



**THOSE**  
WHO FIND  
THEIR LIFE  
WILL LOSE IT,  
AND  
**THOSE**  
WHO LOSE  
**THEIR LIFE**  
FOR MY SAKE  
WILL FIND  
**IT.**

**MATTHEW 10:39**

***WELCOME TO***  
***ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH***  
***Third Weekend after Pentecost***  
***June 20 & 21, 2020***



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## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### GATHERING SONG

Life in His Hands

All of the world will be singing when everyone understands  
that Jesus is here and he's giving us new life in his hands.  
The offer extended in mercy to people who need a friend  
Is found in the palm of the savior's hand. There's life in his hands,

Life in His hands ...in His hands there's life for you.  
Life in His hands ... for you and me.

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Leader: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, whose steadfast love  
is everlasting, whose faithfulness endures from generation to generation.

**ALL: Amen.**

Leader: Trusting in the mercy of God, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Leader: Reconciling God,

**ALL: we confess that we do not trust your abundance,  
and we deny your presence in our lives. We place our hope in our-  
selves and rely on our own efforts. We fail to believe that you provide  
enough for all. We abuse your good creation for our own benefit.  
We fear difference and do not welcome others as you have welcomed  
us. We sin in thought, word, and deed.  
By your grace, forgive us; through your love, renew us; and in your  
Spirit, lead us; so that we may live and serve you in newness of life.  
Amen.**

Leader: Beloved of God, by the radical abundance of divine mercy we have peace with God through Christ Jesus, through whom we have obtained grace upon grace. Our sins are forgiven.

Let us live now in hope. For hope does not disappoint, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit.

**ALL: Amen.**

### **FIRST READING**

Genesis 21:8-21

The child grew, and was weaned; and Abraham made a great feast on the day that Isaac was weaned.

But Sarah saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian, whom she had borne to Abraham, playing with her son Isaac. So she said to Abraham, "Cast out this slave woman with her son; for the son of this slave woman shall not inherit along with my son Isaac." The matter was very distressing to Abraham on account of his son. But God said to Abraham, "Do not be distressed because of the boy and because of your slave woman; whatever Sarah says to you, do as she tells you, for it is through Isaac that offspring shall be named for you. As for the son of the slave woman, I will make a nation of him also, because he is your offspring."

So Abraham rose early in the morning, and took bread and a skin of water, and gave it to Hagar, putting it on her shoulder, along with the child, and sent her away. And she departed, and wandered about in the wilderness of Beer-sheba. When the water in the skin was gone, she cast the child under one of the bushes. Then she went and sat down opposite him a good way off, about the distance of a bowshot; for she said, "Do not let me look on the death of the child." And as she sat opposite him, she lifted up her voice and wept. And God heard the voice of the boy; and the angel of God called to Hagar from heaven, and said to her, "What troubles you, Hagar? Do not be afraid; for God has heard the voice of the boy where he is. Come, lift up the boy and hold him fast with your hand, for I will make a great nation of him." Then God opened her eyes and she saw a well of water. She went, and filled the skin with water, and gave the boy a drink. God was with the boy, and he grew up; he lived in the wilderness, and became an expert with the bow. He lived in the wilderness of Paran; and his mother got a wife for him from the land of Egypt.

### **SECOND READING**

Romans 6: 1b-11

Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? Do you not know that all of us

who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

## **GOSPEL**

Matthew 10:24-39

"A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household! "So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. And even the hairs of your head are all counted. So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows. "Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven. "Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law; and one's foes will be members of one's own household. Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.

## **CHILDREN'S MINISTRY**

## **SERMON**

Pastor Shawn O'Brien

## SONG

Remember Him

The bread has been broken, the cup has been poured...  
they are here for all to receive.  
The grace and forgiveness of Jesus, our Lord...  
are waiting for all who believe.  
This is His body... this is His blood...which is shed...  
for us and our sins.  
Receive His blessing...receive His love...  
now, come, remember Him.

