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As We Gather... In our world of constant change and abundant challenges to our faith, we often feel alone, and fear causes us to question where God is and what He is doing. Our Good Shepherd has pledged never to abandon us but to be with us always. More than this, He has promised that no one can snatch us from His hand. He is the powerful Good Shepherd who lays down His life for His sheep. Because of the investment He has made in us, He does not surrender us to temptation, trouble, trial, or test.

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.

Confession and Absolution

464 The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done

Refrain: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

**1 The strife is o'er, the battle done;
Now is the victor's triumph won;
Now be the song of praise begun.
Alleluia!**

**2 The pow'rs of death have done their worst,
But Christ their legions hath dispersed.**

Let shouts of holy joy outburst.

Alleluia!

3 The three sad days have quickly sped,

He rises glorious from the dead.

All glory to our risen Head!

Alleluia!

4 He broke the age-bound chains of hell;

The bars from heav'n's high portals fell.

Let hymns of praise His triumph tell.

Alleluia!

5 Lord, by the stripes which wounded Thee,

From death's dread sting Thy servants free

That we may live and sing to Thee.

Alleluia!

Refrain: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Text: Symphonia Sirenum Selectarum, 1695, Köln; tr. Francis Pott,
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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 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 *Psalm 78:70–72; 79:13; antiphon: John 10:14, 15b*
I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me,
and I lay down my life for the sheep.

**He chose David his servant and took him from the sheepfolds;
from following the nursing ewes he brought him to shepherd**

Jacob his people, Israel his inheritance.

With upright heart he shepherded them
and guided them with his skillful hand.

**But we your people, the sheep of your pasture, will give thanks
to you forever; from generation to generation we will
recount your praise.**

**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.**

I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me,
and I lay down my life for the sheep.

Kyrie *LSB 204*

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

Gloria in Excelsis *LSB 204*

**C 1 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.**

2 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—**

**3 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.**

Text: Stephen P. Starke

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, merciful Father, since You have wakened from death the Shepherd of Your sheep, grant us Your Holy Spirit that when we hear the voice of our Shepherd we may know Him who calls us each by name and follow where He leads; through the

same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

CAmen.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

1 Samuel 16:1, 12–13

¹The LORD said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul, since I have rejected him from being king over Israel? Fill your horn with oil, and go. I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons."

¹²And he sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy and had beautiful eyes and was handsome. And the LORD said, "Arise, anoint him, for this is he." ¹³Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the midst of his brothers. And the Spirit of the LORD rushed upon David from that day forward. And Samuel rose up and went to Ramah.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Romans 6:3–11

³Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

⁵For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. ⁷For one who has died has been set free from sin. ⁸Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. ¹⁰For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. ¹¹So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse

C Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

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

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 3:13–17

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the third chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹³Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptized by him. ¹⁴John would have prevented him, saying, "I need

to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" ¹⁵But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. ¹⁶And when Jesus was baptized, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him; ¹⁷and behold, a voice from heaven said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, 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

605 Father Welcomes

**Refrain: Father welcomes all His children
To His fam'ly through His Son.
Father giving His salvation,
Life forever has been won.**

**1 Little children, come to Me,
For My kingdom is of these.
Life and love I have to give,
Mercy for your sin.**

**Refrain: Father welcomes all His children
To His fam'ly through His Son.
Father giving His salvation,
Life forever has been won.**

**2 In the water, in the Word,
In His promise, be assured:
Those who are baptized and believe
Shall be born again.**

**Refrain: Father welcomes all His children
To His fam'ly through His Son.
Father giving His salvation,
Life forever has been won.**

**3 Let us daily die to sin;
Let us daily rise with Him,
Walk in the love of Christ our Lord,
Live in the peace of God.**

**Refrain: Father welcomes all His children
To His fam'ly through His Son.
Father giving His salvation,
Life forever has been won.**

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Sermon

Stand

Prayer of the Church

Sit

Offering

Service of the Sacrament

Stand

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 Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

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!

