

**St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church**  
**627 South Washington, New Ulm, Minnesota**



**Eighth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**July 14/15, 2018**

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# Worship Notes

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**Prayer before worship:** Dear Jesus, you send us out to share the message of your love and grace. Forgive us for the times we've remained silent out of fear of rejection or persecution. Forgive us for the times we've failed to trust in you to provide for all that we need. Thank you for choosing us to be holy and blameless in your sight. Thank you for the redemption and forgiveness that are ours, won by your precious blood. Thank you for sending your Holy Spirit to give us the message of your grace and the faith to trust it. Now move us by your gospel gift to boldly share the gospel with others, trusting that its success does not depend on us, leaving the results to you. Amen.

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

<b>OPENING HYMN</b> Saturday and 8 am	<i>Lord, Open Now My Heart to Hear</i>	<b>CW282</b>
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<b>BAPTISMAL HYMN</b> 9:30 am	<i>Baptized into Your Name Most Holy</i>	<b>CW294</b>
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<b>FIRST LESSON</b>	<b>Amos 7:10-17</b>
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Then Amaziah the priest of Bethel sent a message to Jeroboam king of Israel: "Amos is raising a conspiracy against you in the very heart of Israel. The land cannot bear all his words. For this is what Amos is saying: "Jeroboam will die by the sword, and Israel will surely go into exile, away from their native land." Then Amaziah said to Amos, "Get out, you seer! Go back to the land of Judah. Earn your bread	there and do your prophesying there. Don't prophesy anymore at Bethel, because this is the king's sanctuary and the temple of the kingdom." Amos answered Amaziah, "I was neither a prophet nor a prophet's son, but I was a shepherd, and I also took care of sycamore-fig trees. But the LORD took me from tending the flock and said to me, 'Go, prophesy to my people Israel.' Now then, hear the word of	the LORD. You say, "Do not prophesy against Israel, and stop preaching against the house of Isaac." "Therefore this is what the LORD says: "Your wife will become a prostitute in the city, and your sons and daughters will fall by the sword. Your land will be measured and divided up, and you yourself will die in a pagan country. And Israel will certainly go into exile, away from their native land."
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## SECOND LESSON

1 Timothy 3:1-7

Here is a trustworthy saying: If anyone sets his heart on being an overseer, he desires a noble task. Now the overseer must be above reproach, the husband of but one wife, temperate, self-controlled, respectable, hospitable, able to teach, not given to drunkenness, not violent but gentle, not quarrelsome, not a lover of money. He must manage his own family well and see that his children obey him with proper respect. (If anyone does not know how to manage his own family, how can he take care of God's church?) He must not be a recent convert, or he may become conceited and fall under the same judgment as the devil. He must also have a good reputation with outsiders, so that he will not fall into disgrace and into the devil's trap.

## VERSE of the DAY

Alleluia. The Word is very near you; it is in your mouth  
and in your heart so you may obey it. Alleluia.  
- Deuteronomy 30:14

## GOSPEL

Mark 6:7-13

Calling the Twelve to him, he sent them out two by two and gave them authority over evil spirits. These were his instructions: "Take nothing for the journey except a staff-- no bread, no bag, no money in your belts. Wear sandals but not an extra tunic. Whenever you enter a house, stay there until you leave that town. And if any place will not welcome you or listen to you, shake the dust off your feet when you leave, as a testimony against them." They went out and preached that people should repent. They drove out many demons and anointed many sick people with oil and healed them.

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## HYMN of the DAY

*Alleluia! Let Praises Ring*

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## SERMON

Ephesians 1:3-14

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love he predestined us to be adopted as his sons through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will-- to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace that he lavished on us with all wisdom and understanding. And he made known to us the mystery of his will according to his good pleasure, which he purposed in

Christ, to be put into effect when the times will have reached their fulfillment-- to bring all things in heaven and on earth together under one head, even Christ. In him we were also chosen, having been predestined according to the plan of him who works out

everything in conformity with the purpose of his will, in order that we, who were the first to hope in Christ, might be for the praise of his glory. And you also were included in Christ when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation. Having believed, you

were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession-- to the praise of his glory.

