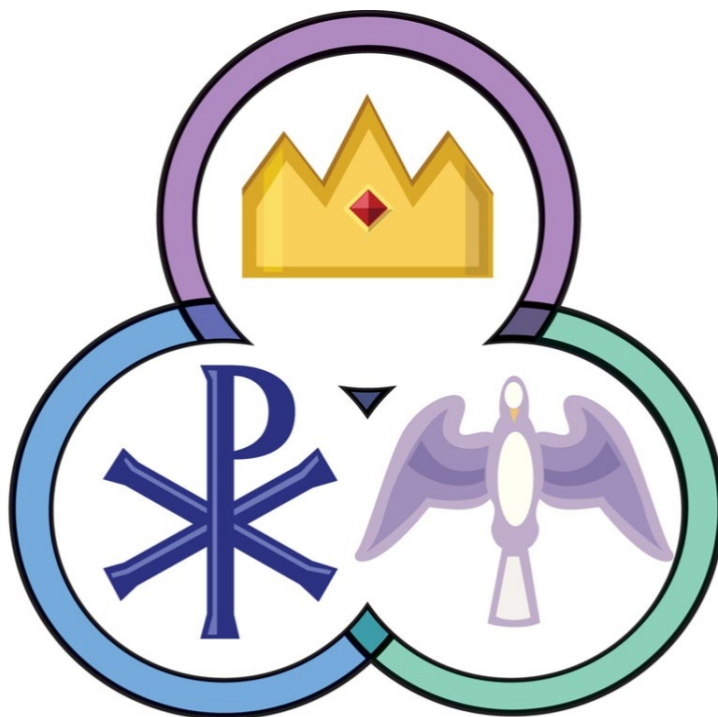


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The Holy Trinity***

Large Print Bulletin

As We Gather... The Holy Trinity presents profound complexities. The church wrestles to dissect and sync together the identities and the activities of the Father, Son, and Spirit. The Athanasian Creed is the treatise that sews together the equality and uniqueness of the three persons of the Trinity. With faith's assurance, the church confesses trinitarian substance, coeternal majesty, and seemingly unattainable mystery. The Uncreated, the Infinite, the Almighty are One in Three. The Holy Trinity is vested in working in our midst today, every day, and eternally. In faith, the church and its members forge ahead in life because the Holy Trinity just works! We may not understand fully, and yet, by faith we believe the Father works—creating; the Son works—redeeming; and the Spirit works—sanctifying. Our entire life of frailty and faith is only possible because the Holy Trinity just works—all the time—with us, for us, and alongside us!

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

Hymn 903 This is the Day that 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 Blessèd 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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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 16:8–11; antiphon: Liturgical Text

Blessèd be the Holy Trinity and the undivided Unity.

Let us give glory to him because he has shown his mercy to us.

**I have set the LORD always before me;
because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.**

Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices;
my flesh also dwells secure.

**For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol,
or let your holy one see corruption.**

You make known to me the path of life;
in your presence there is fullness of joy;
at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

**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.**

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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.

Almighty and everlasting God, You have given us grace to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity by the confession of a true faith and to worship the Unity in the power of the Divine Majesty. Keep us steadfast in this faith and defend us from all adversities; for You, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, live and reign, one God, now and forever.

CAmen.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Job 2:1–10

¹Again there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan also came among them to present himself before the LORD. ²And the LORD said to Satan, "From where have you come?" Satan answered the LORD and said, "From going to and fro on the earth, and from walking up and down on it." ³And the LORD said to Satan, "Have you considered my servant Job, that there is none like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man, who fears God and turns away from evil? He still

holds fast his integrity, although you incited me against him to destroy him without reason.” ⁴Then Satan answered the LORD and said, “Skin for skin! All that a man has he will give for his life. ⁵But stretch out your hand and touch his bone and his flesh, and he will curse you to your face.” ⁶And the LORD said to Satan, “Behold, he is in your hand; only spare his life.”

⁷So Satan went out from the presence of the LORD and struck Job with loathsome sores from the sole of his foot to the crown of his head. ⁸And he took a piece of broken pottery with which to scrape himself while he sat in the ashes.

⁹Then his wife said to him, “Do you still hold fast your integrity? Curse God and die.” ¹⁰But he said to her, “You speak as one of the foolish women would speak. Shall we receive good from God, and shall we not receive evil?” In all this Job did not sin with his lips.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Philippians 2:5–8

⁵Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, ⁶who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷but made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. ⁸And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

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 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

507 Holy, Holy, Holy

sts. 1–4

1 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!

**Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!**

2 Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee,

Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;

**Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,
Which wert and art and evermore shalt be.**

**3 Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide Thee,
Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see,
Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee,
Perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.**

**4 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and
sea.
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!**

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Sermon “The Devil’s Distractions”

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 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*

**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

637 Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord

1 Draw near and take the body of the Lord,
And drink the holy blood for you outpoured;

**Offered was He for greatest and for least,
Himself the victim and Himself the priest.**

**2 He who His saints in this world rules and shields,
To all believers life eternal yields;
With heav'nly bread He makes the hungry whole,
Gives living waters to the thirsting soul.**

**3 Come forward then with faithful hearts sincere,
And take the pledges of salvation here.
O Lord, our hearts with grateful thanks endow
As in this feast of love You bless us now.**

Text: Latin, 7th cent.; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–66, alt.

