**2nd Sunday after Christmas January 3, 2021**

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 are in doubt, please see Pastor or an Elder.

Prelude

**Opening Hymn: *LSB* #728**~ “How Firm a Foundation”

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

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

“Growing as One” (see white insert)

Readings (see back of white insert).

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

**Hymn of the Day: *LSB* #385** ~ “From East to West”

**Sermon:** “Jacob goes to Egypt” Genesis 46:1-7

**Closing Hymn: *LSB* #918** ~“Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer”

Postlude

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**2021 Flower Chart** is up on the wall in the entryway. Please sign up on your special occasion dates to provide flowers to beautify our Chancel. Or call Vicki Koglin 989-225-7060

**STEWARDSHIP OF PARTICIPATION**

**DATE: SERVICE             ATTENDANCE   COMMUNION**

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| 12-24-20 (Program) | 58 |  |
| 12-24-20 (Candlelight) | 45 | 43 |
| 12-25-20 (Christmas) | 42 | 38 |
| 12-27-20: 8:00 | 51 | 48 |
| 12-27-20: 9:30 | 36 | 31 |
| 12-27-20: Total | 87 | 79 |

**STEWARDSHIP OF SERVICE**

**TODAY**

**Organist**: Kristen Weiss

**Ushers** (8/9:30): Galen Young, Kevin Arndt/ Don Clark, Dylan Burton, Randy Schulte

**Elder(s)** (8/9:30): Greg Woodke / Gary Eggert

**Acolyte** (8/9:30): Olivia Woodke / Wyatt Hoody

**Altar Guild**: Linda Schave, Irene Pilaske

**NEXT SUNDAY   
Organist**: Kristen Weiss

**Ushers** (8/9:30): Galen Young, Kevin Arndt/ Don Clark, Dylan Burton, Randy Schulte

**Elder(s)** (8/9:30) Greg Schave / Larry Reinke

**Acolyte** (8/9:30): Jentry Zimmerman / Olivia Woodke

**Altar Guild**: Linda Schave, Irene Pilaske

**LOOKING AHEAD TO NEXT SUNDAY**

**READINGS** **HYMNS**

Psalm: 85 410,401   
O.T.: Joshua 3:1-3,7-8,13-17 407,405   
 or Isaiah 42:1-7   
Epistle: 1 Corinthians 1:26-31 404

Gospel: Matthew 3:13-17 402

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

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

Jan. **newsletters** are in your church boxes.  
  
 **A friendly reminder…**newsletter submissions are due to the church office by the 15th of the month preceding the month to publish. Bulletin announcements are due to the church office by Wednesday (9:00 am) before the Sunday to be published in writing.

**Barnabas Fund:** This fund is for the purpose of providing financial help for those in emergency need. Please consider donating toward this endeavor.

**2021 OFFERING ENVELOPES** are now available for pick up in the entryway. Please sign up on the numbered clip-board sheet on the bulletin table and take the corresponding numbered envelope box.

**THIS WEEK at ST. JOHN**

|  |  |  |
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| Sun: | 8:00 | Divine Service with Holy Communion Page 184 |
|  | 9:00 | Sunday School |
|  | 9:30 | Divine Service with Holy Communion Page 184 |
| Mon: | 5:30 | 7th Grade Confirmation class |
|  | 7:00 | Finance Board |
| Wed: | 10:30 | Bible Study |
|  | 1:00 | LWML at SJL School |
| **Epiphany Day** | 7:00 | Divine Service with Holy Communion Page 203 |
| Next Sun: | 8:00 | Divine Service with Holy Communion Page 203 |
|  | 9:00 | Sunday School |
|  | 9:30 | Divine Service with Holy Communion Page 203 |

**Office Hours:**Monday: (*Pastor*): **9am – 1pm; 2-3pm**Tuesday : (*Pastor* & *Kathy)*: **9am – 11:30am; 1-2pm**Wednesday : (*Pastor*): **9am – 11:30am**Thursday: (*Pastor* & *Kathy)*: **9am – 11:30am; 1-2pm**Friday: (Pastor & *Kathy* *):* **9am – 11:30am; 1-2pm**Please call ahead to ensure that someone is in at 989-428-4140.

