

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Installation of Teacher Emily Jane Rausch Anderson

August 9-10, 2025



“Grant that we may walk by faith, and not by sight, in the way that leads to eternal life.” These words from the Prayer of the Day set the week’s theme. Each of the appointed readings addresses the call to walk by faith and not by sight. In the Old Testament Reading, Abram sees he has no children and sees Eliezer of Damascus as his most likely heir. God appears to him and reassures him that a son is indeed coming, and God credits to him as righteousness Abram’s faith in the promise. The Epistle from Hebrews 11 recounts that faith of Abraham, and of Sarah as well. However imperfectly, their eyes were looking forward to the city with foundations, whose designer and builder is God. The Psalm reminds that our true strength comes not from armies and war horses we can see but from the Lord whose eye is always on us. Finally, the Gospel calls us to focus our eyes not on the things that lead to anxiety but instead to the ravens and the lilies. Ravens do not store food in barns because God cares for them. Lilies do not get anxious about how they appear to the world because they know God will array them in greater glory than King Solomon. Like them, we entrust our care to the Father, who knows our needs and provides for them 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.



Saturday 6 p.m. and Sunday 9 a.m. Worship Services

Divine Service *Setting One* – LSB pg. 151

Dale Scheiderer – Organist

“Walking by Faith” - Luke 12:22–40

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WELCOME

RINGING OF THE BELL

OPENING HYMN

“We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight”

LSB 720

INVOCATION/CONFESSION OF SIN – LSB pg. 151

(Sun. 9 a.m.) **HYMN**

“Hark, the Voice of Jesus Calling”

LSB 827

(Sun. 9 a.m.) **INSTALLATION OF TEACHER** *Emily Jane Rausch Anderson*

SERVICE OF THE WORD

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

LSB 156

[Today's Bible readings are found on pages 14-15 of this worship program]

OLD TESTAMENT READING: *Genesis 15:1-6*

EPISTLE READING: *Hebrews 11:1-16*

ALLELUIA AND VERSE

LSB 156

☩ Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL: *Luke 12:22-40*

SERMON: **“Walking by Faith” - Luke 12:22-40**

APOSTLES' CREED

LSB 159

☩ 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.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

☩ Lord, in Your mercy,

☩ hear our prayer.

LORD'S PRAYER

LSB 162

☐ 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

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



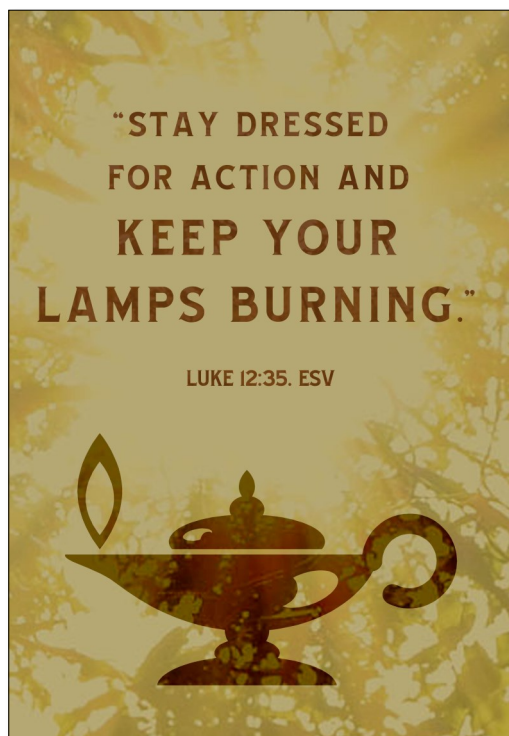
BENEDICTION

LSB 166

CLOSING HYMN

"I'm But a Stranger Here"

LSB 748



Sunday 11 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service

“Covered” Praise Band – Accompanists

“Walking by Faith” - Luke 12:22–40

In His earthly life, Jesus chose to be a “peripatetic” teacher. Rather than staying in one place and having His learners come to Him, He went from place to place with disciples or followers who listened to the truths He taught as they went along. Walking with Jesus was the greatest of blessings! Whether we hear the Gospel teachings of our Lord in the same setting week by week and year by year or find ourselves in a variety of worship locations and settings, we, too, find blessing in hearing Him as did His first followers. The hymn writer Sigismund von Birken invites us simply: “Let us ever walk with Jesus” (LSB 685:1). May we be blessed in our walking and in our listening today!

