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NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sermon & Text: "God's Breath" 2 Timothy 3:14 – 4:5

Order of Service: See printed Service Folder

Hymns: 589 ~ 582 ~ "Breathe On Me, Breath of God" ~ (Communion: 587, 634) ~ 577

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. If you are new to our community, we hope you will consider making this your church home. Fill out the Rite of Fellowship card from the pew rack in front of you and drop it in the baskets by the doors as you leave this morning.



SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE THIS MORNING

- ✘ Renee Petzoldt, *Organist* ✘ Addison Naveau, Peyton Naveau, *Acolytes* ✘
- ✘ Mike Maassel, Scott Van Valkenburg, Carey Damman, *Ushers* ✘
- ✘ Kathy Gruenhagen, Deb Wachtman, Nancy Short, *Altar Guild* ✘

ADULT BIBLE STUDY this morning

To make a full-bodied soup, a good cook lets all the ingredients simmer together until they flavor one another. Likewise, for a full-bodied understanding of what Scripture calls 'The Body of Christ' there are many verses we need to let simmer together in our minds, each of which adds flavor to the others; each of which is a crucial ingredient in God's recipe for a right understanding.



Unfortunately, many modern Bible interpreters omit key ingredients from their consideration, and end up with what we might call a fast-food version of *the Body of Christ* that diminishes the richness and fullness of this divine gift to the church, and skews their understanding of what it means to celebrate the Holy Communion.

Join us for Bible study this morning as we grow together in grace, in the knowledge of the Lord, and in our appreciation for His gift of Holy Communion. The coffee is on!

In God's House This Week		Online church calendar: www.DynaCal.com/sjl
Date	Time	Activities
Today	9:00 AM 10:20AM 10:30AM	Communion Service and Installation of Mr. Stephen Benson Adult Bible Study; Sunday School; "The Lamp" Drive-thru Meal (<i>see bulletin note</i>)
Tue.	8:35 AM 7:00 PM	School Chapel Women of Freedom Meeting
Wed.	6:15 PM	Midweek Confirmation Class (<i>until 7:30 PM</i>)
Thurs.	6:30 AM 7:00 PM	Men's Bible Breakfast Thursday Evening Worship
Sun.	9:00 AM 10:20AM Noon	Worship Service Adult Bible Study; Sunday School; "The Lamp" Orphan Grain Train collection for Hurricane Ian (<i>see bulletin note</i>)
Mon.-Sat	7:30 AM	Morning Meditations, WONW 1280 AM

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

- ❖ *Melba Elling, Lorna Von Deylen, Norma Damman*, at Genacross – Napoleon
- ❖ *Lawrence Behrmann*, at Northcrest Nursing & Rehab
- ❖ *Esther Layton*, at Defiance Hospice Center
- ❖ **Military:** *Justin Atkinson, Jason Rohrs, Emily Niermann, Jared Dishop, Jordan Lange*
- ❖ *Sue Hurst and Dave Crandall*, concerns relating to cancer
- ❖ *Steve Hurst*, recuperating from recent heart surgery
- ❖ *Alan Gruenhagen*, recovering after a recent hospitalization

OFFICIAL INSTALLATION OF MR. STEPHEN BENSON – TEACHER

This morning we are privileged to witness the official installation of Mr. Stephen Benson as *Lutheran School Teacher* at St. John Lutheran School. The inspired apostle, St. Paul, writes that Christ Himself gives some to be teachers (*Ephesians 4:11*). Teachers who can teach their students, not just the "Three R's," but also the fourth "R" (*Redemption in Christ*) are a blessing to us and to the families we serve. Welcome, Mr. Benson, to the staff of our school. May God bless your ministry among us!

SO THANKFUL! *Nancy Nemoyer* would like to thank everyone for their prayers, cards and food as she recovers. You all are such a blessing!

DRIVE-THRU MEAL: The School Board is hosting a Drive-thru Meal today with serving from 10:30 until gone. The menu is **Brisket or Pulled Pork sandwich**, Chips, Applesauce, and Cookie. A freewill offering will be taken. Plan to come out and support the school!

CHILDREN'S CHOIR: Children attending St. John Parochial and any of the Public Schools will be singing on Reformation Sunday, October 30th. We will begin practice each Sunday, before Sunday School during October, with Mrs. Weber. If public school parents would like the links to the music, please email Mrs. Weber at cweber@sjl.org. We will meet on the 30th at 8:45 a.m. in the fellowship hall. Please make every effort to have your children join us in worship and song.

THURSDAY EVENING SERVICES – There are two more Thursday evening services scheduled for this year, the last of which is on Thursday, October 27th.

