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FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (The Holy Trinity)

Sermon & Text: "Majestic in Mercy" Psalm 8

Order of Service: *See printed Service Folder*

Hymns: 507 ~ 905 ~ 978 ~ 804 ~ [Communion: 621, 632, 717] ~ 506

A PRAYER UPON ENTERING CHURCH *Happy Father's Day!... and a special, grateful welcome to all fathers this morning. We bless and cherish you for the strong, reliable and confident provider you have been or continue to be to your families. We salute you in the name of our Lord. If you are visiting with us this morning, help us get to know you better by filling out the blue Rite of Fellowship card from the pew rack in front of you. Simply pass it to the center aisle during the offering.*

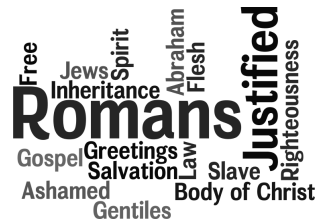


SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE THIS MORNING

- ✠ Renee Petzoldt, *Organist* ✠ Landen Kruse & Trenton Kruse, *Acolytes* ✠
- ✠ Joyce & Dan Wiechers, *Greeters* ✠
- ✠ Tom Von Deylen, Doug Dietrich, Neil Badenhop, *Ushers* ✠
- ✠ Karen Germann, Mary Kossow, Diana Kruse, *Altar Guild* ✠

SUNDAY ADULT BIBLE STUDY – Many churches teach a theology that says that in the end the Jews will all be saved by a special dispensation of God apart from faith in Christ. This teaching, of course, rejects the teaching of Scripture, and of Romans especially, that salvation is *only* through faith in Christ. St. Paul is clear in Romans 11, that "Israel failed to obtain what it was seeking," and that the Gentiles are Abraham's true family by virtue of Christian faith.

It's a fascinating topic, and **we hope you'll join us this morning in the fellowship hall for this study of God's Word. It's never too late to sit in with us and to learn!** "How blest are those who hear the Word of God and put it into practice." (Luke 11:28)



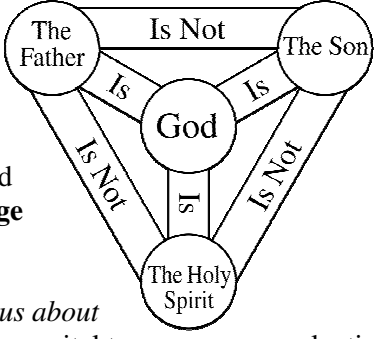
Date	Time	Activities
Today		♦ ♦ ♦ FATHER'S DAY ♦ ♦ ♦
	9:00 AM 10:20AM	Communion Service Adult Bible Class
Mon.	7:00 PM	School Board Meeting
Wed.	7:00 PM	150 th Anniversary Committee Meeting
Thurs.	7:00 PM	Thursday Evening Worship
Sun.	9:00 AM 10:20AM 1:00 PM	Worship Service; 60 th Anniversary of the Confirmation Class of 1959 Adult Bible Class 4-H Meetings
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:

- ❖ Shut-Ins: *Norma Damman, Renetta Homan, and Willie Gerken*
- ❖ *Delora Winkelman, Marian Buchhop, Dorothy Gerken, and Eldor Gruenhagen* (under hospice care) at Genacross Lutheran Home
- ❖ *Evelyn Rohrs and Melba Elling*, in Assisted Living 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*
- ❖ *Shorty Bischoff, Darrel Bockelman, and Hildegard Behrmann*, who are dealing with recent health issues
- ❖ *Pat Kramer*, for recent surgery to reduce pain in her amputated leg

PRAISE TO THE HOLY TRINITY – Today is Holy Trinity

Sunday. On this day we traditionally confess the Athanasian Creed which, more than the other Creeds, clearly elucidates the doctrine of the Holy Trinity. This creed is “catholic” (meaning “universal”; as an adjective, “universally accepted”) because it gives expression to the true faith as confessed by Christians of all times and places. **This creed, along with a brief history, can be found on page 319 in the hymnal.**



After its careful presentation of the core Christian Doctrine of the Trinity, the Creed states, “*Whoever desires to be saved must think thus about the Trinity.*” Why is correct thinking about the doctrine of the Trinity so vital to our salvation? Because historically and presently, those who deny the Doctrine of the Trinity must inevitably deny the true divinity of Jesus (as do the *Jehovah’s Witnesses* and *The Way International*, for example). If Jesus is not God, but is just a man, then His sacrifice does not avail for us; He is not our Savior, but merely an example for us.

Let us therefore confess our faith in the Holy Trinity, and sing His three-fold praise in the words of angels’ song, “**Holy, holy, holy is Lord God Almighty!**” (Isa 6:4 & Rev 4:8).

WOMEN OF FREEDOM – There is no meeting scheduled for the month of June.