### **Special Delivery!**

- I. The Father Delivered Us Into His Family
- II. The Son Delivered Us Through His Blood
- III. The Spirit Delivered the Message to Us

## **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 HYMN**

*Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior*

**CW313**

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## **ORGANISTS**

Wayne Wagner  
Zachary Scharlemann

## **THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S**

Sun	11 am	Adult Bible Class
Mon	7 pm	Vacation Bible School Planning Meeting
Tue	7 pm	Quarterly Voters' Meeting
Wed	5:15 pm	St. Paul's Church Family Night at St. Paul's Church
Fri	10 am	Women's Summer Devotions at South Park, 1800 S. State St.
Sat	9 am	Basement Reserved

### **† Upcoming Weekend Services †**

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

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Jul 22	11 am	Adult Bible Class
Jul 23	7 pm	OWLS Event at German Park
Jul 24	9 am	Vacation Bible School
	4 pm	Oak Hills Living Center Service
Jul 25	9 am	Vacation Bible School
Jul 26	9 am	Vacation Bible School
	2 pm	Worship Committee Meeting
Jul 27	10 am	Sunset Apt. Service
	10 am	Women's Summer Devotions at German Park, 200 N. German St.
Jul 29	11 am	Adult Bible Class
Aug 1	5:15 pm	St. Paul's Church Family Night at St. Paul's Church
Aug 3	10 am	Women's Summer Devotions at Hermann Heights Park, 14 Monument St.
Aug 5	11 am	Adult Bible Class
Aug 6	6:30 pm	Elders Meeting
Aug 7	4 pm	Oak Hills Living Center Service
Aug 8	5:15 pm	St. Paul's Church Family Night at St. Paul's Church
Aug 9		St. Paul's School Registration Day
Aug 10	10 am	Women's Summer Devotions at Lincoln Park, 718 S. State St.
Aug 12	11 am	Adult Bible Class
Aug 13	7 pm	Evangelism Meeting
Aug 17	10 am	Women's Summer Devotions at Harman Park, 101 N. Garden St.
Aug 19		Fall Schedule Begins: 11 am service added
Aug 20		MLC Opening Service
Aug 21	4 pm	Oak Hills Living Center Service
	7 pm	Council Meeting
Aug 24	10 am	Women's Summer Devotions at Highland Park, 1627 5th North St.
Aug 26	1:30 pm	MVL Opening Service

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Attendance** for the past weekend was 366.

Fruits of faith given:

\$9,901	Home Operations ~ \$14,532 is our weekly need	
\$810	MVL ~ \$1,118 is our weekly need	\$525 MLC Ladies' Auxiliary
\$1,930	Missions ~ \$1,648 is our weekly need	\$360 Moving Expenses
\$1,375	Building Fund ~ \$1,603 is our weekly need	

**Baptized into God's Kingdom** ~ in the 9:30 service is Duke William Dinse, son of Luke and Hannah Dinse. May God continue to be with Duke until the day he enters God's heavenly kingdom.

**New Sidewalk** ~ Recently St. John's had a sidewalk constructed between the handicap parking spots and the covered portion of the driveway. Thank you to Joel and Aaron Black, Shawn Heiderscheidt, Lyle Heiderscheidt and Kevin Schweiss for their work and donations to the project.

**Contribution Statements** ~ Contribution statements for January 1 – June 30, 2018 can be found in your church mail box. Please take yours with you today.

**St. John's Service is on our Website** ~ Please be reminded you can always find the weekend service on our church website at [www.stjohnsnewulm.com/worship](http://www.stjohnsnewulm.com/worship).

**Registration for Vacation Bible School (VBS)** ~ Please join us for Vacation Bible School which will take place on July 24-26, 2018, at St. John's from 9:30 - 11am. This year's theme is: "The Heavens Declare the Glory of God." The cost is \$5 per student or \$10 per family. Go to our church website at [www.stjohnsnewulm.com/news](http://www.stjohnsnewulm.com/news) or our Facebook page: [facebook.com/stjohnsnewulm](https://facebook.com/stjohnsnewulm) for online registration. All of the information needed is included in the form. Please feel free to email Missy Hunter at [missyann18@hotmail.com](mailto:missyann18@hotmail.com) with any questions or if you have any problems using the online form. If you do not have internet, registrations cards will be available, but we would prefer that you register online if possible. **If you or your child (7th grade & up) would like to teach or help**, there is a signup section for helpers or teachers (The helper slots are at the bottom of the registration sheet). We can use you. Please feel free to pass this information to others. Hope to see you there.

**Needed for Vacation Bible School (VBS) ~ Food Donations** Please check the list in the new narthex to sign up for food donations. Thank you! **Fiberfill** is needed to stuff pillows for a VBS project this year. Donations of odds and ends of new fiberfill or quilt batting would be wonderful. Contact Karen Grunwald for details at 507-217-6229.

**Fellowship Sundays** ~ Sunday, July 22nd, will be our next summer Fellowship Sunday. Stop by for some morning snacks after the 8 am service, continuing until after the 9:30 am service.

