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### TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sermon & Text: "Good" *Mark 10:17-31*

Order of Service: *Morning Prayer (LSB pg. 235)*

Hymns: **870 ~ 565 ~ 850**

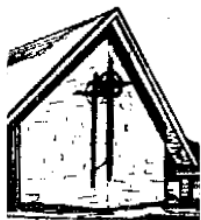
Children's Choir: Grades 5&6 Chime Choir will play "Then Angelus-I"

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### WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS

*Welcome to the services of God's House and the fellowship of our congregation. Enter in stillness...know that the Lord is God. Listen in reverence...it is God who has made us. Sing with delight...it is God who hears us. Speak with conviction...there is no other God. Depart in peace...it is God's gift for you. Serve with joy...it is your gift to God. Please fill out the Rite of Fellowship card from the pew rack in front of you to note your presence and pass it to the center aisle during the offering.*

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### **SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE THIS MORNING**

- ✘ Renee Petzoldt, *Organist* ✘ Colin Johnson & Aden Foor, *Acolytes* ✘
- ✘ Joyce & Dan Wiechers, *Greeters* ✘
- ✘ Lawrence & Hildegard Behrmann, *Visitation* ✘
- ✘ Denny Behnfeldt, Elmer Maassel, Bob Norden, Ted Ripke, *Ushers* ✘
- ✘ Marietta Damman, Deb Wachtman, Sharon Badenhop, Nancy Short, *Altar Guild* ✘

**THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR** are placed in recognition of the marriage of *Eric Riefers* and *Kayleigh Maggert* which took place here at St. John yesterday, October 10<sup>th</sup>. We rejoice with Eric & Kayleigh as they begin their life together as husband and wife, and wish them many years of happiness together. Congrats to the Riefers!

**COMMUNION CHANGE FOR OCTOBER:** In Pastor's absence next Sunday (10-18) and with Reformation Sunday coming up the following week, we have rescheduled Holy Communion for the last Sunday of October (instead of the third Sunday). Thursday Evening Communion will fall on Thurs., Oct. 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**In God's House This Week**Online church calendar: [www.DynaCal.com/sjl](http://www.DynaCal.com/sjl)

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Activities</b>
Today	9:00 AM 10:20AM	Worship Service with Communion following <i>Java Joy</i> ; Adult Bible Class; Sunday School; "Time To Spare"
Mon.	5:00 PM	V-ball: Gr. 5-8 Girls vs. NWO Cougars at Filling Home Gym (A)
Tue.	8:35 AM 9:00 AM 7:00 PM	Chapel led by Pastor Niermann; Offering: <i>K-9 Comfort Dog Ministry</i> Exercise Class Church Council Meeting
Wed.	6:15 PM 6:30 PM 7:30 PM	Jr. Hi Confirmation Class ( <i>until 7:30 PM</i> ) Adult Bell Choir practice Adult Choir practice
Thurs.	9:00 AM 6:00 PM 7:00 PM	NO SCHOOL – Educator's Conference ( <i>Thurs. and Fri.</i> ) Exercise Class V-ball: Gr. 4-6 Girls; 7:00 PM Gr. 7&8 Girls vs. Toledo Hornets (A) Thursday Evening Praise
Sun.	9:00 AM 10:20AM	Worship Service Adult Bible Class; Sunday School; "Time To Spare"
Mon.- Sat.	7:30 AM	Morning Meditations, WONW 1280 AM Speaker: <i>Rev. Lee Genter</i> , Christ Our Savior Lutheran, Defiance

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

- ❖ Our Shut-Ins: *Stan Moll, Marian Fitzenreiter, Norma Damman, and Don Dickmann*
- ❖ *Pauline Dishop, Marie Damman, and Delora Winkelman*, at The Lutheran Home, Napoleon
- ❖ *Magdalena Volkman*, residing at Heartland Nursing Home, Wauseon
- ❖ *Anna Brodman and Marian Buchhop* residing at Country View Haven
- ❖ *Helen Norden*, recuperating at Greenbriar Assisted Living from a recent fall
- ❖ Servicemen *Justin Atkinson, Kyle Elling, Jason Rohrs, Emily Schroeder, and Connor Gerken*
- ❖ *Lawrence Langenhop*, recuperating at The Lutheran Home following hip surgery
- ❖ *Susan Nye and Rozella Gruenhagen*, recuperating following recent surgeries
- ❖ *Donald Landry*, residing at the Orchards of Northcrest - Napoleon
- ❖ *Delores Badenhop*, hospitalized at UT Medical College

