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Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany
February 2/3, 2019

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Prayer before worship: Dear Jesus, our Savior, while we like to think we would never be so terrible as to reject you as the crowd of Nazareth did, nevertheless, we do reject you when we ignore your Word and sin against you. Forgive us. Thank you for being willing to be rejected by the Father on the cross so that we will never be rejected by him. Keep us faithful to you always by your Holy Spirit. Amen.

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OPENING HYMN

In You Is Gladness

CW346

ANTHEM

This Little Light of Mine

arr. John Helgen

6:30 pm and 8 am

FIRST LESSON

1 Kings 17:7-16

Some time later the brook dried up because there had been no rain in the land. Then the word of the LORD came to him: "Go at once to Zarephath of Sidon and stay there. I have commanded a widow in that place to supply you with food." So he went to Zarephath. When he came to the town gate, a widow was there gathering sticks. He called to her and asked, "Would you bring me a little water in a jar so I may have a drink?" As she was going to get it, he called,	"And bring me, please, a piece of bread." "As surely as the LORD your God lives," she replied, "I don't have any bread-- only a handful of flour in a jar and a little oil in a jug. I am gathering a few sticks to take home and make a meal for myself and my son, that we may eat it-- and die." Elijah said to her, "Don't be afraid. Go home and do as you have said. But first make a small cake of bread for me from what you have and bring it to me, and then make something	for yourself and your son. For this is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says: "The jar of flour will not be used up and the jug of oil will not run dry until the day the LORD gives rain on the land." She went away and did as Elijah had told her. So there was food every day for Elijah and for the woman and her family. For the jar of flour was not used up and the jug of oil did not run dry, in keeping with the word of the LORD spoken by Elijah.
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PSALM of the DAY

Psalm 78

CW p. 95

6:30 pm and 8 am: Congregation sings refrains only; Choir sings verses

SECOND LESSON

Romans 10:18-11:6

But I ask: Did they not hear? Of course they did: "Their voice has gone out into all the earth, their words to the ends	of the world." Again I ask: Did Israel not understand? First, Moses says, "I will make you envious by those who are not a	nation; I will make you angry by a nation that has no understanding." And Isaiah boldly says, "I was found by
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those who did not seek me; I revealed myself to those who did not ask for me." But concerning Israel he says, "All day long I have held out my hands to a disobedient and obstinate people."

I ask then: Did God reject his people? By no means! I am an Israelite myself, a descendant

of Abraham, from the tribe of Benjamin. God did not reject his people, whom he foreknew. Don't you know what the Scripture says in the passage about Elijah-- how he appealed to God against Israel: "Lord, they have killed your prophets and torn down your altars; I am the only one left, and they are trying to kill me"? And what

was God's answer to him? "I have reserved for myself seven thousand who have not bowed the knee to Baal." So too, at the present time there is a remnant chosen by grace. And if by grace, then it is no longer by works; if it were, grace would no longer be grace.

VERSE of the DAY

6:30 pm and 8 am: Choir

Alleluia. The Spirit of the Lord is on me;
he has anointed me to preach good news. Alleluia.
- Luke 4:18a

GOSPEL

Luke 4:20-32

Then he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant and sat down. The eyes of everyone in the synagogue were fastened on him, and he began by saying to them, "Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing." All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his lips. "Isn't this Joseph's son?" they asked. Jesus said to them, "Surely you will quote this proverb to me: 'Physician, heal yourself! Do here in your hometown what we have heard that you did in Capernaum.'"

"I tell you the truth," he continued, "no prophet is accepted in his hometown. I assure you that there were many widows in Israel in Elijah's time, when the sky was shut for three and a half years and there was a severe famine throughout the land. Yet Elijah was not sent to any of them, but to a widow in Zarephath in the region of Sidon. And there were many in Israel with leprosy in the time of Elisha the prophet, yet not one of them was cleansed-- only Naaman the Syrian." All the

people in the synagogue were furious when they heard this. They got up, drove him out of the town, and took him to the brow of the hill on which the town was built, in order to throw him down the cliff. But he walked right through the crowd and went on his way. Then he went down to Capernaum, a town in Galilee, and on the Sabbath began to teach the people. They were amazed at his teaching, because his message had authority.

HYMN of the DAY

Seek Where You May to Find a Way

CW395

SERMON

Luke 4:20-32

**Jesus Revealed... As One Rejected
Rejected by Us
Rejected for Us**

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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 the pastor 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

Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord
If God Himself Be for Me

CW309
CW419

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PREACHER ORGANIST SENIOR CHOIR PIANIST

Pastor Rob Guenther
Wayne Wagner
Bethel Boeder
Becky Berg

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

Sun	9:30 am	Sunday School and Bible Class: "Prayer: A Simple Way to Pray"
Mon	6:30 pm	Elders Meeting
Tue	4 pm	Oak Hills Living Center Service
	6:30 pm	Education Meeting
	7 pm	Women of St. John's Meeting
Wed	6:30 pm	Public Catechism
	7 pm	Mixed Choir
Thu	10:30 am	Adult Bible Class: James
	7 pm	Adult Bible Class: 1 Kings
Fri	6:30 am	Breakfast Bible Study, Perkins: "On Giving Advice to God"
	9:30 am	Women's Bible Class: Weekly Sermon Topic
Sat	9 am	Cards of Caring, 403 N. Minnesota St.

