



JESUS HEALS **ON THE SABBATH**

LUKE 13:10-17

Welcome to St. John Lutheran Church
Eleventh Weekend after Pentecost
Saturday August 20th, 2022



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PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING 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.

WE CONFESS THAT WE HAVE NOT FOLLOWED

God, we confess we hear the call but choose not to follow. We pick roads which lead to anxiety and despair. We walk paths of darkness and sorrow. We run from your beckoning love. Today we are asking for a new beginning. We want to be cleansed and made right. We desire direction and purpose for our living. We need to have our sins forgiven.

Time for silent reflection

GOD'S CLEAR WORD TO FOLLOWERS

Leader: Jesus himself bore our sins on the cross, so that, freed and forgiven, we might live for love of God and love of neighbor. Through the Holy Spirit we are given power: power to respond to God's call, power to change direction, power to make new and different choices, and the power to live our lives as it was meant to be lived. Today we have been freed to follow Jesus.

ALL: Amen

FIRST READING

Isaiah 58:9b-14

If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. The LORD will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in

parched places, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail. Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in.

If you refrain from trampling the sabbath, from pursuing your own interests on my holy day; if you call the sabbath a delight and the holy day of the LORD honorable; if you honor it, not going your own ways, serving your own interests, or pursuing your own affairs; then you shall take delight in the LORD, and I will make you ride upon the heights of the earth; I will feed you with the heritage of your ancestor Jacob, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

SECOND READING

Hebrews 12:18-29

You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them. For they could not endure the order that was given, "If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death." Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I tremble with fear." But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

See that you do not refuse the one who is speaking; for if they did not escape when they refused the one who warned them on earth, how much less will we escape if we reject the one who warns from heaven! At that time his voice shook the earth; but now he has promised, "Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heaven." This phrase, "Yet once more," indicates the removal of what is shaken—that is, created things—so that what cannot be shaken may remain. Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us give thanks, by which we offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe; for indeed our God is a consuming fire.

GOSPEL

Luke 13:10-17

Now [Jesus] was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, "Woman, you are set free from your ailment." When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day." But the Lord answered him and said, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water?

And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?" When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.

SERMON

Pastor O'Brien

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

ALL: I believe in a living God, creator of all humankind, who has created and recreates the entire universe by power and love. I believe in Jesus Christ, God in the flesh and my Savior and Lord. Because of his life, work, suffering and death, I know who I am, and what I can become through Christ. I believe God is present with me always and can be experienced in prayer, the Sacraments, the Word, and the community of believers. Amen.

PRAYERS

Leader: Merciful God,

ALL: receive our prayer.

OFFERING PRAYER

Leader: God of abundance:

ALL: you have set before us a plentiful harvest. As we feast on your goodness, strengthen us to the labor in your field, and equip us to bear fruit for the good of all, in the name of Jesus. Amen.

SONG

I Love You, Lord

I love you, Lord, and I lift my voice to worship you.
O my soul, rejoice. Take joy, my King, in what you hear.
May it be a sweet, sweet sound in your ear.

COMMUNION

Leader: God of comfort and healing,

ALL: we come again to your table wanting to be refreshed with these elements of love and willing to turn from the things which draw us from you. Give us a new vision of life as you intend. Rearrange our priorities, give us new attitudes, and allow us to know how completely you forgive us.

Leader: In the night in which Jesus was betrayed, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it, and shared it with his friends. He said, "Take this and eat it. This is my body given for you. Do this to remember me." He also took the cup and after giving thanks to God, passed it among his friends saying: "This cup is the new promise in my blood, shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Drink this to remember me."

ALL: This is the new relationship we share together.

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: The God of peace, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you, comfort you, and show you the path of life this day and always.

ALL: Amen

SENDING SONG

I Will Be With You Always

I will be with you always;
Even until the close of the age,
To give you power and give you peace,
To give you comfort all of your days.
I will be with you always!
I will be with you always!
I will be with you/through all of your days.

