

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



***October 16 and 19, 2025
The 19th Sunday after Pentecost***

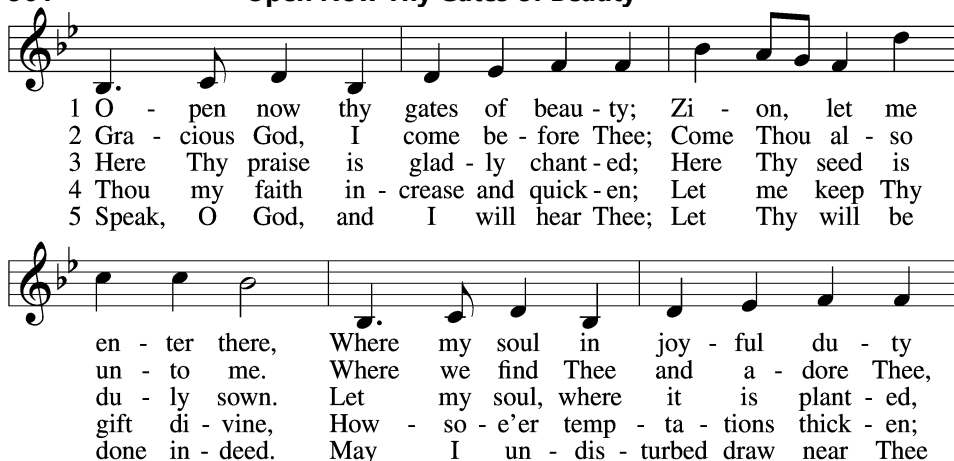
As We Gather... From an early age, many of us learned that persistent pestering is rude, as parents make this clear to children who repeatedly ask for the same things over and over. We are thankful that our heavenly Father never grows weary of our asking Him for what we need, no matter how repetitive our requests may be. As we see in Jacob's persistent proclamation, "I will not let You go unless You bless me" (Genesis 32:26), in Paul's exhortation to continually persist in what we have learned and believed (2 Timothy 3:14), and in Jesus' parable of the persistent widow (Luke 18:1-8), we know we can bring all things to our heavenly Father persistently in prayer, trusting through it all that His will would be done.

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

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Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty



1 O - pen now thy gates of beau - ty; Zi - on, let me
 2 Gra - cious God, I come be - fore Thee; Come Thou al - so
 3 Here Thy praise is glad - ly chant - ed; Here Thy seed is
 4 Thou my faith in - crease and quick - en; Let me keep Thy
 5 Speak, O God, and I will hear Thee; Let Thy will be

en - ter there, Where my soul in joy - ful du - ty
 un - to me. Where we find Thee and a - dore Thee,
 du - ly sown. Let my soul, where it is plant - ed,
 gift di - vine, How - so - e'er temp - ta - tions thick - en;
 done in - deed. May I un - dis - turbed draw near Thee



Waits for Him who an - swers prayer. Oh, how bless - ed
There a heav'n on earth must be. To my heart, O
Bring forth pre - cious sheaves a - lone, So that all I
May Thy Word still o'er me shine As my guid - ing
While Thou dost Thy peo - ple feed. Here of life the



is this place, Filled with sol - ace, light, and grace!
en - ter Thou; Let it be Thy tem - ple now!
hear may be Fruit - ful un - to life in me.
star through life, As my com - fort in all strife.
foun - tain flows; Here is balm for all our woes.

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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.

Stand

Service of the Word

Introit

Psalm 74:18–19, 21, 20a, 22a; antiphon: v. 2a

Remember your congregation, which you have purchased of old,
which you have redeemed to be the tribe of your heritage!

**Remember this, O LORD, how the enemy scoffs,
and a foolish people reviles your name.**

Do not deliver the soul of your dove to the wild beasts;
do not forget the life of your poor forever.

**Let not the downtrodden turn back in shame;
let the poor and needy praise your name.**

Have regard for the covenant;
arise, O God, defend your cause.

**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.**

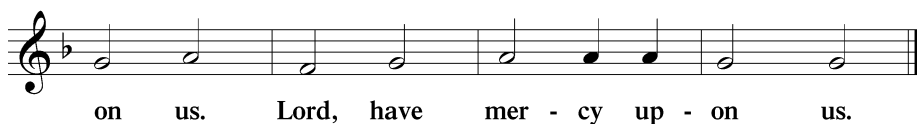
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which you have redeemed to be the tribe of your heritage!

Kyrie

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Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.



P Let us pray.

