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Large Print Bulletin

As We Gather... Many Old Testament Readings are full of what God demands that someone should or should not do; it sounds almost scary. But it is only His putting us in our place and telling us how He wants to work through us and share His love, already poured out on us: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself" (Leviticus 19:18). But we try to limit the definition of "neighbor." We don't have to! Today we thank God for giving us, for Jesus' sake, "the inheritance of the saints in light," as Paul writes in the Epistle (Colossians 1:12). It is time to set aside our daily activities to let God put us in our place as His friends, followers, and family.

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

907 God Himself Is Present

1 God Himself is present:

Let us now adore Him

And with awe appear before Him.

God is in His temple;

All within keep silence;

Humbly kneel in deepest rev'ence.

He alone

On His throne

**Is our God and Savior;
Praise His name forever!**

2 God Himself is present:

**Hear the harps resounding;
See the hosts the throne surrounding.**

“Holy, holy, holy!”

**Hear the hymn ascending,
Songs of saints and angels blending.**

Bow Your ear

To us here:

**Hear, O Christ, the praises
That Your Church now raises.**

3 Fount of ev’ry blessing,

**Purify my spirit,
Trusting only in Your merit.**

**Like the holy angels,
Worshiping before You,
May I ceaselessly adore You.**

Let Your will

Ever still

**Rule Your Church terrestrial
As the hosts celestial.**

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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 If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. 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 T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Stand

Service of the Word

Introit

Psalm 136:23–26; antiphon: v. 1

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,
for his steadfast love endures forever.

**It is he who remembered us in our low estate,
for his steadfast love endures forever;**

and rescued us from our foes, for his steadfast love endures forever;
**he who gives food to all flesh,
for his steadfast love endures forever.**

Give thanks to the God of heaven, for his steadfast love endures
forever.

**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.**

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,
for his steadfast love endures forever.

Kyrie 186

**C Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.**

This Is the Feast

LSB 155

C This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

**Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us
free to be people of God.**

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

**Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and
glory are His.**

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

**Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all
creation:**

**Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb
forever. Amen.**

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

For the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia.

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, in Your deep compassion You rescue us from whatever may hurt us. Teach us to love You above all things and to love our neighbors as ourselves; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Jeremiah 1:4–10

⁴Now the word of the LORD came to me, saying,

⁵"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you,
and before you were born I consecrated you;
I appointed you a prophet to the nations."

⁶Then I said, "Ah, Lord GOD! Behold, I do not know how to speak, for I am only a youth." ⁷But the LORD said to me,

"Do not say, 'I am only a youth';
for to all to whom I send you, you shall go,
and whatever I command you, you shall speak.

⁸Do not be afraid of them,
for I am with you to deliver you,
declares the LORD."

⁹Then the LORD put out his hand and touched my mouth. And the LORD said to me,

"Behold, I have put my words in your mouth.

¹⁰See, I have set you this day over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to break down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant."

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

Acts 9:1–9

¹But Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest ²and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any belonging to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. ³Now as he went on his way, he approached Damascus, and suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. ⁴And falling to the ground he heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?" ⁵And he said, "Who are you, Lord?" And he said, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. ⁶But rise and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do." ⁷The men who were traveling with him stood speechless, hearing the voice but seeing no one. ⁸Saul rose from the ground, and although his eyes were opened, he saw nothing. So they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. ⁹And for three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse

LSB 156

C Alleluia.

Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life.

Alleluia, alleluia.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 4:18–22

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹⁸While walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon (who is called Peter) and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. ¹⁹And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." ²⁰Immediately they left their nets and followed him. ²¹And going on from there he saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets, and he called them. ²²Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Children's Sermon

TLH 577 Savior, I Follow On

**1 Savior, I follow on, Guided by Thee,
Seeing not yet the hand That leadeth me.
Hushed be my heart and still, Fear I no further ill,
Only to meet Thy will My will shall be.**

**2 Riven the rock for me Thirst to relieve,
Manna from heaven falls Fresh ev'ry eve;
Never a want severe Causeth my eye a tear
But Thou dost whisper near, "Only believe."**

**3 Often to Marah's brink Have I been brought;
Shrinking the cup to drink, Help I have sought;
And with the prayer's ascent Jesus the branch hath rent,
Quickly relief hath sent, Sweet'ning the draught.**

**4 Savior, I long to walk Closer with Thee;
Led by Thy guiding hand Ever to be
Constantly near Thy side, Quickened and purified,
Living for Him who died Freely for me.**

Sermon

Stand

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.**

Prayer of the Church

Sit

Offering

Stand

Service of the Sacrament

Preface *LSB 160*

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, let us now and evermore praise God's glorious name, singing:

Sanctus *LSB 161*

**C Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r and might:
Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.**

Hosanna. Hosanna.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

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."

P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

P O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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.

Pax Domini

LSB 163

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

Agnus Dei LSB 163

C Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world;
grant us peace.

Sit

Distribution Hymns

537 Beautiful Savior

1 Beautiful Savior,
King of creation,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Truly I'd love Thee,
Truly I'd serve Thee,
Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.

