**1st Sunday in Lent(“*Invocabit*”) February 21, 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 **“1st Sunday in Lent”** – is referred to as **“*Invocabit*,”** from **Psalm 91:15**, “When he *calls* to Me, I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble; I will Rescue him and honor him.” “*Invocabit*” is Latin for “Calls,” which is the basis for the English word “invoke/Invocation.” Parts of Psalm 91 (1-2,9-10,13; antiphon 15a,c,16) serve as **today’s “*Introit*.”** Today is also sometimes referred to as **“*Quadragesima*,”** Latin for “fortieth” – that is, “[about] *40 days* before Easter.

**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

**Baptism Hymn** (9:30am):  ***LSB* #593** ~ “See This Wonder in the Making”

**Opening Hymn: *LSB* #424** ~ “O Christ, You Walked the Road”

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

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

“Growing as One” (see purple insert)

Readings (see back of white insert)

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

**Hymn of the Day: *LSB* #857** ~ “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God” **(memory)**

**Sermon:** “Three Strikes and You’re Out!” *Matthew 4:1-11*

**Offering Day: *LSB* #422** ~ “On My Heart Imprint Your Image”

**Closing Hymn: *LSB* #600** ~“Mark How the Lamb of God’s Self-Offering”

Postlude

We welcome today (9:30am), through the **Sacrament of Holy Baptism**, **Elmer John Geiger**, infant son of Jodi & Derek Geiger. Elmer’s Sponsors/Witnesses are Justin & Jamie Sadro/Joseph Braun & Jackie Geiger.

**STEWARDSHIP OF PARTICIPATION**

**DATE: SERVICE             ATTENDANCE   COMMUNION**

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| 2-14-21: 8:00 | 41 | 37 |
| 2-14-21: 9:30 | 20 | 18 |
| 2-14-21: Total | 61 | 55 |
| 2-17-21: Bible Study | 7 |  |
| 2-17-21: Ash Wed. noon | 23 | 19 |
| 2-17-21: Ash Wed. 6:00 | 24 | 18 |

**STEWARDSHIP OF SERVICE**

**TODAY**

**Organist**: Jenna Arndt

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

**Elder(s)** (8/9:30): Joe Landenberg / Gary Eggert

**Acolyte** (8/9:30): Wyatt Hoody / Whitaker Bender

**Altar Guild**: Vicki Koglin

**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) Gary Schave / Les Weiss

**Acolyte** (8/9:30): Jentry Zimmerman / Logan Iseler

**Altar Guild**: Vicki Koglin

**LOOKING AHEAD TO NEXT SUNDAY**

**READINGS** **HYMNS**

**Psalm**: 121 733   
**O.T.:** 1 Genesis 32:22-32 615   
**Epistle:** 1 Thessalonians 4:1-7 or  
 Romans 5:1-5 431

**Gospel:** Matthew 15:21-28 772

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

The **February** ***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 184 |
|  | 9:00 | Sunday School |
|  | 9:30 | Divine Service with Holy Communion Page 184 |
| Mon: | 4:00 | 6th Confirmation Class |
|  | 7:00 | Finance |
| Tues: | 4:00 | 7th Confirmation Class |
| Wed | 10:30 | Bible Study |
|  | Noon | Lenten Service |
|  | 6:00 | Lenten Service |
| Next Sun: | 8:00 | Divine Service with Holy Communion Page 184 |
|  | 9:00 | Sunday School |
|  | 9:30 | Divine Service with Holy Communion Page 184 |

**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 (2-8-21) $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 (2-8-21)  Needed year to date  Received year to date | $ 8,150.00  $ 9,197.00  $24,450.00  $26,975.00 |

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***Jesus Does Battle in Our Place***

In the Garden, man exalts himself to be a god in place of God (Gen. 3:1–21). He succumbs to the temptation of the devil, and eating of the forbidden fruit, he receives death. But in the sin-cursed wilderness, God humbles Himself to become man in place of man (Mt. 4:1–11). He does not eat but fasts and bears the onslaughts of the devil for us that we may be Restored to Life. Jesus stands as David in our place to do battle against the Goliath, Satan (1 Samuel 17:40–51). Though outwardly Jesus appears weak, yet He “Comes in the Name of the LORD of hosts. He draws from the ‘five smooth stones’ of the Books of Moses and slings the Word of God. The stone sinks into the forehead, and the enemy falls. In Christ we are Victorious over the devil. Let us therefore not receive the Grace of God in vain (2 Cor. 6:1–10), but “seeing that we have a Great High Priest, let us come boldly to the Throne of Grace,” that we may obtain Help in time of need (Heb 4:14–16).

**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**

Fred & Pat Hasen; 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.

**Smile for You:** It seems that there was a little old church out in the countryside: painted white and with a high steeple.  
One Sunday, the pastor noticed that his church needed painting. He checked out the Sunday ads and found a paint sale. The next day, he went into town and bought a gallon of white paint. He went back out to the church and began the job.  
He got done with the first side. It was looking great. But he noticed he had already used a half gallon. He didn’t want to run back in town and being the creative person that he was, he found a gallon of thinner in the shed out back, and began to thin his paint.  
It worked out great. He finished the remaining three sides with that last half gallon of paint.  
That night, it rained: it rained hard. The next morning when he stepped outside of the parsonage to admire his work, he saw that the first side was looking great, but that the paint on the other three sides had washed away.  
The pastor looked up in sky in anguish and cried out, “What shall I do?”

A voice came back from the heavens saying, “Repaint, and thin no more!”

2021 Easter Flowers

Plants can be ordered today through March 3, 2021.

$16.50 each:

Please circle one type: Lilies Tulips Hyacinth

In the lines below please list the name(s) of your loved one(s) being: (Circle one of the following)

Honored Celebrated Remembered Other

Given by:

Please include your phone number in case I have any questions. You can mail your check to me at:  
 Vicki Koglin

4009 Main

Port Hope, MI 48468 OR

You can put order form and check in my church mailbox.

Please make your check payable to: St. John Flower Fund.

**Reminder: Orders are due by March 3, 2021**

**Payment must be made at time of order.**

Any questions, call Vicki at (989) 225-7060