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Minor Festival: St. James the Elder, Apostle
July 24/25, 2021

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Prayer before Worship: Heavenly Father, too often we seek our own glory instead of yours. Forgive us for Jesus' sake. Thank you for sending him not to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many; even for us. Help us to gladly suffer all things, even death, for your sake that we might bring honor and glory to you. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

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OPENING HYMN *What God Ordains Is Always Good*

CW429

1. What God ordains is always good; His will is just and holy.
As he directs my life for me, I follow meek and lowly.
My God indeed In ev'ry need
Knows well how he will shield me; To him, then, I will yield me.
2. What God ordains is always good; He never will deceive me.
He leads me in his righteous way And never will he leave me.
I take content What he has sent;
His hand that sends me sadness Will turn my tears to gladness.
3. What God ordains is always good; He is my friend and Father.
He will not let me suffer harm Though many storms may gather.
Now I may know Both joy and woe;
Some day I shall see clearly That he has loved me dearly.
4. What God ordains is always good. Though I the cup am drinking
Which savors now of bitterness, I take it without shrinking.
For after grief God grants relief,
My heart with comfort filling And all my sorrow stilling.
5. What God ordains is always good; This truth remains unshaken.
Though sorrow, need, or death be mine, I shall not be forsaken.
I fear no harm, For with his arm
He will embrace and shield me; So to my God I yield me.

Please stand

P: 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.

P: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

C: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.

P: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

C: Amen.

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

♪: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Blessed are they who take refuge in him. Your Word, O Lord, is eternal; it stands firm in the heavens. Your faithfulness continues forever. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Blessed are they who take refuge in him.

P: Let us pray.

O gracious God, we remember today your servant James, who readily followed the calling of your Son, Jesus Christ, and was first among the Twelve to suffer martyrdom for his name. Enable the leaders of your Church to forsake all false and passing allurements and follow him alone, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

♪: Amen.

Be seated

FIRST LESSON

1 Kings 19:9-18

There he went into a cave and spent the night. And the word of the LORD came to him: "What are you doing here, Elijah?" He replied, "I have been very zealous for the LORD God Almighty. The Israelites have rejected your covenant, broken down your altars, and put your prophets to death with the sword. I am the only one left, and now they are trying to kill me too." The LORD said, "Go out and stand

on the mountain in the presence of the LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by." Then a great and powerful wind tore the mountains apart and shattered the rocks before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind. After the wind there was an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake came a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire. And after the fire came a gentle

whisper. When Elijah heard it, he pulled his cloak over his face and went out and stood at the mouth of the cave. Then a voice said to him, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" He replied, "I have been very zealous for the LORD God Almighty. The Israelites have rejected your covenant, broken down your altars, and put your prophets to death with the sword. I am the only one left, and now they are trying to kill

me too." The LORD said to him, "Go back the way you came, and go to the Desert of Damascus. When you get there, anoint Hazael king over Aram. Also, anoint Jehu son of Nimshi king over Israel, and	anoint Elisha son of Shaphat from Abel Meholah to succeed you as prophet. Jehu will put to death any who escape the sword of Hazael, and Elisha will put to death any who escape the sword of Jehu.	Yet I reserve seven thousand in Israel-- all whose knees have not bowed down to Baal and all whose mouths have not kissed him."
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PSALM of the DAY

Psalm 103

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I will hear what the Lord pro-claims: peace to his peo - ple.



Praise the LORD, O my soul;*
all my inmost being, praise his holy name.

He forgives all your sins*
and heals all your diseases;

he redeems your life from the grave*
and crowns you with love and compassion.

Refrain

The LORD is compassionate and gracious,*
slow to anger, abounding in love.

He does not treat us as our sins deserve*
or repay us according to our iniquities.

For as high as the heavens are above the earth,*
so great is his love for those who fear him;

as far as the east is from the west,*
so far has he removed our transgressions from us.

Refrain

As a father has compassion on his children,*
so the LORD has compassion on those who fear him;

for he knows how we are formed,*
he remembers that we are dust.