† We Lift Our Hearts in Worship †

Preservice Music

“Grace Like Rain”

Amazing Grace how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me
I once was lost but now I'm found was blind but now I see so clearly

Hallelujah! Grace like rain falls down on me!

Hallelujah! All my stains are washed away! They're washed away!

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear and grace my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed

Hallelujah! Grace like rain falls down on me!

Hallelujah! All my stains are washed away! They're washed away!

When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun
We've no less days to sing Your praise than when we'd first begun

Hallelujah! Grace like rain falls down on me!

Hallelujah! All my stains are washed away!

Hallelujah! Grace like rain falls down on me!

Hallelujah! All my stains are washed away! They're washed away!

Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Hallelujah! All my stains are washed away! They're washed away!

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Welcome & Time of Greeting

Invocation

Opening Prayer

Time of Praise and Worship

“Jesus”

There is a truth older than the ages. There is a promise of things yet to come.

There is One born for our salvation . . . Jesus

There is a light that overwhelms the darkness. There is a kingdom that forever reigns.

There is freedom from the chains that bind us . . . Jesus . . . Jesus

Who walks on the waters? Who speaks to the sea? Who stands in the fire beside me?
He roars like a lion! He bled as the Lamb! He carries my healing in His hands . . . Jesus

There is a name I call in times of trouble. There is a song that comforts in the night.
There is a voice that calms the storm that rages. He is Jesus Jesus!

Who walks on the waters? Who speaks to the sea? Who stands in the fire beside me?
He roars like a lion! He bled as the Lamb! He carries my healing in His hands . . . Jesus

Messiah . . . My Savior! There is power in Your name! You're my rock and my Redeemer!
There is power in Your name! In Your name!

You walk on the waters! You speak to the sea! You stand in the fire beside me! You roar like a lion!
You bled as the Lamb! You carry my healing in Your hands!

God, You walk on the waters! You speak to the sea! You stand in the fire beside me! You roar like a lion!
You bled as the Lamb! You carry my healing in Your hands!

Jesus . . . There is no one like You! Jesus . . . There is no one like You!

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Time of Confession and Forgiveness

P *As Your disciples, Lord, we confess our sins to You.*

C **Forgive us for our faithless acts and wrongdoing. Heal our hearts of stone and give to us hearts of flesh that we may serve You and others in love.**

P *We ask You to resume Your Throne in our hearts.*

C **We confess You as Lord of our lives. May we follow You fully and faithfully. Amen**

“Open the Eyes of My Heart”

Open the Eyes of My Heart Lord, open the eyes of my heart.

I want to see You, I want to see You.

Open the Eyes of My Heart Lord, open the eyes of my heart.

I want to see You, I want to see You.

To see You high and lifted up, shining in the light of Your glory.

Pour out Your power and love as we sing, Holy Holy Holy.

Open the Eyes of My Heart Lord, open the eyes of my heart.

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To see You high and lifted up, shining in the light of Your glory.

Pour out Your power and love as we sing, Holy Holy Holy.

Holy, holy, holy. Holy, we cry holy, holy. Holy You are holy holy holy I want to see You.

Holy, holy, holy. Holy, holy, holy. You are Holy holy holy I want to see You.

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† We Hear God's Word †

(Today's Bible readings are found on pages 14-15 of this worship program)

Old Testament Reading: Genesis 15:1-6

Epistle Reading: *Hebrews 11:1-16*

Holy Gospel: *Luke 12:22-40*

Message: “Walking by Faith” - *Luke 12:22-40*

† We Respond to God’s Word †

Apostles’ Creed

C 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.

† We Pray †

Prayer of the Church

The Lord’s Prayer

C 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

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



† We Depart in Peace †

Benediction

Closing Song:

“Mighty To Save”

Everyone needs compassion - Love that's never failing - Let mercy fall on me
Everyone needs forgiveness - The kindness of a Savior - The hope of nations
Savior! He can move the mountains, my God is mighty to save! He is mighty to save!
Forever! Author of salvation, He rose and conquered the grave!
Jesus conquered the grave!
So take me as You find me, all my fears and failures, fill my life again!
I give my life to follow everything I believe in, now I surrender!
Savior! He can move the mountains, my God is mighty to save! He is mighty to save!
Forever! Author of salvation, He rose and conquered the grave!
Jesus conquered the grave!
Shine your light and let the whole world see!
We're singing for the glory of the risen King!
Jesus! Shine your light and let the whole world see!
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NOTES AND NEWS

2025-2026 Youth Catechism Class



St. John's Catechism Class

This year's **Youth Catechism program begins Sunday, August 24, 2025, at 10:00 a.m.** in the school gym with a Welcome & Orientation. The first in class session starts **Sunday, September 7 at 10:00 a.m.** in the school modulars.

