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**Fourth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**July 6/7, 2019**

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# Worship Notes

## *Fourth Sunday after Pentecost*

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**Prayer before worship:** Dearest Jesus, our Savior and our Redeemer, forgive us our debts! We know the mountains that we owe to you because of our sin and selfishness. But because of your great love for us, you came to pay our debt in full by your perfect life and innocent death. May your great love for us and the forgiveness that fully and freely give us each day, move us to love you much and to live for you in thanks every day of our lives! Amen.

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#### OPENING HYMN

*Grace Has a Thrilling Sound*

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#### FIRST LESSON

Manasseh was twelve years old when he became king, and he reigned in Jerusalem fifty-five years. He did evil in the eyes of the LORD, following the detestable practices of the nations the LORD had driven out before the Israelites. He rebuilt the high places his father Hezekiah had demolished; he also erected altars to the Baals and made Asherah poles. He bowed down to all the starry hosts and worshiped them. He built altars in the temple of the LORD, of which the LORD had said, "My Name will remain in Jerusalem forever." In both courts of the temple of the LORD, he built altars to all the starry hosts. He sacrificed his sons in the fire in the Valley of Ben Hinnom, practiced sorcery, divination and witchcraft, and consulted mediums and spiritists. He did much evil in the eyes of the LORD, provoking him to anger.

The LORD spoke to Manasseh and his people, but they paid no attention. So the LORD brought against them the army commanders of the king of Assyria, who took Manasseh prisoner, put a hook in his nose, bound him with bronze shackles and took him to Babylon. In his distress he sought the favor of the LORD his God and humbled himself greatly before the God of his fathers. And when he prayed to him, the LORD was moved by his entreaty and listened to his plea; so he brought him back to Jerusalem and to his kingdom. Then Manasseh knew that the LORD is God. Afterward he rebuilt the outer wall of the City of David, west of the Gihon spring in the valley, as far as the entrance of the Fish Gate and encircling the hill of Ophel; he also made it much higher. He stationed military commanders in all the fortified cities in Judah.

#### 2 Chronicles 33:1-6, 10-18

He got rid of the foreign gods and removed the image from the temple of the LORD, as well as all the altars he had built on the temple hill and in Jerusalem; and he threw them out of the city. Then he restored the altar of the LORD and sacrificed fellowship offerings and thank offerings on it, and told Judah to serve the LORD, the God of Israel. The people, however, continued to sacrifice at the high places, but only to the LORD their God. The other events of Manasseh's reign, including his prayer to his God and the words the seers spoke to him in the name of the LORD, the God of Israel, are written in the annals of the kings of Israel.

## SECOND LESSON

Do you not know that the wicked will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: Neither the sexually immoral nor idolaters nor adulterers nor male prostitutes

nor homosexual offenders nor thieves nor the greedy nor drunkards nor slanderers nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God. And that is what some of you were. But you

## 1 Corinthians 6:9-11

were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.

## GENERAL VERSE

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## GOSPEL

## Luke 7:36-50

Now one of the Pharisees invited Jesus to have dinner with him, so he went to the Pharisee's house and reclined at the table. When a woman who had lived a sinful life in that town learned that Jesus was eating at the Pharisee's house, she brought an alabaster jar of perfume, and as she stood behind him at his feet weeping, she began to wet his feet with her tears. Then she wiped them with her hair, kissed them and poured perfume on them. When the Pharisee who had invited him saw this, he said to himself, "If this man were a prophet, he would know who is touching him and what kind of woman she is-- that she is a

sinner." Jesus answered him, "Simon, I have something to tell you." "Tell me, teacher," he said. "Two men owed money to a certain moneylender. One owed him five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. Neither of them had the money to pay him back, so he canceled the debts of both. Now which of them will love him more?" Simon replied, "I suppose the one who had the bigger debt canceled." "You have judged correctly," Jesus said. Then he turned toward the woman and said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? I came into your house. You did not give me any water for my feet, but she wet my feet with her tears and

wiped them with her hair. You did not give me a kiss, but this woman, from the time I entered, has not stopped kissing my feet. You did not put oil on my head, but she has poured perfume on my feet. Therefore, I tell you, her many sins have been forgiven-- for she loved much. But he who has been forgiven little loves little." Then Jesus said to her, "Your sins are forgiven." The other guests began to say among themselves, "Who is this who even forgives sins?" Jesus said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you; go in peace."

