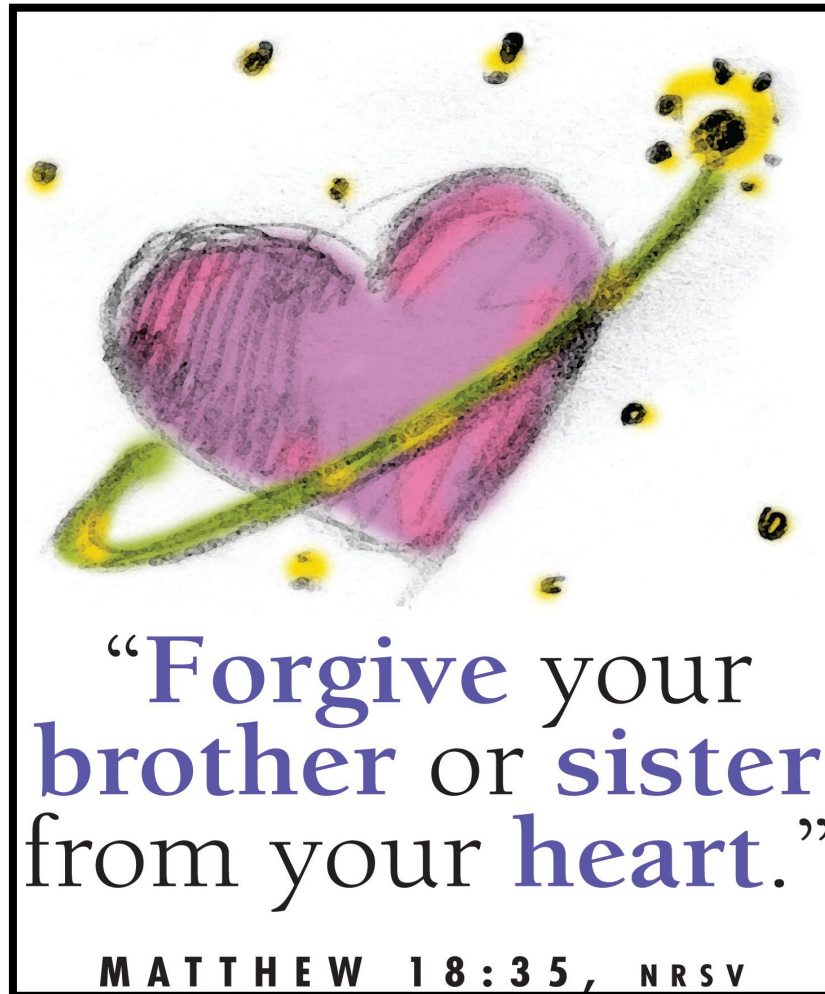


***St. John Lutheran Church & School
Berlin, Wisconsin
The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod***



**The 4th Sunday after Pentecost
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Large Print Bulletin

As We Gather... Polls tell us that many of us live in fear and struggle with depression. Jesus calls us not to be afraid—not because we have no enemies but because He is stronger than them all. God knows the score—from every bird that falls from the sky to every hair on our head. He has invested His love and mercy in us in Christ and will not turn away from us. This promise is sure. Because of this, we can surrender our fears of being known as His children. Everyone who confesses Him on earth, Christ will confess him before His Father in heaven. From this promise comes the strength to live the new life given to us in our Baptism and to make known what Christ has done by His death and resurrection—for us and for all the world. We are called to judge not by the times but by the promises of God. Neither will He disappoint us nor will He forsake us.

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.

Confession and Absolution

801 How Great Thou Art

1 O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the works Thy hand hath made,
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,
Thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed; Refrain

**Refrain: Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee,
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee,
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!**

2 When through the woods and forest glades I wander,
I hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze; **Refrain**

3 But when I think that God, His Son not sparing,
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in—
That on the cross my burden gladly bearing
He bled and died to take away my sin; **Refrain**

4 When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration
And there proclaim: "My God, how great Thou art!" **Refrain**

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The Rite of Holy Baptism for Isabella Rayann Jones

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.**

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 56:3–4, 10–11; antiphon: v. 13

For you have delivered my soul from death, yes, my feet from falling, that I may walk before God in the light of life.

When I am afraid, I put my trust in you.

