

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

All Saints' Day

**“But the
holy people
of the Most High
will receive
the kingdom
and will possess
it forever—yes,
for ever and ever.”**

DANIEL 7:18, NIV

October 30 and November 2, 2025

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Large Print Bulletin

As We Gather... When we think about "saints," we typically think of "really good people." But as we gather for All Saints' Day, we are reminded that all who are baptized are "saints" because they are really God's people. When we are baptized into the death and resurrection of Jesus, we become God's children and saints. We are saints now because of our Baptism. We will continue to be saints when Jesus comes back because God's call does not change. "See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are" (1 John 3:1).

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

677 For All the Saints

**1 For all the saints who from their labors rest,
Who Thee by faith before the world confessed,
Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**2 Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;
Thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;**

**Thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light.
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**3 Oh, may Thy soldiers, faithful, true, and bold,
Fight as the saints who nobly fought of old
And win with them the victor's crown of gold!
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**4 Oh, blest communion, fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
Yet all are one in Thee, for all are Thine.
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**5 And when the fight is fierce, the warfare long,
Steals on the ear the distant triumph song,
And hearts are brave again, and arms are strong.
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**6 The golden evening brightens in the west;
Soon, soon to faithful warriors cometh rest;
Sweet is the calm of paradise the blest.
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**7 But, lo, there breaks a yet more glorious day:
The saints triumphant rise in bright array;
The King of Glory passes on His way.
Alleluia! Alleluia!**



**8 From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
Singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

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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 Beloved of God, we rejoice to be numbered with the saints. In confidence, let us come before our gracious Lord to confess our sins and to receive His gracious absolution.

C Almighty God, we repent of our sins in thought and in word and in deed. In Your mercy, forgive us. Create in us clean hearts, O God, that we serve You as Your redeemed people now and forever.

P Because of the sacrifice of His beloved Son for the sins of all people, God has promised His forgiveness. 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. Live as the saints that you are in Christ Jesus.

C Amen.

Stand

Service of the Word

Introit

Psalm 31:1, 3, 5; antiphon: Revelation 7:14b

These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation.

They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

In you, O LORD, do I take refuge; let me never be put to shame;
in your righteousness deliver me.

**For you are my rock and my fortress;
and for your name's sake you lead me and guide me.**

Into your hand I commit my spirit;
you have redeemed me, O LORD, faithful God.

**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.**

These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

Kyrie *LSB 204*

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

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, You knit together Your faithful people of all times and places into one holy communion, the mystical body of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Grant us so to follow Your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that, together with them, we may come to the unspeakable joys You have prepared for those who love You; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

CAmen.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Ecclesiastes 1:2–9

²Vanity of vanities, says the Preacher,
vanity of vanities! All is vanity.

³What does man gain by all the toil
at which he toils under the sun?

⁴A generation goes, and a generation comes,
but the earth remains forever.

⁵The sun rises, and the sun goes down,

and hastens to the place where it rises.

⁶The wind blows to the south
and goes around to the north;
around and around goes the wind,
and on its circuits the wind returns.

⁷All streams run to the sea,
but the sea is not full;
to the place where the streams flow,
there they flow again.

⁸All things are full of weariness;
a man cannot utter it;
the eye is not satisfied with seeing,
nor the ear filled with hearing.

⁹What has been is what will be,
and what has been done is what will be done,
and there is nothing new under the sun.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Ephesians 5:1–9

¹Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. ²And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

³But sexual immorality and all impurity or covetousness must not even be named among you, as is proper among saints. ⁴Let there be no filthiness nor foolish talk nor crude joking, which are out of place, but instead let there be thanksgiving. ⁵For you may be sure

of this, that everyone who is sexually immoral or impure, or who is covetous (that is, an idolater), has no inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God. ⁶Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. ⁷Therefore do not associate with them; ⁸for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light ⁹(for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true).

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 5:13–16

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹³"You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people's feet.