COMING UP IN WORSHIP

- **Sunday, Oct. 30** The children of our school and Sunday School will be singing in worship
- **Sunday, Nov 6** The celebration of **All Saints** – *Remembering those who have departed this past year to be with the Lord*

Bible Study



MEN'S BIBLE BREAKFAST THIS THURSDAY – *The best part of waking up is a delicious breakfast, great fellowship, and the Word of God!* Join us for Men's Bible Breakfast this Thursday at 6:30 AM for all of the above! Currently we are engaged in a study titled, "The Great Deceiver," a look at the wiles of Satan and the ways we can defeat him in the strength of Christ. It food for the body and the soul, and we hope you can join us!

TRUNK-or-TREAT

So far we have about 13 or 14 TRUNKERS signed up – a good start, but well short of what we were hoping for to provide this event for our community.

Connecting with the community in various ways is crucial if a church wants to reach that community with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. With that in mind, **the Stewardship Board is proceeding with plans for this event, and trusting that more TRUNKERS will sign up.**



Would you consider being a TRUNKER? Your role will be to come with a trunk of treats (and games, optional) for trick-or-treaters from the community and church. Here's what's involved...

- **Purchase candy and treats for the kids – no homemade treats, please**
- **Optionally, decorate the back end of your car and perhaps dress up in a coordinating costume (you can be as creative as you'd like, or do nothing).** Please stay away from really scary themes, and let's go more for fun! There are all kinds of ideas on the internet if you do a Google image search like "decorate for trunk or treat."
- **Bring along a quick little game (also optional)** for the kids to play at your trunk. Again, there are all kinds of ideas if you search "games for trunk or treat" or something like that. How about a ring toss onto a long pumpkin stem? Or engage them for a second treat in a game of tic-tac-toe using candy corn and mini marshmallows?
- **Maybe offer a little prize along with a treat.**
- **Arrive at the church on October 30th by 3:30 PM,** in time to find a parking spot (attendants will direct you) and to get your trunk all set up for trick-or-treaters at 4:00.

To sign up as a TRUNKER, there is a sign-up sheet in the narthex, or use the link on the church website (sjl.org) to sign up online. Let's get involved and make this happen for our community. Thank you in advance for your participation!

WOMEN OF FREEDOM: The next Women of Freedom meeting will be Tues., Oct. 18th at 7:00 PM. All ladies of St. John invited to come.

<u>FINANCIAL FACTS:</u>	Home Fund	Synod & Missions	Building Fund
Weekly Need	\$9,792.78	\$500.00	\$961.54
Rec'd 10/09/22	\$8,364.00	\$272.00	\$713.00

ATTENDANCE: Thursday – 26; Sunday – 114

PIERSTORF COLLEGE FUND – If you're a young Lutheran in high school making plans for a college education, consider using the *Pierstorf College Fund* as part of your education finance plan.

The *Pierstorf College Fund* is a Lutheran financial aid program that provides interest-free loans to all Ohio Lutherans pursuing a higher education, allowing them to worry less about tuition and focus more on their goals. There are no strings attached, and the application process is very straight-forward. These loans are available to all Lutherans in good standing with their congregations for any course of study at any college or university. To learn more, pick up one of the cards in the narthex, or scan this QR code.



HURRICANE IAN RELIEF SUPPORT:

LCMS DISASTER RESPONSE – There is a lot going on right now in our nation that is causing human misery and suffering. When tragedy strikes, Thrivent clients and the community often want to reach out and help. We have heard the same response in regards to those impacted by Hurricanes Fiona and Ian. Thrivent is coming along side of you to help those impacted by this devastation. Here are three ways for you to make a difference:

1. If you are a Thrivent member, you can make a donation and Thrivent will boost it! Donate online, and for every \$2 you donate through Thrivent's online giving platform to one of the following: *Convoy of Hope, LCMS Disaster Response, Lutheran Disaster Response, or Orphan Grain Train* (responding only to Hurricane Ian), Thrivent will add \$1. This match will continue until December 1, 2022.
2. Apply to lead a Thrivent Action Team. Input "SouthHurricane2022" in the Promo code field to expedite shipping. Gather family and friends and make this a service project for the victims.
3. Direct your Choice Dollars to organizations helping with Disaster Response efforts.

ORPHAN GRAIN TRAIN – Hurricane Ian Relief Assistance: Next Sun., Oct. 23rd from noon – 2:30 PM, you can also bring cleaning supplies, new masks, and hygiene items to the Grain Train distribution facility in Napoleon at 500 Independence Drive. Zion Lutheran Church in Ridgeville Corners, OH is also participating with this on Oct. 23rd from noon – 2:30 PM at their church in Ridgeville Corners, OH. Monetary donations can be made payable to Orphan Grain Train – Ohio, and mailed to OGT – OHIO, c/o Diann Meyer-Grieser, PO Box 74, Ridgeville Corners, OH 43555. Please note **Hurricane Ian 2022** on the memo line of your check.