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TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sermon & Text: "The Guarantee" 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

Order of Service: Matins LSB pg. 219

Hymns: 832 ~ (Baptism: "Borning Cry," 805) ~ 563 ~ 941 ~ 702

A WARM WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS

The Lord calls all of us to a new way of living under His wonderful grace in our Savior. If you are our guest this morning, it is a pleasure to have you worshipping with us. Please help us get to know who you are by introducing yourself to our pastor and by filling out the Rite of Fellowship card from the pew rack in front of you. Simply pass it to the center aisle during the offering.



SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE THIS MORNING

- ✘ Renee Petzoldt, *Organist* ✘ Zeb Kramer, Evelyn Szabo, *Acolytes* ✘
- ✘ Mike Maassel, Scott Van Valkenburg, Carey Damman, *Ushers* ✘
- ✘ Kathy Gruenhagen, Deb Wachtman, Nancy Short, *Altar Guild* ✘

BAPTISM THIS MORNING – Today we rejoice with Brandon & Kayla Jackman (*and Kenlee and Connor*) as they present their infant son (*and brother*), **Caleb David Jackman**, for Holy Baptism. Caleb was born on September 28th at the Fulton County Health Center in Wauseon. His baptism sponsors are *Jessica Damman* and *Lucas Damman* (Kayla's sister and brother), and *Jared Lamb* (a family friend). Caleb's grandparents are *Dave & Teresa Damman*, and *Gary & Cheryl Jackman*.



We congratulate Brandon & Kayla on this happy day of Caleb's baptism, with the prayer that the good work which God begins today in Caleb will be brought to completion on the day of Jesus Christ! The altar flowers are placed in honor of Caleb's baptism today also.

THURSDAY SERVICES ENDING FOR THIS YEAR – This Thursday, October 27th, marks the final Thursday evening service for the year 2022. For much of the *Festival Half* of the church year (Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Lent and Easter) there will be midweek services. Thursday evening services will resume on the first Thursday of May, 2023.

In God's House This Week		Online church calendar: www.DynaCal.com/sjl
Date	Time	Activities
Today	9:00 AM 10:20AM Noon	Worship Service Adult Bible Study; Sunday School; "The Lamp" Orphan Grain Train collection for Hurricane Ian (<i>see bulletin note</i>)
Mon.	5:30 PM	<i>Bread From Heaven</i> Food Pantry distribution
Tue.	8:35 AM	School Chapel
Wed.	6:15 PM	Midweek Confirmation Class (<i>until 7:30 PM</i>)
Thurs.	8:45 AM 7:00 PM	Reformation Day festivities with a visit from Martin Luther Thursday Evening Worship
Fri.		End of 1 st Quarter Grading Period
Sun.	9:00 AM 10:20AM 4:00 PM	Worship Service Adult Bible Study; Sunday School; "The Lamp" Trunk or Treat (<i>see bulletin note</i>)
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*, at Defiance Hospice Center
- ❖ Military: *Justin Atkinson, Jason Rohrs, Emily Niermann, Jared Dishop, Jordan Lange*
- ❖ *Sue Hurst and Dave Crandall*, concerns relating to cancer
- ❖ *Alan Gruenhagen*, recovering after a recent hospitalization
- ❖ *Patty Nicol*, who has been hospitalized this past week

SCHOOL BOARD would like to thank everyone for their support last Sunday for the Drive-thru Brisket/Pulled Pork Dinner that was served.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR: Children attending St. John Parochial and any of the Public Schools will be singing on Reformation Sunday, October 30th. The final practice is today before Sunday School begins, 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.

LUKE 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 begins a study this week on The Gospel of Luke. You can listen at your convenience at thewordendures.org, the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider.

COMING UP IN WORSHIP OVER THE NEXT TWO WEEKS

- **Sunday, Oct. 30** The children of our school and Sunday School will be singing in worship
- **Sunday, Nov 6** The celebration of **All Saints** – *Remembering those who have departed this past year to be with the Lord*

ADULT SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY

PRESENT STUDY: ‘Holy Communion’ --- Our church practices what has historically been called ‘Closed Communion’ – that is, that Communion is ‘closed’ to those who are not united with us in faith or are not adequately instructed.