**2 Fair are the meadows,
Fair are the woodlands,
Robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;
Jesus is fairer,
Jesus is purer,
He makes our sorr'wing spirit sing.**

**3 Fair is the sunshine,
Fair is the moonlight,
Bright the sparkling stars on high;
Jesus shines brighter,
Jesus shines purer
Than all the angels in the sky.**

**4 Beautiful Savior,
Lord of the nations,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor,
Praise, adoration
Now and forevermore be Thine!**

Text: Münsterisch Gesangbuch, 1677, Münster; tr. Joseph A. Seiss,
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744 Amazing Grace sts. 1–5

**1 Amazing grace—how sweet the sound—
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost but now am found,
Was blind but now I see!**

**2 The Lord has promised good to me,
His Word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures.**

**3 Through many dangers, toils, and snares
I have already come;
His grace has brought me safe thus far,
His grace will lead me home.**

**4 Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail
And mortal life shall cease,
Amazing grace shall then prevail
In heaven's joy and peace.**

**5 When we've been there ten thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we'd first begun.**

*Text (sts. 1–4): John Newton, 1725–1807, alt.; (st. 5): A Collection of
Sacred Ballads, 1790, Richmond Text: Public domain*

Stand

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.

Benediction

LSB 166

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.

727 On Eagles' Wings

**1 You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord,
Who abide in His shadow for life,
Say to the Lord: "My refuge,
My rock in whom I trust!" Refrain**

**ref And He will raise you up on eagles' wings,
Bear you on the breath of dawn,
Make you to shine like the sun,
And hold you in the palm of His hand.**

**2 The snare of the fowler will never capture you,
And famine will bring you no fear;
Under His wings your refuge,
His faithfulness your shield. Refrain**

**3 You need not fear the terror of the night,
Nor the arrow that flies by day;**

**Though thousands fall about you,
Near you it shall not come. Refrain**

**4 For to His angels He's given a command
To guard you in all of your ways;
Upon their hands they will bear you up,
Lest you dash your foot against a stone. Refrain**

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Attendance Last Week: 159

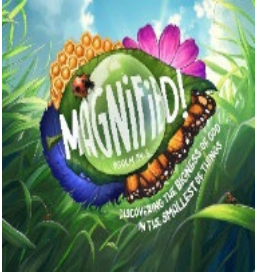
General giving last week: \$14, 385.00

Budget giving needed: \$ 7,500.00

Calendar of Activities this week at St. John

14 Monday	Board of Trustees	6:30pm
17 Thursday	Worship Service/HC	6:30 pm
20 Sunday	Worship Service/HC	9:00 am

VBS IS FAST APPROCHING! Saturday, July 19th is the day! 9:00 am – 3:00 pm. A sign up sheet is in the Church Library for you to sign up children, neighbors, and grandchildren. Or use the QR code at the left.



St. John Members: We are still in need of some food items. The display in the Library has some sign-up sheets for things like hot dogs, buns and watermelons. Please sign up for the food items you can contribute. **Bring donations to the church kitchen by 3 pm on Friday, July 18th.**

NEW LIBRARY BOOKS: There are two new devotional books in our library: *Little Visits with God* and *Little Visits with Jesus*. These are excellent books to lead daily devotions with children. If you'd like to check them out, please grab them from the library - just make sure you bring them back when you're done.

PUDGY PIE MAKERS: In his office, Pastor Rob still has a few pudgy pie makers from the Confirmation Camping Trip in April. Thank you for letting us borrow them. If they are yours, please tell Pastor Rob. If they are not picked up, he'll add them to the supplies to be used next year. Thank you!

NEXT MEN'S MINISTRY MEETING: Wednesday, July 16 at 5:30 at N9525 32nd Dr. Berlin. All men over 16 are invited to join us for a campfire, Dominoes Pizza, and some other activities. We'll be doing

a discussion-based Bible study on the importance of spending time with God. Bring your beverage of choice. We hope to see you there!



OPPORTUNITIES AT ST. JOHN SCHOOL!

The St. John Board of Christian Education has some amazing opportunities if you are looking to serve our church and school. Here are the openings they are looking to fill for the 25/26 school year: Early Childhood Teacher, After School Care Employee and a volunteer to lead our Sunday School Program. Please prayerfully consider these openings and call the school at 920-361-0555 or reach out to any board member for more information.

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.

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.

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Sermon Notes – 7-13-25 – Jesus Calls You

-Peter and Andrew, and probably James and John, had encountered Jesus before.

-Even though they had encountered Jesus, these four men still went about their business as usual, lives largely unaffected.

-"And Jesus said to them, ' _____ me, and I will make you fishers of men.'" (Matthew 4:19)

-Even though what Jesus asked them to do was incredibly difficult, they left behind their way of life and followed him.

-Like those four men, you've _____ Jesus before.

-Has your encounter with Jesus affected your life?

-"Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the _____ of my Father who is in heaven." (Matthew 7:21)

-Jesus can and will change us – and he does it the same way, with a _____.

-“I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” (John 21:32)

-In his _____, Jesus called all people to follow him.

-Just like Jesus called Peter and Andrew, James and John to follow him; through the cross, Jesus calls each one of us to follow him.

-Jesus’ call on your life, _____ everything. You give up living your life for you, and you start living it for him.

-We’re not all called to leave behind our jobs, but we are all called to leave behind doing our jobs for ourselves.

-We’re not all called to leave behind our families, but we are all called to leave behind putting our families above God.

-We’re not all called to leave behind our possessions, hobbies, and lifestyles, but we are all called to leave behind having and doing those things simply for our own enjoyment.

-We’re called to follow Jesus – to put _____ first and do with our lives what Jesus did with his.

-It’s not enough to just know of Jesus and go about your business as usual. Instead, you’ve been called by Jesus through the cross to give up living a dead-end life for yourself, follow him, and take up living a full, hope-filled life for him.