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SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sermon & Text: "Worthy" *Luke 7:1-10*
Order of Service: See printed Service Folder
Hymns: 566, stz.1-4 ~ 566, stz. 5-6 ~ 779 ~ 655

WELCOME TO OUR VETERANS & VISITORS

On this Memorial Day Weekend, welcome to this service of worship in which we remember, with reverence and thanksgiving, those who gave their lives for our country. Above all, however, we would remember Him whose love includes people of all nations—our Lord Jesus who gave His life for all of us. May the remembrance of His sacrifice bring reconciliation and peace! If you are a visitor today, please fill out a blue pew card from the rack in front of you and pass it to the center aisle during the offering.



SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE THIS MORNING

- ✠ Renee Petzoldt, *Organist* ✠ Bailey Johnson & Aden Foor, *Acolytes* ✠
- ✠ Tom & Sandy VonDeylen, *Greeters* ✠
- ✠ Jim & Linda Meyer, *Visitation* ✠
- ✠ Dave Badenhop, Denny VonDeylen, Jerry Short, Dan Wiechers, *Ushers* ✠
- ✠ Karan Niebergall, Kaylee & Ronda Wentworth, Karen Lulfs, *Altar Guild* ✠

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE HIGH GRADUATES OF 2016! We pray for the very best for *Matthew Buchhop, Carlie Kruse, Colten Lange* and *Dalton Moyer*. May God go with them wherever they go or in whatever work they do, and draw them ever closer to His side!



BIBLE STUDY will be held this morning in the north end of the fellowship hall. We will continue our study of *Leviticus*. This ancient book is filled with laws regulating the religious and civil life of God's people, Israel. Though many of the regulations no longer apply in this time of Christ, they greatly enrich our understanding of Christ. Currently we are studying the section of *Leviticus* sometimes called "God's Manual of Purity." Here there are many regulations stipulating what makes a person "impure" and how they can be made "clean" again for purposes of right worship. Come discover how it all points to Jesus Christ!

In God's House This Week		<i>Online church calendar: www.DynaCal.com/sjl</i>
Date	Time	Activities
Today	9:00 AM 10:20AM	Worship Service Adult Bible Class
Mon.	10:30AM	Memorial Day Service at the Ridgeville Legion Post #454
Tue.	9:00 AM	Exercise Class
Thurs.	6:30 AM 9:00 AM 7:00 PM	Men's Bible Breakfast at Hill's Restaurant Exercise Class Thursday Evening Praise with Communion (<i>in fellowship hall – north end</i>)
Sun.	9:00 AM	Communion Service; followed by Adult Bible Class at 10:20 AM
Mon.- Sat.	7:30 AM	Morning Meditations, WONW 1280 AM Speaker: <i>Rev. Donald Luhring</i> , St. John Lutheran, Defiance

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

- ❖ Our Shut-Ins: *Stan Moll, Norma Damman, Don Dickmann, and Lucia Delventhal*
- ❖ *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
- ❖ *Donald Landry*, residing at the Orchards of Northcrest - Napoleon
- ❖ Servicemen, *Justin Atkinson, Jason Rohrs, Kyle Elling, Emily Schroeder, and Connor Gerken*
- ❖ *Vernon Kruse*, at home now and still weak from recent lung surgery
- ❖ *Betty Ashbaugh*, recuperating at home now and still in need of prayers
- ❖ *Lowell & Renee Petzoldt*, celebrated their 40th Wedding Anniversary on Sat., May 28th

MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE: The Ridgeville Corners American Legion Post #454 will join us on Sun., May 29th for the 9:00 AM Worship Service. This will include Legion, Auxiliary, and S.A.L. members. Following the service, everyone is invited to immediately congregate outside for a short memorial service, 21 gun salute, and taps. Then on **Mon., May 30 at 10:30 AM** there will be a community Memorial Day Service held at the Ridgeville American Legion located on County Road 19, to remember those who served our country and are currently in active duty. God Bless America!

