

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

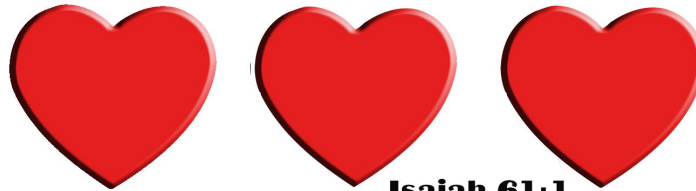
**He has sent me**



**to bind up the**



**Brokenhearted**



**Isaiah 61:1**

***The 8th Sunday after Pentecost  
July 31 and August 3, 2025***

**Serving Us Today:  
Pastor Rob Schrader  
Organist: Amanda Tetzlaff  
920-361-9935  
[www.stjohnberlin.org](http://www.stjohnberlin.org)**

***Large Print Bulletin***



**As We Gather...** There is a lot of “wisdom” floating around our world on how to become wealthy. Some of the celebrities of our modern age are people like Jeff Bezos, Warren Buffett, Bill Gates, and Elon Musk. They are people who seem to have a super abundance of everything. Many of us spend at least one-third of our lives working to accumulate enough wealth to hopefully retire in comfort and security. Yet, as Jesus reminds us, our focus is misplaced when we mistakenly believe that our investments, our retirement funds, and our possessions are actually our own—that we earned them all by ourselves. As we gather, we come together today to worship the King of all creation who generously gives us everything that we have for this world and the next.

**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**

### **524 How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds**

#### **1 How sweet the name of Jesus sounds**

**In a believer’s ear!**

**It soothes our sorrows, heals our wounds,  
And drives away our fear.**



**2 It makes the wounded spirit whole  
And calms the heart's unrest;  
'Tis manna to the hungry soul  
And to the weary, rest.**

**3 Dear name! The rock on which I build,  
My shield and hiding place;  
My never-failing treasury filled  
With boundless stores of grace.**

**4 O Jesus, shepherd, guardian, friend,  
My Prophet, Priest, and King,  
My Lord, my life, my way, my end,  
Accept the praise I bring.**

**5 How weak the effort of my heart,  
How cold my warmest thought!  
But when I see Thee as Thou art,  
I'll praise Thee as I ought.**

**6 Till then I would Thy love proclaim  
With ev'ry fleeting breath;  
And may the music of Thy name  
Refresh my soul in death!**

Text: John Newton, 1725–1807, alt. Text: Public domain

*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 + Son and of the Holy Spirit.



**C Amen.**

*Stand*

## **Service of the Word**

**Kyrie**

*LSB 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.

O Lord, grant us wisdom to recognize the treasures You have stored up for us in heaven, that we may never despair but always rejoice and be thankful for the riches of Your grace; 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**

*Isaiah 61:1–4*

<sup>1</sup>The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me,  
because the Lord has anointed me  
to bring good news to the poor;



he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted,  
to proclaim liberty to the captives,  
and the opening of the prison to those who are bound;  
<sup>2</sup>to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor,  
and the day of vengeance of our God;  
to comfort all who mourn;  
<sup>3</sup>to grant to those who mourn in Zion—  
to give them a beautiful headdress instead of ashes,  
the oil of gladness instead of mourning,  
the garment of praise instead of a faint spirit;  
that they may be called oaks of righteousness,  
the planting of the Lord, that he may be glorified.  
<sup>4</sup>They shall build up the ancient ruins;  
they shall raise up the former devastations;  
they shall repair the ruined cities,  
the devastations of many generations.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

## **Second Reading**

*Acts 3:11–21*

<sup>11</sup>While [the lame man who was now healed] clung to Peter and John, all the people ran together to them in the portico called Solomon's, astounded. <sup>12</sup>And when Peter saw it he addressed the people: "Men of Israel, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we have made him walk? <sup>13</sup>The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our fathers, glorified his servant Jesus, whom you delivered over and denied in the presence of Pilate, when he had



decided to release him. <sup>14</sup>But you denied the Holy and Righteous One, and asked for a murderer to be granted to you, <sup>15</sup>and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. <sup>16</sup>And his name—by faith in his name—has made this man strong whom you see and know, and the faith that is through Jesus has given the man this perfect health in the presence of you all.

<sup>17</sup>"And now, brothers, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. <sup>18</sup>But what God foretold by the mouth of all the prophets, that his Christ would suffer, he thus fulfilled. <sup>19</sup>Repent therefore, and turn again, that your sins may be blotted out, <sup>20</sup>that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that he may send the Christ appointed for you, Jesus, <sup>21</sup>whom heaven must receive until the time for restoring all the things about which God spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets long ago."

