

ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL
Berlin, Wisconsin
The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod



"And these words that I command you shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise." (Deut. 6:6-7)

Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost

September 9/12, 2021

Serving Us Today:

Pastor Paul Mundinger

Organist: Nancy Wallner

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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... Two of the best-known directives from Scripture are God's Word to His people through Moses in the Book of Deuteronomy, where it states: "You shall therefore lay up these words of Mine in your heart and . . . shall teach them to your children" (Deuteronomy 11:18–19), and the words of encouragement from the psalmist telling God's people to "Sing to the LORD a new song. . . . Let the children of Zion rejoice in their King!" (Psalm 149:1b–2b). Where do those two passages intersect?

Teaching children new songs as well as traditional songs of the faith has been accomplished through Sunday School and Day School hymnals in our Synod for more than a century and a quarter! Joining sacred texts with thoughtfully chosen music has been a time-tested Christian educational strategy, carried out through a series of children's hymnals. We thank God for those who made that holy learning possible—and so enjoyable!

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

905 Come, Thou Almighty King

- 1 Come, Thou almighty King,
 Help us Thy name to sing;
 Help us to praise;
 Father all-glorious,
 O'er all victorious,
 Come and reign over us,
 Ancient of Days.

- 2 Come, Thou incarnate Word,
 Gird on Thy mighty sword;
 Our prayer attend.
 Come and Thy people bless,
 And give Thy Word success,
 And let Thy righteousness
 On us descend.

- 3 Come, holy Comforter,
 Thy sacred witness bear
 In this glad hour!
 Thou, who almighty art,
 Now rule in ev'ry heart,

And ne'er from us depart,
Spirit of pow'r.

4 To Thee, great One in Three,
Eternal praises be
Hence evermore!
Thy sov'reign majesty
May we in glory see,
And to eternity
Love and adore.

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INVOCATION

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

People Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES *Psalm 33:1–4, 20, 23*

Pastor: Shout for joy in the LORD, O you righteous! Praise befits the upright.

People: Give thanks to the LORD with the lyre; make melody to Him with the harp of ten strings!

Pastor: Sing to Him a new song; play skillfully on the strings, with loud shouts.

People: For the word of the LORD is upright, and all His work is done in faithfulness.

Pastor: Our soul waits for the LORD; He is our help and our shield.

People: Let Your steadfast love, O LORD, be upon us, even as we hope in You.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Let us now confess our sins to God our Father.

People: Strengthen us, Lord, and grant us Your forgiveness. We confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We repent of our many sins, those known to us and those unknown as well. Create in us clean hearts, gracious Lord, and put new and right spirits within us that we may know the fullness of Your love and be at peace with all people. Grant that the Holy Spirit guide and direct us into new opportunities for growth in Christian learning and strengthened faith.

Pastor: By grace, you are known and loved by the One eternal God, who wills all that is best for you. Through the suffering, death, and resurrection of His Son, Jesus Christ, He has brought about the forgiveness of your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, who sets us free, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Pastor: The Lord strengthen you with power through His life-giving Spirit so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith.

People: Amen.

☩ **WORD** ☩

INTROIT *Psalm 34:8–10; antiphon: v. 11*

Pastor: Come, O children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the LORD.

People: Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good!

Pastor: Blessed is the man who takes refuge in Him!

People: Oh, fear the LORD, you His saints, for those who fear Him have no lack!

Pastor: The young lions suffer want and hunger;

People: but those who seek the LORD lack no good thing.

**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.**

Pastor: Come, O children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the LORD.

Hymn "Lord Jesus Christ, the Children's Friend" 6 St. sung to **LSB #571**

1 Lord Jesus Christ, the children's friend,
To each of them Your presence send;
Call them by name and keep them true
In loving faith, dear Lord, to You.

2 In Christian homes, Lord, let them be
Your blessing to their family;
Let Christian schools Your work extend
In living truth as You intend.

3 That caring parents, gracious Lord,
And faithful teachers find reward
In leading these, to whom You call,
To find in Christ their all in all.