DISMISSAL

Leader: Go in peace. Love your neighbor.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Weekly Announcements



This Week at St. John

Mon: Bible Study 9 AM

Tues: Blankets 9 AM

Wed: McDonald's 7 AM

Sat: Worship 5 PM

Sun: Worship 9 AM

Serving This Week

Usher Jack Mathews

Lector Beverly Harder

Acolyte Kennedy Donnelly

In Our Prayers

Audry S.-medical concerns

Marilyn Sandrock- medical concerns

Carolyn Lasseter- medical concerns

Gary Carstensen- medical concerns

Brenda Powell- medical concerns

Dan Jeffers- medical concerns

Michele Maix- medical concerns

Kade Krotzer- medical concerns

Joan Truman- medical concerns

ALTAR FLOWERS



Altar Flowers

The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God, and in celebration of Merle and Shirley Berger's wedding anniversary.

CHANCEL FLOWERS

The chancel flowers are given to the Glory of God, and in memory of Don Berger and given by Margaret, Dan and Pam, Cheryle Berger and family.

OUR BLESSING BOX

Mini Pantry has been used quite a bit recently.

To help restock we need

Spaghetti, Spaghetti Sauce, Canned Fruit, Peanut Butter, Jelly, Toothpaste, Toothbrushes, and Toilet Tissue. When you are shopping this week, consider purchasing a few extra items and bringing them to the church.

LUTHER HOME GOLF OUTING

The Luther Home of Mercy Golf Outing is Friday, August 26 at Maumee Bay. Foursomes are invited to join Luther Home for continental breakfast, golf and a delicious lunch overlooking the Lake; all in support of their programs and services for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Not a golfer? They are also looking for help with: Cart Sponsors (\$50 each): Your name will be featured on a cart and in the Outing Program. Hole Sponsors: (\$100 each) Your name will be featured on a sign at one of the 18 holes and in the Outing Program. More information and registration can be found at their website, lutherhome.org or by contacting Megan O'Brien: mobrien@lutherhome.org 419-972-4436.

USHERS AND LECTORS

We have now resumed our worship assistant rotation. Please watch the newsletter or Monday email to see when you are scheduled to serve. If you are willing to be added to the list, please let Pastor O'Brien know or contact the church office.

SATURDAY- 5:00pm AUGUST

Ushers

27 OPEN

Lectors

27 Aidan O'Brien

Acolytes

27 Emma Morgan

SUNDAY- 9:00am AUGUST

Ushers

28 OPEN

Lectors

28 Tim Titgemeyer

Acolytes

28 Lucas Titgemeyer

FALL WORSHIP HOURS

Fall worship hours begin on Sunday
September 11th.

Saturday

Contemporary Service 5 PM

Sunday

Sunday School 8:30 AM

Traditional Service 9:45 AM

PHONE SYSTEM UPDATE

We have been working through some technical upgrades the last couple months and this includes a new phone system. The good news is, we are nearing the end of our upgrade. We appreciate your patience if any errors occur while we complete the process!

SACK FOR A SACK

St. John will again be doing sack for a sack this year. Every time Genoa sacks the opposing team's quarterback, St. John is donating a bag of groceries to the Genoa Food pantry. If you would like to contribute, the donation is \$25 per sack.

GOD'S WORK, OUR HANDS

God's Work, Our Hands Sunday is September 11 this year. It is designed to be a churchwide day of service in the community. Traditionally we help our neighbors at Luther Home of Mercy. This year however, they could use the most help during their "Fall Fest" which is September 18. More details will be available soon on what we can do to help on 9/18, but in the meantime we are seeking ideas for 9/11. Do you know of any places in the community that could benefit from a "day of service"? We usually have 15-25 people of different ages and abilities. If you have any connections, please contact Pastor O'Brien.

SUNDAY SCHOOL RALLY DAY

Join us for the start of Sunday School
on Sunday, September 11th at
8:30am.

All are welcome!





10th Annual Benevolence Golf Outing 09/24/2022

Proceeds to benefit St. John Good Samaritan Fund
(Good Samaritan Fund assists with emergency requests from individuals and families of the community.)

All Golfers Welcome and Needed!

Foursome Team Scramble Saturday September 24th, 2022

Chippewa Golf Course
23550 St. Rt. 579, Curtice, Ohio, 43412
8am—Registration
9am- Shot Gun Start



\$65 per player
18 holes with cart
Includes meal
PRIZES, PRIZES, PRIZES

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