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NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sermon & Text: *"The Balance of Prayer"* Luke 11:1-13

Order of Service: *See printed Order of Service*

Hymns: 912 ♦ 808 st.1,4,5 ♦ 766 st.1-5 ♦ 766 st.6-9 ♦ 683

WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS

Now is the hour of worship. God speaks to us and we listen and respond with our hymns, prayers and praises. Together we bless the Lord whose purpose is to save us and keep us in His faithful flock. He is The God of Grace and The God of Glory. Please fill out a blue pew card from the rack in front of you and give it to the usher as you leave the church this morning.



SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE THIS MORNING

- ✠ Renee Petzoldt, *Organist* ✠ Grace Norden & Olyvia Dickmann, *Acolytes* ✠
- ✠ Dan & Deb Wachtman, *Greeters* ✠
- ✠ Florin Damman & LYF members, *Visitation* ✠
- ✠ Dennis Bockelman, Jeff Buchhop, David Myles, Jake Myles, *Ushers* ✠
- ✠ Kathy Badenhop, Sandy VonDeylen, Mary Rettig, *Altar Guild* ✠

AT REST – Henry Winkelman, 93, passed away on Thurs., July 22, at Henry County Hospital. Henry's funeral will be on Mon., July 26, at 11:00 AM here at St. John. Burial will be at St. John Lutheran Cemetery. Prayers and sympathies go out to his wife, *Delora*, his daughters, *Jane & Roger Petersen and Family, Lois & Geoffrey Lowery and Family, Joyce & Ted Rohrs and Family*, and his sister, *Anna Damman*.

PICTORIAL DIRECTORY – Once all the family pictures have been taken, we would like any miscellaneous pictures of any church activities submitted for the directory. If anyone has any such pictures from the past year, please submit them to *Bev Elling* or *Lois Rosebrock*. These can be meetings, choirs, athletic events, youth group functions, etc. These submitted pictures will complete the directory and be lasting memories for everyone receiving a directory. Thank you!

In God's House This Week		<i>Online church calendar: www.DynaCal.com/sjl</i>
Date	Time	Activities
Today	9:00 AM	Worship Service
Mon.	2:30 PM 4:00 PM	Church Directory pictures taken (<i>until 9:00 PM</i>) Girl's Basketball Open Gym (<i>see bulletin note</i>)
Tue.	9:00 AM 2:30 PM 4:00 PM 6:00 PM 7:00 PM	Exercise Class in gym Church Directory pictures taken (<i>until 9:00 PM</i>) Girl's Basketball Open Gym (<i>see bulletin note</i>) Boy's Basketball Open Gym (<i>see bulletin note</i>) LWML Society Meeting
Wed.	9:00 AM 2:30 PM	Exercise Class in gym Church Directory pictures taken (<i>until 9:00 PM</i>)
Fri.	10:00AM	Boy's Basketball Open Gym (<i>see bulletin note</i>)
Sun.	9:00 AM 10:15AM	Communion Service Adult Bible Class
Mon.- Sat.	7:20 AM	Morning Meditations, WONW 1280 AM Speaker: <i>Rev. Theodore Rellstab</i> , St. John Lutheran, Holgate

MATTERS FOR PRAYER – Please keep these people in your prayers:

- Stan Moll*, as he continues his battle with cancer
- Delores Badenhop*, recuperating at Golden Living Center – Northcrest following hip surgery
- Eleanore Bischoff*, now under hospice care in Defiance
- Ron Germann*, recuperating at home following knee surgery
- Matt Rosebrock* and *Kim Acton*, as they are joined in marriage on Sat., July 31 in Palatine, IL
- Servicemen Justin Atkinson, Kyle Elling, and Jason Rohrs*

ADULT BIBLE CLASS is cancelled this morning.

THANK YOU SO MUCH – I would like to express my sincere appreciation for all the cards, prayers, and visits from everyone during my recent hospitalization. I would also like to thank Pastor Niermann for his words of encouragement. Thank you again! It sure means an awful lot to me.
Signed, *Marian Fitzenreiter*

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS: Please note the change in church office hours during the month of July. They are Monday thru Friday: 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM. If making a special trip, please call (419-598-8961) to guarantee someone will be here. Thank you!

LWML MEETING will be held this Tues., July 27 at 7:00 PM. Our Convention delegates will tell us some of the highlights of the convention that they attended in Perrysburg. We will also read off the committee members for this year's Ladies Christmas Party. All women of the congregation are welcome to come and attend our meetings. Also the LWML Quarterlies and Odes are available on the table in the narthex.

CHURCH LIGHTING & NARTHEX PROJECTS: Volunteers are needed for this upcoming project beginning August 16th. Some of the volunteers will be setting up scaffolding in the church, others will be tearing out ceiling in the narthex, etc. Sign up at the table in the narthex. Contact *Al Damman* or *Mark Elling* with any questions about these projects.

