

St. John Lutheran Church



“Unity Under the Cross of Christ”

20th Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday Morning Worship @ 8:00 and 10:30 A.M.

Sunday School and Bible Classes @ 9:15 A.M.

Holy Communion Celebrated Every Sunday at Both Services

October 7, 2018

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“One in the Spirit: United in Christ and with Each Other”

‘... that their hearts may be encouraged, being knit together in love, to reach all the riches of full assurance of understanding and the knowledge of God’s mystery, which is Christ, in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.’
(Colossians 2:2-3)

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AS WE GATHER

“Therefore we must pay much closer attention to what we have heard, lest we drift away from it” (Hebrews 2:1). These words from today’s Epistle are spot-on. In a culture that is quickly drifting away from the values we once held sacred, it’s imperative for us, as the people of God, to hold firmly to the Word we have heard. Today as we gather to listen to God’s Word and receive His gifts of grace, we are drawn close to the Redeemer, who has given His life in exchange for ours. Only in our relationship with Christ will we ever be made complete — members of His eternal kingdom, sons and daughters of our King. Once we see how our true identity is found in Jesus, we can better understand our unique roles in the relationships with one another that He has given to us.

DIVINE SERVICE

Setting Three, LSB (pp. 184 ff.)

In the Name of Jesus

+ CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION +

OPENING VOLUNTARY:

“Partita on ‘O My Soul, Be Glad and Joyful’” - Rinck/Böhm/Wrner

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN: "The Gifts Christ Freely Gives"

LSB # 602

(8:00 a.m. only)

CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION:

(LSB, pp. 184-185)

(10:30 a.m.)

HOLY BAPTISM

(LSB, pp. 268-271)

Candidate: Alivia Kristine Angelo
Parents: Megan and Scott Angelo
Godparents: Matthew and Shelby Kulick

SHARING OF THE PEACE

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.
People: **And also with you.** (*The peace of Christ is shared!*)

+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +

ENTRANCE PSALM FOR PENTECOST 20

Psalms 127:3-5; antiphon: v. 1a

Pastor: Unless the LORD builds the house, those who build it labor in vain

Pastor: Behold, children are a heritage from the LORD,
People: **the fruit of the womb a reward.**

All: **Unless the LORD builds the house, those who build it labor in vain.**

Pastor: Like arrows in the hand of a warrior
People: are the children of one's youth.

All: Unless the LORD builds the house, those who build it labor in vain.

Pastor: Blessed is the man who fills his quiver with them!
People: He shall not be put to shame when he speaks with his enemies in the gate.

All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Pastor: Unless the LORD builds the house, those who build it labor in vain.

KYRIE ~ *Lord, Have Mercy* (p. 186, LSB)

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS ~ *Glory in the Highest* (pp. 187-189, LSB)

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY (p. 189, LSB)

Pastor: The Lord be with you. (chanted)
People: And with thy spirit.

Pastor: Let us pray: Merciful Father, Your patience and loving-kindness toward us have no end. Grant that by Your Holy Spirit we may always think and do those things that are pleasing in Your sight; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT: Genesis 2:18-25 (*God creates Eve... and marriage.*)

Then the LORD God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone;

I will make him a helper fit for him.” Now out of the ground the LORD God had formed every beast of the field and every bird of the heavens and brought them to the man to see what he would call them. And whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. The man gave names to all livestock and to the birds of the heavens and to every beast of the field. But for Adam there was not found a helper fit for him. So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and while he slept took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. Then the man said,

“This at last is bone of my bones
and flesh of my flesh;
she shall be called Woman,
because she was taken out of Man.”

Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh. And the man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE: Hebrews 2:1-18 (*The Son of God is our flesh and blood brother.*)

Therefore we must pay much closer attention to what we have heard, lest we drift away from it. For since the message declared by angels proved to be reliable, and every transgression or disobedience received a just retribution, how shall we escape if we neglect such a great salvation? It was declared at first by the Lord, and it was attested to us by those who heard, while God also bore witness by signs and wonders and various miracles and by gifts of the Holy Spirit distributed according to his will.

