

NOW THE DWELLING OF GOD IS WITH MEN, AND HE WILL LIVE WITH THEM. THEY WILL BE HIS PEOPLE, AND GOD HIMSELF WILL BE WITH THEM AND BE THEIR GOD. HE WILL WIPE EVERY TEAR FROM THEIR EYES.

SAINTS TRIUMPHANT

THERE WILL BE NO MORE DEATH OR MOURNING OR CRYING OR PAIN, FOR THE OLD ORDER OF THINGS HAS PASSED AWAY. REVELATION 21:3b-4

Welcome, guests! We're glad you could be with us! This church offers orientation, direction and happiness along the way. Worship services tell part of the story. If you want to learn more, try one of our Bible classes. Offered at various levels, you will find one that fits you, and then discover the difference in truth that makes a difference!

What's next?

If you're just getting back to church or looking for a new church, let this be your road map on the journey.

- **Come back next week.** Continue to strengthen your connection to God's Word and his people.
- **Sign up for The Four Key Concepts.** This short course gives you the very basics for a good relationship with God and an introduction to his precious Word, the Bible.
- **Sign up for Bible Inquirer's Class.** This comparative religions course digs into the Bible's basic teachings while letting you see how other religions and denominations, including ours, handle those teachings. You get to see the Bible's own word on these topics and let God's Spirit show you what the Bible says. This is a prerequisite for membership here because we base membership not on feelings and style but on unity in God's precious truths.

- **Personal Hearing Devices** are available in the pass-through window near the elevator.
- **Please silence or turn off your cell**, for an undisturbed worship hour!
- **Restrooms are downstairs**, through doors on the west wall.
- **For Parents:** If your child is restless during the service, please use the lobby or lower level to quiet him/her down before rejoining worship. Children's worship bags, next to the elevator door, are available for use during the service.
- **Offerings:** Our offerings allow us to participate in God's kingdom work. If you are a guest, you are not expected to participate in the offering. We're just glad you can be here and listen to God's Word with us!
- There are **resources for you and your family** to discover on the display tables in the narthex (lobby). Take home some helpful tools and news – free!
- **Sunday School** is a HUGE blessing for all ages at St. John's! Just after the announcements, children are encouraged to head for the lobby to meet up with their Sunday School teachers. They'll lead them to snacks and the start of Sunday School! Adults and teens can head downstairs where the fun begins in a topic focused on growing your lifestyle and character.

Our Mission Statement

Learn, love, live for Christ!

Saints Triumphant

Today we round out our series from the book of Revelation with our final segment titled The New Home of Righteousness. What challenges in life make you tired of this world? Or are you having so much fun, you don't want this world to end?

God's word for today puts on some freshly cleaned glasses for our spiritual eyes, so we can see how he views this world and what it's coming to. He inspires us with a portrait of "heaven" and even surprises us with where we will find it. Most important, though, is how to make sure you'll be found in it! Pay close attention to his final words in the Bible as we study the last part of Revelation's View of the End.

PASTOR'S WELCOME

OPENING HYMN – *For All the Saints*

CW 551, verses 1, 3, 6, 7, 8

- 1. For all the saints who from their labors rest,
All who their faith before the world confessed,
Your name, O Jesus, be forever blest. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

- 3. Oh, may your soldiers, faithful, true, and bold
Fight as the saints who nobly fought of old
And win with them the victor's crown of gold. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

- 6. The golden evening brightens in the west;
Soon, soon, to faithful warriors comes their rest.
Sweet is the calm of paradise the blest. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

- 7. But then there breaks a yet more glorious day:
The saints triumphant rise in bright array;
The King of glory passes on his way. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

- 8. From earth's wide bounds to ocean's farthest coast
Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
Singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

RESPONSIVE READING

Minister: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord! “I looked and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and in front of the Lamb.

Congregation: “They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands.

M: “And they cried out in a loud voice:

C: “ ‘Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!’ ”

M: The white-robed ones are those coming out of the great tribulation; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

C: “Therefore they are before the throne of God and serve him day and night in his temple... Never again will they hunger; never again will they thirst... And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

M: “The Spirit and the bride say, ‘Come!’” Jesus himself says, “Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest!”

C: “Thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ!”

M: “Let him who hears say, ‘Come!’ Whoever is thirsty, let him come;

C: “And whoever wishes, let him take the free gift of the water of life!”

