***“Quinquagesima” (*Pre-Lent 1) February 23, 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.

Today – the **“Sunday before Lent”** – is referred to as **“*Quinquagesima*,”** Latin for “fiftieth” – that is, “[about] *50 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* #556:8** ~ “Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice”

**ORDER OF SERVICE:** “Divine Service, *Setting 2”* ***LSB* pp.167ff.**

*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* #849** ~ “Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness” **(memory**)

**Sermon:** “Blind Faith” Luke 18:31-43

**Distribution Hymns:**

***LSB #*545** *~* “Word of God, Come Down on Earth”

***LSB* #861** ~ “Christ Be My Leader”

***LSB* #744** ~“Amazing Grace”

(***LSB* #660** ~ “Stand Up, Stand Up of Jesus”)

**Closing Hymn: *LSB* #841** ~ “O Son of God, in Galilee”

Postlude

**STEWARDSHIP OF PARTICIPATION**

**DATE: SERVICE             ATTENDANCE   COMMUNION**

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| 2-16-20: 8:00 | 66 | 56 |
| 2-16-20: 9:30 | 51 | 43 |
| 2-16-20: Total | 117 | 99 |
| 2-16-20: Sunday School | ? |  |
| 2-19-20: Bible Study | 13 |  |

**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): Jentry Zimmerman / Olivia Woodke

**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): Greg Woodke/ Larry Reinke

**Acolyte** (8/9:30): Jordan Schave / Wyatt Hoody

**Altar Guild**: Mary Eggert

**ALTERNATE READINGS**Psalm: 146 (“Do Not Put Your Trust in Princes”)   
O.T.: Isaiah 35:3-7 (“The Ransomed Shall Return”)

**LOOKING AHEAD TO NEXT SUNDAY**

**READINGS** **HYMNS**

Psalm: 32 or 118:1-13 562 O.T.: Genesis 3:1-21 or 1 Samuel 17:40-51 657

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 6:1 –10   
 or Hebrews 4:14-16 433; 434; 594; 422

Gospel: Matthew 4:1-11 561

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

The February ***Lutheran Witness*** (with ***Michigan In Touch***) is available on the entryway table.  
  
The **March newsletters** are now in your church mailboxes.

**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.

**THIS WEEK at ST. JOHN**

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| Sun: | 8:00 | Divine Service with Holy Communion Page 167 |
|  | 9:00 | Sunday School |
|  | 9:30 | Divine Service with Holy Communion Page 167 |
| Mon: | 4:00 | 6th Grade Confirmation Class |
|  | 5:30 | 7th Grade Confirmation Class |
|  | 7:00 | Finance Board |
| **Ash Wed:** | 10:30 | Bible Study |
|  | noon | Worship w/Communion & Ashes Page 184 |
|  | 1:00 | Quilting at the School |
|  | 5:30 | Soup/Sandwich supper |
|  | 7:00 | Worship w/Communion & Ashes Page 184 |
| 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 – 1pm; 2-3pm**Tuesday (*Pastor*): **9am – 11:00am**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 $ 80,755.00 Finance Board (2-10-20) $ 2,830.00**

**Amount Still Needed: $ 43,245.00**

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

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| --- | --- |
| **2019-2020 Fiscal Year** | |
| **Needed per count**  **Received (2-10-20)**  **Needed year to date**  **Received year to date** | **$ 8,060.00**  **$ 5,000.00**  **$120,540.00**  **$112,520.00** |

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***Faith Alone***

The seeing are blind, while the one who is blind can see (Luke 18:31–43). Jesus tells the Twelve that He is going up to Jerusalem to suffer and die and Rise again, but they cannot understand or grasp what He is saying. The meaning of His Words is hidden from their sight. However, as Jesus makes His way up to Jerusalem, a blind man calls out to Him for Mercy. This blind man sees that Jesus is the Messiah, the Savior, for he calls Him “Son of David.” Indeed, Jesus is the Lord’s Anointed, the Keeper of sheep (1 Sam. 16:1–13) who goes to “lay down His Life for the sheep.” He is the Incarnate Love of the Father who suffers long and is Kind, who is not puffed up, who never fails us (1 Cor. 13:1–13). Jesus Opens the eyes of the blind (Is. 35:3–7) to see Him not according to outward appearances of lowliness, but according to His Heart of Mercy and Compassion. Those who behold Him thus by faith follow Him to the Cross through death into Life.

**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**

**SHUT-INS**

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

**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)

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)

Earl Iseler

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

**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.

**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.

Anyone interested in running for a **Church office: Vice-Chairman, Elder, Secretary, or Trustee**, please let an Elder know so we can get your name on the ballot for the April voters meeting.

**All you Can Eat Fish Fry at Zion Lutheran**, Sat March 14, April 10th and May 9th. 3:30 to 6:30. Adults $10 and Kids (5-12) $5. Pollack, French fries, baked potato, corn, salads, desserts, coffee and water. Take out available: 989-315-1302

**All you Can Eat Fish Fry at St. John Lutheran Church in Palms**, February 28, from 4 to 7. Adults $10 and Kids (to 12) $7. Pollack, French Fries or Baked Potato, Green Beans, Coleslaw, Roll, Beverage and Dessert. Preschool Free, Bucket Raffles and 50/50 Drawing.

**A memorial for Beverly Hartz was** given to St. John Lutheran Stained Glass Window Fund by Roy and Elaine Reinke.

**A memorial for Mildred Leese was** given to St. John Lutheran Stained Glass Window Fund by Herb and Betty Leese.

**Soup/Sandwich Suppers:** During Lent from Feb 26th thru March 25th from **5:30 till 6:45**. They will be sponsored by church groups and the proceeds given to their Missions.

**The Ladies Aid** will be hosting a **Euchre Tournament on Saturday, March 21** @ 7PM in the school gym. If you are interested in participating, please sign up – there is a sheet on the bulletin table. No partner is required – everyone will be mixed, Prizes will be awarded for high and low scores. Refreshments will be provided.

**Church Active Shooter Workshop:** On Saturday, March 7, 11am-1pm, a free active shooter workshop will be held at Our Savior Lutheran Church, Bad Axe. All are welcome. The church is on the corner of Irwin & Van Dyke.