

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



¹Praise the LORD! Praise, O servants of the LORD, praise the name of the LORD! ²Blessèd be the name of the LORD from this time forth and forevermore! (Psalm 113:1-2)

Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost
September 15/18, 2022

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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... How do God's people respond to His grace-filled kindness to them? After listing the many blessings that God freely gives His people, Martin Luther writes in his response to the First

Article of the Apostles' Creed, "For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him." Praising God is a sacred duty for His people. It is also a joyous duty. The Psalms are filled with exhortations to join in extensive and exuberant praise. Psalm 150 begins, "Praise the LORD! Praise God in His sanctuary." That is what we do individually and together as both a duty and as a delight!

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 BELL

WELCOME

AS WE GATHER

Confession and Absolution

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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Stand

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 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.**

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

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 loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. 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 and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. 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. 119:137–140, 142; antiphon: Ps. 119:144*

Your testimonies are righteous forever;
give me understanding that I may live.

**Righteous are you, O LORD,
and right are your just decrees.**

You have appointed your testimonies in righteousness
and in all faithfulness.

**My zeal consumes me,
because my foes forget your words.**

Your promise is well tried,
and your servant loves it.

**Your righteousness is righteous forever,
and your law is true.**

**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.**

Your testimonies are righteous forever;
give me understanding that I may live.

Kyrie *LSB 152*

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 "This Is the Feast" *LSB 155*

C **This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.

**This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

Power, riches, wisdom and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are His.

**This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation.
Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

For the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia.

**This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

All Lord, keep Your Church in Your perpetual mercy; and because without You we cannot but fall, preserve us from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. ♪Amen.

Sit

Old Testament Reading *Amos 8:4–7 (An exhortation to live justly)*

⁴Hear this, you who trample on the needy
and bring the poor of the land to an end,

⁵saying, "When will the new moon be over,
that we may sell grain?

And the Sabbath,

that we may offer wheat for sale,
that we may make the ephah small and the shekel great
and deal deceitfully with false balances,

⁶that we may buy the poor for silver
and the needy for a pair of sandals
and sell the chaff of the wheat?"

⁷The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob:
"Surely I will never forget any of their deeds."

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm *Psalm 113*

¹Praise the LORD!
Praise, O servants of the LORD,
praise the name of the LORD!

²**Blessèd be the name of the LORD
from this time forth and forevermore!**

³From the rising of the sun to its setting,
the name of the LORD is to be praised!

⁴**The LORD is high above all nations,
and his glory above the heavens!**

⁵Who is like the LORD our God,
who is seated on high,

⁶**who looks far down
on the heavens and the earth?**

⁷He raises the poor from the dust

and lifts the needy from the ash heap,

**⁸to make them sit with princes,
with the princes of his people.**

⁹He gives the barren woman a home,
making her the joyous mother of children.

Praise the LORD!

Epistle *1 Timothy 2:1–15 (The LORD wants all people to be saved.)*

¹First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, ²for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. ³This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, ⁴who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. ⁵For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, ⁶who gave himself as a ransom for all, which is the testimony given at the proper time. ⁷For this I was appointed a preacher and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

⁸I desire then that in every place the men should pray, lifting holy hands without anger or quarreling; ⁹likewise also that women should adorn themselves in respectable apparel, with modesty and self-control, not with braided hair and gold or pearls or costly attire, ¹⁰but with what is proper for women who profess godliness—with good works. ¹¹Let a woman learn quietly with all submissiveness. ¹²I do not permit a woman to teach or to exercise authority over a man; rather, she is to remain quiet. ¹³For Adam was formed first, then Eve; ¹⁴and Adam was not deceived, but the woman was deceived and became a transgressor. ¹⁵Yet she will be saved through childbearing—if they continue in faith and love and holiness, with self-control.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

Alleluia and Verse *LSB 156*

C **Alleluia.
Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life.
Alleluia, alleluia.**

Holy Gospel *Luke 16:1–15 (Jesus calls His disciples to make serving Him the priority.)*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the sixteenth chapter

✠ **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹[Jesus] also said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was wasting his possessions.