CHURCH NEWSLETTER – It's time again to submit articles or news item for the church newsletter. Submissions are encouraged from all groups active at St. John. Articles related to our synod, neighboring churches, and similar information is welcome from anyone. *Please turn in material for the newsletter to the church/school office by Sun., Aug. 8th.*

<u>FINANCIAL FACTS:</u>	<u>Home Fund</u>	<u>Synod & Missions</u>	<u>Building Fund</u>
Weekly Need	\$9,617.04	\$500.00	\$961.54
Rec'd 7/18/10	\$8,342.03	\$166.00	\$745.00

ATTENDANCE: 7/18/10 – 259

ACHIEVEMENT TEST RESULTS: The Ohio Achievement Test results are ready to be picked up on the table in the narthex. These tests were administered to students in Grades 3-8. The Iowa Test results given to students in Grades 1&2 have also arrived. They are also being distributed. The envelopes are alphabetic by school families.

SCHOOL REFERRAL LETTERS & CARDS – We recently mailed out Referral Letters to all school families encouraging them to help “market” St. John Lutheran School to their friends and neighbors. There are additional letters and cards on the table in the narthex for any St. John congregation member that may want to help “market” our school within the community. We look forward to growing God’s kingdom through St. John Lutheran School.

ANNUAL SCHOOL CLEANING DATES have been set for Tues., Aug. 3 and Thurs., Aug. 5 starting at 6:30 PM both nights. Parents are asked to help if you **had** a student in Grades 1, 3, 5, or 7 this past school year. Bring rags and a pail if possible. Other volunteers are always welcome to come and help. The carpets will be cleaned on Wed., Aug. 4. Call a school board member if you cannot help on these two nights. This is a big project and the more people that come the easier it is.

COUNCIL MINUTES – This is just a reminder that council meeting minutes are not published until they are approved a month later. If you would like to read about the most recent council meeting, an unofficial and unapproved copy of the minutes is available for viewing in the church office, usually within a week after the meeting.

BOY'S OPEN GYM – There will be basketball open gyms for boys in Grades 2-8 on Tuesdays and Fridays on the following dates: July 27, and 30. These will run from 6:00 – 7:30 PM on Tuesday and 10:00 – 11:30 AM on Friday. *Doug Willeman* and *Mike Bostelman* will be supervising these open gyms. Bring a friend! Listen to WNDH Radio 103.1 FM for cancellation information.

EAGLE BASKETBALL OPEN GYM – The open gyms for St. John **girls only** entering grades 3-8 are on the following dates: July 26, and 27 from 4:00 – 5:30 PM. These are under the supervision of *Coach Schroeder, Coach Henry, and Coach Kara.*

SPORTS PHYSICAL FORMS: Those St. John students in Grades 4 – 8 must complete an Emergency Medical Authorization Form in order to participate in the sports programs offered at St. John. **Only students entering Grades 7 & 8 are required to have a sports physical.** All these forms are available in the “School Info” rack outside the school office.

CAMPBELL’S LABELS, BOXTOPS FOR EDUCATION, AND POP TABS: Our school collects Campbell’s labels, *Boxtops For Education*, and aluminum pop tabs all year long. Campbell’s labels earn points for St. John to be redeemed for various school supplies; *Boxtops For Education* is an ongoing PTL fundraiser earning 10¢ per box top for the PTL; and pop tabs are collected for the Ronald McDonald House in Toledo. There are collection boxes in the school office for each of these.

ITEMS FOR SALE: Check out the table in the hallway by the cry room! The Ladies Aid is offering a new item for sale. It is a scene canvas painting of the church. You may have any Bible verse, message or name painted on it. The cost is \$45. Give *Nancy Glaser* a call at 419-598-8432 to place your order. The other wooden buildings are still available for sale as well as the various dish cloths, cutlery, and boxed cards. Proceeds benefit the St. John Ladies Aid.

PRAYER CALENDAR NOTE: Please be aware that if you would like your wedding anniversaries printed on the prayer calendars, you will have to post them each year. Just list them on the blank calendars posted on the bulletin board in the narthex throughout the year. Thank you!

LARGE PRINT & CHILDREN’S ACTIVITY BULLETINS are available today on the table in the narthex. The Children’s Bulletins are coordinated with the Bible texts for each Sunday, and provide activities that tie in with the weekly themes. Pick one up today for your child.

ONLINE CHURCH CALENDAR! The online church calendar at www.dynacal.com/sjl can be a valuable tool to members. Be sure to bookmark the site for future reference. Explore the site and notice how you can:

- ☞ view all events, both church and school, or view them separately;
- ☞ search by words, events, or categories;
- ☞ see information for any of the sub-categories under church and school;
- ☞ view the calendar in different ways; month view, day view, etc.;
- ☞ click on an event and bring up a description of the event;
- ☞ click on last week’s council meeting and get the unapproved minutes;
- ☞ print the calendar for your reference at home.

Keep exploring, and have fun with it. Information is updated regularly.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT...

The man who has a good opinion of himself is often a poor judge!

“I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment.” (Romans 12:3)