

*Do not be afraid, little flock,
for it is your
Father's
good pleasure
to give
you the
kingdom.*



Luke 12:32, NRSV

Welcome to St. John Lutheran Church
Ninth Weekend after Pentecost
Saturday August 6th, 2022



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PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING SONG

Glory

Refrain

**Glory ... glory in the highest, Glory, to the almighty.
Glory to the Lamb of God ... and Glory to the living word.
Glory ... to... the ... lamb.**

Repeat

I give glory ... glory ... glory... glory to the ... Lamb
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Glory ... glory in the highest, glory ... to the Almighty.
Glory to the Lamb of God ... and glory to the living word.
Glory ... to ... the ... Lamb.
I give glory ... to the Lamb.

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**Genesis 15:1-6**

After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." But Abram said, "O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." But the word of the Lord came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.

SECOND READING**Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16**

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore."

All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

GOSPEL**Luke 12:32-40**

[Jesus said:] "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

"Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the

door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

"But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

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

Kyrie Eleison

Refrain

Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way, Kyrie eleison, everyday

For peace in the world, For the health of the church, For the unity of all.

For this holy house, For all who worship and praise

Let us pray to the Lord, Let us pray to the Lord. **Refrain**

For peace in our hearts, For peace in our homes For friends and family,

For life and for love, For our work and our play,

Let us pray to the Lord, Let us pray to the Lord. **Refrain**

Lord, have mercy, on our world and on our way, Lord, have mercy, everyday.

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

We are the Church

Refrain:

**We are the church, the body of our Lord;
We are all God's children, we have been restored.**

The church is not a building, where people go to pray,
It's not made out of sticks and stones, it's not made out of clay. **Refrain**

You can go to worship, but you cannot go to church,
You can't find a building that's alive, no matter how you search. **Refrain**

The church is not a business, a committee or a board,
It's not a corporation for the business of the Lord. **Refrain**

The church, it is the people, living out their lives,
Called, enlightened, sanctified, For the work of Jesus Christ. **Refrain**

DISMISSAL

Leader: Go in peace. Love your neighbor.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Weekly Announcements



This Week at St. John

Mon: Bible Study 10 AM

Tues: Blankets 9 AM

Wed: McDonald's 7 AM

Thurs: Committee Night 7 PM

Sat: Worship 5 PM

Sun: Worship 9 AM

Serving This Week

Usher Jack Mathews

Lector Nancy Strohscher

Acolyte Benjamin Sommers

In Our Prayers

Audry S.-medical concerns

Marilyn Sandroock- medical concerns

Carolyn Lasseter- medical concerns

Gary Carstensen- medical concerns

Brenda Powell- medical concerns

Dan Jeffers- medical concerns

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Mary Brossia- medical concerns

Joan Truman- medical concerns



Altar Flowers

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The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God, and in honor of Anna Sommer's birthday and given by her family.

CHANCEL FLOWERS

The chancel flowers are given to the Glory of God, and in honor of Rick and Lori Buhrow's 29th anniversary.

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.

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.

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

13 The Gerkenmeyers
20 OPEN
27 OPEN

Lectors

13 Tracy Orians
20 Beverly Harder
27 Aidan O'Brien

Acolytes

13 Olivia Martin
20 Kennedy Donnelly
27 Emma Morgan

SUNDAY- 9:00am AUGUST

Ushers

14 Diana Pfaff
21 Jill Kao
28 OPEN

Lectors

14 Diana Pfaff
21 Deanna Neuman
28 Tim Titgemeyer

Acolytes

14 Lily Sondergeld
21 Aiden Johnson
28 Lucas Titgemeyer



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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