

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



The 7th Sunday of Easter

**Serving Us Today:
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Large Print Bulletin

As We Gather... How close must we be to achieve unity? For us sinners, separation of even a little bit compromises unity. What we need is a single source to unite us. It is our singular Savior who is the only source of true unity. Jesus promises power to His followers and tells them to stay close and do His will. And our Lord even prays that they might be one with Him even as He is one with the Father. Today we need to hear the Word of God to find strength for continuing our being the one Body of Christ.

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.

PRESERVICE MUSIC: St. John Handbells play "Amazing Grace"

Confession and Absolution

861 Christ Be My Leader

**1 Christ be my Leader by night as by day;
Safe through the darkness, for He is the way.
Gladly I follow, my future His care,
Darkness is daylight when Jesus is there.**

**2 Christ be my Teacher in age as in youth,
Drifting or doubting, for He is the truth.**

**Grant me to trust Him; though shifting as sand,
Doubt cannot daunt me; in Jesus I stand.**

**3 Christ be my Savior in calm as in strife;
Death cannot hold me, for He is the life.
Nor darkness nor doubting nor sin and its stain
Can touch my salvation: with Jesus I reign.**

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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 61:3, 5–8; antiphon: v. 1

Hear my cry, O God, listen to my prayer;

**for you have been my refuge,
a strong tower against the enemy.**

For you, O God, have heard my vows;

you have given me the heritage of those who fear your name.

**Prolong the life of the king;
may his years endure to all generations!**

May he be enthroned forever before God;

appoint steadfast love and faithfulness to watch over him!

So will I ever sing praises to your name,

as I perform my vows day after day.

**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.**

Hear my cry, O God,
listen to my prayer.

Kyrie

LSB 204

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

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

O King of glory, Lord of hosts, uplifted in triumph far above all heavens, leave us not without consolation but send us the Spirit of truth whom You promised from the Father; for You live and reign with Him and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

CAmen.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Psalms 63:1–8

¹O God, you are my God; earnestly I seek you;
my soul thirsts for you;
my flesh faints for you,
as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.
²So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary,
beholding your power and glory.
³Because your steadfast love is better than life,
my lips will praise you.
⁴So I will bless you as long as I live;
in your name I will lift up my hands.
⁵My soul will be satisfied as with fat and rich food,
and my mouth will praise you with joyful lips,
⁶when I remember you upon my bed,
and meditate on you in the watches of the night;
⁷for you have been my help,
and in the shadow of your wings I will sing for joy.
⁸My soul clings to you;
your right hand upholds me.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

**St. John Seraphim Choir (featuring our 8th Grade Graduates)
will sing the class song “Ten Thousand Reasons”**

Epistle

James 4:1–8

¹What causes quarrels and what causes fights among you? Is it not this, that your passions are at war within you? ²You desire and do

not have, so you murder. You covet and cannot obtain, so you fight and quarrel. You do not have, because you do not ask. ³You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions. ⁴You adulterous people! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God. ⁵Or do you suppose it is to no purpose that the Scripture says, "He yearns jealously over the spirit that he has made to dwell in us"? ⁶But he gives more grace. Therefore it says, "God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble." ⁷Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. ⁸Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded.

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 4:1–11

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

C Glory to You, 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."

⁵*Then the devil took him to the holy city and set him on the pinnacle of the temple* ⁶*and 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 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.**

656 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

**1 A mighty fortress is our God,
A trusty shield and weapon;
He helps us free from ev'ry need
That hath us now o'ertaken.
The old evil foe
Now means deadly woe;
Deep guile and great might**

**Are his dread arms in fight;
On earth is not his equal.**

**2 With might of ours can naught be done,
Soon were our loss effected;
But for us fights the valiant One,
Whom God Himself elected.
Ask ye, Who is this?
Jesus Christ it is,
Of Sabaoth Lord,
And there's none other God;
He holds the field forever.**

**3 Though devils all the world should fill,
All eager to devour us,
We tremble not, we fear no ill;
They shall not overpow'r us.
This world's prince may still
Scowl fierce as he will,
He can harm us none.
He's judged; the deed is done;
One little word can fell him.**

**4 The Word they still shall let remain
Nor any thanks have for it;
He's by our side upon the plain
With His good gifts and Spirit.
And take they our life,
Goods, fame, child, and wife,
Though these all be gone,**

**Our vict'ry has been won;
The Kingdom ours remaineth.**

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Sermon "Overcoming Temptation"

Stand

Prayer of the Church

Sit

**Offering St. John Handbells play
 "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring"**

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 singing:

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

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart **T** in peace.

C Amen.

Distribution Hymns

865 Lord, Help Us Ever to Retain

1 Lord, help us ever to retain

The Catechism's doctrine plain

As Luther taught the Word of truth

In simple style to tender youth.

2 Help us Your holy Law to learn,

To mourn our sin and from it turn

In faith to You and to Your Son

And Holy Spirit, Three in One.

3 Hear us, dear Father, when we pray

For needed help from day to day

That as Your children we may live,

Whom You baptized and so received.

4 Lord, when we fall or go astray,

Absolve and lift us up, we pray;

And through the Sacrament increase

Our faith till we depart in peace.

