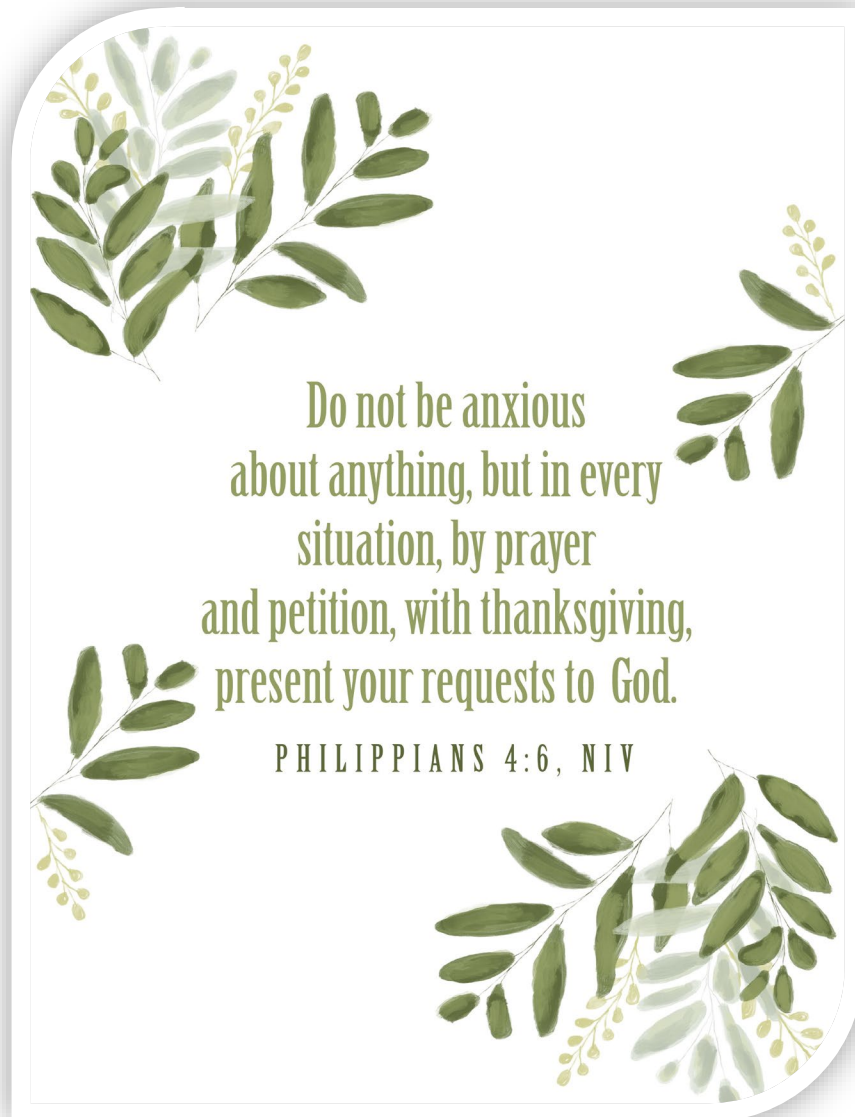


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As We Gather... The only way a sinful human being can dare to approach and worship an almighty God is if we also know that He is a God of mercy. God's mighty power is known from the vastness of His creation, the stars and seas, light and darkness, tempests and storms (Job 38). "The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom" (Psalm 111:10). Yet we are told, "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved" (Romans 10:13). "Therefore the LORD waits to be gracious to you, and therefore He exalts Himself to show mercy to you" (Isaiah 30:18). This "almighty and most merciful God" showed both His might and mercy when He became aware of His disciples' peril on a storm-tossed sea. Walking on water wasn't the point. It was the Lord's coming to save us in our fear and distress (Matthew 14). As the catechism says of God's commandments, "We should fear and love God." We can trust the God who has harnessed His wrath with His love. Greater love has no one than the God who joined us in our misery, took our sin upon Himself, and died our death but now is risen to save us from every evil that threatens us or makes us afraid.

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

688 "Come, Follow Me," the Savior Spake

**1 "Come, follow Me," the Savior spake,
"All in My way abiding;**

**Deny yourselves, the world forsake,
Obey My call and guiding.
O bear the cross, whate'er betide,
Take My example for your guide.**

**2 "I am the light, I light the way,
A godly life displaying;
I bid you walk as in the day;
I keep your feet from straying.
I am the way, and well I show
How you must sojourn here below.**

**3 "My heart abounds in lowliness,
My soul with love is glowing;
And gracious words My lips express,
With meekness overflowing.
My heart, My mind, My strength, My all,
To God I yield, on Him I call.**

**4 "I teach you how to shun and flee
What harms your soul's salvation,
Your heart from ev'ry guile to free,
From sin and its temptation.
I am the refuge of the soul
And lead you to your heav'nly goal."**

**5 Then let us follow Christ, our Lord,
And take the cross appointed
And, firmly clinging to His Word,
In suff'ring be undaunted.**

**For those who bear the battle's strain
The crown of heav'nly life obtain.**

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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 T+ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Service of the Word

Introit

Psalm 34:4–8; antiphon: v. 1

I will bless the LORD at all times;
his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

**I sought the LORD, and he answered me
and delivered me from all my fears.**

Those who look to him are radiant,
and their faces shall never be ashamed.

