

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

From the
rising of the sun
to its going down
the LORD's name is
to be praised.

Psalm 113:3, NKJV



***The 8th Sunday after Pentecost
July 16 and 19, 2026***

Large Print Bulletin

As We Gather...If you have ever done a load of laundry, then you know what it feels like to come up one sock short. It is almost like some troublemaker climbed into the dryer and left only one lonesome sock behind. Our laundry is incomplete. We don't have everything we are supposed to have, everything we started with. Our frustration grows. If we truly took stock of our lives, we would evaluate ourselves as missing more than a sock or two. Sabotaged by the enemy and suffering from our own failures, we feel frustrated and incomplete. But perfection is coming. God's perfect Word is here to speak your forgiveness. His perfect heart pursues lost souls. And His perfect plan includes His return to make all things right.

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

790 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty *sts. 1, 4–5*

**1 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise Him, for He is your health and salvation!
Let all who hear
Now to His temple draw near,
Joining in glad adoration!**

4 Praise to the Lord, who will prosper your work and defend you;

Surely His goodness and mercy shall daily attend you.

Ponder anew

What the Almighty can do

As with His love He befriends you.

5 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him!

All that has life and breath, come now with praises before Him!

Let the Amen

Sound from His people again;

Gladly forever adore Him!

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Invocation

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

C Amen.

Opening Sentences *Psalm 31:24; Hebrews 10:23; Psalm 39:7*

P Be strong, and let your heart take courage,

C all you who wait for the LORD!

P Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering,

C for He who promised is faithful.

P And now, O Lord, for what do I wait?

C My hope is in You.

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.

WORD

Introit

Psalm 86:11–15; antiphon: v. 6

Give ear, O LORD, to my prayer; listen to my plea for grace.

**Teach me your way, O LORD, that I may walk in your truth;
unite my heart to fear your name.**

I give thanks to you, O Lord my God, with my whole heart,
and I will glorify your name forever.

**For great is your steadfast love toward me;
you have delivered my soul from the depths of Sheol.**

O God, insolent men have risen up against me; a band of
ruthless men seek my life, and they do not set you before them.

**But you, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious, slow to
anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.**

**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.**

Give ear, O LORD, to my prayer; listen to my plea for grace.

Kyrie LSB 204

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

Salutation

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray.

O God, so rule and govern our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that, ever mindful of Your final judgment, we may be stirred up to holiness of living here and dwell with You in perfect joy hereafter; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Old Testament Reading

1 Kings 8:54–56, 62–66

⁵⁴Now as Solomon finished offering all this prayer and plea to the LORD, he arose from before the altar of the LORD, where he had knelt with hands outstretched toward heaven. ⁵⁵And he stood and blessed all the assembly of Israel with a loud voice, saying, ⁵⁶"Blessed be the LORD who has given rest to his people Israel, according to all that he promised. Not one word has failed of all his good promise, which he spoke by Moses his servant.

⁶²Then the king, and all Israel with him, offered sacrifice before the LORD. ⁶³Solomon offered as peace offerings to the LORD 22,000 oxen and 120,000 sheep. So the king and all the people of Israel dedicated the house of the LORD. ⁶⁴The same day the king consecrated the middle of the court that was before the house of the LORD, for there he offered the burnt offering and the grain offering and the fat pieces of the peace offerings, because the bronze altar that was before the LORD was too small to receive the burnt offering and the grain offering and the fat pieces of the peace offerings.

⁶⁵So Solomon held the feast at that time, and all Israel with him, a great assembly, from Lebo-hamath to the Brook of Egypt, before

the LORD our God, seven days. ⁶⁶On the eighth day he sent the people away, and they blessed the king and went to their homes joyful and glad of heart for all the goodness that the LORD had shown to David his servant and to Israel his people.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Colossians 1:3–14

³We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, ⁴since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, ⁵because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. Of this you have heard before in the word of the truth, the gospel, ⁶which has come to you, as indeed in the whole world it is bearing fruit and growing—as it also does among you, since the day you heard it and understood the grace of God in truth, ⁷just as you learned it from Epaphras our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf ⁸and has made known to us your love in the Spirit.

