



Isaiah's vision by Lea, Frank Marsden (1900-57)

Then one of the seraphs flew to me with a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with tongs from the altar. With it he touched my mouth and said, "See, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away and your sin atoned for." Isaiah 6:7

Holy Trinity Sunday ~ May 29 & 30, 2021



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Today's service is televised locally

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Channel 3 - Nuvera: Mondays at 6:00 p.m. & Tuesday at 1:00 p.m. & Thursdays at 10:00 a.m.

Prayer before worship: Almighty God, three-person God -- Father, Son, and Holy Spirit: Hear the prayer of your humble servants as we cry out to you, unworthy though we are to receive any good thing from your holy hand. For the sake of your love, grant us our daily bread and the blessings we need to live and serve you better with strength and refreshment. For the sake of your grace, grant us the forgiveness of sins and the promise of eternal life in heaven so that we may rejoice in your salvation. For the sake of your mercy, comfort us and remove the punishment that we would have otherwise deserved so that we are compelled to serve you better each day. Bless our worship of you, O Holy Trinity. We pray this in your name, our Triune God. Amen.

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OPENING HYMN *Come, Now, Almighty King* **CW193**

1. **Come, now, almighty King; Help us your name to sing;
Help us to praise.
Father all-glorious, O'er all victorious,
Come and reign over us, Ancient of Days.**
2. **Come, now, incarnate Word; Put on your mighty sword;
Our prayer attend.
Come and your people bless, And give your Word success;
Grant us your righteousness, Savior and Friend.**
3. **Come, holy Comforter; Your sacred witness bear
In this glad hour.
Your sev'nfold gifts impart; Now rule in ev'ry heart;
Never from us depart, Spirit of Pow'r.**
4. **To the great One in Three Eternal praises be
Forevermore!
His sov'reign majesty May we in glory see
And to eternity Love and adore.**

Please stand

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

♪: **Amen.**

M: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

♪ **Lord, have mercy on us. Christ, have mercy on us. Lord, have mercy on us.**

M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.

♪: **Amen.**

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

♪: **Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men.**

We praise you, we bless you, we worship you,

we glorify you, we give thanks to you, for your great glory,

O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father almighty.

O Lord, the only begotten Son, Jesus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

You take away the sin of the world; receive our prayer.

You sit at the right hand of God the Father; have mercy on us.

For you only are holy; you only are the Lord.

You only, O Christ, with the Holy Spirit,

are most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

M: The Lord be with you.

♪: **And also with you.**

M: Let us pray.

Almighty God and Father, dwelling in majesty and mystery, filling and renewing all creation by your eternal Spirit, and manifesting your saving grace through our Lord Jesus Christ: in mercy cleanse our hearts and lips that, free from doubt and fear, we may ever worship you, one true immortal God, with your Son and the Holy Spirit, living and reigning, now and forever.

♪: **Amen.**

Please be seated

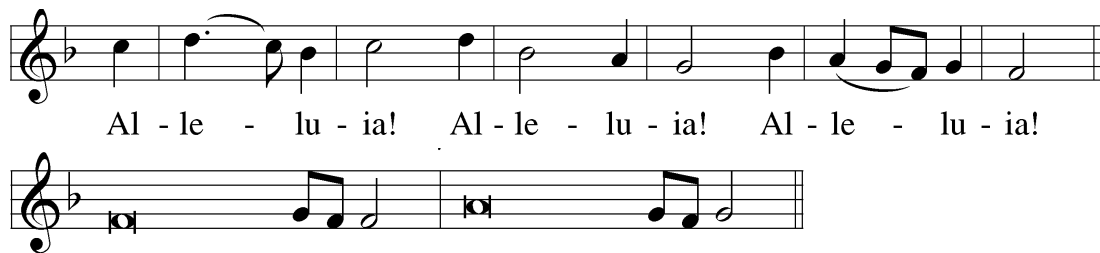
FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 6:1-8

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord seated on a throne, high and exalted, and the train of his robe filled the temple. Above him were seraphs, each with six wings: With two wings they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they were flying. And they were calling to one another: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD

Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory." At the sound of their voices the doorposts and thresholds shook and the temple was filled with smoke. "Woe to me!" I cried. "I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the King, the LORD Almighty." Then one of the seraphs flew to me with a

live coal in his hand, which he had taken with tongs from the altar. With it he touched my mouth and said, "See, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away and your sin atoned for." Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I. Send me!"