We come to this tablet prepared by the Lord,  
where we all are one in His sight.  
The promise is given our faith is restored...  
we go now to walk in his light.  
This is His body...this is His blood...  
which is shed...for us and our sines.  
Receive His blessing...receive His love...  
now, go, remember Him.

Now go...remember Him.

## OUR OFFERING

### OFFERING PRAYER

Leader: Merciful God, our ordinary gifts seem small for your greatness, but you make of them an abundance, just as you do with our lives. Feed us again through your Word for service in your name, in the strength of the risen Christ.

**ALL: Amen.**

### PRAYERS of INTERCESSION

Leader: Called into unity with one another and the whole creation, let us pray for our shared world. *A brief silence.*

Leader: Expansive God, you bring diverse voices together to form your church. Open our hearts and unstop our ears to learn from one another, that differences might not overshadow our baptismal unity. Hear us, O God.

**All: Your mercy is great.**

Leader: Providing God, your creation shows us that life comes from death. Renew the places where our land, air, and waterways have been ill for too long. Direct the work of all who care for birds and their habitats. Hear us, O God.

**ALL: Your mercy is great.**

Leader: Protecting God, sustain and keep safe all who work to defend others across the world. Revive and strengthen organizations dedicated to caring for refugees and migrants while their homelands struggle for peace. Hear us, O God.

**ALL: Your mercy is great.**

Leader: Loving God, you promise to be with all who are persecuted for your sake. Guide all who speak your word of justice and console any who are tormented or targeted for being who they are. Hear us, O God.

**ALL: Your mercy is great.**

Leader: Compassionate God, you are with us and we are never alone. Bless all fathers and father figures who strive to love and nurture as you do. Comfort all who long to be fathers and all for whom this day is difficult. Hear us, O God.

**ALL: Your mercy is great.**

Leader: Reigning God, you bless us with guides and caretakers in the faith. As we give thanks for those who have died, increase our care for one another until we walk with them in newness of life. Hear us, O God.

**ALL: Your mercy is great.**

Leader: Receive these prayers, O God, and those too deep for words; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**ALL: Amen.**

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**ALL: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,  
and the glory, forever and ever. Amen**

## **BLESSING**

Leader: Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers,  
nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth,  
nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God  
in Christ Jesus. God, the Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you and keep you  
in eternal love.

**All: Amen**

## **CLOSING SONG**

Jesus is the Answer

If you have some questions in the corner of your mind,  
traces of discouragement and peace you cannot find,  
reflections of the past seem to face you every day,  
but this one thing I do know- Jesus is the way.

Jesus is the answer for the world today.  
Above Him there's no other. Jesus is the way.  
Jesus is the answer for the world today.  
Above Him there's no other. Jesus is the way.

I know you've got mountains that you think you cannot climb.  
I know your skies are dark, you think the sun won't shine.  
In case you don't know that the Word of God is true,  
and everything He's promised He will do for you.

Jesus is the answer for the world today.  
Above Him there's no other. Jesus is the way.  
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## **DISMISSAL**

Leader: Depart in peace. Call a neighbor.  
Be the church wherever you are.

**ALL: Thanks be to God!**

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# Our Weekly Announcements

## **This Week at St. John**

Mon: Forerunner deadline

Tues: Blankets 9:00 AM

Tues: Supplemental Food Bag Distribution 11:00

## **In our Prayers**

Virgil Roecker-medical concerns

Helen Jean Rollins-medical concerns

Heather DeWitz-medical concerns

Terry Gast-medical concerns

Ken Sievert-medical concerns

Karen Densic-medical concerns

Diane Hartman-medical concerns

The family of Ken Gahler

The family of Lukas Mason

## **Worship Schedule**

We hope you will rejoin us for Worship on Saturdays at 5 PM or Sundays at 9 AM, however, if you do not feel comfortable coming to church...that's ok! You will still be able to join us on Facebook or on our YouTube channel for a live stream of worship.

The weekly bulletin is also available on our website. **[www.stjohnwilliston.org](http://www.stjohnwilliston.org)**

If you or someone you know would like a recording of the worship service, please let the office know and we will drop off or mail you a CD and bulletin.