For it was not to angels that God subjected the world to come, of which we are speaking. It has been testified somewhere,

“What is man, that you are mindful of him,
or the son of man, that you care for him?
You made him for a little while lower than the angels;
you have crowned him with glory and honor,
putting everything in subjection under his feet.”

Now in putting everything in subjection to him, he left nothing outside his control. At present, we do not yet see everything in subjection to him. But we see him who for a little while was made lower than the angels, namely Jesus, crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

For it was fitting that he, for whom and by whom all things exist, in bringing many sons to glory, should make the founder of their salvation perfect through suffering. For he who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one source. That is why he is not ashamed to call them brothers, saying,

“I will tell of your name to my brothers;
in the midst of the congregation I will sing your praise.”

And again,

“I will put my trust in him.”

And again,

“Behold, I and the children God has given me.”

Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, he himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery. For surely it is not angels that he helps, but he helps the offspring of Abraham. Therefore he had to be made like his brothers in every respect, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people. For because he himself has suffered when tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

(10:30 a.m. only)

ANTHEM: *“Heavenly Father, Send Your Blessing”* - R.W. Gieske
(Adult Choir, Dr. Lewis P. Porter, Director)

ALLELUIA and VERSE

(p. 190, LSB)



Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

The musical score consists of two staves, a treble clef on top and a bass clef on the bottom. The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The melody is written in the treble clef, and the accompaniment is in the bass clef. The lyrics are placed between the two staves.

GOSPEL: Mark 10:2-16 (*Jesus teaches about marriage and family.*)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 10th chapter.



Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

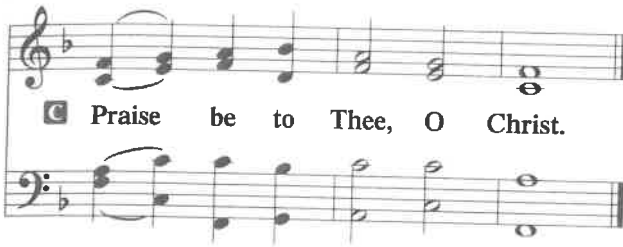
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And Pharisees came up and in order to test him asked, “Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?” He answered them, “What did Moses command you?” They said, “Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of divorce and to send her away.” And Jesus said to them, “Because of your hardness of heart he wrote you this commandment. But from the beginning of creation, ‘God made them male and female.’ ‘Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.’ So they are no longer two but one flesh. What therefore God has joined together, let not man separate.”

And in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. And he said to them, “Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her, and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery.”

And they were bringing children to him that he might touch them, and the disciples rebuked them. But when Jesus saw it, he was indignant and said to them, “Let the children come to me; do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God. Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it.” And he took them in his arms and blessed them, laying his hands on them.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.



APOSTLES' CREED

(8:00 a.m., spoken by all, p. 192, LSB)

**All: I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand
of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come
to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life + everlasting. Amen**

HYMN OF THE DAY: "O Christ of the Cross

The Hymn of the Month is "O Christ of the Cross," and will be incorporated into the sermons. Today the first verse is the subject of today's sermon, and particularly the word "CROSS." Words and music are printed on page 8.

O CHRIST OF THE CROSS

(Text and Tune by John L. Telloni, © 2002)



1.O Christ of the Cross, You have died in our place; Your
2.O Christ of the Tomb, You have ri - sen from death. You
3.O Christ of the Church, You are Shep-herd and King, You
4.O Christ of the Throne At Your Fa - ther's right hand; You
5.O Christ of my life, You be - stow truth and grace Through



wounds and com - pas - sion are signs of Your grace. You
burst through the grave with Your Fa - ther's own breath. You
bless Your whole flock And re - move death's hard sting. You
prom - ise to come back And take Your last stand. Your
Gos - pel so clear I see ev - en Your face. You



love us, You save us Des - pite our great sins! Our on - ly res-
bat - tled, You con - quered The dev - il and sin, And death is now
feed them, You lead them With Word, Bath, and Meal. They fol - low Your
glo - ry, Your sto - ry Will then be ful - filled As You take all
wake me, You take me, to Your path of love; For - giv - en, em-



- p - nse is our praise now be - gins.
- past, Your new life placed with - in!
- voice With de - vo - tion and zeal!
- saints to the King - dom You built!
- pow - ered, I seek things a - bove!