**JAVA JOY TODAY!** It's the second Sunday of the month, and that means **Java Joy** following the service. Take a little time to enjoy a bite to eat and some fellowship. A table is set up in the front hallway. Your gifts to the "kitty" help keep **Java Joy** alive and going. We thank *Jim & Nancy Hogrefe, Larry & Pat Mahnke, and Karen Sonnenberg* for hosting Java Joy for October. (*NOTE: In order for everyone to enjoy the food items, we ask that you only take 2 items when going through the line.*) Thank you!



Interested in being a **Java Joy** host? Please sign up on the table in the narthex. Don't let finances stop you – you are welcome to reimburse your expenses from the kitty if you wish.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL OPENINGS; A REQUEST** – This year we are holding openings for the Sunday School in the sanctuary immediately after worship. In weeks past we have noticed that it is difficult to hold these openings and to gain the attention of the students when there is a lot of noise and commotion. We are therefore requesting that adults in the narthex after worship be mindful that these openings are taking place and help hold down the level of sound. Thank you so much for helping us in this matter!

**ADULT SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY - Cross; We Suffer with Jesus**

What hardships are you experiencing in your life? How can a good and gracious God allow you to suffer? What is God's will for your life? *Vicar Yaeger* is leading this study from the Lutheran Spirituality series. Suffering is often misunderstood as an important part of our life with Christ. Should we avoid it? Or embrace it? Come hear what Jesus has to say to us in the study, ‘**Cross: We Suffer With Jesus.**’

- **“I HAVE GOOD NEWS FOR YOU”** – Starting Sunday, Oct. 25<sup>th</sup> during Sunday School, *Pastor Niermann* will offer this basic course in Christian doctrine for prospective members who may wish to join our congregation, and for current members who wish to refresh their faith. We will meet in the conference room just outside left side door of the sanctuary. Be sure to invite someone to join you! Invitational brochures are included in today’s bulletin.

**TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITY** – Starting next week on **Tuesday, October 27<sup>th</sup>**, Pastor and Vicar will offer a morning Bible study. This study group will meet in the north end of the fellowship hall at 10:00 a.m. each Tuesday morning.

Pastor will kick things off with a video study from *Lutheran Hour Ministries* titled **“A Man Named Martin – Part 1, The Man.”** The influence and impact of Luther's life is the stuff of serious study. As a forlorn sinner feeling lost before a stern and exacting Judge, Luther desponded of all hope for eternity. But as one who came to cling to the Spirit-delivered truths of justification by faith and the liberty believers experience by God's grace, he rebounded to become a triumphant ambassador for the Gospel.



The details of Luther's life -- his childhood with his parents Hans and Margaret, his university pursuits, his decision to become a monk, his protestation of Catholic practices, his voluminous and erudite scholastic output, his life in hiding, and his roles as husband and father -- are all considered in this study. “A Man Named Martin” is a fresh and explorative look at an individual who, down through the centuries, has increased in importance and vitality to the Christian church. **Be sure to join us Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m., starting October 27.**

**JR. & SR. HIGH LYF OUTING:** Join us at Leaders’ Corn Maze on Sat., Oct. 17<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 – 9:30 PM for a night of fun and fellowship. The LYF treasury will be paying your way into the Maze, but you will pay for anything beyond that. Guests are invited and encouraged, but they must pay the \$7 (group rate) admission. Families are also welcome! You can let Miss Bartok know by Friday, Oct. 16<sup>th</sup> if you are planning to go. Email her at [sbartok@sjl.org](mailto:sbartok@sjl.org).

