**The Baptism of Our Lord January 10, 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 of the Day** (Epiphany 1): ***LSB* #410** ~ “Within the Father’s House” **(memory)**

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

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

“Growing as One” (see green insert)

Readings (see back of white insert).

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

**Hymn: *LSB* #401** ~ “From God the Father, Virgin-Born”

**Hymn of the Day** (Baptism): ***LSB* #407** ~ “To Jordan Came the Christ, Our Lord”   
 **(memory)**

**Sermon:** “What Baptism Reveals” *Matthew 3:13-17*

**Hymn: *LSB* #405** ~ “To Jordan’s River Came Our Lord”

**Offering Hymn: *LSB* #404** ~ “Jesus, Once with Sinners Numbered”  
  **Closing Hymn: *LSB* #402** ~“The Only Son from Heaven”

Postlude   
  
**ALTERNATE O.T. READING: Isaiah 42:1-7** (“The LORD’s Chosen Servant”)

**READINGS for EPIPHANY 1**

**Psalm**: 50:1-15 (“God Himself Is Judge”)   
**O.T.:** 1 Kings 8:6-13 (“The Ark Brought into the Temple’)   
**Epistle:** Romans 12:6-5 (“A Living Sacrifice”/ ”Gifts of Grace”)

**Gospel:** Luke 2:41-52 (“The Boy Jesus in the Temple”)

**STEWARDSHIP OF PARTICIPATION**

**DATE: SERVICE             ATTENDANCE   COMMUNION**

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| 12-31-20 (New Year’s Eve) | 41 | 36 |
| 1-3-21: 8:00 | 57 | 54 |
| 1-3-21: 9:30 | 31 | 27 |
| 1-3-21-21: Total | 88 | 81 |
| 1-6-21: (Epiphany) | 22 | 20 |

**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 Schave / Larry Reinke

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

**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) Galen Young / Les Weiss

**Acolyte** (8/9:30): Logan Iseler / Olivia Woodke

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

**LOOKING AHEAD TO NEXT SUNDAY**

**READINGS** **HYMNS**

**Psalm**: 67 or 111 398   
**O.T.:** Exodus 33 12-23 402   
 or Amos 9:11-15   
**Epistle:** Ephesians 5:22-313  
 or Romans 12:6-16

**Gospel:** John 2:1-11 394

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.

**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.

**THIS WEEK at ST. JOHN**

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| Sun: | 8:00 | Divine Service with Holy Communion Page 203 |
|  | 9:00 | Sunday School |
|  | 9:30 | Divine Service with Holy Communion Page 203 |
| Mon: | 4:00 | 6th Grade Confirmation class |
|  | 7:00 | Finance Board |
| Tues: | 4:00 | 7th Grade Confirmation class |
|  | 10:00 | Winkel @ Sandusky |
| Wed: | 10:30 | Bible Study |
| 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: **Office Closed**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 $ 96,200.00 Finance Board (12-31-20) $140.00

Amount Still Needed: $ 27,800.00

**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  $ 5,615.00  $108,120.00  $ 97,915.00 |

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***In His Baptism, Jesus Takes His Place with Sinners***

Our Lord Jesus is baptized “*to Fulfill all Righteousness*” (Matt. 3:13–17). He partakes of a baptism for sinners in order that He might be our Substitute and Bear the Judgment we deserve. In the water, Jesus trades places with us. Our sin becomes His sin. His Righteousness becomes our Righteousness. Our glory, therefore, is in “*Christ Jesus, who became to us . . . Righteousness and Sanctification and Redemption*” (1 Cor. 1:26–31). Jesus is the “*Chosen*” One Sent from the Father to Release us from the prison house of sin and death (Is. 42:1–7). Baptized into Christ, we also become the chosen ones, Beloved of the Father. We “cross the Jordan” with Jesus (Joshua 3) through death into the “Promised Land” of New Life with God.

**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**

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 |  |

**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)

Gordon Summers

Kathi Jahn (sister of Vicki Koglin)

All those affected by COVID-19.

Emmitt Gaffke (Frank & Irma Gaffke’s infant grandson)

**In Memory of Howard Finkle, a monetary gift has been given to St. John Lutheran Church:** Arnette Gahlau,   
  
**In Memory of Wade Cohoon, a monetary gift has been given to St. John Lutheran Church Stained Glass Window Fund:** Yvonne Fuhrman, Mr. & Mrs. John Schmidlin  
  
**In Memory of Howard & Charles Finkle, a monetary gift has been given to St. John Lutheran Church Stained Trustee Fund:** David & Irene Schelke  
  
**In Memory of Howard Finkle, a monetary gift has been given to St. John Lutheran Church Stained Glass Window Fund:** Ray & Kathy Young

**In Memory of Helen Schultz, a monetary gift has been given to St. John Lutheran Church Stained Glass Window Fund:** Joyce Koglin  
  
**In Memory of Jeannie Eggert , a monetary gift has been given to St. John Lutheran Church Stained Glass Window Fund:** Joyce Koglin, Pat Koglin, Ronald & Rosemary Koglin **Your Contribution Statements for 2020** are in your church mailbox.

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

**Breakfast – This Sunday,** January 10th, 9am to 12 noon at **Grindstone Port Hope** **Sportsman Club** (6101 Huron City Road, Port Hope). Curb side **Pick-up Only** – no Phone Orders.   
Scrambled eggs, ham, biscuits & gravy, pancakes, potatoes and a Sweet Treat for only $8.00 each.