

# Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 15-16, 2021



The Gospel for the Seventh—and final—Sunday of Easter is the middle section of Christ’s high priestly prayer. Before His death, resurrection, and ascension, Jesus prayed to His heavenly Father to protect His believers and to unify them as one just as He and God the Father are one. Not long after this prayer, Jesus was betrayed and went through the excruciating death on the cross. He will rise, but then He will be visibly parted from the disciples by ascending back to heaven. The Gospel message is clear: Christ will not abandon His followers as orphans, but rather He entrusts them to the care of His Father in heaven. Next Sunday will start the season of Pentecost, and the intimate relationship among the persons of the Trinity can be seen. It seems Pentecost is the immediate answer to the high priestly prayer of Christ. The Holy Spirit came to protect and preserve the believers. Moreover, through faith in Christ, the believers were truly unified. The other Propers also encourage Christ’s people who remain in this sinful world after His ascension. The Psalm pictures God planting trees (people) along canals of water, enabling them to stand firm even in the midst of opposition and persecutions of “scoffers.” Through God’s Word, the faith of a believer is preserved. The Epistle encourages Christians to hold fast to the testimony of God, which, whatever the earthly circumstances, promises eternal life to those who believe in Christ. The First Reading is the last event before Pentecost, selecting a successor to Judas, so that the Spirit can send a full complement of apostles into the world.

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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

Kevin Vollrath – Organist  
Rev. Dr. Kevin Wilson – Guest Pastor

## “Sanctified and Sent” - John 17:11b-19

Some of the most memorable portraits of Jesus shared with us by the Gospel writers depict times when He prayed. We remember Him teaching the disciples to pray when He was on the mountain, sharing the heart of His teaching. We have the powerful portrait of Him praying in the Garden of Gethsemane the night He was betrayed. And in John’s Gospel is recorded what is known as the High Priestly Prayer of our Lord. Jesus prayed for His people during His earthly ministry; He continues that praying for us. In His first epistle, John writes that “we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous” (1 John 2:1). There is holy conversation in heaven just as sure as there is holy conversation on earth when we pray!

## PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

*Make a note on your worship folder that you can read & remember EVERY DAY in the coming week to bring you back to the place where you began to worship today.*

## WELCOME

## RINGING OF THE BELLS

*As the Bell rings at the beginning of worship – take time to silently pray for the Holy Spirit to fill you as God TRULY arrives in His Word and Sacrament among us.*

## OPENING HYMN

### “Son of God, Eternal Savior”

LSB 842



1 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, Source of life and  
2 As You, Lord, have lived for oth - ers, So may we for  
3 Come, O Christ, and reign a - mong us, King of love and  
4 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, Source of life and



truth and grace, Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us  
oth - ers live. Free - ly have Your gifts been grant - ed;  
Prince of Peace; Hush the storm of strife and pas - sion,  
truth and grace, Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us



Hal - lows all our hu - man race, You our Head, who, throned in  
Free - ly may Your ser - vants give. Yours the gold and Yours the  
Bid its cru - el dis - cords cease. By Your pa - tient years of  
Hal - lows all our hu - man race: By Your pray - ing, by Your



glo - ry, For Your own will ev - er plead: Fill us with Your  
sil - ver, Yours the wealth of land and sea; We but stew - ards  
toil - ing, By Your si - lent hours of pain, Quench our fe - vered  
will - ing That Your peo - ple should be one, Grant, O grant our



love and pit - y, Heal our wrongs, and help our need.  
of Your boun - ty Held in sol - emn trust will be.  
thirst of plea - sure, Stem our self - ish greed of gain.  
hope’s fru - i - tion: Here on earth Your will be done.

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## INVOCATION

*Take a moment when you first wake up to begin your day with the invocation and remember the grace of your baptism. End each day this week as soon as you go to bed in the same way.*

## CONFESSION

*Each day confess your "sin-fullness" before God and ask Him for His forgiveness and the Holy Spirit to use you and yours to His glory.*

P: Let us humble ourselves before God and confess our sins to Him, praying for His gracious forgiveness.