MEMORIAL DAY FLAG DRILL & COMMUNITY CHOIR: PreK thru 4th Grade children are invited to participate in the flag drill during the Ridgeville Memorial Day service.

The Ridgeville Community Choir will also be singing during the service. If you are interested in participating in the Choir, please be at the Legion by 9:45 on Mon., May 30th for a brief rehearsal.

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS: Please note the church office hours during the month of June are Monday thru Thursday: 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM. Closed over the lunch hour and all day on Fridays. If making a special trip, please call (419-598-8961) to guarantee someone will be here. Thank you!

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Sunday School is cancelled for the remaining of May. There will be no Sunday School for the months of June, July, and August. We will resume Sunday School the first Sunday in September, which will be promotion Sunday.

Bible Study



MEN'S BIBLE BREAKFAST will meet this Thursday morning (6/2) at 6:30 a.m. at Hill's Restaurant in Napoleon. For the next few months we will be studying our Lord's "Sermon on the Plain." While less well known than His "Sermon on the Mount," these words of Jesus from Luke 6 pack a punch of their own. Our study is titled, "Blessings in Disguise." This is a great way to begin your day, satisfying the body with good food, and the soul with good fellowship and God's Holy Word. Cost is \$7.00 which includes the tip. *Please join us!* There's room at the table for you.

NEW VICAR PREPARATIONS – A few weeks ago a vicar was assigned to St. John for the coming year. His is **Michael B. Keller** (*he goes by Brent*) who hails from Sanger, Texas (*just north of Dallas*). He and his wife Hanne are expecting their first child in June. Vicar Keller will begin his year of service among us when he is installed on Sunday, August 14th. As we prepare for the Keller's arrival here in Freedom Twp. there are a few things we need to do to get prepared.

1. **A place to live** – We are looking for a house or apartment we can rent for the vicar and his wife and child. If you have any places available or know of any, please speak with Congregation President, *Bob Norden*.
2. **Furnishings** – The Kellers inform us they don't have much for furnishings, so we will be trying to pull together some items. By next Sunday there will be a list in the narthex of items we will be trying to gather around. Items would be on loan to the vicar for the year and will still belong to you when their time here is finished.

LifeLight Bible Study – SUMMER

It has been decided that the summer *LifeLight Bible Study* topic will be "**Heaven and Hell.**" The nine sessions of this study are as follows:

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| 1: A Guided Tour of Heaven and Hell | 6: Behold, the Dwelling Place of God is With Men |
| 2: Daddy, What Happens When We Die? | 7: And They Will Be His People |
| 3: The Justice of God & the Fate of the Wicked, Part 1 | 8: For the Healing of the Nations |
| 4: The Justice of God & the Fate of the Wicked, Part 2 | 9: Living Heavenward |
| 5: The Mercy of God and the Fate of the Redeemed | |

Study sessions will be held on the first three Mondays of each month, June through August.

Depending on the level of interest, there will be both a morning session (10:00 am) and an evening session (7:00 pm). Sign up today in the narthex!

LYF COLOR FUN RUN/WALK FUNDRAISER – Join our Senior High LYF youth as we prepare for the National Youth Gathering in July. We are just shy of our goal for expenses and are doing one last fundraiser before we go on our trip. On Sunday, June 26th, at 1:00 PM we will be hosting a Color Run/Walk on our church grounds. Come run or walk around the designated route and get covered with different colors. Food and water will also be available and are included in the price. The price to participate is \$20.00 for adults and \$10.00 for children. Please, no pets during the race and throughout the course. Please sign up for the event on Facebook

(<https://www.facebook.com/events/1723337247948007/>) or email Sarah Bartok at sbartok@sjl.org. See flyers in the hallway too!