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON: Daniel 12:1-3 – *Into glory*

At that time Michael, the great prince who protects your people, will arise. There will be a time of distress such as has not happened from the beginning of nations until then. But at that time your people – everyone whose name is found written in the book – will be delivered. ²Multitudes who sleep in the dust of the earth will awake: some to everlasting life, others to shame and everlasting contempt. ³Those who are wise will shine like the brightness of the heavens, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars for ever and ever.

PSALM 118 – *Hope, real hope*

page 108 in the front of the hymnal

SECOND LESSON: Mark 13:24-27 – *Gathered at last!*

²⁴But in those days, following that distress, “the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; ²⁵the stars will fall from the sky, and the heavenly bodies will be shaken.”

²⁶At that time men will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory. ²⁷And he will send his angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of the heavens.

CHILDREN’S LESSON: What Would You Like to Take to Heaven?

All children are invited to the front rows near the pulpit for a special message geared to them. Young ones who might not listen quietly can easily be accompanied by an older person!

HYMN – *Jerusalem the Golden*

MESSAGE

Revelation’s View of the End
Part Five (final): The New Home of Righteousness

Revelation 21:1-11, 22-27

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. ²I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. ³And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Now the dwelling of God is with men, and he will live with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. ⁴He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.”

⁵He who was seated on the throne said, “I am making everything new!” Then he said, “Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.”

⁶He said to me: “It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To him who is thirsty I will give to drink without cost from the spring of the water of life. ⁷He who overcomes will inherit all this, and I will be his God and he will be my son. ⁸But the cowardly, the unbelieving, the vile, the murderers, the sexually immoral, those who practice magic arts, the idolaters and all liars – their place will be in the fiery lake of burning sulfur. This is the second death.”

⁹One of the seven angels who had the seven bowls full of the seven last plagues came

and said to me, “Come, I will show you the bride, the wife of the Lamb.” ¹⁰And he carried me away in the Spirit to a mountain great and high, and showed me the Holy City, Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God. ¹¹It shone with the glory of God, and its brilliance was like that of a very precious jewel, like a jasper, clear as crystal.

²²I did not see a temple in the city, because the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple. ²³The city does not need the sun or the moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and the Lamb is its lamp. ²⁴The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their splendor into it. ²⁵On no day will its gates ever be shut, for there will be no night there. ²⁶The glory and honor of the nations will be brought into it. ²⁷Nothing impure will ever enter it, nor will anyone who does what is shameful or deceitful, but only those whose names are written in the Lamb's book of life.

Taking the message home: _____

HYMN – Lord, When Your Glory I Shall See

CW 219

**Lord, when your glory I shall see and taste your kingdom’s pleasure,
Your blood my royal robe shall be, my joy beyond all measure!
When I appear before your throne, your righteousness shall be my crown;
With these I need not hide me.
And there, in garments richly wrought, as your own bride I shall be brought
To stand in joy beside you.**

OFFERING

This is a good time to sign the friendship registers. Please share as much as you would like, ask a question, indicate change in contact information, etc.

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.

PRAYER FOR GRACE AND CLOSING BLESSING

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

C: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN – *There Is a Higher Throne*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

After the announcements, children are invited to head into the lobby and meet up with the Sunday School teachers. They will lead the children to the snack area and the beginning of Sunday School!

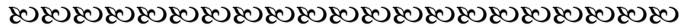
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Bulletin Board

Bible Class: *Parenting with Love & Logic* – This practical, down-to-earth course helps parents, teachers, and grandparents discover how to deal with all sorts of challenges – and actually succeed!

Next Sunday’s Worship Theme: *Live Ready!*

Together Newsletter: You can pick up the latest edition of our synod's bi-monthly newsletter from the back table.

A new Bible Information Class is about to start! This Tuesday (November 27) at 5:30pm! This basic Bible teachings course is a great opportunity to understand the basics of the Bible while comparing religions and deepening your roots! Please RSVP to pastor/office for materials preparation.

Mr. Rick has received a divine call to teach grades three and four at Christ Alone Lutheran School in Thiensville, Wisconsin. Please keep him in your prayers as he deliberates his two calls: the one here at St. John's and the one from Christ Alone.

Poinsettia time is approaching! There’s a sign-up sheet on the back table if you are interested in providing one or more poinsettia plants to beautify the sanctuary for the Christmas season.

Giving Opportunity for Sleepy Eye Care Center: We can brighten someone's holiday at SECC with a gift! On the back table you will find a bag, and inside are plastic storage bags containing a Christmas bow and a tag with a list of gift ideas for residents. You may take a plastic bag, buy the gifts listed on the tag, wrap your gift, and put the bow and the tag on the gift (this is important). Please return it to church by December 10 so that all the gifts can be taken over to SECC. It was stressed that, if you purchase pants, they must be the type that are easy to put on and take off (i.e., elastic waist, stretchy.)