²And he called him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Turn in the account of your management, for you can no longer be manager.' ³And the manager said to himself, 'What shall I do, since my master is taking the management away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. ⁴I have decided what to do, so that when I am removed from management, people may receive me into their houses.' ⁵So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he said to the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' ⁶He said, 'A hundred measures of oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, and sit down quickly and write fifty.' ⁷Then he said to another, 'And how much do you owe?' He said, 'A hundred measures of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, and write eighty.' ⁸The master commended the dishonest manager for his shrewdness. For the sons of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than the sons of light. ⁹And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of unrighteous wealth, so that when it fails they may receive you into the eternal dwellings.

¹⁰"One who is faithful in a very little is also faithful in much, and one who is dishonest in a very little is also dishonest in much. ¹¹If then you have not been faithful in the unrighteous wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? ¹²And if you have not been faithful in that which is another's, who will give you that which is your own? ¹³No servant can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money."

¹⁴The Pharisees, who were lovers of money, heard all these things, and they ridiculed him. ¹⁵And he said to them, "You are those who justify yourselves before men, but God knows your hearts. For what is exalted among men is an abomination in the sight of God.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

✠ **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Sit

Children's Message

819 Sing Praise to God, the Highest Good

1 Sing praise to God, the highest good,
The author of creation,
The God of love who understood
Our need for His salvation.
With healing balm our souls He fills

And ev'ry faithless murmur stills:
To God all praise and glory!

2 What God's almighty pow'r has made,
 In mercy He is keeping.
By morning glow or evening shade
 His eye is never sleeping.
Within the kingdom of His might
All things are just and good and right:
 To God all praise and glory!

3 We sought the Lord in our distress;
 O God, in mercy hear us.
Our Savior saw our helplessness
 And came with peace to cheer us.
For this we thank and praise the Lord,
Who is by one and all adored:
 To God all praise and glory!

4 He never shall forsake His flock,
 His chosen generation;
He is their refuge and their rock,
 Their peace and their salvation.
As with a mother's tender hand,
He leads His own, His chosen band:
 To God all praise and glory!

5 All who confess Christ's holy name,
 Give God the praise and glory.
Let all who know His pow'r proclaim
 Aloud the wondrous story.
Cast ev'ry idol from its throne,
For God is God, and He alone:
 To God all praise and glory!

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Sermon "A Song of Praise" (Psalm 113)

Stand

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.**

Prayer of the Church

P: Friends in Christ, I urge you all to lift up your hearts to God and pray with me as Christ our Lord has taught us and freely promised to hear us.

God, our Father in heaven, look with mercy on us, Your needy children on earth, and grant us grace that Your holy name be hallowed by us and all the world through the pure and true teaching of Your Word and the fervent love shown forth in our lives. Graciously turn from us all false doctrine and evil living whereby Your precious name is blasphemed and profaned. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: May Your kingdom come to us and expand. Bring all transgressors and those who are blinded and bound in the devil's kingdom to know Jesus Christ, Your Son, by faith that the number of Christians may be increased. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Strengthen us by Your Spirit according to Your will, both in life and in death, in the midst of both good and evil things, that our own wills may be crucified daily and sacrificed to Your good and gracious will. Into Your merciful hands we commend [*name(s)*] and all who are in need, praying for them at all times: Thy will be done. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Grant us our daily bread, preserve us from greed and selfish cares, and help us trust in You to provide for all our needs. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Forgive us our sins as we also forgive those who sin against us so that our hearts may be at peace and may rejoice in a good conscience before You, and that no sin may ever frighten or alarm us. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Lead us not into temptation, O Lord, but help us by Your Spirit to subdue our flesh, to turn from the world and its ways, and to overcome the devil with all his wiles. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: And lastly, O heavenly Father, deliver us from all evil of both body and soul, now and forever. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: We trust, O Lord, in Your great mercy to hear and answer us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

