**5th Sunday after the Epiphany February 4, 2024**

St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church

(The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod)

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**WELCOME**! It’s our privilege to have you join us in being in the Presence of our Lord and Savior! At St. John, we follow the historic Liturgy of the Christian Church, which highlights the Biblical understanding of the True worship of God: *first and foremost*, that He Comes into our presence to give us His Saving Gifts (“Divine Service”) in His Word and Sacraments; and then, in *response,* we thank and praise Him in word and song, and pray for His continued Blessings.

**Who should receive Holy Communion at St. John?:** *All Confirmed members* are invite-d to Commune, who are sorry for their sins and wish to be Forgiven and Strengthened. Also, *visitors from other L.C.-M.S. and T.A.A.L.C. churches*, who fit the same description, are welcome. So that no one else might eat and drink in Judgment of their sins (1 Cor. 11:29), *all others are asked to refrain* from Communing. If you’re in doubt, please see Pastor or an Elder.

Prelude

**Opening Hymn:** “Our Paschal Lamb, That Sets Us Free”~ ***LSB* #473**

**ORDER OF SERVICE:** “Divine Service, *Setting 4”* ***203*ff.**

*Introit* (see 1st white insert**;** read responsively by half Verse)

“Growing as One” (green insert)

Readings (see first white insert)

Gradual (see front of same insert; read responsively by half Verse).

**Hymn of the Day**: “Hail to the Lord’s Anointed” ~ ***LSB* #398 (memory)**

**Sermon**: “The *Jesus* Club?” *1 Cor. 9:16-27*

**Distribution Hymns:**

“Jesus Comes Today with Healing” ~ ***LSB* #620**

“What Wondrous Love Is This” ~ ***LSB* #543**

“Go, My Children, with My Blessing” ~ ***LSB* #922**

**Closing Hymn:** “God’s Own Child, I Gladly Say It” ~ ***LSB* #594**

Postlude

**Altar Flowers:** Today’s flowers are provided by Pastor & Becky Dodge in honor of Evan Dodge’s birthday (2-7).

**STEWARDSHIP OF PARTICIPATION**

**DATE: SERVICE             ATTENDANCE   COMMUNION**

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| 1-28: 8:00 | 49 | 41 |
| 1-28: 10:00 | 37 | 33 |
| 1-28: Total | 86 | 74 |
| 1-28: SS / Bible Class | 1 / 4 |  |
| 1-31: Bible Study | 6 |  |

**STEWARDSHIP OF SERVICE**

**TODAY**

**Organist**: Kristen Weiss

**Ushers (8/10):** Terry Emerick, Alan McTaggart / Albert Bender, Scott Iseler

**Elder(s) (8/10):** Rick Finkel / Don Clark

**Acolyte** **(8/10):** Maddix Thoms / Sophia Koglin

**Altar Guild**: Vicki Koglin

**NEXT SUNDAY****Organist:** Kristen Weiss

**Ushers (****8/10):** Terry Emerick, Alan McTaggart / Albert Bender, Scott Iseler

**Elder(s) (8/10):** Dan Blacker / Harold Collings

**Acolyte** **(8/10):** Jensen Zimmerman / Brady Iseler

**Altar Guild**: Vicki Koglin

**LOOKING AHEAD TO NEXT SUNDAY (“Transfiguration”)**

**READINGS** **HYMNS**

Psalm 50:1-6 **413**   
**O.T.**: 2 Kings 2:1-2 or **Ex. 34:29-35**  414

**Epistle:** 2 Cor. 3:12-13(14-18); 4:1-6 411; 583; 415

**Gospel:** Mark 9:2-9 417

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** - Ladies Aid will be hosting soup suppers before the 7 PM worship service during the Lenten season and need volunteers. **3 individuals** (**soup scooper, sandwich maker & dish washer**) are still needed for the following **Wednesdays** from **4:45 PM to clean-up**: **February 21, March 6 and March 13.** A sign-up sheet is available in the entryway.

We also need **2 cakes per week**. A sign-up sheet is available for that also. Weeks still needed are **March 6 and March 13**. Please consider helping so that we can continue to host these soup suppers. If you have any questions, please contact Lori Kowaleski or Suellen Emerick

**2024 Directories** are now available in your church boxes and on the bulletin/offering envelope cabinet. Please inform the office of any corrections and/or missing information. Thank you!

**February newsletters** are in your mailboxes.

**A friendly reminder: Newsletter submissions** are due to the church office by the 15th of the month preceding the month for publishing. **Bulletin announcements** are due to the church office by Thursday (9:00am) before the Sunday to be published, in writing.

