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TRINITY SUNDAY

Sermon: "God is 'We,' and 'We' is Better than 'Me' " *John 8:48-59*

Service: See printed Service Folder

Hymns: 940 ~ 507 ~ 822 ~ 805 ~ 506

WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS

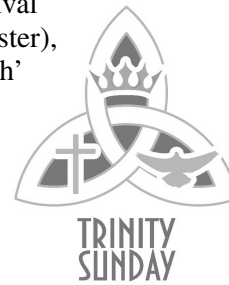
Welcome to every member, friend, and visitor. You have entered this church, not as a stranger, but as a guest of God. May you who enter here find rest, forgiveness, and strength. May your worship here enable you to see your Savior more clearly, love Him more dearly, follow Him more nearly, and serve Him more sincerely. If you are our guest today, please fill out the blue Rite of Fellowship card from the pew rack in front of you and drop it in the basket at the door as you leave.



SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE THIS MORNING

- ✘ Renee Petzoldt, *Organist* ✘ Paul Sausser, Mitch Rosebrock, *Acolytes* ✘
- ✘ Joe Badenhop, Doug Dietrich, Neil Badenhop, *Ushers* ✘
- ✘ Lou Ann Rosebrock, Diane Von Deylen, *Altar Guild* ✘

HOLY TRINITY SUNDAY, which we commemorate today, concludes the festival half of the church year that celebrates the 'Time of the Lord' (Advent through Easter), and begins the non-festival half of the year that celebrates the 'Time of the Church' (the Sundays of Pentecost). Holy Trinity Sunday is a pivot between these two halves of the church year. It is a day to worship God who has revealed Himself to be three Persons in one divine and eternal Unity. Our attention now shifts from what Christ did for us in His time on earth, to what He is doing for us now as His Church.



What **Holy Trinity Sunday** is *not*, in and of itself, is a commemoration of a doctrine. There is no "Omnipresence Sunday" or "Eternal Election Sunday," or any such Sunday on the Christian calendar. The goal of this day is not to explain God's triune nature. This day is on the calendar as an opportunity for the church to speak clearly of God's nature in three Person and what that means for us who were created, in the beginning, in the image of our Triune God.

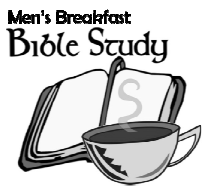
In God's House This Week		Online church calendar: https://74058984.view-events.com
Date	Time	Activities
Today	9:00AM 10:20AM	Worship Service with Communion following Farewell Reception for Miss Bartok; Retirement Reception for Rev. Charles and Pat Kramer
Tues.	1:00 PM 7:00 PM	Girls Basketball Open Gym (until 2:30 PM) Gerald Busy Fingers 4-H Club (@ Youth Center)
Wed.	1:00 PM	Girls Basketball Open Gym (until 2:30 PM)
Thurs.	7:00 PM	Thurs. Evening Worship w/Communion (Fellowship Hall – North End)
Sun.	9:00 AM 10:20AM	Communion Service Adult Instruction; Adult Bible Study
Mon.-Sat.	7:30 AM	Morning Meditations, WONW 1280 AM

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

- ❖ Melba Elling, Lorna Von Deylen, Norma Damman, at Genacross – Napoleon
- ❖ Ruth Mahnke, at Assisted Living – Genacross Lutheran Home
- ❖ Lawrence Behrmann, at Northcrest Nursing & Rehab and in hospice care
- ❖ Military: Justin Atkinson, Jason Rohrs, Emily Niermann, Jared Dishop, Jordan Lange
- ❖ Esther Layton, Sue Hurst, and Eileen Fitzenreiter, concerns relating to cancer
- ❖ Donald Landry, at Ohio Veteran’s Home, Sandusky, and battling lung cancer
- ❖ Pat Kramer, recuperating after successful surgery to prepare her for a prosthetic leg
- ❖ Dave Crandall, at home recuperating from recent surgery related to lung cancer
- ❖ Henry Gerken, moved to Henry County Hospital Swing Bed for rehab therapy

WELL WISHES AND GOODBYES! Today following the Worship Service, there will be a reception for Miss Sarah Bartok (Farewell) and Rev. Charles and Pat Kramer (Retirement) in the fellowship hall. Please stop down to wish all of them God’s blessing and continued good health and success in their futures.

ADULT BIBLE CLASS AND ADULT INSTRUCTION AND MEMBERSHIP CLASS are cancelled this morning so that we may gather in the fellowship for a reception honoring Miss Sarah Bartok as she prepares to leave for another call, and Rev. & Mrs. Kramer as they retire from service to St. John Lutheran School. Both of these classes will resume next Sunday, June 19.



MEN’S BREAKFAST BIBLE STUDY meets again this Thursday, June 16 at 6:30 a.m. in the south fellowship hall. Currently we are studying the person of Satan, the great deceiver, and his efforts to undermine the Sabbath as a day holy to the Lord. It’s a wonderful time of fellowship and of nourishment of body and soul! **The breakfasts are the best, and you don’t want to miss it! Please join us. It’s the best part of waking up!**

WOMEN OF FREEDOM: There is no June meeting...but the LWML Quarterlies and ODE’s for summer 2022 are available in the tract rack by the narthex table. Pick up your copy today and enjoy!

