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### TRINITY SUNDAY

Guest Preacher: *Rev. Farrukh Khan, POBLO Ministries*  
Sermon Title: "Redeemed, Refreshed, Prepared and Ready"  
Order of Service: *Printed Service Folder*  
Hymns: 837, stz.1-4 ~ 837, stz. 5-6 ~ 507 ~ 826 ~ 922

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### 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 our guest today, please fill out the Rite of Fellowship card from the pew rack in front of you and pass it to the center aisle during the offering.*

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

- ✘ Sharon Damman, *Organist* ✘ Hope Buchhop & Clay Behnfeldt, *Acolytes* ✘  
     ✘ Larry & Pat Mahnke, *Greeters* ✘
- ✘ Lawrence & Hildegard Behrmann, *Visitation* ✘
- ✘ Tom VonDeylen, Doug Dietrich, Neil Badenhop, Roger Lulfs, *Ushers* ✘
- ✘ Marietta Damman, Deb Wachtman, Sharon Badenhop, Nancy Short, *Altar Guild* ✘

**THANK YOU:** I would like to thank everyone for their cards and prayers received during my recent illness. It was greatly appreciated and helped me get thru this "bump in the road." *Annetta Rosebrock*

**HOLY COMMUNION** will be offered this morning following the Worship service. Those who wish to attend should fill out a Rite of Fellowship card from the pew rack in front of you and give it to the usher during the collection of the offering this morning. Return immediately to the front pews in the sanctuary following the service.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL:** 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.

**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	<b>9:00 AM</b> 10:20AM 4:30 PM	<b>Mission Sunday Worship Service</b> (with Communion following) Adult Bible Class Jr. High LYF
Tue.	9:00 AM 7:00 PM	Exercise Class Church Council Meeting
Thurs.	9:00 AM <b>7:00 PM</b>	Exercise Class <b>Thursday Evening Worship</b>
Sun.	<b>9:00 AM</b> 10:20AM	<b>Communion Service</b> Adult Bible Class
Mon.- Sat.	7:30 AM	Morning Meditations, WONW 1280 AM Speaker: <i>Rev. Logan Scheiwe</i> , St. Paul Lutheran, Napoleon

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

- ❖ Shut-Ins: *Norma Damman, Renetta Homan, Stan Moll, Delores Badenhop, Don Dickmann*
- ❖ *Delora Winkelman, Marian Buchhop, and Anna Brodman*, at Genacross Lutheran Home
- ❖ *Donald Landry*, residing at the Ohio Veteran's Home, Sandusky
- ❖ Armed Services: *Justin Atkinson, Jason Rohrs, Emily Schroeder, Connor Gerken, Seth Handy*
- ❖ *Shirley Sonnenberg*, dealing with health issues
- ❖ *Lucia Delventhal*, at Fulton Manor, Wauseon, for rehab

**Java Joy TODAY!** Be sure to stop out in the front hallway this morning for some refreshments and fellowship. Our hosts today are **Todd & Tina Wachtman**, and we thank them for their generosity.

- **WOULD YOU CONSIDER HOSTING JAVA JOY?** *Hosting does not have to be expensive – you are welcome to reimburse some or all of your expenses, if you wish, from the 'kitty' – so please don't let that hold you back. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex for all the second Sundays of the year. Please sign up, and pick up the sheet of guidelines from the table. Thank you!*

**MISSION TRIP TO NEW ORLEANS** – OFF, OFF, AND AWAY THIS SATURDAY!!

This morning we will be Commissioning and Sending our crew, which includes: *Aimee Naveau, Jerry Short, Nancy Short, Teresa Weller, Abby Weller, Andrew Heitman, Teacher Sarah Bartok, Vicar Brent Keller, and Wes Wymer.*

Please keep them in your prayers as they travel and serve our neighbors in New Orleans. We also pray for all volunteers, the staff, and the people who are being served by Camp Restore. May the work done in service to our neighbor be an opportunity for the Gospel to be shared and that the Spirit would draw people to Himself.

**CAMP RESTORE CREW** – TODAY

We need to briefly meet between Worship and Bible Study. There is a handout for you and we want to make sure our plans are finalized for our departure on Saturday, June 17<sup>th</sup>.

## **MISSION SUNDAY – TODAY**

This year for our annual Mission Sunday we have invited **Rev. Farrukh Khan** from POBLO to St. John as our guest preacher (*to learn more about POBLO, see the insert in today's bulletin*).

Rev. Khan, POBLO's Director of Development, has been serving there for 20 years. He comes from a Pakistani family that converted from Islam to Christianity and raised him in the Christian faith. After spending 17 years in Saudi Arabia as an engineer for a Texas-based multinational corporation, where he also worshipped in the Lutheran Church, Rev. Khan was called to work as a missionary for POBLO in Toronto, Canada. While there, he helped to plant *All Nations Lutheran Church*, a primarily Pakistani and Indian congregation. He is a graduate of Concordia Seminary's *Ethnic Immigrant Institute of Theology*. He has also received church planting training through the Center for U.S. Missions.



