

ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

Berlin, Wisconsin

The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod



On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine, of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined. He will swallow up death forever; and the LORD GOD will wipe away tears from all faces. Isaiah 25:6, 8a

October 8 and 11, 2020 Celebrating LWML Sunday

To Our Guests: The Lord's Supper is celebrated at St. John Lutheran Church in the confession and glad confidence that our Lord, as He says, gives not only bread and wine, but His very body and blood to eat and drink for the forgiveness of sin. In joyful obedience to the clear teaching of our Lord Jesus those are invited to His table who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us. They show forth His death until He comes. Because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod and so are unable to receive the Sacrament are invited to meditate on God's Word in the distribution hymn and pray for the day when divisions will have ceased. Please note that there is a

cup of white grape juice in each tray which contains a drop of wine for those who prefer grape juice. Thank you!)

AS WE GATHER... The Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) is an official auxiliary of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. Since 1942, the LWML has affirmed each woman's identity as a child of God and her relationship with Jesus Christ. Lutheran Women in Mission are women of faith, empowered for active service in Jesus' name and bold support of missions through Mite Box offerings. As Christians, we have been given the kingdom of God to bear its fruit.

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Pre-Service Music

Ringing of the Bells

Welcome

Kingdom People Produce Kingdom Fruit

OPENING HYMN

"Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty" **LSB 901**

Open now thy gates of beauty;
Zion, let me enter there,
Where my soul in joyful duty
Waits for Him to answer prayer.
Oh, how blessed is this place,
Filled with solace, light, and grace!

Gracious God, I come before Thee;
Come Thou also unto me.
Where we find Thee and adore Thee,
There a heav'n on earth must be.
To my heart, O enter Thou;
Let it be Thy temple now!

Here Thy praise is gladly chanted;
Here Thy seed is duly sown.
Let my soul, where it is planted,
Bring forth precious sheaves alone,
So that all I hear may be
Fruitful unto life in me.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

(adapted from LSB, Divine Service, Setting Two)

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

C: **Amen.**

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

C: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

P: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not fully lived as Your kingdom people. We have not brought forth the fruits of righteousness as we ought. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will, walk in Your ways, and bear kingdom fruit to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His only Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all of your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

SERVICE OF THE WORD

INTROIT

P: Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; for His steadfast love endures forever!
The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.

C: This is the LORD's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

P: This is the day that the LORD has made;

C: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

ALL: 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.

P: Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever!

HYMN OF PRAISE

"Glory Be to God the Father" **LSB 506**

Glory be to God the Father, Glory be to God the Son,
Glory be to God the Spirit; Great Jehovah, Three in One!
Glory, glory, While eternal ages run.

Glory be to Him who loved us, Washed us from each spot and stain;
Glory be to Him who bought us, Made us kings with Him to reign!
Glory, glory, To the Lamb that once was slain!

Glory, blessing, praise eternal! Thus the choir of angels sings;
Honor, riches, pow'r, dominion! Thus its praise creation brings.
Glory, glory, Glory to the King of kings!

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray.

All Gracious God, You gave Your Son into the hands of sinful men who killed Him. Forgive us when we reject Your unfailing love and grant us the fullness of Your salvation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

FIRST READING

Isaiah 25:6-9

⁶ On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine,
of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined.
⁷ And he will swallow up on this mountain
the covering that is cast over all peoples,
the veil that is spread over all nations.
⁸ He will swallow up death forever;
and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces,
and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth,
for the LORD has spoken.
⁹ It will be said on that day,
"Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us.
This is the LORD; we have waited for him;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation."

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalms 23

P: The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

**C: He makes me lie down in green pastures.
He leads me beside still waters.**

P: He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness
for his name's sake.

**C: Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil,
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

P: You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

**C: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**

**ALL: 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.**

SECOND READING

Philippians 4:4-13

⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. ⁵ Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; ⁶ do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. ⁸ Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these

things. ⁹What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you. ¹⁰I rejoiced in the Lord greatly that now at length you have revived your concern for me. You were indeed concerned for me, but you had no opportunity. ¹¹Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content. ¹²I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. ¹³I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA VERSE

P: Alleluia! The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.

