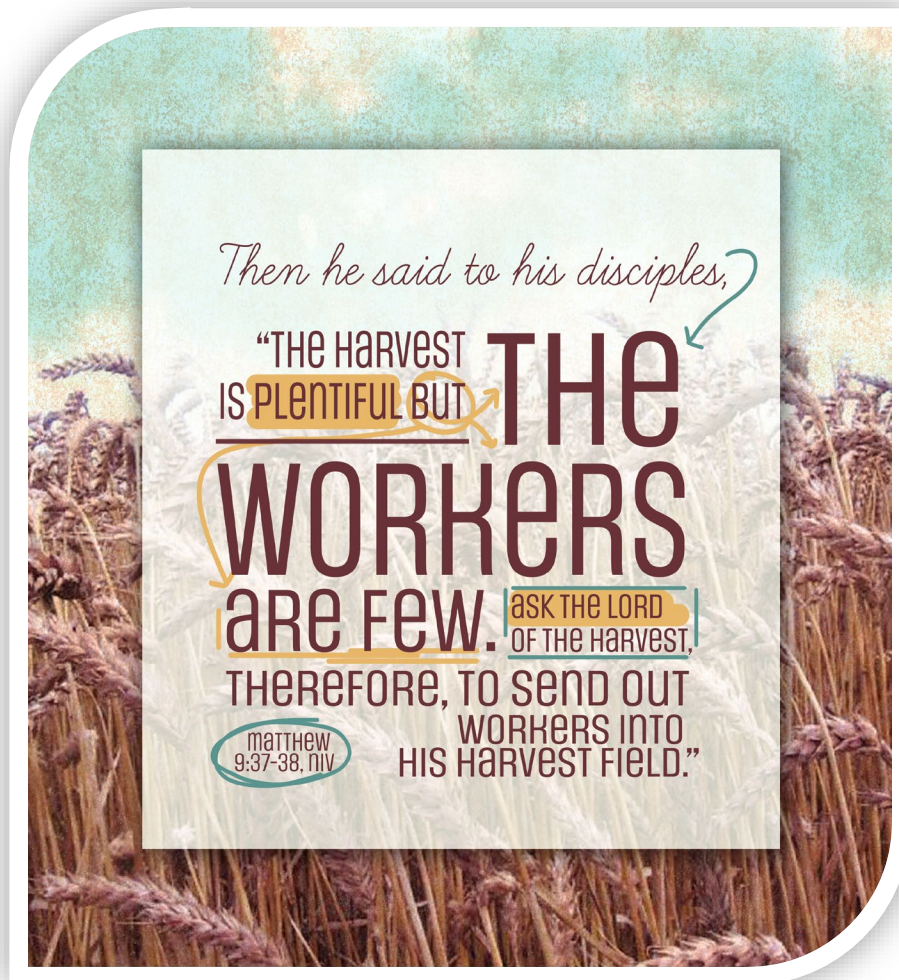


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Berlin, Wisconsin
The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod***



***October 2 and 5, 2025
The 17th Sunday after Pentecost***

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Large Print Bulletin

AS WE GATHER... Guarding the deposit brings to mind armored cars, bank vaults, and uniformed guards carrying guns. This may seem like what is needed to protect something we are afraid of losing. And we have not been given a spirit of fear but of power and love and a sound mind. So why would we place under guarded lock and key something that God intends as a free gift for all people? It is actually impossible to guard faith in a bank-vault sense, because faith is not a thing we have; rather, it is a way by which we live. Instead of spending our energy trying to protect something, what if "guarding the deposit" means using our sound minds fearlessly to invest the gift of faith working through love into the lives of the people around us? Our duty is compassionate service to our fellow human beings. Mysteriously, faith is a deposit that grows the more we give it away.

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 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 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 119:162, 164–165, 167; antiphon: v. 166*

I hope for your salvation, O LORD,
and I do your commandments.

**I rejoice at your word
like one who finds great spoil.**

Seven times a day I praise you
for your just and righteous decrees.

**Great peace have those who love your law;
nothing can make them stumble.**

My soul keeps your testimonies;
I love them exceedingly.

**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.**

I hope for your salvation, O LORD,
and I do your commandments.

Kyrie ***LSB 204***

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

Gloria in Excelsis *LSB 204*

**C 1 To God on high be glory
And peace to all the earth;
Goodwill from God in heaven
Proclaimed at Jesus' birth!
We praise and bless You, Father;
Your holy name, we sing—
Our thanks for Your great glory,
Lord God, our heav'nly King.**

**2 To You, O sole-begotten,
The Father's Son, we pray;
O Lamb of God, our Savior,
You take our sins away.
Have mercy on us, Jesus;
Receive our heartfelt cry,
Where You in pow'r are seated
At God's right hand on high—**

**3 For You alone are holy;
You only are the Lord.
Forever and forever,
Be worshiped and adored;
You with the Holy Spirit
Alone are Lord Most High,**

In God the Father's glory.
"Amen!" our glad reply.