## HYMN of the DAY

*Jesus, Your Boundless Love to Me*

CW479

## SERMON

Luke 7:36-50

**Our Debt is Paid!**

1. Owe Much
2. Forgiven Much
3. Love Much

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**PRAYERS and LORD'S PRAYER**

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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**

*Just As I Am, without One Plea  
By Grace I'm Saved*

**CW397  
CW384**

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

Sun	10:45 am	Bible Class
Mon	6:30 pm	Elders in Action
	7 pm	Evangelism Meeting
Fri	10 am	Christian Mom's Fellowship Opportunity: Hermann Heights Park

### **† Upcoming Services †**

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

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Jul 14	10:45 am	Bible Class
Jul 15	10:30 am	Stewardship Meeting
Jul 16	4 pm	Oak Hills Living Center Service
	7 pm	Quarterly Voters' Meeting
Jul 17	5:15 pm	Family Night at St. Paul's Church
Jul 19	10 am	Christian Mom's Fellowship Opportunity: South Park
Jul 20		Acree/Grosam Wedding in Redwood Falls
Jul 21	10:45 am	Bible Class
Jul 23	9 am	Vacation Bible School
Jul 24	9 am	Vacation Bible School
Jul 25	9 am	Vacation Bible School
Jul 26	10 am	Sunset Apt. Service
	10 am	Christian Mom's Fellowship Opportunity: German Park
Jul 27	10:30 am	Sleepy Eye Water Park Event
Jul 28	10:45 am	Bible Class
Jul 30	4 pm	Oak Hills Living Center Service
Jul 31	7 pm	Mission Fest Choir Rehearsal
Aug 1		St. Paul's School Registration Day at St. Paul's Church
Aug 2	10 am	Christian Mom's Fellowship Opportunity: Hermann Heights Park
Aug 4	10:45 am	Mission Fest Sunday: Presentation and Potluck
Aug 5	6:30 pm	Elders Meeting
Aug 7	5:15 pm	Family Night at St. Paul's Church
Aug 9	10 am	Christian Mom's Fellowship Opportunity: Lincoln Park
Aug 11	10:45 am	Bible Class
Aug 12	7 pm	Evangelism Meeting
Aug 13	4 pm	Oak Hills Living Center Service
Aug 14	5:15 pm	Family Night at St. Paul's Church
Aug 16	10 am	Christian Mom's Fellowship Opportunity: Harman Park
Aug 18	10:45 am	Bible Class
Aug 19	6:30 pm	Worship Committee Meeting
	7 pm	Council Meeting
Aug 23	10 am	Christian Mom's Fellowship Opportunity: Highland Park

## **ST. JOHN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Attendance** for the past weekend was 473.

Fruits of faith given:

\$9,413	Home Operations ~ \$14,806 is our weekly need		
\$922	MVL ~ \$1,140 is our weekly need	\$114	Lutheran Chapel Service
\$1,432	Missions ~ \$1,681 is our weekly need	\$100	Audio/Video Equipment
\$1,157	Building Fund ~ \$1,603 is our weekly need	\$80	Soccer Camp Income
\$25	MN River Valley Mentoring Program	\$25	Prison Ministry
\$10	Christian Family Solutions		

**Altar Flowers** ~ are given in honor of Ken and LeiLani Rahn's 50th anniversary.

**Thank You** ~ The Gorr family would like to extend a big thank you to all who helped unload/unpack on Saturday, June 29. We were truly blessed and amazed by the turnout despite the heat and humidity.

**Sunday School Teachers** ~ If you are interested in being a Sunday school teacher or a substitute Sunday school teacher for the upcoming season, please contact Josiah Stoering at [thestoerings@yahoo.com](mailto:thestoerings@yahoo.com) or 507-359-2612.

**Christian Mom's Fellowship Opportunity** ~ (formerly Women's Summer Devotions) The Friday morning women's Bible study group invites all women and moms to join them during the summer months for a fellowship opportunity in the park. We meet at 10 am at the park listed in the calendar for free play for the children and a picnic lunch (optional). Feel free to bring a friend! If you have any questions please contact Sarah Strackbein at 612-361-0425.

**Vacation Bible School (VBS)** ~ The summer VBS will be from Tuesday, July 23 through Thursday, July 25, from 9 to 11:30 am. Sign up online at: [bit.ly/SJ-VBS2019](http://bit.ly/SJ-VBS2019)  
The Sleepy Eye Water Park has been reserved on Saturday, July 27, from 10:30-12:30 pm. We hope to see you there!