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643 Sent Forth by God's Blessing

**1 Sent forth by God's blessing,
Our true faith confessing,
The people of God from His dwelling take leave.
The Supper is ended.
O now be extended
The fruits of this service in all who believe.
The seed of His teaching,
Receptive souls reaching,
Shall blossom in action for God and for all.
His grace did invite us,
His love shall unite us
To work for God's kingdom and answer His call.**

**2 With praise and thanksgiving
To God ever-living,
The tasks of our ev'ryday life we will face.
Our faith ever sharing,
In love ever caring,
Embracing His children of each tribe and race.
With Your feast You feed us,
With Your light now lead us;
Unite us as one in this life that we share.
Then may all the living
With praise and thanksgiving
Give honor to Christ and His name that we bear.**

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Stand

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.

506 Glory Be to God the Father

- 1 Glory be to God the Father,
Glory be to God the Son,
Glory be to God the Spirit:
Great Jehovah, Three in One!
Glory, glory
While eternal ages run!**
- 2 Glory be to Him who loved us,
Washed us from each spot and stain;
Glory be to Him who bought us,
Made us kings with Him to reign!
Glory, glory
To the Lamb that once was slain!**
- 3 Glory to the King of angels,
Glory to the Church's King,
Glory to the King of nations;
Heav'n and earth, your praises bring!
Glory, glory
To the King of glory sing!**
- 4 Glory, blessing, praise eternal!
Thus the choir of angels sings;
Honor, riches, pow'r, dominion!
Thus its praise creation brings.
Glory, glory,
Glory to the King of kings!**

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Attendance Last Week: 198

General giving last week: \$8202.65

Budget giving needed: \$7500.00

Calendar of Activities this week at St. John

19 Thursday Worship Service/HC 6:30 pm

22 Sunday Worship Service/HC 9:00 am

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR: The flowers on the Altar this week are celebrating the 62nd wedding anniversary of Ken and Shirley Keenlance. Congratulations Ken and Shirley!

SUPPORT MISSIONARY JOSH PIECHOWSKI: Josh is a son of St. John, and he'll be working 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>

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. Our bin is located in the card room.

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. ***"Please bring a cornhole set for the tournament if you have one. 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.

FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO ARE USING THE SCREENS EXCLUSIVELY and may not want or need a full bulletin...we have available in the back of church and from the ushers a "news" sheet which contains the same calendar, announcements and sermon outline found in the regular bulletin. If interested, please pick one up and see if it meets your needs.

RESOURCES AVAILABLE ON THE WEB –

WWW.STJOHNBERLIN.ORG:

Enter the CHURCH section by clicking on the left portal at the entry page. Once there, you will see tabs for access to the video recording

of the weekly church service, copies of the bulletin, the newsletter, the monthly calendar, and other resources. You can also visit the St. John School web pages from a tab in the church section.

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Sermon Notes – 6-15-25 – The Devil’s Distractions

- That’s the devil’s goal when he tempts us, too. He’s trying to _____ and derail us from the point and purpose of our lives.
 - The devil is really good at this. For instance, how often do you actually think about the point and purpose of your life?
 - The reason you’re alive is because God wants to use you to _____ and tell others about him.
- The first temptation of the devil was, “Command these stones to become loaves of bread.”
 - Essentially, this is the temptation of _____. It’s a simple but powerful temptation, and perhaps more than anything else, it distracts us from the point and purpose of our lives.
- Why should I make God’s purpose for me the point of my life and not my own comfort?
 - Well, the simple reason is that, God, in _____, made your eternal comfort the point of his life.
- For his second temptation, the devil took Jesus to the pinnacle of the temple and told him to jump off because the angels would surely catch him.
 - Essentially, this is the temptation of _____ or ego. It’s the temptation to make myself god, to ask God to obey me instead of submitting and obeying God.

- The real temptation here is to switch places with God – to make my life about me and my agenda and not about God.
- “Why should we make our lives about _____ instead of trying to make his life about us?”
- In Jesus, he’s given you everything worth having – love, forgiveness, eternal life! We don’t need to be god...we don’t need anything more.
- For the final temptation, the devil showed Jesus “all the kingdoms of the world and their glory.” Then he offered to give them to Jesus if Jesus would worship him.
- This is the temptation of fame and power. The devil tries to distract and derail us from God’s purpose for our lives by tempting us to make the purpose of our lives our own _____.
- Aren’t we guilty of making the focus of our lives ourselves?
- “Why should we make our lives about giving God the power and glory instead of ourselves?”
- If Jesus didn’t do what he did, then we would have no purpose.
- But Jesus made a way – _____ – for you to survive death, to get out of hell, and to live forever – and in that he infuses your life with meaning, he gives you something to live to, to live for.
- I pray that you’ll take what we talked about and actually start living differently.