

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



***Thursday, May 28, 2026
The Holy Trinity 8th Grade Graduation Night***

**Serving Us Today:
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Large Print Bulletin

As We Gather

We usually think of ourselves as small, humble creatures. We are subject to the creation in which we live and often are at the mercy of the forces around us. But we are reminded in Genesis that we are the crown of God's creation, part and parcel of all He has made. We cannot understand Him, but we know enough. That is Peter's reminder to those who executed Jesus: He did not stay dead but was able to overcome the forces opposed to Him—for us! We have work to do, Jesus tells the disciples and us in the Gospel. But we do not have to do it alone. Though we cannot understand Him, God is with us each day in His strength, mercy, and forgiving love. In short, we need not comprehend our great God; we only receive all the love He has for us. "O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth!" (Psalm 8:1).

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 narthex.

PREPARATION

525 Crown Him with Many Crowns

**1 Crown Him with many crowns,
The Lamb upon His throne;
Hark how the heav'nly anthem drowns**

**All music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing
Of Him who died for thee,
And hail Him as thy matchless king
Through all eternity.**

**2 Crown Him the virgin's Son,
The God incarnate born,
Whose arm those crimson trophies won
Which now His brow adorn:
Fruit of the mystic rose,
Yet of that rose the stem,
The root whence mercy ever flows,
The babe of Bethlehem.**

**3 Crown Him the Lord of love.
Behold His hands and side,
Rich wounds, yet visible above,
In beauty glorified.
No angels in the sky
Can fully bear that sight,
But downward bend their wond'ring eyes
At mysteries so bright.**

**4 Crown Him the Lord of life,
Who triumphed o'er the grave
And rose victorious in the strife
For those He came to save.
His glories now we sing,**

**Who died and rose on high,
Who died eternal life to bring
And lives that death may die.**

**5 Crown Him the Lord of heav'n,
Enthroned in worlds above,
Crown Him the king to whom is giv'n
The wondrous name of Love.
Crown Him with many crowns
As thrones before Him fall;
Crown Him, ye kings, with many crowns,
For He is king of all.**

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Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Confession and Absolution

P Let us come before God with our sins to acknowledge them before Him and in the presence of one another.

C Heavenly Father, we confess that we have failed to be the people You have created us to be. We daily miss the mark of being very good, and we fail to be Your representatives in the care of Your good creation. With the early disciples, although we do believe, sometimes we doubt. Only by Your grace are

we able to come before You and find peace and joy. Remind us of Your great love and mercy for us.

P Jesus has joyful work for us to do. He has commanded us to go, teach, and baptize. And, despite our sins, He also promised, "Behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age" (Matthew 28:20). God's majesty is not only in creating the world in which we live but in loving us despite our daily failures. He sent His Son to forgive our every sin. As David wrote, "I saw the Lord always before me, for He is at my right hand that I may not be shaken" (Acts 2:25).

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.

WORD

Kyrie

P Lord, have mercy on us.

C Father, have mercy on us.

P Lord, have mercy on us.

C Christ, have mercy on us.

P Lord, have mercy on us.

C Holy Spirit, grant us Your peace. Amen.

Salutation

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, You have given us grace to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity by the confession of a true faith and to worship the Unity in the power of the Divine Majesty.

C Keep us steadfast in this faith and defend us from all adversities;

P for You, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, live and reign, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 6:1–4

¹In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the temple. ²Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. ³And one called to another and said:

“Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts;
the whole earth is full of his glory!”

⁴And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

St. John School Seraphim Choir Sings

Epistle Reading

Philippians 2:3–11

³Do nothing from rivalry or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. ⁴Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. ⁵Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, ⁶who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷but made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. ⁸And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. ⁹Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Verse

Isaiah 6:3b

P Alleluia.

C Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts;

P the whole earth is full of His glory!

C Alleluia.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 6:9–13

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

⁹Pray then like this:

“Our Father in heaven,

hallowed be your name.

¹⁰Your kingdom come,

your will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven.

¹¹Give us this day our daily bread,

¹²and forgive us our debts,

as we also have forgiven our debtors.

