

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



**DON'T
LISTEN
TO YOUR
HEART!**

*"Whenever our hearts
condemn us... God is
greater than our hearts."
1 John 1:20*

Fifth Sunday of Easter
May 1/2, 2021

Pastor Jeffrey Bovee
revbovee@gmail.com
507-217-6364

www.stjohnsnewulm.com
stjohnsnewulm@gmail.com
 facebook.com/stjohnsnewulm
354-6744

Pastor Rob Guenther
pastorguenther@gmail.com
507-240-2433

Today's service is televised locally

Channel 14 - Comcast: Mondays at 6 pm, Tuesdays at 1 pm & Thursdays at 10 am
Channel 3 - Nuvera: Mondays at 6 pm, Tuesdays at 1 pm & Thursdays at 10 am

Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 1/2, 2021

Prayer before worship: Dear Father in heaven, forgive us for the times that we have followed our hearts into rebellion against you. Forgive us for the times that we have believed our hearts and doubted your promise of forgiveness. Thank you for sending Jesus to pay our sins of rebellion and our sins of doubt. Thank you for speaking a word of forgiveness that is greater than our hearts. Help us to trust your Word of promise and not our hearts. And then, by such trust, give us comfort and peace, in Jesus' name, amen.

OPENING HYMN *Lord, Open Now My Heart to Hear* **CW282**

1. Lord, open now my heart to hear, And through your Word to me draw near.
Let me your Word e'er pure retain; Let me your child and heir remain.
2. Your Word inspires my heart within; Your Word grants healing from my sin.
Your Word has pow'r to guide and bless; Your Word brings peace and happiness.
3. To God the Father, God the Son, And God the Spirit, Three in One,
Shall glory, praise, and honor be Now and throughout eternity.

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: God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.

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.

P: 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.

P: For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.

♪: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.

♪: Christ, have mercy.

P: For the well-being of your holy Church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord.

♪: Lord, have mercy.

P: Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care:

♪: Amen.

P: The works of the Lord are great and glorious; his name is worthy of praise.

♪: O Lord, our Lord, how glorious is your name in all the earth.

Almighty God, merciful Father, you crown our life with your love.

You take away our sin; you comfort our spirit; you make us pure and holy in your sight.

You did not spare your only Son, but gave him up for us all.

O Lord, our Lord, how glorious is your name in all the earth.

O Son of God, eternal Word of the Father, you came to live with us;

you made your Father known; you washed us from our sins in your own blood.

You are the King of glory; you are the Lord!

O Lord, our Lord, how glorious is your name in all the earth.

P: Let us pray.

O God, you form the minds of your faithful people into a single will. Make us love what you command and desire what you promise, that among the many changes of this world, our hearts may ever yearn for the lasting joys of heaven; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

♪: Amen.

Be seated

FIRST LESSON

Acts 8:26-40

Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Go south to the road -- the desert road-- that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." So he started out, and on his way he met an Ethiopian eunuch, an important official in charge of all the treasury of Candace, queen of the Ethiopians. This man had gone to Jerusalem to worship, and on

his way home was sitting in his chariot reading the book of Isaiah the prophet. The Spirit told Philip, "Go to that chariot and stay near it." Then Philip ran up to the chariot and heard the man reading Isaiah the prophet. "Do you understand what you are reading?" Philip asked. "How can I," he said, "unless someone explains it to

me?" So he invited Philip to come up and sit with him. The eunuch was reading this passage of Scripture: "He was led like a sheep to the slaughter, and as a lamb before the shearer is silent, so he did not open his mouth. In his humiliation he was deprived of justice. Who can speak of his descendants? For his life was taken from the

earth." The eunuch asked Philip, "Tell me, please, who is the prophet talking about, himself or someone else?" Then Philip began with that very passage of Scripture and told him the good news about Jesus. As they traveled along the road, they came to some water

and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water. Why shouldn't I be baptized?" And he gave orders to stop the chariot. Then both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord suddenly

took Philip away, and the eunuch did not see him again, but went on his way rejoicing. Philip, however, appeared at Azotus and traveled about, preaching the gospel in all the towns until he reached Caesarea.

PSALM of the DAY

Psalm 67

CW p. 91

Let the peo - ple praise you, O God. Let all the peo - ple praise you.

May God be gracious to us and bless us*
and make his face shine upon us;

may your ways be known on earth,*
your salvation among all nations.