- 4 For by Your Word we clearly see
That we have sinned continually;
But show us too, forgiving Lord,
Your saving Gospel's great reward.
- 5 That all of us, Your children dear,
By Christ redeemed, may Christ revere;
Lead us in joy that all we do
Will witness to our love for You.
- 6 Then guard and keep us to the end,
Secure in You, our gracious friend,
That in Your heav'nly family
We sing Your praise eternally.

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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 Lord Jesus Christ, You have entrusted to Your people the task of teaching all nations. Enlighten with the wisdom of Your Holy Spirit those who teach and those who learn that the joyous truth of the Gospel may be known in every generation; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Deuteronomy 6:4–15* (Teaching the Lord's words to children)

⁴ "Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one.^[a] ⁵ You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. ⁶ And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. ⁷ You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. ⁸ You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. ⁹ You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates. ¹⁰ "And when the LORD your God brings you into the land that he swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give you—with great and good cities that you did not build, ¹¹ and houses full of all good things that you did not fill, and cisterns that you did not dig, and vineyards and olive trees that you

did not plant—and when you eat and are full, ¹² then take care lest you forget the LORD, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. ¹³ It is the LORD your God you shall fear. Him you shall serve and by his name you shall swear. ¹⁴ You shall not go after other gods, the gods of the peoples who are around you— ¹⁵ for the LORD your God in your midst is a jealous God—lest the anger of the LORD your God be kindled against you, and he destroy you from off the face of the earth.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM *Psalms 119:129–136*

P Your testimonies are wonderful;
therefore my soul keeps them.

**C The unfolding of your words gives light;
it imparts understanding to the simple.**

P I open my mouth and pant,
because I long for your commandments.

**C Turn to me and be gracious to me,
as is your way with those who love your name.**

P Keep steady my steps according to your promise,
and let no iniquity get dominion over me.

**C Redeem me from man's oppression,
that I may keep your precepts.**

P Make your face shine upon your servant,
and teach me your statutes.

**C My eyes shed streams of tears,
because people do not keep your law.**

SECOND READING *Acts 2:37–41* (The promise is for you and for your children.)

³⁷ Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?" ³⁸ And Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹ For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself." ⁴⁰ And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, "Save yourselves from this crooked generation." ⁴¹ So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

VERSE *Proverbs 2:6*

People: **Alleluia. For the LORD gives wisdom; from His mouth come knowledge and understanding. Alleluia.**

HOLY GOSPEL *Luke 18:15–17* (Jesus calls the children to come to Him.)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the eighteenth chapter.

People: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹⁵ Now they were bringing even infants to him that he might touch them. And when the disciples saw it, they rebuked them. ¹⁶ But Jesus called them to him, saying, "Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God. ¹⁷ Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY "How Shall the Young Secure Their Hearts"

*5 stanzas sung to **LSB #524***

How shall the young secure their hearts
And guard their lives from sin?
Thy Word the choicest rules imparts
To keep the conscience clean.

'Tis, like the sun, a heav'nly light
That guides us all the day,
And through the dangers of the night
A lamp to lead our way.

The starry heav'ns Thy rule obey,
The earth maintains her place;
And these Thy servants, night and day,
Thy skill and pow'r express.

But still Thy Law and Gospel, Lord,
Have lessons more divine;
Not earth stands firmer than Thy Word,
Nor stars so nobly shine.

Thy Word is everlasting truth;
How pure is every page!
That holy Book shall guide our youth
And well support our age.

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SERMON "The Greatest Give you Can Give" (Deuteronomy 6:4-15)

CREEDAL HYMN "In God We Believe" *3 St. sung to **LSB #802***

In God we believe: the Creator whose pow'r
In mercy has brought us for worship this hour.
He graciously grants us our years and our days
And blesses with kindness our work and our ways.
In Jesus, the Savior, our hope is secured.
True God and true man once the cross He endured
To grant our lives wholeness, forgiveness of sin.
With hearts freed from guilt, we know true peace within.

God's Spirit at work in our lives we confess;
With power and truth the Church now He does bless.
As saints, God's forgiven, one day we shall then
Be living in glory forever. Amen.