SUMMER READING: The next selection from the St. John Church Library Book Club is “House of Living Stones” by Katie Schuermann. The novel revolves around a fictional Lutheran congregation in Bradbury, Illinois. It should be a more casual summer read than our previous selections. The Concordia Publishing House website says the book is “a whimsical and touching story about small-town life, misconceptions, and the power of forgiveness.” Join Pastor, Vicar, and other members of our congregation in reading this novel which will further our understanding of forgiveness through Christ. Please use the sign-up sheet at the back of the church to reserve your copy provided free of charge by the St. John Church Library. **Sign-up deadline is June 5th!**

<u>FINANCIAL FACTS:</u>	Home Fund	Synod & Missions	Building Fund
Weekly Need	\$9,792.78	\$500.00	\$961.54
Rec'd 5/22/16	\$6,229.00	\$332.00	\$479.00

ATTENDANCE: Thursday (5-19-16) Praise Service: 43; Sunday (5/22/16) Service: 210

BULLETIN NOTES: With Thursday night services starting, bulletin announcements need to be turned in to the office by Wednesday of each week in order to be included in the Thursday and Sunday bulletin. Please make a note of this. Thank you!

THURSDAY EVENING WORSHIP SERVICES: From now through October, you have the option of worshipping on Thursday evenings at 7:00 p.m. We will gather in the north end of the fellowship hall. Generally, each Thursday service will be a preview of the coming Sunday. Holy Communion will be celebrated on the Thursday evenings prior to regular Communion Sundays.

ARCHIVES DISPLAY: The Archives Committee members have put up a display of past Confirmation classes ranging from 1936 (*80th anniversary*) to 2011 (*celebrating their 5th anniversary*). Come and check it out in the showcases in the hallway by the church.

REPORT CARDS can be picked up in an envelope (one per family) in the narthex on Sun., June 12th. Parents of tuition students may pick up report cards the week of June 13th in the school office from 9 to 12:00 Noon.

WOMEN OF FREEDOM SCHOLARSHIPS: Here is an opportunity to encourage and help young people prepare for service to the church as pastors, teachers, lay workers, deaconesses, and parish workers. \$500 per year Women of Freedom Scholarships are available to any young person attending one of our synodical schools. Simply contact any Women of Freedom member for details.

INTERESTED IN A CHURCH PROFESSION? WE'D LIKE TO HELP! Recently a number of young people from St. John have pursued educational goals to prepare them for full-time service as teachers and pastors. If you are interested in a church profession (*as a pastor, deaconess, teacher, lay minister, or a Director of Christian Education, Christian Outreach, Parish Music, or Family Life Ministry*), our congregation would like to support you by offering a tuition gift. An application for this gift is available online --- type www.sjl.org/student_gift_app.pdf into your browser (*there is no link*) and fill out the application. **Deadline for fall enrollment is June 1st.**

ST. JOHN LUTHERAN SCHOOL POSITION OPENING – St. John Lutheran School is seeking a person to fill the following position that will be opening after this school year.

- **Freedom's Flock Care Provider** – This individual is responsible for the care of the students in our after-school program each day from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m.

If interested in more information, please speak with Principal Kramer or Board Pres., Brad Rosebrook.

IF YOU'RE EVER IN A PINCH and could use a little help, the *Good Neighbor Fund* is there to assist you too! Please don't be bashful about asking – everything is strictly confidential. Just give Pastor Niermann a call, and we'll see what we can do!

PTL COOKBOOKS – The “Recipes and Remembrances” cookbooks make great gifts. They have a very nice collection of delicious recipes in them. This is a PTL fundraiser and the cookbooks are available in the hallway by the drinking fountain. The cost is \$10.00. If writing a check, please make it payable to: *St. John PTL*. We hope you enjoy making all the “goodies” in this cookbook. Thank you for supporting the PTL!

HELP FOR WOMEN CAUGHT UP IN HUMAN TRAFFICKING - The human trafficking of women is a big problem in NW Ohio, in Toledo especially. Some of the women caught up in this world have only ever known life on the streets. To help these women, the Sisters of Notre Dame in Toledo, and the organization STOP (Stop Trafficking of Persons) are working to give them food and toiletries, along with a phone number they can call to get the help they need.