Since joining POBLO, Rev. Khan has helped to plant new churches in North America and trained existing churches on how to effectively engage in outreach to Muslims and other unreached people groups. He conducts workshops on Islam and speaks regularly to churches about the rise of Islam in the U.S. and how Christians can respond to it, among other topics. Rev. Khan travels around the U.S. sharing about the work of POBLO and encouraging individuals and churches to become partners in outreach to Muslims, Hindus and Sikhs. Rev. Khan is married and has three children.

**After worship we will receive a door offering to support POBLO and its ministry of outreach to Muslims. Let's give with joy and with prayer that God will bless POBLO's mission and outreach!**

### **Welcome, Rev. Khan!**

*Join Rev. Khan after worship this morning for Bible study as he discusses the topic of Christians being "unequally yoked" in marriage to unbelievers. This is intended especially for youth and their parents, but all are welcome!*

**VBS THANK YOU:** I would like to thank everyone who gave so generously of their time these past several weeks to help make VBS a success: *Pastor Niermann, Vicar Keller, Miss Bartok, Mrs. Niermann, Rachel Niermann, Todd Wachtman, Hannah Wachtman, Stephanie Damman, Jenna Kehnast, Andrea Badenhop, Kelly Sonnenberg, Kendra Michaelis, Aimee Naveau, Abby Weller, Katie Morrison, Maggie Weller, Andrew Heitman, Hope Buchhop, Karleigh Sonnenberg, Emersyn Gerken, Claire Wachtman, and Addison Heitman.*

Also, I'd like to thank all of you who donated items for snack time: *Teresa Weller, Kara Cowell, Kathy Gruenhagen, Katie Morrison, Marian Damman, Jenna Kehnast, Deb Wachtman, Karan Niebergall, Sarah Rosebrock, and Aimee Naveau.*

A special thank you to *Joyce Wiechers*, who once again was my "right-hand" keeping me on track and ordering supplies. Signed, *Mary K. Rettig*, VBS Director

**LARGE PRINT & CHILDREN'S ACTIVITY BULLETINS** are available 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.

**SPECIAL GRADUATE:** We received word that *Rev. Matthew Rosebrock* graduated from Fuller University in California on Friday, June 9<sup>th</sup> with a Doctorate Degree in Theology. Referred to now as *Rev. Dr. Matthew Rosebrock*, if anyone would like to send a congratulatory card to him, his current address is 608 S. Third Street, Oregon, IL 61061. Rev. Dr. Rosebrock is currently serving the congregation of Risen Savior Lutheran Church, Byron, IL.

**STAINED GLASS FROM THE OLD CHURCH** – The word is that there are a few members of the congregation who have in their possession pieces of stained glass from the windows in the old church. If you are willing to part with these, we could incorporate that glass into the new stained glass windows that are currently being planned and built. This would provide a beautiful and interesting link to our history. Please speak with Pastor Niermann if you have some of that old glass you'd like to contribute.

**YOU CAN TEACH LAYPEOPLE THEOLOGY...Issues, Etc.** is a radio talk show produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by *LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken*. This week's topics include: Jesus on Anxiety, David & Goliath, Purgatory, Prayer, The Movie "Alien: Covenant" and more. You can listen at your convenience at [www.issuesetc.org](http://www.issuesetc.org) and on the LPR mobile app.

**ARCHIVES DISPLAY:** Two very special teachers are currently being highlighted in the Archives Display case for everyone to check out. *Lowell Petzoldt* celebrates 41 years in the teaching ministry, all of which have been here at St. John School. *Bonnie Niermann* celebrates 15 years as our Kindergarten teacher. Be sure to stop by and reminisce at the tribute to both of them.

<b><u>FINANCIAL FACTS:</u></b>	Home Fund	Synod & Missions	Building Fund
Weekly Need	\$9,792.78	\$500.00	\$961.54
Rec'd 06/04/17	\$8,452.00	\$209.00	\$345.00

**ATTENDANCE:** Thursday (6/01/17) Service: 37      Sunday (6/04/17) Service: 170

**BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS** 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 note this. Thank you!

CELEBRATING  
**150**  
YEARS

**IT'S TIME TO FORM A 150<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE!** In about a year and a half, we will turn the calendar to the year 2019 – the year our congregation will celebrate the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of its founding in 1869. It's an anniversary we will want to celebrate in many ways with joy and thanksgiving. If you would like to be part of the anniversary committee, please speak with Pastor Niermann, and we will have our first meeting this fall.