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- ProMedica Hospice - Ruth Ann's House of Port Clinton -
- Parker's Purpose -
- CASA of Seneca, Sandusky & Wyandot Co. -
- First Step of Seneca, Sandusky, Wood & Wyandot Co. -
- Back To The Wild - Easter Seals -
- NAMI of Seneca, Sandusky & Wyandot County -
- The Salvation Army of Ottawa County -
- Riders Unlimited - Sandusky County Cancer Care Fund -
- F.A.C.T. of Seneca Co. - Genoa Area Food Pantry -
- Oak House of Port Clinton - Arc of Ottawa Co.-
- Village House of Fremont -

**\$5.00 PER TICKET**

**100% OF TICKET SALES GOES TO CHARITY!**

**TOTAL MONEY RAISED FOR CHARITIES IN  
THE PAST 17 YEARS \$1,025,977**

The Genoa Area Community Food Pantry is selling tickets for the Bauman Car Raffle.

The winner of the raffle has a choice between a Chevy Equinox or a Jeep Compass.

The tickets are \$5 each and all of the money collected goes to the food pantry.

Tickets are available in the church office. You may also mail a check to Cindy Hartman,  
20751 SR 579, PO Box 33, Williston, OH 43468

or Becky Tank, 17381 W Hausencomb Rd, Graytown, OH 43432.

We will fill out your information and mail the ticket stub back to you so please include your phone number. We will not be selling tickets after church. Tickets will be available until September 6, 2020. Thank you for your continued support.

### **Helping Our Neighbors**

We are handing out Supplemental Food Bags to the community on **TUESDAYS** beginning at 11:00 AM and we will continue through June. Each bag contains cereal, mac and cheese, soup, veggies, fruit, Spaghetti and sauce, peanut butter and jelly and misc. items.

We are also taking financial donations to continue this ministry.

**We are always collecting: Jelly, Spaghetti Noodles.  
canned fruit, veggies, Spaghetti Sauce (cans)  
Peanut Butter (small jars), and boxes of cereal.  
Thank you!!**

### **The St. John Mini Pantry /Blessing Box is Open!**

Did you see our new Mini Pantry on the west side of the parking lot? Thanks to **Richard Phillips** who constructed and installed the box.

The St. John Mini Pantry will be stocked with ready to eat or easily prepared food items and hygiene items available to those in our community who may need a little help. We will stock it with much of the same items we distribute in our Tuesday Food bags and will accept donations of these items anytime. We are also accepting donations of travel size personal items like toothpaste, toothbrushes, soaps, travel size tissues and shampoo.



### **Office Hours**

At this time, Pastor O'Brien and LisaAnne will maintain office hours Mon-Fri from 9 am to 3 pm. If you need something, please call 419-836-5514 ahead of time. If the door is locked, please ring the bell.

You may also email/text Pastor O'Brien 419-378-1112

**[pastorobrien@stjohnwilliston.org](mailto:pastorobrien@stjohnwilliston.org)**

Or email the office at **[office@stjohnwilliston.org](mailto:office@stjohnwilliston.org)**

### **Online Giving Option**

Please consider giving online. There is a link on our website at **[www.stjohnwilliston.org](http://www.stjohnwilliston.org)**.

It is fast, easy and secure! In addition, you can also mail your offering to the church (PO Box 235, Williston 43468).

Thank you for your continued support of St. John!



### *Altar and Chancel Flowers*

The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Don and Tim Berger on Father's Day  
by Margaret Berger and Family.



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***We welcome you to St. John Lutheran Church.  
We are...  
"creating and nurturing life changing relationships  
based on the love of God in Jesus Christ,  
so that we may grow in faith,  
serve God,  
and serve our neighbor."***

Saturday Worship 5:00 pm \* \* Sunday Worship 9:00

Worship services are recorded and streamed  
on our Facebook Page and our YouTube channel.



***We are a Stephen Ministry Church.  
"Christ Caring for People through People"***

***If you need someone to talk to during this stressful  
time, please call Pastor O'Brien or the church office and  
we will connect you with one of our Stephen Ministers.***