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SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sermon Title & Text: "Besides Me There Is No God" *Isaiah 44:6-8*

Order of Service: *Divine Service, Setting 1 (LSB pg. 151)*

Hymns: 732 ~ 850 ~ (Communion: 628, "Thou Art My Portion") ~ 729

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. 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.



SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE THIS MORNING

✠ Bethann Gerken, *Pianist* ✠

✠ Tim Badenhop, Dave Myles, Dennis Bockelman, *Ushers* ✠

✠ Sharon Badenhop, Nancy Short, Deb Wachtman, Marietta Damman, *Altar Guild* ✠

SPECIAL VOTERS' MEETING: There will be a Special Voters' Meeting held today 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 7th & 8th 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!

UPCOMING DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR – Please make note of these upcoming dates and make sure to clear your calendar for you to be there!

- **Sunday, Aug 23** **Installation of Teacher Haley O'Neil**
- **Sunday, Aug 30** **Outdoor Worship Service, in the Old School yard**
Lowell Petzoldt Retirement Recognition Meal

Date	Time	Activities
Today	8:30AM & 10:00AM	Communion Service
Wed.	6:30 PM	Church Directory Committee Meeting
Thurs.	7:00 PM	Thursday Evening Worship
Sun.	8:30AM & 10:00AM	Worship Service
Mon.- Sat.	7:30 AM	Morning Meditations, WONW 1280 AM Speaker: <i>Rev. James Strawn</i> , St. James Lutheran – Burlington

FOR THOSE LISTENING FROM THE PARKING LOT

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

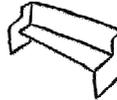
You can give your offering to the deacon at the same time

Tune your FM radio to 87.7

Drive-thru Communion after worship under carport

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
- ❖ *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*

OPTIONS FOR HOLY COMMUNION DURING COVID - During this time of pandemic, we are making Holy Communion available in the following ways:

- **Thursday evening Communion services** prior to first and third Sundays
- **First and Third Sundays each month** – in the Sanctuary, and drive-thru after each service
- **Second Sundays** – after both services in the sanctuary



Please note – Drive-thru Communion is on the first and third Sundays only for those who have participated in the Divine Service from the parking lot.

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. 15th at 7:00 PM. The LWML Quarterlies are now available on the narthex table. Be sure to pick up your copy today!

<u>FINANCIAL FACTS:</u>	Home Fund	Synod & Missions	Building Fund
Weekly Need	\$9,792.78	\$500.00	\$961.54
Rec'd 07/12/20	\$9,664.00	\$202.00	\$495.00

ATTENDANCE: Thursday - 49; Sunday Early - 58; Sunday Late - 72

BULLETIN SUBMISSION NOTE: With Thursday night services in session, 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!

FURNISHINGS FOR OLD SCHOOL RENOVATION EAST ROOM - The church council discussed furnishings for the east room of the old school renovation project which is envisioned to be a versatile room available for meetings, conferences, classes, family events, etc. of up to approximately 50 people. To furnish the room, the council settled on purchasing *Lifetime*[™] brand tables and chairs because of their high quality and durability. We are planning to purchase the following:

- 8 six-foot banquet tables - \$85 each
- 50 chairs - \$25 each
- 2 60-inch TVs and wall mounts (for both rooms) - \$500 each

If you would like to give a gift toward these purchases, we are prepared to begin receiving them. Gifts may be included with your regular offering (make a notation on your envelope), or deposited into the clear box marked "Old School Furnishings" located on the narthex table (special envelopes for your gift are available). Thank you for your gifts as we come down the homestretch on this project!



SHARE THE BOUNTY OF SUMMER – This morning a table has been set up under the carport where you can bring any spare produce from your garden and share it with others in the congregation. Bring whatever you can and take whatever you can use, and share the bounty of summer! The table will be set up each Sunday through mid-September or so.

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. 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.

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!

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.

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.

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

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FOOD FOR THOUGHT...

Tell me your company and I will tell you who you are.

“Do not be deceived: ‘Bad company ruins good morals.’” 1 Cor 15:33