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.**



## **Gospel     *Matthew 4:23–25***

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

**C Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>23</sup>And he went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction among the people. <sup>24</sup>So his fame spread throughout all Syria, and they brought him all the sick, those afflicted with various diseases and pains, those oppressed by demons, epileptics, and paralytics, and he healed them. <sup>25</sup>And great crowds followed him from Galilee and the Decapolis, and from Jerusalem and Judea, and from beyond the Jordan.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C Praise to You, O Christ.**

## **Children's Sermon**

### **826 Hark, the Voice of Jesus Crying**

**1 Hark, the voice of Jesus crying,**

**“Who will go and work today?**

**Fields are white and harvests waiting—**

**Who will bear the sheaves away?”**

**Loud and long the Master calleth;**

**Rich reward He offers thee.**

**Who will answer, gladly saying,**

**“Here am I, send me, send me”?**



- 2 If you cannot speak like angels,  
If you cannot preach like Paul,  
You can tell the love of Jesus,  
You can say He died for all.  
If you cannot rouse the wicked  
With the judgment's dread alarms,  
You can lead the little children  
To the Savior's waiting arms.**
- 3 If you cannot be a watchman,  
Standing high on Zion's wall,  
Pointing out the path to heaven,  
Off'ring life and peace to all,  
With your prayers and with your bounties  
You can do what God commands;  
You can be like faithful Aaron,  
Holding up the prophet's hands.**
- 4 Let none hear you idly saying,  
"There is nothing I can do,"  
While the multitudes are dying  
And the Master calls for you.  
Take the task He gives you gladly,  
Let His work your pleasure be;  
Answer quickly when He calleth,  
"Here am I, send me, send me!"**

Text (sts. 1–2, 4): Daniel March, 1816–1909, alt.; (st. 3): unknown, alt.  
Tune: Joseph Barnby, 1838–96 Text and tune: Public domain



## **Sermon      “ The 3 Practices of Successful Fishing”**

*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.**

**Distribution Hymns**

**839 O Christ, Our True and Only Light**

**1 O Christ, our true and only light,  
Enlighten those who sit in night;  
Let those afar now hear Your voice  
And in Your fold with us rejoice.**



**2 Fill with the radiance of Your grace  
The souls now lost in error's maze;  
Enlighten those whose inmost minds  
Some dark delusion haunts and blinds.**

**3 O gently call those gone astray  
That they may find the saving way!  
Let ev'ry conscience sore oppressed  
In You find peace and heav'nly rest.**

**4 Shine on the darkened and the cold;  
Recall the wand'ers to Your fold.  
Unite all those who walk apart;  
Confirm the weak and doubting heart,**

**5 That they with us may evermore  
Such grace with wond'ring thanks adore  
And endless praise to You be giv'n  
By all Your Church in earth and heav'n.**

Text: Johann Heermann, 1585–1647; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt. Text: Public domain

## **623 Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray**

**1 Lord Jesus Christ, we humbly pray  
That we may feast on You today;  
Beneath these forms of bread and wine  
Enrich us with Your grace divine.**



**2 Give us, who share this wondrous food,  
Your body broken and Your blood,  
The grateful peace of sins forgiv'n,  
The certain joys of heirs of heav'n.**

**3 By faith Your Word has made us bold  
To seize the gift of love retold;  
All that You are we here receive,  
And all we are to You we give.**

**4 One bread, one cup, one body, we,  
Rejoicing in our unity,  
Proclaim Your love until You come  
To bring Your scattered loved ones home.**

**5 Lord Jesus Christ, we humbly pray:  
O keep us steadfast till that day  
When each will be Your welcomed guest  
In heaven's high and holy feast.**

Text: Henry E. Jacobs, 1844–1932, alt. Text: Public domain

*Stand*

**Thank the Lord    *LSB 164***

**C Thank the Lord and sing His praise;  
tell ev'ryone what He has done.  
Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name.  
He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy**



**with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.**

### **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.**

### **837 Lift High the Cross *sts. ref-6***

**Refrain: Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim  
Till all the world adore His sacred name.**

**1** Come, Christians, follow where our Captain trod,  
Our king victorious, Christ, the Son of God. **Refrain**



2      Led on their way by this triumphant sign,  
The hosts of God in conqu'ring ranks combine. **Refrain**

3      All newborn soldiers of the Crucified  
Bear on their brows the seal of Him who died. **Refrain**

4      O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,  
As Thou hast promised, draw us all to Thee. **Refrain**

5      Let ev'ry race and ev'ry language tell  
Of Him who saves our lives from death and hell. **Refrain**

6      So shall our song of triumph ever be:  
Praise to the Crucified for victory! **Refrain**

Text: George W. Kitchin, 1827–1912; rev. Michael R. Newbolt, 1874–  
1956, alt. Text: © 1974 Hope Publishing Co. Used by permission:  
LSB Hymn License no. 110005513

## **Acknowledgments**

Divine Service, Setting One from Lutheran Service Book Unless otherwise indicated, Scripture quotations are from the ESV® Bible (The Holy Bible, English Standard Version®), copyright © 2001 by Crossway, a publishing ministry of Good News Publishers. Used by permission. All rights reserved. Created by Lutheran Service Builder © 2025 Concordia Publishing House.



