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SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Guest Preacher: *Rev. Ted Rellstab*, Retired

Sermon & Text: "Don't Be Ashamed" *2 Timothy 1:1-14*

Order of Service: Divine Service, Setting Three *LSB pg. 184*

Hymns: **685** ~ "Jesus! and Shall it Ever Be" ~ (Communion: **857, 392, 587**) ~ **895**

WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS

You are among Christian friends today. We all have come to the Lord's House to hear what He has to say and to be doers of the Word and not hearers only. We pray that His grace will touch and move you. Please fill out the Rite of Fellowship card from the pew rack in front of you and drop it into the baskets at the doors as you leave today.



SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE THIS MORNING

- ✠ Renee Petzoldt, *Organist* ✠ Brice Baumert, Alex Wachtman, *Acolytes* ✠
- ✠ Mike Maassel, Scott Van Valkenburg, Carey Damman, *Ushers* ✠
- ✠ Kathy Gruenhagen, Deb Wachtman, Nancy Short, *Altar Guild* ✠

WELCOME, REV. TED RELLSTAB – We are pleased to welcome to St. John **Rev. Ted Rellstab**, to conduct worship in Pastor's absence. Rev. Rellstab is retired from his long-time pastorate at our sister congregation, St. John Lutheran in Holgate.

Rev. Rellstab, with his wife, Debbie, resides south of Holgate. He is keeping busy in retirement filling in for sick or vacationing pastors in our area. We give thanks to God for his service to us in worship. May his preaching of God's Word stir our hearts to greater love for God and for one another.

LYF ICE CREAM SOCIAL TODAY: The LYF is hosting its annual Ice Cream Social **today from 10:30am-Noon**. The menu is: *Chicken Sandwich or Hot Dog, Baked Beans, Chips, Schwan's Ice Cream, and drink*. Freewill offering! Carry out will be available. The youth of our congregation are raising funds for upcoming group events and service projects. This will also kick off fundraising for the 2025 LCMS Youth Gathering in New Orleans, LA! We appreciate your support!

In God's House This Week		Online church calendar: www.DynaCal.com/sjl
Date	Time	Activities
Today	9:00 AM 10:20AM 10:30AM	Communion Service Sunday School LYF Ice Cream Social (<i>see bulletin note</i>)
Tue.	8:35 AM	School Chapel
Wed.	6:15 PM	Midweek Confirmation Class (<i>until 7:30 PM</i>)
Thurs.	6:30 AM 7:00 PM	NO SCHOOL – LEA Conference – Milwaukee, WI Men's Bible Breakfast Thursday Evening Worship
Fri.		NO SCHOOL – LEA Conference – Milwaukee, WI
Sun.	9:00 AM 10:20AM	Worship Service Adult Bible Study; Sunday School; "The Lamp"
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
- ❖ *Esther Layton*, moved to Defiance Hospice Center
- ❖ **Military:** *Justin Atkinson, Jason Rohrs, Emily Niermann, Jared Dishop, Jordan Lange*
- ❖ *Sue Hurst and Dave Crandall*, concerns relating to cancer
- ❖ *Steve Hurst*, now home and recuperating from recent heart surgery
- ❖ *Kayla Jackman*, who had a C-section delivery on Fri., Sept. 30th at FCHC
- ❖ *Lowell & Renee Petzoldt*, celebrating the arrival of their grand-daughter, *Scarlett Pauline*, born to Blake & Kristin Petzoldt in Pittsburgh, PA on Wednesday
- ❖ *Nancy Nemoyer*, who will undergo scheduled outpatient surgery to replace her pacemaker defibrillator on Thursday, Oct. 6th

MIDWEEK CONFIRMATION CLASS – Starting this past week, the midweek confirmation class is meeting in the 3-4 grade classroom (instead of the Y&FC). Enter the building through the double doors under the portico, and pastor will have the room open and ready for you.

Bible Study



MEN'S BIBLE BREAKFAST THIS THURSDAY – *The best part of waking up is a delicious breakfast, great fellowship, and the Word of God!* Join us for Men's Bible Breakfast this Thursday at 6:30 AM for all of the above! Currently we are engaged in a study titled, "The Great Deceiver," a look at the wiles of Satan and the ways we can defeat him in the strength of Christ. It's food for the body and the soul, and we hope you can join us!

