

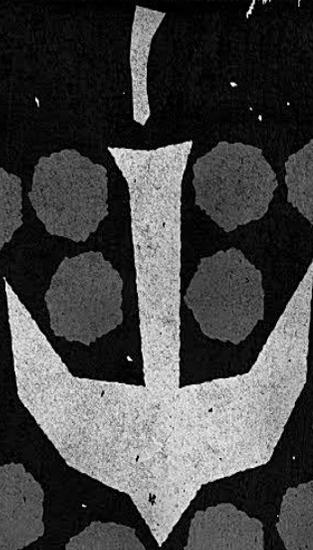
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St. John's Lutheran Church
New Berlin, IL

THE
LORD
IS GOOD
and His love
endures forever
His faithfulness
continues through
all generations
PSALM 100:5

✠ 7th Sunday in Easter ✠ May 16, 2021 ✠



**"But when the Helper comes,
whom I will send to you from
the Father, the Spirit of Truth,
Who proceeds from the Father,
He will bear witness about Me"**

John 15:26

As We Gather...When we feel sad, discouraged, depressed, then He waves a magic wand, and the bad feelings disappear. That would be nice, wouldn't it? But that is not how the Spirit works. The Spirit works in and with the Word. He speaks the comfort of Christ. That is how He brings the medicine that soothes our souls.

Opening Hymn: *How Firm a Foundation* LSB # 728



1 How firm a foundation, O saints of the Lord,
2 "Fear not! I am with you, O be not dismayed,
3 "The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose
4 "When through every trial your path-way will lie,
5 "Through-out all their life-time My peo-ple will prove



Is laid for your faith in His ex-cel-lent Word!
For I am your God and will still give you aid;
I will not, I will not, de- sert to his foes;
My grace, all-suf-fi-cient, will be your sup- ply.
My sov- 'reign, e- ter- nal, un- change- a- ble love;



What more can He say than to you He has said
I'll strength- en you, help you, and cause you to stand,
That soul, though all hell should en- deav- or to shake,
The flames will not hurt you; I on- ly de- sign
And then, when gray hairs will their tem- ples a- dorn,



Who un- to the Sav- ior for ref- uge have fled?
Up- held by My righ- teous, om- nip- o- tent hand.
I'll nev- er, no nev- er, no nev- er, for- sake!
Your dross to con- sume and your gold to re- fine.
Like lambs they will still in My bos- om be borne."

The Proclamation

Pastor: Christ is risen.
People: **He is risen indeed!**
Pastor: Christ is risen.
People: **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Invocation

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
People: **Amen.** *Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]*
Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord,
People: **who made heaven and earth.** *Psalms 124:8*
Pastor: If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
People: **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore, You are feared.** *Psalms 130:3-4*
Pastor: 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. *[Luke 18:13]*
People: **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**
Pastor: 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. *[John 20:19-23]*
People: **Amen.**

Sunday Bible Class:

9:00 am

Sunday Worship:

10:00 am

Wednesday Bible Class

9:00 am

Holy Communion

First, Third, Fifth Sunday.

**Welcome
in the name of Jesus!**

*We're so glad to have you
join us to worship our Lord!*

*If you are a guest with us
for worship today, please
introduce yourself to our
pastor and stop by the
registration book at the
back of church.*

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Emergencies 24/7

Policy Regarding the Lord Supper
When our Family of Faith celebrates the Lord's Supper, we believe Jesus Christ gives us not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins. Our Lord invites to His table the baptized who trust His words, repent of all sin, and forgive and love as He forgives and loves us. Those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm. Any who are not yet instructed or who hold a confession of faith differing from that of the LCMS, are asked to please refrain from communing today.

Introit

Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud. Alleluia.

Your face, Lord, do I seek; hide not your face from me. Alleluia.

The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

Teach me your way, O Lord;

give me not up to the will of my adversaries;

Psalm 27:1, 11a, 12; antiphon: vv. 7a, 8b, 9a

for false witnesses have risen against me,
and they breathe out violence.

**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.

Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud. Alleluia.

