



Third Sunday of End Time: Saints Triumphant


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Prayer before worship: Almighty God, grant us that peace which the world cannot give, which surpasses all understanding. May the redeeming work of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ cause us to embrace, by faith, the certain hope of eternal life in heaven, and the joy that is ours because we belong to you, dear Heavenly Father. We ask that you would bless our time of worship and accept our prayers and praises through the peace we have with you, having been justified by grace, through faith in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Order of Service: *Christian Worship Supplement* *Divine Service I* p. 15

ANTHEM

There Is a Higher Throne

Keith Getty

11 am

1. *There is a higher throne than all this world has known,
Where faithful ones from ev'ry tongue will one day come.
Before the Son we'll stand, made faultless through the Lamb;
Believing hearts find promised grace; salvation comes.*

Refrain

*Hear heaven's voices sing; their thund'rous anthem rings.
Through em'rald courts and sapphire skies their praises rise.
All glory, wisdom, pow'r, strength, thanks, and honor
Are to God our King who reigns on high forevermore.*

2. *And there we'll find our home, our life before the throne.
We'll honor him in perfect song where we belong.
He'll wipe each tear-strained eye as thirst and hunger die.
The Lamb becomes our Shepherd-King; we'll reign with him. **Refrain***

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OPENING HYMN

We Are Singing

CWS 732

Cantor/Choir sings first refrain and stanza; Congregation joins for remaining refrains and stanzas

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 65:17-25

"Behold, I will create new heavens and a new earth. The former things will not be remembered, nor will they come to mind. But be glad and rejoice forever in what I will create, for I will create Jerusalem to be a delight and its people a joy. I will rejoice over Jerusalem and take delight in my people; the sound of weeping and of crying will be heard in it no more. "Never again will there be in it an infant who lives but a few days, or an old

man who does not live out his years; he who dies at a hundred will be thought a mere youth; he who fails to reach a hundred will be considered accursed. They will build houses and dwell in them; they will plant vineyards and eat their fruit. No longer will they build houses and others live in them, or plant and others eat. For as the days of a tree, so will be the days of my people; my chosen ones will long enjoy the works of their hands. They will

not toil in vain or bear children doomed to misfortune; for they will be a people blessed by the LORD, they and their descendants with them. Before they call I will answer; while they are still speaking I will hear. The wolf and the lamb will feed together, and the lion will eat straw like the ox, but dust will be the serpent's food. They will neither harm nor destroy on all my holy mountain," says the LORD.

PSALM of the DAY**Psalm 150**

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*Pulpit side sing the first half of each verse; Lectern side sing the second half of each verse***SECOND LESSON****Revelation 22:1-5**

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, as clear as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb down the middle of the great street of the city. On each side of the river stood the tree of life, bearing twelve crops of fruit,	yielding its fruit every month. And the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. No longer will there be any curse. The throne of God and of the Lamb will be in the city, and his servants will serve him. They will see his face, and his name will be	on their foreheads. There will be no more night. They will not need the light of a lamp or the light of the sun, for the Lord God will give them light. And they will reign for ever and ever.
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VERSE of the DAY*Sung by choir 9:30 and 11 am*

Alleluia. They are before the throne of God
and serve him day and night in his temple. Alleluia.
- Revelation 7:15a

GOSPEL**Luke 20:27-38**

Some of the Sadducees, who say there is no resurrection, came to Jesus with a question. "Teacher," they said, "Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies and leaves a wife but no children, the man must marry the widow and have children for his brother. Now there were seven brothers. The first one married a woman and died childless. The second and then the third married her,	and in the same way the seven died, leaving no children. Finally, the woman died too. Now then, at the resurrection whose wife will she be, since the seven were married to her?" Jesus replied, "The people of this age marry and are given in marriage. But those who are considered worthy of taking part in that age and in the resurrection from the dead will neither marry nor be given	in marriage, and they can no longer die; for they are like the angels. They are God's children, since they are children of the resurrection. But in the account of the bush, even Moses showed that the dead rise, for he calls the Lord 'the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.' He is not the God of the dead, but of the living, for to him all are alive."
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HYMN of the DAY***Jerusalem the Golden*****CWS 728***9:30 and 11 am Congregation sings stanzas 1 and 3; Choir sings stanza 2***SERMON****Isaiah 65:17-25****LOOK, EVERYTHING IS NEW**

