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SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sermon & Text: "Free to Live! Free to Tell!" *Luke 8:26-39*

Order of Service: *Matins (LSB pg. 219)*

Hymns: **578 ~ 541 ~ 941** (sub for *Te Deum*) ~ **849**

WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS

Welcome in the name of the Lord. We pray that through this time of stillness and song, prayer and proclamation, you may experience the Spirit of God at work in your life. If you do not have a local church home, we extend a warm invitation to you to become a part of our church family. Simply 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 this morning. Your presence is a blessing to us.



SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE THIS MORNING

- ✠ Renee Petzoldt, *Organist* ✠ Karleigh Sonnenberg & Bryce Bostelman, *Acolytes* ✠
- ✠ Linda Riefers & Lois Arps, *Greeters* ✠
- ✠ Tom Von Deylen, Doug Dietrich, Neil Badenhop, *Ushers* ✠
- ✠ Karen Germann, Mary Kossow, Diana Kruse, *Altar Guild* ✠

THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are placed by the 1959 Confirmation Class in recognition of the 60th anniversary of their Confirmation. Members of that class were: *Jane (Winkelman) Peterson, MaryLou (Volkman) Leatherman, Lyman Norden, Jim Hogrefe, Ronald Zumfelde, John Ruetz, and Lester Rabe*. Most of them have joined us in worship this morning and we are glad to have them here. Also in 1959, Don Niebergall had completed his first year as a teacher at St. John Lutheran School. The Confirmation class has invited Don & Karan to join them for lunch after which Don will give them a tour of the old school. Hope you all have an enjoyable day together!

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!

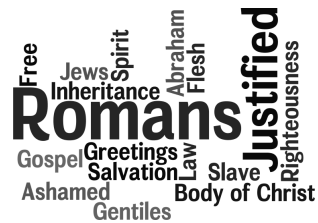
In God's House This Week *Online church calendar: www.DynaCal.com/sjl*

Date	Time	Activities
Today	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.	5:30 PM	<i>Bread From Heaven</i> Food Pantry distribution
Tue.	7:00 PM	Shepherd Committee Meeting followed by Board of Elders at 7:30
Thurs.	7:00 PM	Thursday Evening Worship
Sun.	9:00 AM 10:20AM	Worship Service Adult Bible Class
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:

- ❖ 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

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)

<u>FINANCIAL FACTS:</u>	Home Fund	Synod & Missions	Building Fund
Weekly Need	\$9,792.78	\$500.00	\$961.54
Rec’d 06/16/19	\$10,580.75	\$89.00	\$305.00

ATTENDANCE: Thursday – 06/13/19 – 57; Sunday – 06/16/19 – 171

MEMORIAL given for *Tillmon Petzoldt*: St. John Endowment – School Fund - \$98.00

LYF → NYG:

- ▶ **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 during the year. If you'd still like to sponsor our youth going, you can 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. **ADDITIONAL NOTE:** If you would be interested in donating lunch meat for sandwiches, cheese, fruit, or veggies, please contact Sarah Bartok at 734-752-9893 or email her at sbartok@sjl.org. Thank you!

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!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS – Upcoming Events

Here are some key dates to have on your calendar for this summer...

- ✓ Thur. July 4 No Thursday evening worship
- ✓ Sun. July 7 Reception of two new members into our fellowship;
Sending Service for youth & chaperones attending National Youth Gathering
- ✓ Sun. Aug. 25 Outdoor Service and Congregational Picnic & Hog Roast
- ✓ Sun. Sept. 15 Culminating Anniversary Service, 10:00 a.m. / Congregational Meal

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.)

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.

WHY LUTHERAN SCHOOLS? NURTURING FAITH: Faith is nurtured by daily proclamation of the Gospel, teaching children the Word of God and how to read and understand that Word on their own, and by modeling and challenging students to live the Christian faith.

ST. JOHN SCHOOL POSITION OPENING – St. John Lutheran School is seeking an individual to fill the following paid position for the upcoming school year.

- **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, Christa Bickel. Thank you!

SCHOOL BOARD INITIATIVE: At their recent meeting, the School Board decided they would like to gather a group of individuals with ideas to promote and grow the school. If you can help with ideas, please call the school office and leave your name. A Board member will be in contact with you to listen to your idea(s).

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.

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.



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.

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!

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FOOD FOR THOUGHT...

I heard the forecast, but I know who is in control!

“For those who love God all things work together for good.” (Rom. 8:28)