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



Kicking off the 2025-26 School Year! Blessing of the Backpacks, Teacher Commissioning & Church-School Picnic

On Sunday, August 17, please join us for the "Blessing of the Backpacks" at the 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. services. Students – remember to bring your backpacks!

Also at the 9:00 a.m. service, we will Commission our St. John's Day School, Preschool, JEC and Sunday School Teachers. All Teachers please join us!

Following the 11:00 a.m. service (approximately noon); we will hold our Church & School Picnic. Please see the separate article in the N&N (page 13) for more details!

Help Support Our Youth at St. John's!

Have you been wanting to connect with the youth at St. John's or feel more involved with the school community? Here's a meaningful way to make a difference!

I am looking for 15–30 church members to commit to 1–2 years of encouragement and prayer for one of our students—either an incoming 8th grader or a student transitioning into high school.

You'll be matched with a youth and provided with:

- Their mailing address
- Key dates (birthday, baptism, confirmation, etc.)
- Activities they're involved in
- Times to send cards or notes of encouragement (e.g. holidays, testing weeks, milestones)

Your small gestures—prayers, cards, and well wishes—can make a lasting impact.

Interested? Please contact **Marie Leng at 614-483-3024 or rie519@aol.com.**

2025-26 Continuing Education Student Info

It is time to start including our student information in the prayer sheet for those who attend college, technical school, or a trade school.

If you have a student or students who are continuing their education or training that you would like to include on our prayer list, please email Regina at rbullerman@sjsmarysville.org with the following information: **name, where they are attending, mailing address, and birthdate.**

If you had your student or students listed from the previous year, we ask you to please resubmit their information for accuracy purposes.

Marie Pfarr Welcome Room Refresh

The past few months, we have been prayerfully preparing to refresh the Marie Pfarr Welcome Room. As the historic cross and Bible verses go up in the next few weeks, we would like to take a moment to thank the committee who have poured out their hearts into this ministry. Their faithful service has helped us steward His space in a way that honors Christ and warmly welcomes His people.

Church Directory Greeters Needed: Sign-up to help greet families for the church directory in August! Greeters will check families in, as well as update contact information for a smooth photography session. Dates are August 13-16, and greeter slots are 2 hour long increments. We appreciate your help creating our new directory! For any questions, please contact Laura Zeiler at 913-549-0057. Sign-up link: <https://tinyurl.com/SJCDirectoryGreeter>

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. We ask if you are a visitor, please fill out the **blue card** located in the pew rack in front of you. Then drop the card in the offering box as you leave worship. If you would like to know more about our ministry, please call the church office at 937-644-5540.

St. John's Radio Program airs Sunday mornings at **8:00am** on local channel **WQTT (1270 AM & 98.7 FM)**.

The Lutheran Hour: To find the Lutheran Hour go to **www.lhm.org** and search the Lutheran Hour Broadcast Guide, and enter your zip code or state to get a list of local radio channels. Jim Vandre, LHM Ambassador.

Valet Parking is available at the 9:00 am service. Contact Charlie Fisher at 614-370-5495 (call or text) or email clfppg@aol.com if interested in helping valet park, or have questions.

Altar Flowers: The altar flowers are given in thanksgiving of **Luke Mambourg's** 12th birthday. Love Mom and Dad

Chancel Flowers: Chancel flowers are given in thanksgiving to God and in honor of **Emily Anderson's** installation by her family.

