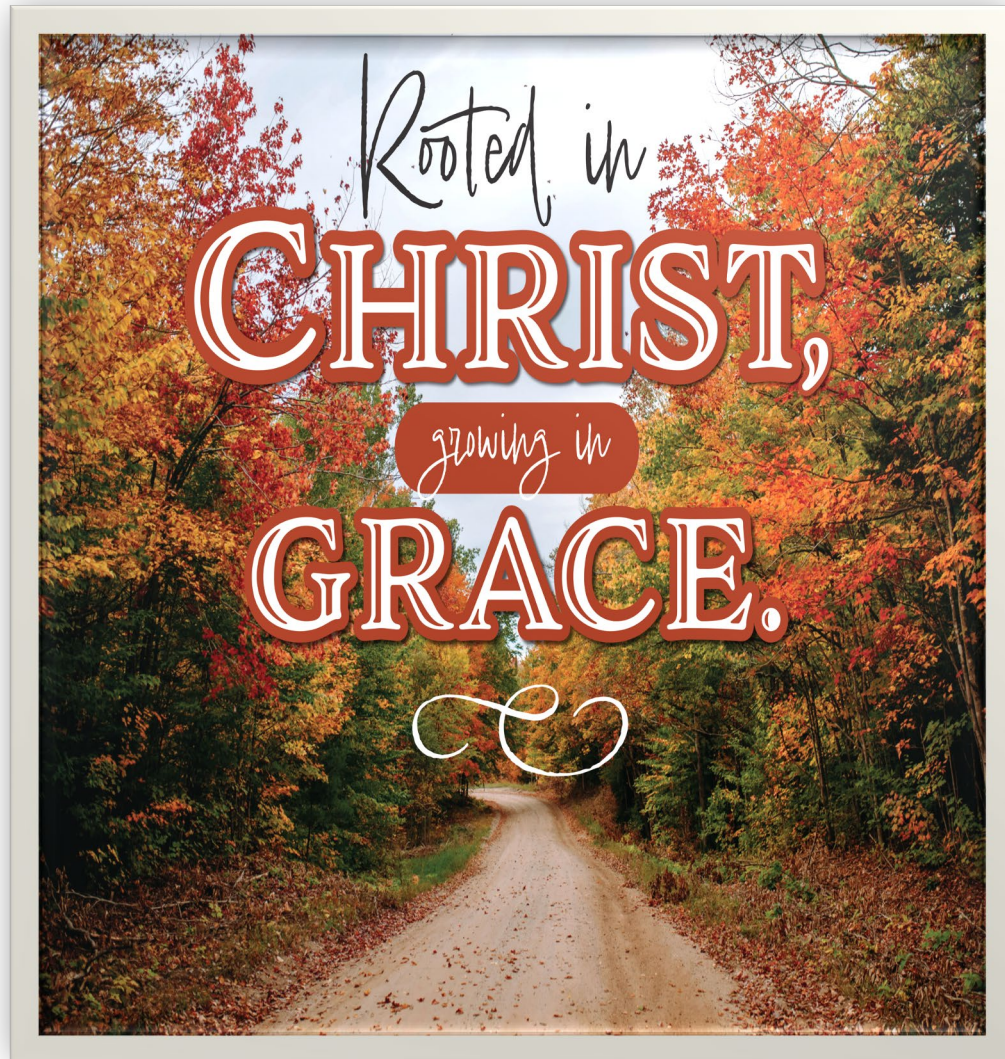


***St. John Lutheran Church & School
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**The 14th Sunday after Pentecost
August 27 and 30, 2026**

Large Print Bulletin

As We Gather... One of the areas of traditional historical study that has changed greatly in recent years is cartography, the science of mapmaking and map reading. Fewer people these days depend on the once-common foldout paper maps that were in use everywhere years ago. Directions to desired destinations are now often supplied by satellite imagery. Whatever technology is used, it is still important to be able to follow the instructions given with the map for it to be used successfully. Following is vital! On several occasions, Jesus says to those who would be His disciples very simply and straightforwardly, "Follow Me" (Matthew 4:19; Luke 9:59). Those who followed Him found renewal and blessing. As we follow His leading through our worship, we are renewed and blessed.

