

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

August 15-16, 2020



The lessons for this Sunday are tightly themed around the idea that none who comes to Christ in faith is cast aside. The Old Testament Reading (Is 56:1, 6–8) promises salvation for those outside Israel. The prophet encourages those who are righteous that they will be delivered. All who love the Lord and keep His commandments will be gathered and none are cast aside. The Gospel is the well-known account of Jesus' dealings with the Canaanite woman who comes to Him on behalf of her daughter (Mt 15:21–28). Although at first she suffers rejection from the disciples and, it seems, even from Jesus, she persists with her plea. In the end, she is not pushed away. She receives more than she originally asked. Her daughter is healed, and her faith is strengthened. In today's Epistle from Romans 11 (which continues a lengthy series of Sundays in this letter), the apostle Paul continues to grapple with the question of Israel's rejection of God. Has God cast Israel aside at the last? Concern for his fellow Jews is on the apostle's mind in chapters 9–11. Since he is writing to a predominately Gentile church in Rome, he intends to teach the doctrine of God's election by grace to show that God's mercy extends to all.

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Equipping the family of God to joyfully and boldly make disciples of Christ as we

KNOW Jesus and one another, **GROW** to be more like Him and

SOW His love in Word and deed.



Weekend Worship Services

August 15-16, 2020

Dale Scheiderer – Organist

“For All People” - Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

Perhaps you have felt like a foreigner because you didn't have the right clothing or live in the right part of town or go to the right school. Some people are made to feel like foreigners because of the language they speak, the color of their skin, or the amount of their income. To be a foreigner is to have no home, to have no joy. God's plan is to gather still others besides those of us He has already gathered. We live with all people justly and rightly, speaking the truth of justification and righteousness through Jesus' sacrifice, which makes the “foreign” forgiven. Thus we will be the Spirit's tools to gather more people of promise to have joy in God's house forever.

WELCOME

RINGING OF THE BELL

HYMN OF INVOCATION

“Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

LSB 528 vs 1-2



1 Oh, for a thou - sand tongues to sing My
2 My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, As -
great Re - deem - er's praise, The glo - ries of my
sist me to pro - claim, To spread through all the
God and King, The tri - umphs of His grace!
earth a - broad, The hon - ors of Thy name.

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INVOCATION

P: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES

P: We have begun our worship in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Let us speak together the words of the Apostles' Creed regarding the Second Person of the Holy Trinity.

C: **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.**

P: What does this mean?

C: **I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord, who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death, that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom**

and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity. This is most certainly true.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: It is good and right that we should make confession of our sins. The section on confession in the Small Catechism informs and directs us with these words, which summarizes it well.

C: Confession has two parts. First, that we confess our sins, and second, that we receive absolution, that is, forgiveness, from the pastor as from God Himself, not doubting, but firmly believing that by it our sins are forgiven before God in heaven.

P: Humble yourselves then before God, confess your sins to Him, and implore His forgiveness.

C: O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a troubled and penitent sinner, confess to You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your present and eternal punishment. By nature, I am a sinful creature. By thought, word, and deed, I have continually transgressed Your Law. For the sake of the sufferings and death of Your Son, Jesus Christ, be gracious and merciful to me, a penitent and contrite being. Forgive me all of my sins, and grant me the power of Your Holy Spirit that I may amend my sinful life.

P: God be gracious to you and strengthen your faith.

C: Amen.

P: As you believe, so let it be. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

HOLY BAPTISM OF *Henry Douglas Cortez* (Sunday 11 a.m.)

+ Service of the Word +

COLLECT OF THE DAY

OLD TESTAMENT READING: *Isaiah 56:1, 6-8*

***Isaiah guides God's people into right living and holding fast to God's covenant.
God will gather His true people.***

¹Thus says the LORD: "Keep justice, and do righteousness, for soon my salvation will come, and my deliverance be revealed. . . .⁶"And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD, to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD, and to be his servants, everyone who keeps the Sabbath and does not profane it, and holds fast my covenant—⁷these I will bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples."⁸The Lord GOD, who gathers the outcasts of Israel, declares, "I will gather yet others to him besides those already gathered."

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING: *Romans 11:1-2a, 13-15, 28-32*

Christ reconciled even Gentiles to God. His irrevocable call and acceptance of us is a testimony of His limitless love.