Our days are like grass, like a flower of the field;*
the wind blows over it and it is gone.

But the LORD'S love is with those who fear him*
from everlasting to everlasting.

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

Acts 11:27-12:3a

During this time some prophets came down from Jerusalem to Antioch. One of them, named Agabus, stood up and through the Spirit predicted that a severe famine would spread over the entire Roman world. (This happened during the reign of Claudius.) The	disciples, each according to his ability, decided to provide help for the brothers living in Judea. This they did, sending their gift to the elders by Barnabas and Saul.	belonged to the church, intending to persecute them. He had James, the brother of John, put to death with the sword. When he saw that this pleased the Jews, he proceeded to seize Peter also. This happened during the Feast of Unleavened Bread.
	It was about this time that King Herod arrested some who	

VERSE of the DAY

♪: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

These words are written that we may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Please stand

GOSPEL

Mark 10:35-45

Then James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to him.

"Teacher," they said, "we want you to do for us whatever we ask."

"What do you want me to do for you?" he asked. They replied, "Let one of us sit at your right and the other at your left in your glory."

"You don't know what you are asking," Jesus said. "Can you drink the cup I drink or be baptized with the baptism I am

baptized with?"

"We can," they answered. Jesus said to them, "You will drink the cup I drink and be baptized with the baptism I am baptized with, but to sit at my right or left is not for me to grant.

These places belong to those for whom they have been prepared." When the ten heard about this, they became indignant with James and John. Jesus called them together and said, "You know that those who

are regarded as rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all. For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

P: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

♪: Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

HYMN of the DAY

Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken

CW465

1. Jesus, I my cross have taken, All to leave and follow you.
Destitute, despised, forsaken, You on earth once suffered, too.
Perish ev'ry fond ambition, All I've ever hoped or known;
Yet how rich is my condition! God and heav'n are still my own.
2. Let the world despise and leave me; They have left my Savior, too.
Human hearts and looks deceive me; You are not, like them, untrue.
And since you have smiled upon me, God of wisdom, love, and might,
Foes may hate and friends may shun me—Show your face, and all is bright.
3. Go, then, earthly fame and treasure! Come, disaster, scorn, and pain!
In your service pain is pleasure; With your favor loss is gain.
I have called you Abba, Father! You my all in all shall be.
Storms may howl, and clouds may gather; All must work for good to me.
4. Haste, my soul, from grace to glory, Armed by faith and winged by prayer.
All but heav'n is transitory; God's own hand shall guide you there.
Soon shall end this earthly story; Swift shall pass the pilgrim days,
Hope soon change to heav'nly glory, Faith to sight and prayer to praise.

Drink the Cup to Be Great

Please stand

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
 who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,
 suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.
 He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead.
 He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.
 From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church,
 the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
 the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

OFFERING

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PRAYER of the CHURCH

P: Lord God, our maker and preserver, we praise and thank you for all that you give us day after day.

C: We are not worthy of all the mercies you show us.

P: You have given us your precious Word to nourish our souls and to protect us from the temptations of the devil, the world, and our sinful nature.

C: We thank you for those who teach and preach your saving truth at this place and everywhere. Grant them a rich measure of patience, wisdom, and love.

P: Heavenly Father, we pray that you shield us from every kind of danger: sudden catastrophe, terrors of crime, and the pain of disease. Watch over those who travel by land, sea, and air. Keep our loved ones from whatever perils may threaten them.

C: Heal those who are sick, cheer those who are sad, calm those who are distressed, and comfort all who are old and infirm.

P: Bless our land, our people, and those who hold offices of high trust. Keep our government and schools upright and strong for the advancement of good citizenship and useful vocations, that we may enjoy your gifts of peace, security, and well-being.

C: Grant your blessing to every nation on earth. Where there are wars, may there be peace. Where there is hatred, let it be healed. Where there is poverty, danger, or disaster, come with your almighty power to help and restore.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

P: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer.