727 On Eagles' Wings

**1 You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord,
Who abide in His shadow for life,
Say to the Lord: "My refuge,
My rock in whom I trust!" Refrain**

**REFRAIN And He will raise you up on eagles' wings,
Bear you on the breath of dawn,
Make you to shine like the sun,
And hold you in the palm of His hand.**

**2 The snare of the fowler will never capture you,
And famine will bring you no fear;
Under His wings your refuge,
His faithfulness your shield.**

REFRAIN **And He will raise you up on eagles' wings,
Bear you on the breath of dawn,
Make you to shine like the sun,
And hold you in the palm of His hand.**

**3 You need not fear the terror of the night,
Nor the arrow that flies by day;
Though thousands fall about you,
Near you it shall not come.**

REFRAIN **And He will raise you up on eagles' wings,
Bear you on the breath of dawn,
Make you to shine like the sun,
And hold you in the palm of His hand.**

**4 For to His angels He's given a command
To guard you in all of your ways;
Upon their hands they will bear you up,
Lest you dash your foot against a stone.**

REFRAIN **And He will raise you up on eagles' wings,
Bear you on the breath of dawn,
Make you to shine like the sun,
And hold you in the palm of His hand.**

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Stand

P O Lord, open my lips,

C and my mouth will declare Your praise.

P Make haste, O God, to deliver me;

C make haste to help me, O Lord.

**C 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.**

Praise to You, O Christ. Alleluia.

Psalmody

P Blessed be God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

C O come, let us worship Him.

Venite *LSB 220*

C O come, let us sing to the Lord,

let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.

Let us come into His presence with thanksgiving,

let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise.

For the Lord is a great God

and a great king above all gods.

The deep places of the earth are in His hand;

the strength of the hills is His also.

The sea is His, for He made it,

and His hand formed the dry land.

**O come, let us worship and bow down,
let us kneel before the Lord, our maker.**

**For He is our God,
and we are the people of His pasture and the sheep of His
hand.**

**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.**

P Blessed be God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
C O come, let us worship Him.

First Reading

Isaiah 25:6–9

⁶On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine,
of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined.

⁷And he will swallow up on this mountain
the covering that is cast over all peoples,
the veil that is spread over all nations.

⁸He will swallow up death forever;
and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces,
and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the
earth,
for the LORD has spoken.

⁹It will be said on that day,

“Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might

save us.

This is the LORD; we have waited for him;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation."

Epistle Reading

Ephesians 2:11–16

¹¹Therefore remember that at one time you Gentiles in the flesh, called "the uncircumcision" by what is called the circumcision, which is made in the flesh by hands— ¹²remember that you were at that time separated from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. ¹³But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. ¹⁴For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility ¹⁵by abolishing the law of commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, ¹⁶and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility.

Responsory *LSB 221*

P Forever, O Lord, Your Word is firmly set in the heavens.

**C Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where
Your glory dwells.**

P Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and keep it.

**C Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where
Your glory dwells.**

P Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

**C Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where
Your glory dwells.**

Gospel Reading

Matthew 8:5–13

⁵When he entered Capernaum, a centurion came forward to him, appealing to him, ⁶"Lord, my servant is lying paralyzed at home, suffering terribly." ⁷And he said to him, "I will come and heal him." ⁸But the centurion replied, "Lord, I am not worthy to have you come under my roof, but only say the word, and my servant will be healed. ⁹For I too am a man under authority, with soldiers under me. And I say to one, 'Go,' and he goes, and to another, 'Come,' and he comes, and to my servant, 'Do this,' and he does it." ¹⁰When Jesus heard this, he marveled and said to those who followed him, "Truly, I tell you, with no one in Israel have I found such faith. ¹¹I tell you, many will come from east and west and recline at table with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven, ¹²while the sons of the kingdom will be thrown into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth." ¹³And to the centurion Jesus said, "Go; let it be done for you as you have believed." And the servant was healed at that very moment.

Children's Sermon

551 When to Our World the Savior Came

**1 When to our world the Savior came
The sick and helpless heard His name,
And in their weakness longed to see
The healing Christ of Galilee.**

**2 That good physician! Night and day
The people thronged about His way;
And wonder ran from soul to soul,
“The touch of Christ has made us whole!”**

**3 His praises then were heard and sung
By opened ears and loosened tongue,
While lightened eyes could see and know
The healing Christ of long ago.**

**4 Of long ago: yet living still,
Who died for us on Calv’ry’s hill;
Who triumphed over cross and grave,
His healing hands stretched forth to save.**

**5 His sov’rein purpose still remains
Who rose in pow’r, and lives and reigns;
Till ev’ry tongue confess His praise,
The healing Christ of all our days.**

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**Sermon LESSONS FROM THE HEALING
 OF A CENTURION’S SERVANT**

Stand

Te Deum *LSB 223*

**C We praise You, O God; we acknowledge You to be the Lord.
All the earth now worships You, the Father everlasting.
To You all angels cry aloud, the heavens and all the pow'rs
therein.**

