



Welcome to St. John Lutheran Church
16th Weekend after Pentecost
Saturday September 24th, 2022



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**PRELUDE
ANNOUNCEMENTS**

LITANY FOR DEDICATION OF THE QUILTS

(see insert)

OPENING

This Is The Day

This is the day that the Lord has made, we will rejoice and be glad in it.

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Sing to the world a brand new song about Je-sus.

Sing to the world, tell ev-rybody that here ... today ... it's start-ing ...

A new day is dawn-ing ... Today ... today ... today ... This is the day!

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

ALL: God of healing, God of wholeness, we bring our brokenness, our sinfulness, our fears and despair, and lay them at your feet.

God of healing, God of wholeness, we hold out hearts and hands, minds and souls to feel your touch, and know the peace that only you can bring.

God of healing, God of wholeness, this precious moment in your presence and power grant us faith and confidence that here broken lives are made whole.

Leader: People of God, you are loved and forgiven! This is the good news of deliverance for those who trust. God has healed broken relationships, given power for our discipleship, and given us a new picture of our own worth. The power of God, through the Spirit, dwells within us and makes us whole. We no longer need to be burdened by our sin and brokenness, but can stand strong and rejoice in the healing and wholeness God has freely given.

FIRST READING**Amos 6:1a, 4-7**

Alas for those who are at ease in Zion, and for those who feel secure on Mount Samaria, Alas for those who lie on beds of ivory, and lounge on their couches, and eat lambs from the flock, and calves from the stall; who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp, and like David improvise on instruments of music; who drink wine from bowls, and anoint themselves with the finest oils, but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph! Therefore they shall now be the first to go into exile, and the revelry of the loungers shall pass away.

SECOND READING**1 Timothy 6:6-19**

Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, which he will bring about at the right time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.

As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

GOSPEL**Luke 16:19-31**

[Jesus said:] "There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. He called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.' But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.' He said, 'Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father's house—for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.' Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.' He said, 'No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' He said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.'"

SERMON**Pastor O'Brien****AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

ALL: We believe God created all that exists and continues to recreate the lives of those who trust. We believe in Jesus Christ, the only Son of a loving God, whose purpose was to save a lost world and who now works in us and others through the Holy Spirit. We believe God is calling each of us to be the body of Christ, to celebrate God's presence, to love and serve others, and to stand against the powers of injustice and prejudice. We are called to declare for all the world to hear, "Jesus is risen and we are his people." Thanks be to God. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Leader: God of grace,

ALL: hear our prayer**OFFERING PRAYER**

Leader: Gracious God,

**All: in your great love you richly provide for our needs. Make of these gifts a banquet of blessing, and make us ready to share with all in need; through Jesus Christ, who sets a table for all.
Amen.**

SONG

Be Still

Be still for the presence of the Lord; The Holy One is here
Come bow before Him now, with reverence and fear
In Him no sin is found, we stand on Holy ground
Be still for the presence of the Lord; The Holy One is here

Be still for the glory of the Lord is shining all around
He burns with Holy fire, with splendor he is crowned
How awesome is the sight, our radiant King of Light
Be still for the glory of the Lord, is shining all around

Be still for the power of the Lord, is moving in this place
He comes to cleanse and heal, to minister His grace
No work too hard for Him, in faith receive from Him
Be still for the power of the Lord, is moving in this place

COMMUNION

Leader: Welcome to the celebration! God supplies for our every need and gives us this meal to share.

All: God, we thank you for the bread of life.

Leader: We come to the table, acknowledging our shortcomings and our need to experience your presence in the bread and wine.

All: God, we thank you for the cup of salvation.

Leader: In the night in which Jesus was betrayed...

All: Jesus give us faith to receive you in this holy meal.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

All: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen

BLESSING

Leader: God, who gives life to all things and frees us from despair, bless you with truth and peace. And may the holy Trinity, one God, guide you always in faith, hope, and love.

ALL: Amen

SENDING SONG

I Want to Be Like Jesus

In ev'rything I do, in ev'rything I say, I want to be like Jesus.
To do my very best, and pray about the rest, I want to be like Jesus

Chorus

I want to be ... I want to be ... I want to be like Jesus
I want to be ... I want to be ... I want to be like Jesus

In ev'rything I think, in ev'rything I want, I want to be like Jesus.
To think about the best, and pray about the rest, I want to be Like Jesus.