In God, whose word I praise, in God I trust; I shall not be afraid.

What can flesh do to me?

In God, whose word I praise, in the LORD, whose word I praise,

in God I trust; I shall not be afraid. What can man do to me?

**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.**

For you have delivered my soul from death, yes, my feet from falling, that I may walk before God in the light of life.

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.

O God, because Your abiding presence always goes with us, keep us aware of Your daily mercies that we may live secure and content in Your eternal love; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who

lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 50:15–21

¹⁵When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "It may be that Joseph will hate us and pay us back for all the evil that we did to him." ¹⁶So they sent a message to Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this command before he died, ¹⁷'Say to Joseph, Please forgive the transgression of your brothers and their sin, because they did evil to you.' And now, please forgive the transgression of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. ¹⁸His brothers also came and fell down before him and said, "Behold, we are your servants." ¹⁹But Joseph said to them, "Do not fear, for am I in the place of God? ²⁰As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today. ²¹So do not fear; I will provide for you and your little ones." Thus he comforted them and spoke kindly to them.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Ephesians 4:31—5:2

³¹Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. ³²Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.

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.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse *LSB 156*

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 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.

Children's Sermon

Hymn of the Day

706 Love in Christ Is Strong and Living

**1 Love in Christ is strong and living,
Binding faithful hearts in one;
Love in Christ is true and giving.
May His will in us be done.**

**2 Love is patient and forbearing,
Clothed in Christ's humility,
Gentle, selfless, kind, and caring,
Reaching out in charity.**

**3 Love in Christ abides forever,
Fainting not when ills attend;
Love, forgiving and forgiven,
Shall endure until life's end.**

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Sermon **"Forgiveness"**

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

Sit

Distribution Hymns

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.**

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1703–91, alt. Text: Public domain

699 I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

- 1 I heard the voice of Jesus say,
 "Come unto Me and rest;
Lay down, thou weary one, lay down
 Thy head upon My breast."
I came to Jesus as I was,
 So weary, worn, and sad;
I found in Him a resting place,
 And He has made me glad.**
- 2 I heard the voice of Jesus say,
 "Behold, I freely give
The living water; thirsty one,
 Stoop down and drink and live."
I came to Jesus, and I drank
 Of that life-giving stream;
My thirst was quenched, my soul revived,
 And now I live in Him.**
- 3 I heard the voice of Jesus say,
 "I am this dark world's light.
Look unto Me; thy morn shall rise**

**And all thy day be bright.”
I looked to Jesus, and I found
In Him my star, my sun;
And in that light of life I’ll walk
Till trav’ling days are done.**

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Stand

Nunc Dimittis *LSB 211*

**C 1 O Lord, now let Your servant
Depart in heav’nly peace,
For I have seen the glory
Of Your redeeming grace:
A light to lead the Gentiles
Unto Your holy hill,
The glory of Your people,
Your chosen Israel.**

**2 All glory to the Father,
All glory to the Son,
All glory to the Spirit,
Forever Three in One;
For as in the beginning,
Is now, shall ever be,
God’s triune name resounding
Through all eternity.**

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.

922 Go, My Children, with My Blessing *sts. 1–4*

**1 Go, My children, with My blessing,
Never alone.**

**Waking, sleeping, I am with you;
You are My own.**

**In My love's baptismal river
I have made you Mine forever.**

**Go, My children, with My blessing—
You are My own.**

**2 Go, My children, sins forgiven,
At peace and pure.
Here you learned how much I love you,
What I can cure.
Here you heard My dear Son's story;
Here you touched Him, saw His glory.
Go, My children, sins forgiven,
At peace and pure.**

**3 Go, My children, fed and nourished,
Closer to Me;
Grow in love and love by serving,
Joyful and free.
Here My Spirit's power filled you;
Here His tender comfort stilled you.
Go, My children, fed and nourished,
Joyful and free.**

**4 I the Lord will bless and keep you
And give you peace;
I the Lord will smile upon you
And give you peace:
I the Lord will be your Father,
Savior, Comforter, and Brother.
Go, My children; I will keep you
And give you peace.**

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Calendar of Activities this week at St. John

25 Thursday	Worship Service/HC	6:30 pm
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28 Sunday	Worship Service/HC	9:00 am
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UPDATING PERSONAL INFORMATION: For many in our congregation, the information we have about you in our church software is out of date. So, in your mailbox you'll find an instruction sheet along with a printout of the current data we have. Please follow the instructions to help us get your correct information. Thank you in advance!