Text: Stephen P. Starke

Lord's Prayer

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

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

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

Agnus Dei *LSB 210*

C 1 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.**

**2 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.**

Text: Stephen P. Starke

Distribution Hymns

597 Water, Blood, and Spirit Crying

**1 Water, blood, and Spirit crying,
By their witness testifying
To the One whose death-defying
Life has come, with life for all.**

**2 In a wat'ry grave are buried
All our sins that Jesus carried;
Christ, the Ark of Life, has ferried
Us across death's raging flood.**

**3 Dark the way, yet Christ precedes us,
Past the scowl of death He leads us;
Spreads a table where He feeds us
With His body and His blood.**

**4 Though around us death is seething,
God, His two-edged sword unsheathing,
By His Spirit life is breathing
Through the living, active Word.**

**5 Spirit, water, blood entreating,
Working faith and its completing
In the One whose death-defeating
Life has come, with life for all.**

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469 Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

**1 "Christ the Lord is ris'n today!"
Saints on earth and angels say;
Raise your joys and triumphs high;
Sing, ye heav'ns, and earth, reply.**

**2 Love's redeeming work is done,
Fought the fight, the battle won;
Lo! Our Sun's eclipse is o'er;
Lo! He sets in blood no more.**

**3 Vain the stone, the watch, the seal;
Christ hath burst the gates of hell.
Death in vain forbids His rise;
Christ has opened paradise.**

**4 Lives again our glorious King!
Where, O death, is now thy sting?
Once He died our souls to save;
Where thy victory, O grave?**

**5 Soar we now where Christ has led;
Foll'wing our exalted Head.
Made like Him, like Him we rise;
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies.**

**6 Hail the Lord of earth and heav'n!
Praise to Thee by both be giv'n!
Thee we greet triumphant now:
Hail, the resurrection, Thou!**

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Stand

Nunc Dimittis

LSB 211

C 1 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.

2 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 in 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

LSB 212

P Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

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.

475 Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!

1 Good Christian friends, rejoice and sing!

Now is the triumph of our King!

To all the world glad news we bring:

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

2 The Lord of life is ris'n this day;

Bring flow'rs of song to strew His way;

Let all the world rejoice and say:

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

3 Praise we in songs of victory

That love, that life which cannot die,

And sing with hearts uplifted high:

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

4 Your name we bless, O risen Lord,

And sing today with one accord

**The life laid down, the life restored:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

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Attendance Last Week: 206	
General giving last week:	\$17,604.00
Budget giving needed:	\$ 7,500.00

Calendar of Activities this week at St. John

12 Monday	Trustee Meeting	6:30 pm	
13 Tuesday	Board of Education	6:00 pm	
15 Thursday	Worship Service/HC	6:30 pm	
18 Sunday	Worship Service/HC	[Confirmation]	9:00 am
18 Sunday	NO Adult Bible Class		

LWML COLLECTING MITES: On Sunday, May 18th, we will once again be in the back of the church following the service collecting Mites in the large Mite boxes. If you are curious where our Mites go, there is information on the bulletin board in the card room. Thank you in advance for contributing.

THANK YOU! The St. John Board of Education would like to thank Nancy Wallner for all her years of service to our Sunday School program. The time and dedication you have given to the program has not gone unnoticed. Thank you!

CHURCH PICNIC: Our church picnic for 2025 has been scheduled for Sunday, June 29th. Worship at **10:30 am. Lunch at 11:30 am.** The main course of smoked pork butt will be provided. Please bring a dish to pass. Beverages will be provided. *If you have corn hole boards, bring them. We are looking to get a couple of games going. Kids games will also be provided. Bring your super soakers.*

****Church Picnic Sunday Service Plans****

On June 29th, we'll have a regular service at the church at 9:00AM and a service at the park at 10:30. It is the 5th Sunday, so it will be Matins and no communion.

A PLACE OF REFUGE LIFE WALK 2025:

Support this important ministry by walking for life! The event, held at Elm Grove Lutheran Church on Saturday June 21, includes breakfast, an opening prayer service, the walk, prizes, music, and lunch. Friends and family are encouraged to support your walk; children are welcome. Registration opens May 1, 2025. Please go to aplaceofrefuge.org to register.

