

# ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

Berlin, Wisconsin

The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod



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**Serving Us Today:**

**Pastor Rob Schrader**

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**The 21st Sunday after Pentecost**

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**COMMUNION STATEMENT...** 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, please speak with the Pastor before service. Please note that there are cups in the middle of each tray which contain wine diluted with water for those who prefer.

**AS WE GATHER...** The call to faithfulness is itself both a warning against losing faith in God's promises and the encouragement to have confidence in the Lord. Scripture regularly reminds us that God is not out to trap us or confound us but uses the things of this mortal life to increase our faith in Him. Nowhere is that more felt than in the tension between the things of this life that appear so real and urgent and the things of the kingdom of God which are truly real and urgent. The promise is that if we have Christ, we have all things needful. The encouragement is to live out this promise with a lively and confident faith.

**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**

## **The Welcome**

## **Confession and Absolution**

### **903 This Is the Day the Lord Has Made**

- 1 This is the day the Lord has made;  
He calls the hours His own.  
Let heav'n rejoice, let earth be glad  
And praise surround the throne.
  
- 2 Today He rose and left the dead,  
And Satan's empire fell;  
Today the saints His triumphs spread  
And all His wonders tell.
  
- 3 Hosanna to the anointed King,  
To David's holy Son!  
Help us, O Lord; descend and bring  
Salvation from Your throne.

4 Blessed is He who comes to us  
With messages of grace;  
He, in the Lord's name, comes to us  
To save our fallen race.

5 Hosanna in the highest strains  
The Church on earth can raise.  
The highest heav'ns, in which He reigns,  
Shall give Him nobler praise.

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*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 Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart  
and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching  
Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us  
forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C who made heaven and earth.**

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

**C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

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

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

**C I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I 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**

*Psalm 112:3–6; antiphon: v. 1*

Praise the LORD! Blessed is the man who fears the LORD,  
who greatly delights in his commandments!

**Wealth and riches are in his house,  
and his righteousness endures forever.**

Light dawns in the darkness for the upright;  
he is gracious, merciful, and righteous.

**It is well with the man who deals generously and lends;  
who conducts his affairs with justice.**

For the righteous will never be moved;  
he will be remembered forever.

**Praise the LORD! Blessed is the man who fears the LORD,  
who greatly delights in his commandments!**

**C Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen.**

**Kyrie**

*LSB 186*

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

**Gloria in Excelsis**

*LSB 187*

P Glory be to God on high:

**C and on earth peace, goodwill toward men.**

**We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee,  
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee,  
for Thy great glory.**

**O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty.**

**O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;**

**O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,**

**that takest away the sin of the world,  
have mercy upon us.  
Thou that takest away the sin of the world,  
receive our prayer.  
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,  
have mercy upon us.  
For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord.  
Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,  
art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

### **Salutation and Collect of the Day**

P The Lord be with you.

**C And with thy spirit.**

P Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, whose grace always precedes and follows us, help us to forsake all trust in earthly gain and to find in You our heavenly treasure; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

### **Old Testament Reading**

*Genesis 12:10–20*

<sup>10</sup>Now there was a famine in the land. So Abram went down to Egypt to sojourn there, for the famine was severe in the land. <sup>11</sup>When he was about to enter Egypt, he said to Sarai his wife, "I know that you are a woman beautiful in appearance, <sup>12</sup>and when the Egyptians see you, they will say, 'This is his wife.' Then they will kill me, but they will let you live. <sup>13</sup>Say you are my sister, that it may go well with me

because of you, and that my life may be spared for your sake.” <sup>14</sup>When Abram entered Egypt, the Egyptians saw that the woman was very beautiful. <sup>15</sup>And when the princes of Pharaoh saw her, they praised her to Pharaoh. And the woman was taken into Pharaoh’s house. <sup>16</sup>And for her sake he dealt well with Abram; and he had sheep, oxen, male donkeys, male servants, female servants, female donkeys, and camels.