**Summer Bible Class** ~ The summer Bible class takes place following the 9:30 service on Sunday mornings. The study will be on the book of Hebrews. Even if you have not been in the class yet, you can jump in any time.

**Voters' Meeting** ~ The St. John's voters' assembly will meet in the church basement on Tuesday, July 17, at 7 p.m. All voters are invited and encouraged to attend. The meeting will feature regular reports from our called workers, boards, committees, and officers. In addition, the voters' will be asked to consider a recommendation from the church council to continue a pilot program that established a special position on the St. John's Board of Youth and Education to provide representation at St. Paul's Lutheran School Board of Child Discipleship meetings. St. John's previously had representation at these meetings through the chairman of the Board of Youth and Education. The piloted position was established to make the responsibilities of the chairman more manageable.

**Family Bible Nights at St. Paul's Church** ~ A study of the fourth commandment: in our homes, our churches, our communities will be on Wednesdays, July 18th, August 1st and August 8th. The event begins with a picnic at 5:15 pm, followed by opening worship, Bible study, activities and closing. Come and enjoy food, fun and Christian fellowship. At the same time let the Lord bless your heart and home with the message of his love and goodness. Family Bible Time is for all ages. Bring friends. Sign up at: [splnewulm.org/church/event/family-bible-night/](http://splnewulm.org/church/event/family-bible-night/).

**St. Paul's School ~ Tuition Aid** Member families may apply for school tuition assistance. The school website ([www.splnewulm.org](http://www.splnewulm.org)) has an explanation of our policy. Application forms can be downloaded from the website or picked up at the school office. Please submit your applications as soon as possible. Decisions about 2018-19 tuition aid will be made by July 15. **Hymnals Needed** St. Paul's School is looking for donations of hymn books for the upcoming school year. We need 30 copies of the red Christian Worship - A Lutheran Hymnal. If you are able to help, please drop off at either the church or the school office. Thank you! **Job Openings** Permanent kitchen position available at St. Paul's Lutheran School starting August, 2018. Position would be a minimum of 2 hours per day from 11 am - 1 pm. The job includes serving, clean up, and occasional meal prep along with other duties. Contact Jenny with questions at 354-2329 ext 118. Please leave a message. Applications are available at school office.

**OWLS Event** ~ Monday night, July 23, at 7 pm at German Park for the Wendinger Band. The music will be followed by root beer floats in St. Paul's Fireside Room. All seniors (55 and above) of St. Paul's and St. John's are cordially invited. Let's come and get to know each other!

**A Time to Celebrate** ~ If you enjoyed the St. Paul's School Up on the Roof celebration last year, then you won't want to miss our next fall festival celebration, A Time to Celebrate! The event will take place on the school grounds on Saturday, September 8, from 3 - 6 pm. There will once again be an opportunity before the event to remember the School Building Project with your special donations. Please stay tuned for more details to come.

**A Time to Build Campaign Update** ~ Commitments continue to come in. So far, 93 families have committed \$388,422 and given \$37,480 to our new campaign that began in May. The total given to the two campaigns is \$2,298,682. The balance of the project fund after expenses is \$1,786,766. For this we thank God and thank you. Please keep the project in your prayers and your offerings.

**Ice Cream and Pie Social** ~ The Ladies Guild of Trinity Lutheran Church in Nicollet, MN, at 604 Main St, is inviting you to join them for an Ice Cream and Pie Social on Wednesday, July 25th from 4:30 - 7 pm. Other items served are BBQs, Ham & Egg Salad Sandwiches, Baked Beans, Pie, Ice Cream, Assorted Desserts, Root Beer Floats, Coffee and Pop. We hope to see you!

**Campus Ministries** ~ True North in the Twin Cities and The Beacon in Mankato are two opportunities for our young adults to be involved in God's Word as they study for other professions. Contact our Pastor to see who is serving as campus Pastor where you are attending school. There are signup sheets for True North in the Narthex.

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**About the Cover** ~ The artwork on the cover is by James Tissot (1836–1902) and is entitled "He Sent them out Two by Two." It depicts Jesus sending out the Twelve to share only what they have received: the message of law and gospel, of sin and his forgiving grace. They were not to alter the message, even if many or most would reject it, but speak only what they heard. This is our calling too: to faithfully share what we have heard as we rely on his promise that a faith which both confesses sin and rejoices in absolution is worked by that message of law and gospel without the "help" of our opinions, compromises of the truth, or our eagerness to be popular and always successful.