

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



**"Come to me,
all you who are
weary and burdened,
and I will give
you rest."**

Matthew 11:28 (NIV)

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost
July 18/19, 2020

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Prayer before worship: God, too often we are full of worry and fear because we fail to come to you for the rest that you offer. Forgive us. Thank you for sending your son to carry the burden of our sin. Help us to daily turn to him to find rest for our souls. Help us to put our trust in you and in your promise to ease our burdens when we come to you. Help us find our rest in you until we enjoy the eternal rest of heaven. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

*Saturday: The musicians will sing all hymns and musical notations (🎵).
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OPENING HYMN

Now Let All Loudly

CW 258

- 6:30 pm, 8 and 9:30 am
1. Now let all loudly Sing praise to God the Lord;
Christendom, proudly Laud him with one accord.
Gently he bids you come before him.
Haste, then, O Israel, now adore him!
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 2. The Lord is reigning Over the universe,
The world sustaining.
All things his praise rehearse.
The angel host his glory telling,
Psalter and harp are the anthem swelling.
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 3. Come, heathen races, Cast off all grief and cares,
For pleasant places Your Savior now prepares,
Where his blest Word abroad is sounded,
Pardon for sinners and grace unbounded;
Pardon for sinners and grace unbounded.
 4. Richly he feeds us Always and ev'rywhere.
Gently he leads us With a true father's care.
The late and early rains he sends us.
Daily his blessing, his love, attends us.
Daily his blessing, his love, attends us.
 5. Sing we his praises Who is thus merciful.
Christendom raises Songs to his glorious rule.
Rejoice! No foe shall now alarm us.
He will protect us, and who can harm us?
He will protect us, and who can harm us?

Please stand

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

C: 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

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

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.

C: Amen.

PRAYER and PRAISE

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

♪: **Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.**

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory!

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer, receive our prayer.

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in the glory of God the Father.

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Glory to God, glory to God!

PRAYER of the DAY

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

M: Let us pray. God of all power and might, you are the giver of all that is good. Help us love you with all our heart, strengthen us in true faith, provide us with all we need, and keep us safe in your care; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Please be seated

FIRST LESSON

Exodus 33:12-23

Moses said to the LORD, "You have been telling me, 'Lead these people,' but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. You have said, 'I know you by name and you have found favor with me.' If you are pleased with me, teach me your ways so I may know you and continue to find favor with you. Remember that this nation is

your people." The LORD replied, "My Presence will go with you, and I will give you rest." Then Moses said to him, "If your Presence does not go with us, do not send us up from here. How will anyone know that you are pleased with me and with your people unless you go with us? What else will distinguish me and your people from all the

other people on the face of the earth?" And the LORD said to Moses, "I will do the very thing you have asked, because I am pleased with you and I know you by name." Then Moses said, "Now show me your glory." And the LORD said, "I will cause all my goodness to pass in front of you, and I will proclaim my name, the LORD, in your

presence. I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion. But," he said, "you cannot see my face, for no one may see me and

live." Then the LORD said, "There is a place near me where you may stand on a rock. When my glory passes by, I will put you in a cleft in the rock and cover you with my hand until I

have passed by. Then I will remove my hand and you will see my back; but my face must not be seen."

PSALM of the DAY

Psalm 145

CW p. 119

Saturday: musicians sing the refrain; congregation will speak the verses

Refrain



Lord, let your mer-cy be on us, as we place our trust in you.



Great is the LORD and most worthy of praise;*
his greatness no one can fathom.

One generation will commend your works to another;*
they will tell of your mighty acts.

The LORD upholds all those who fall*
and lifts up all who are bowed down.

Refrain

The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food at the proper time.*
You open your hand and satisfy the desires of every living thing.

The LORD is near to all who call on him,*
to all who call on him in truth.

He fulfills the desires of those who fear him;*
he hears their cry and saves them.

**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 7:15-25a

I do not understand what I do. For what I want to do I do not do, but what I hate I do. And if I do what I do not want to do, I agree that the law is good. As it is, it is no longer I myself who do it, but it is sin living in me. I know that nothing good lives in me, that is, in my sinful nature. For I have the desire to do what is good, but I cannot carry it out.

