

ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

Berlin, Wisconsin
The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod



I have set My bow in the cloud, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between Me and the earth. Genesis 9:13

Ninth Sunday After Pentecost
July 22/25, 2021

Serving Us Today:
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(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... God's promise of life in the rainbow summons us to hope in God. The apostle Paul urges us to discover and to know how real and firm is God's love. Like the fearful disciples in

today's Gospel, we may have doubts of faith. But God's Word assures us: "Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid" (Mark 6:50). This causes us to stop our worrying and believe. Hope in God can calm you. The love of God can convince you. Here, now, at His mighty Word, your sins are forgiven, and you have hope, love, and life. We now gather before Him, our Creator, our Redeemer, and our loving God.

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP HELPS... Please know we have two children's worship bulletins available for young non-readers and older children. Both bulletins have activities that go along with the weekly theme. We also have activity bags for children hanging on the rear wall of the church for use throughout the worship service. If needed we have a cry room/nursery (with changing table) behind the organ in the southwest corner of the church.

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

RINGING OF THE BELLS

WELCOME

✘ PREPARATION ✘

HYMN "God Himself Is Present"

LSB #907

- 1 God Himself is present:
 Let us now adore Him
 And with awe appear before Him.
God is in His temple;
 All within keep silence;
 Humbly kneel in deepest rev'ence.
He alone
On His throne
 Is our God and Savior;
 Praise His name forever!

- 2 God Himself is present:
 Hear the harps resounding;
 See the hosts the throne surrounding.
"Holy, holy, holy!"
 Hear the hymn ascending,
 Songs of saints and angels blending.
Bow Your ear
To us here:
 Hear, O Christ, the praises
 That Your Church now raises.

3 Fount of ev'ry blessing,
Purify my spirit,
Trusting only in Your merit.
Like the holy angels,
Worshiping before You,
May I ceaselessly adore You.
Let Your will
Ever still
Rule Your Church terrestrial
As the hosts celestial.

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INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Since the beginning of time, God has revealed His will to seek and to save that which was lost. No matter how often we have entered the gates of God's place, whether often or rarely, because of sin, we are all lost, on our own, and helpless. Let us therefore approach God in humility to receive His forgiveness.

People: **O God, I believe in You; O Lord, I trust Your promise to save me. Forgive me for my sins in thought, word, and deed. Come to me, though I am not worthy. Come to me with Your promise, with Your touch of forgiveness, healing, help, and life. Come, Lord Jesus. Amen.**

Pastor: God has come to you in grace and mercy. Upon this your confession, as a called and ordained servant of the Word 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.

People: **Amen.**

✠ **WORD** ✠

INTROIT *Psalm 145:1–3, 6–7; antiphon: v. 5*

I will extol you, my God and King,
and bless your name forever and ever.

**² Every day I will bless you
and praise your name forever and ever.**

**³ Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised,
and his greatness is unsearchable.**

**⁶ They shall speak of the might of your awesome deeds,
and I will declare your greatness.**

**⁷ They shall pour forth the fame of your abundant goodness
and shall sing aloud of your righteousness.**

KYRIE

P In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

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 Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C **Amen.**

HYMN OF PRAISE "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

LSB #805

1 Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.

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SALUTATION & PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us pray.

All **Almighty and most merciful God, the protector of all who trust in You, strengthen our faith and give us courage to believe that in Your love You will rescue us from all adversities; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Genesis 9:8–17* (The covenant of the rainbow)

⁸ Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, ⁹ "Behold, I establish my covenant with you and your offspring after you, ¹⁰ and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the livestock, and every beast of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark; it is for every beast of the earth. ¹¹ I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of the flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth." ¹² And God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: ¹³ I have set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. ¹⁴ When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, ¹⁵ I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh. And the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. ¹⁶ When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth." ¹⁷ God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth."

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM *Psalms 136:1–9; antiphon: v. 26*

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,
for his steadfast love endures forever.

² **Give thanks to the God of gods,
for his steadfast love endures forever.**

³ Give thanks to the Lord of lords,
for his steadfast love endures forever;

⁴ **to him who alone does great wonders,
for his steadfast love endures forever;**

⁵ to him who by understanding made the heavens,
for his steadfast love endures forever;

⁶ **to him who spread out the earth above the waters,**

for his steadfast love endures forever;

⁷ to him who made the great lights,
for his steadfast love endures forever;

⁸ **the sun to rule over the day,**
for his steadfast love endures forever;

⁹ the moon and stars to rule over the night,
for his steadfast love endures forever;

MINISTRY OF MUSIC “First Song of Isaiah” (Sunday only)

EPISTLE *Ephesians 3:14–21* (Prayer for spiritual strength)

