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SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sermon & Text: “Tell Him What You Want” *Mark 5:21-43*
 Order of Service: Service of Matins (pg. 219)
 Hymns: 571 ~ 933 ~ 548

WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS

Welcome in the name of the Lord. We pray that through this time of stillness and song, prayer and proclamation, you may experience the Spirit of God at work in your life. If you do not have a local church home, we extend a warm invitation to you to become a part of our church family. Simply fill out the blue Rite of Fellowship card from the pew rack and drop it in the baskets at the doors as you leave this morning. Your presence is a blessing to us.



SERVING IN GOD’S HOUSE THIS MORNING

- ✠ Elaine Buenger, *Organist* ✠
- ✠ Neil Badenhop, Doug Dietrich, Nick Sonnenberg, Joe Badenhop, *Ushers* ✠
- ✠ Kathy Gruenhagen, Deb Wachtman, Nancy Short, *Altar Guild* ✠

ALTAR FLOWERS are placed today in celebration of the marriage of *Brady Gerken* and *Scarlette Niese*, which took place at St. John yesterday, June 29th. May God bless Brady & Scarlette with much joy and happiness as they begin their married life. Congratulations to the newlyweds, Brady & Scarlette Gerken!

SUMMER ADULT BIBLE CLASS

This morning after worship we will have Sunday morning Adult Bible Study that takes “A Longer Look at the Lessons.” These week-by-week studies take a more in-depth look at the Scripture readings that are read in worship that morning. Each Sunday is a study unto itself, so that if you have to miss one Sunday, you can easily pick up again the following Sunday. **Please join us in the fellowship hall.**



In God's House This Week

Online church calendar: <https://74058984.view-events.com>

Date	Time	Activities
Today	9:00 AM 10:20AM	Worship Service Adult Bible Study
Thurs.		NO SERVICE due to July 4th Holiday
Sun.	9:00 AM 10:20AM	Communion Service Adult Bible Study

PASTORAL EMERGENCIES – In the event you require emergency pastoral care, please call Rev. Charles Kramer at 567-277-1339.

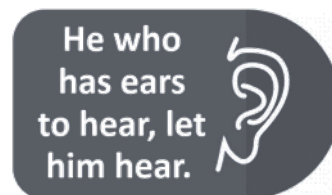
MATTERS FOR PRAYER – Please keep these people in your prayers:

- ❖ Melba Elling, Norma Damman, Elaine Hesterman, and Elaine Mahnke at Genacross
- ❖ Lawrence Behrmann, at Northcrest Nursing & Rehab
- ❖ Our Shut-Ins: Irene Joost and Leona Durham
- ❖ Military: Justin Atkinson, Jason Rohrs, Emily Carmon, Jared Dishop, Jordan Lange
- ❖ Lowell Petzoldt, for health concerns related to cancer

THANK YOU for all the cards and prayers given to our family over the last weeks and over the last five years. They have been greatly appreciated since Alan's passing. We are truly blessed to be a part of this Christian community. *The Family of Alan Gruenhagen*

PREPARING OUR EARS TO HEAR – In today's Scripture readings we hear that *The Lord Jesus Is Faithful, and in Mercy He Raises You Up from Death to Life.*

The Lord is faithful. His steadfast love never ceases, and "his mercies never come to an end" (Lam. 3:22–23). To keep us in repentance and to make our faith grow, He causes grief for a while, but He does not cast off forever; in due time, "he will have compassion" (Lam. 3:31–33). Therefore, "hope in him," and "wait quietly for the salvation of the LORD," for "the LORD is good to those who wait for him" (Lam. 3:24–26). That is what the woman did who had "a discharge of blood," and also the ruler whose daughter was "at the point of death." Each waited on the mercy of the Lord Jesus, and each received His saving help (Mark 5:21–28). The woman had suffered much for 12 years, and the ruler's daughter had already died before Jesus arrived. Yet at the right time, the woman was immediately "healed of her disease," and the little girl "got up and began walking" (Mark 5:29, 42). Such is "the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ," who humbled Himself unto the extreme poverty of death "so that you by his poverty might become rich," even unto life everlasting (2 Cor. 8:9). *"He who has ears to hear, let him hear" (Matt 11:15).*



