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The Gospel of St. Mark:
Chapter Three,
Verse Twenty-seven

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Prayer before worship: Almighty God, you sent Jesus Christ your Son to destroy the devil's power and to release us from his tyranny. Now, having been set free, teach us to proclaim the joyous message of the Gospel which has given us liberty from the bondage of sin, and has enabled us to serve you. Accept our prayers and praises through Jesus Christ our Lord who has made us kings and priests through your saving grace. Amen.

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OPENING HYMN

I Love Your Kingdom, Lord

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1. I love your kingdom, Lord, The place of your abode,
The Church our blest Redeemer saved With his own precious blood.
2. Beyond my highest joy I prize its heav'nly ways,
Its sweet communion, solemn vows, Its hymns of love and praise.
3. I love your Church, O God, Your saints in ev'ry land,
Dear as the apple of your eye And graven on your hand.
4. For them my tears shall fall; For them my prayers ascend;
For them my cares and toils be giv'n Till toils and cares shall end.
5. Sure as your truth shall last, To Zion shall be giv'n
The brightest glories earth can yield And brighter bliss of heav'n.

Please stand

M: O Lord, open my lips.

♪: And my mouth shall declare your praise.

M: Hasten to save me, O God.

♪: O Lord, come quickly to help me.

M: Praise be to God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit: let us worship him.

♪: Oh, come, let us sing to the Lord, let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation. Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving, let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise. For the Lord is a great God and a great king above all gods. The deep places of the earth are in his hand; the heights of the hills are also his. The sea is his, for he made it, and his hand formed the dry land. Oh, come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord our maker. For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.

FIRST LESSON

Genesis 3:8-15

Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the LORD God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from the LORD God among the trees of the garden. But the LORD God called to the man, "Where are you?" He answered, "I heard you in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid." And he said, "Who told

you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree that I commanded you not to eat from?" The man said, "The woman you put here with me-- she gave me some fruit from the tree, and I ate it." Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate." So the LORD God said to the serpent,

"Because you have done this, cursed are you above all the livestock and all the wild animals! You will crawl on your belly and you will eat dust all the days of your life. And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel."

PSALM

Psalm 51a

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SECOND LESSON

2 Corinthians 4:13-18

It is written: "I believed; therefore I have spoken." With that same spirit of faith we also believe and therefore speak, because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus from the dead will also raise us with Jesus and present us with you in his presence. All this is for your

benefit, so that the grace that is reaching more and more people may cause thanksgiving to overflow to the glory of God. Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. For our light and momentary

troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.

SEASONAL RESPONSE

Give thanks to the Lord; call on his name;
make known among the nations what he has done.

1. All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem And crown him Lord of all.
Bring forth the royal diadem And crown him Lord of all.
2. Hail him, ye heirs of David's line, Whom David Lord did call,
The God incarnate, Man divine, And crown him Lord of all.
The God incarnate, Man divine, And crown him Lord of all.
3. Sinners whose love can ne'er forget The wormwood and the gall,
Go, spread your trophies at his feet And crown him Lord of all.
Go, spread your trophies at his feet And crown him Lord of all.
4. Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe On this terrestrial ball
To him all majesty ascribe And crown him Lord of all.
To him all majesty ascribe And crown him Lord of all.
5. Oh, that with yonder sacred throng We at his feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song And crown him Lord of all.
We'll join the everlasting song And crown him Lord of all.

Please stand

SERMON

Mark 3:20-35

Then Jesus entered a house, and again a crowd gathered, so that he and his disciples were not even able to eat. When his family heard about this, they went to take charge of him, for they said, "He is out of his mind." And the teachers of the law who came down from Jerusalem said, "He is possessed by Beelzebul! By the prince of demons he is driving out demons." So Jesus called them and spoke to them in parables: "How can Satan drive out Satan? If a kingdom is divided against itself, that

kingdom cannot stand. If a house is divided against itself, that house cannot stand. And if Satan opposes himself and is divided, he cannot stand; his end has come. In fact, no one can enter a strong man's house and carry off his possessions unless he first ties up the strong man. Then he can rob his house. I tell you the truth, all the sins and blasphemies of men will be forgiven them. But whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit will never be forgiven; he is guilty of an eternal sin." He said this

because they were saying, "He has an evil spirit." Then Jesus' mother and brothers arrived. Standing outside, they sent someone in to call him. A crowd was sitting around him, and they told him, "Your mother and brothers are outside looking for you." "Who are my mother and my brothers?" he asked. Then he looked at those seated in a circle around him and said, "Here are my mother and my brothers! Whoever does God's will is my brother and sister and mother."

JESUS COMES AS THE GREAT ROBBER

1. HE IS ACCUSED BY SOME AS BEING EVIL
2. HE FORCEFULLY TAKES BACK WHAT REALLY BELONGS TO GOD

Please stand

WE PRAISE YOU, O GOD

♪: We praise you, O God, we acclaim you as Lord; all creation worships you, Father everlasting. To you all angels, all the pow'rs of heav'n, cherubim and seraphim, sing in endless praise:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of heav'nly hosts, heaven and earth are full of your glory. The glorious company of apostles praise you. The noble fellowship of prophets praise you.