While many perceive this practice as elitist and unloving, it is in fact rooted in love, in Scripture, and in the historic tradition of the Church. The Sacrament is a tremendous treasure and gift, but it can also be received to our great harm, as Scripture warns. To protect people from such harm, we practice ‘Closed Communion’ --- much as society practices what we might call ‘Closed Driving.’ We want everyone to enjoy the blessing of driving, but we also recognize that great harm can be done by those who are not ready for the privilege or are not yet united with us in understanding the rules of the road. Therefore we insist that drivers first be instructed and tested. This practice is not elitist, but loving.

Join us for Bible study this morning as we grow together in grace, in the knowledge of the Lord, and in our appreciation for His gift of Holy Communion. The coffee is on!

COMING STUDY: “Christians in a Woke World” --- Starting Sunday, November 6, we will engage in a new study about our life as Christians in the present ‘Woke’ culture. Please refer to the insert in today’s bulletin to read more about it.

COMMUNITY TRUNK-or-TREAT

4:00 – 6:00 p.m. ♦ Church and School Parking Lot

Get the word out to friends and families that the children of the community are welcome to get their costumes on and come for a late afternoon of fun, games and treats at our first-ever Trunk-or-Treat. It’s a great opportunity for us to welcome people of this area to our property and to build relationships.



A note to our ‘Trunkers’ – Thank you for signing up to help provide this service in our community. If you still want to sign up as a ‘Trunker,’ it’s not too late. A sign-up sheet is in the narthex. Here is what our Trunkers need to know...

- **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.

NOMINATION PROCESS BEGINS – The Stewardship Board is beginning the process of nominating individuals for the various offices of our congregation. Please keep this process in prayer, as it is often difficult to identify willing candidates. And please, if you are asked about accepting a nomination, give it prayerful thought, and consider how God may want to use you in service to His people, for the blessing of us all!

<u>FINANCIAL FACTS:</u>	Home Fund	Synod & Missions	Building Fund
Weekly Need	\$9,792.78	\$500.00	\$961.54
Rec'd 10/16/22	\$9,398.31	\$210.00	\$305.00

ATTENDANCE: Thursday – 33; Sunday – 134

PIERSTORF COLLEGE FUND – If you're a young Lutheran in high school making plans for a college education, consider using the *Pierstorf College Fund* as part of your education finance plan.

The *Pierstorf College Fund* is a Lutheran financial aid program that provides interest-free loans to all Ohio Lutherans pursuing a higher education, allowing them to worry less about tuition and focus more on their goals. There are no strings attached, and the application process is very straight-forward. These loans are available to all Lutherans in good standing with their congregations for any course of study at any college or university. To learn more, pick up one of the cards in the narthex, or scan this QR code.



ORPHAN GRAIN TRAIN – Hurricane Ian Relief Assistance: Next Sun., Oct. 23rd from noon – 2:30 PM, you can also bring cleaning supplies, new masks, and hygiene items to the Grain Train distribution facility in Napoleon at 500 Independence Drive. Zion Lutheran Church in Ridgeville Corners, OH is also participating with this on Oct. 23rd from noon – 2:30 PM at their church in Ridgeville Corners, OH. Monetary donations can be made payable to Orphan Grain Train – Ohio, and mailed to OGT – OHIO, c/o Diann Meyer-Grieser, PO Box 74, Ridgeville Corners, OH 43555. Please note **Hurricane Ian 2022** on the memo line of your check.

AREA EVENTS:

- **Filling Fall Fling** hosted by the Filling Home Women's Guild will be held on Sat., Nov. 5th from 11:00 AM – 3:00 PM in the Therapy Center located at N160 St Route 108, Napoleon. See flyer for all the details.
- **Napoleon Zone Christian Life Workshop** will be held on Sat., Nov. 12th at 9:00 AM at St. Paul Lutheran Church – Flatrock, 12-868 County Road K, Napoleon. Join us in Fellowship and Bible Study! See posted flyer!

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Food For Thought...

God is still writing your story. Quit trying to steal the pen, and trust the Author!

*“Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding.
In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths..” (Proverbs 3:5-6)*