⁹And so, from the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, ¹⁰so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God. ¹¹May you be strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy, ¹²giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. ¹³He has delivered us from the domain of darkness

and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Verse

Matthew 13:35b

P Alleluia. I will open My mouth in parables;

C I will utter what has been hidden since the foundation of the world. Alleluia.

Holy Gospel

Luke 17:11–16

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the seventeenth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹¹On the way to Jerusalem he was passing along between Samaria and Galilee. ¹²And as he entered a village, he was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance ¹³and lifted up their voices, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us." ¹⁴When he saw them he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went they were cleansed. ¹⁵Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; ¹⁶and he fell on his face at Jesus' feet, giving him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Children's Sermon

770 What a Friend We Have in Jesus

**1 What a friend we have in Jesus,
All our sins and griefs to bear!**

**What a privilege to carry
Ev'rything to God in prayer!
Oh, what peace we often forfeit;
Oh, what needless pain we bear—
All because we do not carry
Ev'rything to God in prayer!**

**2 Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged—
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful
Who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness—
Take it to the Lord in prayer.**

**3 Are we weak and heavy laden,
Cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge—
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
In His arms He'll take and shield thee;
Thou wilt find a solace there.**

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Sermon “Celebrating the Lord”

Nicene Creed

**C I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation
came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory
to judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together
is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life+ of the world to come. Amen.**

Prayer of the Church

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.**

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

Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Ever-speaking Spirit, flood our hearts with gratitude, that our thoughts, words, and actions would overflow with thankfulness for

a God who sets His people free and seals them in hope. Bring us near to Your glory, that given a glimpse of our God's surpassing grace, we might live to declare His name and the redemption won for us by Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Father, one God, now and forever.

C 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

643 Sent Forth by God's Blessing

**1 Sent forth by God's blessing,
Our true faith confessing,
The people of God from His dwelling take leave.
The Supper is ended.
O now be extended
The fruits of this service in all who believe.
The seed of His teaching,
Receptive souls reaching,
Shall blossom in action for God and for all.
His grace did invite us,
His love shall unite us
To work for God's kingdom and answer His call.**

**2 With praise and thanksgiving
To God ever-living,
The tasks of our ev'ryday life we will face.
Our faith ever sharing,
In love ever caring,
Embracing His children of each tribe and race.
With Your feast You feed us,**

**With Your light now lead us;
Unite us as one in this life that we share.
Then may all the living
With praise and thanksgiving
Give honor to Christ and His name that we bear.**

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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.

Hymn 785 We praise You, O God, our Redeemer, Creator

- 1 We praise You, O God, our Redeemer, Creator;
In grateful devotion our tribute we bring.
We lay it before You, we kneel and adore You;
We bless Your holy name, glad praises we sing.**
- 2 We worship You, God of our fathers, we bless You;
Through trial and tempest our guide You have been.
When perils o’ertake us, You will not forsake us,
And with Your help, O Lord, our struggles we win.**
- 3 With voices united our praises we offer
And gladly our songs of thanksgiving we raise.
With You, Lord, beside us, Your strong arm will guide us.
To You, our great Redeemer, forever be praise!**

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Attendance Last Week: 207

General giving last week: \$8,358.25

Budget giving needed: \$7,500.00

Calendar of Activities this week at St. John

23 Thursday Worship Service/HC 6:30 pm

26 Sunday Worship Service/HC 9:00 am

LEMONADE STAND!

Come cool off with a refreshing cup of lemonade and get yourself some delicious treats.

Date: August 5th, 2026. Time: 10:30 - 1:30

**Every cup goes towards the school roof project's small overage.
Bring your family, friends, and neighbors—we'd love to see you!**

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.

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 having 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.

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!

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!

SIGN-UP SHEETS FOR VBS FOOD AND OTHER SUPPLIES: There are sign-up sheets on both round tables in the Narthex . We are looking for various food items and other things like paper plates. Please take a look and see if there is something you might be able to bring to help us. Thank You!

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!

LWML: LWML Women in Mission will meet on **Tuesday July 21 at 6:30 pm**. The LWML meets quarterly on the 3rd Tuesday of January, April, July and October at 6:30 pm in the church library.