May the nations be glad and sing for joy,*
for you rule the peoples justly and guide the nations of the earth.

Refrain

Then the land will yield its harvest,*
and God, our God, will bless us.

God will bless us,*
and all the ends of the earth will fear him.

**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

1 John 3:18-24

Dear children, let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth. This then is how we know that we belong to the truth, and how we set our hearts at rest in his presence whenever our hearts condemn us. For God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Dear friends, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence before God and receive from him anything we ask, because we obey his commands and do what pleases him. And this is his command: to believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and to love one another as he commanded us. Those who obey his commands live in him, and he in them. And this is how we know that he lives in us: We know it by the Spirit he gave us.

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 LESSON

John 15:1-8

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful. You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. Remain in me, and I will remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me. I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. If anyone does not remain in me, he is like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be given you. This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples."

P: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

♪: Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

HYMN of the DAY

With High Delight Let Us Unite

p. 10

SERMON

1 John 3:18-24

Don't Listen to Your Heart!

- 1. Your Heart Leads to Sin**
- 2. Your Heart Leads to Despair**

HYMN*I Pray You, Dear Lord Jesus*

CW510

I pray you, dear Lord Jesus, My heart to keep and train
That I your holy temple From youth to age remain.
Oh, turn my thoughts forever From worldly wisdom's lore;
If I but learn to know you, I shall not want for more.

Please stand

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.**

OFFERING of THANKS

Guests, please see insert

PRAYER of the CHURCH

P: Gracious God and Father, we praise you for the countless blessings, which we receive from your hand: the beauties of creation and the bounties of the earth, the joy of life and the pleasure of friendship, the good of work and the gift of rest, the privilege to share happiness and sorrow with one another. Above all we praise and thank you for your saving Word and for your Son's body and blood, which you give us to eat and to drink in the sacrament. Through these means of grace, you send the Holy Spirit into our hearts and unite us to Jesus and to the whole Christian Church on earth.

C: Strengthen us through this heavenly food; increase our trust in Christ and our love for one another.

P: Great God and Lord, without your continuing help we easily waver in our faith, lose courage, and grow careless in our watchfulness. The times and days are perilous. Give us strength to face the evils of each day with fresh confidence. Open our lips to speak of your grace, and move us to use the gifts that you give us to share your Word of salvation with all people. Protect and prosper the family, the school, the government, and all good institutions that you have established for the benefit of society. Remember in mercy those who are sick and suffering, and bring your healing to troubled homes and lives.

C: Move us to pray for those in need and to help them with deeds of kindness.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

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

Silent prayer.

P: Now, eternal God and Father, keep us in the saving faith and so enable us to overcome all things through our Lord Jesus Christ.

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.

P: The Lord be with you.

♪: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

♪: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

♪: **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

P: Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. He raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms and placed all things under his feet for the benefit of the Church. Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory for ever and ever:

♪: **Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts. The whole earth is full of your glory.
You are my God, and I will exalt you.
I will give you thanks, for you have become my salvation.
Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts. The whole earth is full of your glory.**

P: 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."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

♪: **Amen.**

♪: **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.**

Be seated

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

Guests, please see insert

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

I Come, O Savior, to Your Table

CW310

1. I come, O Savior, to your table, For weak and weary is my soul;
O Jesus, you alone are able To satisfy and make me whole.

Refrain:

Lord, may your body and your blood Be for my soul the highest good!

2. Oh, grant that I in manner worthy May now trust solely in your Word,
And, conscious of the sins before me, Look only unto you, O Lord. *Refrain*

3. Unworthy though I am, O Savior, Because I have a sinful heart,
Yet you your lamb will banish never, Nor will your faithfulness depart. *Refrain*

4. Oh, let me loathe all sin forever As death and poison to my soul,
That I through willful sinning never May see your judgment take its toll! *Refrain*