Praise God in his sanctuary;*
praise him in his mighty heavens.

Praise him for his acts of power;*
praise him for his surpassing greatness.

Refrain

Praise him with the sounding of the trumpet,*
praise him with the harp and lyre,

praise him with tambourine and dancing,*
praise him with strings and flute,

praise him with the clash of cymbals,*
praise him with resounding cymbals.

Refrain

Let everything that has breath praise the LORD.*
Praise the LORD.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning,*
is now, and will be forever. Amen.*

Refrain

SECOND LESSON

Romans 8:14-17

For if you live according to the sinful nature, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live, because those who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. For you did not receive a spirit that makes you a slave again to fear, but you received the Spirit of sonship. And by him we cry, "Abba, Father." The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children. Now if we are children, then we are heirs-- heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.

VERSE of the DAY

♪: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Please stand

GOSPEL

John 3:1-17

M: The holy Gospel reading is written in the Gospel according to St. John chapter 3.

♪: **Glory be to you, O Lord!**

Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a member of the Jewish ruling council. He came to Jesus at night and said, "Rabbi, we know you are a teacher who has come from God. For no one could perform the miraculous signs you are doing if God were not with him." In reply Jesus declared, "I tell you the truth, no one can see the kingdom of God unless he is born again." "How can a man be born when he is old?" Nicodemus asked. "Surely he cannot enter a second time into his mother's womb to be born!" Jesus answered, "I tell you the truth, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless he is	born of water and the Spirit. Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. You should not be surprised at my saying, 'You must be born again.' The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit." "How can this be?" Nicodemus asked. "You are Israel's teacher," said Jesus, "and do you not understand these things? I tell you the truth, we speak of what we know, and we testify to what we have seen, but still you people do not accept our testimony. I have spoken to you of earthly things	and you do not believe; how then will you believe if I speak of heavenly things? No one has ever gone into heaven except the one who came from heaven -- the Son of Man. Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the desert, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life. For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him."
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M: This is the Gospel of our Lord,

♪: **Praise be to you, O Christ!**

ATHANASIAN CREED

M: Whoever wants to be saved must, above all else, hold to the true Christian faith.

C: Whoever does not keep this faith pure in all points will certainly perish forever.

M: Now this is the true Christian faith.

C: We worship one God in three persons and three persons in one God, without mixing the persons or dividing the divine being.

M: For the Father is one person,

C: the Son is another, and the Spirit is still another.

M: But the deity of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit is one,

C: equal in glory, coeternal in majesty.

M: What the Father is

C: the Son is, and so is the Holy Spirit.

M: The Father is uncreated;

C: the Son is uncreated; the Holy Spirit is uncreated.

M: The Father is infinite;

C: the Son is infinite; the Holy Spirit is infinite.

M: The Father is eternal;

C: the Son is eternal; the Holy Spirit is eternal:

M: And yet there are not three eternal beings, but one who is eternal;

C: as there are not three uncreated and infinite beings, but one who is uncreated and infinite.

M: In the same way the Father is almighty; the Son is almighty; the Holy Spirit is almighty:

C: And yet there are not three almighty beings, but one who is almighty.

M: So the Father is God; the Son is God; the Holy Spirit is God;

C: And yet there are not three gods, but one God.

M: So the Father is Lord; the Son is Lord; the Holy Spirit is Lord:

C: And yet there are not three lords, but one Lord.

M: For just as Christian truth compels us to confess each distinct person as God and Lord,

C: so the true Christian faith forbids us to say that there are three gods or lords.

M: The Father is neither made nor created nor begotten of anyone;

C: the Son is neither made nor created, but is alone begotten of the Father;

M: the Holy Spirit is neither made nor created nor begotten,

C: but proceeds from the Father and the Son.