VBS DONATIONS: Here is a list of donation requests for crafts and snacks needed for VBS that relate to the “Rainforest” theme:

Empty paper towel and TP rolls, small tubs, disposable green tablecloths, green pool noodles (6), adhesive jewels, washable markers, religious stickers, construction paper, tipped colored cords, colorful laces/yarn, rainbow craft sand, beads, cups, napkins, plates, gallon bags, animal cookies, graham crackers, goldfish crackers, cheese sticks, raisins, pretzel squares, squeeze tube frosting vanilla/chocolate, juice

There is a signup sheet on the narthex table. Please contact Andrea Oyer at 419-966-1806 with any questions about donations. Thank you ALL!!



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2022

It's shaping up to be a great week of Vacation Bible School, which is scheduled for June 20-24 (Monday to Friday). A wonderful time of Christian education is being planned for students, entering grades Pre-6 next year. Here are some things to note:

- **Student enrollment and registration**

Enroll online at our VBS website. A link is available on our sjl.org website, or type **vbsmate.com/stjohnfreedomvbs** into your web browser.

Alternatively, brochures with registration forms are available now in the narthex for you to enroll the children in your life. Fill it out and drop it in the box marked for this purpose.

- **Volunteer to help**

You can also use our VBS website to volunteer. Again, that link is available on our sjl.org website, or type **vbsmate.com/stjohnfreedomvbs** into your web browser. Please remember the words of Jesus, “*Let the little children come to Me,*” and check out the opportunities to serve His little ones!

- **VBS Mission Offering**

Each morning at our opening chapel we will receive an offering to help Good Shepherd Lutheran Church for the Deaf in Toledo to call a full-time pastor. Because deafness makes it difficult to earn a good living, the deaf community is typically lower income and needs help in supporting a church where God's Word is proclaimed in the language they understand – American Sign Language. Rev. Shirrel Petzoldt has served this church for many years, but needs to retire. We pray that God will bring a new pastor to this congregation soon!

It's going to be a great adventure! Be sure to invite a friend!

JOIN A MINISTRY PLANNING TEAM FOR A MOTHER/DAUGHTER BANQUET



The *Stewardship Board* is in the initial stages of planning a mother/daughter banquet for the fall of 2022. We are seeking individuals, both women and men, to form a ministry planning team to coordinate this event. We need the help of the women to plan an event that will have appeal to girls and women, and the help of men to coordinate the set-up, serving, and clean-up for the event so that the girls and women can enjoy a nice evening together. Sign up today as part of this planning team using the form provided in the narthex. Thank you!

SEEKING NEW YOUTH LEADER – Now that Miss Bartok has taken a call to a new field of service, we are seeking the services of a new LYF (*Lutheran Youth Fellowship*) leader for our congregation. If you might be interested in serving in this way, please speak with Pastor Niermann. And thank you for considering this. This is a crucial ministry and a noble work that we must provide for our youth in these days when so many other forces are working to pull them away from Christ.

MY DEVOTIONS for June, July, and August are available this Sunday on the desk in the back of the church. Pick up your copy today! If you know of someone who would enjoy these, take one for them.

<u>FINANCIAL FACTS:</u>	Home Fund	Synod & Missions	Building Fund
Weekly Need	\$9,792.78	\$500.00	\$961.54
Rec'd 6/05/22	\$7,730.00	\$310.00	\$460.00

ATTENDANCE: Thursday – 32; Sunday – 142

THURSDAY EVENING SERVICES take place each week, May through October, at 7:00 p.m. Until school resumes, we are gathering in the north fellowship hall for these services. As always, Holy Communion is celebrated on the Thursday evenings prior to Communion Sundays.

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 10 students enrolled and can take about 3 more students. If you know of anyone interested in enrolling in our preschool program, have them contact the school at 419-598-8702 to obtain a registrations packet. There is a non-refundable \$30 registration fee that must accompany your registration form.

POSITION OPENINGS:

- St. John Lutheran School is seeking a **preschool teacher aide** (3-yr class) for Wednesday and Friday mornings next school year. Applicant must have experience with preschool-age children, obtain a background check, and supply three references.
- St. John Lutheran School is seeking a part-time **school custodian** position for next school year.
- St John Lutheran School is seeking a **long term sub teacher for kindergarten**. Our current teacher will be taking a maternity leave beginning the first week of September. Applicant must have a valid teaching certificate, obtain a background check, and supply three references.

If you know of anyone interested in these positions, please call the school office at 419-598-8702.

ST. JOHN GIRLS B-BALL OPEN GYMS: Coach Schroeder will be holding open gyms for girls who are going into Grades K-6 next school year. These will be held at St. John from 1:00 – 2:30 PM on the following dates: June 14, 15, 21, 22; July 12, 13, 19, 20. Flyers with more information are available on the narthex table. Any questions...Call Coach Schroeder at 419-591-6655.

SLK GOLF OUTING: The *Annual Stephanie Lynn Kossow Memorial Golf Outing* will be held on Sat., July 30th with a 1:00 PM shotgun start. Registration flyers are available on the narthex table.

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FOOD FOR THOUGHT...

The Bible is meant to be store in your heart, not just on a shelf.

"I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you.." Psa 110:11