P: We bring these requests before you in the name of Jesus our Lord, and ask you to hear us.
Take all that we have, our bodies and minds, our time and skills, our ministries and offerings, and use them to your glory.

C: We give ourselves to you that we may serve you in whatever way is pleasing in your sight. Amen.

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.

Be seated

HYMN

Come, Follow Me, the Savior Spoke

CW453

1. "Come, follow me," the Savior spoke, "All in my way abiding.
Deny yourselves; the world forsake; Obey my call and guiding.
Oh, bear the cross, whate'er betide; Take my example for your guide.
2. "I am the light; I light the way, A godly life displaying.
I bid you walk as in the day; I keep your feet from straying.
I am the way, and well I show How you should journey here below."
3. "My heart abounds in lowliness, My soul with love is glowing,
And gracious words my lips express, With meekness overflowing.
My heart, my mind, my strength, my all To God I yield; on him I call."
4. "I teach you how to shun and flee What harms your souls' salvation,
Your hearts from ev'ry guile to free, From sin and its temptation.
I am the refuge of the soul And lead you to your heav'nly goal."
5. Then let us follow Christ our Lord And take the cross appointed
And, firmly clinging to his Word, In suff'ring be undaunted.
For those who bear the battle's strain The crown of heav'nly life obtain.

Please stand

P: O Lord God, our heavenly Father, pour out the Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep us strong in your grace and truth, protect and comfort us in all temptation, and bestow on us your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

♪: Amen.

P: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

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

Brothers, Sisters, Let Us Gladly

CW484

1. Brothers, sisters, let us gladly Give to God our all, our best—
Service hearty, thorough, honest, With a living love impressed.
All our duty, all our striving, All our time to him belong;
Praise him, then, with true devotion; Come before him with a song.
2. By his mercy, by his bounty, By the gift of Christ, his Son,
What great goodness he has shown us, What high marvels he has done!
Let us to him promptly, freely, Yield our bodies and our souls,
Thankful that his love protects us, That his wisdom all controls.
3. Gracious Lord, accept our service For the sake of Christ, your Son;
Lo, our hope abides now only In the righteousness he won.
Bless and save us; help and guide us; Watch to comfort and restore
Till in heav'n we rest rejoicing, Praising you forevermore.

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Pastor Rob Guenther
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Welcome, Visitors!

Please scan the code
to sign our
Guest Register.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Attendance for the past weekend was 290 with 243 attending Communion.

Fruits of faith given:

\$12821	Home Operations ~ \$17,191 is our weekly need		
\$715	MVL ~ \$1,154 is our weekly need	\$2,000	Benevolence Fund
\$1,707	Missions ~ \$1,731 is our weekly need	\$160	St. Paul's School Building Fund
\$552	Building Fund	\$35	MLC Ladies' Auxiliary

Quarterly Voters' Meeting ~ The St. John's voters' assembly will meet in the church basement on Tuesday, July 27, at 7 pm. The meeting will include quarterly reports from our called workers, officers, boards, and committees. An update on our congregation's strategic ministry plan, *Hope in the Lord*, will also be featured with a report from the Campus Facilities Task Force on plans for a congregational open forum in September to discuss possible renovation plans for the sanctuary. All voters are encouraged to attend.

Wish List ~ At its July meeting, the Church Council approved two items for addition to the wish list:

Junior Choir Hymnals — \$1,150

25 CW21 hymnals and 25 Psalter books for St. John's students at St. Paul's Lutheran School – These will be kept in the choir room at SPLS to be used by the choir during rehearsals to prepare for singing in our worship services.

Entrance Inscriptions — \$3,000

Bible passages will be engraved on the empty spaces above the door lintels and below the portal arches (tympana) of the two entrances on Washington Street and the entrance on Seventh South Street. John 3:16, 11:25, and 14:6 were clear favorites from the congregational survey. The Stewardship Board was authorized to finalize the details.

If you would like to contribute to either of these projects, please put your offering in a separate envelope with the project identified on the envelope.

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.