- 1. PARDON INSTEAD OF CONDEMNATION**
- 2. JOY INSTEAD OF SORROW**
- 3. LIFE INSTEAD OF DEATH**

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 one of the pastors 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 HYMNS

O'er the Distant Mountains Breaking
Saints, Behold! The Sight Is Glorious

CW220
CW216

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PREACHER PRESIDING MINISTER ORGANISTS

MIXED CHOIR CHILDREN'S CHOIR (Gr. K-4) TRUMPET CANTOR

Pastor Jeffrey Bovee
Pastor Rob Guenther
Wayne Wagner
Jeneane Thiesfeldt
Bethel Boeder
Jean Schroeder
Dan Borgwardt
Kiara Ristow
Carl Boeder

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

Sun	8:30 am	St. Paul's School Pancake Breakfast at St. Paul's Church
	9:30 am	Sunday School and Bible Class: Isms and Ideologies
	11 am	Gr. K-4 sing
	3 pm	MN River Valley Wind Ensemble Concert at MLC
Mon	7 pm	Endowment Committee Meeting
Tue	7 pm	Council Meeting
Wed	6:30 pm	Public Catechism
	7 pm	Mixed Choir
Thu	10:30 am	Adult Bible Class: Colossians
	7 pm	Adult Bible Class: 2 Kings
Fri	6:30 am	Breakfast Bible Study, Perkins: "On Giving Advice to God Part 2"
	9:30 am	Women's Bible Class: Ecclesiastes

† **Upcoming Services** †

Saturday: 6:30 pm
Sunday: 8, 9:30 & 11 am

UPCOMING EVENTS

Nov 24	9:30 am	Sunday School and Bible Class: Isms and Ideologies
	3 pm	MLC Wind Symphony Concert
Nov 25	6:30 pm	Worship Committee Meeting
Nov 26	4 pm	Oak Hills Living Center Service
Nov 27	10 am	Sunset Apt. Service
	7 pm	Thanksgiving Service
Nov 28	9 am	Thanksgiving Service
Nov 29		Church office closed
Nov 30	6 pm	Parade of Lights
	3 pm	Smith/Niebuhr Wedding
	6:30 pm	Elders Meeting
Dec 2	7 pm	Women of St. John's Meeting
Dec 3	11 am	Midweek Advent Service
	4 pm	Midweek Advent Service
	4:45 - 6 pm	Fellowship Supper
	6:30 pm	Midweek Advent Service
Dec 4	6:30 pm	Public Catechism
	7:30 pm	Mixed Choir
	10:30 am	Adult Bible Class: 2 Kings
Dec 5	7 pm	Adult Bible Class: Colossians
	6:30 am	Breakfast Bible Study, Perkins: "On Giving Advice to God Part 2"
Dec 6	9:30 am	Women's Bible Class: Ecclesiastes
	4:30 pm	Youth Group: Decorate for Christmas for Kids
	6:30 pm	Church Decorating

ST. JOHN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Attendance for the past weekend was 645.

Fruits of faith given:

\$9,342	Home Operations ~ \$26,173 is our weekly need	
\$871	MVL ~ \$2,010 is our weekly need	\$1,100 Communion Ware
\$1,908	Missions ~ \$2,302 is our weekly need	\$600 St. Paul's School Building Fund
\$1,852	Building Fund ~ \$1,603 is our weekly need	\$32 Endowment Fund
\$30	K-12 Education Assistance	\$28 Food & Fellowship
\$10	Wish List - Timpani	\$5 Christian Family Solutions/WLCFS

Saints Triumphant ~ Among the great cloud of witnesses who have gone before us, we give thanks to God for those who have gone from the Church Militant to the Church Triumphant during the past year:

Saints in Glory

Valera Reinke
Norma Sieh
Doug Walters
Allen Affolter
Bev Affolter
Sharon Karstens
Greg Horner
Linda Schroeder

They Entered Glory on:

4/2/19
4/2/19
4/10/19
6/6/19
6/6/19
7/19/19
9/14/19
9/18/19

Church Decorating ~ We will be decorating the church for Christmas on Friday, December 6th, beginning at 6:30 pm. Many hands make light work. Anyone who would like to help is welcome!