5. Your heart is filled with fervent yearning That sinners may salvation see
Who, Lord, to you in faith are turning; So let me, too, come trustingly. *Refrain*
6. Weary am I and heavy laden; With sin my soul is sore oppressed.
Receive me graciously and gladden My heart, for I am now your guest. *Refrain*
7. You here will find a heart most lowly That feels unworthy in your sight,
That duly weeps o'er sin, yet solely Your merit pleads, as it is right. *Refrain*
8. By faith I call your holy table The testament of your deep love,
For by your gift I now am able To know the heart of God above. *Refrain*
9. What higher gift can we inherit? It is faith's bond and solid base;
It is the strength of heart and spirit, The covenant of hope and grace. *Refrain*
10. This feast is manna, wealth abounding Unto the poor, to weak ones pow'r,
To angels joy, to hell confounding, And life for me in death's dark hour. *Refrain*
11. Your body, giv'n for me, O Savior, Your blood, which you for me have shed—
These are my life and strength forever; By them my hungry soul is fed. *Refrain*
12. With you, Lord, I am now united; I live in you and you in me.
No sorrow fills my soul; delighted, It finds its peace on Calvary. *Refrain*
13. Who can condemn me now? For surely The Lord is near, who justifies.
No hell I fear, and thus securely With Jesus I to heaven rise. *Refrain*
14. Though death may threaten with disaster, It cannot rob me of my cheer,
For he who is of death the master With help and strength is always near. *Refrain*
15. My heart has now become your dwelling, O blessed, holy Trinity.
With angels I, your praises telling, Shall live in joy eternally. *Refrain*

Please stand

**♪: Thank the Lord and sing his praise. Tell ev'ryone what he has done.
Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear his name.
He renews his promises and leads his people forth in joy with shouts of
thanksgiving. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

P: Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, 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.

† † †

PREACHER
PRESIDING MINISTER
ORGANIST
PIANO

Pastor Rob Guenther
Pastor Jeffrey Bovee
Jeneane Thiesfeldt
Rebekah Edelburg

HYMN of the DAY

With High Delight Let Us Unite

CW168



1 With high de - light Let us u - nite In songs of sweet
2 True God, he first From death has burst Forth in - to life,
3 Let prais - es ring; Give thanks and bring To Christ our Lord



ju - bi - la - tion. You pure in heart, Each take your part,
all sub - du - ing. His en - e - my Shall van - quished lie;
ad - o - ra - tion. His hon - or speed By word and deed



Sing Je - sus Christ, our sal - va - tion. To set us free
His death has been death's un - do - ing. "And yours shall be
To ev - 'ry land, ev - 'ry na - tion. So shall his love



For - ev - er, he Is ris'n and sends To all earth's
Like vic - to - ry O'er death and grave," Said he, who
Give us a - bove, From mis - er - y And death set



ends Good news to save ev - 'ry na - tion.
gave His life for us, life re - new - ing.
free, All joy and full con - so - la - tion.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Attendance for the past weekend was 331.

Fruits of faith given:

\$10,684	Home Operations ~ \$17,191 is our weekly need		
\$1,348	MVL ~ \$1,154 is our weekly need	\$100	Audio/Video Equipment
\$770	Missions ~ \$1,731 is our weekly need	\$50	Benevolence Fund
\$1,955	Building Fund	\$2	Food & Fellowship
\$125	St. Paul's School Building Fund		

Confirmation Pictures ~ are ready to be taken home. Please pick up yours on the narthex table.

Thank You ~ Lolli and I want to thank the members of St. John's for their uplifting prayers, cards, calls and emails after my lung cancer surgery. I am mending well and cancer free (I think). I am still a little short of breath and a little weak from inactivity. Lolli and I are riding bike 2 miles at a time, 2 or 3 times a day to strengthen my lungs. I still haven't received a COVID vaccine shot (maybe later in May), so I am still isolating upon my surgeon's orders. All praise to God! ~ John and Lolli Paulsen

Women of St. John's ~ The WSJ May meeting will be held Tuesday, May 2nd at 7 pm in the church basement with physical distancing and masks required. Pastor Guenther will be our speaker and will be telling us about the books he has published . We invite and encourage all ladies to attend.

Online Church Directory ~ Lifetouch Photography is no longer providing pictorial directories for churches. Because of this, the Board of Evangelism looked into different ways to be able to provide a pictorial directory to our members.

After researching options available and balancing overall value in terms of both cost and substance, we decided to move forward with an online church directory. 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. Once the church enters email addresses for members you will be able to sign up. **If you aren't receiving emails from St. John's please contact the church office at stjohnsnewnurm@gmail.com or 354-6744.** More detailed information is available in the May issue of the Fortress, but 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.

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!

In-Person Bible Classes ~ Thursday Bible classes topics include Civil Government at 10:30 am given by Pastor Bovee and Pastor Guenther will lead a study of the book of Revelation at 7 pm. Friday Women's Bible class will start at 9:30 am in the church basement. Babysitting is available. The topic will be "Hot Topics of the Day."