**Attendance Last Week: 202**

**General giving last week: \$6758.00**

**Budget giving needed: \$7500.00**

**Calendar of Activities this week at St. John**

**7 Thursday      Worship Service/HC      6:30 pm**

**10 Sunday      Worship Service/HC      9:00 am**

**DOOR COLLECTION FOR HUMAN CARE:** Today a free will collection will be taken at the door. All funds collected will be used by the St. John Human Care Committee to assist in the various ministries they are involved in.

**NEXT MEN'S MINISTRY MEETING:** *Wednesday, August 13 at 5:30 at N9525 32nd Dr. Berlin.* All men over 16 are invited to join us for a campfire, food, BB gun target practice, and Bible Study on being Christian Men as we work. Bring your beverage of choice. We hope to see you there!

**SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS:** We're excited to share that we've been blessed with a new volunteer Lead for Sunday School! Now, we are looking for individuals to come alongside and support the Lead and this program. As they say - Many hands make light work.

**We need:**

- **Teachers** (you don't need to commit to every Sunday—occasional help is welcome!)
- **Activity & Games** (to plan, host fun, or even offer ideas for



meaningful activities)

- **Helpers** (if you're willing to pitch in wherever needed and just want to be a part of it)
- **Music** If you have a passion or talent for music of any kind, we would love to share that with you. (again, you don't need to commit to every Sunday—occasional help is welcome)

If you have a talent, passion, idea, or simply a heart for serving children and the church, we encourage you to reach out to Pastor or a member of the School Board.

**FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION IN AUGUST:** August has five Sundays so we will be accepting donations for the Berlin Food Pantry. Please place non-perishable food items, paper products, and monetary donations in the bin located in the card room. Your generous donations are very much appreciated.

**HOLY BAPTISM:** Being received through Baptism into the covenant and kingdom of God's grace on Sunday after the service are Olivia and Cecilia Tavares Thoma, daughters of Nick Thoma and Renata Tavares. Godparents of Olivia are Adam Koch and Ana Carolina Melang. Godparents for Cecilia are Dave Vienola and Rachel Geffers.

**LCMS TEXAS FLOOD RELIEF EFFORTS:** If you would like to support efforts to help after the recent, tragic flood in Texas, please pray for the people and emergency responders in the area. The LCMS is also on the ground in the area providing relief, if you would like to support them financially, please give at:  
**<https://www.lcms.org/givenow/flood>**.



**ST. JOHN SERVICE AVAILABLE ON RADIO!** Tune in to AM 1600 or FM 93.1 at 9:00 am each week to hear our St. John service broadcast. You can also listen on your computer anytime by doing the following:

Go to: <http://hometownbroadcasting.com/>

CLICK the PODCAST menu (2<sup>nd</sup> from left)

SCROLL down to near the bottom of that page

Select stjoh.mp3 from the list of available services

If you know of an ill or shut-in friend or relative who might like to tune in, please pass this information along to them.

**CHURCH SERVICE AVAILABLE ANYTIME ON OUR WEBSITE:** New weekly service will be available each week. GO TO: [www.stjohnberlin.org](http://www.stjohnberlin.org). Click on "CHURCH." Click on the CHURCH SERVICE/BULLETIN tab on the home page. Then click on the link to the service video. The link to the bulletin is there also.

+++++

## **Sermon Notes – 8-15-25 – The Three Practices of Successful Fishing**

-We're called to be fish who fish.

-Jesus was "\_\_\_\_\_ in their synagogues." (Matthew 4:23)

-As those who follow Jesus in fishing for people, we also need to be teaching from the Scriptures.

-We need to follow \_\_\_\_\_ by studying the Scriptures.

-"\_\_\_\_\_ the Gospel of the Kingdom." (Matthew 4:23)



-As those who follow Jesus in fishing for people, we also need to be proclaiming the Gospel of the Kingdom.

-If we're going to effectively proclaim the Good News, we need to follow Jesus by \_\_\_\_\_ him proclaim the Gospel of the Kingdom to us.

- "\_\_\_\_\_ every disease and every affliction." (Matthew 4:23)

- "If we're going to tell people the Good News, we've got to be Good News people."

-As those who follow Jesus in fishing for people, we also need to be "healing every disease and every affliction."

-There are many problems in the world, and Jesus died and rose to ultimately fix them all. If we want people to listen as we tell them that Good News, it helps to bring them \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ now by beginning to fix some of their problems.

- We can heal others because, in his death and resurrection, Jesus has ultimately healed us.

-It's Jesus' \_\_\_\_\_ and empty tomb that inspires and enables us to do everything that we talked about today.

-These three practices work.

-And as we follow Jesus and do what he did, he'll still be working to bring many more people to \_\_\_\_\_ him.