**C: O Lord God Almighty, we confess that we are sinful human beings by nature and by deed. We have not always put You first. We have used Your holy name in ways that do not honor You and have not been constant in prayer and devotion. We have not always been thoughtful caretakers of Your creation and have not shared its bounty with others at all times. We have not kept our thoughts, words, and deeds fully pure and honorable. We have sinned in ways we know and in ways we do not even recognize. We have coveted that which is not rightfully ours and have not put the best construction on all things and on all people. Have mercy on us, O Lord. Forgive us all our sins, and finally by Your grace bring us to everlasting life. Amen.**

## ABSOLUTION

*Think of ways you can each day this week creatively show forth (Epiphany) your sense of rejoicing that your "sin-fullness" has been cleansed.*

P: The almighty and merciful Lord grant you pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

## (9 a.m.) HOLY BAPTISM of *Henry Frost Owens*

## SALUTATION

*As you meet people throughout the coming week, pause for a moment and consider the greeting and the motivation of your heart and feelings towards the person you greet. What message do you want to send to the community around you today with your greetings?*

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

## + SERVICE OF THE WORD +

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

*1) Address 2) basis for the petition 3) the petition 4) reason for the petition 5) conclusion of praise to God. Use these 5 parts of prayer for your table grace, morning or evening prayer each day this week.*

## FIRST READING: Acts 1:12-26

***Judas Iscariot betrayed the Lord and was now dead. So, Peter and the others prayed to the Lord and cast lots to see which of two men would step into the apostolic ministry. The lot fell to Matthias.***

<sup>12</sup>Then [the apostles] returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. <sup>13</sup>And when they had entered, they went up to

the upper room, where they were staying, Peter and John and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot and Judas the son of James. <sup>14</sup>All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers. <sup>15</sup>In those days Peter stood up among the brothers (the company of persons was in all about 120) and said, <sup>16</sup>“Brothers, the Scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit spoke beforehand by the mouth of David concerning Judas, who became a guide to those who arrested Jesus. <sup>17</sup>For he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry.” <sup>18</sup>(Now this man bought a field with the reward of his wickedness, and falling headlong he burst open in the middle and all his bowels gushed out. <sup>19</sup>And it became known to all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, so that the field was called in their own language Akeldama, that is, Field of Blood.) <sup>20</sup>“For it is written in the Book of Psalms, “‘May his camp become desolate, and let there be no one to dwell in it’; and “‘Let another take his office.’” <sup>21</sup>So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, <sup>22</sup>beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these men must become with us a witness to his resurrection.” <sup>23</sup>And they put forward two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also called Justus, and Matthias. <sup>24</sup>And they prayed and said, “You, Lord, who know the hearts of all, show which one of these two you have chosen <sup>25</sup>to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.” <sup>26</sup>And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias, and he was numbered with the eleven apostles.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**EPISTLE READING:** 1 John 5:9-15

*The Epistles are great for personal weekday devotional reading and study – pick a letter this week and read it, think on it and share it with a friend, family member or someone with whom you work or play.*

**Human testimonies contain errors and are weighted by opinions and feelings, however God’s testimony is steadfast and unchanging. When we believe in this truth- that God has given us eternal life in and through Christ Jesus, His only begotten Son, we accept God’s testimony.**

<sup>9</sup>If we receive the testimony of men, the testimony of God is greater, for this is the testimony of God that he has borne concerning his Son. <sup>10</sup>Whoever believes in the Son of God has the testimony in himself. Whoever does not believe God has made him a liar, because he has not believed in the testimony that God has borne concerning his Son. <sup>11</sup>And this is the testimony, that God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. <sup>12</sup>Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life. <sup>13</sup>I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God that you may know that you have eternal life. <sup>14</sup>And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us. <sup>15</sup>And if we know that he hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests that we have asked of him.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**VERSE**

*Romans 6:9; John 14:18*

*We are often tempted to believe that we are “on our own” through this life in our choices and life circumstances. Take this time to remember that Jesus is with you at all times and in all places.*

**Alleluia. We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. Alleluia. I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. Alleluia.**

**HOLY GOSPEL:** *John 17:11b-19*

*Think about discussing the readings for this Sunday around your family dinner table or over lunch at work this week.*

***While Jesus was on earth, He equipped believers with the tools they needed to live fueled for the Kingdom of God, but He also understood the hardships and troubles that they, and us, would be facing. So, Jesus prayed to the Father on behalf of those He would be leaving behind temporarily. He didn't ask God to rescue them or us from the world, but rather provide protection from the evil one.***

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the seventeenth chapter.