**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](http://www.sjl.org)*).

**REPORT CARDS** will be available for viewing and or printing via FastDirect Communication as of today. We will no longer print hard copies. Parents, please check your FastDirect.

**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!

**LYF COLOR FUN RUN/WALK FUNDRAISER** – Join our Junior and Senior High LYF youth as they host their Color Fun Run/Walk on Sat., July 8<sup>th</sup> beginning at 1:00 PM. Come run or walk around the designated route on the church grounds and get covered with lots of different colors. Food and water will also be available and is 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. Sign up for the event on Facebook or email Sarah Bartok at [sbartok@sjl.org](mailto:sbartok@sjl.org). See “color” flyers in the hallway too!

**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.

**ST. JOHN WEBSITE:** Did you know you can listen to *Pastor Niermann’s* sermons on the internet? Just click on the “Media” tab on our website, [www.sjl.org](http://www.sjl.org).

**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!

**ST. JOHN SCHOOL POSITION OPENINGS** – St. John Lutheran School is seeking several people to fill the following positions that will be open for the 2017-18 school year.

- **Computer and/or Music Instructor** – This individual is responsible for computer instruction and/or classroom music one day per week for Grades K thru 8. This is a paid position.
- **School Cook** – This individual is responsible for preparing and serving daily lunches for the students and staff, and submitting reports in regard to the lunch program at St. John. This is a paid position.
- **Gr. 7&8 Science Teacher** – This individual is responsible for instructing the 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grades in the area of general science. This is a paid position.
- **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 PM. This is a paid position.

If you are interested in more information on any of these positions, please speak with Principal Kramer or the chairman of the School Board, Sunday Griffith.

**LIONS RECYCLE FOR SIGHT** – If you have used **prescription or nonprescription** glasses or sunglasses in your drawers, desks, or closets, you can donate them now! There is a box under the table in the narthex for the collection of these used glasses.

**OHIO ORPHAN GRAIN TRAIN:** The Ohio Division OGT is located in the north end of the Culligan Water Conditioning building on Independence Drive in Napoleon. Someone is usually there to receive items on the first Tuesday of the month from 9:00-11:00 AM. If you need to drop off items at another time, please contact *Nancy Helmke* (419-758-3539), *Diann Meyer-Grieser* (419-267-3485), *Vicki Grieser* (419-445-2986), or *Harold Behrmann* (419-598-8311) and they will be happy to meet you and open the facility to receive your donations! PLEASE do not drop off items at the warehouse when it is closed. Thank you!

**COLLECTING STAMPS:** The LWML is collecting stamps “For Missions.” A box is on the table in the narthex. Here is what you do: Cut the stamps from the envelopes allowing ¼ inch margin or more around the stamp. The stamp may not be damaged and the perforations around the stamp must be perfect. You need not trim the stamp; we have someone who trims and sorts the stamps. Do not remove stamps from envelopes, albums, and older postcards. An “old” postcard is usually from 1930 or before. The most valuable stamps are commemorative, foreign, and stamp denominations larger than 46 cents. It only makes sense that you purchase and use commemorative stamps for your personal mailing. When purchasing stamps, ask the post office for commemorative stamps. Colorful and large stamps are desirable. Collecting stamps is an easy way to participate in a mission project sponsored by the Lutheran Women’s Missionary League.

**PROJECT CONNECT** – There are many free booklets in the rack in the narthex. Be sure to check for some good reading. Some titles are: “*Why Do Bad Things Happen To Me,*” “*Has God Abandoned Me,*” “*Dealing with Depression,*” “*Coping with Cancer,*” “*Who Is Jesus,*” “*Just Stress?*”, “*Overcoming A Painful Childhood,*” “*Where’s God in All of This?*”, “*Why Should I go to Church?*” and many more. These booklets are furnished through the Lutheran Hour Ministries.

**SJL FUNDRAISER:** Put this on your calendars....Plans are in motion for a St. John Lutheran School Fundraiser to be held at the Ridgeville American Legion Hall on Fri., Nov. 10, 2017. There will be a meal, along with a live and silent auction. Stay tuned for more information as plans are firmed up for this upcoming event.

**ST. MARTIN’S LUTHERAN BRASS AND ORGAN CONCERT:** The Adrian Chamber Brass with Steve Basselman, organist, will perform a concert on Fri., June 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM. See flyer!

**SAVE THE DATE:** The 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Stephanie Lynn Kossow Memorial Golf Outing will be held on Sat., July 22<sup>nd</sup>, with a 1:00 PM shotgun start. Registration forms now available on the narthex table!

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**FOOD FOR THOUGHT...**

**Missions is not the ultimate goal of the church. Worship is.  
Missions only exist because not everyone worships.**

*All the nations you have made shall come and worship before you, O Lord,  
and shall glorify your name.” Psalm 86:9*