**This poor man cried, and the LORD heard him
and saved him out of all his troubles.**

The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear him,
and delivers them.

**Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good!
Blessèd is the man who takes refuge in him!**

**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.**

I will bless the LORD at all times;
his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

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.

Almighty and most merciful God, preserve us from all harm and danger that we, being ready in both body and soul, may cheerfully accomplish what You want done; 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

Psalm 1

¹Blessèd is the man

who walks not in the counsel of the wicked,
nor stands in the way of sinners,
nor sits in the seat of scoffers;

²but his delight is in the law of the LORD,
and on his law he meditates day and night.

³He is like a tree

planted by streams of water
that yields its fruit in its season,
and its leaf does not wither.

In all that he does, he prospers.

⁴The wicked are not so,
but are like chaff that the wind drives away.

⁵Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,
nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;

⁶for the LORD knows the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked will perish.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Philippians 4:10–13

¹⁰I rejoiced in the Lord greatly that now at length you have revived your concern for me. You were indeed concerned for me, but you had no opportunity. ¹¹Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content. ¹²I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. ¹³I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

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 6:33–34

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

³³But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

³⁴"Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Children's Sermon

729 I Am Trusting Thee, Lord Jesus

**1 I am trusting Thee, Lord Jesus,
Trusting only Thee;
Trusting Thee for full salvation,
Great and free.**

**2 I am trusting Thee for pardon;
At Thy feet I bow,
For Thy grace and tender mercy
Trusting now.**

**3 I am trusting Thee for cleansing
In the crimson flood;
Trusting Thee to make me holy
By Thy blood.**

**4 I am trusting Thee to guide me;
Thou alone shalt lead,**

**Ev'ry day and hour supplying
All my need.**

**5 I am trusting Thee for power;
Thine can never fail.
Words which Thou Thyself shalt give me
Must prevail.**

**6 I am trusting Thee, Lord Jesus;
Never let me fall.
I am trusting Thee forever
And for all.**

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Sermon “Real Help for Anxiety II”

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 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 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 T 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 T 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.

Distribution Hymns

722 Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me

1 Lord, take my hand and lead me

Upon life's way;

Direct, protect, and feed me

From day to day.

Without Your grace and favor

I go astray;

So take my hand, O Savior,

And lead the way.

2 Lord, when the tempest rages,

I need not fear,

For You, the Rock of Ages,

Are always near.

Close by Your side abiding,

I fear no foe,

For when Your hand is guiding,

In peace I go.

3 Lord, when the shadows lengthen

And night has come,

I know that You will strengthen

My steps toward home.

Then nothing can impede me,

O blessèd Friend;

So take my hand and lead me

Unto the end.

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571 God Loved the World So That He Gave

- 1 God loved the world so that He gave
His only Son the lost to save,
That all who would in Him believe
Should everlasting life receive.**
- 2 Christ Jesus is the ground of faith,
Who was made flesh and suffered death;
All then who trust in Him alone
Are built on this chief cornerstone.**
- 3 God would not have the sinner die;
His Son with saving grace is nigh;
His Spirit in the Word declares
How we in Christ are heaven's heirs.**
- 4 Be of good cheer, for God's own Son
Forgives all sins which you have done;
And, justified by Jesus' blood,
Your Baptism grants the highest good.**
- 5 If you are sick, if death is near,
This truth your troubled heart can cheer:
Christ Jesus saves your soul from death;
That is the firmest ground of faith.**

**6 Glory to God the Father, Son,
And Holy Spirit, Three in One!
To You, O blessed Trinity,
Be praise now and eternally!**

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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.

577 Almighty God, Your Word Is Cast

**1 Almighty God, Your Word is cast
Like seed into the ground;**

**Now let the dew of heav'n descend
And righteous fruits abound.**

**2 Let not the sly satanic foe
This holy seed remove,
But give it root in ev'ry heart
To bring forth fruits of love.**

**3 Let not the world's deceitful cares
The rising plant destroy,
But let it yield a hundredfold
The fruits of peace and joy.**

**4 So when the precious seed is sown,
Life-giving grace bestow
That all whose souls the truth receive
Its saving pow'r may know.**

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FOOD PANTRY NEWS: St. John is collecting non-perishable food for the Berlin Food Pantry during the month of August. Please place your donation in the blue bin located in the card room. Paper products and cash donations are also accepted.

Calendar of Activities this week at St. John

10 Monday	Trustee Meeting	6:30 pm
11 Tuesday	Elder Meeting	6:30 pm
13 Thursday	Worship Service/HC	6:30 pm
16 Sunday	Worship Service/HC	9:00 am

GREAT NEWS! OUR SCHOOL ROOF PROJECT IS COMPLETE! We are excited to share that, thanks to the incredible generosity and support of our congregation, all funds needed for the school roof project have been successfully raised!