† Upcoming Services †

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

Feb 10	9:30 am	Sunday School and Bible Class: "Prayer: A Simple Way to Pray"
	11 am	Grades PreK-8 sing / Lutheran Schools Week
	2 pm	MVL Delegate Meeting
Feb 11	7 pm	Evangelism Meeting
	7 pm	Trustees Meeting
Feb 12	6 pm	Sunday School Teachers' Meeting
Feb 13	6:30 pm	Public Catechism
	7 pm	Mixed Choir
Feb 14	10:30 am	Adult Bible Class: James
	7 pm	Adult Bible Class: 1 Kings
Feb 15		NO Bible classes
	4:30 pm	Basement Reserved
Feb 17	9:30 am	Sunday School and Bible Class: Quintilian Clear
	3 pm	MLC Wind Symphony Concert
	5 pm	Marriage Tune-Up
Feb 18	7 pm	Council Meeting
Feb 19	4 pm	Oak Hills Living Center Service
Feb 20	6:30 pm	Public Catechism
	7 pm	Mixed Choir
Feb 21	10:30 am	Adult Bible Class: James
	7 pm	Adult Bible Class: 1 Kings
Feb 22	6:30 am	Breakfast Bible Study, Perkins: "On Giving Advice to God"
	9:30 am	Women's Bible Class: Weekly Sermon Topic
	7:30 pm	MLC Play
Feb 23	10:30 am	Youth Group: Mt. Kato / Chili & Hot dogs

ST. JOHN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Attendance for the past weekend was 622.

Fruits of faith given:

\$10,602	Home Operations ~ \$14,806 is our weekly need		
\$997	MVL ~ \$1,140 is our weekly need	\$12,274	Estate Funds
\$937	Missions ~ \$1,681 is our weekly need	\$10	Hmong Outreach
\$1,863	Building Fund ~ \$1,603 is our weekly need	\$5	Food & Fellowship

Contribution Statements ~ Statements reflecting contributions for January – December, 2018, are available and can be found in your church bulletin box. Please pick up yours today if you haven't already done so.

Thank You Messages ~ The bulletin board in the narthex contains messages of appreciation to the congregation from employees of the congregation for gifts received during the Christmas season. Please take a moment to read the notes.

Cards of Caring ~ The Cards of Caring volunteers will meet Saturdays, and February 9, and March 9, to make Warm Winter Wishes, Valentines, Easter, and Anniversary cards for our "Thinking of You" and homebound members. We meet at 403 N. Minnesota St. between 9 am and 12 pm. We welcome MLC students and members age 12 and older. Come and join us for this fun volunteer project. Contact Lois Willems at 507-676-1230 with questions.

Women of St. John's ~ All women of St. John's are invited to attend the February meeting of the Women of St. John's this Tuesday, February 5. We will begin with a devotion from pastor at 7 pm followed by a brief business meeting. After this we will enjoy a social evening playing Encore! (songs and hilarity—no singing talent required) and end the evening with fellowship and refreshments. Child care is offered; please contact Carrie Schaefer (766-9674) to arrange for childcare.

Marriage Tune-Up ~ All married couples are invited to Marriage Tune-Up. We will meet every other Sunday evening at 5 pm beginning on February 17 and going through May 12. Child care is provided during the hour and a half workshop and until 7:30. The hope is that couples take a short date during this hour, to focus on each other and what God's Word says about marriage. Please sign up on the sheet in the narthex if you plan to attend. Also, indicate if you will need child care. Thank you.

Childcare Needed ~ during the Marriage Tune-Up workshop. The first workshop will be held on February 17 from 5 - 7:30 pm. We will meet every other Sunday through May 12. Contact Staff Minister Kris Kuschel at kkuschel@splnewulm.org if interested in helping.

Youth Group ~ The Youth Group (Grades 6-12) are going tubing at Mt. Kato on Saturday, February 23rd. We'll meet in the church parking lot at 10:30 am. Chili and hot dogs will be served at church following tubing. Please bring \$15 for the lift ticket. Sign up on the youth board in the new narthex if you are able to come. Parents, please pick up the kids at 3 pm. We will need drivers to get there and back. Please sign up on the board or contact Lisa Goeglein at ali3b2g@gmail.com or 507-217-7117 if you are able to drive. Thank you!

St. John's Night at MVL ~ Since school was canceled on Tuesday, January 29th, the basketball games have been postponed. Our new St. John's Night at MVL is Monday, February 25. The MVL boys basketball teams will face the Buffalo Lake-Hector-Stewart High School teams. The C squad game begins at 4:30 pm and the Junior Varsity game at 5:45 pm followed immediately by the Varsity game at 7:15 pm. The tickets which are stamped January 29 will be accepted. The school will be sending more tickets, also. The new tickets will be available in the narthex as the game night gets closer.

