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Worship Notes Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost October 5/6, 2019

Prayer before worship: Dear Jesus, we know that too often we care little for the lost, but only for ourselves. Forgive us for such selfish callousness. Thank you for searching for us when we were lost until we were found by you. Thank you for laying down your life for us sheep who so love to wander. Help us to rejoice in the forgiveness you won for us. Help us to love the lost as you do. Help us to rejoice in every sinner that once was lost, but now is found. Amen.

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OPENING HYMN

Amazing Grace - How Sweet the Sound

CW379

KYRIE 11 am

ANTHEM

Rejoice in the Lord Alway

Rejoice in the Lord alway and again I say rejoice.

John Redford 6:30 pm and 9:30 am

FIRST LESSON Hosea 3:1-5

The LORD said to me, "Go, show your love to your wife again, though she is loved by another and is an adulteress. Love her as the LORD loves the Israelites, though they turn to other gods and love the sacred raisin cakes." So I bought her for

a homer and a lethek of barley. Then I told her, "You are to live with me many days; you must not return and seek the LORD their be a prostitute or be intimate with any man, and I will live with you." For the Israelites will live many days without king or

fifteen shekels of silver and about prince, without sacrifice or sacred stones, without ephod or idol. Afterward the Israelites will God and David their king. They will come trembling to the LORD and to his blessings in the last days.

PSALM of the DAY

Psalm 51a

8 am and 11 am: *CW* p. 86

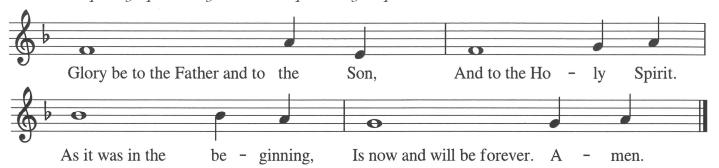
6:30 pm and 9:30 am: Choir sings verses and first refrain; Congregation sings all subsequent refrains and Gloria Patri



Have mercy on me, O Lord; In your compassion, blot out my offense. Wash me from my guilt, and cleanse me of my sin.

For I acknowledge my offense, and my sin is before me: "Against you have I sinned, and done evil in your sight." **Refrain** A clean heart create in me, and a steadfast spirit renew within me. Cast me not from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.

Give back to me the joy of your salvation, and a willing spirit sustain in me. O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth shall proclaim your praise.



SECOND LESSON

If anyone has caused grief, he has not so much grieved me as he has grieved all of you, to some extent-- not to put it too severely. The punishment inflicted on him by the majority is sufficient for him. Now instead, you ought to forgive and forgive anyone, I also forgive

comfort him, so that he will not be overwhelmed by excessive sorrow. I urge you, therefore, to reaffirm your love for him. The reason I wrote you was to see if you would stand the test and be obedient in everything. If you

2 Corinthians 2:5-11

him. And what I have forgiven-if there was anything to forgive--I have forgiven in the sight of Christ for your sake, in order that Satan might not outwit us. For we are not unaware of his schemes.

VERSE of the DAY

6:30 pm and 9:30 am: Sung by choir

Alleluia! Ev'rything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through endurance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. Alleluia!

GOSPEL Luke 15:1-10

Now the tax collectors and "sinners" were all gathering around to hear him. But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law muttered, "This man welcomes sinners and eats with them." Then Jesus told them this parable: "Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of heaven over one sinner who them. Does he not leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until

he finds it? And when he finds it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders and goes home. Then he calls his friends and neighbors together and says, 'Rejoice with me; I have found my lost sheep.' I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent. Or suppose a

woman has ten silver coins and loses one. Does she not light a lamp, sweep the house and search carefully until she finds it? And when she finds it, she calls her friends and neighbors together and says, 'Rejoice with me; I have found my lost coin.' In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

SERMON Luke 15:1-10

Rejoice with Jesus!

- 1. In Love He Has Found You
- 2. He Finds Others Through You

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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

Jesus Sinners Does Receive In God, My Faithful God

CW 304 CW 438

THANKSGIVING

O Thank You, Dearest Jesus

11 am

O thank you, dearest Jesus, for richly you have fed your guest!
The gifts you now have given have filled my heart with joy and rest.
Lord, grant me that thus strengthened with heav'nly food,
While here my course on earth is lengthened, I serve with holy fear.
And when you call my spirit to leave this world below,
I enter through your merit where joys unmingled flow.

