



# St. John Lutheran Church

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### SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Guest Preacher: Rev. Charles Kramer  
Sermon & Text: "Misrepresented Martha" *Luke 10:41-42*  
Order of Service: Divine Service, Setting Three (LSB pg 184)  
Hymns: 907 ~ 855, stz. 1,9,3,4 ~ [Communion: 563, 628] ~ 565

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### WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS

*Welcome! We are here at the Savior's invitation; therefore let us approach the throne of grace with boldness, receiving mercy and finding grace to help in every time of need. If you have no church of your own, we invite you to make this your home church. If you are a visitor, 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 this morning.*

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

- ✘ Renee Petzoldt, *Organist* ✘ Karter Behnfeldt & Kaelyn Gerken, *Acolytes* ✘
- ✘ Esther Layton & Linda Meyer, *Greeters* ✘
- ✘ Dave Myles, Denny Bockelman, Tim Badenhop *Ushers* ✘
- ✘ Kaylee & Ronda Wentworth, Karen Lulfs, Karan Niebergall, *Altar Guild* ✘

**THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR** are placed by the 1949 Confirmation Class in recognition of the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of their Confirmation. A few of them have joined us in worship this morning and we are so glad to have them with us at St. John.

**PASTOR NIERMANN AT LCMS CONVENTION** – This morning Pastor Niermann is absent and attending the national LCMS convention in Tampa, FL, as our circuit's pastoral delegate. The convention will continue through this Thursday. In his absence, **Pastor Charles Kramer** will be conducting worship this morning.

- **BIBLE STUDY THIS MORNING** – After worship this morning, Pastor Kramer will lead a Bible study in the fellowship hall taking a closer look at today's Scripture readings. Please join him for the study of God's Word and for greater insight into the Scriptures we heard in our worship today.

In God's House This Week		Online church calendar: <a href="http://www.DynaCal.com/sjl">www.DynaCal.com/sjl</a>
Date	Time	Activities
Today	9:00 AM 10:20AM	Communion Service; 1949 Confirmation Class Reunion Adult Bible Class
Mon.	5:30 PM	<i>Bread from Heaven</i> Food Pantry distribution
Wed.	7:00 PM	Freedom Royal Farmers 4-H Meeting
Thurs.	7:00 PM	<b>Thursday Evening Worship</b> ( <i>with communion</i> )
Sun.	9:00 AM 10:20AM	<b>Worship Service</b> Adult Bible Class
Mon.- Sat.	7:30 AM	Morning Meditations, WONW 1280 AM Speaker: <i>Rev. Theodore Rellstab</i> , St. John Lutheran – Holgate

**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*, 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

**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 this Thursday, July 25** instead of July 18 as originally scheduled. There is no change to our Sunday Communion schedule.

**CHURCH SECRETARY:** Please make note that due to Joyce Wiechers out of the office last week, today's bulletin has limited information in it. Should there be any additional information for today, it will be announced by Pastor Kramer at the end of the service. Thank you!

**150<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY NOTES**

- **HELP NEEDED FOR SEPT. ANNIVERSARY MEAL** – The 150<sup>th</sup> 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 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee is seeking individuals to form a committee to make plans for a 150<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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.

**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!

**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

**150<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY BLANKETS** – In the narthex, be sure to check out the beautiful woven blanket designed for our 150<sup>th</sup> 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!

**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).

**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.

**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>

**THE LUTHERAN HOUR** – The Lutheran Hour Ministries can be heard on a few radio stations in our area. Broadcasts can be heard Sundays on: Archbold’s WMTR 96.1 FM at 7:30 AM; **Napoleon’s WNDH 103.1 FM at 9:00 AM**; Fort Wayne’s WOWO 1190 AM at 10:30 AM.

**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), or *Vicki Grieser* (419-445-2986) 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!

**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! 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.

**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 **today** with serving from 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM. Carry outs available. Freewill Donation! See flyer.
- **The 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Stephanie Lynn Kossow Memorial Golf Outing** will be held on **Sat., July 27<sup>th</sup>**, with a 1:00 PM shotgun start. Registration forms available on the narthex table!

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**FOOD FOR THOUGHT...**

**To look around is to be distressed. To look within is to be depressed.**

**To look up is to be blessed.**

*“Cast your burden on the LORD, and he will sustain you.” (Psa 55:22)*