Christmas for Kids ~ The Christmas for Kids event will be on Saturday, December 7th from 9 am until 11:30 am. This is for children who are 4-years-old through Grades 5. Please sign-up online at: stjohnsnewulm.com/news or our church Facebook page. There are registration cards in the narthex if you don't have internet access.



Youth Group ~ Please come to the church on Friday, December 6, beginning at 4:30 pm to decorate the church. On Saturday, December 7, the fun begins at 8 am with donuts and juice. Then we'll help with the different areas of Christmas for Kids (games, crafts, snacks, lessons, music). Stay for cleanup and a pizza party. On Sunday, December 15, we're going to decorate Gingerbread Houses from 1-3 pm. Contact Lisa Goeglein at ali3b2g@gmail.com or 507-217-7117 with questions.

Upcoming Midweek Advent Services ~ St. John's will be adding an 11 am Midweek Advent service on December 4, 11 and 18 in addition to the 4 and 6:30 pm services.

2019 Mission Trips ~ St. John's Board of Education would like to invite the youth who attended a mission trip in the summer of 2019 to give a brief summary of the experience. The presentation will be at the beginning of a Sunday morning Bible class. Please go to bit.ly/2019MTPresentation to let us know which Sunday works best for you.

Looking for a Volunteer ~ we are looking for someone to take over the greeting card responsibilities from Tonya Kowalke. The duties would be ordering and stocking the cards. If you are interested, please contact Tonya with additional questions at 507-359-2250 or Denise Karstens at 507-766-5899. Please consider serving the Lord in this way.

EHV Bibles ~ The EHV Bibles have arrived and are ready to be picked up and paid for. Please pick up your Bible from Pastor Guenther's office your convenience. There is an envelope for payment on the bookshelf. Please also highlight your name so that we know who has picked theirs up.

Contributions for St. Paul's School Building Fund ~ Please make out checks to "St. John's Lutheran Church" and indicate "St Paul's School Building Fund" on your offering envelope. This will help us better track our congregation's support of the building project. These amounts will be reflected on your St. John's contribution statement. Thank You!

Parade of Lights ~ Members of St. John's and St. Paul's are invited to walk together on Nov. 29th at 6 pm in New Ulm's Parade of Lights! We will hand out hot chocolate packets and information regarding both holiday worship schedules and upcoming John and Paul Ministries events. If you are interested in helping with the float please contact Beth Scharf (scharfbm@mlc-wels.edu). To walk in the parade sign-up at johnandpaulministries.com. Thank you!

Christmas Pre-Service Music ~ Grade school age music students are again invited to prepare Christmas music to be used for worship before the Sunday school service at 11 am on Dec. 22 or before the St. Paul's Children's Christmas Service at 4 pm on Dec. 24. You can pick up a form from Laura Balza at St. Paul's, or in the church narthex.

AREA ANNOUNCEMENTS

Truck and Trailer Needed ~ John and Paul Ministries is looking for a truck and trailer that could be used for the Christmas Parade float. If you might have these available please contact Beth Scharf at scharfbm@mlc-wels.edu. Thank you!

MVL News ~ *Study Hall Supervisor* Mrs. Maribeth Wong will retire as study hall supervisor at the end of the first semester. As a result, MVL is looking for an individual to serve as study hall supervisor beginning Jan. 6, 2020. Interested individuals should contact Dr. Tim Plath, MVL's principal, at 354-6851 or tplath@mvlhs.org. *Spirit of MVL Events* Mark your calendars for the Spirit of MVL events on Saturday, Nov. 23 at the New Ulm Conference Center (part of the Best Western Plus). The complimentary Recognition Reception begins at 4 pm and will recognize this year's award recipients: Dean & Kaye Compart, Joe & Beth Holtmeier, Robin & Carol Kramer, and Jerry & Gwen Tjernagel. The ticketed Gala begins at 5 pm and promises to be an enjoyable evening looking through "A Window into the Future." More information about these two events can be found at mvl.org/spirit-of-mvl or contact Val Holzhueter at valh@mvlhs.org or 233-8692. *MVL Wreath Sales* Need some decor for your Christmas celebrations? MVL students are now taking wreath (and other greenery) orders! Students will be in their home congregations with order forms on Nov. 10 and Nov. 17. Deliveries will be made before Thanksgiving. *Bus Drivers Needed for MVL Routes* Palmer Bus Service provides safe and reliable transportation for students. We're looking for MVL route drivers and substitute drivers for these great kids. Paid training! Full-time and part-time positions available. Interested individuals should contact Site Manager Casey Stearns at 507-995-5387.