Your face, Lord, do I seek; hide not your face from me. Alleluia.

Kyrie (Sung)

Mark 10:47

LSB # 204



Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

Gloria in Excelsis (Sung)

Luke 2:14; John 1:29 *LSB # 204*



1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;
2 To You, O sole - be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro - claimed at Je - sus' birth!
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor - shi - ped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n - ly King.
Where You in pow'r are seat - ed At God's right hand on high—
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

2 Timothy 4:22 *LSB # 205*

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us pray.

People: **O King of glory,
Lord of hosts,
uplifted in triumph
far above all
heavens, leave us
not without
consolation but send
us the Spirit of truth
whom You
promised from the
Father; for You live
and reign with Him
and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and
forever. Amen.**

First Reading

Ezekiel 36:22–28

²²“Therefore say to the house of Israel, Thus says the Lord GOD: It is not for your sake, O house of Israel, that I am about to act, but for the sake of my holy name, which you have profaned among the nations to which you came. ²³And I will vindicate the holiness of my great name, which has been profaned among the nations, and which you have profaned among them. And the nations will know that I am the LORD, declares the Lord GOD, when through you I vindicate my holiness before their eyes. ²⁴I will take you from the nations and gather you from all the countries and bring you into your own land. ²⁵I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. ²⁶And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. ²⁷And I will put my Spirit within you and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my

just decrees. ²⁸You shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers, and you shall be my people, and I will be your God.”

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle *1 Peter 4:7–14*

⁷The end of all things is at hand; therefore, be self-controlled and sober-minded for the sake of your prayers. ⁸Above all, keep loving one another earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sins. ⁹Show hospitality to one another without grumbling. ¹⁰As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God’s varied grace: ¹¹whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God; whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies—in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

¹²Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. ¹³But rejoice insofar as you share Christ’s sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed. ¹⁴If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Alleluia and Verse (*Sung*)



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



These things are writ - ten that you may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

John 20:31



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel *John 15:26—16:4*

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the Fifteenth and Sixteenth Chapter.

People: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

²⁶[Jesus said:] “When the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father, he will bear witness about me. ²⁷And you also will bear witness, because you have been with me from the beginning.

¹⁴“I have said all these things to you to keep you from falling away. ²They will put you out of the synagogues. Indeed, the hour is coming when whoever kills you will think he is offering service to God. ³And they will do these things because they have not known the Father, nor me. ⁴But I have said these things to you, that when their hour comes you may remember that I told them to you.

“I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

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.

Children’s Message:

Hymn of the Day:

Eternal Spirit of the Living Christ

LSB# 769



1 E - ter - nal Spir - it of the liv - ing Christ,
 2 Come, pray in me the prayer I need this day;
 3 Come with the strength I lack, bring vi - sion clear



I know not how to ask or what to say;
 Help me to see Your pur - pose and Your will—
 Of hu - man need; O give me eyes to see



I on - ly know my need, as deep as life,
 Where I have failed, what I have done a - miss;
 Ful - fill - ment of my life in love out-poured,



And on - ly You can teach me how to pray.
 Held in for - giv - ing love, let me be still.
 My life in You, O Christ; Your love in me.

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Sermon:

Comforter

Pastor David Benning

Giving Options:

There are several ways to give during this time we are not able to meet in person. One is the Give + app, which can be downloaded from your phone’s app store. Our E-Giving platform can also be accessed from our website by clicking on the E-GIVING tab at the top of the page. In addition to these two options, we also have a locked drop box on the outside of church next to the bulletins.

Offering Prayer

Pastor: Let us pray.

People: **Lord, continue to use the gifts You have given us to help others in a way that is kind, gentle and patient. Give us a heart to share Your Word with the wayward and the lost and the forgiveness that only comes through Your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Prayers of the Church

[2 Timothy 2:1-4]

Pastor: Lord, in Your mercy . . .

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Lord, remember us in Your Kingdom and teach us to pray . . .

