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FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sermon & Text: "Reunion" *Colossians 1:1-3*

Order of Service: *See printed Service Folder*

Hymns: 538 ~ 553 ~ 649 ~ 918

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 a visitor, we ask that you fill out a 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

- ✠ Sharon Damman, *Organist* ✠ Ella Rosebrook & Emersyn Gerken, *Acolytes* ✠
- ✠ Richard & Bev Elling, *Greeters* ✠
- ✠ Dave Myles, Denny Bockelman, Tim Badenhop *Ushers* ✠
- ✠ Kaylee & Ronda Wentworth, Karen Lulfs, Karan Niebergall, *Altar Guild* ✠

COMMUNION SCHEDULE CHANGE FOR JULY – Because of the way Pastor Niermann's summer schedule falls, we will make an adjustment to our Thursday Communion schedule for July. **Communion will be celebrated on Thursday, July 25** instead of July 18 as originally scheduled. There is no change to our Sunday Communion schedule.

PRAY FOR OUR PARTICIPANTS IN THE NYG

This morning a number of our youth and their chaperones are in Minneapolis at the *National Youth Gathering*. Please keep them in your prayers, that they would grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior, and would be equipped for service and ministry in His name. And please pray for the safe homecoming later this week.



| In God's House This Week | | <i>Online church calendar: www.DynaCal.com/sjl</i> |
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| Date | Time | Activities |
| Today | 9:00 AM | Worship Service |
| Tue. | 7:00 PM | Women of Freedom Meeting (<i>see bulletin note</i>) |
| Thurs. | 7:00 PM | Thursday Evening Worship (<i>no communion</i>) |
| Sun. | 9:00 AM 10:20AM | Communion Service ; 1949 Confirmation Class Reunion Adult Bible Class |
| Mon.- Sat. | 7:30 AM | Morning Meditations, WONW 1280 AM Speaker: <i>Rev. Stephen Niermann</i> , St. John Lutheran – Freedom |

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

- ❖ Shut-Ins: *Norma Damman, Renetta Homan, Willie Gerken and Lester Rabe*
- ❖ *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
- ❖ *Lorna Von Deylen*, currently residing at Swanton Valley Center
- ❖ *Rose Leonard* (daughter of *Brad & Kailee Leonard*), recently hospitalized and now home, but dealing with significant health issues

WEDDING WISHES! Congratulations to *Derek Durham* and *Caitlin Falk* who were united in marriage on Saturday, July 13th in Pittsburgh, PA. The couple will be residing in Columbus, OH.

CHURCH/SCHOOL SECRETARY ON VACATION: Please make note that Joyce Wiechers will be out of the office from July 13 – July 20 for vacation. The bulletin next Sunday (7-21) will have limited information in it. Any additional information for that Sunday will be announced by Pastor Kramer. Thank you!

PASTOR NIERMANN OUT OF THE OFFICE: Please note that Pastor Niermann will be gone today (7-14) and also next Sunday (7-21). Lay Leaders are conducting today's service and Pastor Kramer will conduct services on Thurs., July 18th and Sun., July 21st.

WOMEN OF FREEDOM & LWML QUARTERLIES: The next Women of Freedom meeting will be held on Tues., July 16th at 7:00 PM. This will be a Missions Meeting so everyone should bring their Mite Boxes if you have one. Amber Gruenhagen is back from her mission work in Brazil and will be our guest speaker. The LWML Quarterlies are also available on the narthex table. Be sure to pick up your copy today! All ladies of St. John are invited to come to our meetings. Hope to see you there!

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.

150th ANNIVERSARY NOTES

- **HELP NEEDED FOR SEPT. 15TH ANNIVERSARY MEAL** – The 150th Anniversary Committee is seeking 6 or 7 volunteers to form a kitchen committee for our final anniversary meal on Sunday, Sept. 15. Responsibilities would be to prepare coffee and punch, set out tableware, assist with setting out food just before serving, monitoring garbage cans, and helping with clean up afterwards. If you can assist in this way, please sign the list in the narthex...and thank you!
- **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.

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!

THURSDAY EVENING SERVICES are being held 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.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS – Upcoming Events

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

- ✓ Sun. Aug. 25 Outdoor Service and Congregational Picnic & Hog Roast
- ✓ Sun. Sept. 15 Culminating Anniversary Service, 10:00 a.m. / Congregational Meal

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 would be interested in serving in this way, please speak with Dan Wachtman or with Pastor. If we can get a few people together, we will do some quick training and have you serving in no time!

| <u>FINANCIAL FACTS:</u> | Home Fund | Synod & Missions | Building Fund |
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| Weekly Need | \$9,792.78 | \$500.00 | \$961.54 |
| Rec'd 07/07/19 | \$6,189.00 | \$154.00 | \$710.00 |

ATTENDANCE: Thursday – 07/04/19 – No service; Sunday – 07/07/19 – 177

WHY LUTHERAN SCHOOLS? *CHILDREN IN GOD'S WORLD:* As the Christian faith is integrated into their lives, Christian decision-making and problem solving are facilitated.

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!

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.

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).

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.

RIGHT HAND OF FELLOWSHIP FUNDRAISER: The Stewardship Board is offering "for sale" the Ultimate Cloth® as a fundraiser. These are a MiraFiber® technology cloth that cleans with water only. This cloth is more effective than harsh cleaning chemicals and soaps. See *Karen Norden* (419-267-3477) for more information and pricing. This will be an on-going fundraiser for the Right Hand of Fellowship gift matching campaign.

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.

AREA EVENTS:

- **Zion Lutheran Church, Ridgeville Corners** is hosting an Ice Cream Social on **Sun., July 21st** serving from 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM. Carry outs available. Freewill Donation! See flyer.
- **The 12th Annual Stephanie Lynn Kossow Memorial Golf Outing** will be held on **Sat., July 27th**, with a 1:00 PM shotgun start. Registration forms available on the narthex table!

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FOOD FOR THOUGHT...

Love looks through a telescope; envy through a microscope!

"In humility count others more significant than yourselves." (Phil 2:3)

"One's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions." (Luke 12:15)