Great news for our Outreach efforts! We now have a team leader! He is calling for a short, efficient meeting on Wednesday, December 5, 8pm - 9pm sharp! All who have a heart for reaching those who don't know life with Jesus, bring your enthusiasm and help craft a plan for June 2019 to June 2020. The meeting will end promptly at 9pm, so come help efficiently create a plan for the Lord's kingdom!

MVL #GivingTuesday Match: Mark your calendar now for Tuesday, November 27, to make a special contribution to MVL, and Thrivent Financial will double your impact! Donations will be doubled up to \$10,000 - that means #GivingTuesday could bring \$20,000 or more in support of Christian education at MVL!

MVL is hosting an open house that day from 5:00-7:00 PM for donation drop-offs, tours, refreshments, and entertainment. Donations can also be brought in during regular business hours to Treasure Haus in New Ulm, New 2 You in Mankato, and the New Ulm Thrivent office.

If you can't make it physically, please consider giving digitally. Online donations can be made only on Tuesday, November 27, through InFaith's website (<https://bit.ly/2DDBthl>) or at mvl.org/giving-tuesday.

Please share this exciting opportunity! You do not need to be a Thrivent member for your donation to be matched.

Thrivent Open House: All are invited to a Holiday Cheer Open House on Tuesday, November 27, from 11am-1pm in support of Thrivent's "Giving Tuesday" initiative. Thrivent will **double** donations received, up to \$10,000, made on November 27th. 100% of the donations will go to **Minnesota Valley Lutheran High School**. MVL was one of two recipients of Thrivent's "Giving Tuesday" campaign. The address is 108 S. Minnesota St. in New Ulm. If you have any questions, please call 507-354-4413.

Martin Luther College invites you to the annual Christmas Concert, *Peace Eternal Making*, presented this Saturday, December 1, at 7:30 pm and Sunday, December 2, at 4:00 pm in the MLC Chapel of the Christ. All are welcome as they open the Advent season with this joyous campus tradition!

The Music Department of Bethany Lutheran College, Mankato, presents their annu-

al *Christmas at Bethany* concerts in Trinity Chapel December 6-7 at 5pm, December 8 at 1 and 5pm, and December 9 at 3pm. Advance reservations are encouraged, especially for Saturday and Sunday, as concerts tend to fill and seating is general admission. Tickets available now, or call Fine Arts Coordinator Susan Harstad at 507-344-7365. Christmas at Bethany tickets are free, with a free-will offering received during the concert.

Save the Date: Come share "An Evening with Isaiah" on Sunday, December 9 at Trinity Lutheran Church, Nicollet. Registration will begin at 5pm and desserts will be served at 5:30pm. The opening prayer and service will begin at 6:00pm. To save your spot, please email office@trinitynicollet.org or call 507-232-3938, ext 0. Please leave a message if nobody answers.

Congregational Night at MVL: Tuesday, December 11 is Congregational Night at Minnesota Valley Lutheran High School. Come and support the girls' basketball teams as they play against GFW! The C squad game starts at 4:45pm, the JV at 5:45pm, and the varsity game at 7:15pm. Tickets are **free**, and you can get yours from our church/school office.

COMING EVENTS

Sun Nov 25

- 10:15am Spiritual growth for kids, teens, and adults

Mon Nov 26

- 7:00pm Worship
- 7:05pm St. John's on TV - Channel 8, Springfield
- 7:45pm Spiritual growth for adults and teens

Tue Nov 27

- 8:10am Catechism class
- 6:00pm St. John's on TV - Channel 8, Sleepy Eye

Wed Nov 28

- 9:00am Newsletter assembly
- 1:30pm St. John's on TV - Channel 8, Sleepy Eye
- 7:00pm Choir practice

Thu Nov 29

- 8:10am Catechism class
- 10:00am St. John's on TV - Channel 8, Springfield
- 4:00pm Worship service at Sleepy Eye Care Center

Sun Dec 2

- 9:00am Worship w/Communion – Theme: *Live Ready!*
- 10:15am Spiritual growth for kids, teens, and adults

Mon Dec 3

- 7:00pm Worship
- 7:05pm St. John's on TV - Channel 8, Springfield
- 7:45pm Spiritual growth for adults and teens

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