C: This was the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 22:1-14

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-second chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

And again Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying, ²"The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son, ³and sent his servants to call those who were invited to the wedding feast, but they would not come. ⁴Again he sent other servants, saying, 'Tell those who are invited, "See, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding feast."' ⁵But they paid no attention and went off, one to his farm, another to his business, ⁶while the rest seized his servants, treated them shamefully, and killed them. ⁷The king was angry, and he sent his troops and destroyed those murderers and burned their city. ⁸Then he said to his servants, 'The wedding feast is ready, but those invited were not worthy. ⁹Go therefore to the main roads and invite to the wedding feast as many as you find.' ¹⁰And those servants went out into the roads and gathered all whom they found, both bad and good. So the wedding hall was filled with guests. ¹¹"But when the king came in to look at the guests, he saw there a man who had no wedding garment. ¹²And he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding garment?' And he was speechless. ¹³Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot and cast him into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' ¹⁴For many are called, but few are chosen."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ!

APOSTLES' CREED

**C I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence 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.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Praise, Love, Serve"

(Based on LWML Pledge, Text: Jean Hansen Kammerer, Tune: *LSB* 361)

Our God and Father, made the earth, And when we went astray,
Our God, the Son, descended here To take our sins away.
With His own blood He bought us. He broke the bonds of sin.
Then God the Spirit came into Our hearts to dwell within.

In gratitude we pledge ourselves, To Him with all we have.
Our hands will work; our voices sing; Our lips proclaim His love.
His errands we'll do gladly; His Gospel we'll defend;
Our silver and our gold we'll use — His Kingdom to extend.

Wherever He has need of us, We will His call obey.
Whenever He calls out to us, We'll answer right away.
His will is ours that lost souls Will turn away from sin
And come to have eternal life Through fellowship with Him.

SERMON "A Special Invitation" (Matthew 22:1-14)

LWML PLEDGE

In fervent gratitude for the Savior's dying love and His blood-bought gift of redemption we dedicate ourselves to Him with all that we are and have; and in obedience to His call for workers in the harvest fields, we pledge Him our willing service wherever and whenever He has need of us. We consecrate to our Savior our hands to work for Him, our feet to go on His errands, our voice to sing His praises, our lips to proclaim His redeeming love, our silver and our gold to extend His Kingdom, our will to do His will, and every power of our life to the great task of bringing the lost and the erring into eternal fellowship with Him. Amen.

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH (Adapted from Evening Prayer, *LSB*)

P: For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the mission of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League to assist each woman of The Lutheran Church—
Missouri Synod in affirming her relationship with the Triune God so that she is enabled to use her gifts in ministry

to the people of the world, and to support global missions through the gathering of mites and providing of mission grants, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For all Your kingdom people that they may produce kingdom fruit to Your glory and for the expansion of Your kingdom on earth, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For those who work to bring peace, justice, health, and protection in this and every place, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For favorable weather, for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, and for peaceful times, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For our deliverance from all affliction, wrath, danger, and need, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For...(additional bids for prayer may be added here)...let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your goodness and remembering with thankfulness Your mercies, which are new every morning; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

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

C: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who, out of love for His fallen creation, humbled Himself by taking the form of a servant, becoming obedient unto death, even death upon a cross. Risen from the dead, He has made us the people of His kingdom, freeing us from eternal death, and giving us everlasting life. Therefore, with angels and archangels and the whole company of heaven, we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

SANCTUS

Tune: LSB 798

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The God who reigns on high The great archangels sing,
And "Holy, holy, holy!" cry, "Almighty King!
Who was and is the same. And evermore shall be:
Jehovah, Father, Great I AM! We worship Thee!"

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.**

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

THE PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST AND THE PEACE

P: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

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

C: Amen.

BEHOLD THE LAMB OF GOD

Tune: *LSB 346*

(The first verse is Verse 3 from "When All the World was Cursed," *LSB 346*;
the second verse is original by Rev. Larry Krueger)

Behold the Lamb of God That bears the world's transgression,
Whose sacrifice removes The devil's dread oppression.
Behold the Lamb of God, Who takes away our sin,
Who for our peace and joy [Did] full atonement win.

O Holy Lamb of God, have mercy now upon us.
Under the bread and wine, Your body now is given us,
Your blood poured out for all, We now in faith receive.
Grant us Your peace, O Lord, That we in You may live.

DISMISSAL

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve us in body and soul to life everlasting.
Depart † in peace.

C: Amen.

THANKSGIVING "O Jesus, Blessed Lord, to Thee"

LSB 632

- 1 O Jesus, blessèd Lord, to Thee
My heartfelt thanks forever be,
Who hast so lovingly bestowed
On me Thy body and Thy blood.

- 2 Break forth, my soul, for joy and say:
What wealth is come to me this day!
My Savior dwells within my heart:
How blessed am I! How good Thou art!