¹I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! For I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. ²God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. . . .¹³Now I am speaking to you Gentiles. Inasmuch then as I am an apostle to the Gentiles, I magnify my ministry ¹⁴in order somehow to make my fellow Jews jealous, and thus save

some of them. ¹⁵For if their rejection means the reconciliation of the world, what will their acceptance mean but life from the dead? . . . ²⁸As regards the gospel, they are enemies of God for your sake. But as regards election, they are beloved for the sake of their forefathers. ²⁹For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. ³⁰Just as you were at one time disobedient to God but now have received mercy because of their disobedience, ³¹so they too have now been disobedient in order that by the mercy shown to you they also may now receive mercy. ³²For God has consigned all to disobedience, that he may have mercy on all.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 15:21-28

A Canaanite mother desperately called upon Jesus to heal her demon possessed daughter. This woman was not a Jew, but persisted in her request even after being tested by Jesus. Because of her attitude and humble faith, Jesus healed her daughter.

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fifteenth chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

²¹Jesus went away from there and withdrew to the district of Tyre and Sidon. ²²And behold, a Canaanite woman from that region came out and was crying, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David; my daughter is severely oppressed by a demon." ²³But he did not answer her a word. And his disciples came and begged him, saying, "Send her away, for she is crying out after us." ²⁴He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." ²⁵But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." ²⁶And he answered, "It is not right to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs." ²⁷She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." ²⁸Then Jesus answered her, "O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire." And her daughter was healed instantly.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

SERMON HYMN

"Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

LSB 528 vs 3-4

3 Je - sus! The name that charms our fears, That
 4 He breaks the pow'r of can - celed sin; He
 bids our sor - rows cease; 'Tis mu - sic in the
 sets the pris - 'ner free. His blood can make the
 sin - ner's ears, 'Tis life and health and peace.
 foul - est clean; His blood a - vails for me.

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SERMON MESSAGE: "For All People" - Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was

buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life + of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

LORD'S PRAYER

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 OF THE BLANKETS *(Sunday 8:30 a.m.)*

OFFERINGS OF OUR TIME, TALENTS & TREASURES

"Lord, we are yours. This represents our heart, our attitude, our spirit, and our willingness to recognize and submit to you as our Lord.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN

"Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

LSB 528 vs 5-7

5 Look un - to Him, ye na - tions; own Your
God, ye fall - en race. Look and be saved through
faith a - lone, Be jus - ti - fied by grace.

- 6 See all your sins on Jesus laid; The Lamb of God was slain. His soul was once an off'ring made for ev'ry soul of man.
- 7 To God all glory, praise, and love be now and ever giv'n by saints below and saints above, the Church in earth and heav'n.

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NOTES AND NEWS

Church Sanctuary Worship Service Guidelines: St. John's has reopened its doors for worship services. Special guidelines will be followed to help assure the safety of everyone attending church, but we know the coronavirus is still active among us. We know that God desires us all to be together in worship again, but we are also sure He wants us to use good judgement in protecting our health.

NEW INFORMATION: As a measured response to Union County moving into Red Level for the Coronavirus, St. John's will continue with our current services, however, masks will now be required in the sanctuary. All other guidelines will remain in effect. We will continue to monitor all Union County Board of Health updates for the well-being of our members.

AT THE PRESENT TIME THERE ARE PLENTY OF EMPTY SEATS AT EACH SERVICE.

- We encourage elderly, at-risk, and symptomatic people to continue worshipping from home (the "live-streaming" service on Face Book, will continue).
"At risk" conditions include: 65 years or older, chronic lung disease, moderate/severe asthma, serious heart conditions, compromised immune systems, severe obesity, diabetes, chronic kidney disease undergoing dialysis and liver disease.
- **Wearing face masks inside the church/sanctuary is NOW REQUIRED.** If you don't have one, masks are available throughout the church, along with hand sanitizing stations. Pastor will wear a mask, except when preaching God's Word.
- Services will be held at 6:00 pm on Saturdays, and 8:30 am & 11:00 am on Sundays. Doors will open 30 minutes prior to each service and secured during the services.
- To comply with 6' social distancing guidelines, seating will be limited to every third pew (2 pews in between). Family groups and individuals will be separated by 6' in each pew. Services will be limited to approximately 75 attendees. Overflow will be asked to listen to the service on FM 92.1 in their cars.
- Ushers and Elders will assist with entry and dismissal to maintain social distancing. Do not sit in the taped off pews and follow the Ushers/Elders directions. We will be seating front to back upon entry and dismissing from back to front.
- Ushers (wearing gloves & masks) will hand out bulletins with the service liturgy and hymns (please take these home; they can't be reused). Hymnals, Bibles and attendance books have been removed from the pews.
- Offerings are collected at the sanctuary doorways while exiting the service. Exit the church promptly upon dismissal as the sanctuary, hallways, restrooms **MUST** be sanitized before the next service. Please socialize outside the church.