**Stained Glass Window Fund**

Total Needed: $124,000.00

Received so far $ 96,060.00 Finance Board (12-28-20) $530.00

Amount Still Needed: $ 27,940.00

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

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| **6 Month Budget July-December 31, 2020** | |
| Needed per count  Received (12-28-20)  Needed year to date  Received year to date | $ 8,660.00  $ 9,260.00  $108,120.00  $ 92,300.00 |

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Bulletins provided by Ramsey Funeral Home, Harbor Beach, MI Phone 800-251-8699  
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***Jesus Is the Perfect Israel***

Israel and all his family went and dwelt in Egypt (Gen. 46:1–7). God made a “great nation”of him there, but that nation would prove unfaithful to the LORD. Therefore, the “New Israel” Came. In fleeing the murderous Herod, our young Lord goes to Egypt (Matt. 2:13–23), that the Prophecy might be Fulfilled, “*Out of Egypt I Called My Son*” (Hos. 11:1). Jesus Brings to Perfection what old Israel could not. He is the “Faithful Israel,” the Embodiment of the people of God. He Offers His Perfect and Holy Life in place of our own. He submits Himself to persecution and suffering in order to Save us. Therefore, we should not think it strange when we who are in Christ experience trials because of the faith (1 Pet. 4:12–19). Rather, we rejoice to share in Christ’s sufferings, knowing that we will also share in His Glory.

**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**

Jeanette Piotter (Lakeview E.C.); the Family of Howard Finkel; Tom Grills;   
those with COVID-19

**SHUT-INS**

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| Ivan/Betty Adkins | Yvonne Fuhrman | Jeffrey Schave |
| Arnold Brown | Hugh Harwood (Courtney Manor) | Wally Schave |
| Elaine Eggert (Lakeview E.C.) | Charlie Koglin (Courtney Manor) | Arlene Zelz (Lakeview E.C.) |
| Nelson Erbisch | Elmer/Ruth Leese |  |
| Della Finkel   (Courtney Manor) | Willard/Ramona Reinke |  |

In the Christmas spirit please send cards to our shut-ins. With Covid-19 it’s even more important to show that we care, since those in nursing facilities aren’t allowed visitors. Thank-you!

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| Lakeview Extended Care 210 S 1st Street  Harbor Beach MI 48441 | Courtney Manor  1167 E Hopson St  Bad Axe, MI 48413 |

**FRIENDS**

Brendan Durkee (grandson of Merle & Patsy Eggert)

Riley Durkee (granddaughter of Merle & Patsy Eggert)

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

Reecilyn Joy (daughter of Michael and Julie Joy)

Darleen Ferensic (former Secretary at the Port Hope village hall)

Ron Watts (son-in-law of LeRoy & Alice Schave)

Gordon Summers

Kathi Jahn (sister of Vicki Koglin)

All those affected by COVID-19.

Jan Schultz

Rev. Larry & Geri Lorree (St. Peter’s, Kinde)  
Frank & Irma Gaffke’s infant grandson

Family of Jean Eggert (Gary’s & Elaine’s sister-in-law)

**In Memory of Karen Miracola, a monetary gift has been given to St. John Lutheran Church Stained Glass Window Fund:** Arnie & Mary Eggert, Jennifer & Brian Iseler, Jodi & Rob Porzandek, Casey Eggert  
  
**In Memory of Helen Schultz, a monetary gift has been given to St. John Lutheran Church Stained Glass Window Fund:** Erwin Schave, Harold & Carolyn Collings  
  
**In Memory of Jean Eggert, a monetary gift has been given to St. John Lutheran Church Stained Glass Window Fund:** Erwin Schave

**In Memory of Archie Talaski, a monetary gift has been given to St. John Lutheran Church Stained Glass Window Fund:** Harold & Carolyn Collings

All **January quarterly meetings are postponed** due to COVID-19 state health orders. (Long-Range Planning, Council, Voters)