Text: Stephen P. Starke

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

O God, our refuge and strength, the author of all godliness, by Your grace hear the prayers of Your Church. Grant that those things which we ask in faith we may receive through Your bountiful mercy; 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

Ezekiel 33:1–9

¹The word of the LORD came to me: ²"Son of man, speak to your people and say to them, If I bring the sword upon a land, and the people of the land take a man from among them, and make him their watchman, ³and if he sees the sword coming upon the land and blows the trumpet and warns the people, ⁴then if anyone who hears the sound of the trumpet does not take warning, and the sword comes and takes him away, his blood shall be upon his own head. ⁵He heard the sound of the trumpet and did not take warning; his blood shall be upon himself. But if he had taken

warning, he would have saved his life. ⁶But if the watchman sees the sword coming and does not blow the trumpet, so that the people are not warned, and the sword comes and takes any one of them, that person is taken away in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at the watchman's hand.

⁷"So you, son of man, I have made a watchman for the house of Israel. Whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. ⁸If I say to the wicked, O wicked one, you shall surely die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from his way, that wicked person shall die in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at your hand. ⁹But if you warn the wicked to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way, that person shall die in his iniquity, but you will have delivered your soul.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Romans 10:9–14

⁹because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. ¹¹For the Scripture says, "Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame." ¹²For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. ¹³For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

¹⁴But how are they to call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching?

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 9:35–38

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

³⁵And Jesus went throughout all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction. ³⁶When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. ³⁷Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; ³⁸therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."

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.**

Children's Sermon

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.**

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Sermon

"The Need for Mission"

Stand

Prayer of the Church

Sit

Offering

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

Distribution Hymns

715 Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me

**1 Jesus, Savior, pilot me
Over life's tempestuous sea;
Unknown waves before me roll,
Hiding rock and treach'rous shoal.
Chart and compass come from Thee.
Jesus, Savior, pilot me.**

**2 As a mother stills her child,
Thou canst hush the ocean wild;
Boist'rous waves obey Thy will**

**When Thou say'st to them, "Be still!"
Wondrous Sov'reign of the sea,
Jesus, Savior, pilot me.**

**3 When at last I near the shore
And the fearful breakers roar
Twixt me and the peaceful rest,
Then, while leaning on Thy breast,
May I hear Thee say to me,
"Fear not, I will pilot thee."**

Text: Edward Hopper, 1818–88. Text: Public domain

634 The Death of Jesus Christ, Our Lord

**1 The death of Jesus Christ, our Lord,
We celebrate with one accord;
It is our comfort in distress,
Our heart's sweet joy and happiness.**

**2 He blotted out with His own blood
The judgment that against us stood;
For us He full atonement made,
And all our debt He fully paid.**

**3 That this forever true shall be
He gives a solemn guarantee:
In this His holy Supper here
We taste His love so sweet, so near.**

**4 His Word proclaims and we believe
That in this Supper we receive
His very body, as He said,
His very blood for sinners shed.**

**5 We dare not ask how this can be,
But simply hold the mystery
And trust this word where life begins:
“Given and shed for all your sins.”**

**6 They who this word do not believe
This food unworthily receive,
Salvation here will never find—
May we this warning keep in mind!**

**7 But blest is each believing guest
Who in these promises finds rest;
For Jesus shall in love remain
With all who here His grace obtain.**

**8 Help us sincerely to believe
That we may worthily receive
Your Supper and in You find rest.
Amen! They who believe are blest.**

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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.

739 Precious Lord, Take My Hand

1 Precious Lord, take my hand,

Lead me on, let me stand;

I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.

Through the storm, through the night,

Lead me on to the light.

Take my hand, precious Lord; lead me home.

**2 When my way grows drear,
Precious Lord, linger near,
When my life is almost gone,
Hear my cry, hear my call;
Hold my hand lest I fall.
Take my hand, precious Lord; lead me home.**

**3 When the darkness appears
And the night draws near
And the day is almost gone,
At the river I stand;
Guide my feet, hold my hand,
Take my hand, precious Lord; lead me home.**

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General giving last week:	\$5727.00	
Budget giving needed:	\$7500.00	

Calendar of Activities this week at St. John

9 Thursday	Worship Service/HC	6:30 pm
12 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.

EVANGELISM TEAM MEMBERS NEEDED! If you want to make an eternal difference in the life of someone, please consider and pray about joining the Evangelism Team we're reigniting. There are thousands of people in our community who don't know about Jesus; and God has put our church in Berlin to change that. Our Evangelism Team will seek God's will for how he'll do that great work through us and lead our church in being on mission in our community!