**People: Glory to You, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] "Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one. <sup>12</sup>While I was with them, I kept them in your name, which you have given me. I have guarded them, and not one of them has been lost except the son of destruction, that the Scripture might be fulfilled. <sup>13</sup>But now I am coming to you, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have my joy fulfilled in themselves. <sup>14</sup>I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. <sup>15</sup>I do not ask that you take them out of the world, but that you keep them from the evil one. <sup>16</sup>They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. <sup>17</sup>Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. <sup>18</sup>As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. <sup>19</sup>And for their sake I consecrate myself, that they also may be sanctified in truth."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**People: Praise to You, O Christ.**

**SERMON MESSAGE: "Sanctified and Sent"** - *John 17:11b-19*

*Take a few minutes this week as part of your personal and/or group devotions or studies to dig a little deeper into the sermon text. Using the sermon text for the past or coming week is a great source for Bible study and preparation!*

**(6 p.m. & 11 a.m.) NICENE CREED**

*Take a few minutes this week to meditate on one of the creeds and seek ways it may help you put voice to your evangelistic opportunities that the Lord may provide.*

**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

*Place your weekly prayer sheet in a very accessible place and look it over daily and think about ways you can pray for and even serve those in need.*

### 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.

### OFFERINGS OF OUR TIME, TALENTS & TREASURES

*Take time this week to pray over the Notes & News and your gifts and talents. Seek the Lord as to how you can serve Him in this community.*

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

## + SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

### PREFACE

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

### PROPER PREFACE

### WORDS OF OUR LORD

### PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

P: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

**C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

### BENEDICTION

### CLOSING HYMN

### “I'm But a Stranger Here”

LSB 748

1 I'm but a strang - er here, Heav'n is my home;  
2 What though the tem - pest rage, Heav'n is my home;  
3 There - fore I mur - mur not, Heav'n is my home;

Earth is a des - ert drear, Heav'n is my home.  
Short is my pil - grim - age, Heav'n is my home;  
What - e'er my earth - ly lot, Heav'n is my home;

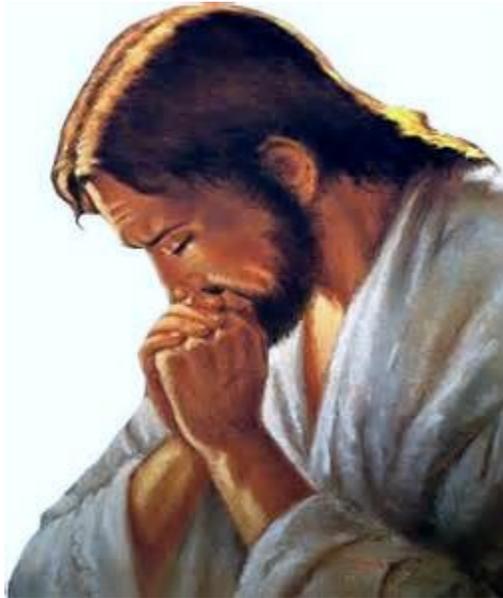


Dan - ger and sor - row stand Round me on ev - 'ry hand;  
 And time's wild win - try blast Soon shall be o - ver - past;  
 And I shall sure - ly stand There at my Lord's right hand;

Heav'n is my fa - ther - land, Heav'n is my home.  
 I shall reach home at last, Heav'n is my home.  
 Heav'n is my fa - ther - land, Heav'n is my home.

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# NOTES AND NEWS

## REVISED: Church Sanctuary Worship Service Guidelines

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.

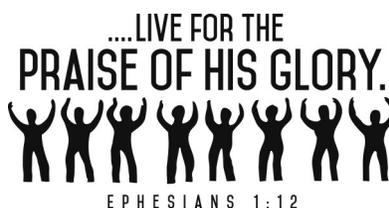
- Many members who were considered “at-risk” and felt uncomfortable sitting inside the church have now been vaccinated. If you now feel comfortable coming back inside, please do so. We still ask that you wear a mask and practice social distancing. The pews are sanitized after each service and hand sanitizer is available throughout the church. **However, if you have a symptomatic health condition, please check with your doctor to see if it is advisable to return at this time.**
- **Wearing face masks inside the church/sanctuary is REQUIRED.** If you don't have one, masks are available at the door, along with hand sanitizing stations. Pastor will wear a mask, except when preaching God's Word.
- To comply with 6' social distancing guidelines, seating will be limited to every other pew. Family groups and individuals will be separated by 6' in each pew. Services will be limited to approximately 180 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.