ST. JOHN SERVICE AVAILABLE ON RADIO! Tune in to AM 1600 or FM 93.1 at 9:00 am each week to hear our St. John service broadcast. You can also listen on your computer anytime by doing the following:

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If you know of an ill or shut-in friend or relative who might like to tune in, please pass this information along to them.

CHURCH SERVICE AVAILABLE ANYTIME ON OUR WEBSITE: New weekly service will be available starting Friday afternoon. GO TO: www.stjohnberlin.org. Click on "CHURCH." Click on the CHURCH SERVICE/BULLETIN tab on the home page. Then click on the link to the service video. The link to the bulletin is there also.

GET MORE OUT OF THE SERMON:

On the wood box underneath the "Hearing Loop" sign in the Narthex are a stack of sheets used by our confirmation students to take notes on the sermon. The sheets ask three basic questions that will help you focus on what the sermon is about, learn more, and grow in your faith. Please give it a shot to get more out of each sermon!

"BADGERBYTES" the weekly newspaper of St. John Lutheran School is available in the information rack of the Narthex. Pick one up today and keep abreast of all the happenings at our Christian Day School!

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, Lori Piechowski, Leitha Kraus, Bonnie Sperberg, or June Richter.

VBS MEETING: There will be a VBS meeting on May 14th at 5pm, at the church. If you are interested in helping at this summer's VBS, please consider attending the meeting to learn about volunteer opportunities.

Sermon Notes – 5-11-25 – Commissioned & Strengthened

-In Jesus' baptism, he was commissioned and strengthened for the greatest ministry of all – that of _____ himself to save the entire human race.

-In his baptism, Jesus was _____, he was given a direction for his ministry.

-In that water, Jesus was connected to and commissioned for his crucifixion.

-In his baptism, Jesus was _____; he was prepared for this ministry.

-When he was baptized, Jesus was commissioned and strengthened for the ministry that God gave to him, the ministry of sacrifice and salvation – of going to the cross to save the human race.

-We receive that saving work of Jesus as we are also connected to the cross in our _____!

-Because we receive the benefits of Jesus' baptism and crucifixion in our baptisms – forgiveness and eternal life through his ministry of sacrifice and salvation – we also receive a commissioning and strengthening in our baptisms to continue on that same ministry.

-Jesus was commissioned to sacrifice for the salvation of the world; in our baptisms, we're also commissioned to continue that mission – to sacrifice to pass on Jesus' _____ to the world.

-Our baptisms were not just a commissioning; like Jesus' baptism, we were also strengthened for our ministry.

-When we're baptized, we're baptized into the cross – into the work and mission of Jesus. Therefore, we have a commissioning to continue to his mission and the strength to do it.

1. Look for the needs of people around you.
2. Ask yourself what you can sacrifice in order to meet that need.
3. When you meet their need, let them know that it was God that inspired and enabled you to do it – tell them that God sent you to show them his love and his _____.

Commissioned & Strengthened

Answer the questions below for some direction to begin living out your baptism.

Have you been baptized? (circle one)

YES

NO

Congratulations! You've been connected to Jesus' baptism and crucifixion. Because of his sacrifice, your sins have been forgiven, and you have salvation! Therefore, in your baptism you were commissioned into that same ministry – sacrificing in order to point people to Jesus' gift of salvation. And you've received the Holy Spirit and affirmation of the Father to strengthen you for this ministry.

Talk with Pastor Rob about getting baptized.

Get baptized.

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*Ask yourself: Who do you know that has a need? Is anyone...Hurting? Lonely? Homeless? Depressed? Fearful? Stressed? Tired? Addicted? Oppressed? In need? etc. **Write down their name and need:***

*Ask yourself: What can I sacrifice to meet their need? How can I help them? **Write down how you can meet their need.***

Strengthened by God, meet their need.

Ask yourself: When I meet their need, how can I point them to the salvation of Jesus Christ? How can you give the glory to God? *For example: If you invite them over for dinner, when they say "Thank You," you could say: "God has given me so much and I'm blessed to be able to share it with you."* **Write down how you can point them to Jesus.**