These guidelines are based on current Federal, State and County Health requirements and the recommendations of the LCMS to provide for your well-being. Although, we are taking steps to reduce the spread of Covid-19 or other infectious agents, the ultimate responsibility for preventative measures belongs to whomever comes to join us at St. John's. Thank you for your patience and understanding during these challenging time.

Additional Worship Service Information: (all 3 services are traditional worship services)

- By Radio - You can join our 8:30 a.m. service by tuning to WQTT1270 AM and 96.7 FM.
- Join us in the parking lot by tuning your car radio to 92.1 FM at any of our sanctuary services.
- Join us on Facebook at 11:00 am or after on Sundays at: <https://www.facebook.com/jack.heino>

Sacrament of the Holy Communion: We will be offering the Sacrament of the Holy Communion on the first and third weekends of each month. **This will be given in the Marie Pfarr Room** as you leave and only individual cups will be offered. If you wish not to receive the Sacrament, you may exit out the front doors or wait in line and exit from the Marie Pfarr Room. Please follow social distancing and hand sanitizer is available. **If you choose to attend worship from the parking lot instead of the sanctuary**, as soon as the church has emptied, you will be invited to come in and receive communion at that time, or to avoid leaving your vehicle you can drive under the portico (Marie Pfarr Room side), stop and roll down your window to receive communion.

WELCOME TO ST. JOHN'S!

Welcome to St. John's. Thank you for choosing to worship with us today. We pray that you will encounter Christ, the Living Word, and in a new way experience His mercy and grace today. If you are a guest or visitor we hope we have the chance to say hello. If you would like to know more about our ministry, please call the church office at 937-644-5549.

The Lutheran Hour is on the radio Sunday mornings at **7:00am on WLW (700 AM)**. Log on to www.lhm.org for more information and channels. Jim Vandre, LHM Ambassador.

St. John's Radio Program airs Sunday mornings at **8:30am** on local channel **WQTT (1270 AM & 98.7 FM)**.

Altar Flowers: The flowers on the altar are to the glory of God and in honor of the 56th Wedding Anniversary of **John and Judy Walkup** on August 22nd.

LYF News...

- **Sunday, September 13th: LYF Family Canoe/Kayak Outing.** Bring the whole family along and join us for a fun afternoon on the Big Darby Creek! We will enjoy a 1-2 hour trip down the river. We'll meet at Trapper John's Canoe Livery in Grove City at 2pm. Canoe and kayak rentals are \$20 per person, and \$5 for kids ages 6-12. Our trip will include a float down the river followed by a shuttle ride back to the livery. If your youth and/or family would like to participate, please let Laura Zeiler know by September 2nd, as we need to make a reservation in advance. Additionally, if your youth would like to attend and parents are unable, let Laura know and we will arrange a carpool! Laura can be reached at lauraezeiler@gmail.com or 913-549-0057.
- We are planning for a **"mission trip at home"** in August, helping a member of our congregation move! Date will be announced soon! We are planning for a full Saturday.
- **Our 2021 mission trip is on the calendar!** We have secured St. John's LYF spots to "return" to Imperial, PA., where our trip was to be this year. Dates are June 20-26th, 2021. Youth are eligible to attend if they will be entering high school in the fall of 2021 through high-school/college age.

More to come as we begin planning this fall and look forward to sharing the light of Christ with those we will serve!



Weekly Worship Bible Readings

For those of you who would like to study the Word ahead of the next weekends worship services, we are listing here in the N&N the Bible readings that Pastor Jack will be using.

August 22-23

Old Testament Reading:

Isaiah 51:1-6

Epistle Reading:

Romans 11:33-12:8

Holy Gospel:

Matthew 16:13-20

College Student List

If you have a student or students in college that you would like to include on the printed prayers, please email Regina Bullerman at rbullerman@sjsmarysville.org with their **name**, **college** they are attending, **mailing address**, and **birthdate**.



Altar Flowers

The following dates are available if anyone would like to place flowers on the altar. They can be ordered from a florist, purchased at a garden center, or bouquets can be made from personal flower gardens.