<sup>17</sup>But the LORD afflicted Pharaoh and his house with great plagues because of Sarai, Abram’s wife. <sup>18</sup>So Pharaoh called Abram and said, “What is this you have done to me? Why did you not tell me that she was your wife? <sup>19</sup>Why did you say, ‘She is my sister,’ so that I took her for my wife? Now then, here is your wife; take her, and go.” <sup>20</sup>And Pharaoh gave men orders concerning him, and they sent him away with his wife and all that he had.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

## **Epistle**

*2 Timothy 2:11–13*

<sup>11</sup>The saying is trustworthy, for:

If we have died with him, we will also live with him;

<sup>12</sup>if we endure, we will also reign with him;

if we deny him, he also will deny us;

<sup>13</sup>if we are faithless, he remains faithful—

for he cannot deny himself.



P This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

**Alleluia**

*LSB 190*

**C Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

**Holy Gospel**

*Luke 15:11–24*

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

**C Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

<sup>11</sup>And he said, "There was a man who had two sons. <sup>12</sup>And the younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of property that is coming to me.' And he divided his property between them. <sup>13</sup>Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took a journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in reckless living. <sup>14</sup>And when he had spent everything, a severe famine arose in that country, and he began to be in need. <sup>15</sup>So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs. <sup>16</sup>And he was longing to be fed with the pods that the pigs ate, and no one gave him anything.

<sup>17</sup>"But when he came to himself, he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have more than enough bread, but I perish here with hunger! <sup>18</sup>I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. <sup>19</sup>I am no longer worthy to be called your

son. Treat me as one of your hired servants.””<sup>20</sup> And he arose and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him.<sup>21</sup> And the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’<sup>22</sup> But the father said to his servants, ‘Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet.<sup>23</sup> And bring the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate.<sup>24</sup> For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.’ And they began to celebrate.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

### **Apostles’ Creed**

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

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried.  
He descended into hell.  
The third day He rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of  
God the Father Almighty.**

**From thence He will come to judge  
the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life + everlasting. Amen.**

## **Children's Sermon**

### **665 Be Strong in the Lord**

1 Be strong in the Lord  
In armor of light,  
With helmet and sword,  
With shield for the fight;  
On prayer be dependent,  
Be belted and shod,  
In breastplate resplendent:  
The armor of God.

2 Integrity gird  
You round to impart  
The truth of His Word  
As truth in your heart;  
His righteousness wearing  
As breastplate of mail,

His victory sharing,  
Be strong to prevail.

3 With eagerness shod  
Stand firm in your place,  
Or go forth for God  
With news of His grace;  
No foe shall disarm you  
Nor force you to yield,  
No arrow can harm you  
With faith as your shield.

4 Though Satan presume  
To test you and try,  
In helmet and plume  
Your head shall be high;  
Beset by temptation  
Be true to your Lord,  
Your helmet salvation  
And Scripture your sword.

5 So wield well your blade,  
Rejoice in its pow'rs,  
Fight on undismayed  
For Jesus is ours!  
Then in Him victorious  
Your armor lay down,  
To praise, ever glorious,  
His cross and His crown.

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## **Sermon**

## **Offertory**

*LSB 192*

**C 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.**

## **Offering**

## **Prayer of the Church**

## **Service of the Sacrament**

## **Preface**

*LSB 194*

P The Lord be with you.

**C And with thy spirit.**

P Lift up your hearts.

**C We lift them up unto the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

**C It is meet and right so to do.**

P It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting 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 195*

**C Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;  
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh  
in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

**Lord's Prayer**

*LSB 196*

P 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.

**C For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory  
forever and ever. Amen.**

## **The Words of Our Lord**

*LSB 197*

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

## **Pax Domini**

*LSB 197*

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C Amen.**

## **Agnus Dei**

*LSB 198*

**C O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.**

**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.**

**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.**

## **623 Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray**

1 Lord Jesus Christ, we humbly pray  
That we may feast on You today;

Beneath these forms of bread and wine  
Enrich us with Your grace divine.

- 2 Give us, who share this wondrous food,  
Your body broken and Your blood,  
The grateful peace of sins forgiv'n,  
The certain joys of heirs of heav'n.
  
- 3 By faith Your Word has made us bold  
To seize the gift of love retold;  
All that You are we here receive,  
And all we are to You we give.
  
