

ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

Berlin, Wisconsin  
The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod



*My brothers, show no partiality as you hold the faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory.  
(James 2:1)*

Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost  
September 2/5, 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...** In today's Readings, James encourages us toward good works of service and love, and Jesus does the good work of healing by restoring a man's hearing and speech. Our faith in Jesus

is marked by our reflection of His love and service. While we are not able to do all the things Jesus can do, we are called to reflect His faithful work as we serve in our vocations by loving our neighbors.

**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**

### **Confession and Absolution**

#### **844 Lord of All Nations, Grant Me Grace**

- 1 Lord of all nations, grant me grace  
To love all people, ev'ry race;  
And in each person may I see  
My kindred, loved, redeemed by Thee.
- 2 Break down the wall that would divide  
Thy children, Lord, on ev'ry side.  
My neighbor's good let me pursue;  
Let Christian love bind warm and true.
- 3 Forgive me, Lord, where I have erred  
By loveless act and thoughtless word.  
Make me to see the wrong I do  
Will grieve my wounded Lord anew.
- 4 Give me Thy courage, Lord, to speak  
Whenever strong oppress the weak.  
Should I myself the victim be,  
Help me forgive, rememb'ring Thee.
- 5 With Thine own love may I be filled  
And by Thy Holy Spirit willed,  
That all I touch, where'er I be,  
May be divinely touched by Thee.

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their baptism.*

P In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

C **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all 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** *Ps. 28:1–2, 6–7; antiphon: Ps. 28:8*

The LORD is the strength of his people;  
he is the saving refuge of his anointed.

**To you, O LORD, I call; my rock, be not deaf to me,  
lest, if you be silent to me, I become like those who go down to the pit.**

Hear the voice of my pleas for mercy, when I cry to you for help,  
when I lift up my hands toward your most holy sanctuary.

**Blessèd be the LORD!**

**For he has heard the voice of my pleas for mercy.**

The LORD is my strength and my shield; in him my heart trusts, and I am helped;  
my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to 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.**

The LORD is the strength of his people;  
he is the saving refuge of his anointed.

**Kyrie** *LSB 204*

**C Lord, have mercy.  
Christ, have mercy.  
Lord, have mercy.**

**Gloria in Excelsis** *LSB 204*

**C To God on high be glory  
And peace to all the earth;  
Goodwill from God in heaven  
Proclaimed at Jesus' birth!  
We praise and bless You, Father;  
Your holy name we sing—  
Our thanks for Your great glory,  
Lord God, our heav'nly King.**

**To You, O sole-begotten,  
The Father's Son, we pray;  
O Lamb of God, our Savior,  
You take our sins away.  
Have mercy on us, Jesus;  
Receive our heartfelt cry,  
Where You in pow'r are seated  
At God's right hand on high—**

**For You alone are holy,  
You only are the Lord.  
Forever and forever,  
Be worshiped and adored;  
You with the Holy Spirit**

**Alone are Lord Most High,  
In God the Father's glory.  
"Amen!" our glad reply.**

**Salutation and Collect of the Day**

P The Lord be with you.  
C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

**All Lord Jesus Christ, Your grace and mercy overflow to all people. Lead us to love our neighbors, regardless of their differences from us, so that all people might know the good news of Your death and resurrection for their eternal life and salvation; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**Old Testament Reading** *Isaiah 35:4–7a (God will come and restore all things.)*

<sup>4</sup>Say to those who have an anxious heart,  
"Be strong; fear not!  
Behold, your God  
will come with vengeance,  
with the recompense of God.  
He will come and save you."  
<sup>5</sup>Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,  
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;  
<sup>6</sup>then shall the lame man leap like a deer,  
and the tongue of the mute sing for joy.  
For waters break forth in the wilderness,  
and streams in the desert;  
<sup>7</sup>the burning sand shall become a pool,  
and the thirsty ground springs of water;  
in the haunt of jackals, where they lie down,  
the grass shall become reeds and rushes.

P This is the Word of the Lord.  
C **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm** *Psalm 146 (antiphon: v. 2)*

<sup>1</sup>Praise the LORD!  
Praise the LORD, O my soul!  
<sup>2</sup>**I will praise the LORD as long as I live;  
I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.**

<sup>3</sup>Put not your trust in princes,  
in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation.