**THIS WEEK at ST. JOHN**

|  |  |  |
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| Sun: | 8:00 | Divine Service w/ Holy Communion, pp.203ff. |
|  | 9:00 | Sunday School / Bible Class |
|  | 10:00 | Divine Service w/ Holy Communion, pp.203ff. |
| Mon: | 4:00 | 6th Grade Confirmation Class |
|  | 6:00 | Board of Christian Education |
| Wed: | 10:30 | Bible Study |
| Next Sun: |  | **Transfiguration** |
|  | 8:00 | Divine Service w/ Holy Communion, pp.203ff. |
|  | 9:00 | Sunday School / Bible Class |
|  | 10:00 | Divine Service w/ Holy Communion, pp.203ff. |

**OFFICE HOURS:**

Monday: *(Pastor):* **9am – 1pm; 2-3pm;** *(Sally)* **9am-12pm**

Tuesday: *(Pastor):* **9am – 12pm**

Wednesday *(Pastor &* *Sally*): **9am – 12pm**

Thursday: *(Pastor):* **9am – 12pm**

Friday: *(Pastor & Sally):* **9am – 12pm**

Please call ahead to ensure that someone is in at (989) 428-4140

**2022 Debt Fund**

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| --- | --- |
| **January - December 31, 2024** | |
| Total Needed  Received (1-29-24)  Received year to date  Amount Still Needed | $ 27,000.00  $ 300.00   $ 690.00   $ 20,060,00 |

**BUDGETED FINANCE REPORT - *Not Including Special Accounts***

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| --- | --- |
| **January - December 31, 2024** | |
| Needed per count  Received (1-29-24)  Needed year to date  Received year to date | $ 7,550.00  $ 4,870.00  $ 15,100.00   $ 19,590.00 |

Bulletins provided by Ramsey Funeral Home, Harbor Beach, MI Phone 800-251-8695

**PRAYER LISTS** The following members and friends areknown to be in the

hospital, ailing or recovering and are in need of our prayers, cards, and visits.

**MEMBER PRAYERS:**   
Rosemary Koglin; Roger Friedland; Logan Phillips

**SHUT-INS:**

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| --- | --- | --- |
| Yvonne Fuhrman | Jack Noble  (Meadow Lane, B.A.) | Jeffrey Schave |
| Norma Johnson  (Lakeview E.C., H.B.) | Jeanette Piotter  (Lakeview E.C., H.B.) | Sandy Struble (Meadow Lane, B.A.) |
| Joyce Koglin  (Meadow Lane, B.A.) | Elmer/Ruth Leese | Gary Schave (Meadow Lane, B.A.) |
| Jeannie Woodke (Huron Co. Medical) |  |  |

**FRIENDS:**

Isabel Mix (great-granddaughter of Elmer & Ruth Leese)

Reecilyn Joy (daughter of Michael and Julie Joy)

Gordon Summers

Karen Kreh (daughter of Joyce Koglin)

Daryl Sengstock

Natalie Morgan (daughter of Shannon Popour’s co-worker)

David Sias (great-grandson of Elmer & Ruth Leese)

Debbie Pokora (sister-in-law of Mary Eggert)

Jaxon Bates (infant great-grandson of Elmer & Ruth Leese)

Ryder Finkel (6-year-old grandson of Don & Linda Finkel)

Daniel Polega

Duane Schave

**The Offices of Ladies Aid President and Secretary Are Up for Election**.  Each is a two year term.  If you would like to be a candidate, please notify Shannon Popour before the April 15th meeting. To run for the President or the Secretary of the Ladies Aid one must meet the following requirements:

\* Be a lady \* Be a communicant member of St. John Lutheran Church, Port Hope \* Be willing to express love for our church by making a conscious effort to be present and involved in the church community. If you have any questions, please see a member of the Ladies Aid Executive Committee:  Shannon Popour, Carolyn Collings, Denee Schave or Lori Kowaleski

**Want to get involved with the local pro-life movement?**  The Huron County Right to Life needs a secretary. The commitment is about two hours a month. You need to attend our monthly meetings on the 1st Tuesday of the month, which are held in the evening and last about an hour. You would be responsible for taking minutes and typing them up. If interested, please call or email Jeanne Gusa at 989-670-3315 or [huronrtl@gmail.com](mailto:huronrtl@gmail.com).

**2024 Flower Chart** is up on the window in the entryway, Please sign up on your special occasion dates to provide flowers to beautify our Chancel; or call Vicki Koglin at **989-225-7060.**

**2024 Offering Envelopes** are available in the entryway.

The **February *Lutheran Witness*** (with ***Michigan In Touch***) is available on the entryway table.

**January – March *Portals of Prayer*** are available in the entryway basket.

**In Memory of Erwin Schave a monetary donation has been given for St. John Lutheran Church:**  Herman A. & Marilyn Pleiness **LWML:** Teresa Muter

**In Memory of Michael Emerick monetary gifts have been received:** Leo & Linda Smith, Terry & Peggy Emerick

**A Smile from Sally:**

A woman invited some people to dinner. At the table, she turned to her six-year-old daughter and said, "Would you like to say the blessing?"

"I wouldn't know what to say," the little girl replied.

"Just say what you hear Mommy say," the mother said.

The little girl bowed her head and said: "Dear Lord, why on earth did I invite all these people to dinner?"