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POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

P: Let us pray.
Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the kingdom feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us as Your kingdom people throughout our days that we may bear fruit in keeping with repentance till that day when we celebrate the feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

BLESSING

P: Let us bless the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and † give you peace.

C: **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN

"Serve the Lord with Gladness"

Text: Prof. Ernest Lewerenz, Tune: *LSB 662*

"Serve the Lord with gladness!" It is He alone
Who redeemed us sinners, Guides us as His own
To enjoy the blessings Of His love and grace,
Will at last in glory Meet us face to face.
Onward, then, for Jesus! Let this be our aim:
"Serve the Lord with gladness!" Glorify His name.

"Serve the Lord with gladness!" He gave us command
To proclaim His Gospel Now in every land
So that fellow sinners May, like us, be blest.
Leading them to Jesus, We can serve Him best.
Onward, then, for Jesus! Let this be our aim:
"Serve the Lord with gladness!" Glorify His name!

"Serve the Lord with gladness!" There's no greater joy
Than to serve the Master, Work in His employ.
As we build His kingdom Angels, too, rejoice
Over every sinner Brought to hear His voice.
Onward, then, for Jesus! Let this be our aim:
"Serve the Lord with gladness!" Glorify His name!

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Budget giving needed: \$7500.00

Calendar of Activities this week at St. John

12 Monday	Board of Trustees	7:00 pm
13 Tuesday	Board of Education	6:00 pm
13 Tuesday	Board of Elders	6:00 pm
14 Wednesday	Public Confirmation Class	3:45 pm
14 Wednesday	Senior Choir	7:00 pm
15 Thursday	Worship Service/HC	6:30 pm
18 Sunday	Worship Service/HC	8:00 am
18 Sunday	Adult & Youth Bible Classes	9:15 am
18 Sunday	Sunday School	9:15 am
18 Sunday	Worship Service/HC	10:30 am

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OUR LWML SUNDAY SPECIAL GUEST IS EBOU FAYE. Originally from Senegal, Ebou Faye has been living in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, for more than 20 years. He had some exposure to the Bible at a Christian school in his home country, but it wasn't until 2007 that he truly began to explore the Christian faith. Through a food bank at a local church in Milwaukee, Ebou began to connect with the Christians, and several pastors, including Rev. Dr. Gary Rohwer of POBLO, helped him to understand the differences spoken about Christ in the Quran and the Bible. Through this process, he confessed his faith in Christ as his only true Lord and Savior. Ebou now serves as a POBLO missionary in Milwaukee, sharing the Gospel with others. He primarily interacts with African Muslim immigrants, including those from Somalia, Kenya, and Sudan.

SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR POBLO TO BE TAKEN TODAY. Baskets will be available in the Narthex if you would like to make a freewill offering to POBLO (People of the Book Lutheran Outreach) to further their work in reaching out to Muslims with the Gospel of Christ.

"BADGERBYTES" the weekly newspaper of St. John Lutheran School is available in the information rack of the Narthex. Pick one up today and keep abreast of all the happenings at our Christian Day School!

LWML IS ASKING FOR HELP collecting items for our Fall Rally. We are looking for hand/body lotion, denture cleaning tabs, denture cream, toothbrush, toothpaste, comb, shampoo, body wash and large print activity books. The items collected will be used at the servant event to make care packages for nursing homes. Our Rally is October 24th so we need all donations dropped in the bins in the card room by Thursday, October 22nd. Thanks in advance for helping us with this project.

PORTALS OF PRAYER for October-Dec. 2020 are available in the magazine rack and on the table in the Narthex. Pick one up for your personal devotions!

SERMON OUTLINE

October 8/11, 2020

Theme: "A Special Invitation" (Matthew 22:1-14)

I. Our Pre-Occupations of this World

- A. How many of us think about _____ each day?
- B. We're too _____ with the things of this world usually.
- C. Jesus is preoccupied with the Kingdom of _____.
- D. In Jesus' parable, the people reject the free gift of _____.
- E. One man tries to get into the feast wearing his own wedding _____.
- F. He (like us) is busy trying to build his own _____.

II. Jesus Is Pre-Occupied As Well (for us)

- A. This King _____ us to the banquet despite our unworthiness.
- B. Those who don't know about this invitation need to be _____.
- C. The work of the _____ does just that!
- D. Poble International serves to reach the _____ community with the Gospel message.
- E. Jesus gracious invitation to the heavenly banquet is for _____ people!