September 12-13, 19-20, 26-27,
October 3-4 and 10-11.

Please contact Charlotte Blumenschein at 937-644-4111 or 937-537-0607 to reserve a date.

Chancel flowers are available any weekend.

NOTES & NEWS ITEMS

SMALL GROUP BIBLE STUDY AT ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

The Board of Elders and the Stewardship Committee is Encouraging, Promoting, and Enhancing Small Group Bible Study for our Church Body.

We feel small groups:

1. Can improve discipleship.
2. Can be a ministry for each other within the small group.
3. Can be a ministry for people in need in our congregation and our community.
4. Can provide good fellowship.
5. Can make new and lasting friends.
6. Can bind people together so you look forward to your next meeting.
7. Can even have fun at gathering.
8. Finally, Can be very beneficial for our congregation.



Jesus encouraged His people to support one another when He said, "Love one another as I have loved you." (John 15:12).

The **First Action** we are asking is for people to come forward and volunteer to become a leader for a Small Group. Types of groups could be flexible: Examples - Men's, Women's, Couples, Young Adults, Teenagers, etc.

Anyone interested in serving as a Small Group Leader is welcome to contact one of the following people on the Stewardship Committee. The Stewardship Committee will help to organize small groups.

Paul Nicol: 937-594-0710

Warren Wulff: 937-935-5760

John Junkans: 937-243-1536

Kevin Vollrath: 937-707-5440

Shari Marsh: 937-645-0715

Kim Zacharias: 937-537-1946

Marie Leng: 614-483-3024

Jay Van Gordon: 937-645-0468

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Some Sunday School Classes are meeting!

Start time is 9:30 a.m. We would love to have you join us!

Children's Classes: 3 year old through 6th grade will meet at the playground. The children will be kept in groups of ten or less.

High School: 7 & 8th graders are invited until catechism begins again. They will meet on the Youth House porch.

Heritage House Young Adult Bible Study Class is cancelled indefinitely.

Cafeteria Adult Bible Study Class is taking the summer off, and will look to resume the week after Labor Day.

If you have questions,
please contact Sunday School Superintendent,
Lisa Arnold at 937-205-1802 or



THE LORD'S WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

AUGUST 16-23, 2020

We are reviewing events on a week to week basis.

- 08/16:** 8:30 am Sanctuary Worship Service/Comm. & Live Streaming Worship Service
9:30 am Sunday School (see article for details)
11:00 am Sanctuary Worship Service/Comm. & Live Streaming Worship Service
- 08/19:** **First Day of School**
- 08/22:** 10:00 am **SJS Soccer @ Home vs. Marion**
6:00 pm Sanctuary Worship Service
- 08/23:** 8:30 am Sanctuary Worship Service
9:30 am Sunday School (see article for details)
11:00 am Sanctuary Worship Service & Live Streaming Worship Service

**Congregational Tithe
First Quarter Mission
Opportunities of Fiscal
Year 2020-21**



Ohio District LCMS - 50% & Food Pantries - 50%

'NOTES & NEWS' Items: Weekly Schedule - Please submit articles and announcements to Regina Bullerman, Church Secretary, by calling directly at 937-240-3004, dropping them in the black lockbox outside the office doors, or emailing them to rbullerman@sjsmarysville.org, by **NO LATER THAN TUESDAY, AT NOON. Thank you.**

MORE NOTES & NEWS ITEMS



DON STARTED THIS...

Several years ago following a beautiful concert at our church presented by the Concordia Seminary Choir, our dear friend, Don Werling, was moved to challenge our congregation to support the Concordia Food and Clothing Co-Op, helping Seminarians and their families during their years of preparation in Ft. Wayne. Our congregation, school and community friends eagerly accepted the challenge and, over the past several years, have graciously donated hundreds of pounds of much needed food and clothing. Last year, thanks to our St. John's school students, our dynamic L.E.A.P organization and your generous donations, The Golden Eagles teamed with our 7th and 8th grade students for a field trip to Ft. Wayne, accompanying Don's Trailer packed with much needed supplies. What resulted was an exceptional inter-generational journey which will be remembered by young and old!