To You cherubim and seraphim continually do cry:

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth;
heaven and earth are full of the majesty of Your glory.
The glorious company of the apostles praise You.
The goodly fellowship of the prophets praise You.**

**The noble army of martyrs praise You.
The holy Church throughout all the world does acknowledge
You:**

**The Father of an infinite majesty;
Your adorable, true, and only Son;
also the Holy Ghost, the Comforter.**

**You are the king of glory, O Christ;
You are the everlasting Son of the Father.**

**When You took upon Yourself to deliver man,
You humbled Yourself to be born of a virgin.
When You had overcome the sharpness of death,
You opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.**

**You sit at the right hand of God
in the glory of the Father.
We believe that You will come
to be our judge.**

**We therefore pray You to help Your servants,
whom You have redeemed with Your precious blood.
Make them to be numbered with Your saints
in glory everlasting.**

**O Lord, save Your people and bless Your heritage.
Govern them and lift them up forever.
Day by day we magnify You.
And we worship Your name forever and ever.**

**Grant, O Lord, to keep us this day without sin.
O Lord, have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us.
O Lord, let Your mercy be upon us, as our trust is in You.
O Lord, in You have I trusted; let me never be confounded.**

Sit

Offering

Prayer

Stand

**Kyrie *LSB 227*
C Lord, have mercy;
Christ, have mercy;
Lord, have mercy.**

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.**

Collects

P O Lord, hear my prayer.

C And let my cry come to You.

Collect of the Day

Almighty God, Your Son willingly endured the agony and shame of the cross for our redemption. Grant us courage to take up our cross daily and follow Him wherever He leads; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Collect

P Merciful Father, through Holy Baptism You called us to be Your own possession. Grant that our lives may evidence the working of Your Holy Spirit in love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control, according to the image of Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C Amen.

Collect for Grace

P O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, You have safely brought us to the beginning of this day. Defend us in the same with Your mighty power and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger, but that all our doings, being ordered by Your governance, may be righteous in Your sight; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Stand

Benedicamus LSB 228

P Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Benediction 228

P The grace of our Lord +Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C Amen.

923 Almighty Father, Bless the Word

**1 Almighty Father, bless the Word
Which through Your grace we now have heard.
Oh, may the precious seed take root,
Spring up, and bear abundant fruit!**

**2 We praise You for the means of grace
As homeward now our steps we trace.
Grant, Lord, that we who worshiped here
May all at last in heav'n appear.**

 **3 Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

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Calendar of Activities this week at St. John

1 Monday	First Day of School for K-8	
3 Thursday	Ladies Aid Fall Luncheon	1:00 pm
3 Thursday	Worship/HC	6:30 pm
6 Sunday	Worship/HC	9:00 am

Interested in Joining St. John Lutheran Church?

Our Fall Membership Class begins Wednesday, September 23, and meets weekly from 6:00–7:30 p.m. through November 11. If you have questions about the class, please see Pastor Rob. If you would like to join to learn more about the Christian faith and St. John, please contact the church office at 920-361-9935 or church@stjohnberlin.org by September 21.

KEEP THE BELLS RINGING! We are looking for someone to lead our Handbell Choir and help continue this meaningful music ministry. The ideal person would have a strong knowledge of handbells, including ringing techniques, music selection, directing rehearsals, and preparing the choir to participate in worship services throughout the year. If you are interested or would like additional information, please contact the church office or Pastor Rob.

CRACKING CLAYS FOR LUWISOMO: Challenge yourself on a scenic 100-target sporting clays course at Mayville Gun Club, located near the Horicon Marsh State Wildlife Area. Enjoy a fun event for all skill levels while supporting LuWiSoMo's ministry. Not a shooter? Support the event with a sponsorship or Ministry Partner gift.

Register by Monday, August 31 Dan Freiburger | 608-698-3770 |
dfreiburger@luwisomo.org

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR MEAL DELIVERY PROGRAM: The Green Lake County Department of Health & Human Services Aging Unit is seeking volunteers to help deliver prepared nutritional meals from the Berlin Senior Center to homebound seniors in the Berlin area. This rewarding opportunity allows you to make a meaningful difference in the lives of elderly residents while providing an essential service to the community. Volunteer drivers receive a daily stipend as well as mileage reimbursement at \$0.76 per mile. For more information or to volunteer, please contact the Green Lake County Department of Human Services Aging Unit at 920-294-4070 and ask for Ryan Bamberg.

