***Septuagesima* (Pre-Lent 3) January 31, 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.

Today – the **“3rd Sunday before Lent”** – is referred to as **“*Septuagesima*,”** Latin for “seventieth” – that is, “[about] *70 days* before Easter.” It is part of the three Sunday “Pre-Lent” season on the historic “One-Year Series” Church Year Calendar.

**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:**   ***LSB* #555:1-5** ~ “Salvation unto Us Has Come” **(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 of the Day: *LSB* #555:6-10** ~ “Salvation unto Us Has Come” **(memory)**

**Sermon:** “Spiritual Food & Drink” *Exodus 17:1-7*

**Offering Hymn:** “Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me” ***LSB* #761**

 **Closing Hymn: *LSB* #648** ~“Glorious Things of You Are Spoken”

Postlude

 **STEWARDSHIP OF PARTICIPATION**

**DATE: SERVICE             ATTENDANCE   COMMUNION**

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| 1-24-21: 8:00 | 61 | 54 |
| 1-24-21: 9:30 | 37 | 27 |
| 1-24-21: Total | 98 | 79 |
| 1-27-21: Bible Study | 7 |  |

 **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 / Larry Reinke

**Acolyte** (8/9:30): Olivia Woodke / Whitaker Bender

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

**NEXT SUNDAY
Organist**: Kristen Weiss

**Ushers** (8/9:30): Terry Emerick, Alan McTaggart, Don Finkel/ Albert Bender, Scott Iseler, Max Iseler

**Elder(s)** (8/9:30) Greg Schave / Les Weiss

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

**Altar Guild**: Vicki Koglin

 **LOOKING AHEAD TO NEXT SUNDAY**

**READINGS** **HYMNS**

**Psalm**: 84 815
**O.T.:** Isaiah 55:10-13 824
**Epistle:** 2 Corinthians 11:19 - 12:9
 or Hebrews 4:9-13 835

**Gospel:** Luke 8:4-15 826

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

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

 **February 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 |
| Wed: | 10:30 | Bible Study |
| Next Sun:  | 8:00 | Divine Service with Holy Communion Page 167 |
|  | 9:00 | Sunday School |
|  | 9:30 | Divine Service with Holy Communion Page 167 |

**Office Hours:**Monday: (*Pastor*): **9am – 11:30am; 1-2pm**Tuesday: (*Pastor)*: **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 $ 97,155.00 Finance Board (1-25-21) $525.00

Amount Still Needed: $ 26,845.00

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

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| **January - December 31, 2021** |
| Needed per count Received (1-25-21) Needed year to date Received year to date  |  $ 8,150.00 $12,070.00  $16,300.00 $17,800.00  |

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***Grace Alone***

The people of Israel contended with the LORD in the wilderness (Ex. 17:1–7). They were dissatisfied with His Provision. In the same way, the first laborers in the vineyard complained against the landowner for the wage he provided them (Matt. 20:1–16). They charged him with being unfair, but in reality he was being generous. For the Lord does not wish to deal with us on the basis of what we deserve but on the basis of His abounding Grace in Christ. “The first”—those who rely on their own merits—“will be last.” “For they were overthrown in the wilderness” (1 Cor. 10:5). But “the last,” those who rely on Christ, “will be first.” For Christ is “the Rock” (1 Cor. 9:24–10:5). He is the One who was struck and from whose side Blood and Water flowed that we may be Cleansed of our sin.

**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)

Kenny Shepard (grandson of Joyce Koglin)

All those affected by COVID-19.

**In Memory of Jean Eggert, a monetary gift has been given to St. John Lutheran Church Stained Glass fund:** Herb & Betty Leese, Alan & Judy McTaggart, Orville Eggert Family, Susan Reinke, Jim & Carol Hunter

**In Memory of Howard Finkle & Charles Finkle, a monetary gift has been given to St. John Lutheran Church Stained Glass fund:** Richard & Darlene Tyler, Gary Eggert

**In Memory of Helen Schultz, a monetary gift has been given to St. John Lutheran Church Stained Glass fund:** Gary Eggert, Jim & Carol Hunter

**Thank-you to everyone** that helped in the **mowing of the grass** in 2020.

**Orphan Grain Train collects Hygiene Kits** prepared by organizations looking for a way to show Christian kindness to those in need.  Previous donating organizations sometimes had excess items above the supply needed for their kits also given to us at OGT.  Such has been the case with soap.  Any church or school considering a Hygiene Kit project for Orphan Grain Train can have a start with soap.  Orphan Grain Train—Michigan has over 1,000 bars of soap you can acquire to begin your kit project.  We also have an oversupply of toothbrushes.  Just let us know how we might help launch your kit project.  Consult the Hygiene Kit “menu” for needed items listed at “Special Project” at the main Orphan Grain Train website: [ogt.org](http://ogt.org).  You may also call us at 989-600-2264.

**A Smile for You:**A priest and a taxi driver both died, both went to Heaven. St. Peter was at the “Pearly Gates” waiting for them. “Come with me” said Peter to the taxi driver. The taxi driver did as he was told and followed St. Peter to a Mansion. It had anything you could imagine, from a bowling alley to an Olympic size pool. “Wow, thank you,” said the taxi driver.

Next, St. Peter led the priest to a rugged old shack with a bunk bed and little old television set. “Wait, I think you a little mixed up,” said the priest. “Shouldn’t I be the one who gets the Mansion? After all I was a Priest, went to church every day, and preached God’s Word.” “Yes, that’s true. But during your sermons people slept. When the taxi driver drove, everyone prayed.”