Sit

Offering

Stand

Offertory *LSB 159*

- C What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me?
I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will call on the name of the Lord.
I will take the cup of salvation and will call on the name of the Lord.
I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the presence of all His people,
in the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.**

Service of the Sacrament

Preface *LSB 160*

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 proper that we should give thanks and praise to You, O Lord, for in Jesus Christ, the Servant of all, You have shown Your saving love and rescued us from sin, death, and the power of the devil. Grant that, in response to our salvation, we may live to Your glory, awaiting that time when Jesus, who is our Host at this Holy Meal, prepares for us and all the faithful the eternal heavenly banquet. Pour out Your Holy Spirit upon us that we may rejoice in the gifts before us and thank You with songs of praise and hearts filled with love as we sing:

Sanctus *LSB 161*

C **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might:
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna. Hosanna.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Lord's Prayer *LSB 162*

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:
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 *LSB 162*

Pax Domini *LSB 163*

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

- C Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.**

Sit

Distribution Hymns

636 Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness

- 1 Soul, adorn yourself with gladness,
 Leave the gloomy haunts of sadness,
 Come into the daylight's splendor,
 There with joy your praises render.
 Bless the One whose grace unbounded
 This amazing banquet founded;
 He, though heav'nly, high, and holy,
 Deigns to dwell with you most lowly.
- 2 Hasten as a bride to meet Him,
 And with loving rev'ence greet Him.
 For with words of life immortal
 He is knocking at your portal.
 Open wide the gates before Him,
 Saying, as you there adore Him:
 Grant, Lord, that I now receive You,
 That I nevermore will leave You.
- 3 He who craves a precious treasure
 Neither cost nor pain will measure;
 But the priceless gifts of heaven
 God to us has freely given.
 Though the wealth of earth were proffered,
 None could buy the gifts here offered:
 Christ's true body, for you riven,
 And His blood, for you once given.
- 4 Now in faith I humbly ponder
 Over this surpassing wonder
 That the bread of life is boundless

Though the souls it feeds are countless:
With the choicest wine of heaven
Christ's own blood to us is given.
Oh, most glorious consolation,
Pledge and seal of my salvation!

5 Jesus, source of lasting pleasure,
Truest friend, and dearest treasure,
Peace beyond all understanding,
Joy into all life expanding:
Humbly now, I bow before You;
Love incarnate, I adore You;
Worthily let me receive You
And, so favored, never leave You.

6 Jesus, sun of life, my splendor,
Jesus, friend of friends, most tender,
Jesus, joy of my desiring,
Fount of life, my soul inspiring:
At Your feet I cry, my maker,
Let me be a fit partaker
Of this blessed food from heaven,
For our good, Your glory, given.

7 Lord, by love and mercy driven,
You once left Your throne in heaven
On the cross for me to languish
And to die in bitter anguish,
To forego all joy and gladness
And to shed Your blood in sadness.
By this blood redeemed and living,
Lord, I praise You with thanksgiving.

8 Jesus, bread of life, I pray You,
Let me gladly here obey You.
By Your love I am invited,
Be Your love with love requited;
By this Supper let me measure,
Lord, how vast and deep love's treasure.
Through the gift of grace You give me
As Your guest in heav'n receive me.

849 Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness

- 1 Praise the One who breaks the darkness
With a liberating light;
Praise the One who frees the pris'ners,
Turning blindness into sight.
Praise the One who preached the Gospel,
Healing ev'ry dread disease,
Calming storms, and feeding thousands
With the very Bread of peace.

- 2 Praise the One who blessed the children
With a strong, yet gentle, word;
Praise the One who drove out demons
With the piercing, two-edged sword.
Praise the One who brings cool water
To the desert's burning sand;
From this Well comes living water,
Quenching thirst in ev'ry land.

