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SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sermon: "Teach Us To Pray" *Luke 11:1-13* (Children's Sermon: "The Best Gifts")
Service: *See printed Service Folder*
Hymns: 779 ~ 766 ~ 793

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 loor as you leave today.



SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE THIS MORNING

- ✘ Renee Petzoldt, *Organist* ✘ Addison Naveau, Peyton Naveau, *Acolytes* ✘
- ✘ Tim Badenhop, Denny Bockelman, Dave Myles, *Ushers* ✘
- ✘ Ronda Wentworth, Kaylee Buchhop, Karen Lulfs, Karan Niebergall, *Altar Guild* ✘

FLOWERS TODAY: Altar flowers have been placed by her family, and in recognition of Pat Maassel's 75th birthday, which is tomorrow, July 25th. We wish her another healthy and safe year ahead. Enjoy your cruise too! Happy Birthday Pat!

YOUR COMPREHENSIVE SOURCE FOR NEWS, INFORMATION & TRUTH... Issues, Etc. is a radio-talk show and podcast produced by LPR and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. This week's teachings include: Fighting Transgenderism in the Church & Home; The Doctrine & Practice of Closed Communion; Biblical Inerrancy; The Movie "Thor: Love and Thunder;" and more. You can listen at your convenience at issuesetc.org, the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider.

PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT – Ohio Sales Tax Holiday

Just to let you know, the state of Ohio has declared a **Sales Tax Holiday** from Friday, Aug. 5 to Sunday, Aug 7. During the holiday, the following items are exempt from sales and use tax:

- An item of clothing priced at \$75 or less;
- An item of school supplies priced at \$20 or less; and
- An item of school instructional material priced at \$20 or less.

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 6:00 PM	<i>Bread From Heaven</i> Food Pantry distribution Annual School Cleaning (<i>see bulletin note</i>)
Tues.	7:00 AM 6:30 PM 7:00 PM	School classroom carpets cleaned Shepherd Committee Board of Elders
Wed.	7:00 AM 6:00 PM	North end Fellowship Hall carpets cleaned Annual School Cleaning (<i>see bulletin note</i>)
Thurs.	7:00 PM	Thurs. Evening Worship with Communion (<i>Fellowship Hall – North</i>)
Sun.	9:00 AM 10:20AM	Worship Service 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
- ❖ *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, Eileen Fitzenreiter*, and *Dave Crandall*, concerns relating to cancer
- ❖ *Donald Landry*, at Ohio Veteran's Home, Sandusky, and battling lung cancer
- ❖ *Irene Joost, Jason Foor* and *Cora Bartok*, recuperating from recent health concerns
- ❖ *Henry Gerken*, admitted to hospice at Genacross with failing health
- ❖ *Eric & Kayleigh Riefers*, on the birth of their son, *Hunter Joseph*, on Wed., July 19th at Fulton County Health Center. All are doing well and settling in at home!

SUMMER SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY

“Disciples at the Lord’s Table”

Last week in Bible study we discovered an amazing truth. Even as Satan’s temptation to sin used the words “take and eat” (think of Eve and the forbidden fruit), so too our Lord’s invitation to salvation uses the words “Take and eat.” The Holy Supper of our Lord is the perfect antidote to Satan’s destructive work and sin’s deadly disease. This is what the early church father, Ignatius, observed when he called the sacrament the “*pharmakon athanasies*,” or in English, “the medicine of immortality.”



Join us this morning in our new Sunday Bible study, “Disciples at the Lord’s Table.” The purpose of this Bible study, as part of discipleship series, is to help Christians dig into Scripture to explore some of the primary teachings of Jesus. That’s how disciples are made—by the power of His Word. Therefore, this study is for people who, led by Christ, want to be His disciples, but are perhaps puzzled by certain biblical teachings and want to find answers for their heartfelt questions. ***Join us in the fellowship hall! The coffee is on!***

THANK YOU V.B.S. STUDENTS & FAMILIES – We received a thank-you letter from Pastor Shirrel Petzoldt at *Good Shepherd of the Deaf Lutheran Church* in Toledo. He writes:

We, the members of Good Shepherd of the Deaf Lutheran Church, want to thank you...for your VBS love offering of \$206.75. Please know that we appreciate your gift to our ministry. Your congregation has been a loyal supporter for the ministry God has given us. Thank you for what you do, and the support you give to this ministry. Your prayers we cherish so much. Thank you!



Our VBS offerings are making a difference, giving hope and encouragement to our brothers and sisters in Christ to the deaf community in Toledo through *Good Shepherd*. Thanks again to the students and families for their giving response this year!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR SUNDAY, AUGUST 21

OUTDOOR SERVICE ♦ CONGREGATIONAL MEAL ♦ SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Mark your calendars for August 21st. It's going to be a special day for all.

- **Annual Outdoor Service** - Pray for favorable weather! (It was a bit hot and muggy last year!) **Worship will be at 10:00 a.m.** on the yard next to *The Youth & Family Center*. This year we'll rearrange things so we can sit on the lawn and take advantage of the shade of the large tree.
- Also during the Outdoor Service we will introduce and install our new school staff – **Miss Tracy Germann** as Principal, and **Mr. Stephen Benson** as 5-6 grade teacher.
- **Blessing of the Backpacks** – **All students of all grades and all schools** (parochial and public) are invited to bring their school backpacks to the Outdoor Service for “The Blessing of the Backpacks.” Each participating student will receive a *Jesus Ichthus* fish key ring to put on their backpack for the year as a constant reminder that they are first and foremost students, or disciples, of Jesus!
- **Congregational meal afterwards in the fellowship hall** (*freewill offering*). You'll have a chance to formally greet Miss Germann and Mr. Benson and hear from them about their lives and ministries and what brought them here to us. Let's make this a card shower for them as well. More details will be forthcoming.
- **SJLS School Open House** – Students are also invited to stop by their classrooms on the 21st to meet and greet their teachers. This is for Kindergarten thru Grade 6 students who can drop off school supplies in their classrooms, prior to school starting the following Wednesday.

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!

<u>FINANCIAL FACTS:</u>	Home Fund	Synod & Missions	Building Fund
Weekly Need	\$9,792.78	\$500.00	\$961.54
Rec'd 7/17/22	\$6,961.00	\$750.00	\$222.00

ATTENDANCE: Thursday – 35; Sunday – 108

THREE WAYS TO GIVE YOUR REGULAR OFFERING

- Deposit your envelope or offering in the offering plate being passed during the service.
- Use the '**Give Now**' online giving page – a link (the blue button) is on our website.
- Mail your offering to the church.

SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS: School fees can be paid beginning Monday (Aug. 22nd) and Tuesday (Aug 23rd) from 8am – noon...and also following Opening Chapel on Wed., Aug. 24th.

PRESCHOOL INFO: Per the July 5th School Board meeting, the 4/5-yr preschool will begin on Tues., Sept. 6th at 8:20 AM. The 3-yr preschool will begin on Wed., Sept. 7th at 8:20 AM. Open House and Parent Meeting information will be coming very soon. Stay tuned!

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 11 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.

ANNUAL SCHOOL CLEANING has been set for **Mon., July 25** at 6:00PM. No cleaning on Tues., July 26 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. 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.

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 **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.

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FOOD FOR THOUGHT...

“To be a Christian without prayer is no more possible than to be alive without breathing.”

Martin Luther

“You will pray to him, and he will hear you, and you will fulfill your vows.” Job 22:27