<b><u>FINANCIAL FACTS:</u></b>	Home Fund	Synod & Missions	Building Fund
Weekly Need	\$9,792.78	\$500.00	\$961.54
Rec'd 10/04/15	\$8,698.00	\$402.00	\$565.00

**ATTENDANCE:** Thursday Evening Service: 24; 10/04/15 Service: 215

**COMMUNED in September:** 326 members; 6 guests

**LWML MITES** – Thank you to all the children and families who took part in the LWML Mite Gathering during the past month. Those gifts will be combined with mites from children and women all around the LCMS to do some mighty things for missions. If you were not able to bring your mites forward last Sunday, you can still send them in to the school office. For full list with descriptions of the missions and ministries, please visit the LWML website



(<http://www.lwml.org/mission-grants>). You will quickly discover that the *Lutheran Women's Missionary League* is an LCMS mission organization that deserves our full support!

**WOMEN OF FREEDOM:** The next Women of Freedom meeting will be Tues., Oct. 27 at 7:00 PM. Our speaker will be *Arllys Ross* from Liberty Center. She is going to talk to us about "Operation Christmas Child." This is where people fill boxes to give to children at Christmas. All ladies of St. John invited to come. This would be a nice possibility for a mission effort from our unit. Bring your mite box to the meeting.

**2016 NOMINATIONS FOR CHURCH OFFICES** – Very soon now the Stewardship Board will begin the process of nominating and appointing people for the various offices of our congregation. As they prepare to do so, please take note of the following:

- If there is an office in which you'd like to serve, please offer your name to the Stewardship Board for consideration. Speak with *Pastor Niermann*.
- If you are approached about serving in an office, give it careful and prayerful thought. You are being asked because the Stewardship Board, with prayers for God's guidance, has identified you as someone whose service in that office will be a blessing to us all!

**CHRISTMAS DECORATING COMMITTEE:** Word has been received that the group of individuals who have been so diligent in decorating the church and surroundings for the past 15+ years would like to retire as of this year. That being said, we are looking for some energetic individuals to step up, when the time comes, to decorate the church and surroundings this year. If no one volunteers, this responsibility would revert back to the School Board, as was done in the past. So please give it some thought, and contact the church office if you would like to volunteer. Thank you!

**ST. JOHN CRAFT SHOW!** Come one, come all, to the Arts & Craft Show to be held here at St. John on Sat., Nov. 7<sup>th</sup>. The money raised will go toward the Right Hand of Fellowship campaign. There will also be a booth/table set up for donated homemade craft items from our congregation members who wish to contribute to and support the Right Hand of Fellowship. Please contact *Diane Norden* (419-598-8234) or *Jackie Ripke* (419-267-5574) with questions.

**S.T.O.P. PENNY DRIVE** – The PTL Fall Penny Drive at St. John School begins on Mon., Oct. 5<sup>th</sup> and runs thru Fri., Oct. 30<sup>th</sup>. Send your pennies in to school with your child or grandchild. The winning classroom will be awarded a pizza party.

**PARENT SCHOOL VISITATION & OPEN HOUSE (see cookie note):** St. John School has scheduled their Parent Visitation Open House during the evening on October 22 from 7:00 -8:00 PM. The PTL will be sponsoring a book fair that evening also. **NOTE: Each family is asked to bring one dozen cookies to the open house for refreshments. Thank you!**

**SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR** – St. John PTL will be having a **Scholastic Book Fair** which is open to the public on **Thursday, October 22**, from 6:30 – 8:30 PM; and again on **Friday, October 23** from 8:30 AM – 11:00 AM. A lot of help is needed, so call *Sara Buchhop* (419-966-8638) or contact her via FastDirect if you can help.

**PRESCHOOL GRANDPARENTS' DAY** – **Preschool Grandparents' Day** will be held from 9:00 – 11:00 AM on **Thurs., Oct. 22<sup>nd</sup> for the 4 & 5-year old class** and same time on **Fri., Oct. 23<sup>rd</sup> for the 3-year old class**. Grandparents should plan to arrive at 9 AM and report to the gym. Grandparents will also have the opportunity to take their grandchild through the PTL Scholastic Book Fair those days. Come and enjoy all the fun in Preschool!!!

**SCRIP:** Coordinator *Kristyn Honemann* will be out of town from October 15-25, so there will be no SCRIP orders placed during this time period. Any questions, please contact *Kristyn* at 419-966-0207.