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 K-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. Register at bit.ly/ArtCamp2021



In-Person Bible Class ~ Sunday morning Bible class starts at 10:45 am. Pastor Bovee is leading a class on The Sermon on the Mount in the church basement or online at bit.ly/StJohnsBibleClass

Sunday School Teachers Needed (All Levels) ~ Call Josiah Stoering at 507-508-6349 or email at thestoerings@yahoo.com if you are interested in teaching Sunday School this fall.

Online Church Directory ~ You can sign into our new updated church directory for St. John's at www.instantchurchdirectory.com using your email. Only one email from a family unit was used. If one doesn't work, try another family member's. 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.

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, 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, 8 am to 1 pm. 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 Preschool Cleaning Party ~ You are invited to St. Paul's Preschool "Cleaning Party" on Monday, July 26, from 9 - 11:30 am. The event will involve wiping down tables, chairs etc; washing toys; chatting while you work; and lunch to follow! Please contact Director Heidi Meyer if you plan to volunteer at preschool@splnewulm.org.

Ice Cream and Pie Social ~ Trinity Nicollet Ladies Guild Ice Cream and Pie Social is coming up Wednesday, July 28th, 2021 from 4:30 - 7 pm at Trinity Lutheran Church (604 Main St., Nicollet) in the Fellowship Hall. Enjoy your choice of BBQ, Ham or Egg Salad sandwiches, Pie, Ice Cream and Root Beer Floats. We hope to see you there!

Family Bible Nights ~ St. Paul's Family Bible Nights will be held on July 28 and August 11 from 5:30 - 7:30 pm at St. Paul's School. Join us for a picnic meal, devotion, Bible lesson, and activities each night. Please register using this link: bit.ly/StPaulsFamilyBibleNights

MVL News ~ The MVL Classic 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. This year was another success. Many thanks to all who helped "tap-in for tuition assistance!" Save the date for next year: Monday, July 11, 2022. Donations to TAP can be made anytime at mvl.org/donate.

Palmer Bus Service provides safe and reliable transportation for students. We are now hiring school bus drivers for MVL routes. 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 Opportunities ~ *St Paul's Lutheran School* is seeking a part time upper grade teacher for the upcoming school year. Primary responsibilities include teaching three sections of 7-8 grade Geography and one section of upper grade Math. This is an hourly position with compensation provided for both classroom and preparation time. Please call the school office (354-2326) or email Mr. Markgraf (principal@splnewulm.org) if you are interested.

Martin Luther College (MLC) is grateful that many of our Early Childhood Learning Center (ECLC) workers are using their training and experience to help fulfill the ever-growing needs of other WELS schools and congregations. We wish them well in their new calls and positions. To fill their vacancies, MLC is accepting applications for the following positions:

Full-time ECLC Assistant Teachers

Part-time ECLC Teachers

Part-time ECLC Substitute Teachers

The MLC ECLC promotes flexible scheduling and work-life balance in our Christ-centered teacher training school. Comprehensive descriptions for these positions can be found at mlc-wels.edu/hr. Interested individuals should apply online. Applications will be accepted through 12:00 pm (noon) on Tuesday, August 3, 2021. Additional information and details can be obtained by contacting the MLC Human Resources Office at 507.354.8221.

Jesus Loves Me Learning Center in North Mankato, MN, is hiring for jobs as assistant teachers and teacher aides in our infant, toddler, and preschool rooms. Teaching experience is encouraged but not required. We look for applicants with friendly dispositions, reliability, and flexibility. Wages up to \$14 per hour depending on experience and education. Please contact LaShawn Smith at directorjlm@stpaulsnorthmankato.com or (507) 508-2041.

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About the Cover ~ Jesus told his disciples that if they wanted to share in his glory, they would need to drink the cup that Jesus drank. He was speaking about his suffering and death. While we too often seek our own glory instead of his, Jesus' greatest glory was in his sacrifice that won forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation for us and for all people. We rejoice that he came not to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom. And now we eagerly suffer whatever he wills that we might bring glory to him in thanks. God, help us do so!