Sunday morning Bible class starts at 9:30 am. There are 25 tables available in the church basement with one family per table. Please sign up for a table at bit.ly/SundayBibleClass. Prof. Keith Wessel will lead a class about the New Hymnal Project.

All of the in-person classes will be held in the church basement or join online at bit.ly/StJohnsBibleClass.

St. John's Cancer Group ~ will begin to meet again on Sunday, May 16, at 2 pm. Members of St. John's who were diagnosed with cancer or who have a close family member who was diagnosed with cancer are encouraged to join us. Come whether the cancer was diagnosed recently or long ago, is being treated, is post treatment, or is in remission. Spouses or a person with whom you are sharing your journey are also welcome to attend. We will gather upstairs in the church sanctuary, where maximum social distancing can be done. Masks or face coverings are required by state order. In deciding whether to attend, please follow other state and CDC guidelines that apply to you. No food or drink will be served. Pastor Guenther will lead us in a devotion, followed by time to share and encourage each other. If you have questions, contact Wayne Wagner (359-7371) or Pastor Guenther.

AREA ANNOUNCEMENTS

Save the Date ~ Bang! Kapow! Zap! Splat! Have you purchased your tickets for the event of the spring? As we look forward to the St. Paul's Virtual Dig In Gala in two weeks, we are hopeful that you are able to join us! We will be streaming the Gala for our ticket holders via the St. Paul's Church and School YouTube account. Key dates:

- May 5 Deadline for all ticket purchases
- May 6 Unlisted YouTube link will be sent to ticket holders via email
- May 7 Pick-up of Party Boxes at St. Paul's Church from 12-6:30 pm, the Main Event from 7-8 pm, auction ends at 9 pm
- May 8 Drive-through auction item pick-up from 9-11 am at St. Paul's church

All proceeds benefit the St. Paul's School Building Project. For tickets and detailed information head to <https://buytickets.at/stpaulsschoolnewulm>

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.

Teacher Appreciation Week ~ The week of May 3 - 7 will be Teacher Appreciation Week at St. Paul's Lutheran School. During the week we say an extra THANK YOU to our amazing faculty and staff for all they do every day for our students. Throughout the week the teachers and staff will be treated to breakfast, lunch, and a variety of other fun surprises to show our thanks to them. If you would like to show your appreciation by contributing to this fun week, please contact Sarah Zahrt at recsplnewulm@gmail.com.

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; 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. Full-time and part-time positions available with paid training! Contact Site Manager Ray Vulcan at rayv@palmerbusservice.com to learn more.

Mission Trip Update ~ Trips are being planned to San Antonio, Texas for basketball camp and to Coeur d'Alene, Idaho for a Bible camp. Those finishing Confirmation instruction and older are welcome to participate. If you are interested, please pick up an application at church. Email Mr. Kuschel at kkuschel@splnewulm.org with questions.

Job Opening ~ Martin Luther College is now accepting applications for one full-time Early Childhood Learning Center Assistant Teacher. A comprehensive description for this position can be found at mlc-wels.edu/hr. Interested individuals should apply online. Applications will be accepted through 12 pm on Tuesday, April 20, 2021. Additional information and details can be obtained by contacting the Martin Luther College Human Resources Office at 507-354-8221.

ProMusica Minnesota Chamber Music Series ~ presents a concert called "Pale Yellow", performed by pianist Bethel Balge, New Zealand cellist Richard Belcher, and violinist Peter McGuire, on Sunday, May 9, at 3 pm, at St Paul's Church. For more information visit ProMusicaMN.com.

Job Opportunities ~ Summer 2021 campus employment opportunities have been posted on the MLC website at mlc-wels.edu/summerjobs. Interested individuals may apply directly to the supervisor(s) listed in the respective position(s). Applicants may apply for one or multiple positions. Applications can be printed or downloaded from the website, and are linked in each posting. Please contact Human Resources at hr@mlc-wels.edu if you have any questions.

About the Cover ~ "What does your heart tell you?" Better to ask, "What does God say in his Word?" Our hearts are deceptive. They shouldn't be trusted. At times they tell us to sin against God. "Go ahead! It will be fun!" But later, our hearts condemn us and tell us we should despair because we could never be forgiven. Don't listen to your heart. Instead listen to your God. Hear and obey what he tells you in his law. But when you fail, hear and believe what he tells you in his gospel. Rejoice that whenever our hearts condemn us, God is greater than our hearts!