M: So there is one Father,

C: not three fathers;

M: one Son,

C: not three sons;

M: one Holy Spirit,

C: not three Holy Spirits.

M: And in this Trinity, no one is before or after, greater or less than another;

C: but all three persons are coeternal and coequal;

M: and so we must worship the Trinity in unity and the one God in three persons.

C: Whoever wants to be saved must have this conviction of the Trinity.

M: It is furthermore necessary for eternal salvation to truly believe that our Lord Jesus Christ also took on human flesh.

C: for this is the true faith that we believe and confess, that our Lord Jesus Christ, God's Son, is both God and man.

M: He is God, eternally begotten from the nature of the Father, and he is man, born in time from the nature of his mother--

C: existing fully as God, and fully as man with a rational soul and human flesh;

M: equal to the Father as to his deity,

C: less than the Father as to his humanity.

M: Although he is God and man, Christ is not two persons but one,

C: one, not by changing the deity into flesh, but by taking the humanity into God. He is completely one in the unity of his person, without confusing his natures.

M: For as the rational soul and body are one person, so the one Christ is God and man.

C: He suffered death for our salvation.

M: He descended into hell and rose again from the dead.

C: He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

M: He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

C: At his coming all people will rise with their own bodies to answer for their own deeds.

M: Those who have done good will enter eternal life,

C: but those who have done evil will go into eternal fire.

M: This is the true Christian faith.

C: Whoever does not faithfully and firmly believe this cannot be saved.

Please be seated

HYMN of the DAY *Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty*

CW195

1. Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!

Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee;

Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty,

God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

2. Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,

Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;

Cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,

Who was and is and evermore shall be.

3. Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,

Though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see,

Only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,

Perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.

4. Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!

All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.

Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty,

God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

SERMON

Isaiah 6:1-8

THREE-FOLD PRAISE TO THE THREE PERSON GOD

1. WHO DESERVES THE WORSHIP OF ANGELS
2. WHO FORGIVES ALL SIN
3. WHO COMMISSIONS US TO PROCLAIM HIS MESSAGE

Please stand

♪: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit. Amen.

OFFERING

see announcement

PRAYER of the CHURCH

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come,
thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those
who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Please be seated

HYMN

Voices Raised to You We Offer

CWS 724

1. Voices raised to you we offer; Tune them, God, for songs of praise.
Hearts and hands we bring in tribute For your gifts through all our days.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Triune God, to you we sing!
2. All creation joins to praise you; Earth and sky your works display.
Art and music, gifts you lend us, We return to you today.
Alleluia! Alleluia! God, Creator, source of life!
3. Christ, the song of love incarnate, Touching earth with heaven's grace.
For your living, suff'ring, dying, For your rising, hear our praise!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Christ, Redeemer, Lord of life!
4. Spirit, flaming through creation, Kindle faith within each heart.
Lift our voices high in chorus; Through our hands your love impart.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Spirit, Helper, breath of life!
5. How can any praise we offer Measure all the thanks we owe!
Take our hearts and hands and voices—Gifts of love we can bestow.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Triune God, to you we sing!

Please stand

M: Almighty God, grant to your Church the Holy Spirit and the wisdom that comes from above. Let nothing hinder your Word from being freely proclaimed to the joy and edifying of Christ's holy people, so that we may serve you in steadfast faith and confess your name as long as we live, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

♪: **Amen.**

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and † give you peace.

♪: **Amen. Amen. Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

CW 334

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise him, all creatures here below;

Praise him above, ye heav'nly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!

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PREACHER

PRESIDING MINISTER

ORGANIST

PIANO

Pastor Jeffrey Bovee

Pastor Rob Guenther

Craig Hirschmann

Bethel Boeder

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Attendance for the past weekend was 319.