LYF Remind App **THIS HAS CHANGED!** - Youth and Parents: Get LYF updates by joining Remind. This will keep you up to date on meetings, events, and fundraiser opportunities. Send a text message to 81010 with one of the following codes: Junior High (6th-8th): @sjllyfjh OR High School (9th-12th): @sjllyfhs

DRIVE-THRU MEAL: The School Board is hosting a Drive-thru Meal on Sun., Oct. 16th with serving from 10:30 until gone. The menu will be Brisket, Pulled Pork, Chips, Applesauce, and Cookie. A freewill offering will be taken. Plan ahead...come out and support the school!

<u>FINANCIAL FACTS:</u>	Home Fund	Synod & Missions	Building Fund
Weekly Need	\$9,792.78	\$500.00	\$961.54
Rec'd 9/25/22	\$26,772.00	\$75.00	\$95.00

ATTENDANCE: Thursday – 33; Sunday – 116

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.

TRUNK-or-TREAT

BE A TRUNKER, and help us provide this event for our community! On Sunday, October 30 at 4:00 PM, St. John will be hosting its first ever community TRUNK-or-TREAT. The idea is for members of our congregation to provide this event for our community by getting involved as a **TRUNKER**. Your job will be to come with a trunk of treats (and games, optional) for trick-or-treaters from the community and church. Here's what's involved...



- **Purchase candy and treats for the kids – no homemade treats, please**
- **Optionally, decorate the back end of your car and perhaps dress up in a coordinating costume (you can be as creative as you'd like, or do nothing).** Please stay away from really scary themes, and let's go more for fun! There are all kinds of ideas on the internet if you do a Google image search like "decorate for trunk or treat."
- **Bring along a quick little game (also optional)** for the kids to play at your trunk. Again, there are all kinds of ideas if you search "games for trunk or treat" or something like that. How about a ring toss onto a long pumpkin stem? Or engage them for a second treat in a game of tic-tac-toe using candy corn and mini marshmallows?
- **Maybe offer a little prize along with a treat.**
- **Arrive at the church on October 30th by 3:30 PM,** in time to find a parking spot (attendants will direct you) and to get your trunk all set up for trick-or-treaters at 4:00.

To sign up as a TRUNKER, there is a sign-up sheet in the narthex, or use the link on the church website (sjl.org) to sign up online. Let's get involved and make this happen for our community. Thank you in advance for your participation!

1 THESSALONIANS BIBLE STUDY... The Word of the Lord Endures Forever is a daily 15-minute verse-by-verse Bible study produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Will Weedon. Pastor Weedon recently started a study on The Book of 1 Thessalonians. You can listen on-demand at thewordendures.org, the LPR mobile app, and your favorite podcast provider.

ATHLETIC PARENT MEETING: On Mon., Oct. 10th at 6 PM there will be a Parent Meeting for **all basketball player and cheerleading parents** in the Fellowship Hall. Parents are strongly urged to attend this meeting. Details for the upcoming basketball season will be discussed.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR: Children attending St. John Parochial and any of the Public Schools will be singing on Reformation Sunday, October 30th. We will begin practice each Sunday, before Sunday School beginning in October, with Mrs. Weber. If public school parents would like the links to the music, please email Mrs. Weber at cweber@sjl.org. We will meet on the 30th at 8:45 a.m. in the fellowship hall. Please make every effort to have your children join us in worship and song.

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.



SHARE THE BOUNTY OF SUMMER – This morning there is a table 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!

SIGNS, SIGNS, EVERYWHERE A SIGN! Tell your friends and neighbors about St. John Lutheran School by picking up a corrugated plastic yard sign in the back of the church. Place it in your front lawn or other obvious place to promote the school. Thank you for telling others about our school!

ATHLETIC BOOSTER MEMBERSHIP: St. John Athletic Booster membership drive is underway. Fees remain the same as in the past with \$20 for husband/wife; \$10 for a single membership. Make checks payable to *St. John Boosters*. Forms available on the narthex table.

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 the following Tuesday. 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 in the tract rack by the 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.**

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Food For Thought...

When life is not a bed of roses, remember who wore the thorns!

*“For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses,
but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin.*

*Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace,
that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. (Heb 4:15-16)*