**2nd Sun. after the Epiphany January 17, 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* #398** ~ “Hail to the Lord’s Anointed”

**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 of the Day: *LSB* #402** ~ “The Only Son from Heaven” **(memory)**

**Sermon:** “The Real Celebration” *Amos 9:11-15*

**Closing Hymn: *LSB* #394** ~“Songs of Thankfulness and Praise”

Postlude

**ALTERNATE READINGS**

**Psalm**: 111 (“Great Are the LORD’s Works”)   
**O.T.:** Amos 9:11-15 (“The Restoration of Israel”)   
**Epistle:** Romans 12:6-16 (“Gifts of Grace”/“Marks of a Christian”)

**STEWARDSHIP OF PARTICIPATION**

**DATE: SERVICE             ATTENDANCE   COMMUNION**

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| 1-10-21: 8:00 | 62 | 56 |
| 1-10-21: 9:30 | 50 | 45 |
| 1-10-21: Total | 112 | 101 |
| 1-13-21: Bible Study | 5 |  |

**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): Galen Young / Les Weiss

**Acolyte** (8/9:30): Logan Iseler / 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) Joe Landenberg / Gary Eggert

**Acolyte** (8/9:30): Jentry Zimmerman/ Wyatt Hoody

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

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

**READINGS** **HYMNS**

**Psalm**: 2 413   
**O.T.:** Exodus 34:29-35 or 3:1-14 414   
**Epistle:** 2 Peter 1:16-21 415

**Gospel:** Matthew 17:1-9 417

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 |
| Tues: | 4:00 | 7th Grade Confirmation class |
|  | 7:00 | Elders |
|  | 7:00 | Trustees |
| 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*): **Office Closed**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 $ 96,630.00 Finance Board (1-11-21) $430.00

Amount Still Needed: $ 27,370.00

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

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| --- | --- |
| **January - December 31, 2021** | |
| Needed per count  Received (1-11-21)  Needed year to date  Received year to date | $ 8,150.00  $ 5,730.00  $ 8,150.00  $ 5,730.00 |

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Bulletins provided by Ramsey Funeral Home, Harbor Beach, MI Phone 800-251-8699  
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***Jesus’ First Miracle Reveals God’s Glory***

The Coming of the Messianic Kingdom means the Restoration of creation. The Sign of this Restoration is that “*the mountains shall drip sweet wine*” (Amos 9:11–15). When the elements of a fallen creation fail and run short at a wedding feast, our Lord Jesus steps in to Restore creation and Miraculously Changes water into an abundance of the very best wine (John 2:1–11). With this Sign, Christ “Manifests His Glory.” The “*back*” of God (Ex. 33:12–23) is Revealed to those who believe. The Hour will come when Jesus will again ”Manifest His Glory” by taking creation’s curse into His own Body to Release us from its power. The Bridegroom will give His Life for the Bride (Eph. 5:22–32), and from His side will flow Water and Blood, the Holy Sacraments by which She is Cleansed and made one with Him. Through this Sacrificial Love of Christ we are enabled to “*love one another with brotherly affection . . .”* and to “*outdo one another in showing honor*” (Rom. 12:6–16).

**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)

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

Deborah Schubring (Ann’s daughter-in-law) (recovering from brain aneurism surgery)

All those affected by COVID-19.

**In Memory of Howard Finkel, a monetary gift has been given to St. John Lutheran Church:** Bob & Eileen Johnson, Thomas & Diane Glaza, Donald & Charlene Thoms family.

**In Memory of Lowell McDonald, William MacAlpine Sr. and Ronald Schroeder, a monetary gift has been given to St. John Lutheran Church Stained Glass Fund:** Harold & Carol Collings

**In Memory of Howard Finkel, a monetary gift has been given to St. John Lutheran Church Stained Glass Fund:** Alan & Judy McTaggart, Harold & Carol Collings, Jim & Carol Hunter

**In Memory of Shirley May, a monetary gift has been given to St. John Lutheran Church Stained Glass Fund:** Alan & Judy McTaggart

**In Memory of Mary Forbing, a monetary gift has been given to St. John Lutheran Church Stained Glass Fund:** Alan & Judy McTaggart

**In Memory of Helen Schultz, a monetary gift has been given to St. John Lutheran Church Stained Glass Fund:** Alan & Judy McTaggart

**In Memory of Agnes Hunter, a monetary gift has been given to St. John Lutheran Church Stained Glass Fund:** Arnette Gahlau, Jim & Carol Hunter

**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)