Fruits of faith given:

\$14,414	Home Operations ~ \$17,191 is our weekly need		
\$1,450	MVL ~ \$1,154 is our weekly need	\$120	Endowment Fund
\$1,310	Missions ~ \$1,731 is our weekly need	\$100	Audio/Video Equipment
\$1,538	Building Fund	\$75	St. Paul's School Building Fund
\$220	Ministerial Student Scholarship Fund	\$25	Christian Family Solutions
\$4	Food & Fellowship		

Thank You ~ to the numerous volunteers that showed up to help remove and replace the mulch around the church. Your help was greatly appreciated!

Used Bulletins ~ can now be recycled. Please put your used bulletin in the recycle bin.

Offering Announcement ~ Visitors, there is no obligation or expectation that you should give to support our ministry at St. John's. This is our members' way of expressing their thanks to God and supporting the work that we do to share the Gospel in New Ulm and around the world.

Members, due to COVID restrictions we will not be passing the offering plates today. Instead you are invited to give your gifts of gratitude and thanks to God for all he's done for you in Christ by leaving your offerings in the drop box in the narthex. Or you can bring your offerings to the church office during regular office hours: Mondays through Fridays, 8am to 1pm. You might also consider taking advantage of your bank's online bill pay service and have your offering automatically sent to the church on a one time or recurring basis.

Covid Restrictions Easements Beginning This Weekend ~

- **NO Social Distancing** required (We will go back to using every pew, sitting next to people of other households again.)
- **NO Sign-Up** needed.
- **Hymnals and Bibles** will be back in the pews.
- **Bulletins** will still be printed out in their entirety and left on the table in the narthex (not in church mailboxes) for those who may not be comfortable picking up hymnals at this time.
- **Common Cup** will not yet be offered at the Lord's Supper at this time.
- **Kneelers** will not be used at the Lord's Supper anymore.
- **Commune Shoulder to Shoulder** with members of other households (as social distancing requirements will be lifted).
- **Commune Both Sides** alternating pulpit side and lectern side as we used to do.
- **Offering Plates** will not be passed yet. We will continue to use the drop box at this time.
- **Choirs** may resume again after social distancing requirements are lifted.
- **Summer Bible Class** will be held at 10:45 am starting June 6th and continuing through August 15th (except Sunday July 4th). (11am worship service will be suspended until Fall.) The topic will be Jesus' Sermon on the Mount.

Volunteers Needed ~ Volunteers are needed to put up, decorate, and maintain three bulletin boards within the church to bring focus to the church year or blessings of our congregation. For more details contact the church office or Paul and Lois Willems at 507-676-1230.

Women of St. John's ~ The Women of St. John's June meeting will be held at Washington Park this Tuesday, June 1st at 6 pm. This month we will be having a fellowship meal. Each individual will bring their own meal and drink. In case of inclement weather, the meeting will be moved to the church basement. All ladies are encouraged and welcomed to come for evening of fellowship and fun!

Art Camp / Vacation Bible School Planning Meeting ~ St. John's is planning an Art Camp / Vacation Bible School for the dates of August 3-5 from 9:30 - 11 am. It will be for students preschool through entering 8th grade. At this time we are looking for teachers, helpers and art instructors. The program will include a Bible lesson, music, a snack, and an age-appropriate craft or art project. A planning meeting **will be held on Wednesday, June 2 at 6:30 pm** for anyone interested in helping or planning. Helpers may include anyone confirmed or older. More information will be forthcoming.

Church Picnic ~ Join us on Sunday, June 13th, at Hermann Heights Park for our church picnic and to enjoy the food, fellowship and fun. We have both pavilions rented from 4:30 - 8 pm. Brats and hotdogs will be provided. We ask those of you whose last names start with A-L bring a dessert and those M-Z names bring a side dish. We hope to see you there!

Soccer Camp ~ John and Paul Ministries will be hosting a soccer camp July 19-22 from 9 - 11:30 am at the MLC Soccer Fields (1910 Oakwood Ave). The camp is for children ages 4 - 12 and is \$30 per child (\$20 for each additional child from the same family). Each child receives: a soccer shirt, water bottle, improvement of soccer skills, a snack and knowledge of Jesus, their Savior. All children must bring shin guards. Go to johnandpaulministries.com/soccer-camp to register and pay.