THE LORD'S WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S AUGUST 10-17, 2025

TODAY 08/10/25	9:00 am	Traditional Worship Service: Live Streamed Installation of Emily Anderson
	10:00 am	Reception for Emily Anderson/Gym
	10:00 am	CANCELLED: Adult & Young Adult Bible Study Youth & Children Sunday School. Please join us for Emily's Reception.
	10:00 am	"Taste of Stephens Ministry": Major Medical Crisis - Part 2/Heritage House
	11:00 am	Contemporary Worship Service
TUESDAY	11:30 am	Ladies Aid Quilting
	6:30 pm	Board of Administration Mtg./Heritage House
WEDNESDAY		Church Pictorial Directory Photos: 8/13-16 Heritage House
	1:30 pm	ACES/Youth House
THURSDAY	12:00 pm	Ladies Aid Quilting
FRIDAY	1:00 pm	Ladies Aid Quilting
SATURDAY	6:00 pm	Saturday Worship Service: Communion
SUNDAY 08/17/25	9 am	*Teacher Commissioning*
	9 & 11 am	*Blessing of the Backpacks*
	9:00 am	Traditional Worship Service: Communion Live Streamed
	10:00 am	Adult & Young Adult Bible Study Youth & Children Sunday School.
	11:00 am	MOVED TO THE SANCTUARY —Contemporary Worship Service: Communion
	12:00 pm	*2025 Church & School Picnic*

ALL AGES SUNDAY SCHOOL

10:00 - 11:00 am

(Spring-Summer Schedule)

3 Years-Kindergarten—Church Basement

1st-6th Grades—Meet together in the gym for opening songs, and then move to school classrooms.

7th & 8th Grade Youth Catechism Class—2025-2026
Welcome & Orientation on August 24 in the gym.

High School Youth "Cornerstone Discipleship"—Youth House

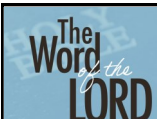
Women's Bible Study—Classroom (below the school loft).
Topic - "Unshakable" by Donna Snow. This study focuses on 8 men and women in the Bible whom God shook to the core, and then used to point people to the hope of salvation.

Adult Bible Study—School Cafeteria

**ALL SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES WILL BE
CANCELLED AUGUST 10 & AUGUST 31.**

**Children's Sunday School will move up a grade starting
Sunday, August 24.**

If you have questions, please contact the
Sunday School Superintendent,
Amanda Moore at
sundayschool@sjsmarysville.org



Weekly Worship Bible Readings

We have provided next weekends Bible readings for those of you who would like to read and study the Word ahead of next weekends worship services:

August 16-17, 2025

Old Testament Reading: Jeremiah 23:16-29

Epistle Reading: Hebrews 11:17-31; 12:1-3

Holy Gospel Reading: Luke 12:49-53

Weekly Church Attendance

**6:00 pm Saturday and Sunday 9:00 & 11:00 am
8/2 & 8/3: NA**

Congregational Tithe—1st Qtr. Mission Opportunities of Fiscal Year 2025-26

LCMS Ohio District - 50%;
VBS - 20%; Armed Forces Ministry - 10%;
Lutheran Hour - 10%; LWLM - 10%



NOTES & NEWS ITEMS



Those who are visiting with us today, please feel free to take a blue visitor "welcome" bag located in the back of church or on the tables in the gym at 11:00 am worship service.

Weekly Notes & News Deadline

Please submit articles by **no later than TUESDAY AT NOON** to Regina Bullerman, Church Secretary. Call 937-240-3004, mail to the church office, or email to rbullerman@sjsmarysville.org

St. John's Lutheran Church and School Volunteer Opportunities

Scan code for opportunities



To see available opportunities go to <https://www.sjsmarysville.org/volunteers/>



St. John's Lutheran Church



ALTAR FLOWER 2025 AVAILABLE DATES

The Flower Committee has only **four** open dates for **altar flowers** through the end of this year. The following dates are available:

September 21

October 12

October 19

November 16

If anyone would like to place flowers on the altar, please contact Charlotte Blumenschein at (937) 644-4111 to reserve a date.

*** Chancel flowers are available almost every weekend. ***



We have moved first aid supplies to the cabinet in the Marie Pfarr Welcome

Room beside the AED. If you need assistance or notice someone needing assistance during worship service, hold up the red card in the pew rack. The ushers can alert one of our members who have volunteered to help with a medical issue as needed. If you are willing to be on the list to administer first aid, please let Christy Fisher: 740-816-4083 or Cheri Nicol: 937-243-6049 know.

THE 11:00 AM CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP SERVICE WILL MOVE TO THE SANCTUARY ON AUGUST 17TH.