For what I do is not the good I want to do; no, the evil I do not want to do-- this I keep on doing. Now if I do what I do not want to do, it is no longer I who do it, but it is sin living in me that does it. So I find this law at work: When I want to do good, evil is right there with me. For in my inner being I delight in God's law; but I see another law at

work in the members of my body, waging war against the law of my mind and making me a prisoner of the law of sin at work within my members. What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God-- through Jesus Christ our Lord!

VERSE of the DAY

Alleluia. Happy are they who hear the Word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bring forth fruit with patience. Alleluia.

- Luke 8:15

Please stand

GOSPEL

Matthew 11:25-30

After the announcement of the Gospel, the congregation sings:

C: Glory be to you, O Lord! Glory be to you, O Lord!

At that time Jesus said, "I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and learned, and revealed them to little children. Yes, Father, for this was your good pleasure. All

things have been committed to me by my Father. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. Come to me, all you who are

weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."

After the Gospel, the congregation sings:

C: Praise be to you, O Christ! Praise be to you, O Christ!

NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Please be seated

HYMN of the DAY**Come unto Me, Ye Weary**

CW 336

1. "Come unto me, ye weary, And I will give you rest."
O blessed voice of Jesus, Which comes to hearts oppressed!
It tells of benediction, Of pardon, grace, and peace,
Of joy that has no ending, Of love that cannot cease.
2. "Come unto me, ye wand'ers, And I will give you light."
O loving voice of Jesus, Which comes to cheer the night!
Our hearts were filled with sadness, And we had lost our way;
But thou hast brought us gladness And songs at break of day.
3. "Come unto me, ye fainting, And I will give you life."
O cheering voice of Jesus, Which comes to aid our strife!
The foe is stern and eager; The fight is fierce and long;
But thou hast made us mighty And stronger than the strong.
4. "And whosoever cometh, I will not cast him out."
O patient love of Jesus, Which drives away our doubt,
Which, though we be unworthy Of love so great and free,
Invites us very sinners To come, dear Lord, to thee!

SERMON**Matthew 11:25-30****Give Your Burdens to Jesus**

1. **He's Strong Enough to Carry Your Sin**
2. **He's Willing to Carry It All**

Please stand

♪: **Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
Do not cast me away from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold, uphold me with your free Spirit.**

OFFERING ANNOUNCEMENT**PRAYER of the CHURCH****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.**

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

M: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up to the Lord.

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

C: It is good and right so to do.

M: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who promised that wherever two or three come together in his name, there he is with them to shepherd his flock till he comes again in glory. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

♪: **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power, God of might: heav'n and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my † body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my † blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

M: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: **Amen.**

O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD

♪: **O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us your peace. Amen.**

Please be seated

DISTRIBUTION HYMN *Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared*

CW 312

1. Lord Jesus Christ, you have prepared This feast for our salvation;
It is your body and your blood, And at your invitation
As weary souls, with sin oppressed, We come to you for needed rest,
For comfort, and for pardon.
2. Although you did to heav'n ascend, Where angel hosts are dwelling,
And in your presence they behold Your glory, all excelling,
And though your people shall not see Your glory and your majesty
Till dawns the judgment morning,
3. Yet, Savior, you are not confined To any habitation,
But you are present ev'rywhere And with your congregation.
Firm as a rock this truth shall stand, Unmoved by any daring hand
Or subtle craft and cunning.
4. We eat this bread and drink this cup, Your precious Word believing
That your true body and your blood Our lips are here receiving.
This Word remains forever true, And there is naught you cannot do,
For you, Lord, are almighty.
5. Though reason cannot understand, Yet faith this truth embraces:
Your body, Lord, is ev'rywhere At once in many places.
I leave to you how this can be; Your Word alone suffices me;
I trust its truth unailing.

6. Lord, I believe what you have said; Help me when doubts assail me.
Remember that I am but dust, And let my faith not fail me.
Your supper in this vale of tears Refreshes me and stills my fears
And is my priceless treasure.
7. Grant that we worthily receive Your supper, Lord, our Savior,
And, truly grieving for our sins, May prove by our behavior
That we are thankful for your grace And day by day may run our race,
In holiness increasing.
8. For your consoling supper, Lord, Be praised throughout all ages!
Preserve it, for in ev'ry place The world against it rages.
Grant that this sacrament may be A blessed comfort unto me
When living and when dying.