O Lord, almighty and everlasting God, You have commanded us to pray and have promised to hear us. Mercifully grant that Your Holy Spirit may direct and govern our hearts in all things that we may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of Your name; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



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.

St. John School Seraphim Choir sings on Sunday

Epistle

2 Timothy 3:16–17

¹⁶All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, ¹⁷that the man of God may be competent, equipped for every good work.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia

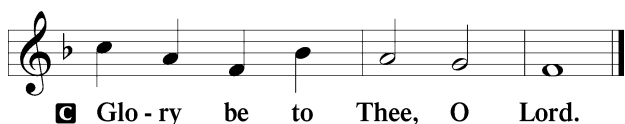
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Holy Gospel

Matthew 4:18–22

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



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.



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

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"How Shall They Hear," Who Have Not Heard

1 "How shall they hear," who have not heard
 2 "To all the world," to ev - 'ry place,
 3 "Whom shall I send?" Who hears the call,
 4 "Lord, here am I:" Your fire im - part
 5 Spir - it of love, with - in us move:



News of a Lord who loved - and came;
 Neigh - bors and friends and far - off lands,
 Con - stant in prayer, through toil and pain,
 To this poor cold self - cen - tered soul;
 Spir - it of truth, in pow'r - come down!



Nor known His rec - on - cil - ing word,
 Preach the good news of sav - ing grace;
 Tell - ing of One who died for all,
 Touch but my lips, my hands, my heart,
 So shall they hear and find and prove



Nor learned to trust a Sav - ior's name?
 Go while the great com - mis - sion stands.
 To bring a lost world home a - gain?
 And make a world for Christ my goal.
 Christ is their life, their joy, their crown.

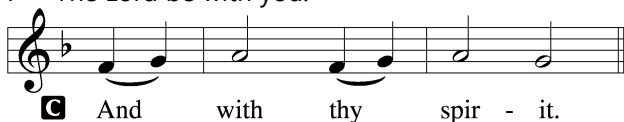
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Sermon**"Equipped for Mission"****Offering****St. John School Handbell play this Sunday***Stand***Prayer of the Church****Service of the Sacrament**

Preface

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P The Lord be with you.



P Lift up your hearts.



P Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.



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

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Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est.

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

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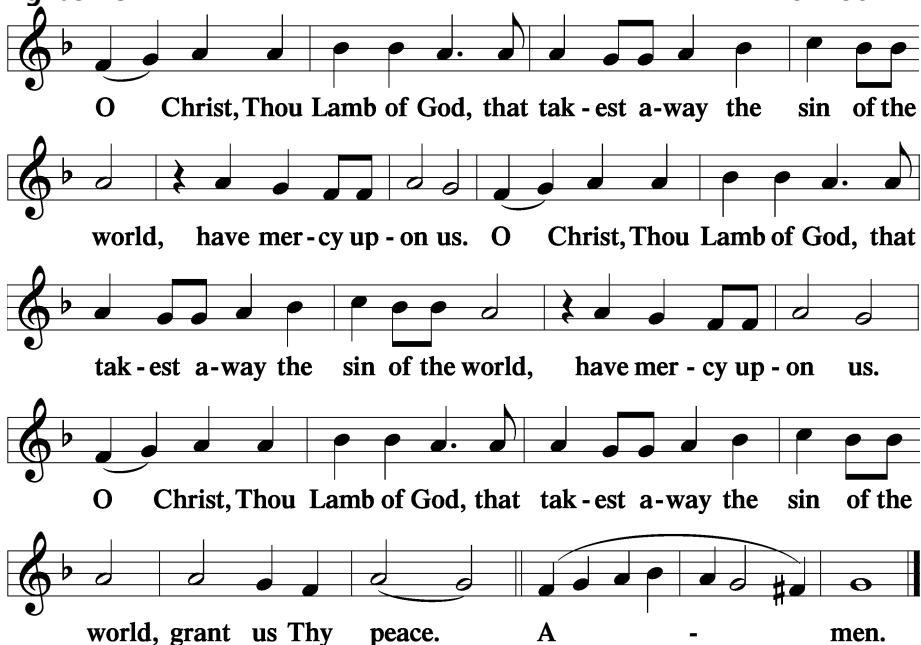
P The peace of the Lord be with you always.



G A - men.