- 4 One bread, one cup, one body, we,  
Rejoicing in our unity,  
Proclaim Your love until You come  
To bring Your scattered loved ones home.
  
- 5 Lord Jesus Christ, we humbly pray:  
O keep us steadfast till that day  
When each will be Your welcomed guest  
In heaven's high and holy feast.

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## **615 When in the Hour of Deepest Need**

- 1 When in the hour of deepest need  
We know not where to look for aid;



When days and nights of anxious thought  
No help or counsel yet have brought,

- 2 Then is our comfort this alone  
That we may meet before Your throne;  
To You, O faithful God, we cry  
For rescue in our misery.
- 3 For You have promised, Lord, to heed  
Your children's cries in time of need  
Through Him whose name alone is great,  
Our Savior and our advocate.
- 4 And so we come, O God, today  
And all our woes before You lay;  
For sorely tried, cast down, we stand,  
Perplexed by fears on ev'ry hand.
- 5 O from our sins, Lord, turn Your face;  
Absolve us through Your boundless grace.  
Be with us in our anguish still;  
Free us at last from ev'ry ill.
- 6 So we with all our hearts each day  
To You our glad thanksgiving pay,  
Then walk obedient to Your Word,  
And now and ever praise You, Lord.

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## **Nunc Dimittis**

*LSB 199*

**C Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace  
according to Thy word,  
for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou  
hast prepared before the face of all people,  
a light to lighten the Gentiles  
and the glory of Thy people Israel.  
Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen.**

## **Benedicamus**

*LSB 202*

P Bless we the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

## **Benediction**

*LSB 202*

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you  
and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you  
and + give you peace.

**C Amen, amen, amen.**

## **668 Rise! To Arms! With Prayer Employ You**

1 Rise! To arms! With prayer employ you,

O Christians, lest the foe destroy you;

For Satan has designed your fall.

Wield God's Word, the weapon glorious;

Against all foes be thus victorious,  
For God protects you from them all.  
Fear not the hordes of hell,  
Here is Emmanuel.  
Hail the Savior!  
The strong foes yield  
To Christ, our shield,  
And we, the victors, hold the field.

2 Cast afar this world's vain pleasure  
And boldly strive for heav'nly treasure.  
Be steadfast in the Savior's might.  
Trust the Lord, who stands beside you,  
For Jesus from all harm will hide you.  
By faith you conquer in the fight.  
Take courage, weary soul!  
Look forward to the goal!  
Joy awaits you.  
The race well run,  
Your long war won,  
Your crown shines splendid as the sun.

3 Wisely fight, for time is fleeting;  
The hours of grace are fast retreating;  
Short, short is this our earthly way.  
When the Lord the dead will waken  
And sinners all by fear are shaken,  
The saints with joy will greet that day.  
Praise God, our triumph's sure.

We need not long endure  
Scorn and trial.  
Our Savior King  
His own will bring  
To that great glory which we sing.

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<b>Attendance Last Week: 210</b>
<b>General giving last week: \$11,900.00</b>
<b>Budget giving needed: \$7500.00</b>

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

14 Monday	Board of Trustees	6:30 pm
15 Tuesday	Council Meeting	6:00 pm
16 Wednesday	Senior Choir	6:30 pm
<b>17 Thursday</b>	<b>Worship Service/HC</b>	<b>6:30 pm</b>

**20 Sunday      Worship Service/HC      9:00 am**

20 Sunday      Voter's Meeting (basement)      after church

20 Sunday      Adult Class/New Member Class      10:15 am

Place to be determined due to Voters Meeting in basement)

20 Sunday      NO Sunday School

**QUARTERLY VOTERS MEETING:** The next Quarterly Voters meeting will be held on Sunday, October 20<sup>th</sup> after the church service, beginning at approx. 10:30 am. All communicant members age 18 and over are eligible to become voting members. Please plan to attend.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL IS CANCELLED FOR SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20<sup>TH</sup>.** There WILL BE childcare available for anyone who is attending the new membership class or the voters' meeting. You can bring your child to the school for fun activities.