CHURCH PICNIC & HOG ROAST: Cancelled for today and re-scheduled for Sunday, August 25th in conjunction with the annual Outdoor Service. Please mark the date!



150th ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE MEETING – This Wednesday

The committee for planning our anniversary events will meet this Wednesday evening at 7:00 p.m. to focus on plans for our culminating celebration on Sunday, Sept. 15th. We'll meet at 7:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Even if you haven't been part of the planning process yet, you are welcome to join us in helping to plan for Part IV of our celebration. There will be plenty to do for all!

<u>FINANCIAL FACTS:</u>	Home Fund	Synod & Missions	Building Fund
Weekly Need	\$9,792.78	\$500.00	\$961.54
Rec'd 06/09/19	\$6,456.00	\$165.00	\$155.00

ATTENDANCE: Thursday – 06/06/19 – 47; Sunday – 06/09/19 – 168

VOLUNTEERS FOR WORSHIP SLIDES – If you're good with your TV remote and game controller, we've got a job for you. During each worship service we need an individual who will advance the slides on the sanctuary screens. If you're interested in serving in this way, please speak with Dan Wachtman or with Pastor. We'll do some quick training and have you serving in no time!

150th ANNIVERSARY BLANKETS – In the narthex, be sure to check out the beautiful woven blanket designed for our 150th Anniversary celebration. These blankets are now available for a donation of \$35. Just place your gift in the clear plastic box on the anniversary table in the narthex, and take your blanket with you to enjoy!

LYF → NYG:

- ▶ **PANCAKE & SAUSAGE BREAKFAST** – Thank you so much to all the congregation members and friends who came to support the youth at their pancake fundraiser this past Sunday. The overwhelming support that the congregation has toward our youth is amazing!
~Sarah Bartok, Youth Director
- ▶ **FINAL CALL FOR YOUTH SPONSOR BOARD** – The National Youth Gathering is quickly approaching (*less than 1 month away!*). The youth would like to say THANK YOU to all who have sponsored them through our envelope fundraiser as well as our many others throughout the year. If you would still like to sponsor our youth going, you can still do so up to June 30th.
- ▶ **NYG FOOD DONATIONS** – The LYF is asking for some food donations for the National Youth Gathering. These food donations will go toward breakfast, lunch, and snacks for our youth throughout the gathering. A signup list is located on the narthex table for the items and quantity of what we need. If you are able to donate a food item, please place your name and information on the sign-up sheet. Please return your food donation to the blue crate in the back of church by July 7th. Thank you!

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

THURSDAY EVENING SERVICES are now in the north end of the fellowship hall. We hope these Thursday services will make it possible to attend worship when summer plans take you away during weekends. Holy Communion will be available at our Thursday services on the Thursdays prior to our regular Communion Sundays. (Please note that there will be no Thursday services on the Fourth of July and in the week prior to our final anniversary celebration in September.)

ST. JOHN SCHOOL POSITION OPENINGS – St. John Lutheran School is seeking a few people to fill the following paid positions that will be open after this school year.

- **School Cook** – This individual is responsible for ordering/purchasing, preparing, and serving lunch for approximately 55-60 students and staff; and the clean up after lunch. This would average 15 hours per week. Must have a FBI/BCI background check.
- **Freedom Flock Aide (After School Care)** – This person is in charge of the aftercare program each day that school is in session from 3-6 p.m. It averages 10-12 hours per week. Must have a FBI/BCI background check.

If you are interested in more information on these positions, please speak with Principal Kramer or the chairman of the School Board, Margo Behnfeldt. Thank you!

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.

PROJECT CONNECT (new titles) – There are many free booklets in the rack in the narthex. Be sure to check for some informative reading such as: “*Alzheimer’s: Facing the Loss of a Lifetime,*” “*Talking with God,*” “*Forgiveness is a Choice,*” “*Talking Openly with Kids,*” “*Setting Priorities,*” “*Your Place in God’s Plan,*” “*Stressed but Connected,*” “*Beyond Divorce,*” “*For Better, For Worse,*” “*What Is Faith in Jesus?*” and many more. Booklets furnished through Lutheran Hour Ministries.

MINI-VACATION! A mini-vacation to the Creation Museum and the Ark Encounter is being organized on Wednesday and Thursday, Aug. 28 & 29. Space is limited to 54 people. Flyers are available on the bulletin board in the narthex. Contact Linda Riefers at 419-267-3366 for more info.

A SAVE THE DATE: The *Annual Stephanie Lynn Kossow Memorial Golf Outing* will be held on Sat., July 27th this year with a 1:00 PM shotgun start. Flyers available on the narthex table!



FOOD FOR THOUGHT...

**God, who is wise enough to create me and the world I live in,
is also wise enough to watch over me!**

*“Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world,
from everlasting to everlasting you are God.” (Psa. 90:2)*