SHARE YOUR MUSICAL GIFTS! Do you enjoy singing or playing an instrument? We are always looking for musicians and vocalists to assist with worship services, as well as participants for special Christmas and Easter choirs. If you would like to be involved, please contact the church office. Your talents can help lead our congregation in worship and give glory to God.

OPENINGS ON BOARD OF EDUCATION: The St. John Board of Christian Education will have two positions opening in January 2027. Board members serve three-year terms, and all candidates must be members of St. John Lutheran Church. If you would like more information or are interested in running for the board, please contact Miss Linse or any current member of the Board of Christian Education.

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.

VOLUNTEER ATHLETIC DIRECTOR: St. John Lutheran School is currently seeking a Volunteer Athletic Director. If you are interested in this opportunity, please contact Miss Linse by email or phone:

Email: mlinse@stjohnberlin.org

Phone: 920-946-8835

Thank you for taking the time to consider this opportunity and for your support of St. John Lutheran School.

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

GRIEFSHARE GROUP INFORMATION: *If you have any questions about GriefShare or would like more information, please contact Amy Brooks at 920-789-9385. Amy would be happy to answer your questions and help you learn more about this valuable support ministry.*

SEPTEMBER MEN'S MINISTRY! For September we will be having a fish fry at 2301 Wall St. in Berlin, at 6pm on September 9th. Bible study will follow. Enjoy your Labor Day weekend!

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!

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!

NEW BIBLE STUDY: THE PURPOSES OF SUFFERING: Starting Sunday, September 6, join us for a three-week study on suffering — why God allows it, and what He's doing through it. We'll walk through the biblical purposes behind our hardest seasons, and how Christ, who suffered with us and for us, meets us in ours. Join us in the church basement after the Sunday service - all are welcome!

PLASTIC BAG COLLECTION TO BE DISCONTINUED: Thank you to everyone that recycled plastic for St. John Church and School (and the Second Time Around Shop). We received three composite decking benches (one for each location) through your donations. St. John donated over 3,500 lbs. of plastic. We are truly thankful for your efforts because this plastic did not go into our landfills or waterways.

The Trex Company, Inc. has changed their recycling program and discontinued the free composite decking bench.

St. John Church and School will NO longer collect plastic, effective September 30, 2026.

Help the Berlin Boys and Girls Club collect for personal needs.

Quality conditioner for curly and straight hair

Girls Swimsuits (Size M(d) and L(10/12 just need 1 or 2 of these as backups

Curly hair cream and products

Fragrance free/sensitive skin face wash

Fragrance free/sensitive skin face moisturizers

Women's size small/medium/large sports bras

Sensitive skin lotion

Toothbrush covers

Detangling brushes

Shower loofahs

Hair ties

Women's size underwear (all sizes)

Boys and girls kids size shorts and T-shirts (especially size xs,s,m)

There will be a tote in the Narthex for these items.

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.



sSermon Notes – 8-30-26 – Lessons from the Healing of a Centurion's Servant

Don't Hesitate to Do Good

-We're supposed to _____ Jesus; so, when asked to help – even someone who doesn't deserve our help – we should prayerfully consider it and help when we're able.

-"When the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under

the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons.” (Galatians 4:4-5)

We’re Invited to the Party!

-Though the centurion was a _____, Jesus helped him.

-"I tell you, many will come from east and west and recline at table with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven."

(Matthew 8:11)

-Though we’re Gentiles, we’re invited to Jesus’ eternal victory party in _____!

A Glorious Glimpse of Heaven

-It’s good for you to think about these things. Daydream of the _____ of heaven so that you’ll be filled with hope and peace as you look forward to it!

A Devasting Depiction of Hell

"The sons of the kingdom will be thrown into the outer darkness..." (Matthew 8:12)

-In the Bible, "light" describes _____.

-That’s why it’s so disturbing to hear hell described as the "outer darkness" – this is the place where God is not, and thus where 'good' is not.

-Instead of trying to forget about it, we should let its horrors drive us to "Jesus who _____ us from the wrath to come." (1 Thessalonians 1:10)

-Both the glories of heaven and the horrors of hell that we talked about should lead us to spend more quality time with Jesus so our

faith is strengthened through which we escape hell and enter heaven.

Who's Your Faith In?

- It's really natural for us to start thinking like the Jews – that we'll get into heaven simply because of who we are or what we've done.
- The defining characteristic of Christianity is that there's only one way to be saved and that's by _____ in Jesus to be one's Savior.

Even though the centurion was the last person Jesus should have helped, he did. He healed his servant, and he even promised him heaven through his faith.