Even in this Pandemic, the need is still very real for our Seminarian friends and their families. Restrictions in place due to the Corona Virus, have dictated that we will NOT be collecting food items as in the past. Rather, we will be collecting monetary gifts of cash, checks or gift cards, which will be delivered to the Co-Op and used to purchase items of particular need for their families. Special offering boxes will be located in the rear of the sanctuary to receive your donations of cash, checks (made payable to The Golden Eagles), or gift cards (Visa, Master Card, Meijers or Krogers). If you would like to include a donation in your weekly envelope, please designate your gift "Seminary". It will then be deposited into Special Funds and disbursed when our Seminary drive is concluded. The donation boxes will be under the care of our Board of Elders along with the regular offerings.

As this is the 175th Anniversary of Concordia Ft. Wayne, and we are hopeful that the congregations of St. John's and St. Paul can once again answer the call for mission. We will continue collecting through August and September. We pray that you consider this important opportunity. Thanks Don and Sharon for starting this... Let's keep it going!

TO GOD BE THE GLORY!

A CONCERT OF HOPE AND FAITH! During these difficult days when many of us have been feeling isolated and separated from one another, your Golden Eagles are planning opportunities to help us stay connected. On Sunday, September 20th, we will be treated to a wonderful music concert presented exclusively for us by Steve Bumgarner. Steve's gifts to passionately share his faith, and his devotion to music ministry will lift us up during our personal journey when we might otherwise feel alone.

The concert will begin at 1:30 pm on the Heritage House lawn. Social distancing measures will be observed and hand sanitizing stations will be available for your safety. Wearing masks will be encouraged as a consideration to others. For your comfort, we invite you to bring a lawn chair if you are able. We will have additional chairs, but if you have extras that you would be willing to share we would appreciate it.

Our plan is to make a video of this concert to be shared at a later date with the residents of our area Assisted Living and Care Facilities. Reaching out to our Forever Family who may be prohibited from leaving their facilities, is an important initiative to our Golden Eagles Ministry. Please plan to attend. We promise you a delightful, spiritually uplifting afternoon of music and faith, and look forward to reconnecting with you. (In case of inclement weather, the concert will be moved into the school gymnasium.)

Weekly Church Attendance - 6 pm Saturday, 8:30 & 11 am Sunday: 8/08-8/09

Church Sanctuary: 137

NOTES & NEWS ITEMS



St. John's 2020-21 School Ready To Go!

Congregational members, it is hard to believe that school will be starting August the 19th! The '20-'21 school year theme is based in scripture from Joshua 1:9. "Where we have been inspired and will follow the theme verse: "Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go." The teacher's and school staff have begun preparing and are anxious for the arrival of students and the excitement of another school year! We are taking measures similar to ones that are being taken in worship and around our community to allow students to be safe and feel safe as we head back. Please continue to lift us all up in prayer as we begin another year!



SJS Open Staff Positions

We have the following staff positions available:

- ◆ Preschool Teacher's Aide (a.m.)
- ◆ Preschool Teacher (a.m.)
- ◆ Full Time Teacher's Aide (Day School)
- ◆ Part Time Teacher's Aide (Day School)

Please contact Principal Rich Rausch at 937-240-3003 or email r-rausch@sjsmarysville.org



2020 Church Directory Postponed



After much deliberation, we have decided to postpone our church directory until **July 2021**. With COVID-19 seemingly on the upswing, as well as many of our members being in a vulnerable population, we felt it best to hold off a year with the hopes that all who want to participate are able to again next year! We will start scheduling sessions next spring for our directory and look forward to seeing you all then! If you have any questions, please contact Laura Zeiler at lauraezeiler@gmail.com.

E-Giving: Electronic giving provides you the opportunity to give every week of the year after setting it up just one time. Leave that checkbook at home! E-giving also provides a stable income for the church. In fact E-giving is so common no one will even look at you funny when you don't drop into the plate!

E-Giving allows consistent tithing throughout the year since most of us do not attend 100% of the Sundays in the year. You can decrease your weekly tithe but increase your annual contributions just by simply starting E-giving and giving each week of the year!

Are you E-Giving only and no longer want to receive envelopes? Call Regina in the Church office and let her know. You may still drop a check or a generic envelope with your name on it for envelope credit.

Using an internet browser:

- Go to stjohnsmarysville.org
- On the top of the page click on the giving link
- From here choose the E-Giving provider - Vanco Solutions link
- Choose Create profile

Now you will be able to set up regular and one time donations.

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- Log in or donate as a guest
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To give through the app, search your phone's app store for "GivePlus Church".

