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Large Print Bulletin

As We Gather... Although the major focus of national celebration in the Year of Our Lord 2026 in the United States is the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, there is another memorable anniversary to be noted as well: 2026 is the 235th anniversary of the ratification of the Bill of Rights by the first US Congress. The very first words of the very first amendment within the list of additional guarantees added to the Constitution of the United States in 1791 known as the Bill of Rights states: "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof." That solemn guarantee enables us to gather freely to worship God without fear of disturbance or reprisal. As we gather, we can reflect on what a blessing religious freedom is ours in this God-blessed nation. Happy anniversary, United States of America!

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

717 Eternal Father, Strong to Save sts. 1-4

**1 Eternal Father, strong to save,
Whose arm hath bound the restless wave,
Who bidd'st the mighty ocean deep**

**Its own appointed limits keep:
O hear us when we cry to Thee
For those in peril on the sea.**

**2 O Christ, the Lord of hill and plain,
O'er which our traffic runs amain
By mountain pass or valley low;
Wherever, Lord, Thy people go,
Protect them by Thy guarding hand
From ev'ry peril on the land.**

**3 O Spirit, whom the Father sent
To spread abroad the firmament;
O Wind of heaven, by Thy might
Save all who dare the eagle's flight,
And keep them by Thy watchful care
From ev'ry peril in the air.**

**4 O Trinity of love and pow'r,
Our people shield in danger's hour;
From rock and tempest, fire and foe,
Protect them wheresoe'er they go;
Thus evermore shall rise to Thee
Glad praise from air and land and sea.**

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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 If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. 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 91:2, 9–10; antiphon: v. 1

He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High
will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.

**I will say to the LORD, “My refuge and my fortress,
my God, in whom I trust.”**

Because you have made the LORD your dwelling place—
the Most High, who is my refuge—

**no evil shall be allowed to befall you,
no plague come near your tent.**

**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.**

He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High
will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.

This Is the Feast *LSB 155*

**C This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.

**This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are His.

**This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:

Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.

**This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

For the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia.

**This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

Gracious God, our heavenly Father, Your mercy attends us all our days. Be our strength and support amid the wearisome changes of this world, and at life's end grant us Your promised rest and the full joys of Your salvation; 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

Ecclesiastes 5:10–18

¹⁰He who loves money will not be satisfied with money, nor he who loves wealth with his income; this also is vanity. ¹¹When goods increase, they increase who eat them, and what advantage has their owner but to see them with his eyes? ¹²Sweet is the sleep of a laborer, whether he eats little or much, but the full stomach of the rich will not let him sleep.

¹³There is a grievous evil that I have seen under the sun: riches were kept by their owner to his hurt, ¹⁴and those riches were lost in a bad venture. And he is father of a son, but he has nothing in his hand. ¹⁵As he came from his mother's womb he shall go again, naked as he came, and shall take nothing for his toil that he may carry away in his hand. ¹⁶This also is a grievous evil: just as he came, so shall he go, and what gain is there to him who toils for the wind? ¹⁷Moreover, all his days he eats in darkness in much vexation and sickness and anger.

¹⁸Behold, what I have seen to be good and fitting is to eat and drink and find enjoyment in all the toil with which one toils under the sun the few days of his life that God has given him, for this is his lot.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Colossians 3:1–5

¹If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ²Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth.

³For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.

⁴When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

⁵Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse *LSB 156*

C Alleluia.

Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life.

Alleluia, alleluia.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 6:19–21

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹⁹“Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, ²⁰but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. ²¹For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Children’s Sermon

966 Before You Lord We Bow

**Our God who reigns above
And rules the world below,
Boundless in pow’r and love.**

**Our thanks we bring
In joy and praise,
Our hearts we raise
To You, our King!**

2 The nation You have blest

**May well Your love declare,
From foes and fears at rest,**

**Protected by Your care.
For this bright day,
For this fair land—
Gifts of Your hand—
Our thanks we pay.**

**3 May ev'ry mountain height,
Each vale and forest green,
Shine in Your Word's pure light,
And its rich fruits be seen!
May ev'ry tongue
Be tuned to praise
And join to raise
A grateful song.**

**4 Earth, hear your Maker's voice;
Your great Redeemer own;
Believe, obey, rejoice,
And worship Him alone.
Cast down your pride,
Your sin deplore,
And bow before
The Crucified.**

**5 And when in pow'r He comes,
Oh, may our native land
From all its rending tombs
Send forth a glorious band,
A countless throng,**

**With joy to sing
To heav'n's high King
Salvation's song!**

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Sermon “Where's Your Heart?”

Stand

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.**

Prayer of the Church

Sit

Offering

Stand

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

LSB 160

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

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 161

C Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r and might:

Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.

Hosanna. Hosanna.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

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."