<u>FINANCIAL FACTS:</u>	Home Fund	Synod & Missions	Building Fund
Weekly Need	\$9,792.78	\$500.00	\$961.54
Rec'd 06/23/24	\$7,880.00	\$530.00	\$810.00

ATTENDANCE: Thursday (6/20/24) – 22; Sunday (6/23/24) – 102

PORTALS OF PRAYER BOOKLETS for the next quarter, *July, August, September*, are on the desk in the back of the church. There are also large print booklets available for anybody to pick up.

SUMMER QUARTERLIES & ODE's: Women of the congregation can now pick up the summer edition of the LWML Quarterly along with the ODE's that are in the tract rack by the narthex table.

LWML INGATHERING: The Women of Freedom are collecting new, greeting cards for the LWML State Convention Ingathering Mission. Examples of cards can be Thinking of You cards, Just A Note cards, any encouraging cards, etc. Please place them in box on the narthex table labeled "LWML Cards" and they will be taken to the Convention. Thank you!!

FULL-TIME SCHOOL SECRETARIAL POSITION: **We are now accepting résumés from anyone interested in applying for the full-time position of School Secretary.** This is a fulltime position, working year-round. Requirements are a high school diploma, an accounting background, a good familiarity with Word, Excel, and Google Drive, computer use, and the ability to maintain a strict confidence. An Associate Degree in the secretarial field is a bonus. Applicants must be willing to submit a résumé, obtain a background check, supply three references, and must adhere to the religious beliefs of St. John Lutheran Church. Resumes should be emailed to tgermann@sjl.org, or dropped off at the school office.

PART-TIME CHURCH SECRETARY POSITION – **We are currently seeking applicants for a part-time church secretary.** This job would involve working two days per week (probably later in the week). Required are a high school diploma, an accounting background, a good familiarity with word processing, data base and computer use, and the ability to maintain a strict confidence. An Associate Degree in the secretarial field is a bonus. Applicants must be willing to submit a résumé, obtain a background check, supply three references, and must adhere to the religious beliefs of St. John Lutheran Church. If you know someone interested, please call the church office at 419-598-8961.

ANNUAL SCHOOL CLEANING DATES have been set for Mon., July 22 and Wed., July 24 starting at 5:00 PM both nights. Please read the Parent Participation Policy in FastDirect with all the details about family requirements for School Cleaning. Carpets will be cleaned on Tues., July 23.

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 10 – 11:30 AM on the following dates: July 9, 10, 16, 17, 23, 24. Informational flyers are available on the narthex table. Any questions...call Coach Schroeder at 419-591-6655.

SAVE THE DATE! **The 16th Annual Stephanie Kossow Memorial Golf Outing** will be held at White Pines Golf Course on **Sat., July 27th**, with a 1:00 PM shotgun start. Forms available today!

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Thought for the Week...

Read the Bible with your "Son" glasses on.

A prayer for Independence Day

Eternal Father, Ruler of all nations, on this day when my country celebrates its birth, I thank You for all spiritual and temporal blessings enjoyed in our land. In Your mercy, You have sustained this nation in times of trouble and preserved its liberties. Teach me anew to treasure especially that dearly won freedom of conscience and worship that is the cornerstone of this country's principles. Let me not misuse this liberty nor forget that true freedom is freedom to serve. Give me willingness to share in the process of democratic rule, to respect my country's laws, and to work for the preservation of its institutions. Forgive our past sins committed as a nation in the name of misguided patriotism, self-interest, or political expediency. Confound all those who, for the sake of partisanship or other motives, would sacrifice the greater welfare. Grant wisdom to our leaders. Strengthen all those who strive to do Your will. Increase loyalty to You and to our beloved country. Protect me and my fellow citizens from all subversive or terrorist acts. Above all, dear God, speed the course of Your Gospel among us, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit, hearts are turned to that freedom from sin and death that You alone graciously give through Jesus Christ. Amen. –

