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THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sermon & Text: "The Goings of Jesus" *Luke 9:51-62*

Order of Service: *See printed Service Folder*

Hymns: 685 ~ 819 ~ 688 ~ 832

WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS

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, we ask that you fill out a blue Rite of Fellowship card from the pew rack in front of you and pass it to the center aisle during the offering this morning.



SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE THIS MORNING

- ✠ Renee Petzoldt, *Organist* ✠ Kaelyn Gerken & Ella Rosebrook, *Acolytes* ✠
- ✠ Marilyn Meyer & Arlene Wallace, *Greeters* ✠
- ✠ Tom Von Deylen, Doug Dietrich, Neil Badenhop, *Ushers* ✠
- ✠ Karen Germann, Mary Kossow, Diana Kruse, *Altar Guild* ✠

SUNDAY ADULT BIBLE STUDY – "All Israel will be saved," says St. Paul in his letter to the Romans (11:26). And yet earlier in the chapter Paul spoke of only a remnant of Israel that was chosen by grace. These two statements are often misunderstood and are interpreted in a wide variety of ways. Today we will discuss this matter that has often confounded students of the Bible. 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)



In God's House This Week		Online church calendar: www.DynaCal.com/sjl
Date	Time	Activities
Today	9:00 AM 10:20AM	Worship Service Adult Bible Class
Tue.	7:00 PM	Stewardship Board Meeting
Sun.	9:00 AM 10:20AM 1:00 PM	Communion Service & New Member Recognition New Member Reception in front hallway; Adult Bible Class 4-H Meetings
Mon.- Sat.	7:30 AM	Morning Meditations, WONW 1280 AM Speaker: <i>Rev. Dale Kern</i> , retired – St. John Lutheran, Stryker

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 and Darrel Bockelman*, who are dealing with recent health issues

THURSDAY SERVICE CANCELLED THIS WEEK – Because Thursday this week falls on the Fourth of July, and many families will be busy with other things that day, the Thursday service this week is cancelled. The Thursday service will resume the following week on Thursday, July 11th.

PORTALS OF PRAYER BOOKLETS for the next quarter, *July, August, September*, are on the desk in the back of the church. There are also large print booklets available for anybody to pick up.

NEXT SUNDAY (July 7) – TWO SPECIAL HAPPENINGS

Next Sunday will be rich in blessings as we gather for worship. Be sure to join us and be part of the following:

- **RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS** – Next Sunday we will receive into membership two new members, **Tina Wachtman** (Todd's wife) and **Joe Montana** (Hannah née Dietrich's husband). Following the service there will be a Java Joy reception for them in the front hallway, where you can extend them your welcome and greetings.
- **COMMISSIONING OF NYG PARTICIPANTS** – For years a number of our youth and their chaperones have been planning for the **LCMS National Youth Gathering** this July. The congregation has given support through numerous fundraisers, and now at last it is time to send them on their way. During the service next Sunday we will send them off with Scripture, prayer, and blessing, eagerly anticipating the day when they return to us to report all that they saw and heard in Minneapolis.



150th ANNIVERSARY PICTORIAL DIRECTORY – The 150th Anniversary Committee is seeking individuals to form a committee to make plans for a 150th Anniversary Pictorial Directory. It has been five years since our last directory. If you would like to be part of this committee, please speak with Pastor Niermann. We'll get the process going as soon as we can put the committee together.

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, the deadline is today.**
- ▶ **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!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS –

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

- ✓ 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 July 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!

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.

<u>FINANCIAL FACTS:</u>	Home Fund	Synod & Missions	Building Fund
Weekly Need	\$9,792.78	\$500.00	\$961.54
Rec'd 06/23/19	\$7,091.00	\$109.00	\$112.00

ATTENDANCE: Thursday – 06/20/19 – 53; Sunday – 06/23/19 – 122

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!

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!

ST. JOHN CHURCH LIBRARY – Stop in and check out the growing number of books available in the church library, located in the hall next to the sanctuary. The books in this library have been screened to assure that they are true to the Word of God and can be trusted to be theologically sound. To borrow a book, just take it with you, and then return it to the basket when you've finished reading. A complete list of the books in the church's library can be found by clicking on the "Book Inventory" link on the library page of our church's website. <http://www.sjl.org/library.html>

WHY LUTHERAN SCHOOLS? A SAFE PLACE: Unfortunately, in many communities children are not safe. Lutheran schools provide places where children don't have to worry about being attacked verbally or physically. Loving teachers and other staff members daily demonstrate Christ's love for them and their love for children.

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).

UPCOMING SCHOOL DATES TO REMEMBER:

- ▶ **Annual School Cleaning** has been set for **Mon., July 29** at 6:00PM. No cleaning on Tues., July 30 as carpets will be shampooed. On **Wed., July 31** starting at 6:00 PM put furnishings and desks back into classrooms, and clean other areas of the building. **Thurs., Aug. 1** at 6:00 PM (if needed) finish cleaning remainder of building and putting furnishings and desks back into all classrooms. Please contact a School Board member if evenings do not work for you. Please read the Parent Participation Policy on FastDirect with all the details about family requirements for School Cleaning.

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!

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FOOD FOR THOUGHT...

Could the church survive if every member was like me?

"Let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another." (Heb 10:24-25)