The white-robed army of martyrs praise you. Throughout the world the holy Church acclaim you: Father of majesty unbounded, your glorious, true, and only Son, and the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide. You, Christ, are the King of glory, the eternal Son of the Father.

When you became man to set us free, you humbled yourself to be born of a virgin. You overcame the sting of death and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.

You sit at the right hand of God in the glory of the Father. We believe that you will come to be our judge.

Come then, Lord, and help your people, bought with the price of your own blood, and bring us with your saints to glory everlasting.

OFFERING

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LORD, HAVE MERCY

M: In the morning, O Lord, I call to you; be merciful to me and hear my prayer.

♪: Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

LORD'S PRAYER

C: 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.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow

M: O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, you have brought us safely to this new day. Defend us with your mighty power, and grant that this day we neither fall into sin nor run into any kind of danger; and in all we do, direct us to what is right in your sight, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

C: Amen.

M: Let us praise the Lord.

♪: **Thanks be to God.**

M: The grace of our Lord † Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

♪: **Amen.**

Be seated

CLOSING HYMN *May the Grace of Christ Our Savior*

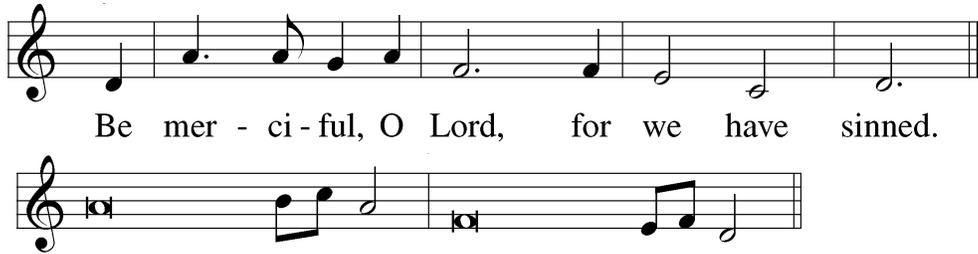
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1. **May the grace of Christ our Savior And the Father's boundless love
With the Holy Spirit's favor Rest upon us from above.**
2. **So may we abide in union With each other and the Lord,
Gathered here in blest communion By the power of his Word.**
3. **Now with all the saints in heaven Thanks and praise to you we sing,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Three in One, our triune King.**

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Have mercy on me, O God,*
according to your unfailing love.

Wash away all my iniquity,*
and cleanse me from my sin.

For I know my transgressions,*
and my sin is always before me.

Refrain

Against you, you only, have I sinned*
and done what is evil in your sight.

Surely I was sinful at birth,*
sinful from the time my mother conceived me.

Hide your face from my sins,*
and blot out all my iniquity.

Restore to me the joy of your salvation,*
and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Attendance for the past weekend was 337 with 260 attending Communion.

Fruits of faith given:

\$13,641	Home Operations ~ \$17,191 is our weekly need		
\$1,048	MVL ~ \$1,154 is our weekly need	\$100	Endowment Fund
\$2,050	Missions ~ \$1,731 is our weekly need	\$25	St. Paul's School Building Fund
\$1,215	Building Fund	\$20	K-12 Education Assistance

Altar Flowers ~ have been given in honor of the 50th wedding anniversary of Lance and Annette Hartzell.

Church Picnic ~ We invite you to join us this 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 – 8:30 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.

Art Camp / VBS ~ will be held Tuesday, August 3 - Thursday, August 5, from 9 - 11 am at St. John's Lutheran Church. The event is open to students from Kindergarten - 6th grade. Students in 7th grade and older are invited to be helpers and also do art projects. The cost is \$20 for grades 2-6; \$5 for PreK-1st grade. There will be lessons on acrylic and watercolor painting, pastels, pencil drawing, cartooning and caricaturing, and also age appropriate crafts for younger artists. Each student will receive a watercolor set and a t-shirt to take home following the camp. For parents with little ones: we are providing snacks and some amenities at Lincoln Park. The frog pool will be rented for one of the days for children 8 and younger. Sign-up will be available soon.

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.

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.

Online Church Directory ~ You can see demos and features of our new attempt of an updated church directory for St. John's 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.

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!

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.

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.

St. Paul's School Virtual Superhero Dig In Gala Results ~ The Dig In Gala and School Campaign Committees would like to thank all those who participated and donated to the St. Paul's School Building Project during this year's Gala. Donations to the project totaled \$11,300! Thanks be to God for the generosity of the supporters of our school!

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.

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.

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About the Cover ~ Jesus came into this world to destroy the devil's power by taking away our sin, thus leaving Satan nothing of which to accuse us any longer. Jesus robbed Satan of everything he had and trusted in. By his work of redemption, Jesus rightfully took back everything that really belonged to God in the first place and restored us to our rightful owner by his grace.