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FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sermon Title & Text: "Enriched by His Poverty" *2 Cor 8:1-9, 13-15*

Order of Service: *Morning Prayer (pg.235)*

Hymns: **809 ~ 785 ~ 782 ~ 781**, stz. *1,2-6 ~ 784*

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 our guest today, simply fill out the Rite of Fellowship card from the pew rack in front of you and drop it in the basket at the door as you leave. Thank you!



SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE THIS MORNING

- ✧ Renee Petzoldt, *Organist* ✧
- ✧ Neil Badenhop, Doug Dietrich, Joe Badenhop, *Ushers* ✧
- ✧ Nancy Short, Deb Wachtman, Kathy Gruenhagen, *Altar Guild* ✧

ADULT BIBLE STUDY THIS MORNING

Provoking Proverbs • Second Commandment

"You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God."

Your name is the primary way people identify you; it's what you respond to and it's how you think of yourself. As such, you want to have a "good name," a name that others treat with high regard and respect. God is no different. Therefore He commands those who fear, love and trust Him to honor His name in all that they do and say, that He may be held in high regard by all!



In our Sunday Adult Study, we are looking at the biblical Proverbs categorized according to the Ten Commandments. Join us this morning as the *Proverbs provoke us* to uphold God's name with honor and reverence. **Each session is a study unto itself, so don't feel like you shouldn't come if you weren't there for previous sessions.** Bible Study is a wonderful time of growth in God's Word and of Christian fellowship. **Oh, and we have coffee too!**

In God's House This Week

Online church calendar: <https://74058984.view-events.com>

| Date | Time | Activities |
|-----------|--------------------|--|
| Today | 9:00AM 10:20AM | Worship Service Adult Bible Study |
| Mon. | 5:30 PM | <i>Bread From Heaven Food</i> Pantry distribution |
| Thurs. | 6:30 AM 7:00 PM | Men's Breakfast Bible Study Thursday Evening Worship |
| Sun. | 9:00 AM 10:20AM | Communion Service Adult Bible Study |
| Mon.-Sat. | 7:30 AM | Morning Meditations, WONW 1280 AM |

FOR THOSE LISTENING FROM THE PARKING LOT

**Pick up your bulletin and service by driving through the carport before worship
Tune your FM radio to 87.7**

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

- ❖ *Melba Elling, Lorna Von Deylen, Norma Damman, Evelyn Rohrs*, at Genacross – Napoleon
- ❖ *Ruth Mahnke*, at Assisted Living – Genacross Lutheran Home
- ❖ *Harold Behrmann*, at Fulton Manor, Wauseon
- ❖ *Donald Badenhop*, at Vancrest Nursing Care Facility, Holgate
- ❖ *Donald Landry*, residing at the Ohio Veteran's Home, Sandusky
- ❖ Military: *Justin Atkinson, Jason Rohrs, Emily Schroeder, Jared Dishop, Jordan Lange*
- ❖ *Sue Hurst, Rev. Logan Scheiwe, Eileen Fitzenreiter*, for health concerns relating to cancer
- ❖ *Don Lawrence*, who has made some improvements in his battle with cancer and Covid
- ❖ *Mabel Bischoff*, with thanksgiving to God for successful back surgery and relief from pain
- ❖ *Esther Layton*, recovering from recent surgery
- ❖ *Rev. Ted Rellstab*, long-time pastor at St. John Lutheran, Holgate, as he retires today from full-time ministry. Thanks be to God for his years of faithful service!

Men's Breakfast Bible Study



MEN'S BREAKFAST BIBLE STUDY THIS THURSDAY

Join us this Thursday, July 1st at 6:30 a.m. in the north fellowship hall for one delightful hour of food, fellowship and the Word of God! You will be nourished in body and soul as you get on your way to whatever your day may hold. These breakfasts are the best – you don't want to miss it! **It's the best part of waking up!**

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.

VBS NOTES – VBS is still being scheduled for this summer in the mornings, 9:00 a.m. to noon. The revised dates are still being decided to coordinate with the parking lot project. Please consider serving the little ones in some capacity with our VBS. Staff recruitment forms are available on the narthex table. We still need leaders and helpers for each of the five site rotations shown on the recruitment form.



COVID-19 MEASURES – We now have new guidelines in place for face masks, that reflect the new state and CDC guidelines. We ask you to use your discretion when deciding whether to wear a mask, keeping in mind the “royal law according to the Scripture, ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’” (James 2:8) Be considerate of the well-being of those around you, especially if you are not immune from having had COVID or a vaccination. (New CDC guidelines from its website state that if you have been vaccinated, you can safely resume the activities you did prior to the pandemic without wearing a mask or social distancing; and if you are not vaccinated, you should continue taking all precautions.) We will not try to distinguish who is vaccinated and who is not.

For the time being, most other Covid mitigation measures we have been observing will continue. We will roll them back a little at a time as we try to return to normalcy. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

| <u>FINANCIAL FACTS:</u> | Home Fund | Synod & Missions | Building Fund |
|--------------------------------|----------------|------------------|---------------|
| Weekly Need | \$9,792.78 | \$500.00 | \$961.54 |
| Rec'd 06/20/21 | \$4,530.00 | \$80.00 | \$90.00 |
| ATTENDANCE: | Thursday – 34; | Sunday – 79 | |

THREE WAYS TO GIVE YOUR REGULAR OFFERING

- Deposit your offering in the narthex when you come to worship, or if you're listening to the FM broadcast, 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 offering to the church.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS – Upcoming Events

Here are some key dates to have on your calendar for this summer...