¹⁴"You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

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

676 Behold a Host, Arrayed in White

**1 Behold a host, arrayed in white,
Like thousand snow-clad mountains bright!
With palms they stand;
Who is this band
Before the throne of light?
These are the saints of glorious fame,
Who from the great affliction came
And in the flood
Of Jesus' blood
Are cleansed from guilt and shame.
They now serve God both day and night;
They sing their songs in endless light.
Their anthems ring
As they all sing
With angels shining bright.**

**2 Despised and scorned, they sojourned here;
But now, how glorious they appear!
Those martyrs stand,
A priestly band,
God's throne forever near.
On earth they wept through bitter years;
Now God has wiped away their tears,
Transformed their strife**

**To heav'nly life,
And freed them from their fears.
They now enjoy the Sabbath rest,
The heav'nly banquet of the blest;
The Lamb, their Lord,
At festive board
Himself is host and guest.**

**3 O blessed saints in bright array
Now safely home in endless day,
Extol the Lord,
Who with His Word
Sustained you on the way.
The steep and narrow path you trod;
You toiled and sowed the Word abroad;
Rejoice and bring
Your fruits and sing
Before the throne of God.
The myriad angels raise their song;
O saints, sing with that happy throng!
Lift up one voice;
Let heav'n rejoice
In our Redeemer's song!**

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Sermon

Salt and Light"

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.

Commemoration of the Saints

P "At this time we remember with thanksgiving those who have gone before us to heaven, for they were created by God to offer Him praise and thanksgiving forever. God gave new life to them through Holy Baptism, nourished them in the company of His people at His Holy Table, and, in His mercy, summoned them to His eternal presence so that they may continue to serve Him forever."

Those who have died within the past year are remembered by name. As each name is read, a bell is tolled as a sign of remembrance and of victory in Christ. For the comfort of their loved ones who remain with us and in glory to God who has brought them to their heavenly home, we remember...

William "Bill" Brooks
Alice Delores Janes
Luanne L. Johnson
Doria Disterhaft
Harlan Groskreutz
Karen Rowen

Carol Costerman
Arnold P. Dittman
Eileen Mary Boehlke
Debra Jan Koch
Brian Drews
Darlene Strey

Clifford Alfred Strey

Proper Preface

"Knowing that these saints have joined the angels and archangels and all the company of heaven in praising God, let us here on earth join them in the Sanctus, which is the song that Isaiah records in the Bible that he heard heaven singing:"

Proper Preface

"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

673 Jerusalem, My Happy Home

**1 Jerusalem, my happy home,
When shall I come to thee?
When shall my sorrows have an end?
Thy joys when shall I see?**

**2 O happy harbor of the saints,
O sweet and pleasant soil!
In thee no sorrow may be found,
No grief, no care, no toil.**

**3 Thy gardens and thy gallant walks
Continually are green;
There grow such sweet and pleasant flow'rs
As nowhere else are seen.**

**4 There trees forevermore bear fruit
And evermore do spring;
There evermore the angels dwell
And evermore do sing.**

**5 Apostles, martyrs, prophets, there
Around my Savior stand;
And soon my friends in Christ below
Will join the glorious band.**

**6 O Christ, do Thou my soul prepare
For that bright home of love
That I may see Thee and adore
With all Thy saints above.**

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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.

678 We Sing for All the Unsung Saints

**1 We sing for all the unsung saints,
That countless, nameless throng,
Who kept the faith and passed it on
With hope steadfast and strong**

**Through all the daily griefs and joys
No chronicles record,
Forgetful of their lack of fame,
But mindful of their Lord.**

**2 Though uninscribed with date or place,
With title, rank, or name,
As living stones their stories join
To form a hallowed frame
Around the myst'ry in their midst:
The Lamb once sacrificed,
The Love that wrested life from death,
The wounded, risen Christ.**

**3 So we take heart from unknown saints
Bereft of earthly fame,
Those faithful ones who have received
A more enduring name:
For they reveal true blessing comes
When we our pride efface
And offer back our lives to be
The vessels of God's grace.**

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Attendance Last Week: 258

General giving last week: \$5818.00

Budget giving needed: \$7500.00

Calendar of Activities this week at St. John

6 Thursday Ladies Aid 1:00 pm

6 Thursday Worship Service/HC 6:30 pm

9 Sunday Worship Service/HC 9:00 am

MONTHLY BIBLE VERSE – NOVEMBER: : "You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden." **Matthew 5:14**

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!

