**5th Sunday in Lent March 17, 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 invited 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:**  “What Wondrous Love Is This” ~ ***LSB* #543**

**ORDER OF SERVICE:** “Divine Service, *Setting 3” ~* ***LSB* pp.184ff.**

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

“Growing as One” (purple insert)

Readings (see first white insert)

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

**Hymn of the Day**: “God Loved the World So That He Gave” ~ ***LSB* #571 (memory)**

**Sermon**: “Genuine Love” *John 3:14-21*

**Distribution Hymns:**

“Jesus Loves Me” ~ ***LSB* #588**

“Why Should Cross and Trial Grieve Me” ~ ***LSB* #756**

“Lord, Help Us Walk Your Servant Way” ~ ***LSB* #857**

“**Closing Hymn:** “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling” ~ ***LSB* #700**

Postlude

**Choir Practice** will be held between services ***TODAY***.

**STEWARDSHIP OF PARTICIPATION**

**DATE: SERVICE             ATTENDANCE   COMMUNION**

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| 3-3: 8:00 | 49 | 40 |
| 3-3: 10:00 | 36 | 32 |
| 3-3: Total | 85 | 72 |
| 3-3 SS / Bible Class | 1 / 4 |  |
| 3-6: Bible Study | 6 |  |
| 3-6 noon | 33 |  |
| 3-6 7:00 | 17 |  |

**STEWARDSHIP OF SERVICE**

**TODAY**

**Organist**: Kristen Weiss

**Ushers (8/10):** Greg Schave, Joe Landenberg, Tanton Babcock / Cody Brown, Gary Eggert

**Elder(s) (8/10):**  Greg Woodke / Harold Collings

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

**Altar Guild**: Mary Eggert

**NEXT SUNDAY****Organist:** Janeane Wilson

**Ushers (****8/10):** Greg Schave, Joe Landenberg, Tanton Babcock / Gary Eggert, Cody Brown

**Elder(s) (8/10):** Rick Finkel / Les Weiss

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

**Altar Guild**: Mary Eggert

**LOOKING AHEAD TO NEXT SUNDAY**

**READINGS** **HYMNS**

Psalm 119: 9-16 530; **430**  
**O.T.**: Jeremiah 31:31-34 604

**Epistle: Hebrews 5:1-10** 806; 532; 564

**Gospel:** Mark 10:((32-34) 35-45 529

**March Newsletters** are in your mailboxes.

**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.**

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

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

**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.

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

**THIS WEEK at ST. JOHN**

|  |  |  |
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| Sun: |  | **Daylight Savings Time Begins** (spring forward) |
|  | 8:00 | Divine Service w/ Holy Communion, pp.184ff. |
|  | 9:00 | Sunday School / Bible Class |
|  | 9:00 | **Choir Practice** |
|  | 10:00 | Divine Service w/ Holy Communion, pp.184ff. |
| Mon: | 6:00 | Finance Board |
| Tues: | 10:00 | “Winkel” @ Sandusky |
|  | 4:00 | 6th Grade Confirmation |
| Wed: | 10:30 | Bible Study |
|  | 12:00 | Lenten Service |
|  | 5:00 | Soup/Sandwich Supper (Cheeseburger & Beef Noodle) |
|  | 7:00 | Lenten Service |
| Next Sun: | 8:00 | Divine Service w/ Holy Communion, pp.184ff. |
|  | 9:00 | Sunday School / Bible Class |
|  | 9:00 | **Choir Practice** |
|  | 10:00 | Divine Service w/ Holy Communion, pp.184ff. |

**OFFICE HOURS:**

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

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

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

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

Friday: *(Pastor):* **9am – 12pm**

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

**2022 Debt Fund**

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| --- | --- |
| **January 1- December 31, 2024** | |
| Total Needed  Received (2-26-24)  Received year to date  Amount Still Needed | $ 27,000.00  $ 100.00   $ 790.00   $ 19,960,00 |

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

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| --- | --- |
| **January 1- December 31, 2024** | |
| Needed per count  Received (2-26-24)  Needed year to date  Received year to date | $ 8,540.00  $ 5,960.00  $ 30,200.00   $ 31,755.00 |

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; Lavern & Brenda Friedland; Valerie Woodke; Lyle Schave

**SHUT-INS:**

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| Yvonne Fuhrman | Jack Noble | 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 (grandson of Don & Linda Finkel)

Daniel Polega

Duane Schave

Chris Verellen (husband of Kari Verellen)

Leroy Pleiness

Julie Kreh (daughter of Joyce Koglin)

Rebecca Schubel (mother of Sally Arndt)

**The Huron County Right to Life** is sponsoring a FREE pro-life **Teen Rally** on **Sunday, March 17th, from 2pm-5pm** at the **Bad Axe Middle School**. Doors open at 1:30pm. It will be more interactive than ever before with ice breakers, Jeopardy, and Q&A opportunities. Please join us for an afternoon of friends, food, and fun. Register by emailing [huronrtl@gmail.com](mailto:huronrtl@gmail.com) with your name, shirt size, and phone number or by scanning the QR code on the flyer at [huronrtl.org](http://huronrtl.org/). Have questions, contact Jeanne Gusa at 989-670-3315.

**The Huron Co. Right to Life annual Spring dinner** is **Friday, March 22nd**,from **7pm-9pm** at the **Bad Axe KofC Hall**.  Doors open at 6:30pm.  Fish and chicken will be served.  Theresa Henderson, our guest speaker, was conceived from rape and shares her beautiful testimonial about her life.  Mail in your dinner **reservation TODAY**!  The flyer can be found at [huronrtl.org](http://huronrtl.org) and on the front entryway windows.

**Orphan Grain Train is a recognized service organization (RSO) of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod.  This Christian humanitarian network has 27 branches across the United States from California to Maryland and from North Dakota to Texas.  The Michigan Branch has operated for five years out of the Michigan Thumb.  At Sebewaing an 8,000 sq. ft. work and warehouse Center receives and processes humanitarian goods for distribution internationally.  Wherever disaster relief is needed in our country, Orphan Grain Train also responds.  Orphan Grain Train—Michigan has made numerous international shipments of clothing, medical supplies, and more to Kyrgyzstan, Panama, Moldova, the Republic of Georgia, Latvia, Malawi, Lithuania, Ukraine, and South Sudan—and always with the message of God's love in Christ.  For more information visit** [**www.ogt.org/**](http://www.ogt.org/) **or contact Orphan Grain Train—Michigan Branch Manager, Pastor David Reed, 989-600-2264.**

**The LWML** District Convention will take place June 28-30.  At last count, our Mission Goal for Grants was short $27,000.  This is the last "push" for the Mite boxes for the last quarter before Convention takes place.  Please see if you have some extra change stashed somewhere that you might be able to donate to this worthy endeavor.  If not, please pray that LWML will reach their goal for grants.  Thank you to all who have already contributed.

**A Smile from Sally:**

“There*will be a meeting of the Church Board immediately after the Service,”* announced the pastor. After the close of the Service, the Church Board gathered at the back of the Sanctuary for the announced meeting. But a stranger was in their midst — a visitor who had never attended their church.

*“My friend,”* said the pastor, *“Didn’t you understand that this is a meeting of the Board?”*

*“Yes,”* said the visitor, *“and after today’s sermon, I suppose I’m just about as bored as anyone else who came to this meeting.”*