Agnus Dei

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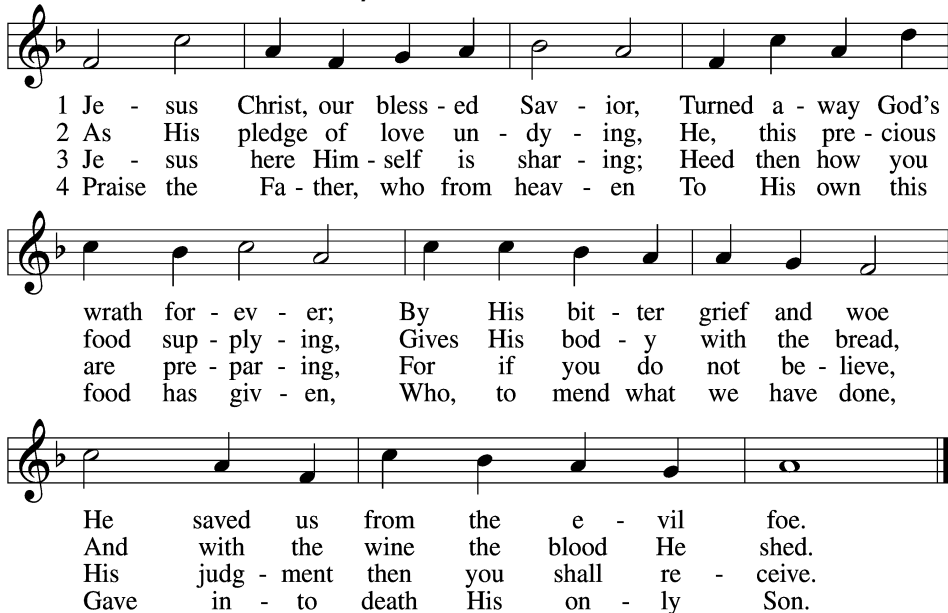


O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the
world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that
tak - est a-way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the
world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

Distribution Hymns

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Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior



1 Je - sus Christ, our bless - ed Sav - ior, Turned a - way God's
2 As His pledge of love un - dy - ing, He, this pre - cious
3 Je - sus here Him - self is shar - ing; Heed then how you
4 Praise the Fa - ther, who from heav - en To His own this
wrath for - ev - er; By His bit - ter grief and woe
food sup - ply - ing, Gives His bod - y with the bread,
are pre - par - ing, For if you do not be - lieve,
food has giv - en, Who, to mend what we have done,
He saved us from the e - vil foe.
And with the wine the blood He shed.
His judg - ment then you shall re - ceive.
Gave in - to death His on - ly Son.

- 5 Firmly hold with faith unshaken
That this food is to be taken
By the sick who are distressed,
By hearts that long for peace and rest.
- 6 Agony and bitter labor
Were the cost of God's high favor;
Do not come if you suppose
You need not Him who died and rose.
- 7 Christ says: "Come, all you that labor,
And receive My grace and favor:
Those who feel no pain or ill
Need no physician's help or skill.
- 8 "For what purpose was My dying
If not for your justifying?
And what use this precious food
If you yourself were pure and good?"
- 9 If your heart this truth professes
And your mouth your sin confesses,
You will be your Savior's guest,
Be at His banquet truly blest.
- 10 Let this food your faith so nourish
That its fruit of love may flourish
And your neighbor learn from you
How much God's wondrous love can do.

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560 Drawn to the Cross, Which Thou Hast Blessed



1 Drawn to the cross, which Thou hast blessed With heal - ing
 2 Thou know - est all my griefs and fears, Thy grace a -
 3 Wash me and take a - way each stain; Let noth - ing
 4 And then for work to do for Thee, Which shall so



gifts for souls dis - tressed, To find in Thee my
 bused, my mis - spent years; Yet now to Thee with
 of my sin re - main. For cleans - ing, though it
 sweet a ser - vice be That an - gels well might



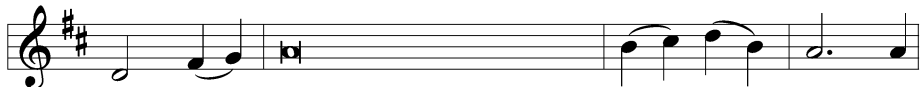
life, my rest, Christ cru - ci - fied, I come.
 con - trite tears, Christ cru - ci - fied, I come.
 be through pain, Christ cru - ci - fied, I come.
 en - vy me, Christ cru - ci - fied, I come.

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Stand

Nunc Dimittis

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C Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac -



cord - ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,



which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,

a light to light-en the Gen-tiles and the glo-ry of Thy
 peo-ple Is - ra-el. Glo-ry be to the Father and
 to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,
 is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

Thanksgiving

LSB 200

P O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

C and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

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 A - men.