Church Pictorial Directory is here! There are only a few time slots left!

Sign-up to have your family photo taken to include in the directory!

Photography will take place in the Heritage House Wednesday, August 13th thru Saturday, August 16th. Wednesday-Friday photos will take place from 2p-8:30p and Saturday from 10a-4p.

You can sign up by going to www.ucdir.com, click the red 'photography session sign-up' button, login with church code 'oh2860' and password 'photos'. From there you will see the dates and times available.

In-person sign ups are available in the Marie Pfarr Room or Gym before and after each service. Each family photographed will receive a free 8x10 photo, as well as a printed directory. New this time, we'll also have a directory app. Our directory won't be complete without you!

For questions or help signing up, please call or text Laura Zeiler at 913-549-0057.

MORE NOTES & NEWS

Soar on Wings God has Made for You

Golden Eagles

WITH THANKFUL HEARTS!

To everyone who supported **The Golden Eagles** by attending **The Scioto Ridge Boys' Concert and Ice Cream Social** last Sunday afternoon, **THANK YOU!** We know it was a beautiful afternoon and you could have chosen to spend it many different ways, but you came to hear their final concert and support us, and we appreciate you! To all who brought baked goods, helped set up, scooped ice cream, and then stayed for the clean-up, we appreciate you! The Free Will Offering jars held over **\$500** at the end of the day, and those dollars will give us a great head start on our Annual Concordia Seminary In-Gathering! Watch for information in the bulletin about more ways you can help to support this worthy mission! **TO GOD BE THE GLORY!**

PENNSYLVANIA HERITAGE TRIP - SEPTEMBER 8th - 11th! The bus is filling up, but there is still **ROOM FOR YOU!** We have an enthusiastic group of travelers from both St. John's and St. Paul, and you won't want to miss out on the fun! Reservation forms are available in The Marie Pfarr Room, and payments are due soon.... BUT, we can still get you a seat if you act quickly. Call Jeff Reinhard at 614-560-5085, or Karen Robertson at Reynolds Travel at 614-847-8008.

THE TEXAS TENORS in Concert! AND a delicious ITALIAN BUFFET!

Reserve your seats now for this exciting evening with one of The Golden Eagles' favorite singing groups! We have reserved 40 tickets for this September 20th Saturday night performance at The Marion Theater. We'll travel by motor coach to Marion where we will enjoy a bountiful buffet at **Bucci's Italian Scratch Kitchen** before the performance! Cost per person is only \$125, which includes transportation, dinner and excellent seats for this popular trio!

Seats will fill up quickly, so don't delay.... Call Jeff Reinhard at 614-560-5085 to make your reservation soon!



Greetings from Stephen Ministry!

It's hard to believe summer is half over, and we hope your summer has been awesome. Plans are in the works for our next Stephen Ministry Training. This ministry has evolved in such awesome ways. We have a group that is truly passionate about serving others and helping them through tough times. But we are also a group that supports and prays for each other in tough times. It is truly an awesome ministry.

We will start a new training class on Sunday, September 7 at 10:00 am in the Heritage House. This class is open to ANY adult church members. Consider joining us to become a Stephen Minister, or take the classes to learn communication skills that can be useful for sharing the love of Christ with the people with whom you work and play.

We continue with our "Taste of Stephen Ministry" this summer at the Heritage House:

- **Sunday, August 10, 10:00 am: "Major Medical Crisis - Part 2"**
- **Monday, August 25, 5:30 pm: "Dealing with Aging - Part 1"**
- **Sunday, September 14, 10:00 am: "Dealing with Aging - Part 2"**

Materials are provided but will need to be ordered by August 30.

Please notify Marie Van Gorden at marievangorden@gmail.com or Doug Doellinger at weaverwood8@gmail.com to register and for more information.

NOTES & NEWS ITEMS

Honoring the Legacy of Rieckers Field



In 1958, under the leadership of Teacher E. W. Rieckers and with approval from the Voter's Assembly, the church youth group, known as the Walther League, began construction of a ball diamond on the church and school grounds of St. John's. The project was completed entirely through volunteer labor and donated materials—including lumber, poles, and even a repurposed brooder house that served as a concession stand.

Financial support for the project was secured through interest-free loans from four members, scrap drives, cleaning the fairgrounds, and contributions from church members and affiliated organizations. The total cost of \$2,790 was fully covered without using any funds from the church treasury.