¹⁴ For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, ¹⁵ from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, ¹⁶ that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, ¹⁷ so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, ¹⁸ may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, ¹⁹ and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. ²⁰ Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, ²¹ to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL *Mark 6:45–56* (Jesus walks on water.)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the sixth chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

⁴⁵ Immediately he made his disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, to Bethsaida, while he dismissed the crowd. ⁴⁶ And after he had taken leave of them, he went up on the mountain to pray. ⁴⁷ And when evening came, the boat was out on the sea, and he was alone on the land. ⁴⁸ And he saw that they were making headway painfully, for the wind was against them. And about the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. He meant to pass by them, ⁴⁹ but when they saw him walking on the sea they thought it was a ghost, and cried out, ⁵⁰ for they all saw him and were terrified. But immediately he spoke to them and said, “Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid.” ⁵¹ And he got into the boat with them, and the wind ceased. And they were utterly astounded, ⁵² for they did not understand about the loaves, but their hearts were hardened. ⁵³ When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored to the shore. ⁵⁴ And when they got out of the boat, the people immediately recognized him ⁵⁵ and ran about the whole region and began to bring the sick people on their beds to wherever they heard he was. ⁵⁶ And wherever he

came, in villages, cities, or countryside, they laid the sick in the marketplaces and implored him that they might touch even the fringe of his garment. And as many as touched it were made well.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY "Entrust Your Days and Burdens"

6 stanzas sung to **LSB #915**

- 1 Entrust your days and burdens
 To God's most loving hand;
He cares for you while ruling
 The sky, the sea, the land.
For He who guides the tempests
 Along their thund'rous ways
Will find for you a pathway
 And guide you all your days.

- 2 Rely on God your Savior
 And find your life secure.
Make His work your foundation
 That your work may endure.
No anxious thought, no worry,
 No self-tormenting care
Can win your Father's favor;
 His heart is moved by prayer.

- 3 Take heart, have hope, my spirit,
 And do not be dismayed;
God helps in ev'ry trial
 And makes you unafraid.
Await His time with patience
 Through darkest hours of night
Until the sun you hoped for
 Delights your eager sight.

- 4 Leave all to His direction;
 His wisdom rules for you
In ways to rouse your wonder
 At all His love can do.
Soon He, His promise keeping,
 With wonder-working pow'rs

Will banish from your spirit
What gave you troubled hours.

5 O blessèd heir of heaven,
You'll hear the song resound
Of endless jubilation
When you with life are crowned.
In your right hand your maker
Will place the victor's palm,
And you will thank Him gladly
With heaven's joyful psalm.

6 Our hands and feet, Lord, strengthen;
With joy our spirits bless
Until we see the ending
Of all our life's distress.
And so throughout our lifetime
Keep us within Your care
And at our end then bring us
To heav'n to praise You there.

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SERMON "Pains, Strains, and Gains" (Mark 6:45-56)

CREED *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.**

OFFERING

OFFERTORY "We Give Thee But Thine Own"

St. 1,2 **LSB #781**

- 1 We give Thee but Thine own,
Whate'er the gift may be;
All that we have is Thine alone,
A trust, O Lord, from Thee.

- 2 May we Thy bounties thus
As stewards true receive
And gladly, as Thou blessest us,
To Thee our firstfruits give!

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Eternal Father, O God our Creator and Redeemer, we thank You that You have drawn us to Yourself by the power of Your Word and our Savior Jesus Christ, our Lord. For Your promises of life and salvation, we give You praise and adoration as our God and Lord. Keep us in steady faith in You, guide our steps in the ways of Your life-giving Word, and make us to be ever more Your people of hope, love, and life. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Lord Jesus, as You strengthened Your early apostles by Your very presence, so give strength and courage to church workers who continue in Your service to this day. Guard and protect them from the assaults of the devil and bless their service in Your Word and Sacraments. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Almighty God, give Your blessing and guidance to all in authority and the service of government in our land and throughout the world. Cause them to pursue righteousness and justice in all their dealings that we may live in prosperity and peace. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Give healing and comfort, O Lord, to all who are in trouble, danger, or illness, [especially . . .]. Sustain their courage and faith in Your mighty care. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

(Sunday service continues with the Lord's Prayer & Benediction sung by the choir)

**✠ SACRAMENT ✠
(Thursday Only)**

PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

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

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

PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: 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. By His Word, He has caused us to receive saving faith, and by His death and resurrection, He has given us the sure hope that because He lives we will live also for eternity. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

SANCTUS HYMN "Holy Holy Holy"

St. 1,4 **LSB #507**

- 1 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!
- 4 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

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LORD'S PRAYER *Matthew 6:9–13*

**People: 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 *Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24;
Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25*

PAX DOMINI

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

People: **Amen.**

AGNUS DEI HYMN"Lamb of God" **LSB #550**

1 Your only Son, no sin to hide,
But You have sent Him from Your side
To walk upon this guilty sod,
And to become the Lamb of God. Refrain

ref O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God,
I love the holy Lamb of God!
O wash me in His precious blood,
My Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.