Online Church Directory ~ Lifetouch Photography is no longer providing pictorial directories for churches. The Board of Evangelism looked into different ways to be able to provide a pictorial directory to our members and found an online directory option. After This option is very affordable while giving us far more flexibility than we had previously. Some of these benefits include things like always being up to date, viewable securely online for members, and has the option to create printable directories.

You can see demos and features at www.instantchurchdirectory.com. If you have recently updated your email address or would like St. John's to use a specific email for the Online Church Directory, please contact the church office at stjohnsnewulm@gmail.com or 354-6744. Please feel free to reach out to Jesse Zahrt at thezahrts@gmail.com with any questions you may have.

Prayer Calendar ~ In 1 Thessalonians 5:17, Paul told the Thessalonians to “pray continually.” How are you doing with that? To help you with that endeavor the Evangelism board has put together a monthly prayer calendar. We hope it helps you as a daily reminder to pray continually! The Prayer Calendars can be found in the narthex.

In-Person Bible Class ~ Sunday morning Bible class starts at 10:45 am, beginning June 6th. Pastor Bovee will lead a class on The Sermon on the Mount. The class will be held in the church basement or join online at bit.ly/StJohnsBibleClass.

St. John's Church Campout ~ We are so excited to announce the first ever St. John's Church Campout at the Sleepy Eye Sportsmen's Park the nights of June 25-26. Both one or two night reservations are possible. The link to reserve your campsite is: bit.ly/SJcamping21. Once a reservation has been made, please make your payment within a week to hold your spot. There will be a church service at the campsite at some point during the weekend, and other fellowship activities will be included as well. We can't wait to see you there!

AREA ANNOUNCEMENTS

St. Paul's School Summer Office Hours ~ St. Paul's School will be staffed Monday - Thursday from 7 am - 3 pm this summer. If you would like to contact school, please call during these hours. Email will also be answered during these hours. The summer office hours will continue from the first week of June and last until the first week of August.

MVL News ~ The 2021 MVL Classic is coming July 12 at the New Ulm Country Club. This annual outing supports our Tuition Assistance Program (TAP) for a Christ-centered education at MVL. Each year - through sponsorships, golf fees, and outright donations - thousands of dollars are raised for MVL families in the coming school year. Sponsorship opportunities are currently open for both businesses and individuals. Golfer registration is NOW OPEN at mvlclassic.givesmart.com! Contact Kristin Matzke at kmatzke@mvlhs.org for more information. Let's tap-in for tuition assistance! Palmer Bus Service provides safe and reliable transportation for students. We are now hiring school bus drivers for MVL routes, especially for Redwood Falls and Mankato. We are also looking for "activities" drivers for competitions and events. Full-time and part-time positions available with paid training! Contact Site Manager Ray Vulcan today at rayv@palmerbusservice.com to learn more.

Mission Trip Update ~ Mission Trips are being planned to Arlington, TX for soccer camp in June, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho for a Bible camp in July, and San Antonio, Texas for community outreach in August. If you are interested, please pick up an application in the church narthex and return to the church office or Kris Kuschel at St. Paul's Lutheran Church. Email Mr. Kuschel at kkuschel@splnewulm.org with any questions.

Job Opportunity ~ Jesus Loves Me Learning Center in North Mankato is looking for Infant and Preschool lead teacher and aides who have a passion for children, patience, a sense of humor and good communication skills. We offer flexible schedules, competitive pay, and opportunities for advancement. Please call or email LaShawn Smith at directorjlm@stpaulsnorthmankato.com or (507) 345-7707 for more information or an application.

About the Cover ~ This depiction of the seraphim and the prophet Isaiah was rendered by artist Frank Marsden Lea (1900-1967). The seraphim or seraphs are angels with six wings who constantly praise God with the three-fold blessing, "Holy, holy, holy." It is a reminder that our God is a three-person God, the Triune or Three-In-One God -- Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, who is the Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifying Comforter of all creation. Today, as we celebrate the festival of Holy Trinity, we praise and worship the Trinity.