CHURCH COUNCIL SPOTLIGHT: Our Church Council is made up of elected leaders, including the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Financial Secretary, and board chairmen, along with our Pastor and Principal. This group meets monthly to handle the business of the church and school. Serving on the Council is a meaningful way to use your time and talents, get involved with what's happening behind the scenes, and help keep our congregation

running smoothly. If you'd like to learn more or get involved, contact Bob or Amy Radliff at 920-361-1437 or theradliffs@gmail.com.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE A PEN PAL? If you would like to write letters to our school students, we would like you to be a part of our pen pal program. You will be matched up with one of our current students and write a few letters this year. It doesn't take much to fulfill this responsibility. It ends up being about 3-4 letters a year. If this interests you, please let Amy Brooks know or contact the school office directly. We look forward to hearing from you. Please contact us by Monday, October 6th.

CHRISTMAS VBS PLANNING MEETING: There will be a Christmas VBS meeting on **Monday, October 6th at 5:30 at the church** to begin planning our exciting event this year. Anyone interested in helping, please plan to attend.

PRESCHOOL BOOK FUND: Our new preschool teacher, Miss Linse, would love to continue the tradition of getting as many books into our preschooler's hands as possible. Research has shown just how important early exposure to books is on a child's development. Would you be willing to make a donation to the Preschool Book Fund? All donations will go to purchase books for the students to take home and build their own library. Please contact the school office or Miss Linse to donate.

2026 SYNODICAL CONVENTION: Every three years, the LCMS holds a synod wide convention and each circuit must send delegates. After voting, our circuit will be represented by Rev. Brian Weber of

Emmaus, Poy Sippi/Christ, West Bloomfield as the pastoral delegate and Mrs. Connie Belter of Grace, Omro as the lay delegate with Rev. Rob Schrader of St. John, Berlin as the pastoral alternate and Dr. Richard Voss of Messiah, Ripon as the lay delegate. If you have any questions or concerns, please talk with Pastor Rob.

NEW KIDS LIBRARY BOOKS! Some kids in our church so enjoyed a few series of Christian books that they sold some products from their garden to buy copies for our church! Please stop in the library to take a look at *Bizarre Bible Adventures*, *The Sugar Creek Gang*, *The Secret of the Hidden Scrolls*, and *The Dead Sea Squirrels* on the children's shelf. Take a couple home to read; please just be sure to bring them back for others to enjoy.

UPCOMING OPENING ON BOARD OF EDUCATION: St. John Board of Christian Education is looking to fill two board positions in January. Any candidate must be a voting member of St. John Lutheran Church. If you are interested, please contact the school office, Miss Linse or any board member.

CELEBRATE RECOVERY AT RIVER SHORES! Celebrate Recovery is a Christ-centered, 12-step recovery group for anyone struggling with hurt, pain, or addiction of any kind. Meetings are held every Monday night at 6:00 pm at River Shores Church in Berlin. Feel free to call or text Bob M. with any questions: (920) 896-3755. Change is possible!

DIVORCE CARE SUPPORT GROUP: A DivorceCare support group for people walking through separation or divorce is starting soon. At a DivorceCare group, you'll have a weekly video with counsel and insights

from respected divorce and recovery experts, as well as relatable personal stories – followed by a time of sharing and support. Session topics include anger, loneliness, financial and legal issues, and navigating the relationship with your former spouse. Please join us at River Shores Church, 253 South Church Street in Berlin, on Thursdays from 6 pm to 8 pm, starting October 9th. Please enter through door #3 and follow the signs inside. For more information contact Becky at the church office (920-3776-5877) or visit divorcecare.org.

Sermon Notes – 10-5-25 – Made for Mission

-Mission/evangelism is showing and telling others the Christian message so that more people will be saved.

-The _____ for all the needs in the world is the message that Jesus Christ died and rose to save us from death and hell and to eternal life in heaven.

-There's really only one problem in the world: sin.

-But Jesus came into the world to deal with sin. And he did that by living a perfect life, taking all of the sin into himself, and dying as our _____ to pay for the sin and forgive us!

-“If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.” (Romans 10:9)

-In an ultimate, but very real, sense, we do have the cure for all needs: _____ in Jesus Christ.

-“How are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching?” (Romans 10:14)

-There’s a _____ for Mission. People *need* to hear about Jesus, and we *need* to tell them.

-We don’t evangelize because we *have to*, instead, we do mission because we *get to* – because we want to see people saved.

-“There are no _____ people. You have never talked to a mere mortal. Nations, cultures, arts, civilizations - these are mortal, and their life is to ours as the life of a gnat. But it is immortals whom we joke with, work with, marry, snub and exploit - immortal horrors or everlasting splendors.”

-We have the solution to death and hell: the message that Jesus Christ died and rose in our place to give us eternal life in heaven!

-In order to believe that message and be saved, people need to _____ it. So, there’s a *need* for us to be on mission, there’s a need for us to show and tell others the Christian message so they can be saved.

-There are thousands of people all around us who are living with no hope because they don’t believe in Jesus so they’ll die and go to hell.

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