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PREACHER
PRESIDING MINISTER
ALTAR SERVICE 9:30 am

Pastor Rob Guenther Pastor Jeffrey Bovee Chris Gorr

St. John's assists men who are studying for the pastoral and staff ministry service by giving them experience in leading worship. We are in a privileged position to see our Lord's answer to our prayers for future called workers as is recommended for their training.

ORGANIST JUNIOR CHOIR (Gr. 5-8) MIXED CHOIR Adrian Smith Grace Hennig Bethel Boeder

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

Sun	9 am	MVL Belgian Waffle Meal		
	9:30 am	Sunday School and Bible Class: A Simple Way to Pray		
	11 am	Jr. Choir sings		
Mon	6:30 pm	Elders Meeting		
	7 pm	Evangelism Meeting		
	7 pm	Trustees Meeting		
Tue	4 pm	Oak Hills Living Center Service		
	6 pm	Sunday School Teachers' Meeting		
Wed	6:30 pm Public School Catechism			
	7 pm	Mixed Choir		
Thu	10:30 am	Adult Bible Class: James		
	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

Oct 13	9:30 am	Sunday School and Bible Class: A Simple Way to Pray		
Oct 14	10 am	Pastors' Study Club at St. Paul's Church		
	10:30 am	Stewardship Meeting		
Oct 15	7 pm	Council Meeting		
Oct 16	6:30 pm	Public Catechism		
	7 pm	Mixed Choir		
Oct 17	10:30 am	Adult Bible Class: James		
	7 pm	Adult Bible Class. 2 Kings		
Oct 18	6:30 am	Breakfast Bible Study, Perkins: "On Giving Advice to God Part 2"		
Oct 19	9 am	Cards of Caring: 403 N. Minnesota St.		
Oct 20	9:30 am	Sunday School and Bible Class: A Simple Way to Pray		
	5:30 pm	MVL Delegate Prep Meeting		
	7 pm	MVL Delegate Meeting		
Oct 22	4 pm	Oak Hills Living Center Service		
	7 pm	Quarterly Voters' Meeting		
Oct 23	6:30 pm	Public Catechism		
	7 pm	Mixed Choir		
Oct 24	10:30 am	Adult Bible Class: Colossians		
	7 pm	Adult Bible Class: 2 Kings		
Oct 25	6:30 am	Breakfast Bible Study, Perkins: "On Giving Advice to God Part 2"		
	9:30 am	Women's Bible Class: Ecclesiastes		
Oct 26	9 am	Youth Group: Leaf Raking and Chili		
	3 pm	St. Paul's School Trunk or Treat		

ST. JOHN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Attendance for the past weekend was 754.

Fruits of faith given:						
\$10,814	Home Operations ~ \$14,806 is our weekly need					
\$824	$MVL \sim \$1,140$ is our weekly need	\$150	Kitchen Fund			
\$1,272	Missions ~ \$1,681 is our weekly need	\$100	St. Paul's School Tuition Assistance			
§1,467	Building Fund ~ \$1,603 is our weekly need \$100		Wish List			
į \$35	Memorials	\$25	Church Library Fund			
<u>\$25</u>	MVL Tuition Assistance	\$22	Food & Fellowship			
! \$10	St. Paul's School Building Fund	\$ 10	MLC Ladies' Auxiliary			
\$5	Endowment Fund		·			

Youth Group ~ Youth in grades 6-12 may join us for the annual leaf raking service project on Saturday, October 26. We will meet at the church at 9 am and go until 12:30 pm. Lunch will be provided at church. Please sign up in the narthex so we can plan transportation. Older teens may drive. Parents, please consider driving for this event and sign up on the board or email Lisa at ali3b2g@gmail.com.



Cards of Caring ~ The St. John's "Cards of Caring" volunteers will meet for fellowship and to make cards for Thanksgiving and Christmas for our "Homebound" and "Thinking of You" members. We will meet on the following Saturdays: October 19, and November 16. You are welcome to join us any time between 9 am and noon as your schedule permits. We will again meet at 403 N. Minnesota St. (front door is on 4th North St.). We welcome MLC students and members ages 12 and older. There are activities for everyone to do. No "card making skills" are required. For information, contact Lois Willems at 507-676-1230.