Even more exciting, the roof installation has now been completed! This important improvement will help protect our school building and provide a safe, secure environment for our students, teachers, and staff for years to come.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who generously contributed through donations, prayers, and fundraising efforts. Your support made this project possible, and we are truly grateful for the blessing of such a caring and committed church community.

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.

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!

FAMILY CONNECT INFORMATIONAL MEETING – AUGUST 19 Our Human Care Committee has met with and been impressed by a new, local organization called Family Connect that is equipping churches to care for the vetted needs of families in our community and would like to get our church involved. We're looking volunteers willing to commit no more than two hours a month to help our community and share Jesus' love and blessings. If you're interested, please join us on Wednesday, August 19, at 5:30 p.m. at church to learn about Family Connect.

ARE YOU A RETIRED TEACHER? St John Lutheran School is looking for retired teachers, with active licenses, that may be interested in tutoring students after school during the year. The schedule is flexible, and the subject areas are math and language. Please contact Miss Linse at mlinse@stjohnberlin.org or 920-361-0555 if you are interested.

CHRISTMAS VBS PLANNING MEETING

Are you interested in helping make this year's Christmas VBS a meaningful and memorable experience for our children? We invite all volunteers, parents, and anyone interested in assisting with Christmas VBS to join us for a planning meeting. **Date: Tuesday, September 22. Time: 4:30 p.m. Location: St. John Church.**

We will discuss themes, activities, music, decorations, volunteers, and other plans for this year's Christmas VBS program. Whether you have helped in the past or are interested in getting involved for the first time, your ideas and assistance are welcome.

Please join us as we begin preparing to share the message of Christ's birth with the children and families of our congregation and community. We look forward to seeing you there! Thank you!

FOX VALLEY TORNADO HELP

The storms on 7/27 left a lot of devastation in the Fox Valley including many in our sister congregations. Our South Wisconsin District has trained, disaster-response teams who'll be going to help with the clean-up. If you would like to provide financial support, please give at: swd.lcms.org/mercy. Please pray for those affected. More information will be coming in the future if you would like to get trained to join the disaster response efforts.



HELP FOR TORNADO VICTIMS: River Shores is hosting a drop site for the tornado victims in Menasha. I'll be taking donations during my office hours and on Sunday mornings. The rest of the info is in the poster. Thanks for sharing!



SUNDAY SCHOOL: As we approach the upcoming school year, we're also excited to begin another year of our Sunday School program! We invite you to volunteer and be a part of this year's Sunday School activities! It is not expected that you would need to be there every Sunday. If interested please email Molly Hegner at mmckinnon24@gmail.com. To register your child, simply scan the QR code or visit the table in the Narthex. We look forward to another wonderful year of learning, growing, and sharing God's love together!

PLANNING TO USE SCHOOL FACILITIES? As the new school year begins on September 1, please note that a facility calendar has been posted in the Card Room. This calendar provides information on room availability and includes instructions for reserving school space. For additional information or assistance, please reach out to the school office.

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 this week. Thank You!

LWML MITE COLLECTION : Collection will be taken on Sunday, August 16th. Look for the Mite boxes in the Narthex.

GRIEFSHARE SUPPORT GROUP AT RIVER SHORES CHURCH:

Thursday nights at River Shores church, 253 S. Church Street, Berlin, WI. A new section will begin on Thursday, August 29th and will run through mid-November. Any Questions? Contact Debby at (520-330-9379 or Email: redheddeb@msn.com

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Sermon Notes – 8-9-26 – Real Help for Worry II

-“But _____ first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.” (Matthew 6:33)

-We worry because we seek first OUR kingdom and OUR righteousness.

-Seeking God’s Kingdom and righteousness means that instead of fighting against God, we’re deciding to fight _____ God. We let his plans be our plans; his goals, our goals; and his glory, our glory.

-How can we be certain that God’s Kingdom and righteousness is *really* what’s best for us and that it *really* prevails?

-By dying on the cross, Jesus proved that he loved us immensely. And by _____ from the dead, Jesus proved that his Kingdom prevails.

-I think we can all say that we want to worry less and that the secret to worrying less is to stop seeking our own kingdoms and righteousness which we’re powerless to achieve and to start seeking God’s Kingdom and righteousness which he has already achieved.

-For us, to practically seek God's Kingdom and righteousness means to spend quality _____ with God and then, enlightened and encouraged by him, to live putting his desires and wisdom above your own.

-I'm willing to bet you worry because things might not go how you think they should go.

-Instead, of worrying, take Jesus' advice: seek first his Kingdom and righteousness – let him take control; _____ to his plans whatever they may be.

-God truly does know what's best for you, and I know he'll do what's best for you. I know that because he loves you so much he died on the cross for you, and I know that the best thing for you will happen because he rose three days later to already win that victory.

-Seek God's Kingdom by spending more quality time with him so you'll learn to _____ him more and more.