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PLACING OF SUNDAY SCHOOL AND DAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: With humble hearts, Lord, we bring You our prayers. We remember Your acts of kindness to Your people through the ages. We bless You that we have come to know the Good News of the salvation that is ours in Jesus Christ. We praise You for the Church, which has transmitted the blessed Gospel to us, and we pray that it would grow unhindered in every place. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: We pray for the world in which we live, that world to which our Lord was willing to come to carry out the plan of salvation. Grant that peace and justice, understanding and harmony, and goodwill prevail all over the earth. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: We pray for all those who are involved in Christian education: teachers, administrators, church workers, and volunteers. Give us a full appreciation of the gift that each person is who shares the faith today and who has shared it in the past. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: We pray for those with special needs and concerns in these days, remembering the sick, the shut-in, and the hospitalized and other situations as well, [*especially . . .*]. From Your treasury of grace, meet the needs of all who call to You, granting them whatever is best for their lives. 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.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY "Create in Me"

LSB #956

1 Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Thy presence;
and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation;
and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

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✠ SACRAMENT ✠

PREFACE *2 Timothy 4:22*

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, O Lord, Holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for in Your great mercy You have come among us in Jesus, our master and our friend, whose death brings us forgiveness of sins, new life, and the promise of endless rejoicing in Your presence. 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 life everlasting in Your heavenly kingdom. 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" **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

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 HYMNS

864 Shepherd of Tender Youth

- 1 Shepherd of tender youth,
Guiding in love and truth
Through devious ways;
Christ, our triumphant king,
We come Your name to sing
And here our children bring
To join Your praise.
- 2 You are the holy Lord,
O all-subduing Word,
Healer of strife.
Yourself You did abase
That from sin's deep disgrace
You so might save our race
And give us life.
- 3 You are the great High Priest;
You have prepared the feast
Of holy love;
And in our mortal pain
None calls on You in vain;
Our plea do not disdain;
Help from above.
- 4 O ever be our guide,
Our shepherd, and our pride,
Our staff and song.
Jesus, O Christ of God,
By Your enduring Word
Lead us where You have trod;
Make our faith strong.
- 5 So now, and till we die,
Sound we Your praises high
And joyful sing:
Infants and all the throng,
Who to the Church belong,
Unite to swell the song
To Christ, our king!

867 Let Children Hear the Mighty Deeds

- 1 Let children hear the mighty deeds
Which God performed of old,
Which in our younger days we saw,
And which our parents told.
- 2 So make to them His glories known,
His works of pow'r and grace;
And we'll convey His wonders down
Through ev'ry rising race.
- 3 Our sons and daughters we shall tell
And they again to theirs
That generations yet unborn
May teach them to their heirs.
- 4 O teach them with all diligence
The truths of God's own Word,
To place in Him their confidence,
To fear and trust their Lord,
- 5 To learn that in our God alone
Their hope securely stands,
That they may never doubt His love
But walk in His commands.

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POST-COMMUNION HYMN "Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart" **LSB #806**

- 1 Give thanks with a grateful heart,
Give thanks to the Holy One,
Give thanks because He's given
Jesus Christ His Son. (2x)
- And now let the weak say "I am strong,"
Let the poor say "I am rich,"
Because of what the Lord has done for us. (2x)
- Give thanks, give thanks.

PRAYER

Pastor: Let us pray.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, even as You have committed the care and nurture of children to Your people, graciously enlighten those who teach and those who are committed to their instruction that they may know Your eternal truth and trust in You all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

BENEDICTION *Numbers 6:24–26*

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.

861 Christ Be My Leader

- 1 Christ be my Leader by night as by day;
Safe through the darkness, for He is the way.
Gladly I follow, my future His care,
Darkness is daylight when Jesus is there.
- 2 Christ be my Teacher in age as in youth,
Drifting or doubting, for He is the truth.
Grant me to trust Him; though shifting as sand,
Doubt cannot daunt me; in Jesus I stand.
- 3 Christ be my Savior in calm as in strife;
Death cannot hold me, for He is the life.
Nor darkness nor doubting nor sin and its stain
Can touch my salvation: with Jesus I reign.

