

***St. John Lutheran Church & School
Berlin, Wisconsin
The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod***



**"Man does not live
on bread alone, but
on every word that
comes from the mouth
of God." Matthew 4:4**

***May 22 and 25, 2025
The 6th Sunday of Easter***

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Large Print Bulletin

As We Gather... It is almost the end of the Easter Season, and we would like it to continue. The non-festival half of the Church Year doesn't seem as, well, festive. But listen to the Readings! There are people, like Paul in the Reading from Acts, who need support today. And Lydia is an example of a new Christian, ready to help. The vision in Revelation showed John's readers the perfect city, ready to welcome all whose names are in the Book of Life (that's us)! We can hardly wait to get there.

Having been shown the perfect new Jerusalem, we can help people around us who have no idea what awaits people of faith. That means not only telling them but also healing and helping in Jesus' name. He is with us right now!

Confession and Absolution

463 Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia

1 Christ the Lord is ris'n today; Alleluia!

Christians, hasten on your way; Alleluia!

Offer praise with love replete, Alleluia!

At the paschal victim's feet. Alleluia!

2 For the sheep the Lamb has bled, Alleluia!

Sinless in the sinner's stead. Alleluia!

Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Alleluia!

Now He lives, no more to die. Alleluia!

3 Hail, the victim undefiled, Alleluia!

God and sinners reconciled, Alleluia!

**When contending death and life, Alleluia!
Met in strange and awesome strife. Alleluia!**

**4 Christians, on this holy day, Alleluia!
All your grateful homage pay; Alleluia!
Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Alleluia!
Now He lives, no more to die. 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 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 55:4, 16–18; antiphon: v. 22

Cast your burden on the LORD, and he will sustain you;
he will never permit the righteous to be moved.

**My heart is in anguish within me;
the terrors of death have fallen upon me.**

But I call to God, and the LORD will save me.

Evening and morning and at noon I utter my complaint and moan, and he hears my voice.

He redeems my soul in safety from the battle that I wage,
for many are arrayed against me.

**Cast your burden on the LORD, and he will sustain you;
he will never permit the righteous to be moved.**

Gloria Patri

**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.**

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spirit.

P Let us pray.

O God, the giver of all that is good, by Your holy inspiration grant that we may think those things that are right and by Your merciful guiding accomplish them; through 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

Genesis 3:1–6

¹Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the LORD God had made.

He said to the woman, "Did God actually say, 'You shall not eat of any tree in the garden'?" ²And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, ³but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.'" ⁴But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die. ⁵For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." ⁶So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Hebrews 4:14–16

¹⁴Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession.

¹⁵For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. ¹⁶Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia

LSB 190

C Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 4:1–11

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

C Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

¹Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. ²And after fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. ³And the tempter came and said to

him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." ⁴But he answered, "It is written, "'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"

⁵Then the devil took him to the holy city and set him on the pinnacle of the temple ⁶and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written, "'He will command his angels concerning you,' and

"'On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.'"

⁷Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.'"

⁸Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. ⁹And he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." ¹⁰Then Jesus said to him, "Be gone, Satan! For it is written, "'You shall worship the Lord your God and him only shall you serve.'"

¹¹Then the devil left him, and behold, angels came and were ministering to him.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

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

and of all things visible and invisible.

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

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together
is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.**

**And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life + of the world to come. Amen.**

Children's Sermon

549 All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

1 All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name!

**Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem
And crown Him Lord of all.
Bring forth the royal diadem
And crown Him Lord of all.**

2 Crown Him, ye martyrs of our God,

**Who from His altar call;
Extol the stem of Jesse's rod
And crown Him Lord of all.
Extol the stem of Jesse's rod
And crown Him Lord of all.**

3 Ye seed of Israel's chosen race,

**Ye ransomed from the fall,
Hail Him who saves you by His grace
And crown Him Lord of all.
Hail Him who saves you by His grace
And crown Him Lord of all.**

- 4 Hail Him, ye heirs of David's line,
Whom David Lord did call,
The God incarnate, man divine,
And crown Him Lord of all.
The God incarnate, man divine,
And crown Him Lord of all.**
- 5 Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget
The wormwood and the gall,
Go, spread your trophies at His feet
And crown Him Lord of all.
Go, spread your trophies at His feet
And crown Him Lord of all.**
- 6 Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe,
On this terrestrial ball
To Him all majesty ascribe
And crown Him Lord of all.
To Him all majesty ascribe
And crown Him Lord of all.**
- 7 Oh, that with yonder sacred throng
We at His feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song
And crown Him Lord of all.
We'll join the everlasting song
And crown Him Lord of all.**

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Sermon “Tempted as We Are, Yet Without Sin”

Offering

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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 Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, 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

**ALL: 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 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.

Distribution Hymns

628 Your Table I Approach

1 Your table I approach;

Dear Savior, hear my prayer.

Let not an unrepentant heart

Prove hurtful to me there.

2 Lord, I confess my sins

And mourn their wretched bands;

A contrite heart is sure to find

Forgiveness at Your hands.

3 Your body and Your blood,

Once slain and shed for me,

**Are taken at Your table, Lord,
In blest reality.**

**4 Search not how this takes place,
This wondrous mystery;
God can accomplish vastly more
Than what we think could be.**

**5 O grant, most blessed Lord,
That earth and hell combined
May not about this sacrament
Raise doubt within my mind.**

**6 Oh, may I never fail
To thank You day and night
For Your true body and true blood,
O God, my peace and light.**

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554 O Jesus, King Most Wonderful

**1 O Jesus, King most wonderful!
O Conqueror renowned!
O Source of peace ineffable,
In whom all joys are found:**

**2 When once You visit darkened hearts,
Then truth begins to shine,
Then earthly vanity departs,
Then kindles love divine.**

**3 O Jesus, light of all below,
The fount of life and fire,
Surpassing all the joys we know,
All that we can desire:**

**4 May ev'ry heart confess Your name,
Forever You adore,
And, seeking You, itself inflame
To seek You more and more!**

**5 Oh, may our tongues forever bless,
May we love You alone
And ever in our lives express
The image of Your own!**

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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.