Please stand

SONG of SIMEON

♪: **In peace, Lord, you let your servant now depart according to your word.
For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared for ev'ry people,
a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory, the glory of your people Israel.**

M: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

C: And his mercy endures forever.

M: We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this Holy Supper. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: 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.

C: Amen.

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VIOLIN

HOLY BAPTISM of
Leona Jeune Dinse and Mack Edgar Dinse

OPENING HYMN

Amazing Grace

CW 379

1. Amazing grace—how sweet the sound—
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost but now am found,
Was blind but now I see.
2. The Lord has promised good to me;
His Word my hope secures.
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures.
3. Through many dangers, toils, and snares
I have already come;
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far,
And grace will lead me home.
4. When we've been there ten thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we'd first begun.

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

C: And also with you.

M: Our Savior Jesus Christ commanded baptism when he said: "Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." All of us are born into this world with a deep need for baptism. From our parents we inherit a sinful nature; we are without true fear of God and true faith in God and are condemned to eternal death. But Jesus took away our sin by giving his life on the cross. At our baptism he clothes us with the robe of his righteousness and gives us a new life. Our sinful nature need not control us any longer. We recall what baptism means for our daily lives as we speak these words:

C: Baptism means that the sinful nature in us should be drowned by daily sorrow and repentance, and that all its evil deeds and desires be put to death. It also means that a new person should daily arise to live before God in righteousness and purity forever.

M: As baptized children of God we confess our sins:

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.

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.

C: Amen.

M: In obedience to the command of our Lord and trusting in his promise, you have brought this child to be baptized. Jesus told us: "Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these." It is in baptism that God grants the new life of forgiveness, joy, and peace to little children. By the power of God's Word, this gracious water of life washes away sin, delivers from death and the devil, and gives eternal salvation to all who believe.

Receive the sign of the cross on the head and heart † to mark you as a redeemed child of Christ.

Leona Jeune Dinse, I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Mack Edgar Dinse, I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

The Almighty God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—has forgiven all your sins. By your baptism, you are born again and made a dear child of your Father in heaven. May God strengthen you to live in your baptismal grace all the days of your life. Peace be with you.

Please stand

M: Brothers and sisters in Christ:

Our Lord commands that we teach his precious truths to all who are baptized. Christian love therefore urges all of us, especially parents and sponsors, to assist in whatever manner possible so that *Leona and Mack* may remain children of God until death. If you are willing to carry out this responsibility, then answer: Yes, as God gives me strength.

C: Yes, as God gives me strength.

M: Let us pray:

Merciful Father in heaven, we thank you for the blessing of baptism by which you offer and grant the forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation. Help us to regard our baptism as the robe of righteousness we are to wear all the days of our life. Look with special favor on *Leona and Mack* and grant them a rich measure of your Spirit that they may grow in faith and godly living. Make us willing to carry out our responsibilities to those who have been baptized, so that all of us may finally come to the blessed joys of heaven, through Jesus our Lord.

C: Amen.

Service resumes with PRAYER and PRAISE on page 3

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Attendance for the past weekend was 300.

Fruits of faith given:

\$13,127	Home Operations ~ \$15,346 is our weekly need		
\$1,488	MVL ~ \$1,163 is our weekly need	\$100	LWMS
\$1,660	Missions ~ \$1,714 is our weekly need	\$85	MLC Ladies' Auxiliary
\$770	Building Fund ~ \$1,397 is our weekly need	\$40	K-12 Education Assistance
\$100	Ministerial Student Scholarship Fund	\$25	St. Paul's School Building Fund

Altar Flowers ~ have been given in honor of the 30th wedding anniversary of Alan and Jennifer Uher.

Baptized into God's Family ~ On Thursday, July 2nd, the Lord blessed Luke and Hannah Dinse with the gift of twins. Leona Jeune and Mack Edgar await their rebirth into the kingdom of God at the 11 am service on Sunday. God keep them in this faith all their lives.