FOOD PANTRY: St. John is having a collection of non perishable food items and paper products the month of November for the Berlin Food Pantry. Items can be placed in the large blue bin labeled "Food Pantry". We want to thank everyone who have so generously donated this past year. Your support is truly appreciated.

ST. JOHN SCHOOL SEEKING AIDE: St. John Lutheran School is looking for an aide to work 7:20am-2:20pm each day: They would assist with morning crossing guard responsibilities, be a teaching aide in a middle school classroom, and be a recess aide. Please contact the school at 920-361-0555 for an application.

MONTHLY MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT – LWML: Lutheran Women in Mission joyfully serve God by proclaiming Christ, supporting missions, and equipping women for service. Through mite box donations, St. John helps fund mission grants locally and nationally, supporting efforts like Orphan Grain Train, Student Church Workers, and the Comfort Dog Mission. As part of Zone 12 in the South Wisconsin District, our group joins other congregations for rallies, prayer breakfasts, and service projects. There are many ways to be involved—active, inactive, or mailbox membership—all helping spread God's Word and love in our communities and beyond.

CHRISTMAS VBS IS RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER! We are collecting items for underprivileged children overseas again. Box packing was impactful for attendees last year, so we have made plans

to do it again. Complete lists of suggested donation items (including a list of items that cannot be sent) can be found on the Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child website and on the display table in the narthex. Please prayerfully consider bringing hand crank flashlights, jump ropes, yo-yos, toy cars, soccer balls, ball pumps, dolls, socks and undergarments, toothbrushes, hair brushes, combs, dresses, t-shirts, school supplies, and coloring books. What a gift it is to share the abundance God has blessed us with! **ALSO**... If you have unused Thrivent Action cards and do not know where they could be useful, please talk to Deb Johanknecht or Kayla Gilmour.

LWML SUNDAY IS COMING! LWML Sunday will be celebrated this year on **Thursday, November 6th and Sunday, November 9th**. St. John LWML ladies will have a table in the Narthex which will feature information about the mission group and things to give away to children and adults. Be sure to check it out when you come to church that week. In addition, the LWML plans to collect mite box donations on the 6th and 9th in observation of LWML Sunday.

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.

THIS WEEK IN SUNDAY SCHOOL: The account of Esau and Jacob serves as today's lesson, "Twin Troubles." When Isaac is sixty years old, Rebekah gives birth to very different twin boys—Esau and Jacob. Isaac ignores God's promise to Jacob and favors Esau. Esau's hunger gets the best of him as he sells his birthright for a bowl of stew. Rebekah enables further deception as she plots with Jacob, her favored son, so that he receives Isaac's blessing. When Esau vows to kill Jacob, Rebekah sends Jacob away for his own safety.

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Sermon Notes – 11-2-25 – Salt & Light

"You are the salt of the earth...You are the light of the world."
(Matthew 5:13-14)

-Jesus is saying that we live in a bland, _____ world.

-When Jesus told his followers that they're "the salt of the earth" he was telling them that they should bring flavor to this meaningless world.

-When Jesus told his followers that they're "the light of the world" he was telling them that they should brighten this dark world.

-To bring flavor and light to a bland, dark world, we need to live _____ than the world.

-“Jesus disciples are called to lives of remarkable purity, faithfulness, piety, love, and generosity...to be extraordinary husbands and wives, remarkable neighbors and employees, powerful friends and citizens. Their deeds and their words, in the power of faith and the Spirit, will be like salt, like light in the darkness.”

-“Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give _____ to your Father who is in heaven.” (Matthew 5:16)

“In the first place, this must refer to the conversion of the world to faith and discipleship, In the second place, the purpose of the disciples’ good works is the edification of fellow believers.”

-We can be salt and light when we’ve first been salted and lighted.

-“For at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the _____. Walk as children of light.” (Ephesians 5:8)

-Earlier, Paul explained exactly how that happened, he said that we became light “as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us.” (Ephesians 5:2)

-Before, you were dark and evil and you couldn’t be a light. But now, your sins have been forgiven – Jesus has passed his light on to you.

-Before, you were part of the bland, meaningless existence common to humanity. But now that death has been defeated – _____ has passed life and salt on to you.