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 worship service by tuning to WQTT1270 AM and 96.7 FM at 8:00 a.m. airtime.
- 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 a.m. for our “live streaming” service, or after on Sundays at: <https://www.facebook.com/jack.heino>

**Sacrament of Holy Communion in the Sanctuary:** We will use single file format by alternating release from the pews starting with the front pews. Those in the parking lot and those with difficulty walking up front will be served first. After receiving communion you will be dismissed using the left aisle. Do not return back to your seats. This will open the Marie Pfarr Room back up for some fellowship time, keeping in mind social distancing and masks are still in effect.



## 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](http://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:** Altar flowers are given in thanksgiving to God and in celebration of **Ellie Mae Arnold's** fifth birthday on May 23, by her grandparents.

### THE LORD'S WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S MAY 16-23, 2021

We continue to review events based on the Covid-19 health protocol.

**TODAY** 05/16  
 9:00 am Sanctuary Worship Service/Communion  
 10:00 am Adult & Young Adult Bible Study/  
 Youth & Children Sunday School  
 10:00 am Youth Catechism Class  
 11:00 am Sanctuary Worship Service/Communion &  
 "Live Streaming"

**TUESDAY** 11:30 am Ladies Aid Quilting

**WEDNESDAY** 5:30 pm Preschool "Drive By" Graduation

**THURSDAY** 12:00 pm Ladies Aid Quilting  
 6:00 pm Kindergarten Graduation/Gym

**SATURDAY** \*\*\*Church & School Picnic: 11:00 am - 1:00 pm\*\*\*  
 6:00 pm Sanctuary Worship Service

**SUNDAY** 05/23 PENTECOST SUNDAY  
 9:00 am 2020 Class Rite of Confirmation/Communion  
 \*\*\*Youth Confirmation Reception: 8:00 - 10:45 am\*\*\*  
 10:00 am All Sunday School Classes will be cancelled  
 today in recognition of Youth Confirmation  
 11:00 am 2021 Class Rite of Confirmation/Communion

Both the 9:00 & 11:00 Services on May 23 will be "Live Streamed."



### ALL AGES SUNDAY SCHOOL

10:00 - 11:00 am

**3 Years-Kindergarten**—Church Basement  
**1st-6th Grades**—Teacher Nichol Nicol's School Classroom  
**7th & 8th Grade Youth Catechism Class**—Mrs. Bowsher & Mrs. Monroe's Classrooms  
**High School Youth "Cornerstone Discipleship"**—Youth House  
**Women's Bible Study**—School Loft  
**Adult Bible Study**—School Cafeteria

**All Sunday School Classes will be cancelled on Sunday, May 23 in recognition of Youth Confirmation.**

If you have questions, please contact Sunday School Superintendent, Lisa Arnold at 937-205-1802 or [arnoldlisa50@yahoo.com](mailto:arnoldlisa50@yahoo.com)



### Congregational Tithes Fourth Quarter Mission Opportunities of Fiscal Year 2020-21



Ohio District LCMS - 50%, Member Mission Outreach (MMO) - 10%, Food Pantries - 10%, International Fellowship Center - 10%, LWML - 10%, Clothes Closet - 10%

### Weekly Church Attendance

**6:00 p.m. Saturday, 9:00 & 11:00 a.m. Sunday**  
 5/8 & 5/9: 158

**Mobile Version of Online Giving:** St. John's offers a mobile version of our online giving page to make it easy for you to give by credit or debit card anytime from your smart phone. Simply scan the image you see here using your phone's Quick Response (QR) code reader! You may also go to [stjohnsmarysville.org](http://stjohnsmarysville.org) and click on the "Electronic Giving" button and follow the easy directions.