**<sup>4</sup>When his breath departs he returns to the earth;  
on that very day his plans perish.**

<sup>5</sup>Blessèd is he whose help is the God of Jacob,  
whose hope is in the LORD his God,

**<sup>6</sup>who made heaven and earth,  
the sea, and all that is in them,  
who keeps faith forever;**

<sup>7</sup>who executes justice for the oppressed,  
who gives food to the hungry.

The LORD sets the prisoners free;

**<sup>8</sup>the LORD opens the eyes of the blind.  
The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;  
the LORD loves the righteous.**

<sup>9</sup>The LORD watches over the sojourners;  
he upholds the widow and the fatherless,  
but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

**<sup>10</sup>The LORD will reign forever,  
your God, O Zion, to all generations.  
Praise the LORD!**

**Epistle** *James 2:1–10, 14–18 (What good is a dead faith?)*

<sup>1</sup>My brothers, show no partiality as you hold the faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory.

<sup>2</sup>For if a man wearing a gold ring and fine clothing comes into your assembly, and a poor man in shabby clothing also comes in, <sup>3</sup>and if you pay attention to the one who wears the fine clothing and say, "You sit here in a good place," while you say to the poor man, "You stand over there," or, "Sit down at my feet," <sup>4</sup>have you not then made distinctions among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts? <sup>5</sup>Listen, my beloved brothers, has not God chosen those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom, which he has promised to those who love him? <sup>6</sup>But you have dishonored the poor man. Are not the rich the ones who oppress you, and the ones who drag you into court? <sup>7</sup>Are they not the ones who blaspheme the honorable name by which you were called?

<sup>8</sup>If you really fulfill the royal law according to the Scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself," you are doing well. <sup>9</sup>But if you show partiality, you are committing sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors.

<sup>10</sup>For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it....

<sup>14</sup>What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him? <sup>15</sup>If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food, <sup>16</sup>and one of you says to them, "Go in peace, be warmed and filled," without giving them the things needed for the body, what good is that? <sup>17</sup>So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.

<sup>18</sup>But someone will say, "You have faith and I have works." Show me your faith apart from your works, and I will show you my faith by my works.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

### **Alleluia and Verse**

C **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

C **These things are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.**

C **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

### **Holy Gospel** *Mark 7:31–37 (Jesus heals a deaf man in the Decapolis.)*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the seventh chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>31</sup>Then he returned from the region of Tyre and went through Sidon to the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. <sup>32</sup>And they brought to him a man who was deaf and had a speech impediment, and they begged him to lay his hand on him. <sup>33</sup>And taking him aside from the crowd privately, he put his fingers into his ears, and after spitting touched his tongue. <sup>34</sup>And looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." <sup>35</sup>And his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. <sup>36</sup>And Jesus charged them to tell no one. But the more he charged them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. <sup>37</sup>And they were astonished beyond measure, saying, "He has done all things well. He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

### **Nicene Creed** *LSB 206*

C **I believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth  
and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered and was buried.  
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures  
and ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of the Father.  
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,  
whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,  
who spoke by the prophets.  
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life + of the world to come. Amen.**

## **Children's Message**

### **797 Praise the Almighty**

- 1 Praise the Almighty, my soul, adore Him!  
Yes, I will laud Him until death;  
With songs and anthems I come before Him  
As long as He allows me breath.  
From Him my life and all things came;  
Bless, O my soul, His holy name.  
Alleluia, alleluia!