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SERMON: "The Cross Is the Unifier"

(Mark 10:2-16)

OFFERTORY

(pp. 192-193)

PRESENTATION OF OFFERINGS

Voluntary at the Offertory: "Trio"

— Jacques Boyvin

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

For the growth of God's kingdom of grace, that we live out our identities as sons and daughters of our heavenly Father, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Father, we are Your family, created to be Your own.**

Pastor: For the Christian Church, both here at St. John Lutheran Church and assembled in congregations of The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod and other Christian congregations throughout the world, that we be one as our God is one, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Father, we are Your family, redeemed and restored in Christ.**

Pastor: For all pastors, teachers, musicians, missionaries, and other servants of the Church, that they find joy in their callings, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Father, we are Your family, blessed by those who serve and lead.**

Pastor: For all husbands and wives, moms and dads, daughters and sons, and every member of every Christian family, that we live out our unique vocations in joy and peace, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Father, we are Your family, set apart to bless one another in Christ's love.**

Pastor: For all public servants, including those who serve in the government and in our armed forces, that they would find refuge in the strong arms of our Savior, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Father, we are Your family, guarded and shielded by Your presence.**

Pastor: For all who suffer in heart, mind, and body, [*especially . . .*], that they find restoration in Christ, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Father, we are Your family, ever in need of Your healing mercy.**

Pastor: For these and all other concerns we have, that our gracious Father would answer the petitions of His people, the Bride of Christ, for the sake of Him who is our Bridegroom, let us pray to the Lord,

People: **Father, we are Your family. Grant that our lives reflect who You are and what You have done to make us Your own. In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.**

+ SACRAMENT +

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SANCTUS ~ <i>Holy, Holy, Holy</i>	(p. 195)
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PAX DOMINI ~ <i>The Peace of the Lord</i>	(p. 197)
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DISTRIBUTION HYMNS:

"Your Table I Approach"

LSB # 628

"Father Most Holy"

LSB # 504

"Our Father, by Whose Name"

LSB # 863

POST-COMMUNION HYMN

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

{sung by all}

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly hosts;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

THANKSGIVING

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SALUTATION and BENEDICAMUS

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BENEDICTION

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CLOSING HYMN: *"Go, My Children, with My Blessing"* LSB # 922

SILENT PRAYER

CONCLUDING VOLUNTARY: *"Thanks to Thee, O Christ, Victorious"*
- J. G. Walther

To God Alone the Glory!

WELCOME to all worshipers, especially visiting friends. If you have come seeking blessings, this is the place, where God's Word is proclaimed and sung on the Lord's Day as we celebrate Jesus' death and resurrection that delivers forgiveness, life, and salvation! Our guests are requested to sign the guest register in the narthex. This will help us welcome you, listen to you, serve you, and pray with you. If you have no church home, we invite you to worship with us again and find out more about our Family of Faith.

NURSERY (*Family Room*) is available in **Room # 104** in the main hallway for family needs (*nursery or private area*).

"BUSY BAGS FOR TOTS" are available in the narthex for parents with young children for use in the sanctuary during the worship service. After the service, please return the Busy Bag to the basket! (Note: We kindly request that parents use these items and refrain from allowing children to write on the offering envelopes and Communion cards in the pew racks. Thank you!)

FELLOWSHIP: As a sign of our Christian hospitality, refreshments are served in the "*Gathering Place*" all morning. Please stay and enjoy the fellowship!

THE SACRAMENT OF THE ALTAR is celebrated every Lord's Day and on major festivals with the conviction, based on the clear teaching of the Word of God, that the body and blood of Jesus Christ are truly present in the bread and wine and offered for the forgiveness of sins and the strengthening of faith. If you are a first-time visitor and would like to commune and you agree with our Scriptural belief and teaching, please speak to the pastor in advance. Please sign the Communion Registration Cards. Children may come to receive a baptismal blessing.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION PROCEDURE: *The Pastor will distribute the Host (bread) by placing it in the open, cupped hands of the communicant. A Lay Server will then offer the individual cups, and an Elder will immediately follow with the common cup. People who receive the individual cups should keep theirs visible so that the Elder can tell whether they have communed.*

SPECIAL COMMUNION NOTICE: Do you need assistance in walking to the communion rail or desire to commune at your pew? Please ask an usher who will be happy to provide assistance.

