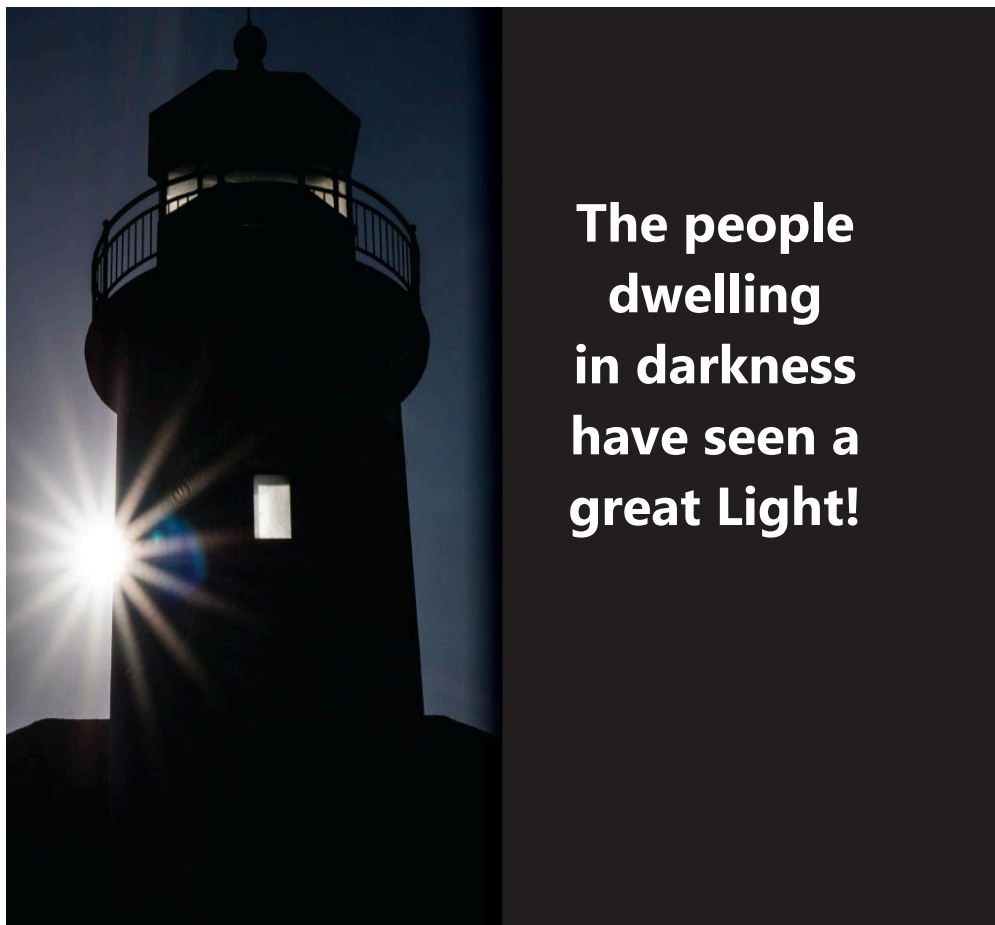


St. John Lutheran Church & School
Berlin, Wisconsin
The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod



The 3rd Sunday after Pentecost
June 26 and 29, 2025

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Large Print Bulletin

As We Gather... If you have ever enjoyed a homegrown tomato or plucked a ripe peach straight from the tree, you know there is no substitute for good fruit. Today, the Holy Spirit is continuing the work begun in your Baptism, bringing forth good fruit. Too often, we imagine bearing good fruit is a result of our own careful cultivation, paying special attention to getting things right. The Spirit takes another approach. Just as the flavor of fresh fruit is a delight to our senses, the Spirit delights our soul with the tantalizing tastes of joy, kindness, gentleness, and love! The Spirit teaches us to crave what is good and, in so doing, leads believers to produce the fruit the Lord always intended.

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.

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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Stand

P O Lord, open my lips,
C and my mouth will declare Your praise.

P Make haste, O God, to deliver me;
C make haste to help me, O Lord.

**C 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.**

C Praise to You, O Christ. Alleluia.

Psalmody

P Blessed be God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

C O come, let us worship Him.

Venite *LSB 220*

**C O come, let us sing to the Lord,
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.
Let us come into His presence with thanksgiving,
let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise.**

**For the Lord is a great God
and a great king above all gods.
The deep places of the earth are in His hand;
the strength of the hills is His also.**

**The sea is His, for He made it,
and His hand formed the dry land.
O come, let us worship and bow down,
let us kneel before the Lord, our maker.**

For He is our God,

**and we are the people of His pasture
and the sheep of His hand.
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.**

P Blessed be God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
C O come, let us worship Him.

Sit

Readings

Reading

Isaiah 9:1–7

P A reading from Isaiah, chapter 9.

¹ But there will be no gloom for her who was in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he has made glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

² The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;
those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness,
on them has light shined.

³ You have multiplied the nation;
you have increased its joy;
they rejoice before you
as with joy at the harvest,

as they are glad when they divide the spoil.

⁴For the yoke of his burden,
and the staff for his shoulder,
the rod of his oppressor,
you have broken as on the day of Midian.

⁵For every boot of the tramping warrior in battle tumult
and every garment rolled in blood
will be burned as fuel for the fire.

⁶For to us a child is born,
to us a son is given;
and the government shall be upon his shoulder,
and his name shall be called
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

⁷Of the increase of his government and of peace
there will be no end,
on the throne of David and over his kingdom,
to establish it and to uphold it
with justice and with righteousness
from this time forth and forevermore.
The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

Reading

1 Peter 2:8b–10

P A reading from 1 Peter, chapter 2.