- 2 Trust not in rulers; they are but mortal;  
 Earthborn they are and soon decay.  
 Vain are their counsels at life's last portal,  
 When the dark grave engulfs its prey.  
 Since mortals can no help afford,  
 Place all your trust in Christ, our Lord.  
 Alleluia, alleluia!
- 3 Blessèd, oh, blessèd are they forever  
 Whose help is from the Lord Most High,  
 Whom from salvation can nothing sever,  
 And who in hope to Christ draw nigh.  
 To all who trust in Him, our Lord  
 Will aid and counsel now afford.  
 Alleluia, alleluia!
- 4 Penitent sinners, for mercy crying,  
 Pardon and peace from Him obtain;  
 Ever the wants of the poor supplying,  
 Their faithful God He will remain.  
 He helps His children in distress,  
 The widows and the fatherless.  
 Alleluia, alleluia!
- Δ5 Praise, all you people, the name so holy  
 Of Him who does such wondrous things!  
 All that has being, to praise Him solely,  
 With happy heart its amen sings.  
 Children of God, with angel host  
 Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!  
 Alleluia, alleluia!

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### **Sermon**

"In us and Through Us" (James 2:1-10, 14-18) (Thursday)

"Who Do You Trust?" (Psalm 146) (Sunday)

### **Prayer of the Church**

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

For all the nations of the world, their leaders and residents, that peace may reign and that the Church would be a faithful witness of Jesus' love and service in every place. Lord of all nations, grant us grace

**C: to love all people in every place.**

P: For all those who work in the service of others, that their work might be blessed by God and appreciated by others. Lord of all nations, grant us grace

**C: to love all people in every place.**

P: For all those who have abandoned the faith, Lord, that they would once again hear Your Word and receive Your good gifts. Lord of all nations, grant us grace

**C: to love all people in every place.**

P: For all Christians throughout the world, that their faith and good works would overflow as a blessing to many others. Lord of all nations, grant us grace

**C: to love all people in every place.**

P: For all who are sick, injured, preparing for surgery, and recovering, [*especially . . .*], that God would grant them healing according to His good and gracious will. Lord of all nations, grant us grace,

**C: to love all people in every place.**

P: Lord, into Your hands we place all these things, knowing that You hear us and remain faithful.

**C: Amen.**

## Offering

### Service of the Sacrament

#### Preface *LSB 208*

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, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin,

giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. 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** *LSB 208*

- C Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth adored;  
Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name.  
Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;  
Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Lord's Prayer** *LSB 209*

- 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**

**Pax Domini** *LSB 209*

- P The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
C Amen.**

**Agnus Dei** *LSB 210*

- C O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
You take the sin of the world away;  
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.**
- O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
You take the sin of the world away;  
Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ,  
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.**

## Distribution Hymns

### 622 Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared

- 1 Lord Jesus Christ, You have prepared  
This feast for our salvation;  
It is Your body and Your blood,  
And at Your invitation  
As weary souls, with sin oppressed,  
We come to You for needed rest,  
For comfort, and for pardon.
- 2 Although You did to heav'n ascend,  
Where angel hosts are dwelling,  
And in Your presence they behold  
Your glory, all excelling,  
And though Your people shall not see  
Your glory and Your majesty  
Till dawns the judgment morning,
- 3 Yet, Savior, You are not confined  
To any habitation;  
But You are present even now  
Here with Your congregation.  
Firm as a rock this truth shall stand,  
Unmoved by any daring hand  
Or subtle craft and cunning.
- 4 We eat this bread and drink this cup,  
Your precious Word believing  
That Your true body and Your blood  
Our lips are here receiving.  
This Word remains forever true;  
All things are possible with You,  
For You are Lord Almighty.
- 5 Though reason cannot understand,  
Yet faith this truth embraces:  
Your body, Lord, is even now  
At once in many places.  
I leave to You how this can be;

Your Word alone suffices me;  
I trust its truth unfailing.

6 Lord, I believe what You have said;  
Help me when doubts assail me.  
Remember that I am but dust,  
And let my faith not fail me.  
Your supper in this vale of tears  
Refreshes me and stills my fears  
And is my priceless treasure.

7 Grant that we worthily receive  
Your supper, Lord, our Savior,  
And, truly grieving for our sins,  
May prove by our behavior  
That we are thankful for Your grace  
And day by day may run our race,  
In holiness increasing.

8 For Your consoling supper, Lord,  
Be praised throughout all ages!  
Preserve it, for in ev'ry place  
The world against it rages.  
Grant that this sacrament may be  
A blessed comfort unto me  
When living and when dying.