LARGE-PRINT HYMNALS are available at the west end of the narthex. They come in 7-volume sets. Ask an usher for a copy.

ALTAR FLOWERS are placed to the glory of God in honor of Zach Marker's birthday. Happy Birthday, Zach! Our thanks!

HYMN-BASED SERMON SERIES: Today Pastor Telloni begins a new sermon series using a hymn which he wrote in 2002, "*O Christ of the Cross*," which will be used to enhance the message of the selected texts. The hope is to use all three Scripture Lessons of the Day, with emphasis on the Gospel, in conjunction with the words and music of the hymn, to proclaim the theme of the sermon. The five verses of the hymn stress: Stanza 1) CROSS; Stanza 2) TOMB; Stanza 3) CHURCH; Stanza 4) THRONE; and Stanza 5) MY LIFE. May the Word of Christ dwell in you richly as you hear and experience the Gospel theme!

BAPTISM: Alivia Kristine Angelo, infant daughter of Megan (Kulick) and Scott Angelo, will be baptized in the Name of the Triune God at the late service this morning. Serving as Godparents are Matthew and Shelby Kulick. May our gracious God pour out a rich measure of His Holy Spirit upon this redeemed child who will be received into the Kingdom of Christ by water and the Word!

SPECIAL PRAYERS FOR HEALING will be offered this morning for the following: Pastor Andrew Brondos, former pastor of St. John's (1958-1969), who is hospitalized and in serious condition in Allen, Texas; Richard Bednar, who is a patient at Aultman Hospital in Canton; Pam Kleve, wife of Keith, who is recovering from open heart surgery at Mercy Medical Center in Canton; Jeff Houston; Betty Minch, at Amherst Meadows in Massillon; Tricia Parker, who is a patient at Select Specialty Hospital in Akron; Joanne Prazniak; Mark Sturm; Bonnie and Ron Myers and their daughter, Allison; David Fisher; Rebecca Floom, granddaughter of Kim and Luther Russert; Steve and Debbie Marker; Patti Eneix; and Jason Taylor, son of Cynthia Glazebrook and grandson of Barb Brown. Also we pray for Betty Slinger and her family, who are awaiting word about Betty's missing daughter, Christine Slinger. Please remember these folks with your prayers and cards!

SHUT IN LIST is posted on the bulletin board at the Visitors' Center. Included are both names and addresses. Bulletins and sermons are sent every week to our homebound members, along with the monthly Messenger. They would love to hear from their brothers and sisters in Christ. Sending a card and a short note would be a kind, Christlike gesture. Keep them in your prayers!

LUTHERAN BEACON, our SELC District monthly newsletter, was handed out last week. Copies are available on the desk in the Gathering Place if you did not receive one Sunday. Be sure to check out St. John's article!

PORTALS OF PRAYER have arrived and are available in the narthex and the Gathering Place. Make sure to pick up a copy for the October-December quarter for your personal and family devotions!

Spiritual Growth ...

SUNDAY MORNING ADULT BIBLE CLASS! “*Sunday Gospels*”– Pastor Telloni is leading a series that focuses on the Gospel Lessons for the Sundays in the Church Year. The group “*listens*” to the text, meditates on its contents, and applies the message to our spiritual lives, using the *Lectio Divina* method of Bible reading. Today’s text is Mark 10:2-16. Grab a cup of coffee and some pastry and join the discussion!

SUNDAY SCHOOL is available for kids of all ages at 9:15 a.m. Please go to Room 109 for an hour-long Bible lesson – it’s all about Jesus! Question? Please see Superintendent Rosemary Sedjo.

MONDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY will be studying the book of Deuteronomy on **October 22nd at 9:30 am** at the church. Debbie Stocker will send materials to your home for home study or can answer any questions about participation.

PRAYER GROUP continues to meet each **Thursday at 10:00 a.m.** in Room 104. Please feel free to come and participate in their sessions. Join Mickie, Debbie, Bonnie, Janet, and Marchaela.