**PIZZA SALE PICK-UP:** If you ordered pizzas from the fundraiser, they will be delivered to school on Friday, October 18<sup>th</sup> and you can pick them up from 3:00pm to 4:00pm. Any pizzas not picked up during that time will be taken to church and we will help you find your order on Sunday, October 20<sup>th</sup> in the church basement following the church service and before the voter's meeting. If you won't be in church on Sunday the 20th, you can email the school, [school@stjohnberlin.org](mailto:school@stjohnberlin.org) and we can make other

arrangements. Thank you for supporting the 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade class trip.

**LWML MITE BOX FOR LWML SUNDAY:** The St. John LWML is celebrating LWML Sunday on October 20th. There will be LWML members in the Narthex following the service with our large mite boxes if you wish to make a contribution. your donations will help us be "Ready to Serve" others.

**LWML FALL RALLY:** We have a Fall Rally on Saturday, October 26<sup>th</sup> at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Auroraville. All are welcome to attend. The lunch will begin at 11:30 with a program to follow. Prior to the rally we are asking the congregation to help us collect the following items for the King Veteran Home. All donations can be put in the card room in the bins marked LWML. The items we are collecting are: Full size toiletries (deodorant, toothpaste, alcohol free mouth wash, body wash for both men and women), sweatpants, sweatshirts, and pajama pants (new clothing only). Thank you in advance for helping us with this project.

**YOUTH GROUP EVENT:** Our next youth group event is October 19<sup>th</sup> at Petals and Plows from 3:00 to 5:00 pm. We will be going on a hayride. If you want to participate in the maze, the cost is \$5.00 for kids and \$10.00 for adults. There are concessions and pumpkins available for purchase. Please let Mr. Pett know if you are attending so we can get a head count to let Petals and Plows know how many we will have attending. If it rains, we will have figure out a rain date. God's blessings, Mr. Pett

**SCHOOL PEN PAL PROGRAM:** Our students at St. John Lutheran School invite you to become a penpal. This is our 3rd year running this program. If you are interested in writing a few letters each school year, please contact Amy Brooks. If you were a participant last year, you will find a letter in your church mailbox inviting you back again. If you have any questions, please let me know. I am hoping I can get all responses back by Friday, October 18th.

**WEEKLY COPIES OF THE *BADGERBYTES*,** the school newsletter, are available in the information rack in the Narthex.

**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 altar 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 \$1.00 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, Deb Schrader, Dawn Schroeder, Cindy Schuett, Lori Piechowski, Leitha Kraus, Bonnie Sperberg, or June Richter.

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## **Sermon Notes – 10-13-24 – Faithless, Faithful**

-“Say you are my sister, that it may go well with me because of you, and that my life may be spared for your sake.” (Genesis 12:13)

-“I will make you a great nation.” (Genesis 12:2)

-His fear. His independence. His sin. In all of this, Abram showed himself to be \_\_\_\_\_.

-Abram’s actions are pretty relatable.

-God has made a lot of promises to us, too...“And this is the \_\_\_\_\_ that he made to us – eternal life.” (1 John 2:25)

-But yet, we also continually show ourselves to be FAITHLESS.

-Like Abram, we fear even though if we fully believed in God’s promise of eternal life, we would never be afraid.

-Like Abram, we’re independent even though if we fully believed God’s promise of eternal life we wouldn’t take matters into our own hands.

-Like Abram, we sin even though if we fully believed God’s promise of \_\_\_\_\_ we wouldn’t sin.

-“If we are faithless, God remains \_\_\_\_\_.” (2 Timothy 2:13)

-“But the LORD afflicted Pharaoh and his house with great plagues because of Sarai, Abram’s wife.” (Genesis 12:17)



-Just like he remained faithful to Abram, God has also remained faithful to us!

-Even though they nailed him to a cross, Jesus said from that cross, "Father, forgive them for they know not what they do." (Luke 23:34)

-And it was on that \_\_\_\_\_ that he remained faithful to us, too, as he took our sins upon himself and paid the price for them in his death.

-We don't need to fear, to be independent, nor to sin. God's unbelievable faithfulness to us should lead us to be faithful to him and those around us.