

PROPERs FOR NINETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
10 AUGUST 2025

Flowers placed at the altar this morning are offered in thanksgiving to God for the marriage of Ryan Mohr and Kaidlyn (Fuhrmann). Ryan and Kaidlyn were united in marriage yesterday, August 9th at St. John, Bingen. We pray the Lord's blessing upon their marriage.

INTROIT/PsALM

Psalm 147:8–11; antiphon: v. 7



Sing to the Lord with thanks- | giving;
make melody to our God | on the lyre!*

**He covers the heavens with clouds; he prepares rain | for the earth;*
he makes grass grow | on the hills.**

He gives to the | beasts their food,*
and to the young ravens | that cry.

**His delight is not in the strength | of the horse,*
nor his pleasure in the legs | of a man,**

but the Lord takes pleasure in those who | fear him,*
in those who hope in his | steadfast love.

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;**

as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

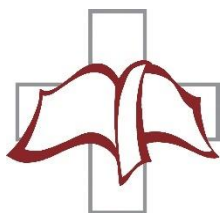
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GRADUAL

Psalm 34:9, 19, alt.

Fear the Lord, | you his saints,*
for those who fear him lack | nothing!

**Many are the afflictions of the | righteous,*
but the Lord delivers him out | of them all.**



St. John Lutheran Church ✝

Bingen ✝

Blessing of Bibles, Hymnals, and Catechisms for Use in Home and School

Parents and kindergarten, third-grade, and sixth-grade students are presented before the pastor.

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

C Amen.

P The Lord God, by His Holy Spirit, has caused all Holy Scripture to be written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. Such learning takes place when we hear the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bear fruit with patience. Since the Lord has taught us in His holy Word that everything is sanctified by the Word of God and prayer, it is fitting that these Bibles, Hymnals, and Catechisms be blessed and sanctified for use in the homes and school of our church.

Let us pray. O God, You have given us Your holy Word to be a lamp to our feet and a light to our path. We implore You to bless these Bibles, Hymnals, and Catechisms. Enlighten the hearts and minds of those who read from them and use them, and open the ears of all who hear the Gospel proclaimed from them, that by Your Spirit they may earnestly hold fast to Him who is the way, the truth, and the life, even Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

P The Lord Almighty, the Father, the ✝ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless these Bibles, Hymnals, and Catechisms for use in the homes and school of His holy Church.

C Amen.

Kindergarteners receive a Student Bible and Luther's Small Catechism.

Third-graders receive a Lutheran Service Book (hymnal).

Sixth-graders receive a Lutheran Study Bible

The pastor addresses the parents.

- P** Dear Christian parents, the Lord has given you the joyful calling of rearing these children in the faith and instructing them for loving service in the world. Thus does each Chief Part of the Catechism begin with these words: "As the head of the family should teach it in a simple way to his household." Hear the Word of God concerning this vocation: "Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates." (Deuteronomy 6:4-9)

The pastor addresses the students.

- P** Dear children of God, you are to serve the Lord in your vocations as children and students, dutifully honoring, serving, and obeying your parents and teachers, benefiting from their instruction and authority over you, and loving one another as God in Christ has loved you. Hear the Word of God concerning this task: "Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. 'Honor your father and mother' (this is the first commandment with a promise), 'that it may go well with you and that you may live long in the land.' Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord." (Ephesians 6:1-4)

The pastor prays the following:

- P** Let us pray. Lord and Giver of life, look with kindness upon the parents and guardians of these children, granting them ever to rejoice in the gift of life with which You have entrusted them. Enable them to be teachers and examples of righteousness, strengthening and keeping them in their Baptismal grace that they may share eternally with their children in the salvation You have given them. As Your only-begotten Son grew in wisdom and stature and in favor with God and all people, so bless, guide, and govern the children and young people of Your Church by Your Holy Spirit, that they may grow in grace and in the knowledge of Your Word. Grant that they may serve You well and usefully, developing their talents not for their own sakes but to Your glory and for the welfare of their neighbor. Protect and defend them

from all danger and harm, giving Your holy angels charge over them; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

The pastor blesses the parents and students with the following:

P Go, therefore, in the name of the Lord. The God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, equip you with everything good that you may do His will, grow in wisdom and grace, and love whatever is just and true. The almighty and most merciful God, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.

C Amen.

Parents and students return to their places.

The service continues with the Prayer of the Church.

NOTES FOR WORSHIP

RECORD OF FELLOWSHIP

Please fill out the Record of Fellowship located in each pew either before or after the service.

SACRAMENT OF THE ALTAR

Communicants are to be in full confessional fellowship with The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod. Visitors are kindly asked to read the communion statement below.

HOLY COMMUNION AT ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH

Confessing the Word of the Lord in love for all who worship here, and acknowledging the biblical truth that unity with Christ at His altar in Holy Communion embodies Christ's gift of unity in faith and practice, we welcome to the Lord's Supper all who are communicant members in good standing of an LCMS congregation. Communicants are asked to register their participation in the "Record of Fellowship," noting their home LCMS congregation if other than St. John, Bingen. If you have any questions about our communion practice, or the Lutheran faith in general, please speak with our pastor after the service.

St. John Weekly News ✝ August 10, 2025

Christian Education Today Kindergarten, third, and sixth grade students will receive gifts of Bibles, Hymnals, and Catechisms during both the 8:00 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. services.