When setting up E-Giving please note that using a checking account is free and there is a 3% credit card fee that you can choose to pick up or not.

Please feel free to contact Adam or Joy with any questions, concerns or problems!

Adam Smith at treasurer@sjsmarysville.org or 614-296-0091 or Joy Ballard at joyrballard@gmail.com or 937-644-4344

Plain City Food Pantry

**Looking to have fun while giving back?
We would LOVE to have you volunteer here!**

We are here 4 days a week Monday-Wednesday-Friday 9am-11:30am Saturday 10am-Noon
Grab a friend or two or three and join us! Ages 7 & up with parent welcomed!
We offer groceries, toiletries, diapers, detergents, etc as well as clothing, shoes, small appliances and toys!



156 W Main St • Plain City, OH 43064
(614) 733-0909

Donations are needed



2020-2021 Youth Catechism Class



This year's Youth Catechism Class begins **Sunday, August 30th, from 9:45 to 10:45 a.m.** On August 30th we will hold our Welcome and Introduction in the school gymnasium.

St. John's Catechism Class

The first in-room class date is scheduled for Sunday, **September 13, from 9:45 to 10:45 a.m.** Classes will be held in two of our larger school classrooms (Mrs. Monroe's and Mrs. Bowsher's) to allow for social distancing.

As we follow St. John's School protocol; we will conduct health checks prior to entering the gym/classrooms, the practice of social distancing will be followed, and please wear masks as they are required.

We realize things will be different in this new year, but we will work together so we can gather together in a safe way, as we learn more about God's Word.

We look forward to seeing this year's 7th and 8th graders, along with the attendance of their supportive parents, as we start this new faith journey together.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the church office.

Baby Bottle Campaign – No Cash No Coin – Germ Free Giving

This year is a virtual Baby Bottle Campaign, we are asking for NO COIN and NO CASH. We have just added a **“text to give”** option that is super easy and secure. We are also glad for you to use our online giving or send a check.

What to do:

Visit our website at www.newpathprc.com and click on the DONATE button!

Click on the drop-box and choose Baby Bottle Campaign

OR text **“GIVE”** to: 937-358-8783

If you choose to send a check, please include a note informing of us what church you attend. Please make checks **payable to New Path PRC** and write in the **memo line: Baby Bottle**. Please mail checks to:

New Path PRC
805 W. 6th Street
Marysville, OH 43040



PREPARATION FOR HOLY COMMUNION

Therefore, whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord. A man ought to examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without recognizing the body of the Lord eats and drinks judgment on himself. 1 Corinthians 11:27-29

The following is a summary of what we believe and teach as Missouri Synod Lutheran Christians. Because we care for you, we ask that you carefully review the following statements:

1. I have been baptized into the name of the one true God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. *Matthew 28:16-20*
2. I have been instructed concerning the meaning of Holy Communion, understand the importance of self-examination prior to coming to the Lord's Supper and have made my confirmation of faith. *1 Corinthians 11:27-29*
3. I confess that I am a sinner in need of forgiveness. I am sorry for my sins. *1 John 1:8-9*
4. I believe that Jesus Christ, God's Son, is my Savior from sin, death, and the power of the devil. *Romans 3:21-24*
5. I believe that the body and blood of Jesus Christ are really present in the bread and wine of Holy Communion, and I desire to receive Christ's body and blood, given and shed for my forgiveness. *1 Corinthians 11:23-26*
6. As far as I know, I am at peace with everyone. I harbor no hatred or vengeance in my heart. *Matthew 6:14-15*
7. By the power of the Holy Spirit, I desire and intend to lead a more Godly and Christ-like life, trusting in God's promises and obeying His commands. *Galatians 5:22-24*

If you unreservedly agree with the seven points above, you are invited to come to the Lord's Supper. If you do not agree with one or more of the seven points, please refrain from participating in Holy Communion lest you sin against the body and blood of the Lord. If you agree with the seven points above but are not a member of St. John's, we welcome you to the Lord's Table and invite you to give prayerful consideration to joining our partnership in the Gospel. You are encouraged to speak with a pastor or elder prior to communing regarding any point(s) of disagreement and/or regarding the process of joining St. John's.

Gluten-Free Communion Wafers: A gluten-free communion wafer option is now available for those who are allergic. They are located in the brass cup in the middle of the communion plate.

Communion Wine: For those who have health related, or other issues with drinking alcohol, please take the purple individual communion cup. It contains all water with one drop of wine.