### 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.

**May 22-23, 2021**

**Old Testament Reading: Ezekiel 37:1-1**

**Epistle: Acts 2:1-21**

**Holy Gospel: John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15**

## NOTES & NEWS ITEMS



### 2021 ALTAR FLOWER CALENDAR DATES

Available dates for altar flowers in July through October are as follows:

July 4	September 5	October 3
July 11	September 12	October 10
July 18	September 19	October 17
	September 26	October 31

**There are also many dates available for altar flowers throughout the remaining months.** Please call Charlotte Blumenschein at (937) 644-4111 to reserve any special dates for flowers in church. Chancel flowers are available almost every weekend. **The Flower Committee thanks you for your continued support.**

#### **News from the Board of Properties...**

##### **Stained Glass Window Repairs**

The next large upkeep and maintenance project; our stained glass windows. These windows were made in Germany and are original to the church in the year 1900. Now is the time that we need to invest in these sentimental and historically important parts of our church. The work will include the removal, historic restoration and reinstallation of the window behind the organ. Fix bulges, install new steel supports and re-cement the large window on the North side, and cover the front windows with storm windows. The estimate for this work is \$117,000. Thanks to the carry over from the roof project and other donations we have about \$75,000 in hand. There is a Window Restoration fund on the Give Plus app and on the Vanco website to contribute by credit or debit card. Checks may be placed in the offering box during services or mailed to the office with Windows in the memo line. Thank you for your consideration in helping out with this important undertaking.

**Sunday School Teacher's Needed:** We are in need of Sunday School Teacher's for Grades 1-6. Right now we have the entire age group in one classroom and we really think it would benefit all the children if we could split up into different age ranges. We would love your help if you enjoy sharing God's Love with children. If we can get enough teacher's we could rotate and you would not have the commitment for every single week. We love having so many children and hope that we can get more help to make it a great experience for everyone! We have a great group of kids and we have great, easy-to-follow curriculum. We would love for you to prayerfully consider this opportunity. Please reach out to Lisa Arnold if you are interested or have any questions at 937-205-1802 or [arnoldlisa50@yahoo.com](mailto:arnoldlisa50@yahoo.com)

**LYF News: LYF Mission Trip** - LYF is excited and planning on serving in Imperial, PA this summer from June 20-26th! While many of our youth signed up for last summer are planning on attending, we do have a few open spots for youth who were not previously committed. The mission trip is a fantastic experience, where our youth and adults will shine Christ's light on a deserving community through home repair projects. We will also attend daily devotions and worship sessions to grow in our faith and relationships with one another. There are many COVID-19 precautions in place on this year's trip, such as mask-wearing, our group lodging together, only outdoor home repairs, and increased worship/devotional/dining sessions to assist with physical distancing. Eligible youth are those entering 9th grade in fall 2021-college. We have 1 remaining youth spot still available, as well as 2 adult spots that need filled before we head to Imperial, PA! If you are interested in being an adult chaperone on the trip, please reach out to [lauraezeiler@gmail.com](mailto:lauraezeiler@gmail.com) with any questions and interest. It's sure to be a remarkable experience!



Thank you all for the birthday wishes, cards and prayers. May God bless you for your kindness. **Patty Clark**

Praise and thank you to God for His grace and love for my 80th birthday. Thank you to all who sent cards, phone calls, and prayers. Thank you, also, to the Sunday School children for their beautiful hand-made birthday cards and to the teachers who helped create this work of love. Great is thy faithfulness, LORD. **Ruth Ann Mayer**

**Weekly N&N 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, mailing or emailing them to [rbullerman@sjsmarysville.org](mailto:rbullerman@sjsmarysville.org), by **NO LATER THAN TUESDAY, AT NOON.** **Thank you.**

## MORE NOTES & NEWS ITEMS

### Youth Confirmation 2020-21 Information

Confirmation for both the 2020 & 2021 classes will take place on Pentecost Sunday, May 23. The 2020 class will observe the Rite of Confirmation at the 9:00 a.m. service and the 2021 class at the 11:00 a.m. service. Plans are to have communion at these services to allow the confirmands to celebrate their First Communion.

The Board of Elders is asking for everyone's cooperation on a situation concerning the 9:00 a.m. service with the 2020 class. This is the largest of the 2 classes and with family members and anticipated numbers of invited guests, the sanctuary will be completely full. We are asking, if at all possible, if you are not an invited guest of family members of a confirmand, that you consider attending the Saturday Evening Service at 6 p.m., May 22, which has ample room. The 11:00 a.m. service has a smaller class with fewer invited guests so there might be a little extra room there. If you want to attend either service, and are not guests or family members of the confirmands, the cafeteria will be open for both services and live streaming of the services will be shown on the large flat screen TV. We realize this is an inconvenience, but we appreciate your understanding.



