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FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Guest Preacher: Rev. Charles Kramer
Sermon Title & Text: "Seeing As God Sees" *Romans 7:24-25*
Order of Service: Divine Service, Setting 4 (*LSB pg 203*)
Hymns: 868 ~ 570 ~ [Communion: 618, 718] ~ 966

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.



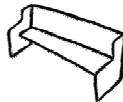
SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE THIS MORNING

- ✠ Sharon Damman, *Organist* ✠
- ✠ Tim Badenhop, Dave Myles, Dennis Bockelman, *Ushers* ✠
- ✠ Sharon Badenhop, Nancy Short, Deb Wachtman, Marietta Damman, *Altar Guild* ✠

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.

PEW COLOR DESIGNATIONS FOR SOCIAL DISTANCING

- Thursday evenings - **RED** pews
- Sunday early service - **RED** pews
- Sunday late service - **BLUE** pews



Date	Time	Activities
Today	8:30AM & 10:00AM	Communion Service (both)
Tues.	7:00 PM	Stewardship Board Meeting
Thurs.	7:00 PM	Thursday Evening Worship
Sun.	8:30AM & 10:00AM	Worship Service with Communion following
Mon.- Sat.	7:30 AM	Morning Meditations, WONW 1280 AM Speaker: <i>Rev. Stephen Niermann</i> , St. John Lutheran – Napoleon

FOR THOSE LISTENING FROM THE PARKING LOT

Pick up your bulletin and service by driving through the carport before worship

You can give your offering to the deacon at the same time

Tune your FM radio to 87.7

Drive-thru Communion after worship under carport

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

- ❖ Shut-Ins: *Norma Damman, Renetta Homan, and Lester Rabe*
- ❖ *Melba Elling, and Lorna Von Deylen*, at Genacross Lutheran Home
- ❖ *Evelyn Rohrs*, at Assisted Living – Genacross Lutheran Home
- ❖ *Harold Behrmann*, at Fulton Manor, Wauseon
- ❖ *Donald Landry*, residing at the Ohio Veteran’s Home, Sandusky
- ❖ Armed Services: *Justin Atkinson, Jason Rohrs, Emily Schroeder, Connor Gerken, Seth Handy, Nathan Nemoyer, Jared Dishop*
- ❖ *Donald Badenhop*, has returned to Vancrest Nursing Care Facility, Holgate, for rehab

<u>FINANCIAL FACTS:</u>	Home Fund	Synod & Missions	Building Fund
Weekly Need	\$9,792.78	\$500.00	\$961.54
Rec'd 06/28/20	\$13,234.75	\$445.00	\$480.00

ATTENDANCE: Thursday - 53; Sunday Early - 50; Sunday Late – 34

BULLETIN SUBMISSION NOTE: With Thursday night services started, bulletin announcements must be turned in to the office by Wednesday of each week in order to be included in the Thursday and Sunday bulletin. Please make note of this. Thank you!

OLD SCHOOL RENOVATION – Much progress has been made at the old school building, even during these days of pandemic. Most recently a wonderful crew of men spent the day digging around the foundation so that a footer tile could be laid to improve drainage. Next up will be forming and pouring of concrete sidewalks around the building, and excavation for a stone parking area around the building. **Many thanks to everyone who has volunteered their time and service. They are saving the congregation a large amount of financial resources, and helping to bring this project to completion! Donations can still be made using the information on the brochures in the narthex.**

CEMETERY CEMENT FOOTERS – At its last meeting on June 9, the Church Council voted to proceed with pouring the final section of the cement footers at a cost of \$15,750. This pouring will complete both back rows of the southern section of our cemetery. It was essential that this matter be addressed immediately because at this time there are footers for only two more graves. We would like to thank *Ben Kruse* (Cemetery Sexton) for his many years of taking care of the finer details of operating our cemetery. It was also decided that funds for this project would be taken from the *Building Fund* (instead of borrowing). Please keep this in mind as you direct your gifts and offerings.

The Council also discussed the plot price, which at this time does not even cover the cost of the concrete footers. This matter will be revisited at the next Church Council meeting.

A NOTE ABOUT OFFERINGS – There is much for which to be thankful, even during this pandemic. In particular, we give thanks to God for everyone who has faithfully supported the ministry through this time with their continuing offerings. We are truly blessed! If you will not be returning to public services for a while yet, you can give your offering in one of these ways:

- For those listening to the FM parking lot broadcast, you may give your offering to the usher or deacon when they hand you your bulletin.
- Use the ‘**Give Now**’ online giving page – a link (the blue button) is on our website.
- Mail your offerings to the church.
- Drop off your offerings on Tuesdays, 9 a.m. to noon, outside the church office.

UPCOMING SCHOOL DATES TO REMEMBER:

- ▶ **Annual School Cleaning** has been set for **Mon., July 27** at 6:00PM. No cleaning on Tues., July 28 as carpets will be shampooed. On **Wed., July 29** starting at 6:00 PM put furnishings and desks back into classrooms, and clean other areas of the building. **Thurs., July 30** 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.

STAFFING UPDATE: St. John Lutheran School has had five staff members leave us this year. *Mrs. Mary DeWit* and *Mr. Lowell Petzoldt* have retired. *Mrs. Valerie Rice* has chosen to leave as our preschool teacher, along with her husband, *Mr. Nick Rice*, as our janitor. *Mr. Ben Majewski* has taken employment at a school closer to his home in Monroe, MI.

The following individuals will be added to the staff this fall. *Mrs. Haley O'Neil* will teach 3-4 grades. *Mrs. Pam Reeves* will be the preschool teacher. *Mrs. Pat Kramer* will become our Title I educator and will work with students needing extra help. Due to decreased funding from the State of Ohio, the teacher aide position will not be filled at this time. The school janitor position is close to being filled, and we are still in the process of filling the position of Grade 7-8 teacher.

The State of Ohio has limited the preschool to 9 students due to Covid19. **There are currently no openings in the 3-yr old and 4/5-yr old class. They are both full.** However, registration for Kindergarten to eighth grade is still available for this fall. If you know of someone interested in enrolling their child please call the school office at 419-598-8702.

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.

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.

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!

STAMP COLLECTING: The LWML is collecting "Stamps For Missions." Here is what you do: Cut the stamps from the envelopes allowing ¼ inch margin or more around the stamp. The stamp may not be damaged and the perforations around the stamp must be perfect. Regular stamps are no longer accepted. You need not trim the stamp; we have someone who trims and sorts the stamps. Do not remove stamps from envelopes, albums, and older postcards. An "old" postcard is usually from 1930 or before. The most valuable stamps are commemorative and foreign. Collecting stamps is an easy way to participate in a mission project sponsored by the Lutheran Women's Missionary League. A yellow box is on the table in the narthex.

HELP US KEEP UPDATED RECORDS – With the advent of cell phones, keeping current contact information is an issue for every organization these days, including the church. When people move or get a new phone number, they often don't think to update that information with us, often leaving us with no way to contact them for ministry related matters. So please, if you move or get a new phone number, contact the church office or make a note of it on the *Rite of Fellowship Card* and help us keep our records as up-to-date as possible.

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!

ICE CREAM SOCIAL: **Zion Lutheran Church, Ridgeville Corners** is hosting a Drive-Thru Homemade Ice Cream Social on **Sun., July 19th** serving from 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM. Freewill Donation with proceeds going to Missions!