CAN YOU HELP? In the narthex Mitch and Anika Rosebrock have set up a collection box where you can bring items for this ministry of mercy. Please consider giving such items as peanut butter or cheese crackers, fruit bars, toiletries such as hotel sized deodorant, toothpaste and brushes, soap, shampoo, conditioner, lip balm and washcloths. Items will be assembled into baggies and given to these women with the phone number hidden inside. Thank you for helping "the least of these" and doing this for Jesus.

THE LUTHERAN HOUR – The Lutheran Hour Ministries can be heard on several radio stations in our area. They cover many interesting topics relevant to today's issues. Broadcasts can be heard Sundays on: Holland's WPOS 102.3 at 7:00 AM; Archbold's WMTR 96.1 at 7:30 AM; Defiance's WONW (AM)1280 at 10:30 AM; Napoleon's WNDH 103.1 at 12:00 PM.

“WORSHIP FOR SHUT-INS”: “Worship for Shut-Ins” has joined the WLMB-TV40 line up. If you have a relative or friend who is homebound, hospitalized, or recovering from a recent surgery, you may suggest this 30-minute LCMS worship service to them. So tune in to WLMB-TV40 on Sundays at 6:30 AM and get your Sunday started off right!

EXERCISE CLASS: Need to work off a few pounds or just want to exercise your heart? St. John hosts an exercise class in the gym. Classes are Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9-10 AM and the cost is \$5 per class (pay as you come). This is a light aerobics and strengthening program. (If you have your own weights, bring them with you.) Please contact *Nancy Glaser* (419-598-8432) with any questions.

**TURN YOUR OLD USED CELL PHONE INTO A GIFT FOR THE POOR
AND FOR YOUR CHURCH!**

Informed sources tell us that the average American household has 5 to 6 old unused cell phones lying around. Now you can put those phones to good use AND keep them out of the landfills. Bring them to church and deposit them in the large white box in the narthex. They will be forwarded to a company that sorts them and prepares them to be given to poor families for emergency use, and sends us a check. Old cell phones range in value from \$1 up to \$50.



LIONS RECYCLE FOR SIGHT – *How You Can Help?* If you have used **prescription** or **nonprescription** glasses or sunglasses in your drawers, desks, or closets, you can donate them now! Children's glasses are especially needed. Both plastic and metal frames are accepted. There is a box on the table in the narthex for the collection of these used glasses.

USE OF THE FELLOWSHIP HALL – If you would like to use the Fellowship Hall for any occasion, on a certain date this year, **please contact the church/school office at 419-598-8961 or 419-598-8702**. In addition to calling the office, you may want to check the online master calendar at <http://www.dynacal.com/sjl/> (*you can also link to it from www.sjl.org*).

4-H: The Gerald Busy Fingers, Cloverbuds, and Freedom Royal Farmers 4-H Clubs will be having their next meeting on Sun., June 12th at 1:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall.

AREA EVENTS:

- **Friends of Orphan Grain Train** will be hosting a **Bake Sale, Food Stand and Basement sale** at Zion Lutheran Church, located at 20141 County Road X, Ridgeville Corners, on **June 10 & 11** during the Community Garage Sale Days. Stop in to enjoy great food from the lunch stand or baked items from the Bake Sale and help support this worthy cause!
- **St. John Lutheran Church, Stryker**, is sponsoring their **LYF Ice Cream Social** on **Sun., June 12th** from 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM at the Church Family Center. The menu includes hot chicken sandwiches, homemade ice cream, and pie. Proceeds support our youth group's summer trip to the LCMS National Youth Gathering in New Orleans. See flyer!
- **15th Annual Black Swamp Benefit** on **June 17 & 18** at the Fulton County Fairgrounds. See flyer!
- **The 9th Annual Stephanie Kossov Memorial Golf Outing** will be held on **Sat., July 30th**, with a 1:00 PM shotgun start. Registration forms available on the narthex table!
- **150th Anniversary Concert Series** at St. Martin's Lutheran Church, 203 S. Defiance St., Archbold on Friday, June 24th at 7:00 PM continues with an Organ Recital presented by Steve Basselman, Organist.

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FOOD FOR THOUGHT...

Only Jesus. Everything else will fade!

"Now this is eternal life: that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent." (John 17:3)