



# St. John Lutheran Church

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### TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sermon Title & Text: "Signs of His Grace" *John 6:22-35*  
Order of Service: *Divine Service, Setting Four (LSB pg. 203)*  
Hymns: "Blessed Jesus, Living Bread" ~ 602 ~ (Communion: 560, 623, 629) ~ 427

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### 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 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.*

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

- ✠ Renee Petzoldt, *Organist* ✠
- ✠ Jerry Short, David Badenhop, Dan Wiechers, Denny Von Deylen, *Ushers* ✠
- ✠ Ronda Wentworth, Karan Nieberhgal, Kaylee Buchhop, Karen Lulfs, *Altar Guild* ✠

**FLOWERS TODAY:** Altar flowers have been placed in memory of what would have been the 60<sup>th</sup> birthday (*on July 29<sup>th</sup>*) of Laurie Rosebrock, the daughter of Walter & Lois Rosebrock. Laurie went to heaven in August 1970 at a very young age. Thank you Walter & Lois, Teresa Ward, and Alan (Janet) Rosebrock for the flowers in remembrance of Laurie today!

**THANK YOU ALL!** A special thanks to the St. John Lutheran Church and School family for hosting my retirement celebration last Sunday. Thanks for all the prayers, cards and gifts. We were blessed to also celebrate our grandson, Quinn's baptism on Saturday. God bless the St. John Church and School family. *Give God the Glory! Cowell, Renee,* and our extended Petzoldt Family

**THANKS TO EVERYONE!** *Mabel Bischoff* would like to thank everyone at St. John for the cards sent and prayers offered on her behalf during her recent back pain encounter and then successful back surgery. Also thanks to Pastor Niermann for his visit and checking in with me over the past few weeks. Your kindness will always be remembered. Thanks again!

<b>In God's House This Week</b>		<i>Online church calendar: <a href="https://74058984.view-events.com">https://74058984.view-events.com</a></i>
<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Activities</b>
Today	<b>9:00AM</b> 10:20AM	<b>Communion Service</b> Adult Bible Class
Tues.	6:00 PM	School Board Meeting
Thurs.	6:30 AM <b>7:00 PM</b>	Men's Bible Breakfast <b>Thursday Evening Worship</b>
Sun.	<b>9:00 AM</b> 10:20AM	<b>Worship Service w/Communion following</b> Adult Bible Class
Mon. - Sat.	7:30 AM	Morning Meditations, WONW 1280 AM Speaker: <i>Rev. Dale Kern</i> , retired, St. John Lutheran – Stryker

**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**

**Drive-thru Communion after worship under carport**

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

**BIRTHDAY CARD SHOWER:** On August 6<sup>th</sup>, *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.

**RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION** – At their meeting Tuesday evening the elders discussed whether we should begin receiving Holy Communion once again at the altar rail. After much discussion, it was decided that for now we will continue as we have during the Covid pandemic. This is in large part because of the surge of the Covid 'Delta Variant' and present uncertainties about how serious this surge may become. We thank everyone for their patience in this matter; we pray that we will be able to return to the altar rail soon to receive Christ's Holy Supper.

**SUMMER OFFICE HOURS:** Please note the church/school office hours during August (until Aug. 24) 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.

**ADULT BIBLE STUDY THIS MORNING**  
**Provoking Proverbs ♦ Third Commandment**



“Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.” Most people forget that God’s Third Commandment in Exodus 20 is not just about rest, but includes the command to work. That’s because this commandment is all about keeping a proper balance in life between work and worship, labor and the Lord, vocation and vacation.

In our Sunday Adult Bible Study, we are looking at the biblical Proverbs categorized according to the Ten Commandments. Join us this morning as the *Proverbs provoke us* to properly balance work and rest in our lives. **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!**

**Bible Study**



**MEN’S BREAKFAST BIBLE STUDY** – Join us bright and early this Thursday, Aug. 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 AM in the north end of the fellowship hall. It’s a great way to start your day! Good food, good 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 are the best – you don’t want to miss it! It’s the best part of waking up!

**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.



**ANNUAL OUTDOOR SERVICE** – Mark your calendar. Our *Annual Outdoor Service* is set for **Sunday, Aug. 22<sup>nd</sup>**, just three weeks from now. (The following Sunday is the 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. Plan now to attend!

<b><u>FINANCIAL FACTS:</u></b>	Home Fund	Synod & Missions	Building Fund
Weekly Need	\$9,792.78	\$500.00	\$961.54
Rec’d 07/25/21	\$8,676.00	\$160.00	\$140.00
ATTENDANCE:	Thursday – 25;	Sunday –221	

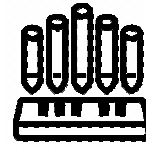
**OPTIONS FOR HOLY COMMUNION DURING COVID** - During this time of pandemic, we are making Holy Communion available in the following ways:

- **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. Speak with the Pastor if you are interested!



**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.

## **UPCOMING SCHOOL & PRESCHOOL DATES TO REMEMBER:**

- ▶ **School Open House** – The St. John School will be holding an open house on **Tues., Aug. 24th from 6:00 – 7:00 PM** for Kindergarten thru Gr. 8 families. We will meet first in the Fellowship Hall. That will be a time to introduce our staff members and set the tone for the school year. After meeting in the Fellowship Hall students can drop off materials in their classrooms, meet teachers, and pay fees in the school office.
- ▶ **Preschool Parent's Meeting & Open House** – On **Wed., Aug. 25 at 6:30 PM** there will be a Preschool Parent's Meeting held in the Fellowship Hall for children entering the 3-yr old preschool class. Immediately following this meeting (at 7:30 PM) there will be a Parent Meeting for children entering the 4/5-yr old preschool class. Parents will be informed about student expectations in the classroom and also the basics of navigating in the FastDirect Communication system. The classroom will be open and staffed during these meetings. **All Preschool parents are strongly encouraged to attend this meeting.**

**4-DAY GARAGE SALE:** St. Paul Lutheran – Liberty Center is having a huge garage sale this week beginning on Wednesday and running thru Saturday (Aug. 4 – 7). The church is located at the corner of County Roads 8 & T. See the flyer on the narthex bulletin board for more information.

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### **FOOD FOR THOUGHT...**

**Read the newspaper to know what's happening. Read the Bible to know why.**

*You will hear of wars and rumors of wars. There will be famines and earthquakes in various places. False prophets will arise and lead many astray. Lawlessness will be increased, the love of many will grow cold. This must take place, but the end is not yet. (Matt. 6)*