Thanksgiving *LSB 200*

P O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

C and His mercy endureth forever.

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.

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spirit.

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.

477 Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven

1 Alleluia, alleluia!

**Hearts to heav'n and voices raise:
Sing to God a hymn of gladness,
Sing to God a hymn of praise;
He who on the cross a victim
For the world's salvation bled—
Jesus Christ, the King of Glory,
Now is risen from the dead.**

2 Alleluia, Christ is risen!

**Death at last has met defeat:
See the ancient pow'rs of evil
In confusion and retreat;
Once He died, and once was buried:
Now He lives forevermore,
Jesus Christ, the world's Redeemer,
Whom we worship and adore.**



3 Alleluia, alleluia!

**Glory be to God on high:
Alleluia to the Savior
Who has gained the victory;
Alleluia to the Spirit,
Fount of love and sanctity!
Alleluia, alleluia
To the triune Majesty!**

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Attendance Last Week: 249

General giving last week: \$6313.00

Budget giving needed: \$7500.00

Calendar of Activities this week at St. John

26 Monday MEMORIAL DAY

28 Wednesday Kindergarten Graduation

29 Thursday Worship Service/HC

8th Grade Graduation 6:30 pm

30 Friday Last day of School!!

1 Sunday Worship Service/HC 9:00 am

HUMAN CARE will take a door collection NEXT WEEK to help provide funds for the work they do for people in need.

ASLEEP IN JESUS: Debra J. Koch fell asleep in the arms of her Savior on Wednesday, May 14th and received Christian burial from St. John on Tuesday, May 20th. May the Lord comfort those who remain with His words: "BECAUSE I LIVE, YE SHALL LIVE ALSO."

LWML MEETING DATE CHANGE: Due to scheduling conflicts, The LWML meeting scheduled for Monday, May 19th has been changed to Monday, June 2nd

CEILING TILE EVENT ON SATURDAY, JUNE 7TH: We are remodeling the school library over the summer. We will be holding a CEILING TILE event on Saturday, June 7th starting at 8am in the school parking lot. You can drive through and purchase ceiling tiles for \$5.00 and our youth group will install them in the library. We will also have muffins, juice boxes, water and iced coffee for purchase.

FIRST MEN'S MINISTRY MEETING: Men of St. John, we will be gathering at the church on Wednesday June 4th at 5:45 PM to begin our men's ministry. All men 16 and up are invited. Brats, hamburgers, and food will be provided. Bring your favorite joke to share. We'll talk about the ministry and spend some time talking about being a Christian man. I hope to see you there!

EMAIL OR ADDRESS CHANGE? PHONE # CHANGE? Please let the church office know so we can keep our records current. You may drop a note in the church office mailbox or write "CHANGED" on your

next communion card and then fill in what has changed in your information. Thanks!!

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.

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ELECTRONIC GIVING: Would you like your stewardship to be automated? St. John enables you to give your church offering by using electronic funds transfer (EFT). You may already be using EFT to have your mortgage, car payment and bills automatically paid using this method. Now your gift to God can be regular and "off the top," just like these other commitments.

There is no cost to you for this service. Just think – you won't have to write 52 checks a year! And you won't have to wonder where you put your church offering envelopes.

If you would like to participate, contact Amy Radliff by phone 920-361-1437 or by email at theradliffs@gmail.com for an enrollment form.

You can give weekly or monthly. Your giving is recorded at the church office and will reflect on your annual statement.

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.

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Sermon Notes – 5-25-25 – Tempted As We Are...Yet Without Sin

-Jesus fasted for 40 days in the wilderness. "He was hungry." "And the tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." (Matthew 4:2-3)

-This connects to Adam and Eve. They were also tempted with food, and, by that food, to _____ from the Father's plan.

-This connects to Israel in the wilderness. When they were hungry, they deviated from the Father's plan by complaining and doubting that he would provide.

-This connects to us, too. Satan still tempts us through physical desires to deviate from God's plan, sin, and _____ in something other than him.

-Satan set Jesus on the pinnacle of the temple and said, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down" and then quoted Scripture insinuating that the Father would keep him from dying. (Matthew 4:5-6)

-This connects to Adam and Eve. The devil told Eve, "You will not surely die" – by eating the fruit, then, Adam and Eve were putting God to the test – would they really die?

-This connects to Israel in the wilderness. Among other instances, the Bible says that the Israelites put God to the _____ by grumbling about a lack of water.

-This connects to us, too. We still put God to the test by demanding God prove himself.

-Satan showed Jesus the kingdoms of the world and their glory and said, "All these I will give you, if you fall down and _____ me." (Matthew 4:8-9)

-This connects to Adam and Eve. If they ate the fruit, Satan promised, "You will be like God." When they ate, they broke the first commandment because they worshipped themselves.

-This connects to Israel in the wilderness. While Moses and God met for a long time on Mt. Sinai, they grew impatient, fashioned a golden calf, and worshipped it.

-This connects to us, too. Promised instant gratification by the devil, we worship so many things that aren't _____.

-Jesus' temptation looked like Adam and Eve's, Israel's, and ours because in order to save us, he had to take the same test as our first parents, as God's people, and as all of us...and pass it.

-And he took the results of our test and _____ our punishment.

-Be in awe of and depend upon Jesus. We have seen that time and time again, we all fail. But we have also seen that Jesus loves us so much that he fought and won our battle and gave us the victory.