### VBS Updates!

#### The Latest and Greatest!

We are only about 6 weeks away from VBS, and we are finally ready for 'all hands on deck' help :-). Here's the latest:

- **Registration for kids and volunteers is open** on both the church and school websites. There is a "Treasured VBS Registration" and "Treasured Volunteers" link - feel free to sign up anytime!
- Even if you have told Amanda you are helping, please sign up on the volunteer link anyway - she has a questionable memory! :-)
- We will be doing a family night on Wednesday this year for 'bring your own picnic' dinner. Once you register your kids, we will communicate all those details to you via email as it gets closer.
- So sorry for the mix up - we do NOT need paper towel tubes.
- We are planning 'work days' on Saturday 5/15 and 6/5 - the Sign up Genius is here for those days: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050E4FACAF29A7FC1-vbswork>

Amanda's contact info: 937-243-7471  
AmandaDavisand2littles@gmail.com/  
vbs@sjsmarysville.org

### CELEBRATE



### ATTENTION ALL GRADUATES

All graduates will be recognized at the service of their choice on **Saturday, June 5** at 6 pm and **Sunday, June 6** at 9 or 11 am. We encourage you to wear your graduation robes, but it is optional. Pews will be reserved for graduate seating during the services. If you are graduating from High School or College, please let us know by **Tuesday, June 1 by noon**, where you are graduating from and what your plans are for the future by emailing Regina Bullerman at [rbullerman@sjsmarysville.org](mailto:rbullerman@sjsmarysville.org)



### Did you miss the Easter Caroling? Did you go and want to go again?

Walnut Crossing has asked for an encore performance. We had such an awesome time, and are looking forward to another awesome time of singing. We will do a patriotic/campfire theme.

Join us at Walnut Crossing May 22 at 2:00 pm.

Contact: Marie Van Gorden at 614-736-7162 or [marievangorden@gmail.com](mailto:marievangorden@gmail.com)

*Have an awesome day!!*

### Other News...

#### Faith for the Journey

A virtual celebration for high school seniors on Sunday, May 16 at 8:00 p.m.

<https://www.nationalseniorsendoff.com/>

#### Bibles for Africa 2021

We are gathering gently used Bibles and Christian books/media through the month of May for Global Outreach Day. There are boxes in the Marie Pfarr Room, the entrance to the school cafeteria and the church office where you can drop off items until May 27<sup>th</sup>.

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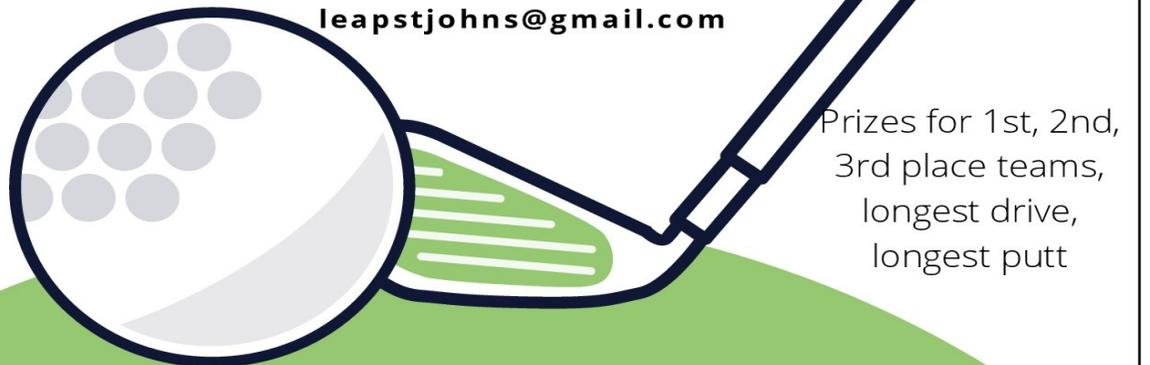
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## *Pentecost Geranium Honors/Memorials* *PENTECOST 2021*



### ***In honor of:***

Our grandchildren: Jacob, Drew, Hannah, Nicholas, Kate, Matt, and Evan, *by John & Nancy Howard*  
Nathaniel Charles Fisher, for your Confirmation, *by your family*

Our granddaughter, Lily Vollrath, who will be confirmed here at St. John's Lutheran Church on  
Pentecost Sunday, *by her grandparents, Ron & Eileen Vollrath*  
2020-2021 Confirmands, *by the Eley's*