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Attendance Last Week: 155	
General giving last week:	\$9254.75
Budget giving needed:	\$7500.00

Calendar of Activities this week at St. John

14 Tuesday	Board of Elders	6:00 pm
14 Tuesday	Board of Education	6:00 pm
15 Wednesday	Public Confirmation	3:45 pm
15 Wednesday	Senior Choir	7:00 pm
16 Thursday	Worship Service/HC	6:30 pm
19 Sunday	Worship Service/HC	9:00 am
19 Sunday	Sunday School	10:15 am
19 Sunday	Bible Class	10:15 am

PUBLIC CONFIRMATION CLASS STARTS on Wednesday, September 15th. 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.****

DO YOU WANT TO KNOW MORE about good things happening at our school? Weekly copies of the *BadgerBytes*, the school newsletter, are available in the information rack in the Narthex. *BadgerBytes* features information on activities at school, articles by the students, updates on fundraisers and lots more. Check it out!

FLOWER REMINDER: If you would like to donate or have flowers on the altar at any time for special occasions such as birthday, anniversary, in honor of or memory of for example, feel free to **sign up on the Flower Chart in the card room.** Flowers can be delivered by the local florist or brought in by you and put in the Altar Guild refrigerator. The flowers will be placed on the alter for the worship services."

THE CARD ROOM: The LWML would like to share with new members and remind current members that there are cards for sale in the "Card Room" which is the room where cookies are set up on Sunday mornings. Cards are all \$0.50 each. There are also various craft items for sale. If you make a purchase there is a box in the top file drawer for you to deposit your payment in. The Card Room also has mite boxes available if you would like to take one home to collect your mites. There is also a bulletin board with information about missionaries and seminarians we support as a congregation. If you have any questions please contact an LWML member: Carol Krause, Karen Vergin Krause, Kelli Munding, Deb Schrader, Dawn Schroeder, Cindy Schuett, Leitha Kraus, Bonnie Sperberg, or June Richter.

THE PLACING OF SUNDAY SCHOOL AND DAY SCHOOL TEACHERS ON SUNDAY: Today we will be dedicating our teaching staff for the Sunday School, Confirmation Class, and our Christian Day School. The following individuals are serving the LORD and teaching our children this year.

SUNDAY SCHOOL:

Miss Madison Mertens	PS/Kind/Grade 1
Miss Amber Dretske	PS/Kind/Grade 1
Mrs. Nancy Wallner	Grades 2, 3, 4
Mrs. April Lueck	Grades 5, 6
Mrs. Nancy Wallner, and	Music Instruction
Mrs. Cynthia Schuett	and Choirs

CHRISTIAN DAY SCHOOL:

Miss Melissa Linse	3-Preschool/5-Kindergarten
Mrs. Julie Snow	4K Instructor
Mrs. Jennifer Billington	4K Aide
Mrs. Sara Bruss	4K Aide
Mrs. Charlotte Fritsch	1 st and 2 nd Grade
Mrs. Anna Cargin	3 rd and 4 th Grade
Mr. Curt Snow	5 th and 6 th Grade and Principal
Mr. Keith Krenke	5 th and 6 th grade (part time)
Mr. Tim Pett	7 th and 8 th Grade.

CONFIRMATION CLASS:

Pastor Munding	7 th and 8 th grade classes
Mr. Keith Krenke	6 th grade Public School class

SERMON OUTLINE
September 9/12, 2021
Theme: "The Greatest Gift You Can Give"
(Deuteronomy 6:1-9)

I. What the Greatest Gift?

- A. Is the greatest gift a "well rounded _____?"
- B. The gift of _____ is the greatest gift we can give.
- C. Sadly, we fail to recognize the _____ nature of this task.
- D. Religious education is sometimes thought of as an _____ - a one time event.
- E. A lifelong Christian _____ is what we all need!
- F. We are to teach our children about the Savior's love that has no _____.

II. How do We Give This Gift?

- A. We give this gift through _____, that is, the continuing and ongoing of God's love for us.
- B. Learning produces alterations in _____, attitudes, and concepts that don't _____ in time.
- C. We are to _____ the Lord's words on our children.
- D. We do so by _____, that is, hearing about God's love again and again.
- E. "Teaching _____" begins at home and goes on to the church.
- F. That Word of God taught today is the one thing that will last _____!