CATECHISM CLASSES will begin **this Saturday, October 13th** (*Please note DATE change!*), **10:00-11:15 a.m., in Rooms 112-113.** Students in Grades 7 and 8 are expected to attend to either begin or conclude the two-year program leading to Confirmation. At present, eligible students are Jenna Halco (8th) and Evan White and Morgan Williams (7th). If there are any other students in Grades 7 and 8, please contact the Church Office.

PRE-CONFIRMATION HOME-SCHOOLING: Parents of 5th and 6th Graders are invited to a special session this coming **Sunday, October 14th, after the late service in Rooms 112-113.** Pastor Telloni will explain the program and pass out materials and information regarding our Pre-Confirmation “Home Schooling” curriculum. If parents have questions before the meeting, please contact Pastor Telloni.

CALL FOR USHERS: Additional ushers are needed for the late service! Many ushers are also scheduled as elders and lay servers preventing them from ushering on those Sundays. Unfortunately, those who are not scheduled must fill-in on these occasions. We would encourage you to consider serving on one of the usher teams so that fill-ins are less frequent and the current three month rotation period can be preserved. If willing to serve, please contact Keith Graber, Gene Stocker, Richard Leffler, Dennis Lillich (late service) or Mike Krnach (early service). This service to the Lord is a valued and vital part of our worship life. Thank you!

Parish News . . .

MARTHA SOCIETY will meet **tomorrow, Monday, October 8th, at 1:00 pm** in the Gathering Place. Our hostess will be Jeanette Tennant. All ladies are welcome to attend. We hope you can join us. **REMINDER:** Mite boxes were due on September 30th.

PEPPERONI ROLL SALE: The Martha's will be taking **phone orders only on Monday, October 15th, from 10:00 am - 1:00 pm. Cost is \$1.50 each. Pick-up on Friday, October 26th from 3:00 - 5:00 pm.** Call 330-837-1982.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS will meet this Wednesday, October 10th, at 7:00 p.m., in Rooms 112-113.

QUARTERLY VOTERS' ASSEMBLY MEETING will be held on **Sunday, October 21, 2018.** The Agenda will include regular reports of officers and boards. Two major issues will be addressed during the session: 1) The balance due on our Line of Credit from the Lutheran Church Extension Fund (LCEF), a report on the Debt Reduction Fund campaign, and the option of the acquisition of a fixed, short-term mortgage if the balance cannot be paid off by the November due date; and 2) the continuation of the exploration of options for property use both short- and long-term. All are invited to attend the meeting and express their opinion. Communicant members 18 and above are eligible to vote on resolutions.

The meeting will get underway at about 12:30 p.m. It will be preceded by a **POTLUCK LUNCHEON** immediately after the late service in the Fellowship Hall (11:45 am or so). Bring a covered dish for sharing!

PRAYER CHAIN: For prayer requests, please call the church office or Gloria Pavelzik (832-7379). For those who face hospitalization or in emergencies, please call the Church Office (837-4645) or Pastor Telloni's home (830-2179).

COLLEGE ADDRESSES are needed so that bulletins and Messengers may be sent to our students this academic year. Please inform the Church Office as soon as possible. Thank you!

PROPERTY NEEDS: We currently need a person with roofing experience to repair shingles that are falling off the roof. If you can help with this need, please call Steve Marker @ 234-214-2607. Thank you.

THANK YOU FROM REV. DR. MICHAEL BENNETT: "Thank you." – Just two words, and each word has only one syllable. "Thank you." Although it's a simple phrase, I know of no other way to express my deep and sincere gratitude to you, dear friends, for your outpouring of compassion, care, and concern since I suffered my heart attacks. So, dear friends, I just say to you all, "Thank you!" – Michael Bennett

Mercy Notes . . .

THE MOBILE SNACK committee delivered 24 treats on Wednesday, September 26th. Our gratitude is extended to our baker, Mickey Krnach, and our kitchen workers, Beth Davis and Deb Stocker. This outreach could not be possible without our drivers: Gloria Pavelzik, Rosemary Sedjo, Karen & Dave Fisher, Mickey Krnach, Gene Stocker and Dennis Lillich. If you would like to be a part of our mission, please contact Rosemary, Mickey, or Deb. We mobilize again on **October 31st**.