- ✓ **Sun. July 25** **Retirement Celebration** – Come one, come all to the retirement celebration of long-time St. John teacher Lowell Petzoldt. Mr. Petzoldt will be recognized for his 44 years in the teaching ministry (all at St. John). There will be a short program followed by comments and well-wishes from various guests. These festivities will be held under a tent on the west lawn off the fellowship hall. It will be a catered meal by Brookview Farm Meats.
- ✓ **Sun. Aug. 22** **Outdoor Service and Rededication** of the old school as the new St. John Youth & Family Center. Rain date is the following Sunday (8/29).

WHY LUTHERAN SCHOOLS? *Value by Congregations:* Lutheran schools require a considerable investment of prayers, energy, money and staff. Such an investment by a congregation clearly demonstrates to the community that it places a high value on children, God's beloved little ones.

TRINITY TIME: On Mon., July 12, Concordia Univ. Ann Arbor (CUAA), Ann Arbor, MI, will host Trinity Time, an in-person one-day retreat for high school students considering church work vocations. Get to know and experience CUAA's campus while interacting with current students and professors, participating in worship in CUAA's Chapel of the Trinity and learning about avenues for service in the church. Find out more, register or refer a student at: cuaa.edu/trinitytime.

PIERSTORF MEMORIAL LOAN FUND – provides interest-free loans to Lutheran students who are or will be enrolled full time in a four-year undergraduate program at any accredited college or university. The maximum interest-free loan amount is \$3,000 for this year. For information, visit www.Pierstorf.org to complete the 2021-2022 application. **Applications close June 30, 2021.**

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 the service
- **Second Sundays** – after the service in the sanctuary

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

PREMIER CONFERENCE FOR LUTHERAN LAITY... You're invited to attend the Issues, Etc. "Making the Case" Conference Friday, July 23 and Saturday, July 24 at Concordia University Chicago. Speakers include: Mark & Mollie Hemingway, Jack Phillips, Robert George, Lawrence Rast, Bryan Wolfmueller and Will Weedon. Registration is \$150 and includes three meals. Reduced room rates, including on-campus dorms, are available. For info, visit issuesetc.org or call (618) 223-8385.

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!

REMINDER--BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS need to be turned in to the office by Wednesday of each week in order to be included in the Thursday and Sunday bulletin. Please note this. Thank you!

PICTURE DIRECTORIES: We are making available the extra picture directories for anyone who would like one. **We are simply asking that you make a freewill donation.** If you did not get your picture taken or have family members who would like to have a directory, please take advantage of this offer. Look for the bucket with the camera pictures on it and drop your donation into it. There is a limited supply, so when they're gone...they're gone!

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 the receivers. At the end of the service, unplug the ear bud to take with you until the next time.

SCHOOL YARD SIGNS: Yard signs promoting St. John Lutheran School are available in the narthex. Please take a sign and place it in your front yard. The sign will let everyone know that our school is accepting student registrations from grades preschool thru 8th grade.

ANNUAL SCHOOL CLEANING has been set for **Mon., July 26** at 6:00PM. No cleaning on Tues., July 27 as carpets will be shampooed. On **Wed., July 27** starting at 6:00 PM put furnishings and desks back into classrooms, and clean other areas of the building. **Thurs., July 28** 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.

3-YR AND 4/5-YR PRESCHOOL UPDATE: The 4/5-year old preschool class numbers are currently at 10 students. We are able to take a few more in this class. The 3-year old class has openings available, as they currently have 6 students enrolled. If you know of anyone interested in enrolling in our preschool program, please have them contact the school office at 419-598-8702 to obtain a registrations packet. There is a non-refundable \$30 registration fee that must accompany your registration form.

ST. JOHN GIRLS B-BALL OPEN GYM: Coach Schroeder will be holding open gyms for girls who will be going into Grades 3-8 next school year. These will be held at St. John from 1:00 – 2:30 pm on the following dates: July 8, 13, 16, 20, 22. Any questions...Call Coach at 419-591-6655.

ST. JOHN SCHOOL POSITION OPENINGS – St. John Lutheran School is seeking to fill the following paid position that will be open after this school year.

- **School Cook** – This individual is responsible for ordering/purchasing, preparing, and serving lunch for approximately 55-60 students and staff; and the clean up after lunch. This would average 15 hours per week. Must be willing to have a FBI/BCI background check.
- **Music, Computer, or Phys Ed Teacher** – These are part-time positions. The applicant must have a valid Ohio teaching license, have a background check, and adhere to Lutheran teachings. Applicant must supply 3 references and be interviewed.

If interested in any of these positions, please contact Principal Kramer at the school (419-598-8702) or in-coming school board president, Joel Stier at 419-277-1142.

GOLF OUTING: *The 13th Annual Stephanie Lynn Kossow Memorial Golf Outing will be on Sat., July 31st with a 1:00 PM* shotgun start. The meal provided with your golf registration is *½ BBQ Chicken, Baked Potato, Green Beans, Roll, Dessert, and Lemonade.* Non-golfers interested in a “meal only” Chicken Dinner may contact Chris Hesterman at 419-783-2013 with your reservation by Fri., July 19th. The “meal only” reservation is a carryout meal and will be available at 5pm the day of the outing. The cost is \$20 (which goes into the Scholarship Fund). Flyers available on the narthex table!

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FOOD FOR THOUGHT...

Social distancing does not apply to God. “Draw near to Him.”

“And let them make me a sanctuary; that I may dwell among them.” (Exo 25:8)

The End in Sight

The Miracle of Easter

He took the twelve-year-old girl by the hand and said, "Talitha, koum!" which means, "Little girl, get up!" The girl got right up and started walking around. Everyone was greatly surprised.

Mark 5: 41, 42

