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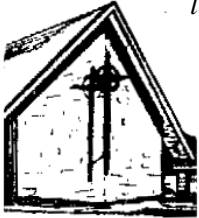
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NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sermon: "Neglecting a Great Salvation" *Hebrews 2:1-3*
Service: See printed Service Folder
Hymns: 869 ~ 976 ~ 654 ~ [Communion: 749, 620, 873] ~ 941

WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS

Welcome to the services of God's House and the fellowship of our congregation. Enter in stillness...know that the Lord is God. Listen in reverence...it is God who has made us. Sing with delight...it is God who hears us. Speak with conviction...there is no other God. Depart in peace...it is God's gift for you. Serve with joy...it is your gift to God. Please fill out the Rite of Fellowship card from the pew rack in front of you and note your presence and drop it into the baskets by the doors as you leave today.



SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE THIS MORNING

- ✘ Sharon Damman, *Organist* ✘ Paul Sausser & Dakota Szabo, *Acolytes* ✘
- ✘ Scott Van Valkenburg, Mike Maassel, Carey Damman, *Ushers* ✘
- ✘ Sandy Von Deylen, Mary Kay Rettig, Kathy Badenhop, *Altar Guild* ✘

BABY'S ARRIVAL: Congratulations to Jake & Marlea Myles on the birth of their little girl, Marlow June, who was born on Thursday, Sept. 23rd at Fulton County Health Center. Everyone is doing well, after many hours of labor. But now, big sisters, Lyla and Henley, can be helpers for mother and baby, as they get some needed rest. Grandparents Dave & Sara Myles are always ready to help out too.

CONGRATS ON YOUR ACCOMPLISHMENT! Mrs. Michelle Weddelman has completed and passed the Teacher Colloquy Program. This program was an examination of the teaching and beliefs that are taught by the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. This process was very intense, but Mrs. Weddelman was truly dedicated to completing the program on time (*even during Covid and a pregnancy*). We will notify the congregation in the future as to when Mrs. Weddelman will receive her call to St. John Lutheran Church and School. Congratulations, again, Mrs. Weddelman!

In God's House This Week		<i>Online church calendar: www.DynaCal.com/sjl</i>
Date	Time	Activities
Today	9:00AM 10:20AM	Communion Service Sunday School; "The Lamp"; Adult Bible Study
Tues.	8:35 AM 6:00 PM 7:00 PM	School Chapel School Board Meeting Stewardship Board Meeting
Wed.	6:15 PM	Jr. High Confirmation Class (<i>until 7:30 PM</i>)
Thurs.	6:30 AM 7:00 PM	Men's Bible Study Breakfast Thursday Evening Worship
Sun.	9:00AM 10:20AM	Worship Service w/Communion following Sunday School; "The Lamp"; Adult Bible Study
Mon.- Sat.	7:30 AM	Morning Meditations, WONW 1280 AM Speaker: <i>Rev. Kurt Mews</i> , St. John Lutheran – Defiance

FOR THOSE LISTENING FROM THE PARKING LOT

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
- ❖ *Hildegard Behrmann*, in rehab at Northcrest Rehab & Nursing Facility
- ❖ *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 and Kay Heilman*, currently dealing with health issues
- ❖ *Beretta Doctor*, recovering nicely from recent surgery at Cleveland Clinic
- ❖ *Clara Meyer*, who took a fall earlier this week and has been hospitalized. Nothing broken – just bruised and sore
- ❖ *Robin Showman*, recovering from successful surgery this week to remove a spot of cancer
- ❖ *The grieving family of Caroline Hoffman, (Dale Hoffman's mother), and a sister to Henry Gerken and Melba Elling*; she passed away on Wednesday (9-29) at Vancrest, Holgate

SINGING IN OCTOBER: All St. John Students and children attending Sunday School classes will be singing in the 9:00 AM Worship Service on Sunday, Oct. 31st. Those in Sunday School will begin practicing today. Please plan to attend and sing on the 31st!! See you today, for your first practice! Thanks, *Char Weber - St. John Music Director*

"LIVE GENEROUSLY" T-SHIRTS: There are lots and lots of extra Thrivent t-shirts available today on a table beside the "bread" table. They are separated by sizes, so please try to keep them organized. Feel free to take as many as you want and "live generously."

HATS FOR HURRICANE HELP – Thank you everyone for supporting the students of SJLS as they raised fund to assist with disaster relief for victims of Hurricane Ida. The students paid a dollar per day for the privilege of wearing hats to school. The staff kicked in the money from their “jeans fund,” and the congregation lent its support with door offerings last week. The grand total raised was **\$1,137!** WOW!! This money will be sent to **LCMS Disaster Relief**, our church body’s primary way of responding to disasters of all sorts. What a privilege to join our SJLS students in this gift of love for those whose lives were devastated by this recent storm! Thanks again to everyone who participated, who show your faith by your deeds of love for others!