¹³And lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

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

Hymn 461 I Know That My Redeemer Lives

Congregation sings verses 1 and 2

Students sing verses 3 and 4

Congregation sings verse 5

Students sing verse 6

Congregation sings verses 7 and 8

**1 I know that my Redeemer lives;
What comfort this sweet sentence gives!
He lives, He lives, who once was dead;
He lives, my ever-living head.**

**2 He lives triumphant from the grave;
He lives eternally to save;
He lives all-glorious in the sky;
He lives exalted there on high.**

**3 He lives to bless me with His love;
He lives to plead for me above;**

**He lives my hungry soul to feed;
He lives to help in time of need.**

**4 He lives to grant me rich supply;
He lives to guide me with His eye;
He lives to comfort me when faint;
He lives to hear my soul's complaint.**

**5 He lives to silence all my fears;
He lives to wipe away my tears;
He lives to calm my troubled heart;
He lives all blessings to impart.**

**6 He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend;
He lives and loves me to the end;
He lives, and while He lives, I'll sing;
He lives, my Prophet, Priest, and King.**

**7 He lives and grants me daily breath;
He lives, and I shall conquer death;
He lives my mansion to prepare;
He lives to bring me safely there.**

**8 He lives, all glory to His name!
He lives, my Jesus, still the same;
Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives:
I know that my Redeemer lives!**

Text: Samuel Medley, 1738–99, abr. Text: Public domain

Sermon "Our Hallowed, Heavenly Father"

Prayer of the Church

Psalm 8:2, 4-6, 9

Offering St. John School Hand Bells will play the offering

SACRAMENT

Preface

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.

Proper Preface

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

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."

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

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

506 Glory Be to God the Father

**1 Glory be to God the Father,
Glory be to God the Son,
Glory be to God the Spirit:
Great Jehovah, Three in One!**

**Glory, glory
While eternal ages run!**

**2 Glory be to Him who loved us,
Washed us from each spot and stain;
Glory be to Him who bought us,
Made us kings with Him to reign!
Glory, glory
To the Lamb that once was slain!**

**3 Glory to the King of angels,
Glory to the Church's King,
Glory to the King of nations;
Heav'n and earth, your praises bring!
Glory, glory
To the King of glory sing!**

**4 Glory, blessing, praise eternal!
Thus the choir of angels sings;
Honor, riches, pow'r, dominion!
Thus its praise creation brings.
Glory, glory,
Glory to the King of kings!**

Text: Horatius Bonar, 1808–89 Text: Public domain

563 Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness

- 1 Jesus, Thy blood and righteousness
My beauty are, my glorious dress;
Midst flaming worlds, in these arrayed,
With joy shall I lift up my head.**

- 2 Bold shall I stand in that great day,
Cleansed and redeemed, no debt to pay;
Fully absolved through these I am
From sin and fear, from guilt and shame.**

- 3 Lord, I believe Thy precious blood,
Which at the mercy seat of God
Pleads for the captives' liberty,
Was also shed in love for me.**

- 4 Lord, I believe, were sinners more
Than sands upon the ocean shore,
Thou hast for all a ransom paid,
For all a full atonement made.**

- 5 When from the dust of death I rise
To claim my mansion in the skies,
This then shall be my only plea:
Jesus hath lived and died for me.**

- 6 Jesus, be endless praise to Thee,
Whose boundless mercy hath for me,
For me, and all Thy hands have made,
An everlasting ransom paid.**

Text: Nicolaus Ludwig von Zinzendorf, 1700–60; tr. John B. Wesley, 1703–91, alt. Text: Public domain

Post-Communion Thanksgiving

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

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.

953 We All Believe in One True God

**1 We all believe in one true God,
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
Ever-present help in need,
Praised by all the heav'nly host;
All He made His love enfolds,
All creation He upholds.**

**2 We all believe in Jesus Christ,
Son of God and Mary's son,
Who descended from His throne
And for us salvation won;
By whose cross and death are we
Rescued from all misery.**

**3 We all confess the Holy Ghost,
Who from both in truth proceeds,
Who sustains and comforts us
In all trials, fears, and needs.
Blessèd, holy Trinity,
Praise forever be to Thee!**

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THE GRADUATION CEREMONIES

WELCOME

THE SALUTATORY ADDRESS

Harrison Johnson

THE PRESENTATION OF DIPLOMAS

THE PRESENTATION OF THE CLASS OF 2026

AMERICAN LEGION AWARD

THE VALEDICTORY ADDRESS

Loralei Hess

PRAYERS

BENEDICTION

***There will be a receptions with refreshments in the lower level
following the Graduation***

The Class of 2026

Sophia (Jane) Custer

Loralei Hess

Harrison Johnson

Judah Krueger

Class Hymn: "I Know that My Redeemer Lives"

Class Motto: "Stay Gold"

Class Colors: **Dark Red, **Purple**, **Black****

Sermon Notes – 5-24-26 – Our Hallowed, Heavenly Father

-“Pray then like this...”

-The Lord’s Prayer is a model prayer; it’s a _____ that we should learn from to pray.

-“Our...”

-We’re to pray with other Christians.