Our granddaughter, Lily Vollrath, who will graduate from St. John's Lutheran School on May 25,  
*by her grandparents, Ron & Eileen Vollrath*

Staff Sgt. Caleb and Payden and Hagen Rausch, *by Fred & Mary Stierhoff*

Kyle Waggoner, 2021 Masters in Electrical Engineering degree, *by Tom & Sarah Vollrath*

Megan Vollrath, 2021 High School Graduation, *by Tom & Sarah Vollrath*

Zachary Vollrath, 2020 Confirmation, *by Tom & Sarah Vollrath*

Joe Rausch, on his Confirmation, *by his grandparents, Rolly & Sue Rausch, and the Heffelfinger family*

Mya Balderson's Confirmation, *by the Jobe family*

Zoe Balderson's graduation from MHS, *by the Jobe family*

Our family, *by Jimmy & June Carmean*

Isaiah Wallace Archer, who will be confirmed at St. John Lutheran Church in East Liverpool,  
*by Joy & Larry Ballard*

Anita Beckel, *by John & Dee Junkans*

Our flower-loving Gammy Paula, *from the Phelps Kids*

Our flower-loving Gammy Jenny, *from the Phelps Kids*

Lily's Rite of Confirmation, *by Kris, Angie, and Nathan Vollrath*

And in thanksgiving for our grandchildren, *by David & Nina Boerger:*

Grace Carolina Gorton, a member of the 2020 Confirmation class;

Blake Frederick Gorton, a member of the 2021 Confirmation class and Eighth Grade graduating class;

Barrett Wallace Boerger, a member of the alternative Kindergarten class;

Vera Brandt Boerger, a member of the three-year-old Preschool class; and

Colt Charles Boerger

Dorothy McCarty, for lending baskets to display the Pentecost geraniums every year, *by the Flower*  
*Committee, Clara Clevenger, Jacque Jobe, Jill Kleiber, Cheryl Leeds, Connie Priday, &*  
*Charlotte Blumenschein*

### ***In memory of:***

Our grandson Luke Eyerman, *by Ned & Ruth Ann Rausch*

Charlie Williamson, *by the Rausch's—Rich, Kristine, Leo, McClellan, & Allison*

Richard H. Rausch, *by the Rausch's—Rich, Kristine, Leo, McClellan, & Allison*

Leo P. Rausch, *by the Rausch's—Rich, Kristine, Leo, McClellan, & Allison*

Dwight and Phyllis Clark, *by the Rausch's—Rich, Kristine, Leo, McClellan, & Allison*

The Bowersocks, *by the Rausch's—Rich, Kristine, Leo, McClellan, & Allison*

All my loved ones, *by Shirley Rausch*

My parents, Larry and Esther Weidenbach, *by Kevin & Dorinda Wilson*

Shade and Florence Watkins, *by the Jobe family*

My parents, Walter and Ludella Wiese, *by Georgianna Alvarez*

My sister, Adeline Schuller, *by Georgianna Alvarez*

My grandson, Nathan Alvarez, *by Georgianna Alvarez*  
My cousins, Lester R. Bradtmiller and Dave Hockemeyer, *by Georgianna Alvarez*  
To those who have gone before us, *by Adam, Marla, Wilson & Lydia Smith*  
Elena Dawn Junkans, *by John & Dee Junkans*  
Robert & Caroline Rausch, *by John & Dee Junkans*  
Rev. Ervin Junkans, *by John & Dee Junkans*  
Our parents, *by Bob & Nancy Clevenger*  
Our loved ones, *by Marvin & Janis Nicol*  
My parents, Hulda and Lutrelle Rausch, *by Gary & Pat Martin*  
My grandparents, Mr. & Mrs. August Bunsold, and Mr. & Mrs. Philip Rausch, *by Gary & Pat Martin*  
Glen Stillings, *by Betty Stillings*  
Steve and Stan Stillings, *by Betty Stillings*  
All my friends and loved ones, *by Betty Stillings*

***To the Glory of God and in honor or memory of loved ones, 80 geraniums have been purchased to decorate the church during the season of Pentecost and to be planted on the church grounds.***

***The Flower Committee and the Landscaping Committee  
thank everyone for their generous support.***



## 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. If possible, so far as it depends on me, I seek to live peaceably with all. *Romans 12:17-19*
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.