Chorus

In ev'rything I am, in ev'rything I'll be, I want to be like Jesus.
To be my very best, and pray about the rest, I want to be like Jesus.

Chorus

DISMISSAL

Leader: Go in peace with Christ beside you.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Weekly Announcements



This Week at St. John

Tues: Blankets 9 AM

Sat: Worship 5 PM

Sun: Sunday School 8:30 AM
Worship 9:45 AM

Serving This Week

Usher Wayne Bauman

Lector Beverly Harder

Acolyte Kennedy Donnelly

In Our Prayers

Ann Tschappat– medical concerns

Carol Perry– medical concerns

Linda Votsberger– medical concerns

Michele Maix– medical concerns

Peg Lentz– medical concerns

Brian Lowe– medical concerns

Shirley Fredrickson– medical concerns

Family and friends of Ray Fredrickson



ALTAR FLOWERS

The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God, in memory of our mother Mary Ann Gruben and given by Lee and Debbie Wehner and family.

CHANCEL FLOWERS

The chancel flowers are given to the Glory of God, and in celebration of the birthdays of Carolyn Lasseter and Marilyn Sandroock, and in honor of the many good deeds they do for others. Given by Ron and Diane Gerkenmeyer.

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 OCTOBER

Ushers

- 1 The Donnelly Family
- 8 Jack Mathews

Lectors

- 1 WELCA
- 8 Nancy Strohscher

Acolytes

- 1 Lindsay Krumnow
- 8 Benjamin Sommers

SUNDAY- 9:00am OCTOBER

Ushers

- 2 The Tigemeyer's
- 9 Diana Pfaff

Lectors

- 2 WELCA
- 9 Mina Steinmetz

Acolytes

- 2 Logan Hays
- 9 Caleb Hays

BLANKET WEEKEND

Today you will be seeing blankets. This year we made 302 (tied with last year). We have already given or sold 33 blankets. If you would like to purchase a blanket, we are asking \$30.00 for the larger ones (approx. 60 x 80) or \$25.00 for smaller children ones. Just take off the pew and you may pay the ladies selling raffle tickets or put your payment in the offering. Please make sure it is marked "blankets" for us to get the money. The raffle tickets will be sold for three weeks and along with two auctioned blankets. This is the only "fundraiser" we have to purchase the filler, thread and sheets used for the backs. One roll of filler costs just under \$200.00 and we get about 18 blankets per roll. We thank everyone who has donated material, sheets and even filler to us. The sewing and tying are done by only 6 faithful ladies.

THANKS OFFERING SERVICES

Saturday October 1st at 5pm

Sunday October 2nd at 9:45am

WELCA will be having their annual Thankoffering program. Lisa Kronbach-Eisenbach, founder and director of Nightingales Harvest, will be our speaker. Nightingales Harvest provides nutritious food, hygiene products and resources to aid in improving the health and wellness of families experiencing cancer. They are located at Our Savior Lutheran Church and serve northwest Ohio and southeast Michigan. They have been recipients of blankets for several years. Thankoffering envelopes are attached to the October Forerunner and also by the offering baskets.

OUR BLESSING BOX

The mini-pantry continues to be used. To help restock we are currently in need of Peanut Butter and Jelly, any kind of canned meat, including tuna, chicken and beef, and after school snacks, including Pop Tarts, snack size bags of chips, pretzels, etc. When you're shopping, please consider purchasing a few extra items and sharing them for the Blessing Box.

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.



Mark your calendars for our upcoming celebration!

We will be honoring the 25th anniversary of Pastor O'Brien's ordination with receptions following the services of **November 19th and 20th.** We will be providing a card box at the receptions so that notes of appreciation, congratulation and thanks can be given. We, also, will be accepting donations towards a gift for the O'Brien family. Monetary donations will be accepted at the church office or offering plates, please indicate that your donation is for the 25th anniversary gift. Online donations can be given as well, just call the church office to let Amelia know which donation is to go towards Pastor's ordination gift.

Let's celebrate this exciting milestone!