P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

P O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. 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

LSB 163

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

Agnus Dei *LSB 163*

**C Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world;
grant us peace.**

Sit

718 Jesus, Lead Thou On

**1 Jesus, lead Thou on
Till our rest is won;
And although the way be cheerless,
We will follow calm and fearless.
Guide us by Thy hand
To our fatherland.**

**2 If the way be drear,
If the foe be near,
Let not faithless fears o'ertake us;
Let not faith and hope forsake us;
For through many_a woe
To our home we go.**

**3 When we seek relief
From a long-felt grief,
When temptations come alluring,
Make us patient and enduring.
Show us that bright shore
Where we weep no more.**

**4 Jesus, lead Thou on
Till our rest is won.
Heav'nly leader, still direct us,
Still support, console, protect us,
Till we safely stand
In our fatherland.**

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707 Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways

**1 Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways
To keep His statutes still!
Oh, that my God would grant me grace
To know and do His will!**

**2 Order my footsteps by Thy Word
And make my heart sincere;
Let sin have no dominion, Lord,
But keep my conscience clear.**

**3 Assist my soul, too apt to stray,
A stricter watch to keep;
And should I e'er forget Thy way,
Restore Thy wand'ring sheep.**

**4 Make me to walk in Thy commands—
'Tis a delightful road—
Nor let my head or heart or hands
Offend against my God.**

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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.

Benediction

LSB 166

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.

965 God Bless Our Native Land

1 God bless our native land;

Firm may she ever stand

Through storm and night.

When the wild tempests rave,

Ruler of wind and wave,

Do Thou our country save

By Thy great might.

2 So shall our prayers arise

To God above the skies;

On Him we wait.

Thou who art ever nigh,

**Guarding with watchful eye,
To Thee aloud we cry:
God save the state!**

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Attendance Last Week: 191		
General giving last week:	\$6090.60	
Budget giving needed:	\$7500.00	

Calendar of Activities this week at St. John

8 Wednesday	Board of Education	6:00 pm
9 Thursday	Worship Service/HC	6:30 pm
12 Sunday	Worship Service/HC	9:00 am

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

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!

LCMS VENEZUELA RELIEF EFFORTS: If you would like to support disaster relief efforts following the Venezuela earthquake through a trusted entity, you can give through LCMS Disaster Relief at: lcms.org/give/earthquake.

DISHES LEFT BEHIND: Ladies Aid is very thankful for those who brought a dish to pass to various events. Some of those dishes get left behind. They are now located on the counter in the Card Room. Please take a look to see if dishes or containers belong to you. Items not claimed will be donated to Second Time Around Shop. Thank you.

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!

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

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, a washer toss tournament, and BINGO. We'll still have a 9:00 service at

church that morning if you're unable to make the picnic. Please invite friends and relatives!

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.

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.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! SECOND TIME-AROUND SHOP

The Second Time-Around Shop in Berlin has supported Lutheran Counseling and Family Services of WI (LCFS) with nearly \$3 million of their profits so that people in our community and around our state can receive life-changing Christian counseling and adoption services. To maximize their support to LCFS, we are looking for both men and women volunteers to run and organize our store; we they could use your help! A few hours of your time each week would be hugely beneficial! You could volunteer to sort and price incoming items, run the cash register, take care of the store, and/or keep items on the shelf organized. Volunteering is a great way to service Jesus and help your fellow man; for more information call the store at: (920) 361-0334. Thank you!

MEN'S MINISTRY – JULY & AUGUST: The Men's Ministry will meet at Knuth Brewing in Ripon on Wednesday, July 15th at 6 pm. In August, we'll return to the first Monday of the month. We'll have a

golf outing on Monday, August 3rd in Green Lake on HWY 23. Please invite other men and bring your best drive!

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Sermon Notes – 6-28-26 – Where’s Your Heart?

-“For where your _____ is, there your heart will be also.”
(Matthew 6:21)

-You’ll be able to discover what you truly desire, what you truly love by looking at what you spend your time, money, and energy on.

-“Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in _____, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal.” (Matthew 6:19-20)

-There are really only two types of treasure, two types of things for us to desire: earthly things or heavenly things.

-“You shall _____ the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.” (Matthew 22:37)

-Have we rightly laid up treasures in heaven or wrongly laid up treasures on earth?

-“Every _____ must reckon with this danger of the worship of earthly things. No one, rich or poor, is immune; no one.”

-It just doesn’t make sense to treasure earthly things that won’t last very long when, instead, we could treasure things that will last forever.

-How can we change? How can we actually start to live this way that makes sense? How can we start to really desire heavenly treasures more than earthly ones?

-“When you fall in love with _____, the rest takes care of itself.”

-Jesus still forgave us and offers us unconditional love.

-Jesus is so lovely, in fact, that you won’t be able to help but fall in love with him.

-The more you fall in love with Jesus, the more you’ll find yourself spending your time, money, and energy on _____ things. And then you’ll know that your loves and desires are shifting to where they should be – your treasure will be God and his Kingdom.