2 Your Gift of love they crucified,
They laughed and scorned Him as He died:
The humble King they named a fraud,
And sacrificed the Lamb of God. Refrain

3 I was so lost, I should have died,
But You have brought me to Your side
To be led by Your staff and rod,
And to be called a lamb of God. Refrain

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DISTRIBUTION HYMN "Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me"**LSB #761**

1 Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in Thee;
Let the water and the blood,
From Thy riven side which flowed,
Be of sin the double cure:
Cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.

2 Not the labors of my hands
Can fulfill Thy Law's demands;
Could my zeal no respite know,
Could my tears forever flow,
All for sin could not atone;
Thou must save, and Thou alone.

3 Nothing in my hand I bring;
Simply to Thy cross I cling.

Naked, come to Thee for dress;
Helpless, look to Thee for grace;
Foul, I to the fountain fly;
Wash me, Savior, or I die.

4 While I draw this fleeting breath,
When mine eyelids close in death,
When I soar to worlds unknown,
See Thee on Thy judgment throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in Thee.

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POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

Pastor: Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage 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.

People: **Amen.**

BENEDICTION *(Sung Benediction Sunday only)*

Pastor: 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.

People: **Amen.**

HYMN "How Great Thou Art"

LSB #801

1 O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the works Thy hand hath made,
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,
Thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed; Refrain.

ref Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee,
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee,
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!

2 When through the woods and forest glades I wander,
I hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze; Refrain.

3 But when I think that God, His Son not sparing,
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in—
That on the cross my burden gladly bearing
He bled and died to take away my sin; Refrain.

4 When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration
And there proclaim: "My God, how great Thou art!"

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Attendance Last Week: 169	
General giving last week:	\$5694.96
Budget giving needed:	\$7500.00

Calendar of Activities this week at St. John

29 Thursday	Worship Service/HC	6:30 pm
1 Sunday	Worship Service/HC	9:00 am

ASLEEP IN JESUS: It has pleased Almighty God to call from this veil of tears to Himself the soul of His servant Darlene (Dolly) Doan. Dolly entered eternal life with her Lord and Savior on Friday, July 16 and received Christian burial from St. John on Wednesday, July 21.

HUMAN CARE will take a door collection NEXT WEEK to help provide funds for the work they do for people in need.

A QUARTERLY VOTERS MEETING will be held on Sunday, August 1st, following the 9:00 am worship service. All communicant members are eligible to become voting members. Mark your calendars and plan to attend.

EMAIL OR ADDRESS CHANGE? PHONE # CHANGE? Please let the church office know so we can keep our records current. You may drop a note in the church office mailbox or write "CHANGED" on your next communion card and then fill in what has changed in your information. Thanks!!

LIFE DATE MAGAZINE, the official publication of *Lutherans for Life*, a Recognized Service Organization of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, is available on the table in the Narthex. This magazine contains timely articles on "Life" issues such as abortion, end-of-life matters, care giving, etc. It also highlights to work of *Lutherans for Life* which is dedicated to support, protect and honor all life from conception to natural death

4-K Aide Position St. John School has an opening for a 4K aide for the 2021/22 school year. Please call the school office if you are interested. (920) 361-0555. Thank you.

VBS We will be having a one day VBS on Saturday, August 7th from 9 AM to 3 PM. Age 3 to grade 6 are encouraged to attend. There is no cost and lunch will be provided.

SERMON OUTLINE
July 22/25, 2021
Theme: "Strains, Pains, and Gains"
(Mark 6:45-56)

I. Our Strains & Pains Prevent us from Seeing Jesus

- A. We'd love to ask the _____, "What were you thinking?"
- B. How could they not know _____ was walking on the water towards them?
- C. It's the presence of _____ that helps through the strains and pains of life.
- D. Yet, we all have a tendency to _____ ourselves when things start to go wrong.

II. But Jesus Promises to Be With us Always

- A. We need to be _____ it was Jesus who brought calmness amid the wind and waves.
- B. From the moment of our _____, Jesus promised to be with us always.
- C. Jesus also carries the burden and strain of our _____ for you.
- D. We don't have to be _____, because we know who to turn to in our time of need.
- E. Jesus is with us in our strains and pains to secure for us eternal _____!