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spir - it.

Benedicamus

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P Bless we the Lord.



☐ Thanks be to God.

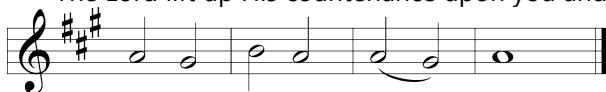
Benediction

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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.



☐ A-men, a-men, a - men.

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Thine Forever, God of Love



- 1 Thine for - ev - er, God of love! Hear us from Thy throne a - bove;
- 2 Thine for - ev - er! Oh, how blest They who find in Thee their rest!
- 3 Thine for - ev - er, Lord of Life! Shield us through our earth - ly strife.
- 4 Thine for - ev - er! Shep-herd, keep These Thy frail and trem-bling sheep;
- 5 Thine for - ev - er! Thou our guide, All our wants by Thee sup - plied,



Thine for - ev - er may we be Here and in e - ter - ni - ty!
Sav - ior, guard - ian, heav'n - ly friend, O de - fend us to the end!
Thou, the life, the truth, the way, Guide us to the realms of day.
Safe a - lone be - neath Thy care, Let us all Thy good-ness share.
All our sins by Thee for-giv'n; Lead us, Lord, from earth to heav'n.

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Attendance Last Week: 243

General giving last week:	\$6887.40
Budget giving needed:	\$7500.00

Calendar of Activities this week at St. John

21 Tuesday	Council Meeting	6:00 pm
21 Tuesday	LWML Meeting	6:30 pm
23 Thursday	Worship Service/HC	6:30 pm
25 Saturday	LWML Zone Rally at Messiah, Ripon	11:00 am
26 Sunday	Worship Service/HC	9:00 am

"Happy Sunday School Appreciation Day! The St. John Board of Christian Education would like to extend our appreciation to ALL the people who help with our Sunday School program."

MEN'S MINISTRY THIS MONDAY! Men of St. John, please join us on Monday at 5:30 for a fire, pizza, some yard games, and a Bible study on being men at work. We'll meet at 9129 Kaufman Road. We hope to see you there!

FORMING A SAFETY PLAN Due to the possibility of a tornado, fire, or an active shooter incident, St. John needs to develop a safety plan. We are putting together a temporary safety committee to develop a plan to keep our congregation safe. If you are interested in this mission, please contact Pastor Rob at pastor@stjohnberlin.org or 920-539-4603.

FREE CHRISTIAN CONCERT - THE GARMS FAMILY On Friday, November 7, the Garms Family will be bringing their

musical gifts to our church. Please join us for a "Night of Encouragement" where you'll be uplifted by the Gospel message told through their bluegrass, southern gospel music and honest stories. While the concert will be free of charge, a freewill offering will be taken; the concert begins at 6:30.

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.

THIS WEEK IN SUNDAY SCHOOL: We learn how God provided "A Merciful Substitute." God had blessed Abraham with the son he had waited for his entire life; yet now God asks the seemingly impossible—sacrifice your son to Me. By faith, Abraham takes Isaac to the mountain, trusting God, who was able to raise his son from the dead. Abraham completes the

test, and God provides the sacrifice.

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.

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Sermon Notes – 7-13-25 – Equipped for Mission

-The biggest impediment to mission: the idea that I can't do this.

-It's not ours to figure out; rather, it's _____ that equips us for mission.

-“Behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.” (Matthew 28:20)

-You don't have to be afraid to be on mission because it's not just you – Jesus and the Holy Spirit are with you, equipping you!

-Jesus literally died on a _____ so that he and the Holy Spirit would be able to be with us – they're going to show up!

-Our God is a practical God. He is with us – but he generally chooses to be with us through _____ means.

-“All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.” (2 Timothy 3:16-17)

-The Bible is an _____ manual that God works through to equip us for mission.

-“And Jesus said to them, ‘Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.’” (Matthew 4:19)

-As we _____ Jesus, the Apostles, and other Christians, God equips us to for mission.

-“After this Jesus appointed seventy-two others and sent them on ahead of him, two by two, into every town and place where he himself was about to go.” (Luke 10:1)

-Jesus still sends us to _____ being on mission, and he and the Holy Spirit will still be with us, equipping us.

-“Pray also for us, that God may open to us a door for the word, to declare the mystery of Christ, on account of which I am in prison— that I may make it clear, which is how I ought to speak.”

-Knowing that we can't do mission on our own, we should _____ God for his help.

-Let God equip you. And with his help, let's evangelize!