**2nd Sunday after Christmas January 5, 2020**

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 A.E.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* #725** ~ “Children of the Heavenly Father”

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

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

**Hymn: LSB #360** ~ “All My Heart Again Rejoices”

“Growing as One” (see 2nd white insert)

Readings (see back of 1st white insert)

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

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

**Sermon:** “Why Are You Weeping, Rachel?” Matthew 2:3-23

**Offering Hymn: LBS #362** ~ “O Sing of Christ”

**Distribution Hymns:**

***LSB #*381** *~* “Let Our Gladness Have No End”

***LSB* #375** ~ “Come, Your Hearts and Voices Raising”

***LSB* #546** ~“O Jesus So Sweet, O Jesus So Mild”

***LSB* #370** ~ “What Child Is This”

**Closing Hymn: *LSB* #716** ~ “I Walk in Danger All the Way”

Postlude

**STEWARDSHIP OF PARTICIPATION**

**DATE: SERVICE             ATTENDANCE   COMMUNION**

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| 12-29-19: 8:00 | 59 | 55 |
| 12-29-19: 10:30 | 42 | 37 |
| 12-29-19: Total | 101 | 92 |
| 12-29-19: SS/ Bible Class | 0/ 4 |  |
| 12-31-2019: New Year’s Eve | 48 | 41 |

**STEWARDSHIP OF SERVICE**

**TODAY**

**Organist**: Kristen Weiss

**Ushers** (8/10:30): Galen Young, Kevin Arndt / Don Clark, Dylan Burton, Randy Schulte

**Elder(s)** (8/10:30): Greg Eggert / Les Weiss

**Acolyte** (8/10:30): Jordan Schave / Hunter Iseler

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

**NEXT SUNDAY**

**Organist**: Kristen Weiss

**Ushers** (8/10:30): Galen Young, Kevin Arndt / Don Clark, Dylan Burton, Randy Schulte

**Elder(s)** (8/10:30): Greg Eggert / Les Weiss

**Acolyte** (8/10:30): Wyatt Hoody / Jentry Zimmerman

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

**LOOKING AHEAD TO NEXT SUNDAY**

**READINGS** **HYMNS**

Psalm 24 401 O.T.: Isaiah 60:1-6 407

Epistle: Ephesians 3:1-12 410; 862; 405; 404

Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12 402

Jan. – March ***Portals of Prayer*** are available on the entryway magazine table.

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

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

**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.

**2020 Flower Chart** is now up on the wall in the entryway. Please sign up on your special occasion dates to provide flowers to beautify our Chancel.

**THIS WEEK at ST. JOHN**

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| Sun | 8:00 | Divine Service with Holy Communion Page 184 |
|  | 9:15 | Sunday School & Bible Class (Epistle) |
|  | 10:30 | Divine Service with Holy Communion Page 184 |
| Mon: | 4:00 | 6th Grade Confirmation Class |
|  | 5:30 | 7th Grade Confirmation Class |
|  | 7:00 | **Epiphany Day** Worship w/Communion Page 203 |
| Wed: | 10:30 | Bible Study |
| Thurs: | 7:30 | Church Council |
| Next Sun: | 8:00 | Divine Service with Holy Communion Page 203 |
|  | 9:15 | Sunday School & Bible Class (Epistle) |
|  | 10:30 | Divine Service with Holy Communion Page 203 |

**Office Hours:** Monday (*Pastor*): **9am – 1pm; 2-3pm**Tuesday & Thursday (*Pastor & Kathy*): **9am – 12pm; 1-2pm**Friday (Pastor & *Kathy*): **9am – 12pm** Please call ahead to make sure that someone is in.

**Stained Glass Window Fund**

**Total Needed: $124,000.00**

**Received so far $ 77,585.00 Finance Board (12-30-19) $ 680.00**

**Amount Still Needed: $ 46,415.00**

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

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| --- | --- |
| **2019-2020 Fiscal Year** | |
| **Needed per count**  **Received (12-30-19)**  **Needed year to date**  **Received year to date** | **$ 8,060.00**  **$ 12,910.00**  **$ 96,720.00**  **$92,605.00** |

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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**

Charlie Koglin; Bob Witherspoon; Mary Eggert

**SHUT-INS**

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| Ivan/Betty Adkins | Yvonne Fuhrman | Willard Reinke |
| Arnold Brown | Patricia Griffore | Jeffrey Schave |
| Wade Cohoon (Colorado) | Beverly Hartz | Gloria Schmalz |
| Nelson Erbisch | Nathan Kaufman | Helen Schultz |
| Howard/Della Finkel | Elmer/Ruth Leese | Arlene Zelz |
| Mary Forbing |  |  |

**FRIENDS**

Roman Jock (toddler cousin of Harold Collings)

Brendan Durkee (16 yr. old grandson of Merle & Patsy Eggert)

Riley Durkee (8 yr. old granddaughter of Merle & Patsy Eggert)

Carol Wessels (friend of Joyce)

Ruby Maschke (Meadow Lane Assisted Living)

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

Jean Eggert (sister-in-law of Gary and Elain Eggert)

Staff Sergeant Ricky Holtz (recently deployed to South America; son-in-law of Garth and Shannon Popour; grandson-in-law of Emerson & Irene Pilaske), wife Kayla, and two sons.

**Quilting** at the school will NOT be held through Jan 15th.

**2020 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.

Please come to the **Zion Lutheran School Fish Fry** on **Saturday, January 11th** from 4 to 7 p.m. All you can eat fish, potatoes, veggies, salads, desserts, coffee and water for $10 per adult, $5 for 5-12 years and free for children under 5.

**January 19th,** Amvet’s Post 115 in Port Hope will be having an **all you can eat breakfast** Adults $8.00 children 5 to 12 $3.00 and under 5 is free 8:30 a m till 1:00 p m eggs and all the trimmings. Auxiliary will also be having a bake sale.

What are you doing on Jan. 24, 2020? I hope you’re making plans to join your church at the **47th Annual National March for Life in Washington, D.C.** I’ll be there leading what I hope will be the largest contingent of Lutherans ever to march together in this life-affirming event. At 11 a.m. EST, we’ll start gathering at the corner of 12th Street and Madison Drive to hand out hats, signs and hymn sheets. Then we’ll join other marchers from around the world to walk up Constitution Avenue to the steps of the U.S. Supreme Court. If you’re able to come early, please join us the day before, on Jan. 23, for a 7 p.m. rally at the Renaissance Washington D.C. Downtown Hotel. The pre-march Divine Service will once again be at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Alexandria, Va., starting at 9 a.m. on Jan. 24. A continental breakfast will follow.

**Memorials for Arnold & Bernice Eggert, Diane Eggert, Doris Kaufman and Carol Kaufman, a monetary gift have been given to St. John Lutheran Church Stained Glass Window Fund:** from Arnie & Mary Eggert, Jennifer & Brian Iseler, Jodi, Rob, and Casey Eggert.

**Memorial for Matthew and John Richardson, a monetary gift has been given to St. John Lutheran Church Stained Glass Window Fund:** from Marv & Vicki Koglin.

**Memorial for Amy Reinke, a monetary gift has been given to St. John Lutheran Church Stained Glass Window Fund:** from Wayne & Dinah Watson.

**Memorial for John & Marla Kriewall, a monetary gift has been given to St. John Lutheran Church Stained Glass Window Fund:** from Wayne & Dinah Watson.