Food Pantry Notes – October Emphasis

OCTOBER FOOD PANTRY NEEDS:

Pasta Sauce, Canned green beans or canned WK corn, Canned fruit cocktail, Applesauce, canned Pineapple chunks, Canned chicken or canned tuna.



SHOEBOX CHRISTMAS: The Christian Education Department and Sunday School classes are participating in a “Shoe Box Christmas” mission project. The filled shoeboxes will be sent to children up to age 14 in South America, Asia, and Europe. Items like toys, games, hygiene items that are not liquid or breakable must fit in a shoebox. You do not need to bring in a shoebox. Contributions are needed by **NOVEMBER 1ST**. See Rose Sedjo if you have questions or items to contribute.

CHRISTMAS MARKETPLACE REQUEST for the Seminary students and their families at Concordia Theological Seminary at Fort Wayne: Please consider donating gift cards in increments of \$10, \$20 or \$25 for national chain stores and restaurants. Service and gas station cards in increments of \$25 or even cash gifts to purchase dining hall lunch tickets would be gladly received. Check out our display on the Project Central bulletin board for specifics and turn in your gifts no later than December 2nd. Have questions? Call the church office. Thank you!

VOLUNTEER FOR ST. LUKE LUTHERAN COMMUNITY: Heather Coontz, the new Community Relations Director for St. Luke is looking for members of our congregation who may be interested in volunteer opportunities at their facilities in North Canton, Minerva, or Portage Lakes. What a wonderful way to give back to the community and brighten the lives of their residents. Heather has a wide variety of ways in which to help so call her at 330-966-5626 to discuss how you can best work together to grow the mission of St. Luke Lutheran Community.

This Week at St. John's ...

Today	8:00 am	Divine Service
	9:15 am	Education Hour
	10:30 am	Divine Service
Monday	9:30 am	Bible Study
	1:00 pm	Martha Society Meeting
	6:00 pm	Cub Scouts
Tuesday	7:00 pm	Boy Scouts
Wednesday	10 am to Noon	Flu Clinic in Fellowship Hall
	7:00 pm	Board of Directors Meeting
Thursday	10:00 am	Prayer Group
	10 am - 5 pm	Scrapbooking in FH
	7:00 pm	Choir Practice
Friday	10 am - 10 pm	Scrapbooking in FH
Saturday	10:00 am	Catechism Class
	8:00 pm	AA Group
Sunday	8:00 am	Divine Service
	9:15 am	Education Hour
	10:30 am	Divine Service

ANNUAL SPIRITUAL FELLOWSHIP RETREAT **Saturday, March 2, 2019**

JOY:FULLY
LUTHERAN
1 THESS 5:16-24

Other Notes of Interest ...

ISSUES, ETC., is a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. You can listen to what you want when you want at www.issuesetc.org and on the Lutheran Public Radio mobile app.

LUTHERAN HOUR: "God Created" – Guest Speaker: Rev. Perry Hart. Life is a precious gift. Guest speaker, Rev. Perry Hart warns against our culture's devaluation of life and calls us to see ourselves and others as precious people, created by God, redeemed by Christ. (Genesis 1:27)

The Lutheran Hour is available on the following stations:

WTAM Cleveland, OH 106.9 FM Sun 6:30 AM

WTAM Cleveland, OH 1100 AM Sun 6:30 AM

WBTC Uhrichsville, OH 1540 AM Sun 6:04 AM

"WORSHIP FOR SHUT-INS" has a new name - **"WORSHIP ANEW"** is broadcast on TCT Network on MCTV channel 13 and TWC channel 13 every Sunday from 11:30 to 12 noon and also on their website Page 24 hours a day.

LUTHERANS FOR LIFE: "It is our faith that compels us to venerate life from its moment of conception. It is by faith that we treat life not as an entitlement or possession but as a steward for the Creator who gives life. Only by faith do we accept that life at its earliest possible moment has culpability for sin before the Divine Judge and benefits from the sacrifice of our Savior." Rev. Robert Fleischmann, national director of Christian Life Resources – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org

DEBT REDUCTION FUND

Goal: \$ 50,000.00

Special Gifts Received to Date: \$11,410.00

(Note: This fund was established by the Board of Directors to retire the balance due for the Credit Line provided by the Lutheran Church Extension Fund.) Thank you!