PORTALS OF PRAYER BOOKLETS for the quarter of October, November, and December are on the desk in the narthex. There are also large print copies available.

EAGLE NEWS: The Eagle News is available today as you leave church. There are stands at the exit doors for you to pick up your copy. Eagle News is also available online via FastDirect by going to <http://www.fastdir.com/stjohnfreedom/>, click on “Links” at the top of the page, then click on “Eagle News – October 2021” in the “Everybody” column.

DAILY, 15-MINUTE, VERSE-BY-VERSE BIBLE STUDY... The Word of the Lord Endures Forever is produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Will Weedon. Pastor Weedon is leading a study on the Book of Mark. This week’s teachings include: Jesus Healing a Boy with an Unclean Spirit; Jesus Foretelling His Death and Resurrection; Jesus’ Teachings on Who Is the Greatest?; and Temptations to Sin & Divorce. You can listen on-demand at thewordendures.org, the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider.

NOMINATION AND APPOINTMENT PROCESS IS UNDERWAY – The Stewardship Board has begun the process of identifying individuals to fill the various offices of our congregation for service to Christ and His people. We ask that everyone please keep this process in your prayers, praying that God would incline the hearts of those nominated or appointed to accept. If you receive a letter or oral request to take an office, please give the matter prayerful consideration. The Stewardship Board has prayed for you, that God might use you and the gifts He has given you, for His service and glory.

<u>FINANCIAL FACTS:</u>	Home Fund	Synod & Missions	Building Fund
Weekly Need	\$9,792.78	\$500.00	\$961.54
Rec’d 09/26/21	\$5,808.00	\$370.00	\$360.00
ATTENDANCE:	Thursday – 45;	Sunday – 130	

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER AVAILABLE: Beginning today and going forward, we will be making copies of the “Parent Newsletter” available on the narthex table each Sunday. It is printed on goldenrod colored paper. This newsletter goes out every Monday to school families and is a key source of information with what’s going to be happening at St. John School throughout the upcoming week(s). Please pick up a copy today and stay connected with the school.

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.

PTL SOAP SALE FUNDRAISER: Following the last PTL meeting, it was decided to participate in the *Profitable Solutions* Liquid Laundry Detergent & Fabric Softener Fundraiser again this year! This fundraiser will run from Oct. 4-22, 2021. It involves the selling of bulk laundry detergent (*including pods!*), softener, scent booster, dish soap, dishwasher pods and trash bags! All products are comparable to name brands. You get 42% more detergent (*350-500 loads!*) for the same price you'd pay in store! Order forms will be forthcoming. Please direct any questions to Nicole Stier at 419-966-7376!

SCRIP AT ST. JOHN: Let's plan ahead! Scrip is great for having "extra money" in your wallet. Purchase gift cards to use for personal shopping or going out to eat. Plan ahead now for birthdays and holidays! Scrip orders will be received on Wednesdays, ordered on Fridays and delivered on Tuesdays. For those that don't know, *SCRIP* is gift cards that you purchase through PTL for full face value. They work for both in store purchases and online shopping. PTL works through a company that purchases these gift cards in bulk from participating retailers. A percentage of the purchase stays with PTL and a percentage goes to the student's family toward enrollment/tuition. This fundraiser nets the PTL approximately \$300 each year. Think ahead--if you give out gift cards for Christmas consider purchasing them from PTL instead of at the store so that a portion of that sale stays with St. John Lutheran School. Order forms and program information are posted on FastDirect under 'Links,' titled *SCRIP Order Forms* and *SCRIP Program Info*. There are also hard copies in the 'School Info' rack outside the office and on the table in the church narthex. Please feel free to share with family and friends. Payment must accompany orders. **Any questions about SCRIP can be directed to the SCRIP Coordinator Kristyn Honemann at 419-966-0207 or email at honemann@embarqmail.com.**

GOT SOME TIME? Why not be an adult volunteer at St. John School. You could listen to children read, talk about your time in the military, work with flash cards, or tell children about a hobby or craft you enjoy doing. The possibilities are endless and your time with them will be priceless!

If you would be interested in volunteering in the school, please call the school office at 419-598-8702 and give us your name and a contact number. The school will contact you. Thank you in advance for thinking about volunteering at our school.

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FOOD FOR THOUGHT...

Brush up on your Bible to prevent TRUTH decay.

"If you abide in My Word...you will know the truth." (John 8:31-32)