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492 On Christ's Ascension I Now Build

1 On Christ's ascension I now build

**The hope of my ascension;
This hope alone has always stilled
All doubt and apprehension;
For where the Head is, there as well
I know His members are to dwell
When Christ will come and call them.**

2 Since Christ returned to claim His throne,

**Great gifts for me obtaining,
My heart will rest in Him alone,
No other rest remaining;
For where my treasure went before,
There all my thoughts will ever soar
To still their deepest yearning.**

3 O grant, dear Lord, this grace to me,

**Recalling Your ascension,
That I may serve You faithfully
In thanks for my redemption;
And then, when all my days will cease,
Let me depart in joy and peace
In answer to my pleading.**

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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.

THE GRADUATION CEREMONIES

WELCOME

THE SALUTATORY ADDRESS **Case Kaufman**

THE PRESENTATION OF DIPLOMAS

THE PRESENTATION OF THE CLASS OF 2025

LEGION AWARD

THE VALEDICTORY ADDRESS **Mia Schubert**

922 Go, My Children, with My Blessing *sts. 1–4*

**1 Go, My children, with My blessing,
Never alone.**

**Waking, sleeping, I am with you;
You are My own.**

**In My love's baptismal river
I have made you Mine forever.**

**Go, My children, with My blessing—
You are My own.**

**2 Go, My children, sins forgiven,
At peace and pure.
Here you learned how much I love you,
What I can cure.
Here you heard My dear Son's story;
Here you touched Him, saw His glory.
Go, My children, sins forgiven,
At peace and pure.**

**3 Go, My children, fed and nourished,
Closer to Me;
Grow in love and love by serving,
Joyful and free.
Here My Spirit's power filled you;
Here His tender comfort stilled you.
Go, My children, fed and nourished,
Joyful and free.**

**4 I the Lord will bless and keep you
And give you peace;
I the Lord will smile upon you
And give you peace:
I the Lord will be your Father,
Savior, Comforter, and Brother.
Go, My children; I will keep you
And give you peace.**

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The CLASS OF 2025
St. John Lutheran Day School

Case Kaufman - Salutatorian
Xander McDowell
Mia Schubert - Valedictorian
Easton Vetrone

CLASS HYMN
Ten Thousand Reasons

BIBLE VERSE
So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the
glory of God.
1 Corinthians 10:31

CLASS MOTTO
Do what is right, not what is easy.

CLASS COLORS
Blue, Orange, and Black

+Sermon Notes – 6-1-25 – Overcoming Temptation

- You're being tempted.
 - Do you recognize the temptations that the devil is tempting you with?
- How did Jesus recognize the temptations that came to him?
 - Every time the devil tempted him, Jesus used _____ to identify the temptation.
 - In order to _____ temptation, we need to know God's Word.
- How to _____ temptation.
 - How did Jesus overcome temptation?
 - “Many Christians are under the mistaken impression that by simply quoting Scripture, Satan is going to run away. But Satan himself can quote Scripture. The power lies in submission to the Word, not in recitation of it.”
 - We overcome temptation by believing what the Scripture says – and in the Scripture, God _____ us something better than what the temptation promises us – love, a Savior, and eternal life.
- Jesus' temptation in the wilderness foreshadowed his ultimate temptation – that of going to the _____ to take the sins of mankind and die in our place.
 - Because Jesus has done all of that to show us God's love, become our Savior, and earn eternal life for us, we know now that these promises from God from the Scripture are real!

-And now, because we have those things – the greatest possible gifts – Jesus has _____ us to overcome temptation.

-It's important that we study the Bible. As we said, the Bible enables us to recognize temptations and overcome temptations.

-“Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you.” (Psalm 63:3)

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Resources for Studying the Bible

-Get a Study Bible like the *Lutheran Study Bible* with explanatory notes to help you understand the Bible.

-Listen to podcasts and/or YouTube videos of sermons or messages. A few people I would recommend: Robert Barron, Timothy Keller, Charles Stanley, J Vernon McGee, Jack Hibbs and Billy Graham.

-Listen to podcasts and/or YouTube videos about other Christian topics. A few suggestions are: Wesley Huff, Answers in Genesis, Living Waters, and Relics of the Bible.

-Check out the videos, lessons, and podcasts on bibleproject.com. They have a lot of well-done videos and lessons about the books of the Bible and various Bible topics.

- Read a daily devotional; there are many available in book form. Additionally, you can pick up a *Portals of Prayer* at church or go to lhm.org for their daily devotional.
- Read Christian books. There are literally hundreds of thousands of Christian books about any topic/book of the Bible you can imagine. Start in the church library, we have a lot of great books available.
- Use some Bible reference books to help you study the Bible like a Bible atlas, a Bible dictionary, or a Bible commentary. I would especially recommend the *People's Bible Commentary*. They have several books about various books of the Bible that will help you understand that book as you read it. Additionally, purchasing Bible studies from Precept and John MacArthur is an option.
- Get the YouVersion Bible app for your phone. They have numerous versions of the Bible along with daily video devotions, Bible reading plans, and topical studies of the Bible.
- Check out biblehub.com – they have a lot of resources to help you study the Bible and it's all free.
- Join our Sunday morning Bible Study after the church service.
(restarts in the fall)
- In September, join a Connection Group to get together with other Christians from our church to study the Bible with.

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Attendance Last Week: 218

General giving last week: \$8050.00

Budget giving needed: \$7500.00

Calendar of Activities this week at St. John

2 Monday LWML Meeting 6:30 pm

5 Thursday Worship Service/HC 6:30 pm

8 Sunday Worship Service/HC 9:00 am

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

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!

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.