Matthew 6:9-13

People: **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.**

WE NOW PREPARE HEART & MIND TO RECEIVE THE LORDS SUPPER

Preface

LSB 208

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

2 Timothy 4:22

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

[2 Colossians 3:1]

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

[Psalm 136]

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord,...

Sanctus (Sung)

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9

LSB 208

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;
Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.
Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san - na to the Lord;
Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

The Words of Our Lord

Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25

Pastor: 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."

Pastor: The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

John 20:19

People: **Amen.**

Agnus Dei (Sung)

John 1:29

LSB 210

1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
 2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
 You take the sin of the world a - way;
 You take the sin of the world a - way;
 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
 Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,
 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
 And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

Thanksgiving after receiving the Sacrament

Almighty and everlasting God, I thank and praise You for feeding me the life-giving body and blood of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Send Your Holy Spirit that, having with mouth received the holy Sacrament, I may by faith obtain and eternally enjoy Your divine grace, the forgiveness of sins, unity with Christ, and life eternal; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.

Distribution Hymn:

We Are Called to Stand Together

LSB # 828

1 We are called to stand to - geth - er With the saints of
 2 Those whom Je - sus called a - pos - tles Jour - neyed with Him
 3 Through the in - ter - ven - ing a - ges Round the world the
 4 Now in man - y tongues and cul - tures Songs of cel - e -
 5 To each com - ing gen - er - a - tion Tell the truth, per -
 a - ges past, With the pa - tri - archs and proph - ets
 side by side, Heard His teach - ing, felt His pow - er,
 Gos - pel spread: Faith - ful her - alds took the mes - sage,
 bra - tion ring; Mil - lions who con - fess our Sav - ior
 suade, ex - plain, Till the time when time is end - ed,
 In the faith they once held fast; Prom - is - es and
 Saw the way He lived and died; Then the news of
 Guid - ed where the Spir - it led; So the bod - y
 Hon - or Him as Lord and King And, for cour - age,
 Till the Sav - ior comes a - gain— Till the saints are
 hopes they trea - sured Now we find ful - filled at last!
 res - ur - rec - tion They de - liv - ered far and wide.
 grew in stat - ure, Serv - ing Christ, the liv - ing head.
 grace and guid - ance Ev - 'ry day their prayers they bring.
 all u - nit - ed Un - der Christ's e - ter - nal reign!

Post Communion Blessing

Pastor: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart in His peace.

People: **Amen.**

Nunc Dimittis (Sung)

Luke 2:29-32

LSB 211



1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All
part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the
glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three - in - One;
A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -
For as in lead the be - gin - ning, Is
to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -
peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Pastor: Let us pray.

People: **Lord Jesus, You took on flesh and blood, being born to give me life and hope. Thank you for giving me the gift of Your body broken and Your blood shed and for Your forgiveness and love. Use it to strengthen my confession of Your Lordship in my life, until that day when You come again in glory and with the Father and the Holy Spirit, to live and reign to all eternity. Amen.**

Benedicamus and Benediction

Pastor: Let us bless the Lord.

[Psalm 103:1]

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon and be gracious unto you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you His peace.

Numbers 6:24-26

People: **Amen, Amen, Amen. (Sung)**

Anniversary Closing Hymn:

Listen, God Is Calling

LSB # 833



Lis - ten, lis - ten, God is call - ing Through the Word in - vit - ing,
Of - fer - ing for - give - ness, Com - fort, and joy.

Leader All

1 Je - sus gave His man - date: Share the good news
 2 Let none be for - got - ten Through - out the world.
 3 Help us to be faith - ful, Stand - ing stead - fast,
 That He came to save us — And set us free.
 In the tri - une name of God Go and bap - tize.
 Walk - ing in Your pre - cepts, — Led by Your Word.

Refrain

CHURCH NEWS

TODAY IN SUNDAY SCHOOL

Today, we studied “Enduring Exile.” Despite constant warnings, the Israelites continued worshipping false gods. Because of this, God allows the king of Assyria to capture the Israelites and take them into exile. The king then resettles Samaria with other peoples, who bring with them their own false gods. This was the beginning of the Samaritans. ***For discussion at home this week: "Why do you think God allowed the Israelites to be taken into captivity? Do you think there are times in our lives when God uses difficult events to strengthen our faith and lead us back to Him?"***

GOD IS CALLING!