**SUNNY D BOOK SPREE** – The St. John School students hope you can help them make their classroom sunnier! Classrooms that save 20 *SunnyD* labels earn 20 FREE books. Here's how it works. **COLLECT *SunnyD* UPC labels** from these eligible products: 1, 2, or 3 liter bottles; 16 oz., 48 oz., 64 oz., 96 oz., or 128 oz. bottles; 6, 7.5, 8, or 24 pack outer wraps; 6, 7.5, 12 pack cardboard case; 6, 11.3, 12, or 24 pack outer wraps; 12, 12 oz.-12 or 24 pack cans outer wraps. **SEND the UPC labels to your child's classroom. One way to collect *SunnyD* labels would be to consider serving *SunnyD* at your upcoming Halloween parties...it is orange!** It's as easy as that!

**2015 THRIVENT MEMBER APPRECIATION EVENT:** The Henry County Chapter of Thrivent Financial will be hosting an evening of fun and fellowship Sun., Nov. 8 at the Ridgeville American Legion, S031 County Road 19, Napoleon. Registration and music by "Happy Times Polka Band" will begin at 4:00 PM. Dinner will be served at 6:00 PM. Bingo with prizes will be played before and after the meal. Reservation deadline is Sun., Oct. 25<sup>th</sup>. Please contact *Jean Cohrs* at 419-592-6451, Ext. 1237 or email her at [jean.cohrs@gmail.com](mailto:jean.cohrs@gmail.com) to make your reservations. **NOTE: Please bring a non-perishable food item to be donated to Henry County Christmas Cheer and/or the Henry County Food Banks.**

**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.

**PTL COOKBOOKS** – The “Recipes and Remembrances” cookbooks from PTL are still available for purchase. They have a very nice collection of great recipes in them and would make a neat gift for that “hard to buy” family member or friend. This is a PTL fundraiser and the cookbooks are available on the table in the side hall. The cost is \$10.00. If writing a check, please make it payable to: *St. John PTL*. We hope you enjoy it! Thank you for supporting the PTL!

**HEARING ASSISTANCE IS AVAILABLE:** If hearing in worship has been a problem for you, pick up one of the receiver units for our hearing assistance system. An usher will assist you and you’ll hear much more clearly. (*Also, please let us know how the system is working for you.*)

For those who use the hearing assistance system regularly and for the sake of hygiene, we ask that you claim one of the ear buds as your own and keep it with you in your purse, pocket, etc. Bring it with you when you come to church, and simply plug it into one of the receivers. At the end of the service, unplug the ear bud to take with you until the next time.

**SIMPLY GIVING** is an automated, simple and convenient giving program from Thrivent Financial which allows you to have your offerings debited directly from your bank account and electronically transferred to the church’s bank account. This fall, why not consider signing up for electronic giving. St. John Lutheran Church relies on financial support of the congregation and electronic giving offers an easy way to give on a recurring basis. One simple, easy to use authorization form can begin or change your electronic contributions amount. Contact *Joyce* in the office at 419-598-8961 for details.

**PorchLIGHT OUTREACH** – Have you got neighbors you’d like to invite to worship, but you never quite knew how to approach them? Contact our **PorchLIGHT Outreach** and we’ll get the job done for you!

- **WEB FORM:** Go to [www.sjl.org/PorchLIGHTrequest.pdf](http://www.sjl.org/PorchLIGHTrequest.pdf)
- **PAPER FORM:** on the **PorchLIGHT** poster in the side hallway.
- **PHONE:** Give *Rich Elling* a call at 419-598-8216.

*~Be a good neighbor and direct your neighbor to Christ!~*



**COUNTRY CORNER CRAFT BAZAAR** – Sunday, October 18, St. John Lutheran Church, Stryker, at the corner of St. Rt. 6 & 66, is hosting a craft show from 11:00 AM – 3:00 PM, with a freewill lunch served from 11:00 AM-1:00 PM. See flyer!

**ICE CREAM SOCIAL** – St. Luke Lutheran Church, State Hwy 108, Wauseon, is having their Ice Cream Social today with serving from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM. *Menu: Hot Sandwiches, Cold Potato Salad, Pie, Cake, Ice Cream, and Drink.* Freewill Offering! See flyer!

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**FOOD FOR THOUGHT...**

**When the world starts making sense to you,  
it's time to reconnect with God's Word!**

*“They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world.”  
(Jesus, praying for His followers, John 17:16)*