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NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sermon Title & Text: "Strains, Pains, and Gains" *Mark 6:49-50*
Order of Service: *See printed Service Folder*
Hymns: 575 ~ 907 ~ 699 ~ 752 ~ 392 ~ 715

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. If you are a visitor, please fill out the blue Rite of Fellowship card from the pew rack in front of you and drop it in the baskets at the door as you leave today.



SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE THIS MORNING

- ✠ Renee Petzoldt, *Organist* ✠
- ✠ Tim Badenhop, Dave Myles, Denny Bockelman, *Ushers* ✠
- ✠ Diane Von Deylen, Lou Ann Rosebrock, *Altar Guild* ✠

FLOWERS TODAY: Altar flowers have been placed in recognition of Lowell Petzoldt and his retirement celebration today. Thank you, Lowell, for your dedication to St. John Lutheran Church & School. The flowers on the piano are in honor of Lowell's wife, Renee, for all of her support and dedication given to Lowell and to St. John over his teaching career here. Thank you, Renee!

THE TIME HAS COME! – Today we honor and celebrate the retirement of long-time teacher, Mr. Lowell Petzoldt. Mr. Petzoldt taught at St. John – Freedom his entire teaching career, which spanned 44 years. To honor and recognize him, there will be a catered luncheon prepared by the Freedom Twp Men's Club following the church service today. Along with the luncheon 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.

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.

In God's House This Week		<i>Online church calendar: https://74058984.view-events.com</i>
Date	Time	Activities
Today	9:00AM 10:30AM	Worship Service Retirement Recognition for Lowell Petzoldt (<i>see bulletin note</i>)
Mon.	6:00 PM 6:00 PM	<i>Bread From Heaven</i> Food Pantry distribution Annual School Cleaning (<i>see bulletin note</i>)
Tues.	6:30 AM 7:00 PM	School carpets cleaned (<i>see bulletin note</i>) Board of Elders
Wed.	6:00 PM	Annual School Cleaning (<i>see bulletin note</i>)
Thurs.	7:00 PM	Thursday Evening Worship
Sat.	1:00 PM	Stephanie Lynn Kossow Golf Outing fundraiser (<i>see bulletin note</i>)
Sun.	9:00 AM 10:20AM	Communion Service Adult Bible Study
Mon.-Sat.	7:30 AM	Morning Meditations, WONW 1280 AM Speaker: <i>Rev. Curt Mews</i> , St. John Lutheran – Defiance

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*
- ❖ *Eileen Fitzenreiter, and Don Lawrence*, for health concerns relating to cancer
- ❖ *Esther Layton*, recovering from recent surgery

BIRTHDAY CARD SHOWER: On August 6th, *Harold Behrmann* will be turning 97 years old. As he is currently at Fulton Manor Nursing and Rehab in Wauseon, we would like to ask anyone interested in sending him a birthday card, to do so. He would be very appreciative of hearing from many of you. We thank the Lord for blessing Harold with still another birthday. Here is the mailing address: Harold Behrmann, c/o Fulton Manor Nursing and Rehab, 723 S. Shoop Ave., Wauseon, OH 43567.

STAINED GLASS WINDOW LIGHTING – Currently we are experimenting with ways to light up our beautiful stained glass windows on the west (hallway) side of the sanctuary. Today we have lit up our newest window, ‘Jesus’ High Priestly Prayer.’ It is lit up with two flood light fixtures mounted to the hallway ceiling. Because these fixtures create light ‘hot spots,’ we are not yet certain this is the best way to light up these windows. We will be testing other lighting methods soon.

BAPTISMS THIS WEEKEND – We rejoice to announce that yesterday, two children were baptized into Christ in family ceremonies:

- **Quinn Richard Petzoldt**, son of Blake & Kristin Petzoldt. Quinn was born on Reformation Day, October 31, 2018 at the West Penn Hospital in Pittsburgh, PA. His baptismal sponsors are Courtney Petzoldt (Blake's sister) and Brian Zyskowski (Kristin's brother). His grandparents are Lowell & Renee Petzoldt and John & Denise Zyskowski.
- **Baretta Ann Doctor**, infant daughter of Steve & Abby (Weller) Doctor. Baretta was born on October 29, 2020 at the ProMedica Defiance Regional Hospital in Defiance, OH. Baretta's baptismal sponsors are Jessica Allen, Holly Adams, Maggie Weller (Abby's sisters). Her grandparents are Eric & Teresa Weller, Stephen Doctor, and Judy Bowman.



May the Lord, who has begun His good work of salvation in these children, bring it to completion on the day of Jesus Christ. May parents and sponsors be true to the promises they made to raise these children in the fear and love of the Lord! Congratulations to the Petzoldts and the Doctors!

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 September or so.



<u>FINANCIAL FACTS:</u>	Home Fund	Synod & Missions	Building Fund
Weekly Need	\$9,792.78	\$500.00	\$961.54
Rec'd 07/18/21	\$9,636.25	\$305.00	\$415.00
ATTENDANCE:	Thursday – 37;	Sunday –108	

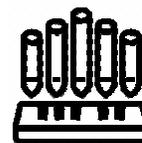
OPTIONS FOR HOLY COMMUNION DURING COVID - During this time of pandemic, we are making Holy Communion available in the following ways:

- **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.

INTERESTED IN PLAYING THE ORGAN? BEING A CHURCH ORGANIST?

Through a generous gift to the *LCMS Ohio District* from a family that loves Lutheran worship and hymnody, grant money is available for you to take organ lessons with an eye toward serving as a church organist. This grant can fund lessons for beginners, for pianists transitioning to organ, or for current organists wanting to hone their skills. Of course the other side of taking lessons is finding a teacher, and Pastor Niermann will be happy to work with you on that. Speak with the Pastor if you are interested!



OUTDOOR SERVICE DATE – Mark your calendar. Our *Annual Outdoor Service* is set for **Sunday, Aug. 22nd** (with the following Sunday as a rain date). This year at the outdoor service we are also planning to rededicate the old school building as our brand new *Youth and Family Center*. The building will be open for touring that day. Please mark your calendar for this special date and event!

THREE WAYS TO GIVE YOUR REGULAR OFFERING: 1) 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; 2) Use the '**Give Now**' online giving page – a link is on our website; 3) Mail your offering to the church.

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 6:00PM put furnishings and desks back into classrooms, and clean other areas of the building. **Thurs., July 28** at 6:00PM (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.

ST. JOHN SCHOOL POSITION OPENINGS – St. John Lutheran School is seeking a few people to fill the following positions that are open for the next school year.

- **Computer Instructor** – This individual is responsible for computer instruction one day per week for Grades K thru 8. Must have a teaching license and background check.
- **Music Instructor** – This individual is responsible for classroom music instruction one day per week for Grades K thru 8. Must have a background check.
- **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.

If interested in any of these positions, please contact Principal Kramer at the school (419-598-8702) or 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. This will be held at White Pines Golf Course, Swanton, OH.

OPEN HOUSE TODAY: Terry & Karen Norden are hosting an Open House today from 4-9pm at the Norden Dairy Farm which is located at the corner of US Hwy 6 and County Road S. They will demonstrate their robotic milking system, as well as other facets of their dairy operation. They will have an ice cream machine and Arp's Dairy milk samples. Tropical Freeze from Ridgeville Corners will also be onsite with their mobile unit for anyone interested in their food & ice cream treats.

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FOOD FOR THOUGHT...

"Come, follow me."

Mr. Petzoldt spoke these words of Christ when leading a student somewhere in the building, as always putting his students and everyone else in mind of our Savior, who said:

"...and come, follow me." (Matt 19:21)