**Mission Fest Weekend Opportunities** ~ Mission Fest is the weekend of August 3/4 when Missionary Paul Nitz will preach for our services. Pastor Nitz will also give a presentation after the 9:30 am service followed by a *Potluck*. Please use the sign-up sheets located in the narthex to indicate the number from your household who will be attending and the type of dish you are willing to provide. There will be one rehearsal for the *Choir* to rehearse in the balcony on Wednesday, July 31 beginning at 7 pm. The choir will sing at the 8 and 9:30 am service on Sunday, August 4. Singers who are 8th grade and older are welcome to join in this special opportunity. Contact Bethel Boeder at [betheljb@gmail.com](mailto:betheljb@gmail.com) with questions.

**Food Shelf Volunteer** ~ The New Ulm Emergency Food Shelf is seeking a volunteer to serve on its Board of Directors. St. John's Church was previously represented by Noreen Ubel. Noreen resigned in May after serving on the Board for several years. The Board of Directors meets bimonthly with the next meeting July 9th. In addition to attending meetings, the Board members also assist at fund raising events. If you would be interested please contact Pastor Bovee. The New Ulm Emergency Food Shelf was founded in 1982. The Food Shelf is a volunteer run organization to provide food, as needed, to families and individuals monthly.

### **AREA ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**A Time to Build Campaign** ~ The project at St. Paul's Lutheran School is progressing quickly! Knutson Construction has supplied a link to view progress. Go to <https://app.oxblue.com/open/knutson/all> for a pictorial update on the project. The total of offerings given to the project is \$2,777,132. The fund balance after the \$1.7 million down payment and paid expenses is \$416,688. Please make donations out to St. Paul's Lutheran School.

**St. Paul's School Lost and Found** ~ can be found in the new narthex. Please check for items that may belong to your child.

**MVL Announcements** ~ *MVL Classic on July 8* You're invited to the New Ulm Country Club on Monday, July 8, to support tuition assistance for a Christ-centered education at MVL! Walk-ins are welcome to the new tasting & live music event from 6 - 8pm. Each \$25 ticket includes samples from four local wineries and Schell's Brewery, hors d'oeuvres, live music by MVL alumni Greta Bloedel and Mizha Overn, and a take-home wine glass. Visit [mvl.org/golf-classic](http://mvl.org/golf-classic) for more info!

**OWLS Outing** ~ We will enjoy Music in the Park with the Concord Singers and a host of fellow New Ulm citizens welcoming the Concord Singers back from Ulm and Germany. The July 15th event starts at 7 pm. We bring our own chairs to the park. After the concert we gather in St. Paul's Fireside room where the Markgrafs and Fluegges will treat us to root beer floats and conversation time.

**Summer Noontime Organ Recitals** ~ The Sioux Trails Chapter of the American Guild of Organists presents its annual Summer Noontime Organ Recitals each Tuesday, 12:10 pm, through August 13. Locations include Trinity Chapel, Bethany Lutheran College (7/9 – 7/23) and Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 720 S. 2nd Street, Mankato (7/30 – 8/13). Each recital is free. For information about specific locations and performers, visit [www.agsiouxtrails.org](http://www.agsiouxtrails.org).

**Area Choir for WELS Synod Convention 2019** ~ The 65th biennial synod convention under the theme "For the Generations to Come" will be held on the campus of Martin Luther College, July 29-August 1, 2019. Volunteer singers from area congregations are invited to participate in a special choir that will lead opening worship at the convention on Monday, July 29, 6:30 pm, in the MLC Chapel of the Christ. Children in grade 6 through adult are welcome to participate. Rehearsals will be held in the Chapel of the Christ on Sunday, July 28 at 7 pm and Monday, July 29 at 4:30 pm. Dinner will be provided to all choir members after rehearsal on Monday, July 29 in the MLC cafeteria. If you would like to participate or for more information, please contact Adrian Smith at [smithar@mlc-wels.edu](mailto:smithar@mlc-wels.edu) or 248-505-3410.

**Job Opening** ~ Martin Luther College is now accepting applications for a full-time Education Office Administrative Assistant. A comprehensive description of this position can be found at [mlc-wels.edu/hr](http://mlc-wels.edu/hr). Interested individuals should apply online. Applications will be accepted through 12 pm (noon) on Tuesday, July 16, 2019. Additional information and details can be obtained by contacting the Martin Luther College Human Resources Office at 507-354-8221.

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**About the Cover** ~ This painting, Feast in the House of Simon the Pharisee, also known as Christ in the Home of Simon the Pharisee, was painted by Peter Paul Rubens c. 1618-1620, and is in The Hermitage Museum, St. Petersburg. The painting depicts an incident from Luke 7 where Jesus visits Simon the Pharisee, and has his feet anointed by a "sinful woman". Jesus proceeds to tell the Parable of the Two Debtors. May we rejoice that our debt is forgiven! And may we, in turn, love much!