We are still in need of at least 2 more individuals willing to share the good news of God's love with the youngest members of St John's. See Connie Komnick if interested.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR VBS

"God's Wonder Lab: Jesus Does the Impossible" is coming to St John's the week of July 19. The format is still under consideration. Stay tuned!

THANK YOU

Carolyn Marcotte would like to thank everyone for all their many prayers, cards, gifts and food. Thank you also to my pastor for setting me up for Zoom so I could hear the church service.

ANNIVERSARY NEWS

The challenge continues from the 150th Anniversary group that each man, woman, and child watch for deals and purchase at least \$1.50 of food items for us to share with both the Loami Food Pantry and the NB laundromat pantry. ***Let's give thanks and do unto others as we would have them do unto us.***

REMINDER – Upcoming Servant Event –this afternoon - Sunday, May 16th, 1 pm to 4 pm in the church lower level. The dresses completed during this Little Dresses event will be taken to the National LWML Convention in June. All supplies will be provided (except sewing machines). For those who don't sew, we are always in need of pinners, pressers and designers. Contact Christina Lions if you have any questions.

MARY-MARTHA

A Mary-Martha thank you to Marsha Lovekamp Smith for sharing her God-given gift of artistic talent with us at our May Meeting! Marsha shared the steps she followed while working for about 1 year to complete the beautiful banner honoring the 150 years of blessings at St. John's. Marsha has shared her artistic gifts with St. John's in many ways over the years- Thank You!!

DID YOU KNOW?

One way to encourage younger people in your life, and yourself, to read Portals of Prayer is by downloading the online app to their phones.

KFUO

CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFUO.org: study Jeremiah 3-5 on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8:00 a.m. CT), dig into 1 Kings 17-20 on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m. CT), and hear a practical application of our Lutheran Confessions on Concord Matters (Saturday at 10:00 a.m. CT). Download our new KFUO Radio iOS or Android app to listen live or on demand!

MAY & JUNE 2021 LWML CID MISSION GRANT #1

Student Aid for Church Workers - \$30,000

Due to the high cost of becoming a full-time church worker, many students find it difficult to complete their schooling. This grant will provide partial funding to CID students so they may realize their dreams of becoming full-time church workers. These funds would be distributed through the LCMS CID Scholarship Committee.

2021 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

Since October the Voter's Assembly has approved two capital improvement projects to the Parsonage totaling \$28,975. On October 4 the Voter's Assembly acted to approve a bid of \$10,155 to re-roof the Parsonage. On December 20 the Voter's Assembly acted to approve a bid for \$18,820 to replace all of the windows in the Parsonage. Both projects are underway, as weather permits. On paper, we have the funds to cover these projects. However, in the short run, it would leave our General Fund at a very low level. We are making an appeal for you to make a special donation to cover these projects. Please make your checks payable to St. John's Lutheran Church with a designation to "2021 Capital Improvement Projects." As of April 4, \$5,000 has been donated to this project!

How to watch St. John's live services on your device...

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Please submit bulletin information by Noon on Thursday. Email Allicent Smith at Sallicent@gmail.com or call (217) 341-1757. Thank you!

The True Vine

"I am the vine: you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.," John 15:5 (NIV)



The puzzle is based on John 15:1-8

R P O W M P N S I O N F J X Z
 S E O G A Z Y M H A P B K G X
 N S M L D R W O E P P V T P W
 X C U A Y R M L X N X S A Y K
 B P P L I A C R T N M F R Z A
 X K R N N N A I H W O R D S J
 C S U N L E D A R G J N R K X
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WORDS	GARDENER	REMAIN	BEAR	GLORY
CLEAN	PRUNES	THROWN	VINE	TRUE
FRUIT	BRANCH	FIRE	WITHERS	BURNED

"I AM" THE VINE

Guide the gardener to the fruit tree.

