	Bible Class
Jul 2	4 pm	Oak Hills Living Center Service
Jul 7	10:45 am	Bible Class
Jul 8	7 pm	Evangelism Meeting

ST. JOHN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Attendance for the past weekend was 508 with 380 attending Communion.

Fruits of faith given:

\$9,011	Home Operations ~ \$14,806 is our weekly need		
\$530	MVL ~ \$1,140 is our weekly need	\$95	Christian Family Solutions
\$1,147	Missions ~ \$1,681 is our weekly need	\$50	Memorials
\$1,212	Building Fund ~ \$1,603 is our weekly need	\$50	K-12 Education Assistance
\$25	Church Library Fund	\$10	Endowment Fund
\$6	Food & Fellowship		

Youth Group ~ There is still time to sign up for the trip to Kato Escape Room. Sign up in the narthex or online at: bit.ly/KatoEscapeRoom. Contact Lisa Goeglein at ali3b2g@gmail.com or 507-217-7117 with questions. Thank you!

Women's Summer Devotions ~ The Friday morning women's Bible study group invites all women and moms to join them during the summer months for devotions in the park. We meet at 10 am at the park listed below and read a devotion followed by free play and a picnic lunch (optional). Feel free to bring a friend! If you have any questions please contact Sarah Strackbein at 612-361-0425.

May 31 **Riverside Park:** 101 S. Front St.

June 7 **North Market Park:** 1414 N. German St.

14 **Washington Park:** 715 N. State St.

21 **North Park:** 1801 N. State St.

28 **Nehl's Park:** 1100 Summit Ave.

July 12 **Hermann Heights Park:** 14 Monument St.

19 **South Park:** 1800 S. State St.

26 **German Park:** 200 N. German St.

August 2 **Hermann Heights Park:** 14 Monument St.

9 **Lincoln Park:** 718 S. State St.

16 **Harman Park:** 101 N. Garden St.

23 **Highland Park:** 1627 5th North St.

Church Picnic ~ Everyone is invited to a St. John's church picnic on Sunday, June 23, at Hermann Heights Park. It will go from 4 - 8 pm (food served until 6:30 pm), so you can come and go when it works for you! We have both pavilions rented for us to use. Drinks, meat, and paper products will be provided. The families from A - L are encouraged to bring a side dish, and families from M - Z are encouraged to bring a dessert. Registration is NOT required, but it would help for planning purposes. You can either sign up by June 16th on the sheets in the narthex or at the following link: bit.ly/StJohnsPicnic



Feel free to bring any lawn or card games along to play. We hope to see many of you there!

Joint Service in the Park ~ Join us as we worship with St. Paul's Lutheran Church at German Park on Saturday, June 29 at 6:30 pm. In the case of inclement weather, we will worship at St. John's.

AREA ANNOUNCEMENTS

MVL Announcements ~ *Host Parents Needed* MVL is looking for families who would be willing to host international students for the 2019-20 school year. Students typically arrive in mid-August and stay with the host family until the end of May. Compensation for host families is provided. Contact the MVL office at 507-354-6851 or MVL's Principal, Dr. Tim Plath, at tplath@mvlhs.org for more information. *MVL Graduation* Fifty-three seniors will be graduating from MVL on Sunday, May 26 at 2 pm. All are invited to the gymnasium to celebrate and congratulate these students as the Lord guides them to the next phases of their lives.

Treasure Haus ~ Treasure Haus manager, Lynne Koepsell, recently retired. A celebration of her years of service will be held at St Paul's Lutheran Church in New Ulm on Sunday, June 2 from 1 - 4 pm. All are warmly invited.

150th Anniversary Celebration ~ Trinity Lutheran, in Nicollet, will be celebrating 150 years of God's Grace on Sunday, June 9, 2019 beginning with a 9 am service with guest pastor and former member of Trinity, Jon Enter. A dinner and a short slide presentation will follow along with "The Divers," singing group from Bethany. Tell those that have been members and former members and any friends of Trinity to join us for the day. A free will offering will be collected with any extra going to the Hmong outreach in Vietnam. RSVP if you plan to attend to office@trinitynicollet.org or call 507-232-3938 ext. 0 by May 31st.

Summer Noontime Organ Recitals ~ The Sioux Trails Chapter of the American Guild of Organists presents its annual Summer Noontime Organ Recitals each Tuesday, 12:10 pm, June 11 through August 13. Locations include Christ the King Lutheran Church, 222 Pfau Street, Mankato (6/11 – 7/2), Trinity Chapel, Bethany Lutheran College (7/9 – 7/23) and Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 720 S. 2nd Street, Mankato (7/30 – 8/13). Each recital is free. For information about specific locations and performers, visit www.agosiouxtrails.org.

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 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.

American Red Cross Blood Drive ~ will be at the Civic Center on the Brown County Fairgrounds on Wednesday, June 19 from 1-7 pm, Thursday, June 20 from 12-6 pm and Friday, June 21 from 8:30 am-1:30 pm. Please call 1-800-733-2767 or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter: New Ulm to schedule an appointment.

Job Opening ~ The St. Paul's Summer Care Program is hiring for the summer. This is a job for those of you who love to care for children. Day shifts and afternoon shifts are available. The positions are open to juniors in high school and older. Please contact the school office by phone 354-2329 or email our director, Tim Plocher: ascsummer@splnewulm.org for more information or an application.

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About the Cover ~ This very popular painting is one that most of you are no doubt familiar with. It is entitled, "Christ at Heart's Door," and was painted by American artist Warner Sallman (1892-1968), who is also famous for his paintings of "Jesus in Gethsemane," and the "Head of Christ" which has sold over 400 million copies. The theme of "Christ at Heart's Door" is taken from our sermon text for today. It is a reminder that our Lord Jesus Christ seeks to have fellowship with us, and comes to us through the gospel message of his love and forgiveness. He beckons to us to "open the door," that is, to believe and receive by faith all that he promises through his perfect life and innocent death in our place. In the words of Psalm 95:7-8: "Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts." Jesus is ever knocking and seeks to come in and take up his permanent residence in our hearts so that he rules over everything we do. May his kingdom come and his name be hallowed among us.