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### **632 O Jesus, Blessed Lord, to Thee**

1 O Jesus, blessed 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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**Nunc Dimittis** *LSB 211*

**C O Lord, now let Your servant  
Depart in heav'nly peace,  
For I have seen the glory  
Of Your redeeming grace:  
A light to lead the Gentiles  
Unto Your holy hill,  
The glory of Your people,  
Your chosen Israel.**

**All glory to the Father,  
All glory to the Son,  
All glory to the Spirit,  
Forever Three in One;  
For as in the beginning,  
Is now, shall ever be,  
God's triune name resounding  
Through all eternity.**

**Post-Communion Collect**

**P** Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

**Benedicamus and Benediction**

**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.**

## 924 Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

1 Lord, dismiss us with Your blessing,  
Fill our hearts with joy and peace;  
Let us each, Your love possessing,  
Triumph in redeeming grace.  
O refresh us; O refresh us,  
Trav'ling through this wilderness.

2 Thanks we give and adoration  
For Your Gospel's joyful sound.  
May the fruits of Your salvation  
In our hearts and lives abound.  
Ever faithful, ever faithful  
To Your truth may we be found.

3 Savior, when Your love shall call us  
From our struggling pilgrim way,  
Let not fear of death appall us,  
Glad Your summons to obey.  
May we ever, may we ever  
Reign with You in endless day.

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**Attendance Last Week: 200**

**General giving last week: \$8541.97**

**Budget giving needed: \$7500.00**

### Calendar of Activities this week at St. John

6 Monday

LABOR DAY

8 Wednesday

Senior Choir

7:00 pm

9 Thursday	Worship Service/HC	6:30 pm
12 Sunday	Worship Service/HC	9:00 am
12 Sunday	Sunday School	10:15 am
12 Sunday	Bible Class	10:15 am

**DOOR COLLECTION FOR HUMAN CARE:** Today a free will collection will be taken at the door. All funds collected will be used by the St. John Human Care Committee to assist in the various ministries they are involved in.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL AND BIBLE CLASS** will be starting on Rally Day, Sunday, September 12th. Classes for both adults and children start after the worship service at approx.. 10:15 am.

**PUBLIC CONFIRMATION CLASS STARTS on Wednesday, September 15<sup>th</sup>.** Please refer to the email and letter you received for info on what to bring and the class cancellation policies. If we do not have your email and you want to receive emails in the future, please give your address to the church office.

**NEW SCHOOL SIGN:** The Board of Trustees and the Church Council are looking into replacing the current sign on the corner of Mound and SW Franklin with a Digital Display that could be updated with various messages and announcements for School and Church activities. Early estimates are in the \$12,000 to \$17,000 range. If you would like to make a special contribution towards a new sign please place it in a separate envelope marked "School Sign" **.\*\* An offer has been made to match all new donations to a total maximum of \$2500 until October 1st.\*\***

**CHOIR NEWS:** Choir practices will resume after Labor Day, on Wed, Sept. 8, at 7pm. We are always on the lookout for new singers of all ages. You do not have to read music, just have the desire to praise God in song. Contact Cindy Schuett (920-203-6763) if you are interested in joining the choir.

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SERMON OUTLINE  
September 2/5, 2021  
Theme: "In Us and Through Us"  
(James 2:1-10. 14-18)

**I. Faith of Works?**

- A. The words say we are saved by grace through \_\_\_\_\_.
- B. The actions that follow seem so \_\_\_\_\_.
- C. But we can't \_\_\_\_\_ works because they cannot save.
- D. James was writing his letter to \_\_\_\_\_.
- E. Is James simply telling us to "do \_\_\_\_\_?"
- F. Our \_\_\_\_\_ nature always looks out for itself!

**II. Both Faith and Works Come from God!**

- A. It is God who has \_\_\_\_\_ us.
- B. God has worked out our \_\_\_\_\_ for us.
- C. Our faith is in a \_\_\_\_\_, just not ours!
- D. Our faith, without \_\_\_\_\_, is dead!
- E. It is not either/or faith and works, it is both/\_\_\_\_\_.
- F. When we fail, we're sent back to the one true \_\_\_\_\_.
- G. It is Christ in us, and \_\_\_\_\_ through us!