Initially designed for fast-pitch softball, the field was later modified to accommodate slow-pitch leagues. Over the years, it saw the installation of new lighting, fencing, and a backstop. In 1987, the original concession stand was replaced with a new facility to better serve the growing number of visitors and teams.

In 1983, the field was officially renamed **Rieckers Field** in honor of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Rieckers for their significant contributions to its development and upkeep. The field hosted church league softball games three nights a week from May through August, with teams from St. John's and surrounding congregations of various denominations. It also served as a recreational space for school children during recess and physical education classes.

Now, after more than six decades of use, St. John's is preparing to repurpose this area in order to expand the school facilities. As part of this transition, Rieckers Field will be decommissioned and will be relocated near the woods and soccer field following the construction of Phase 1 of our school expansion." This decision reflects the congregation's continued commitment to meeting the evolving needs of its ministry, education, and community programs.

To mark this milestone, we invite all interested to take part in the **final co-ed softball game on Saturday, August 17, at 1:00** during the **St. John's Church and School Picnic**. Whether you played here years ago or are new to the field, come celebrate the legacy of Rieckers Field with one last game!!



Thank you so much to all the people who sent birthday cards. I was so happy to get them. A special thanks to the teacher of the 3 yr. old through

Kindergarten Sunday school class and to her students: Elsie, Liz, Henry, Noah, Wesley and Luke. Bless you all! **Ruthann Rausch**

I wish to thank everyone for the birthday cards and well-wishes I received for my birthday. A special thank you to the Sunday School Kiddos. All are greatly appreciated. God's Blessings, **Ray Geiger**

Mark your calendar for the following

9 am special service on Sunday, October 26:

St. John's 50th Confirmation Anniversary Celebration - Class of 1975

We will also recognize our 60th (1965), 70th (1955), 75th (1950), 80th (1945) and beyond.

If you were confirmed in any of these confirmation class years, we hope you can join us for worship and brunch!

Do you know someone that needs to board the meal train?

Ask the *Meal Train Ministry*!



With life events, a simple dinner from members of our church family can help immensely - new baby, illness, surgery, loss, adoption, deployment, and more.

If you, or someone you know, would benefit from a meal train, please contact Courtney or Laura about setting one up.

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When we have a family aboard the meal train, sign-up information will be posted in the Notes & News. We look forward to partnering together to support our brothers and sisters in Christ!

MORE NOTES & NEWS

St. John's Church & School Picnic

August 17th



Lunch, games and car show following 11 am service

Last names beginning A-N bring a side dish
O-Z bring a dessert

Please bring your vintage vehicles for the car show

To volunteer or sign up for the softball team scan here



7th Annual LEAP Gala

10.25.25

Guest Speaker
Reverend Tom Hackett

Doors open at 4:30
Program at 5:30 - \$25 per ticket
Dinner served by All Occassions Catering
Childcare registration is available

Join us for One More Park Play Group Opportunity
9:30 a.m. or whenever it works for you. Stay and play as long as you like! Hope to see you there.

Wednesday, August 13 at Schwartzkopf Park

GRIEF SHARE Fall Session of GriefShare begins on August 28, 2025

The fall session of GriefShare begins in-person classes on Thursday evenings (Aug. 28 – Nov. 20) from 6:00 – 8:00 pm at **St. Paul Lutheran Church, 7960 State Route 38, Milford Center, OH 43045.**

Anyone who is grieving the death of a loved one is welcome to attend any of the GriefShare sessions. Each session is "self-contained," so you do not have to attend in sequence.

GriefShare is a Bible-based support group for people who are grieving the death of a loved one. Each GriefShare session includes a 30-minute video, small group discussion, and participant guide study. There is a \$20 suggested donation, which covers the cost of all materials.

To register, please visit www.griefshare.org or text Deaconess Janet Nicol at **614-561-7411**.

2025 PATHWAYS TO hope

A NAMI FaithNet Event

Where Faith and Mental Health Unite

Friday August 22
2:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Saturday August 23
8:00am - 4:15 pm

Heritage Christian Church
7413 Maxtown Rd. Westerville, Ohio 43082


A powerful day of learning and inspiration at the intersection of faith and mental health. Hear from national and local leaders, explore how spiritual communities foster healing, and discover practical ways to reduce stigma and support mental wellness in your congregation and beyond.