“Put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness.” The battle between the old self in Adam and the new self in Christ is fought in the heart and mind of every Christian. Paul encourages us to put on the new man that is created in the image of God. Our sanctification, our growth in godliness, is a growth into God’s image. We do this by keeping our eyes on Christ and imitating Him in everything: in love, in kindness, in self-giving generosity. Ephesians 4:24

The Lord’s Accounts: Time and Treasures

Attendance:

09/30/18 27/35(62)

Communion:

09/30/18 25/29 (54)

Sunday School: 17

Year-to-date Offering:

2017 Total: \$151,144.05

2018 Total: \$162,179.20

Offerings:

General Fund \$3,875.00

Adult Sunday School \$ 15.00

Care and Share \$164.00

Debt Reduction \$40.00

Serving The Lord With Gladness In Worship

GREETERS:

* Mark & Pat Kulick ** Deb Stocker

ELDERS:

* Larry Meyer **Steve Marker

LAY SERVERS:

* Cal Shunk ** Dennis Lillich

LAY READERS:

* Larry Meyer ** Steve Marker

ACOLYTES:

Ushers (both services)

USHERS:

* Bob Carr, Mark Kulick, Larry Meyer, Bill Parker, Cal Shunk,
Grant Minor, Quentin Minor

** Dennis Lillich, Dennis Brown, Sr., Frank Pershing,
Luther Russert, Steve Marker

ALTAR GUILD:

* Mike & Mickey Krnach

** Beth and Blaze Davis

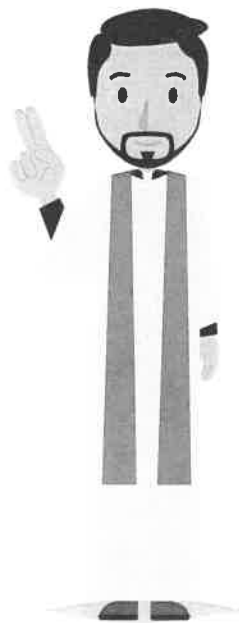
TELLERS:

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KIDS IN THE DIVINE SERVICE

What is the “Benediction”?

The Benediction (pronounced ben-eh-DIK-shun) is God’s blessing for the congregation given through the pastor at the very end of the service. There are several different benedictions that we use in the church. The Aaronic Benediction is the one that we use in the Divine Service. You can find this in Num. 6:24–26. We use the other benedictions in other services like Matins and Vespers. Can you find the benedictions for these services in your hymnal?



Why is there a Benediction in the Divine Service?

The word “benediction” comes from the Latin word *bene* which means “well,” and *dicere* which means “speak.” When the pastor pronounces the Benediction, God is giving us His blessing, or speaking well to us. He sends us on our way with His blessing after we have received His wonderful gifts through the Word and Sacraments. God sure does a lot of giving to His people!



Parents:

Before or after the Divine Service, direct your children to the various services in the hymnal. Encourage them to find and read the benedictions for each service. Help them to find the Aaronic Benediction.





Lutheran Church Extension Fund

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Dear Friends in Christ,

For the past 40 years we've had the privilege of supporting Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) congregations, schools, organizations and rostered church workers with loans that fit ministry needs.

We invite you to invest in a **special note we are making available for a limited time: our 40-month note at 4%**. You can invest as little as \$500 up to \$40,000 (per tax ID). This investment would allow us to support the growing needs of even more LCMS individuals, organizations, schools and churches.

Furthermore, when you invest with Lutheran Church Extension Fund, you know how your investment is being used: to serve churches, organizations and church workers and help further the mission to make known the love and forgiveness of Christ and new life found in Christ.

We need to reach \$100 million in investments to meet future loan demand projections. We are ending this limited-time offer once we reach this goal.

This is a time to celebrate the wonderful work done by LCMS organizations. If you have any questions, **call 800-843-5233 or visit lcef.org/40month** to learn more.

Peace,

Rev. Bart Day
President and CEO
Lutheran Church Extension Fund

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