⁸and

“A stone of stumbling,
and a rock of offense.”

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

⁹But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. ¹⁰Once you were not a people, but now you are God’s people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

Reading

Matthew 4:12–17

P A reading from Matthew, chapter 4.

¹²Now when he heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew into Galilee. ¹³And leaving Nazareth he went and lived in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, ¹⁴so that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

¹⁵“The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali,
the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—

¹⁶the people dwelling in darkness
have seen a great light,
and for those dwelling in the region and shadow of death,
on them a light has dawned.”

¹⁷From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

Responsory *LSB 221*

P Forever, O Lord, Your Word is firmly set in the heavens.

C Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.

P Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and keep it.

C Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.

P Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

C Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.

Children's Sermon

803 Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

**1 Joyful, joyful we adore Thee,
God of glory, Lord of love!
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before Thee,
Praising Thee, their sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,
Drive the gloom of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness,
Fill us with the light of day.**

**2 All Thy works with joy surround Thee,
Earth and heav'n reflect Thy rays,
Stars and angels sing around Thee,
Center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
Flow'ry meadow, flashing sea,
Chanting bird, and flowing fountain
Call us to rejoice in Thee.**

**△ 3 Thou art giving and forgiving,
Ever blessing, ever blest,
Wellspring of the joy of living,
Ocean-depth of happy rest!
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
Fountainhead of love divine:
Joyful, we Thy heav'n inherit!
Joyful, we by grace are Thine!**

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Sermon

Canticle

Te Deum LSB 223

**C We praise You, O God; we acknowledge You to be the Lord.
All the earth now worships You, the Father everlasting.
To You all angels cry aloud, the heavens and all the pow'rs
therein.**

To You cherubim and seraphim continually do cry:

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth;
heaven and earth are full of the majesty of Your glory.
The glorious company of the apostles praise You.
The goodly fellowship of the prophets praise You.**

**The noble army of martyrs praise You.
The holy Church throughout all the world does acknowledge
You:
The Father of an infinite majesty; Your adorable, true, and only
Son;
also the Holy Ghost, the Comforter.**

**You are the king of glory, O Christ;
You are the everlasting Son of the Father.**

**When You took upon Yourself to deliver man,
You humbled Yourself to be born of a virgin.
When You had overcome the sharpness of death,
You opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.**

**You sit at the right hand of God
in the glory of the Father.
We believe that You will come
to be our judge.**

**We therefore pray You to help Your servants,
whom You have redeemed with Your precious blood.**

**Make them to be numbered with Your saints
in glory everlasting.**

**O Lord, save Your people and bless Your heritage.
Govern them and lift them up forever.
Day by day we magnify You.
And we worship Your name forever and ever.**

**Grant, O Lord, to keep us this day without sin.
O Lord, have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us.
O Lord, let Your mercy be upon us, as our trust is in You.
O Lord, in You have I trusted; let me never be confounded.**

Sit

Offering

Prayer

Stand

Kyrie

LSB 227

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

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.**

Collects

P O Lord, hear my prayer.

C And let my cry come to You.

Collect of the Day

P Lord of all power and might, author and giver of all good things, graft into our hearts the love of Your name and nourish us with all goodness that we may love and serve our neighbor; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Collect for Grace

P O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, You have safely brought us to the beginning of this day. Defend us in the same with Your mighty power and grant that this day we fall

into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger, but that all our doings, being ordered by Your governance, may be righteous in Your sight; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Stand

Benedicamus

LSB 228

P Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

LSB 228

P The grace of our Lord + Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C Amen.

918 Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer

1 Guide me, O Thou great Redeemer,

Pilgrim through this barren land.

I am weak, but Thou art mighty;

Hold me with Thy pow'rful hand.

Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,

Feed me till I want no more;

Feed me till I want no more.

**2 Open now the crystal fountain
Whence the healing stream doth flow;
Let the fiery, cloudy pillar
Lead me all my journey through.
Strong deliv'rer, strong deliv'rer,
Be Thou still my strength and shield;
Be Thou still my strength and shield.**

**3 When I tread the verge of Jordan,
Bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death and hell's destruction,
Land me safe on Canaan's side.
Songs of praises, songs of praises
I will ever give to Thee;
I will ever give to Thee.**

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Attendance Last Week: 163		
General giving last week:		\$6022.00
Budget giving needed:		\$7500.00

Calendar of Activities this week at St. John

3 Thursday	Worship Service/HC	6:30 pm
6 Sunday	Worship Service/HC	9:00 am

HOLY BAPTISM: Received through Baptism into the covenant and kingdom of God’s grace on Thursday evening was Brody Petrovich, son of Brooke Hess and Dakota Petrovich, who entered this life on October 29, 2024 and was given new life in Christ through this washing of regeneration. Serving as his godparents are: Preston Hess and Allysia Petrovich.

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR: The Flowers on the Altar celebrate the 60th anniversary of Don and Donne Dretske. Congratulations on this milestone!

FOOD PANTRY: St. John is collecting non-perishable food items for the Berlin Food Pantry this month of June. Please see the church newsletter for most needed items. They also accept paper products and monetary donations.

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

LIFE DATE MAGAZINE: There is a new edition of *Life Date Magazine* on the little oak table in the Narthex. Life Date is a publication from *Lutherans for Life*. Please feel free to take one home.

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!!

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.

SUPPORT MISSIONARY JOSH PIECHOWSKI: Josh, a son of St. John, was here last week to tell us about his work as a missionary to students at UW-La Cross through CRU (a Christian but not LCMS ministry). Josh has to raise all of his own funding as a missionary; if you would like to support the work he is doing with the Lord, you can give at: **<https://give.cru.org/1288484>**