Registration is FREE - But space is limited.
Scan the QR Code here or visit: Events.NAMI.org/Pathways25
NOTE: Choose NAMI Mid-Ohio for the local conference!
Questions? Tracie@NotAloneOhio.org (740)815-1767

Who should attend? Anyone passionate about transforming mental health support and bridging the gap between faith and wellness.

FIND COMMUNITY	SHARE INSIGHTS	FIND HOPE & SUPPORT	LEAVE EMPOWERED
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TODAY'S BIBLE READINGS

Old Testament Reading: *Genesis 15:1-6*

God promises to protect Abram and to bless him with innumerable descendants though he is childless and advanced in years. Abram's response is one of total trust – in doing so he becomes the Father of Faith.

¹After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision: "Fear not, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." ²But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" ³And Abram said, "Behold, you have given me no offspring, and a member of my household will be my heir." ⁴And behold, the word of the LORD came to him: "This man shall not be your heir; your very own son shall be your heir." ⁵And he brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven, and number the stars, if you are able to number them." Then he said to him, "So shall your offspring be." ⁶And he believed the LORD, and he counted it to him as righteousness.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle Reading: *Hebrews 11:1-16*

Faith trusts the promises of God before they happen. People of faith recognize that their ultimate hope is in a heavenly home with God.

¹Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. ²For by it the people of old received their commendation. ³By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible. ⁴By faith Abel offered to God a more acceptable sacrifice than Cain, through which he was commended as righteous, God commending him by accepting his gifts. And through his faith, though he died, he still speaks. ⁵By faith Enoch was taken up so that he should not see death, and he was not found, because God had taken him. Now before he was taken he was commended as having pleased God. ⁶And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him. ⁷By faith Noah, being warned by God concerning events as yet unseen, in reverent fear constructed an ark for the saving of his household. By this he condemned the world and became an heir of the righteousness that comes by faith. ⁸By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going. ⁹By faith he went to live in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose designer and builder is God. ¹¹By faith Sarah herself received power to conceive, even when she was past the age, since she considered him faithful who had promised. ¹²Therefore from one man, and him as good as dead, were born descendants as many as the stars of heaven and as many as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore. ¹³These all died in faith, not having received the things promised, but having seen them and greeted them from afar, and having acknowledged that they were strangers and exiles on the earth. ¹⁴For people who speak thus make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. ¹⁵If they had been thinking of that land from which they had gone out, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared for them a city.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

(Sat. 6 p.m. & Sun. 9 a.m.) **Alleluia and Verse**

LSB 156

C Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia.

Holy Gospel: Luke 12:22-40

Jesus reminds His disciples that we need not live in perpetual fear of the future. God has planned blessings for us that far supersede anything we could work for, save, or hoard for ourselves in this life – that we will inherit the Kingdom of God. Since that which is most valuable has already been promised to us, Jesus encourages us to release our grip on material possessions and to set our hearts on treasure in heaven. As we live unfettered by the trappings of this life, we are freed to eagerly wait for that which has been promised to us.

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twelfth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

²²[Jesus] said to his disciples, "Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat, nor about your body, what you will put on. ²³For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. ²⁴Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! ²⁵And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? ²⁶If then you are not able to do as small a thing as that, why are you anxious about the rest? ²⁷Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. ²⁸But if God so clothes the grass, which is alive in the field today, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you, O you of little faith! ²⁹And do not seek what you are to eat and what you are to drink, nor be worried. ³⁰For all the nations of the world seek after these things, and your Father knows that you need them. ³¹Instead, seek his kingdom, and these things will be added to you. ³²"Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. ³³Sell your possessions, and give to the needy. Provide yourselves with moneybags that do not grow old, with a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches and no moth destroys. ³⁴For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. ³⁵"Stay dressed for action and keep your lamps burning, ³⁶and be like men who are waiting for their master to come home from the wedding feast, so that they may open the door to him at once when he comes and knocks. ³⁷Blessed are those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes. Truly, I say to you, he will dress himself for service and have them recline at table, and he will come and serve them. ³⁸If he comes in the second watch, or in the third, and finds them awake, blessed are those servants! ³⁹But know this, that if the master of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have left his house to be broken into. ⁴⁰You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**