HUMAN CARE will take a door collection NEXT WEEK to help provide funds for the work they do for people in need.

OUR MISSION & VISION! On Saturday, June 27 from 9:00-12:00 our District President Nathan Meador will be coming to St. John to help us take the results of our survey and discover what our mission

and vision going forward is. Please come and help us to move our church in God's direction.

VBS PLANNING MEETING! If you're interested in helping with VBS please join us on Tuesday, July 23rd at 5:30 for a planning meeting. Thank you!

MONTHLY MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT: LADIES' AID: Since 1901, the Ladies' Aid has supported the ministry of the church through acts of service, care, and fellowship. From funeral luncheons and holiday meals to decorating the church and community events, the Ladies' Aid continues to be a blessing to our congregation and community. The group meets September through May on the first Thursday of each month at 1:00 p.m. in the church basement. If you are interested in learning more or joining, please speak with Brenda Faucett or come to a meeting — all are welcome!

MEN'S OPEN GYM: Our Men's Open Gyms will move to every Wednesday at 5:30 PM (instead of every other week). We are currently playing basketball and will have other competitive activities like spikeball and dodgeball. If you'd like to join, please text 920-658-3029 to be added to the group chat for updates and reminders.

ST JOHN LUTHERAN SUMMER VBS – JULY 25 | 9:00 AM–3:00 PM: Join us for Magnified VBS on July 25 from 9:00 AM–3:00 PM! All children ages 3 years old through 5th grade are invited for a day packed with Bible adventures, games, crafts, music, snacks, and fun as we take a closer look at God's amazing love and care for us.

This year's theme, Magnified, encourages kids to discover the greatness of God in the smallest details of His creation and in our everyday lives. Through the story of Nicodemus, children will learn about being born again and the gift of salvation through Jesus. We'll also explore Matthew 6:25–34, where Jesus teaches that we do not need to worry because God lovingly cares for us and provides for our needs, just as He cares for the birds of the air and the flowers of the field.

Invite your friends and join us for an unforgettable day of faith, fun, and discovery! As we magnify the greatness of God together!

ROOF UPDATE - WE DID IT! Thank you for your support, prayers, and generous donations. We were able to meet our goal of \$135,000. The roof project has officially begun as of June 12th, and we have been told that it should take about 15-18 good weather days to complete. Please be aware that this may limit access to the school parking lot. Also, the washer/dryer raffle fundraiser is still going on.

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

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 has a pink label.

CHURCH PICNIC - JULY 19: Please join us for our church picnic! We'll have a 10:30 service at the north shelter house followed by a potluck lunch (please bring a dish to pass) and activities for all ages including giant blow-up activities for kids, a cornhole tournament, and.... We will still have a 9:00 service at church that morning if you're unable to make the picnic. Please invite friends and relatives!

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Sermon Notes – 6-14-26 – Forgiveness

-Forgiveness is releasing someone from their _____; it's deciding they don't owe you anymore.

-“The essence of forgiveness is absorbing the pain instead of giving it.”

-Our biggest need is for _____.

-Jesus willingly came to our world to live the sinless life we fail to live, go to the _____ in our place, take our sins upon himself, and receive the punishment that we're supposed to take!

-Because Jesus took the punishment we deserve, there's no more punishment for us to take – so when we pray: "Forgive us our trespasses" – God's answer is always: _____

-Understanding that forgiveness is our greatest need and that Jesus went to the cross to give it to us, let's humbly and boldly, sorrowfully and joyfully, earnestly and regularly pray this prayer: "Forgive us our trespasses."

-But that's not all Jesus taught us to pray; he also added: "As we forgive those who trespass against us."

-Just as much as we need his forgiveness, we also need to _____, and if we don't, we forfeit his forgiveness.

-We're forgiven by faith alone. But if you're not forgiving others, it shows you don't really have faith because it's impossible to believe in the incredible forgiveness of Jesus without being willing to forgive others.

-In faith, trusting in what Jesus has done first, do not withhold forgiveness from another – you cannot. Instead, let Jesus' forgiveness toward you make you _____ to forgive all others – may God help us to do so!