-The “Our” reminds us that __ am not the center of the world; rather, I have many Christian brothers and sisters who I should keep in my prayers.

-“Our Father...”

-The next lesson we learn is that God is our _____ – we’re to pray to him as we’d talk to a loving father.

-“Our Father who art in heaven...”

-To be able to speak to the one, true God as our Father is one of the greatest _____ in the world!

-When we pray to “Our Father who art in heaven” we can pray with confidence, faith, and peace trusting that he loves us as his dear children and that he is able to help in every situation.”

“...Hallowed be Thy Name.”

-In the original Greek, the grammar makes it clear that we’re not asking God to make himself holy, instead, we’re praying to God to help ___ to make him holy.

-We should pray, "Hallowed be Thy Name" asking God to help us to do now what we were made for – setting him apart in our lives as better, superior, greater than us.

-“Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy Name.”

-It’s important that we strike a balance when we pray between familiarity with and _____ for God.

-Jesus, who is the true Son of the Father, was disowned by the Father so that we could be adopted.

Announcements

Attendance Last Week: 187
General giving last week: \$7486.44
Budget giving needed: \$7500.00

Calendar of Activities this week at St. John

4 Thursday	Worship Service/HC	6:30 pm
7 Sunday	Worship Service/HC	9:00 am

ROOF UPDATE – WE ARE ALMOST THERE! St John Lutheran School is so close to funding our new roof. Our goal for this project is \$135,000, and we are hovering around \$128,000. This is our last big push to raise the funds that we still need. Would you be willing to donate and help us get there? This project is set to start at the beginning of June, and we would love to meet our goal before it starts.

RAFFLE FUNDRAISER: St John Lutheran School is hosting a raffle for a brand-new speed queen washer and dryer to help fund the new school roof. The winner will be drawn on July 19th. Tickets are 1 for \$30.00; 2 for \$50.00; 3 for \$75.00; 4 for \$100.00. Tickets may be purchased at any of the following locations during their operational hours: St John Lutheran School; Berlin Thrivent Office; Country Inn; Misty's; Ron's Trail Inn, Waukau; Jeff's; Bucky's ; Kitz and Pfeil; Bosquez Chiropractic Office; and Matriculas' On Broadway

FOOD PANTRY NEWS: St. John is conducting a food drive in May benefiting the Berlin Food Pantry. In March we donated 742 lbs. of food to them! We are accepting non-perishable food, paper products and monetary gifts. Please bring your donations to church and place them in the large blue bin.

CARPET SAMPLES FOR THE CHURCH NARTHEX AND ADJOINING ROOMS: There are some carpet samples for the new carpet project in the Narthex. The Trustees have laid them out for anyone who would like to take a look. If you find one that you think is really good for these spaces, let one of the Trustees know. You can also write down your suggestion and put it into the TRUSTEES MAILBOX which is located at the bottom of the mail box row near Pastor's office. It had a pink label.

ST. JOHN SERVICE AVAILABLE ON RADIO! Tune in to AM 1600 or FM 93.1 at 9:00 am each week to hear our abbreviated St. John service broadcast.

TITUS 2 WOMEN'S MINISTRY: Titus 2 is a women's group dedicated to building Christian relationships between different generations. Their next gathering is May 2nd from 5:00-8:00 at River Shores Church. For details and to RSVP call/text Rachel Cassidy at (920) 290-4459.



ST. JOHN LUTHERAN DINKS FOR DONATIONS

PICKLEBALL TOURNAMENT Join us for a fun 2v2 pickleball tournament on Saturday, July 11, starting at 8:00 AM at 344 Broadway St, Berlin, WI 54923.

Entry fee is one paper bag full of nonperishable food items for the Berlin Food Pantry. It's a double-elimination tournament with 15-minute games (most points wins) and best-of-3 for the final three matches. Concessions and a 50/50 raffle will be available. We're partnering with the Tri-County Area Boys & Girls Club. Prizes will be given to the top 3 teams. Sign up by messaging 920-658-3029.

All skill levels welcome — come play and support a great cause!

SEEKING CHURCH ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT! As our church has grown, the workload has increased so we're looking to hire an additional, part-time administrative assistant. If you'd like a job description or would like to apply please speak with Rich Wallner or Pastor Rob. Thank you!

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!

CHURCH SERVICE AVAILABLE ANYTIME ON OUR WEBSITE: GO TO: 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.

MEN'S MINISTRY: Monday June 1st, we will meet at Wingate's home to continue our discussion on disciplines of a Godly man. The focus will be on the discipline of purity for this month's meeting. We will begin at 6pm. The address is N9525 32nd Dr. in Berlin. Please bring an outdoor chair for seating. We will be having tacos for dinner.