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EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sermon Title & Text: "Revolution or Revelation" *Romans 8:28-39*

Order of Service: *Service of Prayer & Preaching (LSB pg. 260)*

Hymns: **651 ~ 669 ~ 830 ~ 554**

WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS

Welcome guests to this place of praise and prayers as we gather together as part of the family of our Heavenly Father. We invite you to join us now and return again to celebrate the salvation we have in Jesus Christ, our Redeemer and Lord. 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.



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* ✘

MASKS AT ST. JOHN – Please wear a mask when entering and exiting the building, and when singing or speaking. Masks can be removed during longer periods of listening, such as Scripture readings, sermon, prayers, etc.

NO SHEPHERD'S COMMITTEE OR ELDERS' MEETING this week while Pastor Niermann is on vacation. Our next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 25.

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

- **Sunday, Aug 30 Outdoor Worship Service**, in the *Old School yard*, along with Installation of Gr 3&4 Teacher *Mrs. Haley O'Neil*, followed by an outdoor reception to welcome Mrs. O'Neil, Mrs. Matson, and Mrs. Reeves to the St. John teaching staff

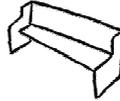
Date	Time	Activities
Today	8:30AM & 10:00AM	Worship Service
Mon.	5:30 PM 6:00 PM	<i>Bread From Heaven</i> Food Pantry distribution Annual School Cleaning
Tues.	7:00 AM	Classroom carpets cleaned professionally
Wed.	6:00 PM	Annual School Cleaning
Thurs.	7:00 PM	Thursday Evening Worship
Sun.	8:30AM & 10:00AM	Communion Service
Mon.- Sat.	7:30 AM	Morning Meditations, WONW 1280 AM Speaker: <i>Rev. Logan Schiewe</i> , St. Paul 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

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*
- ❖ *Madelyn Dishop & Tanner Kuhlman*, who are to be married this Fri., July 31st at St. Paul Lutheran, Napoleon. May God bless their union with many years and much joy.
- ❖ *Dale VonDeylen*, in hospice care at the Defiance Area Hospice Center. He is brother of Dave VonDeylen and Deb Durham. Remember also his wife Sharon and their family. May God give them strength in Christian hope in these days!

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!

THREE CHILDREN BORN AGAIN OF WATER AND THE SPIRIT

Yesterday (Saturday, July 25), three children were baptized into Christ here at St. John in small, family ceremonies.



- **Blair Lynn Call**, daughter of Arthur (AJ) & Kara (Elling) Call. Born Feb. 26, 2020 in Oregon, Ohio. Sponsors: Josh & Kristina Elling (Kara's brother and his wife). Grandparents: Mark & Brenda Elling, Grayling & Michelle Call and Deneen Evans.
- **Benjamin Earl Elling**, son of Josh & Kristina Elling. Born April 27, 2020 in Bowling Green, Ohio. Sponsors: Jennifer Simmons, Ashley (Elling) Crall and Kara Call. Grandparents: Mark & Brenda Elling and Mark & Sharon Shultz.
- **Kohen Jay Kossow**, son of Tyler & Olivia Kossow. Born May 20, 2020 in Wauseon, Ohio. Sponsors: Logan Kossow and Marissa Junge (Olivia's sister). Grandparents: Douglas & Mary Kossow, and Terry & Tammy Junge.

Now please pray for these children, that the good work that God begins in them in Baptism may be brought to completion on the day of Jesus Christ when all who believe and are baptized will inherit the Kingdom. And pray for the families, that having brought their children to the waters of Baptism, they would now teach them to observe everything Christ has commanded.

Congratulations to the Calls, the Ellings, and the Kossows as they receive into their families these gifts of God, these precious little ones, for whom Jesus has a special place in His heart!

SPECIAL VOTERS' MEETING RESULTS: At the July 19th Voters' Meeting, Mrs. Donna Matson was approved to become the 7th & 8th Grade Teacher at St. John Lutheran School. We will welcome her to our staff at the outdoor reception following the Outdoor Service on Aug. 30th.

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.

YOUR LIFELINE TO THE LUTHERAN WORLDVIEW... Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. This week's topics include: Myths about Lutheran Worship, Callings in Life, The Hymn "Thy Strong Word," Johann Sebastian Bach and more. You can listen on-demand at issuesetc.org, the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider.

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!

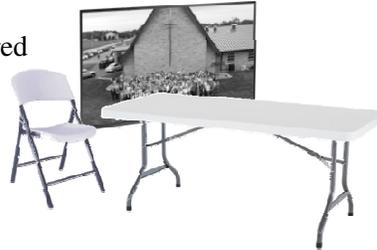
<u>FINANCIAL FACTS:</u>	Home Fund	Synod & Missions	Building Fund
Weekly Need	\$9,792.78	\$500.00	\$961.54
Rec'd 07/19/20	\$8,665.00	\$55.00	\$210.00

ATTENDANCE: Thursday - 39; Sunday Early - 34; Sunday Late - 21

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.

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!

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FOOD FOR THOUGHT...

Man is never as hard of hearing as when his opinion is being challenged.

“A fool takes no pleasure in understanding, but only in expressing his opinion.” Prov 18:2