Mission Trip ~ locations and dates are ready for Summer 2019! St. Paul's Lutheran Church will be sponsoring trips to Peridot, AZ, Mahahual, Mexico, Red Deer, Canada, and San Antonio, TX. Please pick up an application in the narthex or school office. Contact Staff Minister Kris Kuschel at kkuschel@splnewulm.org with any questions.

AREA ANNOUNCEMENTS

St. Paul's School Building Campaign News ~ Last Sunday's Amazing Race was an amazing success! Thanks to all who participated! Thanks to all who are supporting the project with their prayers and offerings. The total of offerings is \$2,582,832. The fund balance is \$1,931,566 after expenses. What a blessing! Please make donations out to St. Paul's Lutheran School.

MVL Announcements ~ *Faithful Financial Fulfillment Seminar* You're invited to an enlightening and inspiring seminar on February 10 at MVL. Discover how you can find faithful financial fulfillment wherever God has placed you! This complimentary seminar is sponsored by the MVL Foundation. Visit mvl.org/campus-events for details about the evening's agenda and speakers, and to RSVP. *Scrip Coordinator Needed* MVL is looking for a volunteer who would be willing to help order Scrip and fill orders for families. The time commitment for this position averages out to about two hours on Monday morning and two hours on Friday morning. If you are interested in serving MVL and our Lord in this way, please contact the MVL office at 507-354-6851.

Milk Moola Discontinuing ~ St. Paul's School has been informed Kwik Trip's Milk Moola program will be discontinued. All Milk Moola redemptions will need to be postmarked 3/31/19 to receive payment. Anything after that date will not be processed. Please turn them in by March 1. This program has been a wonderful blessing to our school. We thank Kwik Trip for providing this opportunity to us! We pray that all our supporters will find other ways to support our school in the future. Thank you!

MLC Wind Symphony Concert ~ The Martin Luther College Wind Symphony together with members of the Wisconsin Lutheran College Band will present, *Whatsoever Things: A Sacred Concert for Wind Band* on Sunday, February 17th at 3 pm in the Chapel of the Christ. Works on the program include *Eternal Father, Strong to Save* by Claude T. Smith; *How Deep the Father's Love for Us* by Anthony La Bounty, based on a English Hymn Tune; *Cathedrals* by Kathryn Salfelder, a uniquely antiphonal work inspired by the compositions of Gabrieli; and *Whatsoever Things* by Mark Camphouse. The Martin Luther College Chorale, Mannerchor, and Women's choirs will also join in on a setting of *The King of Love my Shepherd Is*. The finale of the concert will be a joint performance of *With Heart and Voice* by David Gillingham. Please join us for this concert of praise!

St. Paul's School Ground Breaking Service ~ On Sunday, April 7th, the 11 am service of St. Paul's Church will be held at St. Paul's School and will include a ground-breaking ceremony for our school building project. Note the date and look for more info to come.

LWMS Spring Rally and Convention ~ Mark your calendars for April 27! Our Spring LWMS rally will be held at Trinity in Belle Plaine and will focus on the recent anniversary of the oldest WELS world mission field: the Apache reservation. Our speaker, Debbie Dietrich, is someone you won't want to miss! She and her husband serve on the San Carlos Reservation in Bylas, AZ. Information just received about the Annual LWMS Convention in Des Moines, IA in June, 2019 is on the table in the narthex. The registration information is also there. If you are thinking about attending, please take the newsletter and registration form. This convention is fairly close by, so if you haven't had the opportunity to attend before, now is the time. For more information, speak to Marley Kuckhahn, reporter.

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 now 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 will be opening up on Sunday, February 3, 2019. If you have any questions, please email at jrenzner@yahoo.com.

Job Openings ~ St. Paul's Lutheran School is looking for an **assistant cook** for at least 20 hours per week. This position assists the Head Cook with record keeping, meal planning, and duties associated with serving the children their food. For a full job description and application, stop by the school office (126 S. Payne St.) or church office (201 N State St). If you have any questions, call the school at 354-2329. The Treasure Haus is a faith-based, non-profit resale shop in New Ulm with the mission of raising money for Minnesota Valley Lutheran High School and other WELS/ELS ministries. They are looking for someone to fill the position of **office manager**. Duties include website management, social media presence, purchasing, maintaining files, and generating reports. Ability to organize is important, as is a heart for ministry. Ten to fifteen flexible hours a week. Training provided. Salary dependent on experience and qualifications. Stop by the Treasure Haus for an application, or call (507) 354-6108.

About the Cover ~ Mount Precipice, also known as Mount of Precipitation, Mount of the Leap of the Lord, and Mount Kedumim, is located just outside the southern edge of Nazareth, southwest of the modern city center. It is believed by some to be the site of the Rejection of Jesus described in the Gospel of Luke. As we hear of the terrible way in which Jesus was rejected in Nazareth, we pray that God would keep us faithful to him that we never lose our faith and reject him. And we thank God that Jesus was rejected for us on the cross to take our sin away!