Calling All Sunday School Teachers there will be a Sunday School Organizational meeting on Sunday August 17, at 10:30 a.m. in the Parish Hall. Please consider this opportunity to serve the Lord and His church.

Confirmation Organizational Meeting Sunday, August 24, at 10:30 a.m. in the Parish Hall. All 7th and 8th grade students and parents should plan to attend. The meeting should last no more than 30 minutes, and important information will be shared about both Wyneken confirmation instruction and Public/Home School confirmation instruction. If you are not able to attend, please contact Pastor Brock **before** August 24th. Again, please relay this information to anyone you know who has a child going into the 7th or 8th grade.

Ladies Guild Is the sending of greeting cards "going the way of the dinosaur" in this age of email and text messages? Bingenites, I am hoping you will consider "dusting off" the cards in your "stash" and putting them to use to bless. However, if you have any "extras" you aren't using, please bring your donations and place them into the box labeled "Card Donations" in the hallway heading to the parish hall. They will be put to use by Ladies Guild Cheer Committee. If you have any questions, please contact Sue Schieferstein: 260-223-5452 or sue-schieferstein@hotmail.com.

Wyneken Memorial Lutheran School is seeking an Athletic Director to lead our athletic program. Those interested or with questions can reach out to Casey Nidlinger, Interim Principal at 260-639-6177. _

Wyneken Class of 2027 is hosting a golf outing Sunday, September 21, proceeds go to their Washington DC trip. \$75 per player; \$300 per foursome. Check-in at 11:00 a.m. Shotgun starts 12:00 p.m. They are also looking for sponsors. Meal tickets only are \$12 each. For more information contact a current 7th grader of Brian Clemons 260-706-3213.

Middle and High School Youth

Today, August 10; 5 p.m. – Wyneken Kitchen Clean Up

Youth volunteers are needed to help clean up the Wyneken kitchen. Please note the start time of 5 p.m.

Sunday, August 17; 12-5:30 p.m. – All-Youth Back-to-School Bash at Pine Lake

The current plan for the Back-to-School Bash at Pine Lake Waterpark is to meet in the St. John, Bingen parking lot at 12 noon on Sunday, August 18 and carpool to Berne. The cost for youth is \$5. Chaperones are free as always. You may bring food and beverages in a cooler to be consumed at the picnic tables near the parking lot at Pine Lake. You may also bring additional cash to purchase concessions such as hamburgers, nachos, ice cream, etc.

Sunday, August 31; 5:00 p.m. – Tin Caps Game

We will leave at 5:00 p.m. from the Bingen parking lot for the 6:05 p.m. game. We plan to return around 10 p.m. Please let your pastor know if you're going by August 11.

Sunday, October 19; 2-6 p.m. – Corn Maze and More at Amazing Fall Fun

Indiana's largest corn maze and many other attractions await at Amazing Fall Fun in Waterloo. Bring \$10 and a friend at 2 p.m. to the Bingen parking lot. Parents, please contact your pastor if you are willing to drive.

Saturday, October 25; 5:00 p.m. – Trunk-or-Treat at Wyneken

High School Youth

Sunday, September 21; 6:30-8:30 p.m. – Wyneken Service Night

Save the Date—Right to Life Workshop at St. Paul, Preble Many people today reject or are indifferent to the pro-life view, often because they've never heard the pro-life position presented in a compelling manner. This workshop will prepare you to confidently communicate the pro-life position to others. Come learn to speak intelligently and graciously to the most pressing moral issue of our time: abortion. You'll leave prepared to confidently persuade others by exposing the logical fallacies of abortion-choice rhetoric without the need for vitriol and angry dialogue. **When: September 20th, 2025, 9am-12pm. The workshop will take place at St. Paul Lutheran Preble (4510 W 750 N, Decatur, IN 46733). This workshop is open to adults and students 7th grade and older.** *Please register at www.ichooselife.org/prebleworkshop. \$5 at the door or online. For questions, please call 260-471-1849 or email lucy@ichooselife.org. Registration by cash is available at the door.

Congregation at Prayer
Week of August 10-16

The Congregation at Prayer is designed to:

- 1. Encourage daily prayer in your family*
- 2. Aid the memorization of Scripture and Catechism*
- 3. Foster unity among students, teachers, and members of our congregations, as together we apply ourselves to the same texts for prayer and meditation for the week*

1. **Invocation**
2. **The Lord's Prayer**
3. **The Apostles' Creed**
4. **Luther's Morning or Evening Prayer**
5. **Memory Verse for the Week**

I AM the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. **Exodus 20:2**

6. **Catechism for the Week**

The First Commandment

You shall have no other gods.

What does this mean? We should fear, love, and trust in God above all things.

The Second Commandment

You shall not misuse the name of the LORD your God.

What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we do not curse, swear, use satanic arts, lie, or deceive by His name, but call upon it in every trouble, pray, praise, and give thanks.

Once the Scripture and Catechism have been recited once or twice, let the parents ask their children to recite these from memory.

✠ STEWARDSHIP CORNER ✠

Luke 12:24 – “Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them.” God feeds the birds of the air, this we know. It's just that, as one wit put it: God sometimes feeds the birds....to the cats! Yes, crosses and hardships will always come — Christ said that no disciple is above his Master. But through it all, the Lord cares for us and He calls upon us to entrust ourselves to that care. He really is our Father, and He really will guard and keep us through whatever this life has to throw at us. And in the end, we shall receive the gift of eternal life.