AREA ANNOUNCEMENTS

St. Paul's School *Time to Build* **Campaign Update** ~ Good news! Our school office will relocate from "the trailer" to the new addition in early November! The project is quickly moving along. Also, offerings for the project now total \$2,992,580. Please keep the project in your prayers. **Please note a change:** make donations out to **St. John's Lutheran Church** and write **"St. John's Member"** on the memo line. Thank you.

MVL Announcements ~ *Dad's Belgian Waffles at MVL* Come to MVL for brunch on Sunday, October 6 for all-you-can-eat Dad's Belgian Waffles, hosted by the MVL Booster Club! Waffles, sausages, and beverages will be served from 9 am - 1 pm in the MVL commons. Tickets will be sold at the door for \$8 and \$6. MVL Volleyball "Charging for a Cure" The MVL volleyball team invites you to attend "Charging for a Cure" on Tuesday, October 8, when MVL plays host to the Springfield Tigers (C game at 4:45 pm, JV game at 6 pm, and Varsity game at 7 pm). We invite you to come dressed in white for a WHITE OUT as a way to honor those who have battled cancer, survived cancer and/or have lost a loved one to cancer. In addition to the WHITE OUT, the event will feature a silent auction, drawings, face painting, cookie sales, and serve for swag. Funds raised will benefit the New Ulm Medical Center Foundation Virginia Piper Cancer Institute and Mayo Clinic Health System Andreas Cancer Center.

Free Fun for All at MLC Homecoming ~ On Saturday, October 12, the MLC Alumni Association invites you to campus for Homecoming. The events begin with the Sprinter Fun Run/Walk at 9 am. This 1-mile course meanders through the main campus. You are able to take strollers on the whole route! While this event is FREE and you are able to just come and participate, you must register by October 10th to be eligible for one of many community-sponsored door prizes. Learn more and sign up at bit.ly/MLCFunRun. After the Fun Run/Walk, enjoy more FREE fun that includes Bumper Soccer, QB Challenge, a photo booth, balloon launchers, kettle corn and more! Later that day you'll be able to watch the football game at 12 pm and the volleyball game play at 4 pm. Alumni are invited to finish the day off with an evening reception (5-8 pm – free) at the Kegel Klub. If you need childcare during the evening reception, contact Sarah Zahrt at zahrtse@gmail.com. Check out www.mlc-wels.edu/events/homecoming for the full slate of events and come see what is new at your college of ministry!

Trunk or Treat ~ Join us for Trunk or Treat on Saturday, October 26th from 3-5 pm at St. Paul's School! This is a great opportunity for us to reach out to our community and introduce them to our churches and school, plus have a great time together! Sign up at the John and Paul Ministries website (http://johnandpaulministries.com) to host a decorated car trunk, donate chili, cookies or cider, or volunteer with games, serving or set-up/take-down. If you have any questions, please contact Beth Scharf at scharfbm@mlc-wels.edu (John and Paul Ministries) or Sarah Zahrt at zahrtse@gmail.com (Raider Event Committee). See the website for more detailed information. Can't wait to see you there!

Men of His Word 2019 ~ Time is running out! Time is running out to register for the *Men of His Word* conference in Rochester, MN on Saturday, October 26th. Can't decide whether or not to come? The men who have attended the *Men of His Word* seminars in the past have described them as "inspiring," "awesome," "super-encouraging," "very educational," and "a ton of fun." You will be glad that you came! For more information about this important event for WELS men go to www.menofhisword.org.

Volunteer Opportunity ~ Treasure Haus is looking for more volunteers. We are in need of people who are willing to help sort, price, fill shelves and run the register. Please consider donating your time and talents. If you have any questions please talk to one of our managers: Darci, Jennifer, Donna or Laura at 507-354-6108.

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About the Cover ~ Jesus is the Good Shepherd who seeks and saves us sheep who were, if left to ourselves, irrecoverably lost. Jesus is the Good Shepherd who even lays down his life for us sheep who love to wander. Because he has found us and rescued us, we are now eager to live for him. Now as we live for him in thanks, we are eager to love and seek the lost just as Jesus has done for us.