Fun at the Pool ~ St. John's has reserved the Sleepy Eye Aquatic Center on Saturday, August 1, for a free fun night of fellowship! It will begin at 5:45 pm with a brief devotion and song at Burnside Park next to the pool, and then the pool will be open from 6:15 - 8:15 pm. Due to COVID-19 guidelines we are restricted to 190 attendees. Please go to bit.ly/StJohnsPoolParty to reserve spots for anyone in your family group. There will be a waiting list, so if anyone decides not to come those on the waiting list will be contacted. If the guidelines change before then the website will be changed accordingly, We hope to see many of you there!

Confirmation Pictures ~ are on the narthex table.

Bible Class ~ will continue online. Join us Sunday evenings at 7 pm for a study of *The Screwtape Letters* by C.S. Lewis. The class will be held at [Meet.Google.com](https://meet.google.com/tjx-anhj-gvx) (or with the Google Meet app on your smartphone or tablet) with "meeting code" tjx-anhj-gvx. Or use this shortcut which automatically enters the code for you: <https://bit.ly/STJLCNUMeet> (Note: the link is case sensitive). You can also call in over the phone at (209) 457-0523 using PIN: 100 259 597# (Note: This will be a long distance call.) The meeting room can hold up to 250 participants, so feel free to tell your friends!

Sending Offerings through Bill Pay ~ Several members of St. John's have asked if there is a way for them to make their weekly offerings automatically either online or by an automatic bank transaction. St. John's is investigating our online giving options, but are not yet ready to receive online gifts. For the time being, we suggest that our members consider using your bank's online Bill Pay service to make weekly or monthly gifts to St. John's. If you have questions about using Bill Pay to make donations, please contact Financial Secretary Mike Thom at 507-217-7671.

St. John's Pictorial Directory Photo Sessions will be Scheduling Soon! ~ We are again contracting with Lifetouch studios to photograph our St John's family for our pictorial directory. These are the dates and times:

Tuesday – Friday, August 4 - 7	2 - 9 pm
Saturday, August 8	10 am - 5 pm
Thursday & Friday, September 10 & 11	2 - 9 pm
Saturday, September 12	10 am - 5 pm

You can schedule your appointments using an online scheduling link that you can find on our website, but we also will have paper forms available on weekends at church for those who would rather sign up in person. You will find them in our gathering space. The dates are coming up quickly, so schedule soon! If you have any questions, contact our church office at 354-6744.

MVL Announcements ~ Open Positions 1. A part-time custodian(s) to work 25 hours per week. For more information contact Ken Opitz at MVL at 507-354-6851 or kopitz@mvlhs.org. 2. A part-time food service worker for approximately three hours each school day. Tasks include food preparation and service, washing dishes and clean up. Individuals interested in this position should contact Elizabeth Fluegge at MVL at 507-354-6851, 507-993-5195, or foodservice@mvlhs.org. 3. A WELS or ELS male to serve as Director of Mission Advancement. Interested individuals should contact MVL Principal, Dr. Tim Plath, for more information at 507-354-6851 or tplath@mvlhs.org.

Food Kit Available ~ The New Ulm Area Food Shelf and the Lions Club of New Ulm are offering a 14-day food kit for seniors 65+ who are homebound because of COVID-19. Homebound is defined as those who only leave home for medical reasons. If you are in need of food and would like this delivered to you, please call the food shelf at 354-7668. If no one answers, please leave a message with your name, address and phone number. Speak slowly and clearly. Someone will contact you to ask about any special diet needs and let you know when the delivery will be made.

Family Bible Nights at St. Paul's Church ~ Family Bible Nights will be held on July 29, August 12, and August 19 at St. Paul's Church from 5:15-7:45 pm. The theme for this year is "Nothing to Fear." The evening will begin with a picnic meal, followed by opening devotion at 6 pm. Please sign up online at forms.gle/qarYLJXFnmdb2a748, or call the church office at 354-3641.

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About the Cover ~ What a gracious offer our Savior gives us in Matthew 11:28. "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest." Too often we're tired and weary simply because we don't take Jesus up on his offer. We don't go to him with our problems and burdens and find the rest he offers. Thankfully, he paid for every one of our sins. He lifted our greatest burden of sin and guilt that would have left us damned. In Jesus, we find rest for our souls. And he wants to lift every other burden that causes us to worry and weighs us down. Let's go to him and find rest.