



# St. John Lutheran Church

FREEDOM TOWNSHIP

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## Serving Christ in Freedom

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### SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sermon Title & Text: "Words You Can Count On" *Isaiah 55:10-12*

Order of Service: See printed Service Folder

Hymns: Early: 871 ~ 584 ~ 577 ~ 545 ~ 921

Late: 871 ~ [Baptism: *Borning Cry*, 588] ~ 577 ~ 545 ~ 921

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### 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 visiting with us this morning, help us get to know you better by filling out the Rite of Fellowship card from the pew rack in front of you and drop it in the basket at the table in the narthex as you leave today. You can also register your name in the Guest Book in the Narthex and introduce yourself to the Pastor. Your presence is a blessing to us.*

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

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

### THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM – Hendrix Jo Oyer

In the Sunday late service it will be our privilege and honor to witness the baptism of **Hendrix Jo Oyer**, infant daughter of Jason & Andrea Oyer. **Hendrix** was born on March 17, 2020 at the Henry County Hospital. Her baptismal sponsors are **Greg & Karlee Badenhop** and **Dan & Renee Meyer**. Her grandparents are Kathy Badenhop, Glenn Badenhop, and Ray & Sandy Oyer. We rejoice with this family, and with Hendrix's siblings, Maddox, Stryker and Henley. May the word that God begins today in Hendrix be brought to completion on the day of Jesus Christ, when all those who believe and are baptized will inherit the kingdom forever!



**In God's House This Week** *Online church calendar: [www.DynaCal.com/sjl](http://www.DynaCal.com/sjl)*

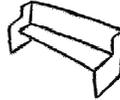
<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Activities</b>
Today	<b>8:30AM &amp; 10:00AM</b>	<b>Worship Service with Communion following</b>
Tues.	7:00 PM	Church Council Meeting
Wed.	6:30 PM	Church Directory Committee Meeting
Thurs.	<b>7:00 PM</b>	<b>Thursday Evening Worship</b>
Sun.	<b>8:30AM &amp; 10:00AM</b>	<b>Communion Service (both)</b>
Mon.- Sat.	7:30 AM	Morning Meditations, WONW 1280 AM Speaker: <i>Rev. Theodore Rellstab</i> , St. John Lutheran – Holgate

**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**

**PEW COLOR DESIGNATIONS FOR SOCIAL DISTANCING**

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



**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 Badenhop*, has returned to Vancrest Nursing Care Facility, Holgate, for rehab
- ❖ *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*

**SPECIAL VOTERS’ MEETING:** On Sun., July 19<sup>th</sup> there will be a Special Voters’ Meeting held between the Early and Late Services (*at approximately 9:30 am*). The purpose of this meeting is to recommend/approve the hiring (*by contract*) of the 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher for the 2020/2021 school year. We will ask that the Early Service attendees remain in the sanctuary following the 8:30 service, and that the Late Service attendees come into the sanctuary around 9:30 while maintaining safe social distancing. Thank you!

**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.

**WOMEN OF FREEDOM & LWML QUARTERLIES:** The Women of Freedom meeting for July has been cancelled due to keeping our members safe from Covid-19. There is no meeting during August, so the next meeting will be held on Tues., Sept. 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM. The LWML Quarterlies are now 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!

<b><u>FINANCIAL FACTS:</u></b>	Home Fund	Synod & Missions	Building Fund
Weekly Need	\$9,792.78	\$500.00	\$961.54
Rec'd 07/05/20	\$13,221.00	\$655.00	\$240.00

**ATTENDANCE:** Thursday - 41; Sunday Early - 51; 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.**

**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. **NOTE: Face masks will be required during cleaning.**

**STAFF POSITION OPENING:** St. John Lutheran School is looking for an aide for the Freedom Flock After School Care Program. This individual must be 18 years old, have a high school diploma, be willing to have a background check, and supply several references. If interested, please email Pastor Kramer at [ckramer@sjl.org](mailto:ckramer@sjl.org). Thank you!

**SCHOOL & PRESCHOOL:** 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.

**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.

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

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**FOOD FOR THOUGHT...**

**Christians, like pianos, need frequent tuning.**

*"All Scripture is god-breathed and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be competent, equipped for every good work.."*

*2 Timothy 3:16-17*