- 3 Let us praise the Word Incarnate,
Christ, who suffered in our place.
Jesus died and rose victorious
That we may know God by grace.
Let us sing for joy and gladness,
Seeing what our God has done;
Let us praise the true Redeemer,
Praise the One who makes us one.

Stand

Post-Communion Canticle "Thank the Lord" *LSB 164*

C Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev'ryone what He has done.

**Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name.
He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy
with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Post-Communion Collect

P: Let us pray.

Gracious Lord, we thank You for having fed us with the body and blood of our Lord Jesus. Grant that the bread of life and blood of Christ that has been shared and received in this blessed Meal may be for us that life-giving food that sustains us on our earthly journey as we seek to bring You honor and praise all our days; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

C **Amen.**

Benediction *LSB 166*

♪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.**

794 The Lord, My God, Be Praised

1 The Lord, my God, be praised,
My light, my life from heaven;
My maker, who to me
Has soul and body given;
My Father, who will shield
And keep me day by day
And make each moment yield
New blessings on my way.

2 The Lord, my God, be praised,
My trust, my life from heaven,
The Father's own dear Son,
Whose life for me was given,
Who for my sin atoned
With His most precious blood
And gives to me by faith
The highest heav'nly good.

3 The Lord, my God, be praised,
 My hope, my life from heaven,
 The Spirit, whom the Son
 In love to me has given.
 His grace revives my heart
 And gives my spirit pow'r,
 Help, comfort, and support
 In sorrow's gloomy hour.

Δ4 The Lord, my God, be praised,
 My God, the ever-living,
 To whom the heav'nly host
 Their laud and praise are giving.
 The Lord, my God, be praised,
 In whose great name I boast,
 God Father, God the Son,
 And God the Holy Ghost.

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Attendance Last Week: 178	
General giving last week:	\$6247.00
Budget giving needed:	\$7500.00

Calendar of Activities this week at St. John

19 Monday	LWML Meeting	6:30 pm
20 Tuesday	Prayer Group Meets	11:00 am
20 Tuesday	Council Meeting	5:30 pm
20 Tuesday	Altar Guild Potluck	6:00 pm
21 Wednesday	Confirmation Class	3:45 pm
21 Wednesday	Senior Choir	7:00 pm

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

SCRIP SPECIAL OFFER: Kwik Trip is offering 10% on its Scrip cards for the month of September.

SHOE FUNDRAISER: Save your gently worn shoes, the school is going to be having a shoe fundraiser in October. The shoes can be any size and style from flip flops to boots. All we need to do is collect them and send them in, then we will get paid! We will be setting up a drop box soon to start collecting them, more information will be coming soon.

FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO ARE USING THE SCREENS EXCLUSIVELY and may not want or need a full bulletin...we have available in the back of church and from the ushers a "news" sheet which contains the same calendar, announcements and sermon outline found in the regular bulletin. If interested, please pick one up and see if it meets your needs.

RESOURCES AVAILABLE ON THE WEB

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SERMON OUTLINE
 September 15/18, 2022
 Theme: "A Song of Praise"
 (Psalm 113)

I. Celebrating God's Gracious Work

- A. Work songs combine singing with hard _____.
- B. Psalm 113 combines the _____ of God with the _____ of God.
- C. The Lord is enthroned in _____.
- D. Our God in heaven is able to see the _____ details on earth.

E. Psalm 113 calls for us to _____ the Lord.

F. Jesus joins the joy of song with the _____ burdens we bear.

II. Serving in God's Kingdom

A. Work songs strengthen the bonds of _____.

B. Psalm 113 invites us to be part of the community of _____.

C. God's care for Elkanah joined God's people _____.

D. In Amos, God's people sing a song of self-_____.

E. In the Gospel we hear a song of _____.

F. But Psalm 113 invites us to care for _____!