St. Paul's School Pancake Breakfast ~ The Raider Event Committee is excited to invite everyone to a Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, November 17, from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm at St. Paul's Church. There will be pancakes with fun toppings, sausage, applesauce, juice, coffee and water. Freewill donations from this breakfast will help support the School Building Project. You can also help support the project by donating baked goods or shopping at the bake sale, which will be held in the narthex. If you are interested in donating baked goods for the bake sale, please drop them off Saturday (the 16th) afternoon/evening (after 3 PM) or Sunday morning by 8 am in the St. Paul's Church kitchen. Here is a suggested guideline for pricing your items: Plate of cookies \$1-3, Bars (cut large) \$1 each, Small breads \$3-\$5, Large bread \$5-\$7, Pies & cakes \$10-\$12, Muffins \$1 each.

The MN River Valley Wind Ensemble ~ will perform on Sunday, November 17, at 3 pm in the WCC Auditorium. The ensemble is a semi-professional group comprised of faculty, community members, music teachers, music students, and professional musicians. This group of talented musicians continues to perform demanding music in its 15th season. The concert is free. St. John's members, Joe Hoffmann, Naoko Meyer and Miles Wurster will be playing in the group.

MLC Wind Symphony Concert ~ Please join the MLC Wind Symphony for "The British Invasion!" as we celebrate the influence of British composers on the development of wind band literature. Works by Ralph Vaughan Williams, Percy Grainger, Adam Gorb, and Philip Sparke will be featured. Also featured on this program are student conductors studying to be future instrumental music educators. As part of their program of study, these students are assigned a work for wind band, which they study and rehearse with the ensemble and then conduct in the concert. The goal is to provide the students an authentic experience in preparation for their future full-time work. The concert will take place Sunday, November 24, at 3 pm in the MLC Auditorium.

Blood Drive at MLC ~ We would love to see you at MLC's upcoming blood drive on Thursday, November 21st from 1-7 pm in the Luther Student Center! Every day in the U.S., approximately 36,000 units of red blood cells are needed. That means every 2 seconds, someone needs blood. You have the chance to save up to 3 lives with your blood donation, and get free snacks for doing it! You can sign up for an appointment by going to RedCrossBlood.org, calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767), or downloading the Blood Donor App! We understand that your daily lives can be very busy, but the need for blood is constant for patients. Can you arrange an hour out of your schedule to save lives? Contact Emily Raymond if you have any questions by emailing raymonel@mlc-wels.edu or texting/calling (608) 206-9591.

Advent by Candlelight ~ Invite your family members, friends and neighbors for a Christ-centered preparation for women this holiday season. Sunday, December 1st - 5 pm- Registration, 5:30 - prayer & dessert, 6 pm - program at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 304 Monroe Ave., N. Mankato. There is no charge for this event. To sign up call 507-345-7049 or secretary@stpaulsnorthmankato.com. Questions: contact Darlene Archard at 507-278-4978.

About the Cover ~ This famous painting by American artist Edward Hicks is one of over one hundred with the same name: "The Peaceable Kingdom." It is based on our sermon text for today from Isaiah 65, in which God encourages us with the promise that in the kingdom of Christ, we have been reconciled to God. Hostility between natural enemies has been eradicated. The lion and wolf lay with the lamb and ox, and eat straw instead of flesh. A baby plays in the den of venomous snake without being harmed. Even in the distance we see the early colonial settlers making a peace treaty with the native Americans. It is all a reminder that in Christ, sin and all its effects have been taken away. We now have true and lasting peace, which is ours here and now through the forgiveness of sins, and will see it complete fulfillment in heaven.